

## EVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

May 3, 2012 Frank Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery County Fire Association was called to order by President Junior Sluder.

Eric Wiseman and David Hughes were introduced – representing the Western N.C. Fire Association.

Reo Griffin, candidate for the Avery County Commission, addressed the association and asked members for their vote.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as read.

David Charles Vance reported an association bank balance of: \$ 20,694.60 with all bills paid.

David Charles introduced Twana Ramsey, Area 12 Coordinator for Emergency Management and Eric Wiseman Emergency Management planner. Eric discussed the multi county drill – noting that 789 people participated, 90 were given tetanus shots, the drill lasted 4 days, 30 to 40 agencies attended, and that all went well.

David Charles also announced that the permits to burn the prison had been received and that Mitchell County would burn on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June and that Avery County would burn on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. The 3<sup>rd</sup> building would be used for a Rapid Intervention class. The live Burn Classes would require all 1403 classes to participate.

The 911 reported that the “I Am Responding” monies had been added to the County budget and that the system would go into operation as soon as funding was available. Most of the text problems were being caused by dispatchers forgetting to send them out. “I Am Responding” would solve that problem and allow members to also receive text & email meeting notices. The committee was looking into ways to cure Elk Park & Seven Devil’s radio problems. Charlie Franklin will be obtaining radio makes & models from each department to make sure that all county equipment will convert to narrow band.

Joe Shoupe thanked departments that helped with the small number of Spring Fires.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief’s Committee meeting.

It was announced that the Fire Commission would meet with the County Commissioners on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Departments would be reminded and must plan to attend.

David Hughes gave a report on the Western N.C. Fire association meeting. It was noted that highlights of the meeting were posted on the Avery Association website. The next Western Association was scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Classes: Natural Gas – Green Valley – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Natural Gas – Crossnore – May 21<sup>st</sup>

Water Supply – Crossnore – June 6<sup>th</sup>

Junior thanked Bob Garland, Tony Hunter, Johnny Mathis & Levin Sudderth for serving on the Scholarship committee.

Junior announced that the Chiefs had decided to recommend that the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner be held September 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Crossnore Baptist Church was being considered for the location.

Junior reminded members to always wear seatbelts.

Matt reported that although he is very weak, Jake Owen had been seen driving. He has 9 more treatments to go thru.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Creek Fire Station and the meeting was adjourned.