

**CHIEF'S COMMITTEE MEETING
GWALTNEY STATION - October 3, 2013**

The Avery Fire Association Chief's Committee meeting was called to order by Chief Bob Garland. All departments were represented except Green Valley.

Paul Buchanan reported that he and Bobby Powell had met two times with the County Commission/Fire Commission Committee and that they had reviewed the minutes of the meeting with the County Commissioners, Fire Commission and attorneys. They noted that the Memorandum of Understanding was adopted in 2012 instead of 2010 and that there were parts of the Bylaws that conflicted with the state statute. Paul agreed to put his notes from the 1st meeting on the website. At the second meeting, truck titleing was discussed. They considered titleing all future trucks to the Fire Commission and each Department jointly - noting that departments would not have to change their charters. Paul said he wanted to make sure that any department's truck would stay in that district to be used by whatever department protected that district - should a department dissolve. He was going to run that by our attorney. Paul asked each Chief if their department would go along with joint truck titleing. All departments agreed to go along. Employee benefits were to be discussed at the next meeting. He also announced that the Fire Commission agreed to change to grey Polo shirts instead of dark Blue Dress Shirts at their last meeting.

Charlie asked that each department send member pictures so he could get started on the County accountability tags.

Members discussed the oil dry that disappeared from the Ladder Company. Charlie noted that there was a smaller amount stockpiled in Newland. He also said that David Charles was ordering a replacement pallet. Members were reminded to acquire insurance information on all oil spill calls so that the oil dry could be replaced without a charge to the county.

Bob Garland noted that TAC 1 & 2 were being worked on and that new TAC frequencies had been ordered.

Bob explained that Jerry agreed to let EMS stay at Structure Fire calls until released - unless they became busy. Linville Central would be called to replace EMS if needed.

Charlie Franklin brought up a problem with departments adding truck repeaters noting that as many as 24 new frequencies could be required if things were not organized. He asked that members develop a protocol so multiple repeaters would not be operating at the same call. He also recommended a common frequency & PL for all county departments. Dean offered to share the frequency that Crossnore had secured with the whole county. Bob appointed: Bob Pudney, Kennie McFee and Dean Gibbs to a committee to figure out the frequencies, PL's and protocols. Members agreed to use the main paging frequency until a truck arrives on scene and then switch to the repeater tactical frequency.

Bob Garland asked Jamie to log all important times on each call at the 911 Committee meeting. Jamie's excuse was that the computer clocks were wrong. He assured Bob that they had been reset and that they would log the times in the future.

Charlie asked departments to donate small equipment for the Reserve Pumper/tanker. Bob asked Charlie to make a wish list for the secretary to email out to all departments.

Bob Garland asked for a place to store the Fire Safety House. Dean said that Crossnore might be able to store it. Bob said he would also ask Steve Sheets if a shed roof could be added at the Ladder Company building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.