WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on September 15, 2016, at Company 9 hosted by Company 16.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present. All officers were present.

GUESTS:
Terry Baker, BOCC thanked everyone for their support for District 12 Fire Company. He also thanked Company 9 and 16 for hosting this meeting.
Wayne Keefer, BOCC thanked everyone for their service.
Sierra Smallwood, MSFA Fire Prevention Queen, discussed the upcoming Fire Prevention Queen, Junior Fire Prevention Queen and Little Fire Chief Contests coming up soon.
Donald Lehman, MSP Aviation, announced that there is a new commander of MSP Aviation Major Scott Lohman.
Al Martin, candidate for School Board asked for support in the upcoming election.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer's report is in the packet pages 3-5.

CHAPLAIN: Chaplains report is in the packet on pages 59-64. Buddy Blake and Kitty Boward are in the hospital.

Communications: A letter was received by the President from Company 12 requesting that they be readmitted to the Association in good standing.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Budget: Copies of the budget were distributed to each Company and will be voted on at the next meeting.
Career Tech Education: A. An organizational meeting was held in August. B. the next meeting will be held on Tuesday at Frederick St. C. students will be going to Emmitsburg on 10/9.
Chief Officer: The minutes are in the packet pages. Next meeting will be held on 9/28.
Computer: Rick Hemphill reported: A. Fire House testing using output from Cad. B. Start loading bills from server. Bills will be submitted to the cloud. PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS WILL BE TRAINED IN OCTOBER. C. Forms for Out of State and Class C Driver are available from Rick.
ESAC: Kingsley reported: A. A brief meeting was held last Thursday in the BOCC room to be updated on Company 12. B. the next meeting is to be held on 11/3. C. the Director of DFES and Commissioners Keefer and Cline were present at the last meeting.
ESOP: Dale reported: A. that a meeting was held on Tuesday with all companies present except Company 11. B. the next meeting will be held on 9/27 @1900@E2.
The committee is trying to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. C. a draft copy of the minutes are in the packet. D. each Company should present 2 or 3 goals for this plan.

**LOSAP**: A letter is in the packet.

**Picnic**: The picnic was held at Antietam Recreation on 9/20. Approximately 350 people attended.

**Recruitment and Retention**: See packet pages 65-68.

**Standards**: Brian reported: A. the Final MAYDAY SOG has been completed. B. several changes were made to the ENGINE STANDARD 200-04. He explained the changes. A motion was made to accept these changes for Engine, Engine/Tanker and Rescue Engine and the motion passed. C. Officer Standard: Still need letter from Company 9; Company 26 has several issues and Air Unit needs some items. D. several companies have in-station officers. These people cannot wear helmets of these offices outside the station. E. Company 12: the committee spent 3 hours checking that the Company meets all standards. With a few exceptions everything checked ok. MOTION: Eric Fraley made a motion seconded by Harry Gossard to reinstate Company 12 to membership. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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**Training**: A. A Rural Water Supply Seminar will be held at Company 2 on November 12 and 13, from 0800-1630. B. Additional training information is included in the packet.

**GUESTS (Con't)**

- **Dave Hayes**, Dir. DFES, reported: A. Fairplay was discussed in a closed session of the BOCC, and will be on the agenda 10/11. They should be able to go in service in about two weeks. B. Budget: working on the budget. C. Hired an Assistant Director Fire: Jonathan Hart, a retired Baltimore County Firefighter and life-long volunteer. D. Radio fleet map is being updated and the radios will be reprogrammed in the fall. E. the Training Center land acquisition will be voted on by the BOCC. F. the Medical Contract was signed for one year with the option of a 2 year renewal. G. Thanks to all who made Remembrance In the Park a memorable occasion. H. Looking into combining all expenses during an emergency and submitting all expenses as a lump sum. I. they are contemplating hiring 7 more people at Special Ops to have 2 people available 24hours/7 day a week. J. Backup Center on Washington Street is set up as an exact duplicate of the Elliott Parkway facility.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. The motion on the table was withdrawn.

B. Bob Moncrief made a motion seconded by Will Ball to make equal distribution of Gaming Funds to all current members of the Association. this motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**: A. No new business was presented.

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**
A. President Sprecher thanked everyone who worked to get Company 12 back in service.
B. Kingsley Poole announced that Jeff Ringer is interested in running for 2nd VP of MSFA next year.
C. Bessie Marshall raffle tickets were given to each Company.
D. The First Hose Company of Hagerstown is sponsoring a parade on October 9 to commemorate their 200 anniversary. Please contact Captain Warren Royce to participate.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 13 AT THE RURITAN BUILDING IN MAUGANsville. FINGER FOOD ONLY WILL BE SERVED

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary