WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on September 20, 2018, at Co. 7, hosted by Co. 79.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Eng 5 were present. All officers except the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer were present.

GUESTS:

Dave Hays, Dir DFES reported: A. Thanks for help in preparations for the hurricane. B. ECC will hold 2 classes in October, 1 day and 1 night. An agreement has be made with the Hagerstown Police Department to have their cadets serve as dispatchers. The cost will be split 50/50. C. the budget is coming up. Get ready. D. All paper box cards will be reviewed.

Tom Brown, Emer. Mgr. DFES, reported: A. the Emergency Management Corp consists of 53 volunteers who assist in preparing the public for emergencies. B. Emergency Preparedness Day will be held 9/29 at Lowes and assistance will be needed from the companies. C. National Opioid Awareness Month was held and the Health Dept. sends thanks for the companies support.

Peter Perini, candidate for Dist. 2B, spoke.

Bernard Semler, candidate for States Attorney, spoke.

Derek Nolan, AT&T, discussed First Net. AT&T has a 25 year $6.5B to develop a Public Safety Network. More information in your packet.

MINUTES

The minutes were accepted with one change, the LOSAP meeting is Sept. 25, not the 24.

TREASURER'S REPORT  The Treasurer's report is in the packet.
CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: The Chaplain reported: A. he assisted with Memorial Service for Terry Smith. B. Leonard Horst will have knee operation in October. C. Ernie Truax is progressing. D. Dir. of Red Cross Disaster Relief spoke at the last Chaplains meeting.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chiefs: Meeting Wed. at 1930.

Career Tech: Jimmie reported: A. Haz Mat Ops midterm on Wednesday. B. some confusion about physicals. The School requires a sports physical each year. Current Jr. will get a PO for sports physical at end of school year. C. On Oct. 5, they will go to the Natl. Fire Acad. to setup and on Oct. 7 will go for the ceremonies. D. All students must pass the FFI midterm to remain in the program.

EMS: Minutes in packet.


ESOP: A. Meeting to be held in October to receive Company comments.


MSFA: Working to restore money to VCAF.

Recruitment and Retention: Nicole reported: A. Each company has $100 credit to have banner made. B. Smoke signals will be at Co. 11. C. 375 people attended the picnic. D. Fire Prevention Ambassador Contest Oct. 17. E. MSFA needs Company Profile updated. F. Academy Open House 10/17, form 1700-1900. G. the AFG grant is open.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: A. FD Tags need to be recertified. Contact Doug Snow. B. Gaming checks were in mail yesterday. C. The Association has a voting seat on the Radio Control Board. C. Draft of VFIS study will be discussed at a Special Meeting the second week of October. E. Glenn reported that the Association is paying $25000/year for the Academy and we are losing the graduates to other Counties. WE need to develop ways to keep them in our County.
REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. All companies should have an Exit Questionnaire for people leaving.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ENGINE 5. THE MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 18, 2018 AT 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary