

# **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION - CHIEF'S COMMITTEE**

## **Green Valley Fire Station - February 5, 2015**

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

Paul Buchanan reported that the grant for the new Fire Safety house had not come thru yet. He then led a discussion concerning the need for help to get the state required commercial inspections done in Avery County.

Mark Taylor noted that the Inspections department would not help and that David Charles was not certified to do some schools, the jail and other large items. Paul had been helping him - but there were a large number yet to be done. Member chiefs decided to let Paul bring it up at the meeting of representatives of the County Commission, Fire Commission and Fire Association the 1st part of March.

Bob Garland reported from the 911 meeting noting that he was hoping to be able to use 911 money to change the frequencies instead of the PL's and add the VTAC frequencies at the same time. He reminded members that the sheriff & EMS had purchased cars and stretchers with 911 money. Bob asked which departments were using truck repeaters - Crossnore, Green Valley & Beech Mountain and reminded members to contact Dean for repeater information. Bob covered reasons for all departments to use I Am Responding. Members discussed the fact that a number of paid employees were not using the system and needed to start.

Richard Schaffer announced his upcoming map class at Mayland Tech.

Members discussed problems with Blossman gas. Crossnore, Elk Park, Rescue Squad & the Ladder Company had all run out of gas. Members were warned to keep an eye on tank levels.

District maps from James Seaburg were handed out to each chief. Members were asked to mark their district boundaries and list the auto aid departments for each part of their area of coverage. Upon completion, James will correct the ESNS to give accurate dispatch.

A letter from the Highway Patrol Commander asked emergency services to tie a 3 foot piece of scene tape on the rear view mirror closest to the road on abandoned vehicles that had been checked "safe".

There being no further business, the Chief's Committee meeting was adjourned.