

## **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

December 5, 2013 - Newland Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. All departments were represented except Elk Park.

Paul thanked Matt McClellan and the Newland Department for dinner. Paul also passed out cookies and cards from the Cranberry Middle School 6th grade.

Seth Banks from Yancy County addressed the group. He is running for District Attorney in the district that stretches from Madison County to Watauga County.

Melissa Phillips announced that she would be putting new classes on her website - they will include a control burn and an accountability class.

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

Charlie Franklin gave out his new phone numbers at the Gwaltney station: 898-5532-office and 898-5529 - FAX. On future calls - he asked members to let the Ladder Company know if the Tower Ladder can't access a structure - so the Reserve Pumper/Tanker can be rolled instead.

Bob Garland reported for the 911 Committee. He noted that Jamie Johnson was out of the hospital, back on the job and would be doing chemo soon.

Gary Miller noted that I Am Responding does not text out on every call. Bob Garland asked members to let him know when this happens. Members noted that they had heard that several dispatchers were deliberately logging in incorrectly. Members agreed that the text messages were very useful and wanted them on each call.

Paul Buchanan reminded members that he would be happy to do county wide text announcements for any department.

Junior Sluder announced that the next Western NC Fire Association meeting would be held at Pumpkin Center on Highway 150 near Lincolnton on January 15th.

Charlie Franklin reported that only two departments had turned in paper work for the Fire Commission Pay Per Call program - Crossnore and Linville. Each department should print the I Am Responding call reports and send them to him. The payment is \$5.00 per call for firemen and \$ 6.00 per call for 1403 certified members.

The forms were supposed to be in his office before December 1st. Members decided to ask the Fire Commission to extend the deadline.

Charlie also noted that he had over 80 requests for smoke detectors, which should have used about 600 detectors. So far departments have picked up 140. He asked departments to get to

work installing them. Levin mentioned that his department had the forms and detectors on their medical unit.

The next meeting was set for January 2nd, 2014 at Mayland Tech in Newland and the meeting was adjourned.