

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

September 6, 2012 - Banner Elk Fire Station

President Paul Buchanan called the meeting to order and thanked Chief Wayne Miller and the Banner Elk Department for supper.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved without change. Roll was called and all departments were represented. Paul reported for David Charles that all bills were paid and that the Association Bank balance was \$19,486.50.

David Charles sent word to thank all departments that helped with the previous night's flooding in the south end of the county.

Bob Garland reviewed the topics of the Chief's Committee meeting.

Bob also reported for the 991 Committee. He announced that Bob Pudney would be training the paid employees to operate the I Am Responding system. Departments were encouraged to get their members to use the system thereby gaining better rating credit for responding members. It was noted that the system would help make up for some of the coverage losses from narrow banding. Bob Garland reported that he had sent a letter to: Robert Wiseman, the Fire Commission and The Avery County Commissioners asking for help in getting the narrow banding conversion done before the end of the year.

Members discussed truck titles from the Fire Commission and agreed to let Paul Buchanan approach the Fire Commission asking that titles be in the department's names - with the agreement that departments would change charters and by-laws to protect the county's interest in equipment and buildings - if needed.

Joe Shoupe asked members to keep the firefighters out west in their prayers.

Wayne Miller reminded members of the Firemen's Appreciation Day Saturday from noon till 5:00 pm. He also announced that the Fire Commission would meet the following Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Melissa Phillips sent word that Mayland would be creating I.D. tags for firemen. The live burn at the Prison was set for October 13th from 8:00am till 6:00 pm. All participants must pre-register. RIT team training before the live Burn will be held September 21,22,23,29, & 30th. An EMT basic class will start November 1st. EMS in-service will be September 21st with all classes offered. Frank VFD will host Fire Prevention Education starting September 17th.

Rob Michaleski from Mitchell County covered The Firefighter's Burn Foundation. Rob is our local chapter president. He explained that there are two trailers collecting cans at Linville and Parkway VFD's. He also announced that the Toe River Planning Committee was putting together another training session for Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties.

The next meeting was set for October 4th at the Gwaltney station. The Chief's meeting was set for 6:30 pm.

The Western NC Firemen's Association meeting will be October 17th in Statesville