

**AVERY COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION
LINVILLE FIRE STATION - NOV. 7, 2013**

Regular monthly meeting of the Avery County Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan at the Linville Fire Station. Paul thanked Loretta Taylor and the Linville Fire Department for the wonderful meal.

Chief Bob Pudney moved to accept the minutes as posted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Chief Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented except Banner Elk.

There was no report from the Fire Marshal or Treasurer.

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

Ranger Joe Shoupe announced a Wildland Refresher class at the Green Valley Fire Station Jan. 13,14,20, & 21. All members were welcomed. He also encouraged strike team members to attend.

Charlie Franklin inventoried the Gwaltney Station storage room and tested all of the hose. A list of surplus hose (for loan), class A & B foam and hazmat spill containers has been sent to be posted on the Association website.

Frank Fire Department announced 2 Live Fire Control classes the last part of January. Crossnore reported trying to put together a RIT class. Paul Buchanan announced a Federally sponsored Disaster Drill in Boone when the University takes down a highrise dorm.

Paul Buchanan announced that the Association would be hosting the Western NC Fire Association meeting October 2014. Paul set up a committee to outline the needs and set up the event. Junior Sluder was appointed Chairman and Bobby Powell, Johnny Mathis & Jim Brooks were appointed to the committee.

Paul reminded members that any department with 50 or more members on their roster needs to consider how they will be affected by the new health care requirements. He agreed to forward information to any one needing it.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, December 5th at the Newland Fire Station at 6:30 pm. Annual Awards were given out as follows:

For Service to The Avery Fire Association, their Department and their Communities:

Boyd Biggerstaff, Sr.

Bob Garland

Kennie McFee

FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR - 2013 - Chief Bobby Powell

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - 2013 - Jeremy Franklin

There being no further business, the meeting as adjourned.