

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on September 17, 2009, at the Leitersburg Special Events Building hosted by Company 27.

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 except Company 19. All officers were present.

GUEST: Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. There are 44 people, in two classes, taking EMT. The FFI class is full. Fire Police Orientation starts October 3. 18 students are enrolled in the high school class, which is being taught at Company 2, Company 10 and Eliot Pkwy. The Pump Operators class at Company 16 is moved back one week until October 4. Things are going very well.

Rick Lillard, DNR, reported: This could be a busy season because of the lack of rain in the western counties.

Basic Woodland Fire Training is available online and also on a CD. Contact Rick if you are interested.

Kevin Lewis, DFES, reported: A. He has emailed the Chief Officers about a Conference at the Plaza Hotel about the Western Maryland Interoperability Plan. It will be held on October 1 and 2. B. Thanks to all who participated in the Remembrance in the Park. C. There will be a subgroup meeting on Friday concerning the Emergency Operations Center. D. There will be Risk Assessment meeting on September 30. E. The phone lines will be moved to Eliot Pkwy. on October 28.

MINUTES: Dan Grove made a motion, seconded by Joe Ralls to accept the August minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance is \$15821.75. August 1, balance was \$13400.73 and August 31, balance was \$34474.41. Glenn Reynolds made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Harry Gossard seconded the motion which passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: Glenn reported: A. About 50 people attended the Flag Ceremony conducted by the Woodmen of the World on September 11, 2009. B. Glenn spoke with Commissioner Barr about the purchase of fuel from the County. Commissioner Barr said this will happen soon. C. The liability insurance has been raised to \$15000 from \$5000. Mrs. Maginnis is trying to get it raised higher. D. Bids have been received for a new Rehab Unit. Two bids were received and two refusals to bid were received. The low bid was from Krammes Kustom Body. The bid was \$202300.

At this point Brian Stallings of the Rehab Unit took the floor. He explained the need for a new unit and discussed the plans for the new unit. The new unit will be on a Freightliner M2 chassis with a 23-foot body. On a motion to purchase by Jay Grimes, seconded by Clarence Webber a roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously. The unit should be delivered in the early spring. The old unit will be sold by the Association. In order to fund the unit \$2400 will be borrowed from the Training Center fund. Blaine Snyder made a motion, seconded by Dan Grove to be certain the money is repaid to the Training Center Fund. The motion passed.

The President continued his report. E. Dave Irvin, Dale Martin, and Jim Schaffer are appointed as the Nominating Committee.

Computer: skip reported that Mary Ralls will be the RSS Feed Coordinator. CD's will be available next month for anyone wanting to receive RSS Feed. If you have anything to be posted contact Mary.

LOSAP: A very important meeting for LOSAP Coordinators, Chief/Captains, and Presidents will be held on September 30, at Engine 4 @ 1900. Bring manuals and questions. The County will have representatives on hand.

Legislative: A. The Association has to take the lead in pushing the Move Over Law. B. Get back any concerns with the state in the next two months.

Recruitment and Retention: What is the status of the LOSAP changes? Skip said they are waiting on the BOCC.

Standards: Dale reported: A. A change to Roadway Incident Standard is being discussed to have a

vehicle more than 20000#, act as a blocking vehicle. This also affects the Standardized Dispatch Standard. B. The Driver Training Standard, The Operational Position Classification Standard, and the ATV Equipment and Operator Standard change were presented and will be voted on at the next meeting. Training and Training Center: A report is to be developed by the end of next month.

Fire Police: Doug Snow made a motion to approve an SOG for Fire Traffic Control. A copy was provided to each attendee. Skip seconded the motion. A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to table the motion which was seconded by Dan Grove and passed. The original motion will be discussed by the Standards Committee before next meeting.

Boundary: No action has been taken.

Bylaws: The bylaw change to Art.IX, Section 2 - Establishment of Sub-Station was discussed. Jason Baer made a motion to amend the station to remove the section requiring the agreement of the neighboring companies. The

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motion was seconded by Jay Grime and on a roll call vote was defeated 10 to 15. A motion was made to accept the Bylaw change. On a roll call vote this motion was defeated 12 to 13.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Jay reported that the County is supposed to adopt new Building Codes which will include the requirement to have sprinklers in all new construction.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Reports to have all Officers certified to the Standards Committee are due by April 15, each year. This has not been done by every Company. B. The Association has agreed that Fire House will be used to contain all Training Records. C. The President said the Executive Committee will review the Officer Standard and the enforcement of the same. D. Charlie Shindle said their auditor recommended that Quik Books 2005 should be updated to speed up the audits.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Company 1 will have a drawing on January 1, 2010, for a hunting trip to South Carolina. B. Dave Hays said that CRS does not use Fire House and hasn't for 5 years. This will affect their training records. C. Dave Hays asked if 754 should go ahead since the substation was not granted. He was assured that they could continue to position 754 at Engine 4. D. Pipeline Training will be conducted in Frederick on October 6. Call Association if you would like to attend. E. Jason explained why the Statistical Reports were important. We have a 13% return rate in Washington County. F. Engine 3 has a 9' pool table for sale. Bids are due on September 26.

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 15, 2009, HOSTED BY ENGINE 3 AT ENGINE 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary