WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on November 17, 2016 at Co. 2.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Company 19 were present. All officers except the 2nd VP, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer were present.

GUESTS:
James Schell, MFRI, reported: A. Spring Schedule is online. B. Online registration is up and running. C. Co. 6 and Eng 5 need to get Training Officer set up in MFRI.
Robin Shusko, FCC, reported: A. Frederick Community College has a program in Fire Service Administration. Credit can be given for prior College Credits and for MFRI classes taken. Most credits transfer free. The program is open to Maryland fire, EMS and DFES personnel. LOSAP and scholarships are available.
Wayne Keefer, BOCC, reported he is attending our meeting to learn about the Fire Service and our needs.
Dave Hayes, Dir. DFES, reported: A. All company 508 fund information is due. It was due October 13. B. New Air Unit is on schedule for March. C. Training Center: The property has been purchased. Some plans include moving DFES and WCVFRA offices to this area. The Sheriff may have a sub-station on site. D. PPE Initiative is being studied. DFES has asked companies for information. E. BOCC: approval to go from 3 Eight hour shifts to 2 twelve hour shifts at the communication center. One additional grade was added. F. Blue Card Command System has been started. Personnel have one year to complete training. Scholarships have been given to each company. Lab is scheduled in December. G. Dep. Dir. Summers is in command of the Incident Management Team. It includes the 3 western counties, and are trying to add Frederick County. The team has 28 members and would like to go to 50 members. H. Drivers lists need to be updated and given to DFES. I. Working with MEMA and FEMA to combine cost of Disaster Declaration for all companies in the County. J. Beginning November 1, County Paramedics will be allowed to staff engines.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer's report is in the packet pages 3-5.

CHAPLAIN: Report on pages 16-17. NIMS training on Nov. 22, at Eng. 4 at 1800. A. Moment of Silence in memory of Lorraine Bloom. B. Ron Gray and Harry Gossard are scheduled for surgery. Kitty Boward is staying with the Gossard's. C. Chappy will be in El Salvador 11/24-12/12. Call Leonard if Chaplain is needed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Career Tech Education: Mid-term in FF1 next week. There are 27 students.
Chief Officer: The minutes are in the packet pages.
Computer: Skip reported: A. fuel and maintenance expenses are to be scanned to the cloud. County will take information from the cloud. See page 32 of packet for the last information received. If the information is not put on the cloud, the county will not give the company credit for the expenses. If there are questions call 301-730-1923. B. Incident Reports: Check page 30 of packet 2 to be sure the figures are correct. C. Fire House Program: The CAD system will be populating the Fire House reports with some information. If there are any problems contact Rick or Skip.

ESAC: A. there was a meeting 11/8 at Co. 12. B. the next meeting is scheduled 12/8 at Co. 12.

ESOP: A. Minutes for 10/25 and 11/8 are in the packet. B. maps of proposed response times are on pages 30-31 of the packet. C. discussion to hire BFIS to assist with the plan for the County. D. next meeting 12/6.

LOSAP: All data due by midnight 1/5/17.

Standards: A. Several standards are being updated. B. Several stations were inspected. C. Generator sizes are being reviewed because LEDs are being used.

Training: A report is in the packet on pages 33-42.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS A. Motion was made to accept the Officer Standard 500-02 with changes to Duty Officer. Motion was made by Co. 13 and seconded by Co. 9 to table the motion until next meeting. This motion to table was passed.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was presented.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION
A. Some companies have had their credit cards misused. All holders of the cards and Treasurers should be aware of this.

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ENGINE 1 AT ENGINE 4 WITH FOODD BEING SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary