

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on October 21, 2006 at the Potomac Valley Volunteer Fire Company.

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

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Engine 2, Company 19 and 59. All officers were present except the 1st VP, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Donna Brightman, Candidate for BOCC, discussed the status of the Fire and Rescue Task Force and said that a report may be ready the end of November or mid-December. Items to be discussed are maintenance of the volunteer system, home sprinkler systems and fire fees. Doug Mullendore, Candidate for Sheriff, told us that Deputy Bob Rouse needs our prayers. Dave Keller, MSFA Executive Committee, reported the following: A. The next Exec. Committee meeting is November 4 & 5 at Oxford. B. The MSFA President talked to the Governor concerning a raise in the 508 funding. The question to him is why additional funding is required? He canvassed several counties and found that equipment, radios and vehicles were the big needs.

Kevin Lewis, DFES Deputy Director, reported that: A. The EMS Task Force was preparing a draft document to present to the Emergency Services Council detailing the future needs for Washington County. The EMC will discuss and it will then go to the Chief's Committee, EMS Committee and the Association.

MINUTES: The September minutes were filed as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance in the general checking is \$151158.27.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Thanks for all the work being done in support of the Fire and Rescue Service in Washington County.

2nd VP: A. He was contacted by Dave Keller about the needs of the County. Discussions were held with President Glenn, Jay Grimes, several Chief's, several Presidents and John Latimer. A list was developed which included Apparatus, Personal Protective Equipment, SCBA, meters, etc. This list was forwarded to the MSFA President.

B. IAFC worked with the Department of Labor concerning volunteers working and receiving pay from their company. The DOL said that the 20% rule should be used. 20% of the money paid for salaries could go to company volunteers.

LOSAP: A. Volunteers more than 70 with at least 10 years service can receive \$8.00/ month for each year. Benefits would be recalculated when 25 years are reached. B. A lot of Companies are not taking the midnight October 26 deadline seriously. Only eight companies have turned in information.

FIRE REPORTS: 14 companies are not up to date with fire reports. A list of the status of each company was distributed.

TREASURER: A. All tax filings are complete. We are good until 2007.

CHAPLAIN: Sympathy cards were sent to Ronnie Poole, Company 4, on the death of his mother, and to the families of James Kline of 255 and Gladys Roche of Company 27. Get Well cards were sent to Blaine Snyder, Engine 1 at University Hospital for heart bypass and Steve Mitchell, Truck 1, for leg surgery.

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE: Next meeting at Company 10 on October 25.

EMS COMMITTEE: Chris Amos is Chairman. The next meeting will discuss Policies and Procedures on October 24 at 1830 at the Training Center.

EMS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST: Brigitte reported that the final report for the Disaster Drill is not yet complete. Everything went well and there was good participation.

LEGISLATIVE: Glen Fishack reported that there may be a lot of changes in personnel. President Glenn said that he wanted each candidate for BOCC to answer the question about support of a Fire Fee with a yes or no.

PHOTO TEAM: Fran Marshall reported that the calendars are working. The next meeting is November 14 at 1900. The team is preparing a DVD for all companies.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The awnings are being installed.

STANDARDS: Each company will be contacted concerning Officer Standards. The Association has spent \$20000 for training classes to get everyone qualified. There will be no exceptions in 2007.

TRAINING: A. Thanks to Company 49 for lending an ambulance o the training center. B. Class for Protective Envelop and Foam is being planned. C. Mobile Water Supply class has 12 preregistered for November 18 & 19. Register online not thru the training office. D. A tentative schedule for the spring is included in the packets.

PICNIC: Dan Grove reported progress.

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OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Doug Mullendore gave an update on the new radio system. Meetings are being held several times per week to finalize design. The National Park Service will be on one of the towers. B. Glen Fishack made a motion to move the December meeting from December 21 to December 14. The motion was seconded by Dan Grove and passed by a show of hands.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

A. Jerry Saum suggested installing a mail drop at the Association office. B. Leonard reported that the doctor has given him a good report on his shoulder. C. Glenn reported that we can ask questions and campaign as long as we preface what we say as our thoughts not those of the company or Association. D. Utility reports for the 3rd quarter are due. E. Company 27 will hold a Money Bonanza on December 9, 2006. It will be held at the Leitersburg Activity Center and start at 1630. Cost is \$30.00. See any member for tickets or call 301-797-5504.

NEXT MEETING: The November meeting will be at Engine 4 on November 16. The December meeting will be on December 14 at Company 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary