

EVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Mayland Tech - Newland - January 5th, 2017

President Bobby Powell called the regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association to order and thanked Melissa and the Mayland staff for dinner. Paul Buchanan called the roll and all departments were represented. The minutes as posted on the website were approved by unanimous vote.

Tony Cook, the Emergency Services Coordinator for Mayland Tech addressed the group and explained the new medical responder classifications and classes. He asked that each department send him an email listing their certified and current medical responders (tonycook@mayland.edu - 828-766-1279). He also requested each responder's state P number.

Charlie Franklin reported an Association checking account balance of \$ 42,823.02 with all bills paid. He also noted that there would be a three county Local Emergency Airplane Crash Planning meeting in February and all were welcome. The table top class would be in March and the Haz Mat Training in April at Parkway.

Melissa Phillips passed out a list of upcoming classes. She announced that the Burn Building would be ready for use as soon as it was inspected. She encouraged members to check and make sure all classes taken were listed with OSFM except NIMS classes which are on the federal registry. Members discussed 1403 Day classes. Bobby Powell reminded members that they voted to restrict interior attack personnel to members that had been 1043 certified by July.

Bob Garland gave the Chief's report.

Paul Buchanan wanted to revisit putting a Viper Tower on the Carolina West Tower in Spanish Oak. Joe Shoupe reminded members that the Forest Service has a deeded right of way to their property on Hawshaw.

Linville members said that the VFIS rep came to their station and said that there was a problem the Truck insurance policies because of titling. John Hall said that it wasn't a problem.

Bobby asked that the fire commission push the county to get the automatically renewing contracts finished before budget time.

Members agreed to ask the Fire Commission to allow all monies collected from Inovapad to go into a line item that could only be spent for member reimbursement, reimbursing the Fire Commission for supplies used on calls and that the balance would go to the department's fund balance and not be used to balance other line item shortages.

Bobby Powell moved that all departments put in a budget request for \$2,000 towards purchasing members class B uniforms. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mike Laws, and John Hall agreed to help establish an Avery County Honor Guard and get Classes. Melissa Phillips agreed to help with classes. John asked each department to put together a list of members wishing to participate. Members discussed sources of funds: donations, fire association and fire commission - noting that uniforms cost \$ 700. Paul Buchanan moved that \$2,100 be put in the Association budget request for Honor Guard uniforms. Members voted to approve the motion unanimously.

Paul Buchanan presented an estimate of \$ 4,181.08 to add a CO monitor and equipment which would allow different pressure systems to be filled at once. Paul moved and Mike seconded that we ask the Fire Commission to allow the purchase out of Association Fund balance. Brian Bodford asked the Association to replace the broken Compressor Room door. Charlie agreed to price the door and reminded members to leave the door open when using the compressor to dissipate heat. Charlie also agreed to add a longer fill hose if the Association would buy the fittings. Paul amended the motion to include the fittings and the door. Mike seconded the amendment and the motion passed unanimously. Paul Buchanan noted that we were low on foam from the improper use at the Sugar Mountain Fire. He motioned that we order another palette. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Members discussed putting monies into the Association Budget for member reimbursement for calls to help with retention and response. Kennie thought that each department should be able to determine how many points would be given for training and different types of call response. Kennie moved that the Association budget request should be \$ 28,000. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Bobby Powell appointed a committee to develop policies and a program : Bob Pudney, Kennie McFee and Charlie Franklin with an agreement that we would start the program this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.