WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on October 17, 2019 at Clear Spring Special Events Building.

The meeting was called to order by 2VP Menzies at 1930. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present except Co 59. All officers except the President were present.

GUESTS:

Joel McCrea, 2VP MSFA, reported: A. Exec Comm. met in the Bay Area last month. B. R and R had problems and A new Chairman, John Denver, was appointed. C. Several Counties are opposed to the Residential Sprinkler Law, namely Wicomico and Worchester. Joel requested letters be written to the President of MSFA in support of this law. D. D. Kate Tomanelli has been hired as Executive Director of MSFA. The Office Address is 2130 Priest Bridge Dr., Crofton, MD 21114. E. MSFA is changing their tax status to 501 C3 and Corporate Address to Crofton. F. When ordering FD tags the form will be online and after the County Tag Chairman signs the form it will be sent to Crofton. NOT TO MVA. G. MFRI is asking Companies to identify students who completed EMT in the past 2 years but did not take/or pass the National Registry exam. MFRI is willing to offer a review course to help them sit for the National Registry exam. Send names to Jack Beall at jbeall@mfri.org.

Tim Ganley, MSFA VCAF reported: A. there is money to lend for apparatus. B. Companies who have received MSFA loans should send pictures of what the money was used for to the Executive Director. These pictures will be used to should the Legislator why they need to replenish the Loan Fund.

Dave Hays, Director DFES, reported: A. a Rendering of the Public Safety Training Center was on display. The Ground Breaking will occur on 10/29 @ 1500. B. Safer Grant was not awarded. It has to follow NFPA 1720. C. Company 12 has been released from probation. D. the Review and Accounting problems should be reported and the system can be tweaked. E. Concerning the changing of Box Cards and the River Box Cards; emails were sent to all 1st due companies as early as 7/17 on adding the closest units around the city and 9/24/19 on the River Box Cards. F. Concerning the MOU between the City of Hagerstown and Washington County: A copy was sent to Bob Moncrief on 7/19/19, since then it has been changed several times and new copies sent out. ALL OF THE COPIES MENTIONED AT THE MEETING WILL BE ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES AND AVAILABLE IN THE PACKETS. Note from Secretary: I will not scan them to attach to the emailed copies of the minutes. There are 8 pages concerning the MOU and there are 8 pages concerning the box card changes.
MINUTES: Minutes accepted are distributed.


OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1st VP: Skip turned the meeting over to 2VP Todd Smith.

2nd VP: Todd reported: A. Pp 3-9 discuss the Disciplinary Policy of the Association. B. All committees need to have their budget requests to the Budget Committee by the end of October. C. Treasurer are not receiving timely responses from SEK. If there are problems or questions not be resolved let the office know. D. Company feedback on the Coordinator-Volunteer Services on pp 47-48 to the President ASAP. E. New Fit Test machine needs adapter for MSA masks.

Chaplain: Chappy reported: A. thanks for allowing the Chaplain Corps to be formed. Chappy is being asked by neighboring states to assist them in forming Chaplain groups. B. the next meeting is 10/19/19 at Railroad Junction. C. Certificates were distributed for John Greenlee, Janet Monn, and Vickie Byron.

Chiefs: next meeting on 10/23.

EMS Committee: Waiting for audit. Beginning to discuss consolidate purchases.

Legislative: Anything that Washington County should ask the Legislator should be directed to Glenn Fishack.

LOSAP: Have had meetings with Coordinators and data must be in by 10/28 to Skip and Rick.

R and R: Chandler's report in on p 46 of the packet.

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OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (CON'T):

Standards: Brian reported: A. Chiefs rejected Officer Standard changes. B. Accountability std. next. C. River boxes are in effect. D. Standardized Dispatch being worked on. E. 269 and E62 were not approved, but were in service. What should be done. 269 is now approved.
Safety: Troy reported: there were several incidents recently that should have been investigated. One FF went thru a floor and 2 FF were injured at a working fire. The OIC's should conduct hot washes after the incident to see if a lesson could be learned.

Training: pp 37-38 of packet. Dave said that if classes are really required and are short to contact DES and they may be able to pay for seats or conduct Academy classes.

Nominations: PRESIDENT: Dale Fishack. 1st VP: Todd Smith and James Sprecher, Jr.

2nd VP: Troy LLoyd, Skip Menzies, and Robert Fraley. SECRETARY: OPEN.

ASST. SECRETARY: Twylla Grove TREASURER: Rick Blair. ASST. TREASURER: Rick Hemphill. CHAPLAIN: Richard Bower

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT NOVEMBER MEETING. NO WRITE INS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS A. Charley Shindle asked Under the Old Fire Plan how money can be applied for and who do you request it from. Dave Hays to research and get back with the answer.

NEW BUSINESS: A. A motion was made to have roll call ballots. It was determined that under the current bylaws this is not possible. 4

B. Company 13 asked if there were any Guidelines concerning dealing with persons under the age of 16. There are none within the Association. Should some be developed?

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: A. Congratulations to Company 12 for completing probation.

B. Thanks for the work of the Nominating Committee.

C. Company 27 has a Chicken BBQ on October 19.

D. Company 27 is selling Gun Raffle Tickets. 10 Guns/10 Days $10 Gun or Money.

E. Company 27 will hold an Open House to show New Station on October 26.
NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 21, 2019, HOSTED BY COMPANY 19, SHARPSBURG EMS AT STATION 11 DARGAN. THERE WILL BE FOOD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel Murray

Secretary