

**AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**  
**Chief's Committee**  
**May 3, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association Chief's Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Garland at the Frank Fire Station.

Bob reported that the Seven Devils tower was not operative because the frequencies were not secured in advance. He also noted that the Tac frequencies were still having problems. Members decided that they should ask dispatch to apply for more Tac frequencies - noting that they be used for command, attack, water supply. Paul suggested that fire & rescue should set up a committee to assess future needs and take the plan to dispatch.

Mark Taylor mentioned a dispatch problem when on a call for a baby that was not breathing. He had to use his cell phone to get directions. He asked the Committee to ask dispatch to assign a Tac frequency on all calls. These items were to be covered the following Monday at the 911 meeting.

The apps for I Am Responding are now available with maps & directions. Bob was still trying to get Southern Software & Jamie together so that the text messages would be automatic. He encouraged members to use the system more so that the cost would stay in the budget.

Kennie and Bob said they had not met with the attorney yet on the truck & building titles. Paul said he had talked with Kennie Poteat and Cindy about the subject. Cindy said the county attorney was researching the situation and that it would probably be on Monday's agenda, Members agreed to wait for her proposal and then take it to the attorney.

It was announced that the next Western NC Fire Association meeting would be held at Cullowhee on July 17th.

Dean announced a control burn and Fire Control Class burning a 3,500 sq.ft. home in October.

Paul discussed Dean's situation with the Fire Commission and said that he had not seen the County attorney's letter. Kennie wanted the Fire Commission to show where the requirement that a paid employee can't be chief is in writing. Johnny Mathes offered to make that request at the next Fire Commission meeting.

John Hall addressed the members wanting to clear his name. he reported that Cranberry Creek Estates requested payment from VFIS for damages to their locked gate by the Elk park Fire Department. He said he investigated the incident and found that Elk Park VFD did what was necessary and within the law to gain access for a call. He said that Daryl Smith tried to intercede for his customer - Cranberry Creek Estates and said that he would take the money out of the Elk Park budget if VFIS didn't pay. John also said that Daryl was very bad on the phone.

**Members discussed the state law that requires access to emergency services and the liability that the Cranberry Creek POA would face if the house burned. Members discussed filing a complaint against Daryl and decided to wait and see if he takes money from the Elk Park Department for repairs.**

**There being no further business - the meeting was adjourned.**