WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on November 20, 2018 at Leitersburg Special Events Building hosted by Company 16.

The meeting was called to order by President Moncrief at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except 7, 10 and 75 were present. All officers except the Chaplain were present.

GUESTS:

Tom Brown, Jr., was introduced as the new Director of Emergency Management.

Katy Smith, Little Fire Prevention Ambassador was introduced by Morgan, the 2018 Fire Prevention Ambassador. Katy is sponsored by Engine 1.

Todd Dykes, MFRI Reported: A. Training information pp.21-27. B. ICS 400 will start 12/8. C. Spring Courses are on line. D. Company Training Officer must approve/disapprove member for training. E. Tablet testing will start next year. Hazmat, FFI, and others will be first to test on Tablets. F. Larry Preston is retiring in January and his position will be open.

MINUTES: Minutes accepted are distributed.


OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:


Tech H.S.: Kingsley reported that the FFI class is proceeding well. Committee met on 10/25.

ESAC: A. Met on 11/8, but did not have a quorum present. B. Next meeting 12/6 at DES.


**Budget:** Budget on pp. 9-11 for 2019-2020 was presented. A motion was made and seconded and the budget was approved as presented.

**R and R:** Nicole reported: A. Each company has a $100 credit for RandR information which must be ordered by 11/30. B. Smoke Signal at Co 79. C. NVFC has webinars available. D. Maryland Fire Weekend see p. 23. E. Please fill out Company Profile on MSFA website. F. This is Nicole's last meeting. THANK YOU NICOLE FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. VFIS Study (Fire Plan) Discussion: 1) Combining some Hagerstown Companies. 2) DES taking over Operations and WCVFRA only having Administrative control. 3) Changing ESAC Committee to 5 persons. were some of the items in contention. Company 2 made a motion to NOT vote on the report until the author came to appear before the Association to answer questions. Company 9 seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A discussion was held about combining the Air Unit and The Rehab Unit into a new Committee with an Administrator appointed by the President and the Director of DES. This will be the Emergency Services Support. The funding for the units will not change. This combination will take place in January. All persons will have to reapply to be members.

Company 6 made a motion to support this move and the motion was seconded by Co.1. The motion passed.

B. Rick Hemphill explained the necessary Bylaw Change. The change will be voted on at the next meeting.

C. The President requested the Association to approve the appointment of Todd Smith as 2nd VP. Co 16 made the motion and it was seconded by Co 6. The motion passed.

D. Director Hays discussed Vehicle Insurance for the next fiscal year. "The County" will Not provide full replacement insurance on Fire Vehicles. His proposal is to establish agreed values for the various classes

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of vehicles: Utility (SUV) $35000 (w/als upgrade + 10000); Utility (Truck) 40000 (w/plow or brush + 10000); Class A $500000; Tankers $450000 (Engine/Tanker + 100000); Rescue Squads $700000; Aerials $800000, (Tower and Tiller) + $300000; Mini-Pumpers $250000; Ambulance $210000; Donated Assets $0.00. Valuation Matrix: Utility (SUV) 10 Yrs, 50%; Utility (Truck) 10 Yrs, 50%; Class A 20 Yrs, 50%; Tankers 20 Yrs, 50%; Rescue Squads 20 Yrs, 50%; Aerials 20 Yrs, 50%; Mini-Pumpers 20 Yrs, 50%; Ambulances 8 Yrs, 50%; Donated Assets Liability Only, 0%.

His proposal is that each Company would carry an Umbrella Policy to cover any Additional Insurance the Company wanted about the County Agreed Value. He additionally proposed that the insurance value would be cut in half when the vehicle reached it half life. He said that the Company should get permission from DES or The County before adding a new piece of equipment.

A list of each Company's equipment and the proposed Insurance Valuation was passed out at the meeting. Review it carefully for errors or omissions.

**GOOD OF ASSOCIATION:** A. Company 6 is going to raffle E8-1. Tickets will be available at the December meeting. B. Company 1 is raffling off 2 1/2 of beef. C. Utility and other bills are due in as they are received. Don't hold them until the end of the year.

**NEXT MEETING:** THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY MAUGANSVILLE FIRE COMPANY ON DECEMBER 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary