

## **EVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

**May 7, 2015 – Frank Fire Station**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as posted on the Association web site.**

**Paul Buchanan thanked the members of the Frank department for the meal they prepared.**

**County Commission Chairman Reo Griffith addressed the group and told members that the county was running smoothly. He said the Fire Commission had presented their budget and that he appreciated that it was only \$ 74,000 more than last year.**

**Ashton Turnage with the Local Government Federal Credit Union explained that they are located locally in the State Employees Credit Union Offices. She explained their programs and offered discount theme park tickets and free tax filing. She also reminded members that they donate to the State Fire Association every time their debit card is used.**

**John Hall reminded members to update their Worker's Compensation Rosters before July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Dick Gorman reminded members that State Grants would be announced the following week. He also reported that Scott Air had purchased ISG Thermal Imaging. He brought a camera to demonstrate.**

**An Emergency Rehab class was announced by the Green Valley Department. Paul Buchanan reported that the exercise at Parkway went very well.**

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

**Joe Shoupe thanked members for their help during the spring fire season and noted that the south end of the county was still dry. He said the strike team worked well. He asked departments to send him their training needs. He announced a Forestry Education Day at the Crossnore Training Center on May 15<sup>th</sup> for all second graders.**

**A surplus property page on the website was announced. Departments were asked to forward lists of equipment no longer needed.**

**Seven Avery Fire Association hats were given out to members who used I Am Responding 30 times.**

**The next Fire Commission meeting was set for the following Thursday at 7:00PM. John Hall reminded members that the next Western NC Fire Association meeting would be held at the High School in Taylorsville on July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kennie McFee thanked Reo for the David Charles Vance presentation.**

**Members discussed fire alarm call paging. It was noted that paging one department puts the auto aid departments way behind in an actual fire. It was also noted that it hurts on ISO rating points. Paul Buchanan asked Linville, Fall Creek & Elk Park to study the problem.**

**Levin Sudderth reported that the Scholarship Committee would meet after the meeting and that they would also be working out new criteria for recipients.**

**A motion was made and seconded to order a new 12'X18' flag thru Woodman of the World for \$ 250. The Motion passed. Reo Griffith offered to donate \$ 50 towards the purchase. John Hall was asked to get a price for a bell.**

**Mark Taylor told members that his department had three funerals in the last several months. He thought members should request funding for dress uniforms. John Hall agreed to share Mitchell County prices. Newland said they paid between \$ 200 and \$250. Paul asked what colors each department wanted. Two colors were being used: white shirts for officers and blue shirts for firemen and white shirts for officers and firemen.**

**The next meeting was set for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Creek Station One with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 pm and the Association meeting at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned**