

**CHIEF'S COMMITTEE Minutes**  
**Avery Fire Association**  
January 3, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association Chief's Committee was called to order at the Newland Campus of Mayland Tech by Chief Bob Garland.

Paul Buchanan reported that the date for the meeting with the Fire Commission and County Commission had not been set. Bob Garland asked that comments for that meeting be given to: committee members; Kennie McFee, Bobby Powell or himself.

Members discussed the radio system noting that: Green Valley VFD and the Sherriff's Department were having coverage problems on the river, background noise was creating problems and that the volume had decreased about 1/3 when compared with Mitchell County.

It was suggested that the transmitter be moved to Viper Tower that the state had budgeted to be built. It was noted that the state could not get a right of way. Joe Shoupe said the site belonged to the forest service and that they had a right of way - but were probably never contacted.

Members complained that the dispatchers were not sending I Am Responding texts. Bob Pudney explained that Beech Mtn Dispatch has the same CAD system and that the texts are sent automatically without any effort on the part of the Dispatchers.

Bobby Powell said that he had not heard anything from the Fire Commission regarding the equipment truck.

Bob Garland reminded each department that they needed to get three more members to sign up for the RIT class at Linville Central Rescue.

Members were asked to remind their membership to speed dial in on all calls. Beech Mountain had a call during Christmas and had to call each auto-aid department to get response information because I Am Responding was not used by their neighboring departments.

The insurance rating people go back 20 calls when checking call response. Bob Garland asked members to consider using I Am Responding instead of the radio system for announcements - meetings, funerals, classes, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.