

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION - CHIEF'S COMMITTEE

December 7,2017 - Newland Fire Station

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

Members discussed the upcoming Assistance To Firefighters Federal Grants which will be open December 26th thru February 2nd. Jim Brooks had contacted a firm in upstate New York that charges \$ 2,600 to help write grants. They have a very strong track record. It was noted that Stations and Trucks are very hard to get on a grant. Safety equipment such as: air packs, communications equipment and turnout gear were easy.

Members discussed the need for high school firefighter and emt classes to give Avery County a better pool of volunteers and paid employees. With a new principal coming on board it might be a good time to ask for the program. Levin reminded that the instructor must work for the school system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.