

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Chief's Committee - April 2, 2015

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

Members noted that they were still not receiving text messages on a regular basis. Bob Garland said that he would schedule a meeting between Jamey Johnson, Bob Pudney, and Jim Brooks to solve the on-going problem. He also reported that I Am Responding had added maps, directions and 40 icons that could be put on the maps locating hydrants & water points, bridge weights, Knox Boxes, AED's, hazards and other important items. The maps can be pulled up on the truck bay monitor screens.

Bob announced that Bertolini had secured 5 new frequencies for the Association. He reported that 911 monies were no longer available to upgrade the system. Jamey's budget for the coming year would include the Frank Tower and Tac 1 & 2 frequencies.

Members discussed problems with Blossman gas. The Ladder Company was charged for gas that was delivered to Elk Park and their tank had reached empty twice. Dean Gibbs reported that he had put controllers on his heat that would allow him to check his heat levels from his phone.

Mark Taylor explained that the County Commissioners would have to adopt a county ordinance to allow Inovapad to begin collecting monies for automobile wrecks. He reminded members that the billing for calls would not cost the auto owner as monies are built into the insurance policy and come from the insurance company. He also noted that uninsured owners would not be billed. It was noted that Reo misunderstood the program and thought that taxpayers would be paying.

Kennie McFee announced that David Charles Vance would be honored for 50 years in the fire service at the next County Commissioner's meeting. He asked that each department send a minimum of 2 members to the meeting. Paul Buchanan agreed to order a plaque.

Members discussed the plan to close Joe Shoupe's Avery Office and move it to the landfill in Boone. They also noted that Dale Law's position might be in jeopardy. Paul thought we should ask the Fire Commission and the County commissioners to help with the problem.

Dick Gorham with MES demonstrated Scott Air packs to the group and announced that he had a deal on 15 mis-shipped packs.