WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE

AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on December 21, 2017 at Eng 4, hosted by Co. 75.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Co. 59 were present. All officers except the Assistant Treasurer and Chaplain were present.

GUESTS:

Dave Hays, DFES: reported: A. the VFIS report, version 3, has been received and is being reviewed. The study could be ready for review by the members after the first of the year. B. the budget is being worked on. Multiple County Departments and the Board of Education are looking for increases and we may not receive any large increases. C. Firefighter Staffing - Phase 1 is in the hiring stage. 5 people have been tested for the Firefighter 2 permanent positions and testing of the Firefighter 1's will follow. Some of the Special Operations part time personnel have attended familiarization of County Volunteer equipment at Station 8. D. The 2016 Senator Amoss reporting is complete. Reimbursement of 2017 funds has started. The 2018 funds should be available early in the year.

Morgan Kotanko, Fire Prevention Queen was introduced. She is a Fire Sprinkler Tech and a member of Company 10.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report is on pages 3-5.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT : The Chaplain reported: A. In hospital: Bill King and Ernie Truax. B. Charlie Shindle is progressing at home. His Address is 11020 Coffman Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740. C. Several members of the Chaplains Committee attended a meeting at the Orleans Fire Company to assist the Alleghany County Association establish a Chaplains Committee.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
**Budget:** the 2018-2019 Budget was presented at the November meeting. Co. 9 made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

**Career Tech Education:** Jimmy Sprecher reported that 20 students started and 2 have been removed for academic reasons. The current students are working well as a team and doing well academically.

**Chief Officers:** Minutes on pages 23-27.

**EMS:** Steve Barnhart will be Chairman of the Committee. The Committee is requesting County staffing of Squads 59 and 79.

**ESOP:** A draft copy of the study, version 3 has been received and it will be reviewed by ESAC, DFES AND WCVFRA.

**Fire Police:** A. Several members will be put on probation for lack of attendance. B. There are about 20 vacancies currently available.

**LOSAP:** Skip reported: A. Email sent to all Presidents to have Company Officers information sent or updated with the Association as soon as possible. All delegates must be sent to the Association before the January Association meeting or the Company will not be able to vote.

B. Volunteer Data Form MUST have an email address to receive a state number.

C. LOSAP- End of Year processing happens on Thursday, January 11 at midnight. All information must be received to be processed. Forms will be distributed on January 15-19 at the Association Office to a sworn LOSAP Coordinator between 0815-1400. They will also be available 1730-1845 at the Leitersburg Fire Company Activity Center before the January Association meeting. Again a sworn LOSAP Coordinator must pick up the forms.

**Recruitment and Retention:** Nicole reported: A. Kaplan University is offering discounts for WCVFRA members and their families. B. 599 people have been recruited since 2014. C. Training and Education information available in packet.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. No new business presented

NEW BUSINESS: A. Officers for 2018-2019 were sworn in.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Rick Blair is running for President of MSFA 2018-2019. If you are interested in serving on a Committee contact him.

B. Dale is looking for Committee members for Association committees for 2018-2019.

C. Please supply email addresses for all delegates.

D. President Sprecher thanked everyone for their assistance and support for the past six years.

E. Jason reminded everyone that remarks about race and gender have no place in our organization.


Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary