

Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association
February 5th, 2022, Meeting Minutes
Midland Volunteer Fire Department

Call to Order 2:00 pm – Vice President Jonathan Dayton

Invocation & Memorial Service – Chaplain Morgan

Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Jonathan Dayton

Welcome by Host Company – Midland Volunteer Fire Department Treasurer Craig Alexander

Roll Call of Departments – Secretary Dayton

Recognition of Past Presidents – Eight past presidents was in attendance.

Introduction of Guest – Vice President Jonathan Dayton

Officer Reports – Tom reported he attended Don Reid's funeral.

Approval of Minutes -Communications – Motion by Dave Kyle, Second by Gary Carpenter, to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

Bills & Financial Report – Jonathan gave an update on behalf of John. John is currently in the hospital and will be out of commission for a while. Please keep him in your thoughts. Currently, Rod has the financial book and checks.

Partner Agency Reports

Maryland Fire-Rescue Institute – The MFRI report was emailed, and a paper copy was distributed on the back table.

Region One MIEMSS – Mark Bilger encouraged those to obtain their flu shots and informed those about upcoming training opportunities.

Maryland State Firemen's Association

- President(s), 1st Vice President Smothers talked about the updates in the weekly MSFA Executive Direct. 2nd Vice President spot is open; nominations are open. There are upcoming "name change" town halls. The first town hall had low attendance. Ocean City planning is in full swing. Please make sure the raffle tickets are being sold. We are focused on several bills, and the MSFA is currently tracking those in Annapolis. Eric announced he would be running for President of the MSFA.
- Volunteer Company Assistance Fund – The application period opened on December 1st.
- Executive Committee – The next meeting will be in Prince Frederick, following meeting will be in Flintstone. Tim echoed the report Eric gave. There are also several fire reports outstanding, a few from Allegany and one department from Garrett, so the 508 money isn't withheld.

Allegany County Fire Police – Trustee Gary Carpenter reported one call in Frostburg.

Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Allegany or Garrett Counties Department of Emergency Services – No Report

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters – Mary Carr reported the next meeting would be on March 4th at the Rock of Ages.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative – Jonathan reported the association is tracking three bills; all updates are on our website.

Fire Prevention – No Report.

Public Relations – No Report.

Insurance & Benefits – No Report.

Safety – Chief Dayton encouraged those to have their members trained in Traffic Incident Management.

Tim spoke about the Cadet program in Garrett County. Motion by Tim Dayton, Second by Gary Carpenter, to support the program. Motion Carried.

Training – MFRI report is printed.

Constitution & By-Laws – No report. Small changes, the deadline passed.

Ways & Means – No report.

History & Archives – National Fire Heritage complete an oral questionnaire.

Recruitment & Retention – Nicole mentioned the rollout of the mentorship program and check your department's Maryland Volunteer profiles.

EMS – Vacant, No report.

Group or Special Committee Reports

Scholarship – Rod Bowser reported that monies are available; please encourage those members to apply. There is no age limit. The scholarship will committee will meet soon.

Chaplaincy – Rev. Tom Morgan reported there's a Maryland Firefighter Chaplain convention.

Smoke Alarm/LODD Project – Gary will replace the flags at the county building.

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

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Good of the Association - Fire Police Co.91 was voted into membership. Motion by Tim Dayton, second by Dave Kyle. Motion carried.

Benediction - Rev. Tom Morgan

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Gary Carpenter, second by Daye Kyle. Motion carried.

The next Meeting is on Sunday, April 16th, at 2:00 pm, location Mt. Savage VFD.

