

# EVERY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Linville Central Rescue Squad Hall

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Firefighters Association was called to order by Vice President Ken Sherrod. Members of the Linville Central Rescue Squad were thanked for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.

The minutes of the December Association meeting were approved as posted on the Association website. Roll was called and all member departments were represented except Elk Park VFD. There was no treasurer's report.

Jeff Thomas reported for Paul Buchanan that there would be a tabletop class on an "active shooter" event February 11<sup>th</sup> at the County Commissioner's board room beginning at 10:00am and lasting about 5 hours. This class will be the precursor to a county-wide training event later in the year. Paid staff and representatives from each department were asked to attend.

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

Mike Laws reminded departments that the State Smoke Alarm Canvassing Grant was open thru January 31<sup>st</sup>. Each department should take advantage of this free alarm grant.

EMT classes were announced beginning January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Linville Central Rescue Squad Hall and on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Beech Mtn. VFD Station #2.

Bob Garland reported that Squirt 9943 was placed in the Banner Elk station and was responding.

Mark Taylor did not attend the December Fire Commission meeting, but reminded members that budgets are due in February.

Bob Garland asked how many departments are served by Mountain Electric and do not have generators. Newland noted that theirs was broken. Green Valley reported that they don't have a generator, but are not served by Mtn. Electric. Bob agreed to put in a grant request with the Mountain Electric Pocket Change program for a generator for Newland.

Melissa Phillips announced that she was working on a Chief's 101 class.

The next Association meeting was set for February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Green Valley Fire Station with the Chief's meeting at 6:30pm and the Association meeting at 7:00pm. Members were reminded that the next Fire Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

--Jim Brooks for Rob Hancock, Secretary