WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE 
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on August 15, 2019 at Station 7.

The meeting was called to order by President Moncrief at 1930. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present except Company49. All officers except the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and 2nd VP were present.

GUESTS:

Tom Brown, DFES, reported:  A. Gave an update on the 911 center and the move to the backup site. Everything worked as it was supposed to.  B. discussed the upcoming Remembrance in the Park.  C. Preparedness Day to be held at Lowes on 9/28 from 1000-1400. Set up at 0900.

Mark Bilger, MIEMSS, reported:  A. comments on the Statewide EMS Plan.

Joel McCrea, 2VP MSFA reported that:  A. email will be sent after Exec. Comm. meetings.  B. Memorial Gala is scheduled for 9/28 in Easton.

MINUTES:  Minutes accepted as distributed.


OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President:  A. Received questions about purchase of vehicle from Co. 79. The Association vehicles are becoming high mileage and it was a way to help Co. 79 with funding.  B. There will be a meeting on 9/5 at Eng 4 with the accountants , SEK, to discuss and explain the new Accounting Plan. The WCVFRA had no input in the plan.  All Company Presidents and Treasurers should attend this meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1900.

Chaplain Chappy reported: A. Janet Monn of Co 7 passed.  B. Certificates were presented to families and Company of those who have died in the past year. They included: John Greenlee, Buddy Blake, and Richard Hebb.  C. Melvin Smith is at Julia Manor.  D. Chaplains have been issued shirts.  E. A Memorial Service was conducted at the Traveling Memorial before the picnic in Williamsport. F. Meeting this Saturday.

Computer Skip reported that Fire Reports for the past 18 months have been correct.
LOSAP  Skip reported:  A. There will be a meeting of Coordinators and Presidents at Eng 4 on 9/24 at 1845 to discuss this year's adds to the LOSAP program. All Coordinators will be sworn in by the Clerk of the Court.

Standards  Bryan reported:  A. working on Truck, Tower and Quint standards. Also Officer, Brush Truck and Box Cards being reviewed. DES working on Paramedic and Suppression standards.  B. Fit Test, Rehab, Accountability, and Physicals are being reviewed by DES.  C. Units inspected include 10-7, 75-30, 11-7 and new 26-9.  26-9 did not pass because of equipment needs to be tested by manufacturer.  D. Officer Standards due in April have all been received. A few minor items need to be clarified.

Safety:  The Safety Committee is recommending that water rescues in standing water, such as, ponds require decontamination and a first notice of accident due to the blue algae in the water. Also police agencies should wear PFD when near the water edge.

Training:  Todd Dyche:  MFRI reported:  A. WFRTC has a face book page.  B. Classes are starting: AFG workshop schedule is available.  C. MD Weekend will be held Feb. 8-9, 2020 at NFA.  D. id-Atlantic Life Safety Conference is coming up.  E. $150,000 has been made available for planning upgrades to the Western Maryland Training Center. Todd is hoping that $5M will be in the next budget to complete the needed upgrades.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. A question was asked about the status of moving the Safety Trailer to Co 13. The President said they were waiting for Co 13 to sign the MOU sent to them. After much discussion about why the motion of the Association was not good enough to complete the move, Delegate Shindle presented a letter from Chief 13 withdrawing their offer to take control of the Safety Trailer, because the truck was not going to be located at Co 13. The intent was that the truck and trailer should stay together.
B. There is a new Face Fit Test machine at the office.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the letter from Co 13.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

A. The Annual 9/11 parade will be held in Boonsboro. Notify Co 6 if you will attend. Form at 1730, parade begins at 1830.

B. Remembrance in the Park on 9/28.

C. Co 5 is sponsoring a Gun Bash 9/7.

D. Co 27 is sponsoring a Quarter Auction on 9/14 1200-1700.

NEXT MEETING: WILL BE HELD AT ENGINE 4 ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 AT 1900. FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary