

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION - CHIEF'S COMMITTEE

Linville Fire Station - November 6, 2014

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

Bob reported that the new frequencies for the Sheriff's department had not come back yet and that he hoped to hear something at the next 911 meeting.

Jim Brooks asked the Chiefs to consider purchasing Avery Fire Association hats with the new logo with excess monies from the Western NC Fire Association meeting. Hats would be given to the 1st ten members of each department who respond thirty times to weekly pager tests and calls. This would stimulate use of the system resulting in better rating points for each department. Kennie McFee moved that the Committee agree to do so. Bob Pudney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jim also agreed to see if Polo shirts like the ones bought for the Western meeting could be obtained in the \$20 range thru his golf pro. Paul asked each department to find out who might like one at that price.

Paul agreed to call Misty about the list of ESN's.

He also led a discussion of the Fire Prevention Week activities. He thought that although we were doing a good job - there were several areas where we could improve. He noted that the teachers were beginning to give some resistance to the programs. He recommended getting the volunteers involved instead of using just the paid members. He also recommended getting Forest Service involved and maybe holding a field day at a central location. Kennie suggested asking the paid personnel what they had been doing and how they thought things could be improved.

Paul announced that Air Quality rules had been changed by the legislature. Six inch and larger trees can now be burned and material can be hauled from one site to another for burning. It was noted that there was very little that the Forest Service could do in open burning cases.

Mark Taylor reported that during Linville's preparation for re-rating, they met with Kenny Poteat and David Charles Vance. They asked if they could hire someone to inspect the 184 buildings in their district that had not been inspected. Kennie said no. They explained that it was N.C. Law and that they had requested the inspections last year. Bob Pudney reminded everyone that rental units needed to be inspected under the new state Carbon Monoxide regulations also.

Dean & Charlie discussed Ebola/EMS protocols - noting that dispatch had not been properly trained.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.