

# **Avery Firefighters Association**

3 Oct 2019

Ladder Company | Gwaltney Station

## **General Membership**

Teresa Benfield is running for Clerk of the Court of County. She addressed the group. McFee motioned to approve minutes. Treasurer did not report.

EM reports that all equipment sent for hurricane relief is back in service. EM will also bring ICS classes to the county.

An event planner class will take place at Banner Elk PD on Nov 5& 6. Mayland did not report. Chief Pudney reported on the Chief's meeting.

911 reported that Jamie has studied the radio system and 911 committee will consider improvements. Fire prevention reported that preparations for Fire Prevention Week remain incomplete or unreported. PPE course at Newland is complete. Newland will host a first responder course in November. Contact Newland FD for details.

Paul Buchanan has agreed to facilitate county wide class announcements via IAR. Buchanan gauged interest in a hazmat tech class. Ladder did not report.

Forestry reported that senior personnel were out with injury. Hazardous fire conditions exist countywide and greater response from local FD may be required.

Fire Commission reported that Scott Heath was made chairman, Shane Garland the 5th member, and the ACFC has agreed to transfer title of squirt 43 to ACFA

Chief Burr reported on Wooly Worm Festival preparations. Unified command will be at Banner Elk Station One and volunteers are asked to report to station 1 for assignment.

Sherrod motioned that ACFA solicit proposals for improvements to the county radio system from consultants that do not sell radios. Jim Brooks seconded. None were opposed. Stansberry offered to ask the Avery County Sheriff to join in on the letter.

Brooks reported that the Watauga Fire Association discussed writing letters to legislators to increase firefighter retirement. Stansberry will produce contacts and details on the letter writing campaign.

Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses are 50% off for firefighters with 5 years of service. Paul reported that the honor guard is operational and working funerals for firefighters. Paul asked that we acquire a podium for professional events for member departments.

Crossnore may have a podium in storage. Paul motioned. Sherrod seconded. None opposed. Henson and Paul will pursue.

Avery Fair detail reported that the tent was manned for the duration but that more volunteers were needed.

Brooks motioned. Pudney second. adjourn.