

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Banner Elk Fire Station One - September 7, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell. Bobby thanked the Banner Elk members for dinner. Roll was called and Elk Park, Fall Creek & Newland were absent. The minutes were approved as posted on the association website. Charlie Franklin announced that the Association bank balance was \$ 35,024.86 with all bills paid.

Paul Buchanan announced a special storm meeting at 2:00 pm September 8th.

A controlled burn at Adam's Apple was announced for September 23rd with turbo drafting, water hauling and hand line practice.

Melissa Phillips passed out Mayland Class schedules. Bob Garland brought up the new Burn Facility and told her that Avery & Mitchell Counties would like to have input to make sure it would be useable for the fire service and not contaminated in the future by improper use. Melissa noted that she was not involved in the planning and that the containers had been ordered.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's committee.

911 Committee members discussed a comment from the State Rating inspector that indicated that the county dispatch center was losing points for the county department's ratings. Charlie & Bobby agree to check into the problem.

Paul Buchanan reported that he had given the new viper template to all vendors. He also agreed to bring a new VHF template to the next meeting for a vote. He noted that several departments have private channels that should not be used in radios over two watts.

Joe Shoupe announced that the Forestry Grant was on hold until administrative issues could be resolved.

Kenny McFee reported that a tree fell in his district and that it took 30 minutes to get in touch with DOT. Members agreed to bring back their department's decisions on cutting trees in the road to the next meeting. It was noted that this could be put into the CAD. Bobby Powell agreed to invite the DOT to our next meeting.

Paul Buchanan asked the Association to pay the \$480 charge for the Honor Guard Class since Mayland could not pay for this type of class. Members voted unanimously to pay for the class.

Levin reported for the Helmet Color Committee: Chief Officers - White, Line Officers - Red, Safety - Green, Interior Yellow, Exterior Black and Junior - Orange. Members agreed that stickers would work until old colors phase out.

Members discussed the need for a Vice President. Bobby asked for members to call if they want to volunteer.

The next meeting was set for October 5th at the Gwaltney Station of the Avery Ladder Company.