WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on November 21, 2019 at Station 11, hosted by Co 19.

The meeting was called to order by President Moncrief at 1930. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present. All officers were present.

GUESTS:

Mitch Vocke, MSFA Financial Secretary, reported: A. Tag information has changed. Application for new tags is on the MSFA website. Turn application to the Company Tag Chairman for signature, then County Tag Chairman will sign and forward to MSFA office in Crofton. There is a $5 fee involved. All current Tags are being replaced by MVA and should be handled thru MVA. B. Convention dates have been set. 2020 will be on June 21.

Randall Wagner and Jeff Cline, BOCC were present.

MINUTES: Minutes accepted are distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Report in packet pp. 12-14. The Financial Statements have been reviewed by the Auditors and are on file with the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President reported that the Guidelines for County Loan Fund are in the packet pp 3-11.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget: Rick Hemphill presented the Budget for 2020-2021. After some discussion and motion was made to accept the Budget as presented. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Chaplain: A. Chappy commented that he was very proud to be associated with this organization. B. A breakfast meeting is planned for 12/21 at Railroad Junction at 0830. Contact Carol Mazzola to make reservations before 12/14.

Chiefs: Next meeting 12/11.
**Career Tech:** A. Meeting was held last Tuesday with 6 agencies involved. B. A Christmas get together is planned. C. Site Ops begins 12/2. D. Open House was held and was very well accepted. E. 10 graders have visited the building and there are 80 applications for next year with 14 openings available.

**ESAC:** A. meeting on 11/7 with 2 BOCC in attendance. B. Informal meeting scheduled for 12/5.

**Legislative:** A. See packet 2, pp 1-17 for Proposed MIEMSS Changes to EMS System Plan. B. the MOU between the County and City of Hagerstown is on pages 19-23. Pages 2, 4, and 6 are missing and will be emailed to all. C. NFPA 1000 may require recertification every 3 years.

**LOSAP:** Paperwork has been corrected and data is due 1/10/2020.

**Rand R:** Chandler reported report is in packet.

**ESS:** Companies 25 and 255 moving forward.

**Standards:** A. Units 692 and 4910 were inspected and passed. B. Officer Stds. are Minimum requirements. C. Meeting 12/10. D. Accountability Stds. being worked on. E. Engine 6-2 is in service and has not passed inspection. Chevrons missing off rear.

**Training:** Todd Dykes, MFRI, reported: A. Report pp 47-48, packet 2. B. Planning for phase 1 of renovations to training area have started. Facilities will be off line for 18 months when construction begins. The cost is projected to be $7M and he hopes that it will be in next year's budget.

**Convention:** Awards Package is in packet. President hopes that WCVFRA members will nominate someone from this area.

**Elections:** A. A motion was made to remove Robert Fraley, at his request, from ballot for 2nd VP. The motion was passed. B. The Elections were held with 2 positions being contested. 1st VP; James Sprecher, Jr. 2nd VP; Troy Lloyd.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business was presented.
NEW BUSINESS:

A. Dave Hayes reported: A. He is paying for the food. B. Addition funds have been authorized by the BOCC to provide incentives for Companies and volunteers. The money are the funds in the budget that were allocated as the County portion of the Safer Grant that was not received. The information provided by him included on the handouts are supposed to be for all calls in 2018 (review to assure this is correct) and the information for volunteers is from LOSAP records. (Should this come from Fire House records?). Each Company will receive an additional $18000 plus $20 for each call minus $10 for each Driver Only call. Each volunteer will receive $10 for all call in excess of 40 calls.

For any questions please contact Dave. C. The Volunteer Coordinator position is down to 3 persons and will be appointed 12/3 or 12/10 and will be onboard 1/1/2020. D. MOU to City on 11/26 and BOCC 12/3.

E. Card 29, Traffic Collision has been changer to 1 Engine, 1 ALS ambo, and 2 Squad. F. He discussed placing crews at Station 1, 2, 4, and 7 to supplement the surrounding Companies. G. County Roads has requested to allow Snow Plows to stop at Fire and Ambulance Station for RandR during extended time plowing snow. ALL COMPANIES PRESENT AGREED TO ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

B. OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021.

PRESIDENT    Dale Fishack
1VP          James Sprecher, Jr.
2VP          Troy Lloyd
Secretary   OPEN
Asst. Sec.    Twylla Grove
Treasurer   Rick Blair
Asst. Treas. Rick Hemphill
Chaplain    Richard Bower
GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: A. Congratulations to all the new officers. B. Dale Fishack is looking for someone to serve as Secretary for the new year.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 19, AT 1900 HOURS AT ENGINE 4, WESTERN ENTERPRISE HOSTED BY ENGINE 2. FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary