

## EVERY CHIEF'S COMMITTEE

MARCH 1, 2012

### ELK PARK FIRE STATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery County Chief's Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Garland at the Elk Park Fire Station. All departments were represented.

Association President Junior Sluder addressed the committee on behalf of the Fire Commission. He explained that they wanted to have a volunteer firemen's appreciation dinner in September or October. Sites such as Heritage Park or Camp Yonanoka were discussed. He asked that each department's members be canvassed and that the chiefs bring back an approximate number of adults and children would attend. If the monies for this event are approved in next year's budget, a committee would be set up to plan the event.

It was mentioned that the proposed part time or full time extra employee would pass with the Fire Commission.

Bob reported that the text message system was having problems linking up with Carolina West's cell phones - but that dispatch was working on the problem. He noted that I Am Responding was being ordered and that it would text message and resolve the problem. The Fire Commission was trying to get the cost put into the dispatch center budget. Bob Pudney and Danny Clark were put on a committee to implement the system.

Junior Sluder presented and reviewed the association budget of \$ 26,973.00. Bob thanked Junior and David Charles for the work that they put into the budget.

Members discussed the Fire Commission's desire to have the paid employees do department bookkeeping instead of an outside company. It was agreed that this would be impractical.

The Fire Commission's meeting with the County Commissioners was discussed. It was noted that the new Frank & Green Valley stations were discussed. The

commissioners wanted the stations to be alike and did not understand the differences in the sites. They also asked the Fire Commission to gather more information on the proposed buildings. The commissioners made no decisions and offered no additional monies. They wanted to increase the fire tax by 1/2 cent to pay to operate the Rescue Squad. Members weren't sure that the fire tax statute would allow that. The Commissioners decided to require that all new trucks purchased would be titled to the Fire Commission. After discussion, Kennie McFee moved that " all truck purchases be in the name of the departments". Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Candidates for the next election were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

++++ Association Budget Attached

Draft of avery county firefighter's association  
Budget for 2012/2013 fisical year

9121	office supplies		150.00
9122	Fire equipment supplies	For class A &B foam & 40 bags absorbment	3,240.00
9123	Training supplies	For Fire Prevention Materials, 3,000.00 And Haz-mat DVDs 1,500.00	4,500.00
9132	Communications Equip.	I am responding.com Text messages received on cell pbs.	6,500.00
9140	Fire Equip. Maintenance	Service on 2 air compressors 2x a yr	4,000.00
9144	Truck Maintenance	(maint. on smoke house)	500.00
9145	Bldg. Maintenance	(Training Facility at Mayland College	1,500.00
9160	Insurance Truck	(Smoke House)	650.00
9172	Telephone/Internet	(Assoc. Website) for maint. & updates	400.00
9184	Book keeping	(Ink cartridges,pads & checks	200.00
9185	Miscellaneous	(600.00 Scholarship, 250.00 Strike team meal Balance for other items	1,150.00
9191	Capital Equipment	(New heavy duty smoke generating machine) For OJT training in live conditions	4,183.00
		Total	26,973.00