

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

April 5, 2012
Crossnore Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Junior Sluder at the Crossnore Fire Station. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. All departments were represented.

Members of the Crossnore Department were recognized and thanked for the great breakfast meal.

Ron Lewis was introduced and he spoke on behalf of his friend: Vance Patterson who is running for Congress to represent the 11th District.

Candidate Reo Griffith was also introduced. He asked members to vote for him in the primary to serve on the County Board of Commissioners. He also praised Johnny Mathis for waking his neighbors and getting them safely out of their house when it caught on fire late at night.

David Charles reported that the association had a current balance of \$ 16,464.60 and that all bills were paid.

David Charles also reported that he was working on the 3 county drill. John Hall, Eric Wiseman and Mitchell County Emergency Management Coordinator – Rob Michaleski were introduced. Rob invited all Avery County Fire & Rescue personnel to come and stay any amount of time. Last minute registrants were asked to come to the Parkway Fire Station to register and get passes – any time day or night. Participants were asked to bring full PPE and tools, SCBA's, Etc.

Mayland Class schedules were passed out. Crossnore noted that they were taking an accountability class and recommended it to others.

The committee to coordinate the burning of the Prison Buildings announced that they were shooting for the 16th of June if all the permits are approved by that date.

Bobby Powell summarized the Chief's Committee meeting

It was announced that the 911 Committee would meet on Monday the 9th. Members wanted to know why the "I Am Responding" system had not been set up. Bobby Powell noted that Watauga County had selected a date to switch over to narrow band in July – giving time to work on problems before the January 1st required date.

Members discussed the April 18th Western N.C Firemen's Association meeting at the Gamewell department. It was agreed that those attending would meet at Pineola at 4:45pm.

Johnny Mathis reported that the Scholarship Committee was working on the submitted applications.

Members were reminded that they need to show up in force when the Budget Meeting is announced. They were also reminded to get the number of members who would attend the Firemen's Appreciation dinner in September or October.

The Next meeting was set for Thursday, May 3rd, 2012. Chief's Committee will meet at 6:30 pm and the Association will meet at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE;

January	Mayland Tech, Newland campus
February	Green Valley Fire Station
March	Elk Park Fire Station
April	Crossnore Fire Station
May	Frank Fire Station
June	Fall Creek Fire Station
July	Beech Mountain Fire Station
August	Seven Devils Fire Station
September	Banner Elk Fire Station
October	Avery Ladder – Gwaltney Station
November	Linville Fire Station
December	Newland Fire Station