

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on November 19, 2009 at Company 11 hosted by Company 1.

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. All officers were present except the 1st VP.

GUEST: Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported: A. The balloon test will be held tomorrow in South County.

B. The Sheriff's Department will pick up the tab for the Fire Police Christmas banquet. Several intersections have been reported to the Sheriff's Department for possible upgrades.

Kevin Lewis, Director DFES, reported: A. A written report will be sent to the Chief's soon. B. The 508 audits showed 14 items in question. 12 of these were cleared quickly with additional information. One major concern was to have stand-alone accounts. Two issues are being discussed. PPE and Computers are not now considered appropriate for 508 expenditures. C. There will be a radio meeting on Monday. In station installations will begin the 2nd week of December. Motorola will do the in station installations. Mobile radio equipment is being received and installation will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Charles Summers, Asst. Director DFES, reported: A. The 911 center should open on January 6, 2010. B. The new system will be in use about the end of February. Law Enforcement will be implemented first and then the Fire Service.

Brigitte Heller, EMS Coordinator DFES, reported: A. AEDs should be released by the FDA in early December. B. There will be a "Coping With the Holidays" session hosted by Hospice on December 9 at 1900 at the Elliott Parkway facility. There will be a presentation on CISM. C. The Crime Scene Management class was held at Elliott Pkwy and was very successful. If others are interested, the class can be repeated. Contact Brigitte if you are interested. D. We are cleared to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine. The Health Department makes the vaccine available on a short notice, usually the next day. Information will come out and you need to respond quickly if you want to receive the vaccine. E.

Apparatus inspection will start the end of November. F. We have been cleared for the King Airway. Training will begin the first of the year and implementation will start in March. G. The mandatory documentation class will start the 1st of the year. DFES is trying to get a CD-BASED class set up. H. The EMT-I class is going well with 19 students. I. If anyone received an EMT card without taking a skills class contact Brigitte immediately. Some cards were issued in error. J. The JFK run will be held Saturday and several EMS companies are involved providing aid stations.

Christian Alshire, BOCC, reported: A. Discussed the spending of millions of dollars for the library addition, and then have problems spending a fraction of that on Emergency Services. B. He thanked everyone for their service.

MINUTES: Dan Grove made a motion to accept the October minutes as distributed. Blaine Snyder seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current bank balance is at Columbia Bank is \$12643.43 and the balance at Susquehanna is \$114723.43. He discussed the new 990 Schedule G. Dan Grove made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Clarence Weber and passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget: The budget committee will hold hearings on December 12. Committees wanting money included in next years budget should contact Greg Yost before that date.

Computer: Rick reported that: A. Updated versions of the Fire House software have been received. B. Neither the Fire House software nor the LOSAP software has been certified for Windows 7. Both are being worked on and should be available soon.

LOSAP: Skip reported that 132 people are collecting benefits. All information was supplied on time.

Fire Police: Doug reported: A. Report is in the packet. B. When getting "FD" tags send the pink and

yellow copies back to Doug. Send the other copy directly to Glen Burnie.

Training: Jay reported: A. The Training Center Committee is meeting and the 1st draft has been reviewed. Information was requested from all companies, and so far only 3 companies have responded. The projected needs need to be developed. Get the information back as soon as possible. The 2nd draft is due the 2nd week of January. Station stats of what training has been held and the number of people getting the training is needed. B. Is there a need to provide centralized classes for pre-essentials, Hazmat, etc.? Contact Jay if your company needs these classes. C. The training committee is working on EVOC to be taught at Mack Trucks thru HCC.

Chief's: Greg said the minutes of the last meeting are in the packet. The next meeting is December 9, at Elliott Parkway.

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EMS: John reported: A. The BOCC voted to wait 45 days before taking action on Phase 1. The EMS committee is

to put another plan together in 45 days. B. Companies 2 and 6 did not send letters about Phase 1. C. Before any plan is presented to the BOCC it must be approved by the Association. D. A mandatory meeting of all EMS companies will be held on December 5. The Chief, President and Finance person must be in attendance. This meeting will include people from the County to review the financial records of each Company. E. Direction is coming from the BOCC.

President: A. No one is to talk to the BOCC without permission from the Association. B. If any Company suspects theft of monies from the Company they should call the police to investigate. C. Rick and Skip will talk to Kevin and DFES concerning text messaging of Emergency Calls. D. The Fire Police banquet will be held on December 12. E. The President proposed moving the December meeting to December 10, one week earlier. Doug Snow made a motion to move the December meeting to December 10. The motion was seconded by Blaine Snyder and passed. F. The President proposed appointing Rick and Skip to the County LOSAP Committee. Dan Grove made a motion as such, the motion was seconded by Clarence Weber and passed.

Standards: Dale Martin said that there will be several standards presented next month.

Audits: Bill Pennington said all Companies were being audited and submitting Financial information to the BOCC.

Elections: the Election Committee conducted the election of Officers for the 2010-2011 years. 25 member were present and voting. In the only contested position Skip Menzies was elected 1st VP. The officers for 2010 and 2011 will be: Glenn Fishack, President; Skip Menzies, 1st VP; Clarence Weber, 2nd VP; Sam Murray, Secretary; Lynn Hunsberger, Assistant Secretary; Rick Blair, Treasurer; Rick Hemphill, Assistant Treasurer; Leonard Horst, Chaplain.

OLD BUSINESS: A. A question was asked about purchasing fuel from the County? Kevin said the he is working on Countywide distribution. B. The Standards committee does not yet have an answer about the doubler on winches. C. Jay asked when the Association was going to present LOSAP changes to the BOCC? The President indicated that it would be done during the next budget hearings. D. Charlie Shindle asked about the Quikbooks 2010. Rick needs to know how many Companies want copies of Quikbooks 2010. Please let him know soon. If any Company needs Office XP/Vista/W7 let Rick know and he may be able to get copies at a discount. E. The December Fire Police meeting will be held at Company 26 not Company 12. F. Anyone wanting to be on a committee let the President know by next Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Sheriff Doug Mullendore thanked all companies who helped with the video on responding equipment. The video is complete and a copy will be made available to the Association to put onto the website.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. The President announced that the request for a "No Confidence" vote on the Director of DFES has been withdrawn.

NEXT MEETING : THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 59.
Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary