

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE - AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

January 7, 2016 - Mayland Tech - Newland Branch

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

Mike Laws asked members to discuss Avery County Interior Attack requirements. Previously the Association agreed that all County interior attack personnel must be 1403 certified. Later, the Association modified the requirement to allow Chiefs to determine if a member was qualified to do interior attack. It was noted that the State's 1403 certification would only allow a member to participate in live fire training.

The State requires that interior attack personnel be Firefighter II certified. It was noted that use of non-certified personnel would result in a large liability problem for the Chief, Officers and departments. It was also noted that insurance would probably not pay in event of an accident. Members decided to vote on the issue at the Association meeting. Anthony thought the state was moving towards a 1403 certification for all members. Chiefs agreed to ask Mayland Tech for more 1403 classes.

Banner Elk VFD announced that they had maintained their 6/9 rating.

Members were reminded to call the State Fire Association and ask how much their department could use from their Firemen's Relief Fund monies to upgrade Accident & Sickness Policy coverage.

Members were also reminded that Rosters were due to the state by January 15th.

Mark Taylor asked members to join him in bringing the Inovapad issue before the County Commissioners.

Bob Garland thought it would be a good idea to write up safety tips for renters and 2nd homeowners. Tips could be put in the paper and/or sent to rental management companies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.