

Chiefs Committee Avery Fire Association

November 1, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Chief's Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Garland.

Paul Buchanan reported that the Fire Commission gave their blessing to meeting with the County commissioners but thought it wasn't their place to set up the meeting. AQ motion was made and seconded to ask the commissioners to meet with the Fire Association and Fire Commission after the 1st of the year. The motion passed unanimously. Paul was appointed to make the request.

Frank & Green Valley noted that they were having radio problems because of the loss of coverage from narrow banding. Johnny Mathis said that his department was having trouble communicating - even when they used their truck radios. Bob Garland explained that the 911 committee was looking for another tower site. He also told members that this was another reason for members to use I Am Responding.

Kennie McFee told members that they may have to go to their cell phone company to get phone settings changed to accept the text messages. Members discussed setting up a single call that would text everyone. Bob Garland reminded members that if they don't text in and then have a wreck - they will have no way of proving to the insurance company that they were responding to a call.

Fall Creek announced that they were getting more calls by texting than by pager. They also noted that dispatch was using both systems sometimes to text.