

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on October 16, 2008, at the Clear Spring Special events building hosted by Company 5.

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, 26, and 75. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Frank Underwood, President MSFA, reported the following: A. The Military Department of Maryland has assigned an auditor full time to audit the expenditure of the AMOSS (508) funds. There must be a separate account for these funds and receipts and copies of checks must accompany reports of expenditures. B. The State Police are having a hard time about the helicopters. New protocols have been developed for class C and D traumas with doctor consultations being required. If private units are used there will be large charges probably not covered by insurance. C. The first round of budget cuts did not affect us. In a meeting with the governor we were asked to help with getting the slot amendment passed.

Doyle Cox, Roger Powell and Lee Sachs, MSFA, were also in attendance but did not have reports.

Jennifer Barciz, Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. She is working with the Washington County Ladies Auxiliary and they have not had any interest for the Queen's selection for next year. Try to help get interested persons to apply. B. There is a new program to have the representatives come from a region. We are in the western region. C. A new program is being developed called WHALES (We have a little one on the emergency scene). This will provide packets for the families to put on the back of the care seats containing emergency information. More information will be forth coming.

Brigitte, DFES, reported: A. Contact Brigitte if you need CPR classes. B. Working on 12 lead transmission project with the hospital. C. Kevin has an issue remaining concerning the 50/50 AED match. D. A paramedic refresher has 29 students. E. EMTB Skills Refresher will be at Company 26 in November. Call Brigitte for additional information. F. People (fire or police) needing 1st Responder refresher should call Brigitte. G. Helo dispatch information has been sent to Chief's. The dispatch is at the discretion of the dispatcher.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. He had a written report. B. Alan Williams has been appointed as Manager of Field Operations. C. Letters about fall classes are out. Contact Jay if classes are needed by next Monday. D. Make sure there are enough students to start and complete the class before the class starts.

Bryan Stallings, Photo Team reported: A. There was a meeting on October 14 and the information requested by the Association was developed. B. The team has ordered 22 new vests. C. They are updating the rules and the training required. D. Several Companies have issues with the photo team members on the scene and the officers of the Company should contact Bill or Bryan.

Col Randy Wilkinson, Sheriff Dept. reported: A. The radio project is on track and should begin on July 1, 2009. There is still an issue with the Keep Tryst tower and a meeting is scheduled on November 5 to discuss the tower with the Park Service. Also, a public hearing is to be scheduled.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting was made and approved. The minutes of the Special Executive Committee meeting held after the September regular meets were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$27051.38 in the regular checking account. On a motion by Blaine, seconded by Dan Grove the Treasurer's report was approved.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT

President: A. Thanks to the state officers in attendance for their assistance. B. He attended the Fire Police meeting and the Fire Police approved providing 2 Fire Police at Station 8. C. Chaplain: several pastors have agreed to provide on call Chaplain assistance. They are the Weatherhold (2), Julie Benjamin and the Chaplain of the Western Maryland hospital. They would be available in case of serious injury or death on the scene. This will be discussed with the Association Chaplain. D. The EMS Committee will meet next week. E. The ATV standard will be voted on tonight. F. There will be a Staff and Command School on March 11-18 in Ocean City. The Association needs to get the names of persons interested in attending this School. Contact the office with names of these persons. G. The President met with representatives of the Club Association. After he explained

how the Fire Service was funded they had no more questions. H. The contract has been signed with [Health@Work](#). I. Thanks to the Sheriff's Department for doing maintenance work outside the office. J. Company 59 has finally moved into their new quarters. The Association lent Company 59 \$3500.00 to have their radio tower erected. This money will be repaid from the next gaming check. K. The President signed an agreement with the Health Department on behalf of the Association concerning The Maryland Safe Haven Program in Washington County.

WCVFRA

October 16, 2008

Page 2

Chief's Committee: the next meeting will be on October 22 at Station 10.

EMS Committee: the next meeting will be at Company 75 next week. All EMS Chief's should be in attendance.

Fire Police: A written report was on the table.

Legislative Committee: A meeting will be arranged with the local delegates in the near future.

LOSAP: A. A report was presented concerning the number of persons receiving benefits. Company 13 was inadvertently omitted. B. There will be a committee meeting on October 22 at Company 2.

Property: The hand rail is not yet in place but will be soon.

Fuel Consumption: A. 65000 gallons of diesel and 25000 gallons of gasoline were consumed in 2007. B. 6 companies need to submit utility reports for the 3rd quarter.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Information has been received from Companies 11, 12 and 27. If there, are others fax the information to the office. B. The flag pole approved at the September meeting has been purchased and is to be installed. C. A motion was made by Chief Gray and seconded by Chief Heller to accept the ATV Standard submitted at the last meeting. On a roll call vote the motion was defeated 0 ayes, 20 nays and 3 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS: A. A motion was made by Doug Snow and seconded by Skip Menzies to approve 2 Fire Policemen for Station 8. The motion was approved by voice vote with one nay vote. B. Any members wanting to get FD tags must contact Doug Snow for application forms. The forms cost \$5.00 and are controlled. C. Harry Gossard reported that an auditor for their company recommended that the gaming money be reported as a donation on the tax returns or the company could lose tax-free status. This is for information purposes only. D. The Secretary of State is requesting information from some Companies concerning solicitation of funds. The State Officers said that if a Company uses an outside company to raise funds that the outside company must be registered with the Secretary of State, but that Volunteer Fire Companies can solicit funds by statute.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Company 27 will hold a money bonanza 0on October 18.

NEXT MEETING : THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT COMPANY 7 ON NOVEMBER 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary