WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on October 15, 2015 at Co. 11 hosted by Co.69.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present. All officers except the 2nd VP were present.

GUESTS:
Johnie Roth, Pres. MSFA, reported:  A. the Statewide R&R will be held on April 10, 2016. B. Information on National Registry EMT (NREMT) Testing at the BLS Level is enclosed in the his packet. It will be included in the Company packets in November. C. A meeting is scheduled with Dr. Seaman of MIEMSS, MFRI Director Edwards, and Chairman DeVries of the EMS Board to meet with me and PP Fred Cross to iron out the problems of the NREMT. The firm deadline is before the end of the year. D. the Residential Sprinkler in new Single Family homes is probably coming up in the next session of the Legislature. The Association and all member Companies should write a letter to the Legislative Committee supporting keeping this endeavor to MSFA Legislative Committee, 17 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. There are scheduled side by side burns being held. E. The MSFA Legislative Reception is scheduled for January 20, 2016. (Thanks to President Roth for his written report. SJM).

Charles Abrecht, Exec Comm. MSFA, reported:  A. the LAMSFA is requesting Company patches to go into a quilt. B. the rules for the Bessie Marshall Fund have been changed. They will be put on the Association website. C. A bus trip to New York City on November 20, 2015 is being planned by the Independent Hose Company in Frederick. Contact Kevin Ausherman at kevinausherman@gmail.com. D. there are MFRI classes scheduled in Frederick County that need additional students. E. The Lighthouse Uniform Company will make a dress uniform available to any firefighter’s family wanting one for burial purposes. The Bereavement Uniform Program is accepting retired or no longer fitting uniforms. For more information go to http://bereavement.lighthouseuniform.com. F. several companies have needed corrections to their fire reports for September. G. Statistical reports are needed for ALL Companies. H. Frederick Community College is offering an Association Degree in Fire Science Administration.

Donnie Lehman, MSP Aviation, reported that things are going well at dispatch.

Charlie Summers, Dep. Dir. DFES, reported that the 508 (Senator Amos) Distribution is due. The information is in each Company’s packet.

MINUTES:  The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:  The Treasurer's report is in the packet pages 4-6.

CHAPLAIN:  A. Visited Lester Bussard in the hospital, attended his visitation and sent cards to his family. B. called Jimmy Sprecher to inquire about is wife and found that she is out of ICU. C. Dave Fraley is out of the hospital. D. sent Harry Hawbaker a card. E.
resolutions were presented to Companies and families of Lester Bussard, Barbara Keister, and Herbert Harrison, Jr.

COMMITTEES:
BUDGET: All committees should have their budget for 2016-2017 ready by next Association meeting.
Chief Officers: the ESAP was discussed.
CTED: Kingsley reported: A. all 19 students successfully completed the Haz Mat Ops course. 1 student has been added there are now 20 students. B. a meeting was held on Wednesday at 701 Frederick St. C. the students attended the Fallen Firefighter ceremonies at the Nation Fire Academy. D. there will be a 10th grade walk thru next week. E. the next meeting will be held on November 19, at 1000.
Computer: Rick reported: A. the Firehouse Software on the Cloud does not work with Windows 10. B. the LOSAP Coordinator MUST have total Administrative Access to the network for the program to work. C. Questions call Rick Hemphill at 301-730-1923.
ESAC: Kingsley reported: A. a meeting was held last Thursday at DFES. There is one vacancy on the committee. B. the committee discussed group purchases of turn out gear.
ESOP: Steering committee met last month and will take info to full committee.
Fire Prevention and Public Education: There will be a Fire Prevention Contest at Engine 4 on December 6, 2015. The rules are in the packets.
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Fire Police: The minutes are not available.
Insurance: New cards will be distributed at the next Association meeting. Each person will receive two cards, one for Workers Compensation and one for Accidents.
LOSAP: Rick reported: A. the forms for the next year are due by the end of October.
Recruitment and Retention: A. The people recruited on the Statewide R&R day will be credited to the MSFA. People recruited on the County R&R day are credited to the County. There are two different grants being satisfied. B. One on one meetings are being held with each Company. C. is there any interest in a County R&R Cruise In.
Training: A report is in the packet on pages 17-29.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Gaming reports are due.
B. 508 report are due.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Nominations for officers for 2016-2017 are open. The nominating committee presented their slate: President: James Sprecher, Jr. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. 1st VP: Dale Hill. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. 2nd VP: Dave Keller, Skip Menzies, and Robert Moncrief. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. Secretary: Sam Murray. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. Assistant Secretary: Lynn Hunsberger. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed.
Treasurer:  Rick Blair.  There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed.  Assistant Treasurer:  Rick Hemphill.  There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed.  Chaplain:  The Nominating Committee did not have a person recommended.  Nominations were open to the floor and Chaplain Leonard Horst nominated Richard "Chappy" Bower.  The nomination was seconded by Harry Gossard.  Rev. Bower accepted by letter to the Secretary.  There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed.  Balloting for the offices will take place at the November meeting.

B. Meeting schedules for 2016-2017 are in the packet.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 75, COMMUNITY RESCUE COMPANY.  FOOD WILL BE SERVED.  LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary