

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Seven Devils Town Hall & Fire Station - August 6, 2015

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. Paul thanked Heidi Powell for the food. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved as read. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments except Elk Park were represented.

There was no treasurers or Fire Marshal's report.

It was noted that Emergency Management had put in a grant request for Haz Mat classes. Bob Garland explained that 10 of the Viper radios would be rotated into the locked radio room at dispatch by David Charles each week. Eric Wiseman was in the process of setting up a Viper radio class thru Mayland. Charlie discussed a device that would link Viper & VHS radios. He agreed to check on the price and see if there was money in the budget to buy one after the foam purchase.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's committee. Bob collected rosters and truck numbers from departments. Several were missing.

Members reported that Joe Shoupe was on duty in Utah.

In Melissa's absence - it was announced that Mark Parlier had been put in charge of Emergency Medical Training for the 3 counties with Melissa remaining in charge of Fire Service training. Green valley reported that they were in the middle of their 3rd 1403 class. An EMT class was planned for Banner Elk, Linville or Newland in mid September. Members were encouraged to sign up with Mayland.

Bob Garland reminded members that all members and officers are required to take NIMS classes for departments to be grant eligible. He also noted that the county needed a NIMS 300 & 400 class.

Kennie McFee reported that his department had applied for permission to use Firemen's Relief monies to cover his member's \$ 6,000 funeral expense and had been turned down for the full amount. He was reminded to check with the State Fire Association about the Death Benefit. Anthony Pollygus moved that the Association Pay for the Funeral Bagpiper if reserves were available. Bobby Powell 2nd the motion and it passed.

Paul Buchanan opened the floor for a discussion of the Auto Aid alarm response protocols. Members decided that if a chief thinks an alarm call warrants a full response - they should call for a full response.

Levin Sudderth reminded members to go online and fill of the Report of Conditions form before October 31st.

Paul reported that the State 9S inspections were not going well. Three departments failed inspection. There were problems with reporting, officers not taking Chief's 101, and recorded manpower.

Levin announced and invited members to participate in a Chili Cookoff at the Pixie Motel on Saturday, October 10th. Fire departments will have a special category. The event will have Nascar Teams, kids stuff and be like a Fall Festival.

Paul Buchanan asked for a report of the nominating committee. Chairman Bob Garland put forth the following nominations from the committee: Paul Buchanan for president, Bobby Powell for vice president, Jim Brooks for secretary, David Charles Vance for treasurer and William Costner for Fire Commission representative. William Costner requested that his name be withdrawn.

Paul asked for nominations from the floor for each of the offices and waited one minute for nominations before going the next office. There were no nominations from the floor for any of the offices except Fire Commission Representative. Matt McClellan and Jim Brooks were nominated for that position. The remaining candidates were elected by acclamation and members voted to put Jim Brooks in as the Association's representative to the Fire Commission.

Members discussed the Avery County Fair booth noting that it did well with new recruits and smoke detector installations. Members voted to spend the money for a booth.

The next meeting was set for September 3rd at the Banner Elk Fire Station with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 and the Association meeting at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.