WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on September 21, 2017 at Co. 11 hosted by Co. 19.

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

GUESTS:
Lydia Hill, Miss Fire Prevention 2017, reported on the upcoming Queen Contest on November 5, 2017.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report is on pages 3-5. The Treasurer needs a copy of the latest Active 911 contract from each company. Fuel, Maintenance and other bills must be scanned and sent to the Association as soon as possible.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: The Chaplain reported that Shirley Myers is to have an operation. He passed out certificates from the MSFA for each person who passed away last year.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Budget and Finance: Rick H. reported: A. Committee budget requests are due by October 31, 2017.

Career Tech Education: Kingsley reported the committee met and James Sprecher, III, will be the Rescue Instructor and Jamie Benjamin will be the EMT Instructor.

Computer: Rick reported: A. Fire House will not work with iOS 11. Update is being worked on.

ESAC: Meeting was held at Co. 79. There was not a quorum. A. DFES has moved 1811 to Co. 4. B. a contract has been signed for ladder, pump and hose testing. C. Two letters were written at the request of the BOCC, one to the MD DOT concerning the I79/65 interchange and one in Support of First Net. D. the next meeting is scheduled to be held at Co. 4 on 10/5.

ESOP: Waiting for update from VFIS.

Fire Police: Due to retirements more Fire Police are needed.

Legislative: Glenn reported: A. Not much to report from the state.

LOSAP: Rick reported: A. Meeting of Coordinators will be held 9/26 at Eng. 4 at 1900, to review paperwork for new retirees and for those receiving an update.

Recruitment and Retention: Nicole reported: A. See the information in the packet for Fire Prevention Week Activities. B. Special Needs groups looking for jobs for their clients. If interested contact Nicole. C. There are several training opportunities. D. Award Announcement: IAFC-VCOS has awarded WCVFRA the Recruitment and Retention Achievement Award.
Training: A. Chief Eckstine reported that some classes will be held that do not have enough students preregistered. If you have signed up for the class be prepared to attend. DFES is paying for some empty spaces.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Dale reported that a proposal for adequate staffing has been discussed. Full time people will be hired for Co. 20 and the part time people will be used to supplement the volunteer station staffing.
B. Waiting for an update of the VFIS on the proposal for the Fire Service of the Future.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Blaine Snyder, Dale Martin and Dave Irvin were appointed as the Nominating Committee. B. the Air Unit and Rehab Unit are both known as Company 25. This has caused some confusion in surrounding Counties. A proposal is being discussed to change the Rehab Unit to Company 14. More on this later. C. there is some confusion about the driver’s age to drive emergency equipment. This needs to be determined.

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REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION
A. Thanks to Company 19 for the meal.
B. Bob Moncrief is programming scanners.
C. The President and Association thanked Jamie Drawbaugh for all his work at Career Tech.


Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary