

Chiefs Committee Meeting

Avery Fire Association - Fall Creek VFD Sub Station

June 5, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Chiefs Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Garland.

Bobby Powell explained that the tactical frequency was still testing clear. He said that the frequencies will accept PLs if interference became a problem. Chris Bertilini was Ok with the frequencies - but noted that some radios would not accept them.

Bob Garland encouraged departments to use I Am Responding. He also asked departments that were not going to use the system to let him know so that he could take them off and save the county money. Members discussed delayed text messages. It was thought the the Dispatch Center was not doing proper maintenance again. Bob agreed to check on the problem.

Bob asked if anyone had heard if the County Manager had hired a helper for David Charles Vance. No one had heard of any hiring.

Members discussed the new bill from Katherine Hemphill. It was decided that this bill was different from the last bill and that contract review was a part of normal operations. The County had also implied that the Association needed to have a Lawyer review the contracts. Kenny McFee moved: "that the bill was part of normal operations and should be paid out of fire tax monies" Bob Pudney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Johnnie Mathis reported that the county would not be buying a building for David Charlie's office and that he felt that Charlie would be staying at the Gwaltney station.

Bob Garland talked about the ESN problem and said he would take it up at the 911 meeting.

Each department had received their county contract and all departments were OK with their contracts.

Junior Sluder passed around a design for a county patch. He said that he was also working on a design for stationary. Kennie had a design - but he left it at home. Members decided to vote at the next meeting.

Linville announced that the TNT service man would be at their station Thursday, June 12th at 8:00 am and invited departments to bring their tools for servicing.

Paul asked if Departments could group the Grant equipment purchases. Members ordering foam were encouraged to add their purchases to Charlie's order. Beech and Banner Elk were adding their hose order to Green Valley's order - which saved shipping costs. Linville noted that they

order hose with out couplings and saved a good bit of money. Bob Garland suggested that a committee be formed to get prices for grant purchases before anyone orders next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned