

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Gwaltney Station - October 6, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell. Bobby Powell thanked the Ladder Company for dinner. Vice President Bobby Powell called the roll and all member departments were represented except Newland. Bobby reported an Association checking account balance of \$ 43,674.51 with all bills paid. The minutes were approved as posted on the web site by a unanimous vote.

Bobby welcomed Paul Buchanan back to the county as he announced that Paul had taken the job of Assistant Fire Marshal for Avery County.

Paul asked if there was any interest in an air monitoring and de-con class. He passed out the Mayland Tech List of classes.

Bob Garland asked all departments to reprogram their pagers with the new medical tones. Kennie McFee asked about the TAC frequencies. Bobby Powell said the 800 template was finished. He said that after the pagers are reprogrammed, we would start on the portables.

Joe Shoupe announced a Red Card class at Crossnore and noted that it is still very dry.

It was noted that at the in service - paid personnel discussed going to 4 alarms on structure calls instead of 3 alarms because departments were not getting enough manpower response. They thought departments should discuss the situation. They also discussed 2 alarms for wrecks. Members decided to set up a committee at the next meeting.

Bobby reminded members that the federal grant period was about to open. Members discussed a regional grant for communications with Green Valley being the lead department. They also discussed a regional truck grant.

It was noted that the UTV Law had been modified to allow them on public roads during emergencies.

The Awards Committee announced that they had not received any nominations. Forms were passed out and it was asked that they be returned by Friday the 21st. Loretta Taylor agreed to handle the Annual Dinner at Linville Fire Station November 3rd. Members were reminded to wear dress uniforms.

Frank VFD announced their open house at 4:00 pm on October 15th.

Members noted that a large number of roads in the county are listed as private when they are in fact public state roads.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.