

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
Mayland Tech - Newland Campus
January 3, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Assopiation was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented. Paul thanked Dr. Boyd, Mayland Community College President for hosting the meeting. Melissa Phillips welcomed members and thanked them for letting Mayland do their training. She introduced Dr. Boyd who cooked the barbeque and addressed the group. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved as read.

Paul thanked members who attended Jonathan's funeral and stood by during the service. Johnny Mathes also thanked members for their help. He also noted that if the Fire Commission had raised the insurance policy to the same level as Watauga County - there would have been a payment to the family. Paul asked for volunteers to become more prepared in case of a future death.

David Charles Vance reported an Association bank balance of \$ 25,766.79 noting that some of that money came from the contingency fund to purchase the smoke machine. It was noted that the new smoke machine worked very well at the prison and that it was available to borrow from David Charles. He thanked members for their help during the wind storm and announced that the Tac Channel repeaters were in and hopefully be installed during the coming week.

Rob Michaleski, Mitchell County Emergency Management announced another multi-county drill April 26th thru 29th. The drill will be held at the 650,000 sq. ft.. Henredon plant that is in the center of a 250 acre site. Topics covered will include: emergency support functions, communications, transportation, confined space, hazmat, incident command & management, medical, public health, decontamination, evacuee housing, law enforcement and all types of emergency functions. He took addresses to provide email notifications for registration. Last year's drill involved over 500 participants and he expects 800 this year.

Bob Garland did not know the exact date of the prison burn - but agreed to send out a notice to everyone.

Joe Shoupe announced an S-130/190 class at the Foscoe VFD starting January 14th and running 4 nights and Saturday. He also announced a strike team meeting at the Newland VFD February 15th with training. He reminded members interested in going out west in the fall that they must take S-130/190, have one year experience and pass the pack test.

Charlie Franklin reminded members that budgets were due in February and that insurance coverage must be detailed.

Paul handed out proposed association budgets and asked for recommendations.

Melissa handed out a revised class list from Mayland. She asked departments without ID's to submit a roster with: names, phone numbers, email addresses and the last 4 digits of their social security numbers.

Members discussed the need for a 12'X18' flag and a bell for funerals. It was decided that the county should have it's own flag and try to share a bell with other counties. Bob Pudney reported that an engraved bell would cost \$ 1,500 and that a plain bell would cost \$ 650. Jim Brooks reported that the flag could be purchased for \$ 250 to \$ 300. Levin Sudderth moved that we ask Emergency Management to see if they could buy the flag. Hardrock seconded the motion and it passed. Members decided to table the bell purchase until David Charles could check with the other two counties.

Paul brought up the shootings in Connecticut and challenged David Charles to get with the Sherriff and train towards that type of event. David Charles said that he had met with the Superintendant about making changes. Paul asked him to consider training with the schools in case of a fire during a lockdown

The next meeting was set for February 7th at the Green Valley Fire Station with the Chief's meeting at 6:30.

The Western NC Association meeting would be held January 16th in Kings Mountain, NC. and they will come to Avery County in September 2014 at Camp Yonanoka.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.