

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

**February 2nd, 2018 - Green Valley Fire Station**

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

Members discussed Code Red and the new upgrades that would allow all cell phones - both local and visiting to be reached in an emergency in Avery County.

Kennie Mcfee noted that beginning in January of 2019 all classes would be tested by proctors. He was worried that this would make it harder for members to get 1403 certified and wondered if the Association should consider changing the 1403 requirement. After a discussion, members decided to wait and see how things work out.

Kennie also talked about the upcoming re-inspections. He suggested that we have a countywide water hauling class and test all the county's tankers at once in the class. This would make it easier for departments being re-inspected as the data on each truck would be on file. Members would not have to take off work each time their department and the neighboring departments were being inspected. Bobby Powell agreed to try to get a rating class and a water hauling class set up. He said that it might be possible to do both at once.

Jim Brooks reminded members that it is very easy to check responding members on I Am Responding to get our call attendance up for the re-inspections.

Dean Gibbs brought up a recent problem at his station. During the Holidays his station was unmanned for two days while other departments were staffed with two people. It was noted that available rovers were not trained on the Crossnore equipment. Chiefs noted that medical equipment can be easily reviewed and that paid personnel need to learn other department's equipment so that this doesn't happen again. Members discussed a full crew at the Ladder Station to answer calls thru out the county - noting that this was being done in other counties and would gain more rating points.

Levin Sudderth reported that the County Board of Education had cancelled a 1st Responder club that he started.

Brian Bodford brought up a problem with 1st responders answering calls in other districts. Crossnore and the Rescue Squad had policies to control this.

It was reported that Watauga County had received their new Children's Fire Safety House and would be relinquishing their share of the old one. Members discussed a donation to the Watauga Association for their share, refurbishing the old Fire Safety House or trading it in for a new one.

Beech Mountain asked if anyone needed a 14-foot roof ladder that they are surplus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.