

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
CROSSNORE FIRE STATION
April 4, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan.

Roll was called by Chief Bobby Powell. All departments were represented.

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

Members of the Crossnore Fire department were thanked for a wonderful breakfast.

Treasurer David Charles Vance reported a bank balance of \$22,710.27 with all bills paid.

He reminded members to use the online forms to sign up for the Quake 2.0 drill and said that over 300 were registered. He and Charlie pulled surprise fire drills at all schools. The drills were very constructive.

He said the School Safety Class was very good - but more directed towards the teaching staff. He also announced that all schools have been equipped with Knox boxes and that each member of the Sherriff's department had been assigned a key.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's meeting and for the 911 Committee.

He said the 911 committee was still working of the Seven Devils Tower, that the Frank tower was in the budget, and that they were trying to get the I Am Responding system texts to be transmitted automatically.

He asked members to use the IAR system for meeting notices and messages. He also announced that apps & maps would be coming out soon.

Joe Shoupe reminded members that basic Wildland Fire Suppression would be taught at Crossnore on May 13th.

Paul Buchanan asked departments to email current pictures of men, equipment and stations for the website. It was noted that next Fire Commission meeting would be held on April 11th at 7:00 PM

Bobby Powell announced a Fire Control Class and agreed to email the exact date & time. Banner Elk reminded that the Driver Operator class was still going on at their station.

Adam Bries said he had enough people interested in forming an Honor Guard. Paul asked him to set up, announce meetings and to get organized.

Bobby Powell reported that he had attended Davie Summey's rating Class. Paul asked Bobby to get one set up in Avery County when the rating changes are finalized.

The next meeting was set for May 2nd, 2013 at 7:00 pm with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 at the Frank Fire Station.

The meeting was then adjourned.