WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on November 19, 2015 at Eng 4, hosted by Company 75.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Company 59 were present. All officers were present.

GUESTS:
Kevin Lewis, Director DFES, reported: A. upgrade to station alerting will occur after the first of the year. B. Senator Amos reporting is due. C. the JFK run is this weekend.

Dave Keller, PP MSFA reported: A. there will be a meeting on NREMT on Monday. B. VCAF money is still available. C. Senator Amos and Fire Reports are in good order.

Todd Dyche, MFRI reported: A. the Spring Schedule is in the packet on Page 60. B. MD Weekend at the Fire Academy is coming up soon. C. Assistance to FF Grant Writing to be held at Western MD site on Monday at 1900. D. the EVO class is no longer on line. Beginning 1/1/16 it will be a blended class including classroom and online. E. Western Maryland Trng. Ctr. face book page is available. F. Director Edwards wants to update the WMTC. Schedule is for 2024 at $7.9M. Wants to move up to next year at $5.7M. Association is asked to send a letter in support of this move.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report is in the packet pages 5-7. The audit is complete and the 990 and State forms have been filed.

CHAPLAIN: A sympathy card was sent to the Kingsley Poole on the passing of his brother. A sympathy card to Zack Bivens on the passing of his grandmother. Visit to Robert Kibler of Eng 1 at Reeder’s and a get well card to Sharon Sprecher. A. A Resolution at the passing of Hayden Hoffman, of Eng 1 was presented. B. Jeff Cline's mother passed. Pat Hayes of Co. 2 is ill. Bill King had a foot operation. C. the Chaplain's Breakfast will be held 11/21 at 0800 at Railroad Junction. D. Chaplain Leonard reported that his chemo is going well.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Budget: VP2 Sprecher presented the Operating Budget for 2016. The total amount is $239,000. The total amount to be requested from the County for the Continuation of the Fire Plan - Phase 1 is $871,492.00.

Career Tech Education: A. of the 20 people in the class 15 are in the EMT program. B. 50-60 students have expressed an interest in joining next year.

Chief Officer: The minutes are in the packet pages 14-20. Next meeting will be a joint meeting with EMS committee on 12/16.

Computer: Skip reported that the Fire Reports are coming in ok. Companies 5, 6, and 11 have some errors for September. Rick reported: A. Windows 10 now has a copy of Internet Explorer available. Explorer may not be available in the early releases. Windows did not change the release number.. If you are using Windows 10 search it for Explorer.
EMS: The minutes are in the packet pp 21-25.. The next meeting will be with the Chiefs on 12/16.
EMS: Committee met on 11/7 and a quorum was not present.
ESOP: A survey is in the packet and online, please complete this survey and return as soon as possible. The Steering Committee has been meeting weekly. There will be a meeting soon to update all Company's.
Fire Police: An election was held and Bob Moncrief was elected Chairman. Mike Lida is Assistant Chairman and John Palmer is Secretary.
Legislative: The Association has a good relationship with both Senators. The Sprinkler Bill will probably come up again this year. The BOCC will be discussing changes to Building Codes on 12/1 at 1500.
LOSAP: All forms are in good order.
Recruitment and Retention: Nicole presented information about the County R&R day to be held April 22. She needs to know what each Company will do. The event will be held at the Valley Mall and will consist of a Recruitment Event and possibly A Training Muster if enough Company's participate. A vote will be taken in December. A. One on one needs to be completed with four more Companies. B. Working with VFIS to set up some Training programs. If your company can host an event contact Nicole. Report p. 8.
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Safety: meet second Tuesday of each month at DFES at 1830.
Training: A report is in the packet on pages 45-62.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS No new business was presented.
NEW BUSINESS: A. Three election judges were appointed. Blaine Snyder, Dave Irwin and Dale Martin. Ballots were distributed to all eligible companies. Hancock Ambulance and Mt. Aetna were not eligible to vote because of meeting attendance. B. There is a list of all committees in the packet. If you want to be on a committee contact the new President. C. A motion was made by Co. 10 to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Eng. 3 and passed by voice vote. D. Insurance cards were distributed. The cards are green. Two cards are required because the County has appointed two different people to handle insurance. Tracy McCammon will handle VFIS, Auto and Liability and Property. Brian Overcash will handle Chesapeake Employers Insurance, Workers Compensation. If more cards are required for your members contact Rick Hemphill. Download Insurance Beneficiary Forms from the Association website and have each member complete the forms and the Company will maintain the forms. There is also VFIS self inspection form that each Company should use available on the website. E. the card for Class B Out-of-State drivers is available online. F. Accidents notify Charles and Kevin. Maybe the Safety Officer will investigate.
G. The election results were reported: President: James Sprecher, Jr.; 1st VP: Dale Hill; 2nd VP: Bob Moncrief; Secretary: Sam Murray; Asst. Secretary: Lynn Hunsberger;
Treasurer: Rick Blair; Asst. Treasurer: Rick Hemphill; Chaplain: Richard Bower.  H. A motion was made and passed to destroy the ballots. This motion passed by voice vote.

GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION
A. The Yellow Dot program was discussed. Information is in the packet. For additional information contact the Sheriff’s Department.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AT THE SPECIAL EVENTS BUILDING ON DECEMBER 17, 2015. FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary