



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association 1st Convention Business Meeting June 10, 2011

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10 June 2011

The First Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Friday, 10 June 2011 at the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department in Christiansburg, VA. with 78 members present, representing 11 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 14:00 hours by President Jeremy Williams. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Jeremy Williams of the Christiansburg Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chief Billy Hanks welcomed everyone to Christiansburg and to Christiansburg Fire Department. Chief Hanks recognized Mr. Barry Helms, Interim Town Manager who welcomed everyone to Christiansburg. President Williams presented Mr. Helms with a association challenge coin.

This business meeting was sponsored by 2 Way Radio. Mrs. Vickey Lambert of 2 Way Radio addressed the members in attendance and thanked them for their support.

Reports:

President:

President Jeremy Williams offered the following report:

- Welcomed everyone.
- Page Brockenbrough brought an article from a local paper about a firefighter from the Martinsville area that was recognized at the Virginia State Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was recognized in the article.
- Recognized the past presidents at the meeting.
- Jeremy recognized the officers and members of the Christiansburg Fire Department for their hard work.

1st Vice President:

This office has been vacated and will be filled at the 2nd convention meeting in June 2011

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President J.C. Bolling offered the following report.

- No Report

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report.

- Treasure's report was given.
- Motion made by Joe Kingera and seconded by Potsie Smith to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**
- Reviewed thank you cards sent to the association.

Asst. Treasurer:

Secretary Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Working with the Membership Committee to get information about the association.
- The ½ page ad for the state firefighters association has been sent for the state convention program.

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- All convention registration and money was sent in with no major problems.

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- No Report

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. at Arms Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Mike Stevens offered the following report:

- No Report

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- This has been a very busy session
- The legislative representatives have worked parallel with the Virginia State Firefighters Association and the Virginia State Fire Chiefs Association.
- A report was given about the Line of Duty Act
 - This legislation is to have the local municipality pay for the Line of Duty Benefit
 - This legislation has been pushed back to 2012
- Mike introduced Mr. Lee Day, Interim Deputy Director of Public Safety for Amherst County who is running for the 3rd Vice President of the Virginia State Firefighters Association. Mr. Day addressed the association after the business meeting.

Membership Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- The committee is looking for any ideas that will help increase the association membership.

Training Committee:

Mr. Tim Estes offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- Tim thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend the convention.
- Advised that the departments need to work together to get the attendance up for classes.

- The regional school will held in Wise on 11 September, 2011.
- The regional school in Galax will be 31 March, 2012.
- The association is considering going to two 4 hour training sessions on Friday of convention.

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No Report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Thanked VFIS and Mark Bowery for sponsoring the contest.
- Contest will be run in the grass area beside the fire department.
- Captains meeting will be after the Saturday meeting.
- Contest will start at 1300 hours.
- The association does have a rain location to run contest if needed.
- Thanked Jeremy and Brandon for marking the field.

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- The association will be having a “yard sale” at the next convention. This will be a way for departments that have leftover items from past conventions to bring them and the association will sell them and the money will go to the association.

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- The association will be awarding 3 scholarships this year. The following scholarships were awarded to the following people at the Saturday night banquet:
 - Samantha Canada
 - Bre Estes
 - Tyler Carr

Convention Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- If there are any problems please contact David Akers.
- Recognized Jeremy Williams for all of his hard work this year.
- Recognized Mark Smith and thanked him for his hard work with the convention.
- Thanked Tim Estes and Dennis Price
- If you have any questions, comments or would like to help please contact Mr. David Akers at dakers815@aol.com

Old Business

None

New Business

The Friday morning training that was held Friday morning at the Christiansburg Fire Department was attended by approx. 75 people. The association would like to thank Mr. Ronnie Alley of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for the training.

The following committees were set by President Williams at this meeting and are to report back at the Saturday meeting:

Audit Committee: Leon Reed, Lawrence Keffer, Frank Wright and Donnie Reed

Nominating Committee: P. Brockenbrough, M. Keffer and J. Campbell

Resolution Committee: M. Stevens and F. Linkous

The meeting was adjourned at 14:55 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

Thanks to the members of the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Christiansburg Fire Department in Christiansburg, VA. at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
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