

## EVERY COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION

July 5, 2012 Beech Mtn VFD Substation

President Sluder introduced members of the local Boy Scouts who presented a program on a Fire Fighting Explorer program for ages 14 thru 20.

After the presentation, President Sluder called the meeting to order. All departments were represented. The minutes were read and approved as read.

Bob Garland thanked members who participated in the Mayland Tech Prison burn class. He noted that there were two more buildings to burn in September. He offered them to any department who wanted to use them for forcible entry or search classes.

The 911 Committee meeting was postponed until August. A timetable for narrow band switchover will be available after that meeting. Members were reminded that they could go ahead and switch their equipment at any time.

Bob Garland reported from the Chief's Committee. He set up a committee to question the Fire Commission about how they were proposing to title trucks. He announced that the Ladder Company would be asking the Fire Commission to allow us to use reserves to pay for I Am Responding for this year.

Paul Buchanan read the Forest Service report to the County Commissioners for Joe Shoupe who was in South Dakota fighting fires. There were 50 wildland fire calls in 2011. 34 were false alarms. 16 fires burned 24.4 acres. Aggressive attacks saved 43 homes worth 5.5 million dollars. 3100 burning permits were issued. Community Wildfire Protection Programs were completed in Crossnore and started in Linville, and several other related projects were underway.

Linville VFD announced that they would be holding a natural gas class on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Members discussed the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner and decided that the association needed to ask the Fire Commission what part they wanted the association to take in the event.

Junior Sluder reported that the Sheriff was very well organized at the County Budget hearing with over 25 deputies attending and speaking.

Members were reminded that the Western NC Fire Association would meet at Jonathan Creek VFD on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Members were asked to supply any changes to their Directors in writing at the end of the meeting for the August election.