

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

March 2nd, 2017 - Elk Park Fire Station

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by Vice President Paul Buchanan. Paul thanked the Elk Park Department for dinner. Roll was called and all departments were represented. Kennie McFee moved that the minutes be approved as posted. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes without change. Paul gave a report for the treasurer: the bank balance was \$ 44,816.73 with all bills paid.

Paul gave the Fire Marshal's report noting that the multi county exercise will be sometime between the middle and end of April. He said he was having trouble getting a date for the aircraft crash class.

Melissa was absent with a death in her family. The final meeting date for the RIT class will be March 11th. Chief officers were invited to come and watch the last class May Day exercise.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's Committee. Kennie McFee told Bob that the dispatchers said that there are no set procedures for a May Day call or aircraft crash. Bob agreed to bring it up at the 911 meeting.

Joe Shoupe reminded members that it was dry, windy and that we were still in a drought situation. The Horton and Gatlinburg fires were discussed.

Topics that were covered at the last Fire Commission meeting included: truck titling to the departments, Innovapad, and repairs to the Linville station. Johnnie Mathis was elected Chairman and Bill Beutell was elected Vice Chairman.

Charlie and Paul presented a plan for reflective helmet stickers: Interior - Green, RIT - Green & Black, Non-interior - Red & White. Kennie suggested that we sticker the non- interior only. Kennie moved that we use the red & white zigzagged stickers for non-interior. Jeremy Hayes 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. Charlie agreed to bid them out if departments would send him the number needed. Members discussed eventually moving towards standard helmet colors.

Paul reported that he had been approached by EMS & Law Enforcement to help pay for a Tactical Medic class. There would be 22 spaces and the Association would be given 10 spaces if the Association would pay \$ 1,000 towards the \$ 5,000 course cost. He recommended that the paid employees that volunteer to take the class be given priority. The class would also be a train the trainer class. Levin suggested that the Board of Education be asked to chip in. It was moved and seconded: " that the Association ask the Fire Commission to allow \$ 1,000 to be spent for the class out of the association's fund balance". The motion passed unanimously.

Levin Sudderth led a discussion of the Lee's McCrae Gymnasium Fire noting that the 1st mutual aiding department arrived 39 minutes after the Alarm call page. Members discussed the pros and

cons of auto response to alarm calls. Kennie suggested that a committee be set up to bring back a recommendation to the association. Paul appointed Tyler Burr as chairman and put Brian Bodford, Charlie Ballard, Levin Suderth & Bob Pudney on the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.