



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
Quarterly Business Meeting
September 25, 2016
We Protect Southwest Virginia

25 September, 2016

The Fall Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 25 September, 2016 at the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department in Christiansburg, Va. with 32 members present, representing 17 organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1135 hours by President Brian Hollins. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Hollins welcomed everyone in attendance.

President Hollins introduced the following guest:

VDFP/Chief Carter & Division Chief's Parris & Price, Mike Yingling-Va. SFMO, Mike Ayers-Galax Fire-Rescue, Asst. Chief Josh Davidson-Chilhowie Fire Dept., Paula-Poston-Red Cross, Sidney Lucas-NFFF/Everyone Goes Home, Sam Burnette-VDFP/Fusion Center & Dr. Griffin.

President Hollins thanked Christiansburg Fire Department for hosting the training and lunch. He also recognized Mr. Kevin McAurthur and thanked him for his assistance with lunch.

President Hollins introduced Chief John Prillaman with Salem Fire and EMS. Chief Prillaman is also the VFCA-Division 6 Vice President. Chief Prillaman addressed the members present about the upcoming activities and events with the VFCA.

President Hollins introduced Mr. Terrence Engles of the American Addiction Centers. Mr. Engles addressed the members present about the services offered by the company for members of the fire service. The company is also going to be working with VDFP to get information out to all departments in Virginia about firefighter mental health issues and support.

Reports:

President:

President Brian Hollins offered the following report.

- No report

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Nathan Brewbaker offered the following report.

- Thanked the members of Green Spring Fire Department for their work on the convention

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Brenda Hankins was unable to attend and Page Brockenbrough offered the following report.

- Thanked Christiansburg Fire Department and the Virginia Department of Fire Programs
- Attended the Henry County association meeting
 - Discussed the Southwest Association sponsored training and activities

- The was interest in the association from several departments in Henry County
- 1 Ocotber, 2016 the Martinsville Fire Department will be holding a open house celebrating 125 years of service to the Martinsville Community

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report.

- Motion to accept made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by David Akers
- **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasure Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- No report

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- No report

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- All money has been entered into the account and totals provided to the Secretary to compile the convention budget breakdown
- Blacksburg Fire Department will be having an open house on 9 October, 2016 for Fire Prevention Week

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Advised the group that we had 5 members pass away since the convention meeting:
 - Mr. Glenn Wood – Riner Fire Department
 - Mr. Donald Roberts – Elliston Fire Department
 - Mr. Thomas Bailey – Draper Fire Department
 - Mr. Chip Hutchinson – Pulaski Fire Department
 - Mr. Henry Wades – Pearisburg Fire Department
 - Thanked Horne Funeral Home for their continued support of the Memorial Service

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Executive Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report.

- No report
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Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- No report

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- The association needs to look into a membership drive to help boost the association membership
- Marion Fire / EMS joined the association this past month

Training Committee:

Michael Parris offered the following report on behalf of Mr. Roy Redd:

- The VDFP 18 month calendar has been approved and is on the VDFP website.
- You can register on line for classes. A member can sign up on line for any class 90 days prior to the class date. The class sign up will be removed from the website 10 days prior to the class start date. If you need to register after the 10 day window please contact your division office.

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

The following is the second reading of the purposed changes to the by-laws

- **APRICLE 1 Article 1 Name and Purpose Section 1** currently reads
 - The name of this Association shall be "The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Incorporated"

- **Article 1 Name and Purpose Section 1** changed to read
 - The name of this Association shall be "The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association"
 - *On advice of legal counsel the following change in Article 1 Section 1 of the Constitution shall be made as of June 18, 2016 without the normal 3 vote requirement.*

- **Article 3 Officers and Executive Committee Section 2** currently reads
 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President and four (4) members appointed by the President.

- **Article 3 Officers and Executive Committee Section 2** proposed
 - The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the President.

Changes recommended by the By-Laws Committee - 2nd by Jeff Saunders, **motion carried** – the third readings of the change to the Executive Committee Members shall take place at the January meeting

Rules and Contest Committee:

Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- We are looking at the contest location

Ways and Means Committee:

- No report

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- The application on line has been revised to reflect the changes

Convention Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- The committee will be having a meeting in the new future
- President Hollins thanked the members of Green Spring Fire Department for a successful 2016 convention

Old Business

- President Hollins reported on the meeting that was held with Mr. Stephen Wagner to review the direction of corporation status of the association.
 - Mr. Wagner has reviewed the by-laws and the structure of the association and has advised that going thru with the 501 C 3 status would not benefit the association.
 - President Hollins advised that Mr. Wagner was in the process of drafting the Articles of Corporation
 - There was a discussion about the new corporation having to have a Board of Directors. There was discussion about possibly changing the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors.
 - Mr. Martin Keffer asked President Hollins to appoint a committee to work through the need for a Executive Committee and/or a Board of Directors
- If you have any issues with the association please see a member of the Executive Committee

New Business

8 October, 2016 – LongShop McCoy Pancake Breakfast at LongShop McCoy Fire Department from 0630 – 1100 hours

Christiansburg Auxiliary fund raiser raffle – see any CFD member

Martinsville fund raiser raffle – see any MFD member

Thanks to the members of the Christiansburg Fire Department for the work hosting the training and meeting

The next meeting will be Sunday, 15 January, 2017 at the Selma Fire Department, Selma, Va. 1300 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
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