

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

March 5, 2015 - Elk Park Fire Station

The Regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. Paul thanked the Elk Park department for dinner. The minutes were approved as posted on the website. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented. There was no treasurer's report.

Upcoming classes were: Haz Mat at Seven Devils, Sprinklers at Frank in April, Forcible entry at Foscoe March 21st, Chief's 101 April 4th at Parkway, Chief's 101 March 20th at McDowell. Members asked Bobby Powell to see if a Chief's 101 class could be arranged for Avery County.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's Committee and the 911 Committee. Dean Gibbs announced that EMS would start using VIPER - but would still be using the old frequency on their portables for patient updates.

A Strike Team meeting was set for March 12th at 6:00pm at the Newland Station.

There was no schedule set for Fire Commission Budget meetings. Mark Taylor asked who should be called if Charlie Franklin is out of the county and emergency monies were needed. Charlie said to call Bill Beuttel 1st and then Johnnie Mathis 2nd.

Anthony Pollygus asked if anyone had an SOP for social media use. John Hall agreed to research it thru VFIS Insurance. Levin agreed to send a link to put on our website.

Paul asked members how they felt about the \$ 20,000 Grant match Cap. Members thought it was foolish to not take advantage of the ability to buy equipment that is needed at 1/2 price.

I Am Responding hats were given to: Bob Garland, Eric Brodinski, Skipper Blair, Paul Buchanan, Tyler Vance, Dale Laws, Kennie McFee, Jim Taylor, JC Calvert, Mark Taylor, Roy Dellinger, Anthony Pollygus, Jesse Downing & Levi Pollygus.

The secretary was asked to write Rep. Mark Meadows about the Federal Grant program.

Members discussed the new DOT Snow Removal policy that cut back side road plowing to once every 24 hours. Members voted to send a letter to Rep Josh Dodson and Sen Dan Soucek.

The Next meeting was set for April 2nd at the Crossnore Fire station. The Chief's Committee will meet at 6:30pm and the Association at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.