

Avery Fire Association
Frank Fire Station - October 7, 2021

President Scott Stansbury called the meeting to order and thanked Chief Johnny Mathes for hosting the meeting. There were no minutes from the September meeting as the Secretary was in class. Reggie Potts from NAFCO was recognized. All departments were represented except Banner Elk.

Paul Buchanan reported for Emergency Management and the Fire Marshal's Office. He reminded departments to stay alert because of the weather forecast - which could cause flooding. He announced classes for Mayland Tech : Sprinklers and Ladders. It was also noted that the new classes would start January 1st and that they can count towards an associates degree.

Bob Pudney reported from the Chief's meeting. They had a lengthy discussion on the county communications. They covered the new online Emergency Communications Assessment form for reporting problems. Chiefs agreed to add

Jim Brooks gave a report from the reconstituted Communications Committee meeting. Three members of dispatch attended the association meeting and offered comments.

Paul Buchanan covered Fire Prevention in the schools plans and gave a schedule for programs at all schools during October. Paul asked for volunteer help at each school. He noted that most schools want the Smoke training trailer. Members discussed borrowing Watauga's new trailer. Scoot wanted to make sure we replace our trailer before next year. Billy Bob from Dispatch offered to help teach dialing 911.

Levin Sudderth announced a plan to visit each county department with the ladder on the next training night after the association meeting at that department. Green Valley requested the ladder for their upcoming ladders class.

Kennie McFee announced that the new ranger would be: B.J. Whitman and that he would be living in Tucker Hollow.

Mark Taylor reported that the Fire Commission had selected an architect for the Elk Park Station and was soliciting bids.

New Business:

It was reported that Chris Cooke had applied for a fire commission position. After a discussion, the members voted to instruct Johnny Mathes and Mark Taylor to vote for Chris Cooke.

Members discussed the dispatcher's recommendation for pager tests at 1:00 pm on Mondays and 5:00 pm on Thursdays and agreed to change. Members discussed the problem with dispatching trees in the road. Bonus's for responding DOT employees were noted and the

lengthy time frame for them to respond was discussed. Scott agreed to send Brandy the list of departments that don't want to respond. He also agreed to contact DOT about the problem .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.