

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

December 3, 2015 - Newland Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. Members of the Newland Department were thanked for the meal.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as posted on the Association website. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented except Banner Elk & Elk Park.

Melissa Phillips explained that she and Charlie were working with Cleveland Tech to bring the Aircraft Crash simulator to Avery County in the spring for a mass casualty drill. She also handed out upcoming classes and asked departments for class requests.

Joe Shoupe reminded everyone that it was wet and offered I-300 classes to any departments that need that class.

Members were asked to look at the website and email corrections or officer changes.

Paul Buchanan said he had talked with Unimin about a class dealing with hazardous liquid spills. He also announced that Unimin will no longer go off site with their Haz-Mat suits and will only deal with victim extractions onsite.

It was mentioned that AB Tech was hosting an Engine Company Operations class with live fire January 8th & 9th. Fall Creek noted that they were trying to arrange for the Battalion Chief who managed the fire with a death in Asheville to come and speak.

Jr. Sluder with the Grant Committee reminded departments that all members must have NIMS classes to qualify for Federal Grants. Members can go online for NIMS 100,200,700, & 800 classes. Melissa was working on a NIMS 300 class for January. Bobby Powell talked with U.S. Grants. They charge \$ 1,700 to write a grant and \$ 750 for grant reviews, Junior wants to apply to Mountain Electric's Pocket Change program for the monies. He also noted that the paid personnel would have to help collect the needed grant data.

The next meeting was set for January 7th at the Newland campus of Mayland Tech - Chiefs will meet at 6:30 pm.