

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE

Avery Fire Association - Banner Elk VFD - September 3rd, 2015

Chief Bobby Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in Bob Garland's absence. Two departments - Elk Park & Frank were absent.

Members noted that the dispatchers were doing much better with the I Am Responding text messages and had only missed a few calls. Members noted that dispatchers were using names instead of member's numbers.

Crossnore reported that they had 58 street signs missing - most of them since last year. Green Valley had 13. The sign problem was discussed.

Tony Hunter brought up two calls where his department was supposed to auto aid and other departments were dispatched. Newland had a call where the dispatcher questioned Newland's desire to upgrade the call to "Emergency Traffic". Another department was told by dispatch that LEO was not needed because the dispatcher knew the family.

Members discussed why Wings was always called and all other available flights were not being checked.

Bobby Powell agreed to check on information for air pack replacement.

No one had heard anything about the progress on the Inovapad county statute. Members saw a need for a meeting with the committee of two commissioners, two fire commissioners and two members of the association. Kennie noted that an event at the prison would be a communications problem because all neighboring departments have 800 radios. He requested that the committee add that to the list. Mark asked about simulcast units to link all the radios together.

Bobby Powell asked the chief's to officially ask for a federal grant to solve the Viper problem. Bobby agreed to ask the fire commission for permission for the grant.

Members discussed issues from the fire commission workshop meeting noting that the 9s inspections would have avoided problems that several departments are going thru.

Bobby Powell noted that Josh Boone had written a good article for the Mitchell Journal about volunteer retention that should be available on line.

The deadline for Forest Service Grants was announced. Members discussed OPW use and the Fall Creek suction unit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.