

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association Executive Committee was held on August 11, 2009 at the Association Office.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fishack.

ROLL CALL - All officers were present except the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: The President reported on the following items: A.. Photo Team: The team gets LOSAP points for their work and is not allowed to be paid. The Association funds the team and owns the cameras, etc. The Association owns any copyrights to the photos. Copies of all photos should be given to the Association and cataloged with the incident number, dates, etc. If the photos are used in any publication, they should indicate that they are submitted by the Photo Team of the WCVFRA.

B. Section 2B of the Constitution and Bylaws covering associate members of the Association states that the Rehab Unit may receive funding from the Association. The BOCC has pledged \$100,000 for the purchase of a new Rehab Unit. The Association Executive Committee attempted to contact Terry Smith for information so that additional bids could be requested. No information was received. The Executive Committee used the information that was received at the September 18, 2008, Executive Committee meeting held at Company 12, to request additional bids for the Unit. At a meeting held with the officers of the Rehab Unit there was little cooperation and the meeting failed to reach a good conclusion. Skip made a motion to email Terry Smith to have a bid available by September 10, 2009 to present to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Rick Hemphill and Passed.

C. The President attended a meeting of the Emergency Services Council and was told that the Association should report to them. When the Division of Fire and Emergency Services was created the BOCC agreed that the Association could go directly to them at any time. The EMS Committee agreed that Phase 1 of the EMS Plan should go into effect as soon as possible. The EMS Committee also agreed that Phase 2 monies should be given to the Companies to hire people if necessary. Company 2 wants 4-6 people to be hired under Phase 2 as soon as possible.

D. There was a discussion about whether Committees of the Association could appoint members to other committees. The President is the only person that can appoint people to other committees. Kevin wanted representatives from the Chief's committee and the EMS committee on a special study committee, and went directly to the committees rather than to the President.

E. The Bylaws change to add a representative from Washington County to the Executive Committee of MSFA was presented to the Committee by Engine 4.

F. Rick has requested that three classes of NIMS 300 and one class of NIMS 400 be offered in the County. This is required by the Officer's standard.

G. There was a discussion about the PAT tag colors indicating that firefighters are not qualified to fight fires. The Standards committee is updating the color of the PAT tags to indicate that a person is qualified to fight fire, but cannot wear a SCBA or has some other condition to prevent full operation on the scene.

Rick reported: A. Property Tax Credit Ordinance for Fallen Fire/Rescue Members may have to be modified to include rescue members.

B. PEPCO Live Feed is available on our website.

C. Tax paperwork is at the Accountant.

D. Remember the Remembrance in the Park on September 1.

E. A letter has been sent to 30 State Firemens' Associations asking for their support to pass the bylaws amendment.

F. A notice was sent to each Company about the Officer Standards. The Officer Qualifications should be received within 30 days after a change in Line Officers.

G. As of now the 508 monies cannot be used to purchase gear.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary