

AVERY CHIEF'S COMMITTEE

April 5, 2012
Crossnore Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery County Chief's Committee was called to order by Chief Bobby Powell at the Crossnore Fire Station. All departments were represented.

Junior Sluder asked departments to put together a guest count for the proposed September Firemen's Appreciation dinner for the next meeting.

Members discussed the March Fire Commission meeting noting that the Association budget was presented by Junior Sluder and David Charles Vance, the proposed extra Fire Commission Employee seemed to be a dead issue, and that all agreed that letting the paid employees do the bookkeeping was impractical. The Frank & Green Valley Departments reported that they had presented their building plans to the Fire Commission.

Members reported that the text messaging from dispatch was still not working. The 911 Committee agreed to cover that and the implementation of the "I Am Responding" system at their Monday meeting.

Bob Pudney presented proposed Call Codes for the I Am Responding System. A motion was made by Bobby Powell and 2nd by Kennie McFee "to accept the codes as presented". The motion was approved unanimously.

Junior Sluder announced that Piedmont Natural Gas had offered to give a quick class on what to do in a natural gas emergency. They wanted to teach the most affected departments first and then other departments. After a discussion, Junior agreed to set up the classes.

Bobby Powell announced that the Seven Devils repeater would not simulcast. He hoped that the Elk Park and Seven Devils repeaters would be installed by The June 30th end of the budget year.

It was announced that when the new rating system is adopted, rating inspections would be put on hold for at least six months and while departments would be re-trained on the new point system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.