

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE
Avery Fire Association
November 7, 2013 - Linville Fire Station

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

Bobby Powell and Paul Buchanan reported from their meeting with Fire Commissioners and County Commissioners on the previous Tuesday. They noted that the Fire Department President or Chairman of the Board would be in charge of any Chief hired as a paid employee.

Budgets would be turned in by February 15th and a tentative budget from the Fire Commission would be finished by June 1st. Fire Commission elections would be in accordance with the Fire Commission bylaws.

Dual titles for vehicles was being worked on by the county attorney. The completed work will be reviewed by the association attorney. New draft contracts were sent to each Chief and should be finished at the next meeting.

Reo Griffith addressed the group and warned that the re-evaluation might cause some belt tightening in 2014.

Bob Garland encouraged all members to apply for the state grant and the new Federal micro grant or full federal grant. He suggested that truck repeaters for each department be put on grants and then bid out as a group.

Bob Garland announced that Charlie was moving to the Gwaltney Station. Bob was working with a contractor to build steps and an office and bath upstairs. With Charlie at the building, he asked that members consider requesting the reserve pumper/tanker (which is fully operational), if the ladder truck could not help with a call.

Bob reported that the tactical frequencies had been ordered. Jamie Johnson would be out of commission for a while with surgery in Winston Salem. The Frank Tower is still being worked on. The computer clocks in the dispatch center were repaired and should be logging proper times.

Members discussed the Fire Safety house noting that it needed to be stored inside. Paul agreed to ask Cove Creek to store it.

Dean Gibbs reported from an ISO class that he took. He announced that all commercial buildings must be inspected by the Fire Marshal annually or in some cases every three years. After discussing that David Charles would need help, members decided to go to the Fire Commission with David Charles on the matter.

Bobby Powell agreed to share the new ISO data from the class at the next meeting with anyone who brings a flash drive. He also said he was trying to line up an ISO class in the spring.

The Contract Committee reported that they did not have the Memorandum of Understanding yet - but that the draft contract was on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.