

MINUTES
Allegany Garrett County Fire & Rescue Association
Luke Vol. Fire Department
October 5, 2014

The regular meeting of the Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association was held Sunday, October 5, 2014 and hosted by Luke Vol. Fire Department. President Clarence Broadwater called the meeting to order at 14:00 hours

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Calvin Walbert who then read the 23rd Psalm in memory of Audrey Brenneman, Bittering Auxiliary.

Vice President Dick DeVore led the flag salute.

WELCOME: Wayne Rounds, representing the host company welcomed everyone to Luke. President Broadwater said it was a pleasure to be at Luke today.

ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENTS: Roll call of Departments showed 21 companies in attendance. Those not represented were: Bittering; Bloomington; Clarysville; Corriganville; Deep Creek; Deer Park; Ellerslie Ambulance; Frostburg Ambulance; Gorman; Grantsville; Kitzmiller; Oakland; Orleans; Rawlings; Tri – Towns Rescue and Southern Garrett Rescue.

Companies present were: Accident; Baltimore Pike; Barton Hose; Bedford Road; Bowling Green; Bowman's Addition; Cresaptown; Cumberland Hose; District16; Eastern Garrett; Ellerslie; Flintstone; Friendsville; George's Creek; Good Will; Luke; Midland; Mt Savage; Northern Garrett; Oldtown; Orleans and Potomac.

All officers were in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:

President Broadwater recognized the following 15 Past Presidents in attendance: Robert E. Knippenburg; James F. Decker; Ron Grabenstein; Calvin 'Pete' Walbert; Aaron Winters; Dennis Bonner; Gerard McGann; Rodney W. Bowser; David L. Kyle; Patricia A. Bowser; Michael A. Simmons; Timothy F. Dayton; Clarence B. Broadwater Dennis R. Mallery and Barbara Knippenburg.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Guests present and recognized by President Broadwater were: Mary Carr, PP LA AGCVFRA; Dick DeVore, Allegany Co. Emergency Services; Leslie Cassady LA AGCVFRA; Shelby Simmons, AGCVFA Miss Fire Prevention; Pam Kyle, PP LA AGCVFRA; Dwayne Kitis MIEMSS; Bill Valentine, Allegany County Commissioner; and Chief John Herath, Allegany County EMS Chief.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

All Officers gave a report of their activities since the last meeting.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Bowser made available copies of minutes for the day's meeting and e-mailed them to all companies and executive committee members.

Communications – None

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer John Shuhart reported the bills on hand:

Bills on hand were read: FP raffle (September) \$100.00; Barton Post Office (Stamps) \$980; Mail Room (Bulletin) \$196.50; Wanda's Clocks \$28.75; Lancaster Bingo (Raffle Tickets) \$54.00; FP raffle (October) \$100.00; and Eastern Garrett VFRD (Refrigerator) \$386.99 totaling 876.04. It was motioned by Bob Knippenburg and seconded by Mike Simmons to pay the bills. Motion Passed.
Fund Balances: General Fund \$14,102.92; Plaque Fund \$2,928.34; Plaque Fund Cash \$94.00; Checking Account \$3,772.32; Prime Saver \$2,461.12 and Fire Prevention Scholarship \$867.55.

MFRI – Todd Dyche reported:

Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Notes:

1. Numbers in parentheses indicates total pre-registered students
2. *Red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start

Additional Information

1. Pre-register online at <http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/schedule.cgi?S=Online> for the following training opportunities:

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# of Students	Status	Class Closes
EMT	-	WMRTC	8/20/14	W/Su	17	Active	Closed
Firefighter I (requires medical clearance)	-	WMRTC	9/6/14	Sat	39	Active	Closed
Firefighter II	-	WMRTC	9/21/14	Sun	26	Active	Closed
EMT Refresher	-	Garrett College	10/18/14	Sa/Su	19	Completed	Closed
Rescue Tech: Rope	-	Garrett College	10/25/14	Sat	(8)	Canceled	Closed
*EMR Refresher	EMS-207-S003-2015	Garrett College	12/5/14	F/S/Su	(1)	Open	11/16/14
*EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S006-2015	WMRTC	12/6/14	S/Su	(1)	Open	11/17/14
*EMT Skills	EMS-202-S003-2015	WMRTC	12/20/14	S/Su	(5)	Open	11/30/14

- EMT Refresher (12 hours) – December 1
- EVO – December 15

2. Maryland Weekend at the NFA is February 14-15, 2015. Brochure and application are online at www.mfri.org and will be distributed in bulk mailing.
3. Spring Course Request Sheets have been emailed to all the Region 1 fire and EMS organizations. Completed sheets should be returned to your county POC by November 7, 2014.

Garrett County Assn. – The next meeting will be held November 19 at Kitzmiller starting at 7:30 p.m.

Allegany County Emergency Services – Dick DeVore reported. There's a new reporting form for the 508 monies. Balance sheets should be provided for the account. Transactions should be showing all debits and credits with your receipts. Each company will received \$8,000 this year.

A requirement at this time is for all companies to return their financial questionnaire. There are only four (4) departments who have yet to return them. This questionnaire is to gage how departments have implemented controls on they check income and expenses within their organization. This Assn. will also be meeting with the vendor on October 14th.

Allegany County EMS – John Herath reported.

I am responding is being implemented and turned on the new 911 phone system. Roger is the contact. He noted only one (1) company didn't pass the ambulance inspections. There is still a 6% fail rate on responses.

EMEDS – Changes are being made. Vitals are now mandatory. Reports are locked after 48 hours and can only be accessed by a company administrator of the site. It is *imperative* that reports are being done within 24 hours of a call. Priority I or II patient run forms should be completed at the hospital prior to returning back to your base.

VCAF – Pat reported the next meeting is scheduled for November 16th at Laurel. Several applications are coming in and it looks like quite a few.

MIEMSS – Dwayne Kitis gave his oral report:

- ❖ **Protocol Update** – Protocol update 2014 and the “Break it to me Gently” online class should have been completed by June 30th. Both can still be taken by visiting:
www.emsonlinetraining.org/
- ❖ **50/50 Matching AED Grants** – All companies should have received a copy of the AED grant information in the mail. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Region I Office.
- ❖ **2014 Inspections** – Garrett County Inspections – Tuesday, September 29th.
Allegany County Ambulance Inspections – Weds. October 1st.
Allegany County BLS/First Response Veh. Inspections – Fri. October 3rd.

FYI – 2015 Inspections – October 6th Garrett County
October 7th Allegany County
October 8th Allegany County BLS / First Response

Upcoming Events – Region I EMS Council – October 16th, 7 p.m. Eastern Garrett VFRD
Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar – WISP Resort, April 10 – 11, 2015.

MSFA – Tim Dayton reported the next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Pocomoke City on December 6 & 7th.

Fire Police – They are still available.

Christian Firefighters – Pete reported the A. Mike Walter’s Chapter of Christian Firefighter’s met at Good Will yesterday morning, October 4th.

The welcome was given by President Broadwater and the response given by John Shockey. Pam Kyle read a poem about autumn. The invocation and the blessing of the meal were given by Chaplain Walbert. Breakfast was served.

The pledge was led by Pam Kyle. Joys and Concerns were given by Chaplain Walbert. The 23rd Psalm was read for deceased members. During the business meeting, the minutes were read and the treasurer’s report given. The Sunshine committee sent 2 Get Well cards. Ways and Means took in funds. It was noted that the April prayer breakfast has been cancelled due to the Spring Conference that day at Jarrettsville. The prayer breakfast adjourned after a circle of prayer.

The next prayer breakfast will be held at District 16, November 1st starting at 10:00 am. PG County will be our guest. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws – Nothing to report.

Convention – No report

Fire Prevention/Education – Pat reported the committee met in September at Bowling Green. It was decided to waive the FP activities at the mall this year, due to the lateness in planning. However, it was decided to have a FP Raffle until March 22nd when a tentative date has been set to have a dinner with the pageant to follow pending having candidates for Miss Fire Prevention or the Jr. Miss program. The raffle will be for a large screen TV with tickets being sent to all departments and auxiliaries to buy or sell. The dinner program will be attended by those who wish to support the program. It will provide a quiet forum for the contest and provide a more favorable learning experience for the contestants. A meeting was scheduled for October 9th.

Note: Fire Prevention & Education Committee’s Monthly Safety Fact # 99 to be included within the minutes and “The Bulletin”. Thanksgiving Safety Tips

According to the National Fire Protection Association, each year, nearly 4,300 fires in the United States occur on Thanksgiving Day!!

The fires have caused 15 fatalities, about 50 injuries, and nearly \$27 million in property damage every year. A majority of these incidents involved cooking, particularly deep fryers.

According to the US Consumer Products Safety Commission, more than 78 people have been injured since 1998 using deep fryers to cook turkeys with a majority of these incidents involving frozen or partially frozen turkeys.

Below are some safety tips for cooking this Thanksgiving:

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors, a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.
- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages.
- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire. Use a cooking thermometer.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use. Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot for hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water don't mix, and water causes oil to spill over, causing a fire or even an explosion hazard.
- The National Turkey Federation recommends refrigerator thawing and to allow approximately 24 hours for every five pounds of bird thawed in the refrigerator.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Remember to use your best judgment when attempting to fight a fire. If the fire is manageable, use an all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, get away and immediately call 9-1-1 for help.

Insurance/Benefits – John Shuhart reported:

Since the last meeting a Relief Fund payment was made for Charles Riley, Bloomington. If any companies who belong to the Relief Fund has a member die, please give me a call so that I may send out a check.

I have still not heard from Deep Creek on their status for the relief fund.

The questionnaire for the accident insurance will be mailed to each company during September. I have received a response from Bittering, Bloomington, Bowman's Addition, Clarysville, Deep Creek, Luke, Mt. Savage, Northern Garrett, and Oakland.

Clarysville is out of service for the past 3 months. Their liquor license was pulled which closed their bar. They have liquidated their assets. The Air Electric was donated to another department. They had to vacate their building STAT and their equipment is being housed at Frostburg. Based on everything they are no longer in operation.

Boundaries have been divided up. The contact person for them is Christie Logston, their treasurer.

Special Ops – No Report

Past Presidents – Next meeting October 23rd at Denny's in LaVale.

Auditing – Nothing.

Special Awards – Nothing

Training – Nothing

Recruitment/Retention – Work continues.

Public Relations – Any company having information, please forward to the editor for inclusion into the *'The Bulletin'*.

Sprinklers – Nothing new.

Statistics – No report

Career Center & 5 / 10 Year Planning – There was no report given from either committee.

Ways & Means – Dave Kyle noted the committee handed out tickets for a 50/50 for all member companies to buy or sell. The drawing will be held at the December 7th meeting at Orleans.

UNFISHISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Yesterday Sears had fire prevention at the Mall.

The Christmas Party for both the Ladies/Men will be held at District 16. In lieu of a jingle gift, it was thought to donate \$10.00 to the Bessie Marshall Fund. A brown bag auction will be held. All Past Presidents are invited. All officers and the Miss Fire Preventions and Jr. Misses are invited as well.

Gary Carpenter, president, noted that yesterday, Baltimore Pike held their Open House. They are well on their way to recovery.

Barb noted that she's still waiting on reports from Bowman's Addition and Cresaptown for their smoke alarm distribution.

Don't forget the Wills for Hero's program. Forms are available on-line at msfa.org

The 50/50 was drawn and won by the secretary.

The next Assn. meeting will be held at Orleans December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

The next Prayer Breakfast will be held at Orleans December 6th at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Walbert gave the benediction and the blessing of the meal at 15:07 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Rodney W. Bowser

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Secretary