

## WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on September 20, 2007, at Engine 4 hosted by Company 1.

The meeting was called to order by 1st VP Clint Stouffer. Chaplain Leonard Horst gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Company 19. All officers were present except the President, 2nd VP, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Roger Bennett, Western Region MEMA, reported the following: A. There is a large quantity of surplus generators available. There are 10KW, 30KW, 60 KW, and a few 100 KW available. They are diesel powered and have covers to be located outside. Roger and John will meet on Saturday to compile a request for Washington County. If you want a generator contact DFES. B. The state received a \$23M grant from HLS for interoperability equipment. The state has decided to keep all the money. If Washington County receives any of the money, it will come to DFES. From Roger's report: A. WebEOC will hold a drill on September 25, 2007. B. State Animal Response Team (SART) has established goals. Their website is [www.mdsart.org](http://www.mdsart.org). Volunteers are being recruited.

C. The Washington County LEPC is conducting a hazmat exercise on September 22, 2007, at the R. C. Wilson Water Treatment Plant. D. The State Citizen Corps/CERT Meeting will be held September 27, 2007, at MEMA. E. A Debris Management Course will be held October 11 - 12 in McHenry at Garrett Community College. To register call Erin Valentine at 410-517-3648. F. The US Secret Service is sponsoring its Threat Assessment in Schools course on October 23 in Salisbury. G. The 4th Annual All-Hazards Forum will be held on November 6-8, 2007 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Steve Heefner, PP of the CVVFA, presented Richard Stallings a Resolution for 50 Years membership. Congratulations Dick!

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported the following: A. The law allowing 20 Fire Police per Company goes into effect on October 1, 2007. He wanted to confirm that the County will provide equipment for 4 FP per Company and the Companies are responsible for additional FP.

Dale Fishack, MSFA Exec. Comm, reported: A. The Executive Committee meeting is this weekend. The position of Executive Director will be discussed. The Executive Director would be responsible for being the face of MSFA, work on grants, funding, work with sister groups, lobbying, but would not take any authority from the officers. Funding for the position would not come from dues. The budget for the position would be \$250,000 and would include an administrative assistant. A motion by Steve Heefner to support continuing the exploration of the position was seconded by Clarence Weber and passed by voice vote. B. The committee exploring raising dues discussed a raise of \$35 in 2009 and an additional \$35 in 2011. This is an initial report. More to follow.

Kingsley Poole, MRFI, reported: A. Many classes due to start in October and November need more students. Four classes have been cancelled for lack of students. B. The Hydration policy is in effect. C. The Spring class schedule has been distributed and is due back October 1. C. The WCTHS classes have started.

Rick Lillard, DNR, thanked all the Companies for their response to wild land fires. He also discussed the website, [www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/wfm.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/wfm.asp) for burning regulations, training courses, and the grants programs.

MINUTES: The minutes for the August meeting were approved with corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: the treasurer reported a \$25900.56 balance in the checking account.

### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st VP: A. No Executive Committee meeting was held this month. B. He attended the Chief's

Committee meeting. No Minutes were available from that meeting.

Chaplain: A. Get well card was sent to Larry Crag of 255. Sympathy cards were sent to William Forsythe family of Company 12, Harry Rogers' Jr family of Company 9, Richard Rohrer family of Engine 3, Jane Henneberger family of Company 27, and Jack Trovinger family of Engine 1. B. Bob Darby has contacted the Chaplain and says he has Prostate Cancer. His address is Bob & Liz Darby, 8031 San Bernardino Dr., Port Richey, FL 34668. Phone 727-863-4581. Email address [edarby@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:edarby@tampabay.rr.com).

Legislative: A. The governor wants slots. MSFA and the Fire Service need to push to get 5% of the income.

LOSAP: A. The answers for the Photo Team look good.

Photo: A. The calendar is working and pre-orders are being taken.

Recruitment and Retention: A. There will be an article in the paper on Sunday.

Chief Officer: A. A Driver Training Standard was discussed and will be voted on at the next Association meeting. All Companies should have a copy of the proposed standard.

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Training: Jay reported: A. The Chief Officers and Training Officers should be planning for the future. Where we are and where we want to go. The classes being offered are not being attended as they should be. B. Jay is concerned that the MFRI Pump Operators class is not training pump operators. People cannot operate a pump when they complete the class. They know the theory, but not how to get water out of the pump. Maybe the County should develop a course to train operators.

Nominations: Dale Martin, Harry Gossard, and Blaine Snyder are the Nominating Committee for 2008-2009. Get nominations to these people. If you are nominating someone who cannot be at the meeting you must have a letter of acceptance from them. Nominations will be open at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There is a need for a storage place for the Safety Trailer for the winter.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Gaming checks are available.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT ENGINE 4 HOSTED BY COMPANY 59.

Respectfully submitted,

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