



**Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association**  
**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**September 16, 2012**  
*We Protect Southwest Virginia*

16 September, 2012

The Fall Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 16 September, 2012 at the Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department in Pearisburg, VA. with 34 members present, representing 13 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:00 hours by President Joe Rakes. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Joe Rakes of the Elliston Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance. President Rakes also thanked the members of the Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department for lunch and recognized Chief Stump who welcomed everyone.

Mr. Brad Wright of the Virginia Department of Forestry gave a presentation about the Fire Wise Program.

The minutes from the convention were approved by a motion from Mr. David Akers and seconded by Mr. Potsie Smith, **motion passed.**

**Reports:**

**President:**

President Joe Rakes offered the following report:

- Elliston Fire Department has meet with the Convention Committee
- Working on convention for 2013
- Trying to arrange a cornhole tournament on Friday evening

**1st Vice President:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Wants to work towards the associations 501C-3 status

**2nd Vice President:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Morgan O'Quinn offered the following report.

- Chief Rick Laskey will be doing a presentation in Bristol, 16 December, 2012 beginning at 0830 hours.

**Treasurer:**

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report.

- Treasure's report was given.
- Motion made by David Akers and seconded by Kenny Hancock to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**

### **Asst. Treasurer:**

Asst. Treasurer Patsie Smith offered the following report:

- Gave a report on the Convention Committee account, motion to accept by Mr. Mike Moles and seconded by Mr. David Akers. **Motion voted and passed.**
- Requested that the audit be done on the account.
- Account will be audited after this meeting
- Patsie advised that the closest StellarOne bank is in Wytheville
- Mr. David Akers suggested that the association not switch banks although the Assistant Treasurer does not have a StellarOne branch close to his department
- The members in attendance agreed with Mr. Akers and the Convention Account will remain at StellarOne Bank

### **Secretary:**

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Requested a list of upcoming Fire Prevention Week events to be posted on the association website
  - Pearisburg Fire Department = 6 October – Open house 1200 – 1600 hours, Parade at 1900 hours
  - Christiansburg Fire Department = 9 October – Parade at 1900 hours
  - Dublin Fire Department = 7 October – Open house 1100 – 1500 hours
  - Abingdon Fire Department = 13 October – Open House 1300 – 1600 hours

### **Asst. Secretary:**

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Chaplin / Welfare:**

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Reported that Mr. Roy Redd attended services for the following members:
  - Mr. Benny Ridpath – Radford
  - Mr. Buddy Ratcliffe – Radford
  - Mr. Tommy Lorton – Dublin
  - Boones Mills Fire Department – Capt.
  - The services for Mr. Mark Bowery's mother

### **Sgt. At Arms:**

Sgt. at Arms Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Executive Committee:**

Mike Stevens offered the following report:

- Mr. Jeff Saunders will be the new Executive Committee chairman

### **Legislative Committee:**

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Attended the Virginia State Firefighters Conference in Hampton
- Reviewed House Bill # 502, *Fees for Service*
  - This bill went into effect 1 July, 2012

- This applies to call responses were there is damage. The fire department can request payment from the owner's insurance company.
- Hosted a summit and collectively will represent and follow the items:
  - VSFA – Fire fund money
  - 4 for life
  - Line of Duty Death – Virginia Prof. Firefighters
- Fire fund money can only be used for certain items:
  - Large request for Fire Fund money to be used for fitness equipment
    - You can now use Fire Fund money to purchase this equipment
- Worked with Fire Service Board members to work on in-service training.
  - Gave unanimous support for the Department of Fire Programs to create a library of in service training
  - To help department training officers with materials for department trainings
  - Maryland Fire / Rescue Institute has created training materials that the Virginia Department of Fire Programs has linked up with to develop a library of classes.
    - This link will be placed on The VDFP website

### **Membership Committee:**

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Training Committee:**

Mr. Mike Stevens offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- The Wise school approx. 140 people.
- Chief Rick Lasky will be in Bristol, 16 December, 2012
- Chief Rick Lasky will be in Galax, 15 December, 2012
- HTR Ropes class will be in Chilhowie, 4-5 November, 2012
- HTR Confined Space class will be in Abingdon, 15-16 December, 2012
- EVOC will be in Blacksburg, 20-21 October, 2012
- Firefighter II will be in Abingdon after the first of the year
- Firefighter II is being changed to 65 hours
- Fire Officer II will be coming up in Radford
- Fire Instructor II will be coming up in Pulaski
- Fire Officer Seminar will be in Roanoke, 20 & 21 September, 2012
- Elliston Fire Academy will start 24 October at Elliston Fire Department

### **By-laws Committee:**

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- 3rd reading of a proposed a By-Laws change:
- The following are the proposed changes:
  - ARTICLE 5 - Expenditures of the Association - Section 1. - (a). The Association shall reimburse a Department or Company its expenses in hosting a regular meeting not to exceed the sum of \$65.00.
- Proposed Change:
  - ARTICLE 5 - Expenditures of the Association - Section 1 - (a) The Association shall reimburse a Department or Company its expenses in hosting a regular meeting not to exceed the sum of \$125.00.
- The motion to accept by the By-laws Committee and seconded by Mr. David Akers
- Motion voted and passed

### **Rules and Contest Committee:**

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- There were a few problems with the contests at convention
  - The committee has discussed a gauge to check for the tightness of airpack straps
  - Mr. Yopp has asked for a motion to accept the revisions to the Contest Rules, motion made by Mr. Potsie Smith and seconded by Mr. Bill Nunley.
  - **Motion voted and passed**
    - Revisions will be posted on the association website
    - *See Attached*

### **Ways and Means Committee:**

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Mr. Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- Reminded everyone about the scholarship and that if they are interested they need to apply.
- The application is posted on line

### **Convention Committee:**

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Requested that members fill out the Convention Surveys that were emailed out
- Thanked members that completed the surveys, the information will be evaluated by the Convention Committee

## **Old Business**

Roanoke Fire / EMS has come onboard as members of the association, they turned there application at the convention in Roanoke.

## **New Business**

The Audit Committee for the Convention Committee checking account was set:

Page Brockenbrough, Brad Nester and Rusty Stump

Elliston requested money to assist with cornhole boards and materials

Motion made by Mr. Kenny Hancock and second by Mr. Barry Simmons

**Motion voted and passed**

Mr. David Akers asked about the trailer the association will be getting for convention supplies and materials.

There needs to be a letter of donation for the trailer from the association.

There was much discussion about the trailer, titling, tags and other items. This will be looked into and discussed.

The following motion was made by Mr. Page Brockenbrough and seconded by Mr. Billy Cook:

*“To accept the donation of a trailer and the association to pay for the graphic wrap”*

**Motion voted and passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 14:40 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department  
for hosting the meeting preparing and serving lunch.**

**The next meeting will be Sunday, January 13, 2013 at the Abingdon  
Fire Department in Abingdon, VA. at 1:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Secretary  
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# Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association

## Contest Rules and Regulations

Notice: Each contestant must attend one of the two business meetings and be duly registered in the convention proceedings. The Chairman of the rules and contest committee shall excuse any contestant from this amendment on an individual case presented at the Captains meeting after the second business meeting.

(Motion made and approved June 13, 1992. Revised 13 April, 2008)

Notice: Each and all contestants and the games they want to participate in shall be presented to the Chairman in writing after the second business meeting – no additions or substitutions.

Notice: Participating departments or companies must be active members of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association.

Notice: Any questions or infractions must be presented to the Chairman by the team Captains only before and during the contest. Any other complaints from anyone other than the team Captain may result in disqualification of the individual or team. All team Captains must be in agreement – if not, the Judge's decision will rule.

Notice: If a stopwatch fails the contestant may take the one time or rerun the event.

Notice: Two false starts during a contest will constitute a disqualification of the individual or team.

### **One Man Hose**

#### **Objective:**

Contestant begins at the starting point with nozzle in hand, runs to and uncouples two 2-1/2" couplings, applies nozzle and drops it.

Time is taken when the nozzle hits the ground.

#### **Conditions:**

Two 2-1/2" sections of hose are laid coupled together from the starting line for a distance of 100ft. Coupling is to be snug but not tight. Host company is to furnish hose and nozzle. Each contestant is to use the same nozzle and hose.

#### **Penalties:**

One second for each half turns of coupling necessary to make coupling snug. Six seconds for cross connection. (Approved 6/2000)

## **Air-pack (No Modifications)**

### **Objective:**

Contestant in Fireman's coat, helmet and boots will start at SCBA case, put on mask and cylinder – turn on cylinder and cross finish line fifty (50) feet away with hands raised over head. Case may be left unsnapped, but closed and placed on the starting line.

### **Conditions:**

30-minute self-contained mask and cylinder type to be used. Shoulder straps must be drawn tight as determined by the gauge. Measurement shall be over the chest area. Other buckles or straps may be adjusted. Tanks must be turned on so that air is flowing. Hose from face piece does not have to be connected to regulator. (Face piece may be adjusted)

### **Penalties:**

Six (6) seconds for no air flowing. Six (6) seconds for any strap not meeting the gauge requirement. Six (6) seconds for no air seal or hose entangled in straps.

## **One Man Dressing**

### **Objective:**

Contestant runs to boots, coat and helmet, puts them on fastens three snaps, raises hands as finished line is crossed. Time is taken when member crosses line with hands overhead. Contestants are not required to wear shoes. (NO MODIFIED COATS)

### **Conditions:**

Fireman coat unsnapped (folded shirt style and checked by Head Judge) minimum knee length. Boots and helmet will be centered on the line 50-ft from starting line. Finish line is 100-ft away from starting line. Three individual snaps and corresponding buckles or rings shall be snapped. Hands shall be raised overhead as the finished line is crossed. Judges to approve all gear. (Liners in or out)

### **Penalties:**

Two seconds for each snap not snapped in correct alignment before crossing finish line.  
Two seconds for not having hands raised overhead as finish line is crossed.  
Two seconds for any item of required gear not being on the body in its proper place.

## **Three Man Dressing**

### **Objective:**

Three team members run to boots, coats and helmets, put them on and fasten three snaps, raise hands over head as finish line is crossed. Three times are then averaged by head timer. Contestants are not required to wear shoes. (NO MODIFIED COATS)

### **Conditions:**

Firefighters coat unsnapped (folded shirt style and checked by Head Judge) minimum of knee length boots and helmet will be centered on a line 50-ft from starting line. Finish line is 100-ft away from starting line. Three individual snaps and corresponding buckles or rings shall be snapped. Hands shall be raised as finish line is crossed. (Judges to approve gear)

### **Penalties:**

Two seconds for each snap not snapped in correct alignment before crossing finish line.  
Two seconds for not having hands raised as finished line is crossed.  
Two seconds for any item of required gear not being on the body in its proper place.

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## **Zipper/Velcro Dressing Contest**

### **Objective:**

Contestant runs to boots, coat and helmet, and puts them on. Zippers must be zipped and Velcro fastened correctly.

### **Conditions:**

Fireman's coat opened (folded shirt style and checked by Head Judge), firefighting boots and helmet must be placed on the fifty foot line (50'). Runners run from the starting line to the equipment and don equipment correctly before crossing finish line 100-feet from the starting point. Time is taken when the member crosses the line with hands over head. Contestants are not required to wear shoes. (NO MODIFIED COATS). Liners may be left in or taken out.

Zipper must be zipped at least 12-inches from the bottom up. Velcro is to be connected in the same manner and same length.

### **Penalties:**

One second for every inch of zipper deficit, one second for every inch of Velcro closure, 1 second for an air pocket in Velcro, and one second for Velcro not being aligned properly.

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## **Over 50 One Man Dressing**

### **Objective:**

Contestant runs to boots, coat and helmet, puts them on, fastens three snaps, raises hands as finished line is crossed. Time is taken when member crosses line with hands overhead.

Contestants are not required to wear shoes. (NO MODIFIED COATS)

### **Conditions:**

Fireman coat unsnapped (folded shirt style and checked by Head Judge) minimum knee length boots and helmet will be centered on the line 50-ft from starting line. Finish line is 100-ft away from starting line. Three individual snaps and corresponding buckles or rings shall be snapped. Hands shall be raised overhead as the finished line is crossed. Judges to approve all gear. (Liners in or out)

### **Penalties:**

Two seconds for each snap not snapped in correct alignment before crossing finish line.

Two seconds for not having hands raised overhead as finish line is crossed.

Two seconds for any item of required gear not being on the body in its proper place.

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