

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
Chiefs' Committee
Green Valley Fire Station - February 7, 2019

Chief Bob Pudney called the meeting to order and thanked Chief Bob Garland for chairing the Committee over the years.

Chief Pudney covered the history of the Chiefs Committee and how some things are better discussed by the Chiefs and then brought to the Association for a vote. He noted that the meeting would be open to all members but that only the Chiefs would be allowed to talk and discuss issues.

Chief Dispatcher Jamie Johnson addressed the group. He explained that the CAD could be changed to allow extra responding departments for "target hazards". He wanted to do whatever would help the county fire departments. Neighboring county protocols were checked and found to be all over the board. If changes are made, he asked departments and their members to be courteous to his staff as we get used to the changes. He asked that each department list their target hazard addresses and the extra departments to be paged. He reminded the chiefs to make sure mutual aid departments were agreeable. He also reminded Chiefs that they could request additional departments at the time of the page if they think the call warrants extra help.

Joe Shoupe asked Jamie if we could add a repeater to TAC 1 & 2 at both ends of the county to free up the Fire Page frequency traffic. Jamie agreed to price the cost. Brian Bodford reported a problem with reception on the fire channel. Jamie agreed to check it with the radio service. He also recommended high gain antennas for portables to increase coverage. Jamie reported that the state is looking at doing more Viper Towers - even on leased land. Kennie McFee asked about the Frank Tower that has been kicked out of the budget year after year. Jamie asked members to keep radio traffic to a minimum during calls.

Chief Pudney agreed to create a form for Target Hazard response requests. It was noted that the bylaw committee would be putting forth changes soon.

The Ladder Station lease was discussed. The original lease expired in 2015. There is an insurance liability without a lease. Scott Stansberry proposed a one year extension of the existing lease so that a long term lease could be worked out with a special called meeting to vote on the one year lease. Bob Garland wanted input into the new lease. He noted that he was a party to the original lease where in the county built the building on Linville VFD's land and all agreed that Linville would get one bay, the Ladder Company would get one bay and the Fire Association would get one bay (fire safety house). The new lease that Linville proposed would give Linville the right to take more space or all of the space. Chief Pudney said that all departments should have an equal vote in the lease since it affects all departments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.