

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

June 7th, 2018 - Fall Creek VFD Station 2

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell. Roll was called and all departments were represented except Frank VFD. Bobby thanked the Fall Creek members for the spaghetti dinner.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the May meeting as posted on the Association website.

There was no Fire Marshal's report, Treasurer's report or Mayland Tech report.

Bob Garland summarized the Chief's Committee meeting. He also gave a report from the 911 Committee. The Frank radio tower had been put in the budget request again and an additional employee has been hired to start replacing missing road signs. Bob asked each department to submit a list of the missing signs in their district.

There was no Forest Service report.

Mike Laws announced that the state is about to begin testing classes with proctors which may make departments consider switching from certification classes to qualification classes. Bob Garland noted that the rescue squad did this 4 years ago. Kennie McFee asked if we would need to change the county's requirement for interior attack? Bobby Powell, Mike Laws and Bob Garland agreed to research the situation and make a recommendation to the association.

Kennie McFee noted that his department had a tree down call during the flood and that dispatch called DOT from 6 pm till 10 pm with no answer. The fire marshal's office was then able to call Raleigh and reach DOT. It was noted that the DOT was downsizing the Avery Staff and hiring private contractors. Members discussed the problem and discussed several solutions: calling the Highway Patrol or contacting the legislative delegation.

Members reported that the dispatchers were beginning to make decisions for fire departments on calls and refusing to follow thru on requests by chiefs on calls. Bob Garland agreed to look into the matter and asked the chiefs to contact him immediately with problems of this nature.

President Bobby Powell appointed Brian Bodford, Rob Hancock and Mike Ellenberg to the nominating committee for the upcoming election.

Radio Channel Templates were distributed for the 8 TAC channels. Mark asked if they could be assigned. It was noted that this was tried previously. Members were asked to work on getting the channels in operation by December 1st.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.