

**AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
Chief's Committee**

September 5, 2013

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

Charlie Franklin reported that the State was dragging their feet on the statewide Salamander I.D. Program and that he was going to use the Mitchell County system. He will be ordering three plastic cards per member - using green, yellow & red colors. Each card will have picture, name, and certifications.

Metal dog tags with the last four digits of the social security number were also discussed. Kennie McFee moved that Charlie's plan be accepted. Matt McClellan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Members discussed the State Salamander System and moving to that system in the future.

Bob Garland announced that Bill Beuttel called and apologized for not attending the meeting and thanked members for the confidence that they put into his nomination to the fire commission.

Paul Buchanan noted that he had been in contact with Kenny Poteat and that they were trying to schedule a committee meeting.

Bob Garland announced that the Seven Devils tower was ready to be put into operation - but Winton, Tennessee had not released the frequency. The next 911 meeting was scheduled for the following Monday and he said that the Tac frequency problems, Frank Tower and extra Tac frequencies would be covered.

Kennie McFee brought up a problem that the paid employees were having with the dark color dress shirts. The public was mistaking them for police officers. Members discussed the problem and alternatives. Kennie moved - " that for the safety of the paid employees - the Association should request that the fire commission let them wear something other than dark dress shirts - such as tee shirts or polo shirts on all calls other than inspections and pre-planning schools". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tony Hunter noted that serving on the fire commission was a thankless job. He thought that Danny and Daryl did a good job during their terms. He reported that members acted childish and in an inappropriate manner at a restaurant after the last meeting.

Paul Buchanan reminded members that the Bridge To Bridge Bike race would be passing thru the Crossnore and Linville districts.

Johnny Mathes reported that EMS had been coming to calls and wanting to leave almost immediately. Bob Garland agreed to let Linville Central Rescue relieve EMS on lengthy calls.

Paul agreed to discuss the problem with Jerry.

Mark Taylor noted that dispatchers were not logging a number of important times such as "under control", etc. He also asked if they had received NIMS training. Bob Garland agreed to look into the problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.