

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

**April 7, 2016 - Crossnore Fire Station**

Chief Bob Garland called the meeting to order. All departments except Linville were represented.

All departments except Banner Elk reported that they had contracted the State Fire Association to see how much money could be withdrawn from their Firemen's Relief Fund monies to increase insurance coverage for members.

Anthony Pollygus thanked Joe Shoupe for the great job he has been doing as an instructor for NIMS classes.

Bob Garland led a discussion on how departments could have their fire and med calls paged separately so fire members would not be disturbed by med calls. It was noted that most pagers can be programmed with multiple tones. Bob agreed to check the cost to set it up in the CAD with Jamie. Members also wondered if the TAC frequencies could be put in when we reprogram.

Members discussed whether they wanted to continue running Alpha & Omega calls. Kennie McFee moved that: "each department vote on whether they want to continue running Alpha & Omega calls by next Association meeting". the motion received a second and passed unanimously.

Bob Garland reported that Jamie had budgeted \$37,000 for extra parts for the Grandfather tower and \$ 60,000 for the Frank tower. Frank & Fall Creek noted that they were getting each other's calls and pointed out one miss paged call on April 7th at 7:48 AM.

Members were reminded that the Beech Mountain Metric Bicycle Race would be held May 21st.

Tim Greene agreed to talk with Jerry Turbyfield about having a med vehicle on every fire call and get back with the Fire Commission. Bob Garland said that rescue was considering helping EMS with some of the fire calls in an effort to keep an EMS vehicle available for county calls.

Charlie Franklin was asked if he could talk with DOT about cutting trees out of the road instead of calling the fire department. Members thought that we may have to call the District Manager in Boone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned