

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on December 14, 2006 at Company 7.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fuscick. Sheriff Mullendore gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Engine 3, Company 1 and 29. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Chaplain.

GUEST: Frank Underwood, 2nd VP MSFA, reported the following: A. The Trumpet has been changed to include more information about fire thru out the state. B. MSFA Legislative agenda for the upcoming session will include having the 508 funds increased, having the tax modification deduction increased, and having a safe cigarette package passed. January, February and March will be a busy time in Annapolis. C. MSFA is applying for a grant to purchase hearing-impaired Smoke Detectors. D. A meeting place for the Executive Committee is needed in this area. If your Company can help with a meeting place contact one of the Presidents.

Roger Bennett, MEMA West, reported the following: A. MEMA will be the lead agency for the inauguration. B. DHMH will be conducting a Pandemic Flu Exercise on May 14, 2007. C. MD-VA-DEL will conduct a hurricane exercise concentrating on communications in April. The National Capital Region will conduct a functional hurricane exercise this spring to include evacuation of the NCR. C. The Rocky Gap Mountain Resort will host the 2007 Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar on March 17. Contact MIEMSS Region I Office to register. D. Visual Language Cards are available by calling 703-370-5527, or www.kwikpoint.com, medical@kwikpoint.com or law@kwikpoint.com. E. The CEDAP grants will be released in January, notification will be made by email to the person who submitted the grant. Grant information can be found at www.rkb.mipt.org, www.mdredbookonline.com and www.grants.gov. The final HLS grants have not been announced. If you have not been notified, you probably will not receive a grant.

Dave Keller, MSFA Exec. Comm Rep, reported the following: A. Changes have been made to NFPA Standards 13D, 13R, 1500, 1502, 1971, 1984. Be sure to check the changes. B. The new style Trumpet needs articles. C. Get pictures of new apparatus to Dave. D. Jason has the raffle tickets. E. Make sure people are capable of taking MFRI classes before they sign up. F. The National Fallen Firefighters Association is developing a team to assist during Line-of-Duty deaths. G. All communication to MFRI must be directed thru Leonard King, Secretary of MFA. H. Rick Blair has CD's containing the Maryland Fire Laws for the state. One copy will be available for each Company. I. A handout for Grant Writing will be available at the next meeting. J. Leonard King's wife passed away.

Sheriff Mullendore reported the following: A. The Legislature will be asked to increase the number of fire police per Company to 12 or 20. B. Anything his agency can do to help, let him know.

Trooper Russ Plante, MSP, will be the liaison from his department to the Association.

John Latimer, DFES, reported the following: A. The EMS Plan for the Future has been finalized. John thanked all who helped with the process. B. The documentation of the 508 funds has been received and will be reviewed and forwarded to MEMA. C. DFES Organization Chart is being revised to show the Deputy Director's responsibilities. D. The County Grid Maps have been prepared for each Company and can be picked up tonight. E. The County is reviewing change to LOSAP suggested by the WCVFRA LOSAP committee. The committee will be kept informed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported \$116682.96 in the general checking account. The 2007/2008 Budget Presentation with the BOCC is scheduled for March 1, 2007 at 0905.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: A. The time table for the EMS Master Plan will have the EMS Committee involved at all steps. The EMS Committee will comment on the final draft. A meeting will be held for all Association members to meet with the subcommittee to ask questions before the next Association meeting. Everyone on the email list will receive a copy of the Plan. CD's containing the entire Plan with Appendixes will be available for pickup at the Association office. The Plan should be presented to each Company at their next meeting and their delegate instructed as to how to vote. The Association should vote on the Plan in January. B. The President requested the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Eugene Theodore Harris, III, who passed away on December 11, 2006. Teddy was a member of the Company 2. C. The WCVFRA 2007 Company Information form is due back to the office by January 19.

1st VP: Clint announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be January 10 at 1900 at the office.

2nd VP: Skip reported that a Safety Committee meeting will be held in early January.

Budget and Finance: Any committee desiring money for 2007 must request it in writing before Christmas.

Chief Officers: The meeting was held last night at Company 5.

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Computer: Diskettes for RSS feed, which is a 24/7 news feed, will be available for each Company and can be installed on any machine increase communications. B. Software will be available in January or February to allow QuikBooks to send data to the Association office.

EMS: A written report was submitted. Some of the items included were: A. Medical Review Committee members are needed. B. Paramedic Bridge class is beginning clinics and precepted time. C. Protocol update classes are being held. All EMS personnel need the classes before December 31. D. Bio Terrorism Grant equipment is being distributed. E. The County EMS is included in a statewide study on exposures. WCH is coordinating for the County. F. SEMSAC BLS Committee is developing a new testing procedure. G. Beginning January 1 all national registry testing will be computer based. H. Flu vaccine is still available. I. AED updates and maintenance contract is being negotiated between the County and Medtronics. J. Any problems with EMAIS should be communicated to Brigitte. It is important that each Fire Company enter EMAIS information. K. Revisions are being suggested for Trauma Triage.

L. Always keep HIPPA in mind when taking pictures at accident scenes. M. Forward Infection Control, Quality Control and Training Officer information with phone number and email address as soon as possible. N. National Registry recent paperwork should be forwarded to Brigitte not the Medical Director.

Fire Police: All Fire Police must be sworn in by January 5. Get new ID from the Sheriff Department and go to the Clerk of the Court 's office to be sworn.

Legislative: Glen Fishack reported that a large number of new legislators were elected and need to be informed about the fire service.

LOSAP: A. All LOSAP information is due to the office by January 11, at midnight. Forms will be run on January 12.

Photo Team: A. Calendars are still available. B. Let the team know in advance if you want them to Film an event.

Standards Committee: A. A reminder that officer standards are in effect. B. Helmet standards go into effect on January 1, 2007.

Training: A. Currently running FF I, 2 EMT, FO I, EMS OI, FO II. B. 10 people attended Protective Envelop and Foam class. C. WCTHS classes are running. The class schedule is available on the internet. Contact Will Ball or Kingsley Poole if you need one of the classes. D. The spring class schedule is available on the www.MFRI.org website. Sign up is due 20 days prior to the class start.

Fee Task Force: The committee is making progress and will make recommendations to the BOCC near January 1.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Dan Grove of Company 9 made a motion to accept the SOG for Rapid Intervention Team Operational Guidelines submitted to the Association. The motion was seconded by Clarence Webber of Company 11 and passed by unanimous vote. B. A motion was made by Harry Gossard of Company 1 to accept the recommendation from the LOSAP committee to have the BOCC draw up a resolution to allow the members of the Photo Team to receive LOSAP credit for alarms within the County. The motion was seconded by Doug Snow of Company 5 and passed unanimously. C. Dale Martin of Company 16 requested the Association to include DOT CDL physicals to be included in the next contract if the cost is not prohibitive. D. Company 4 requested additional smoke detectors. Harry Gossard made a motion that the Association furnishes 30 smoke detectors to each Fire Company. Steve Mitchell of Truck 1 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Company 5 received a grant from HLS for \$244000. B. Steve Mitchell asked if there was a need to excuse Companies 2 ad 29 from tonight's meeting. The President indicated that this was unnecessary. C. Companies 5 and 13 were commended for their appearances at the MSFA parade.

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ENGINE 2. THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 69.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary