

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on September 18, 2008, at Company 12.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fishack. Chaplain Leonard Horst gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary.

GUEST: Dale Fishack, MSFA Exec. Committee, reported: A. The Executive Director position is still being considered. B. MSFA has written a letter to the IAFF opposing the position being taken by the IAFF, that career firefighters should not ride fire engines into the jurisdiction where they are employed.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. In the future only the last 4 digits of the SSN will be required when signing up for a class. The full number will be used when final sign up is done. B. FFI is being taught at both Companies 13 and 7. FFII is being taught at Company 10. C. EVOC has become a required course. D. EMT recertification can be done on line. A 12-hour skill's class must be taken in addition to the online work. Kevin Lewis, DFES, reported: A. The revolving loan fund has \$499274.80 available in the Fire Companies fund and \$138351.23 available in the Ambulance Companies fund. B. Thanks to all who contributed to the Remembrance area at City Park. Bricks can still be purchased. C. Stoyan Russell is retiring at the end of the month. Thanks to Stoyan for all his help. D. An alternate fuel delivery is being worked on. Information was requested from each Company. Some information is missing and needs to be provided to the County as soon as possible. E. Senator Amos fund guidelines are in the packet. The information is due to the County by the third Thursday in November. F. Kevin attended the open house at one of the new elementary schools and suggested to the BOE that they invite the local fire company to tour the schools in their district.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as written. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 18, 2008, were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer reported a balance of \$30401.62 in the primary checking account and a total of \$1263717.64 in total assets. Gaming checks will be distributed in the near future. Reports of fuel usage for years 2005 - 2008 are required from each Company. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter utility reports are due as soon as possible. The treasurer needs the State Exemption number and Federal ID numbers for each Company. These numbers are required so that the fuel tax will be exempted at the time of purchase.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief's: Minutes in the packet.

EMS: Next meeting will be held at Company 6 on September 23. All chief's of ambulance companies should be in attendance.

Fire Police: Minutes in the packet.

LOSAP: Skip reported that he is in the office 0800 - 1300 most days and on Friday evening from 1800 - 2030. 2008 information is due to the office by October 10 for people now drawing checks. Information should be delivered to the office.

Photo Team: A. The laptop has been fixed. B. The problem of too many members on the scene is being addressed. There should be no more than 4 at a time. However, some of the team members are also associated with other units/companies. C. An inquiry as to how much money is in their budget was made. The answer is \$3500.00. D. How will they receive new vests? They will have to purchase their own for the team. E. The next meeting is at Station 26 on October 4.

Property: Charlie reported: A. The roof has been repaired and reshingled. New gutters were installed at no cost and the job was under budget. B. The Sheriff has sent his folks to clean up the weeds. C. Hand rails are being fabricated.

Standards: Dale had a report in the packet and also reported the following: A. The Command Vest standard is complete and Kevin will email to all chiefs tomorrow morning. Kevin is putting together an order for purchase of vests. Companies wanting to purchase new vests should contact Kevin. B. Brian Lowman will be the lead person to audit EMS companies and Alan James will be the lead to audit Fire Companies. They will have other committee members assist them. Any appeals will be handled by Dale and Kevin. C. The ATV standard

submitted last month was flawed. A motion was to accept the standard as submitted. The motion was seconded and by roll call vote was defeated 26 - 0. A new standard was submitted and will be voted on at the next meeting. D. Dale feels that the Standards committee and Chief's committee should hold combined meeting at least quarterly.

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OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. A flag pole is needed at the Remembrance Park in City Park. Charlie Shindle made a motion, seconded by Joe Ralls to purchase a flag pole at the approximate cost of \$800.00. The flag pole will be dedicated to volunteer firefighters who have died in the Line-of-duty. The motion was passed. A motion to approve the Wellness program with [Health@Work](#) for \$60000 was made by Glenn Reynolds and seconded by Skip. This motion was approved. C. The President reported that Company 59 could not move into their new building until a new radio tower was erected. The cost to erect the tower is \$15000. Kevin will investigate having the County erect the tower. E. Doug Snow, Tag Chairman, announced that it is tag renewal time again. FD tags must be renewed every 5 years at a cost of \$5.00. A list of members with FD tags must be sent to Doug on Company letterhead. If the tags are not renewed, they will be revoked by the state. F. Ron Gray, chief 11, asked that the Association refund the 50% match that his Company paid for AEDs. They purchased them during the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The President asks that any other Company that purchased AEDs during this period to contact the office as soon as possible. G. Gaming checks will be distributed next week.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Company 6 thanked all who participated in the September 11 parade.

NEXT MEETING : THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 16, 2008, AT THE CLEAR SPRING SPECIAL EVENTS BUILDING, HOSTED BY COMPANY 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary