

Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association

August 7th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 2:30 pm – President Christner

Invocation & Memorial Service – Chaplain Morgan (Not Present)

Pledge of Allegiance – President Christner

Welcome by Host Company – None Given

Roll Call of Departments – Secretary Dayton

Nine present (Not enough for a quorum)

Recognition of Past Presidents – Vice President Jonathan Dayton, six present

Introduction of Guest – Vice President Jonathan Dayton

Nicole (MSFA) -Update on 508 Funding, MSFA name change survey.

*Bobby from California Casualty, a \$10,000 dollar giveaway and program, policefiregiveaway.com, also asked for departments to fill out the information so that she could visit departments in our area and speak during their meetings; she is now covering the Western Maryland region.

Officer Reports – None Given

Approval of Minutes from June Convention – President Christner

Communications – Secretary Dayton

Bills & Financial Report – Treasurer Shuhart

John lost checks to printers that had to be replaced, and more bills discussed by no vote can be taken.

Partner Agency Reports

Maryland Fire-Rescue Institute – Todd Dyche, Written Report on the table.

Region One MIEMSS – Dwayne Kitis not present. Jonathan reported Hall of Fame for region one awards were given out to several recipients, including one past president Dave Kyle, but no awards were given during COVID.

Maryland State Firemen's Association

- President(s), None Present
- Volunteer Company Assistance Fund – Barb Knippenburg, PP, Barb talked about the current application period. Jonathan asked if there's enough money coming into the fund to keep up with the existing applications. Barb answered, yes.
- Executive Committee – Tim Dayton, Not Present

Allegany County Fire Police – Rodger Long, PP, Gary Gave an Update

Garrett County Firemen's Association – Designee, None Present

Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office – Designee, None Present

Allegany or Garrett Counties Department of Emergency Services – Designee, None Present

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters – Mary Carr, Mary is healing from her accident and is home doing well.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative – President Dayton or Delegate Mike McKay, Jonathan Reported that we are supporting federal legislation to create a fire department improvement fund. Support letters have been drafted and sent to sponsor legislators in DC.

Fire Prevention – Ryan Foster, No report.

Public Relations – Jonathan Dayton, PP, No report.

Insurance & Benefits – John Shuhart, PP

Safety – Tim Dayton, PP, No report.

Training – Austin Christner, President, See MFRI report.

Constitution & By-Laws – Dick DeVore, PP, No report.

Ways & Means – Addy Dayton & Gary Carpenter, No report.

History & Archives – Dick DeVore, PP, No report.

Recruitment & Retention – Jonathan Dayton, PP, please fill out the information card for Nicole.

EMS – Vacant, No report.

Group or Special Committee Reports

Scholarship – Rod Bowser, PP, money has been distributed to Sadie.

Chaplaincy – Rev. Tom Morgan, Not present.

Smoke Alarm/LODD Project – Gary Carpenter, No report.

Five- & Ten-Year Planning – Tim Dayton, PP, No report.

New Business

Old Business

Good of the Association

Jonathan Discussed the lack of participation and the need to increase participation during meetings and noted some edits are still being completed on the website.

Benediction

Adjournment

Next Meeting October 9th, Baltimore Pike VFC