WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on December 17, 2015 at Co. 9.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except 11 and 59 were present. All officers except the 1st VP were present.

GUESTS:
Dave Keller, PP MSFA reported: A. if a Company wants a review of a AFG Grant send it to grants@MFRI.org and it will be reviewed free of charge. They must receive it by 9 Jan to have it returned in time to submit. B. Miss Fire Prevention and Jr. Miss Fire Prevention contests should be done in April or May to get some consistency in their reign. C. Get info to state about members obtained during R&R annual day. D. NREMT rates are slowly coming up. The actual time to obtain this is nearly 300 not the 165 advertised. E. House bill 19 has been pre-filed to change the Single Family Sprinkler requirement. MSFA is requesting each Company and Association to write letters to the Legislative Committee and to each Legislator to oppose changing to current requirement statewide requiring sprinklers in all new one and two family residences. The addresses will be distributed in the near future.
Tim Ganley, MFRA VCAF Committee reported that money is available for grants and loans. If there are questions contact him at timganley@gmail.com.
Kevin Lewis, Director DFES, reported: A. a 38 page presentation about the Senator Amos 508 Fund is included in the packet. If money is the be retained for more than two fiscal years it must be approved. If approval is not obtained the money may have to be returned.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted with amendments as distributed. The date of the County R&R day is April 23, not April 22.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report is in the packet pages 3-4.

CHAPLAIN: A. Sympathy cards were sent to Nancy Ridenour, Heather Ridenour, Brandon Grinder, and the Mike Boward family. Received word that Garry Dorsey, Company 8 and Kiddie Baker of Company 7 passed away. B. the Chaplains Breakfast will be held Saturday at 0830 at the Railroad Junction. Chappie will have a presentation. C. Leonard's wife is doing well and Leonard has completed his Radiation treatments and is doing well.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Budget: Jimmie reported: A. the Budget was approved last month. B. in discussion with the County Administrator it was indicated that additional funds may be available for the Fire Plan. The ESOP steering committee developed a Concept Plan for the use of the additional funds if they become available. This Plan was distributed to the Company Presidents and are included in the packet. There will be further discussion under new business.
Career Tech Education: A. some of the students did not pass the first module of EMT, but are still attending classes.

Chief Officer: The minutes are in the packet pages 21-46. The proposed changes to the Officer Standards, 500-02 are included in these minutes.

Computer: Information concerning updating Contact Information of newly elected officers and newly appointed delegate is included on page 10 of the packet. This information must be updated by the January meeting or your Company may not be allowed to vote at the meeting.

EMS: An audit of the EMS Plan is being done.

EMSC: The council met on 12/3 and will meet again on 1/7/16. Minutes are on the Association website.

Legislative: Glenn reported: A. Please send letters opposing changing Sprinkler Legislation. B. BOCC is requesting language be added to define the Authority Having Ultimate Jurisdiction over Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Services in the County. The Unofficial Copy is included in the packet.

LOSAP: A. The information will be processed on 1/8/16. The forms should be ready for pickup from your LOSAP Coordinators after 1/19. B. changes to bank account numbers should be made to the County HR Department. If problems arise contact Rick or Skip.

Photo: Bill requests all Companies to contact the Photo Team if having special training or a live burn.

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Recruitment and Retention: Nicole reported: A. a roll vote indicate that 23 companies were interested in participating in the April 23, 2016 R&R day and that 21 companies were interested in participating in the Muster. B. interest in the REV program call Nicole. B. two training classes presented by VFIS are scheduled for 1/28 and 1/30 at Co. 10. Information in packet. Orrstown Bank is having a presentation "Building the Best Board" on 3/18. Contact Nicole. C. new recruit form will be sent out on 1/18 and should be returned by 1/25. D. of 206 contacts, 56 are volunteering. E. nominated by High Rock for 12 and 12. F. nominated for Non-Profit of the year for Recruiting.

Standards: A. several Standards being reviewed: R&R, Observer/Recruit, Officer, Rehab.

Training: A report is in the packet on pages 50-56.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS A. The current year minutes are not on the website. Rick will investigate and correct.

NEW BUSINESS: A. the BOCC renewed the insurances. B. the Brownsville pond will be repaired. C. the Companies that have completed the State Statistical reports are listed on page 63. D. Fire and EMS Fuel, Maintenance and Utility reports are due and must be in to be included in next year's budget. E. the Concept Package which would be an addendum to next year's budget was discussed. A motion was made by Eng. 5 and seconded by Co. 6 and passed by voice vote. F. a motion was made that the Association send letters of support to not change the Sprinkler Law. The motion passed
by voice vote.  G. A list of the appointments to the various committees is in the packet. If you wish to be on a committee contact Jimmy.  H. a request was received by the Alleghany/Garrett County Association for WCVFRA join them in providing a memorial at the WMTC. Rick told them Washington County has a memorial and that they build one in each of their counties.  I. Rick and Skip were confirmed to be LOSAP Points Coordinators for the next 4 years.

GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION
A. Jimmy thanked everyone for their support in the election.  He also thanked Dale and Bob for their work during the past four years.  B. Glenn Fishack told of his experience playing Santa.  C. the Past Presidents were honored ad Dale was presented his Past President Badge.  D. Mike Bowers sent his thanks for the support his family has received from the members of the Association.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY  HOSTED BY TRUCK 1 AT ENGINE 4.  FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary