

**CHIEF'S COMMITTEE - AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**  
**May 20, 2021 - Gwaltney Station**

Chief Bob Pudney called the meeting to order. Seven departments were represented.

Bob asked for a report on the progress for a county fire training center. Jim Brooks reported that he would be calling Travis Climingbear, the A-B tech Fire training Director to set and appointment for a visit to the training center by the committee.

Mark Taylor reported that the committee working on the Elk Park fire station repair felt like there was no land large enough to accommodate a new station. The committee decided to hire an architect to oversee repairing the land and rebuilding the building. The initial estimate was 1.1 million. There is a chance that they may decide to level the building and build a totally new building. Funding would be through a mortgage or increased tax collections.

Bob Garland announced that the Newland tower is almost finished. Installation is waiting on someone to tighten the guy wires. He also noted that Jamie is working with the Highway Patrol for a Viper Tower on Haw Mountain that would allow the fire service space and help the Frank Department.

Brian Bodford reported that the Newland Department received funding for truck repairs without signing over the title to the truck - just agreeing to use monies from a future sale towards the purchase of the next truck.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.