

**Avery Fire Association - Chief's Committee**  
**Newland Campus - Mayland Tech**  
**January 2nd, 2014**

The Regular monthly meeting of the Chief's Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Garland. All departments were represented except Elk Park & Banner Elk. The Minutes were read & approved.

Paul Buchanan reported that the County Contracts had been given to the County Attorney by Kenny Poteat and that the Committee would be working on them over the next six months and would get all the mistakes corrected.

Bob Garland said that there had been some discussion about how the Fire Association paid their attorney. He wanted each member to know that the monies were loaned to the association by the Ladder Company out of their reserves. Members didn't see any difference between the County using tax money to pay their attorney and the fire departments doing the same.

Members were reminded that I.D. card pictures had to be delivered to Charlie by January 15th. Members discussed on-board truck repeaters. Radio salesmen were giving Crossnore & Green Valley conflicting information as to how they would work. Bob Pudney explained that if they were all the same brand - they would all work on the same frequency and we would not have to acquire and keep up with a large number of extra frequencies. He also explained that the strongest repeater on scene would cut the others off automatically. Bob Garland reminded members that they needed to be purchased on grants.

Paul discussed the telephone directory listing problems. Bob Garland asked that each department bring the proper directory listings and that we would put them all together and send them to the Telephone company.

Bob Garland reported from the 911 meeting on Tuesday. He noted that they were still working on the TAC frequencies and the Seven Devils frequency. He also announced that departments were still calling Dispatch and asking that messages be sent out. He asked the chief's to make sure that someone in each department would learn to do messages.

Paul agreed to do messages for those who need them until someone could learn. Bob noted that Jamie would keep a record of those who call so that this would stop. Members noted that they were still missing I Am Responding texts and that they were hearing that some of the dispatchers were deliberately stone-walling.

Bob asked that each department have someone go through the I Am Responding member information to make sure it was correct - noting that it was needed for ISO rating points for each call and Pay Per Call record keeping. Members asked that the committee reinstate the twice weekly radio pager tests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.