

## **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

### **Linville Fire Station - November 6, 2014**

President Paul Buchanan called the meeting to order and thanked Lowretta Taylor and the Linville Fire Department for hosting the Annual Meeting and preparing the special meal.

There was no treasurer's report. Paul gave the Fire Marshal's report and announced a Search & Rescue class at Elk Mountain State Park on November 15th.

Melissa Phillips announced two classes: Fire Behavior at Banner Elk beginning November 11th and Building Construction at Linville beginning November 18th.

A report from the Chief's Committee was given.

Charlie Franklin noted that he was working on the member I.D.'s.

Jamie Shell with the Avery Journal addressed the Association and presented each department with a framed collage of department patches.

Cliff Aldridge was recognized for helping start the Crossnore fire department in 1961. It was the county's first fire department and served the whole county. His children attended and received a plaque in his honor.

Mike Laws addressed the Association and spoke about Bill Laws who received an award for over 40 years of service.

Dean Gibbs was selected and honored as the Avery County Officer of the year.

Scott Stansberry presented Elmer Jones the Avery County Fireman of the year award.

Linville Fireman Lee Clark was presented an award for 23 years of service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.