

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION - CHIEF'S Committee

March 5, 2015 - Elk Park Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Chief's Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Garland at the Elk Park Fire Station.

Members discussed a recent Newland call where dispatch failed to send out a text message and members had to call for directions. Icons for hydrants, water points, bridge weights, landing zones and other important information that can be added to the I Am Responding mapping were covered.

Jim Brooks asked if it would be OK with the group to ask the Fire Commission to require that the paid personnel use I Am Responding. Members agreed.

Bob Garland reminded members that he would deliver computers & screens to any department that needed a monitor in their truck bay for I Am Responding.

Bobby Powell announced that Chris sent a quote to Jamie and the FCC was re-licensing the Tac frequencies. He also is sending a quote for the Frank Tower. Once the frequencies are re-licensed - reprogramming will be at one central location to save money. The mobile repeater frequency will also be added. Members didn't know if the Association would pay for reprogramming or if the Fire Commission would pay.

It was reported that the 911 monies used by the Sheriff and EMS were from reserves and no longer available.

Members discussed the problems with Blossman Gas and noted that all departments were now being served by the Boone Office instead of Spruce Pine.

District maps were collected to give to James Seaberg so he can correct the ESN's to properly dispatch departments.