

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

**February 3, 2016 - Green Valley Fire Station**

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

Members discussed the proposed insurance upgrades: increasing the in line of duty death benefit from \$ 30,000 to \$100,000, Increasing the weekly out of work benefit to \$500, and adding an off duty death benefit of \$ 50,000. Members were given coverage costs and were reminded to call the N.C State Fire Association to see how much each could use out of their Relief Fund monies to upgrade the coverage.

Charlie Franklin reported that he was re-drawing the district lines using parcel maps so district lines would not split parcels. He also reminded members that they would receive \$10,000 for state matching grants plus SCBA replacement. He hoped that each department would be able to max the grant in the future. Members were reminded that all purchases should be put on the grant instead of buying things at the wrong time of the year.

Bob Garland congratulated the Linville Fire Department for their new rating of 4/9.

The makeup of the truck committee was discussed. Members noted that departments with future truck purchases should apply for Federal Grants 3 to 4 years in advance of the purchase.

Kenny McFee noted that Charlie's forms for I.D.'s needed to be changed to reflect the Association's vote.

Junior Sluder asked each department to let the Grant Committee know how many members have their NIMS classes and who still needs what classes.

Kenny McFee announced that the N.C. State Fire Association had approved a \$ 25,000 payment to the family of his member that was killed.

Members were asked to vote for David Hughes at the next Western N.C. Fire Association meeting at the Lovelady Fire Department April 20<sup>th</sup>.