



# Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Spring Business Meeting April 8, 2018

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8 April, 2018

The Spring Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 8 April, 2018 at the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department in Christiansburg, VA with 31 members present, representing 17 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1325 hours by President Nathan Brewbaker. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department prior to the meal. President Brewbaker welcomed everyone in attendance, thanked Bull and Bones for providing lunch and recognized Christiansburg Fire Chief Billy Hanks and thanked the members of the fire department for the hospitality. Chief Hanks also recognized two Past Presidents in attendance that have not been to association meetings in several years, Mr. Banjo Williamson and Retired Chief Cabby Whitt.

President Brewbaker introduced Mr. Tim Arrington with NAFECO, Mr. Arrington is the Central / Western VA Sales Representative. He introduced himself and invited everyone to the Turnout Technology Symposium, 2018, that will be held at Christiansburg Fire Department on 9 May, 2018 at 1800 hours. Dinner will be served. There is also a session to be held on 9 May, 2018 at 0830 hours at the Holiday Inn in Roanoke, VA located at 3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke, VA. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

## Reports:

### President:

President Nathan Brewbaker offered the following report:

- The following committees need to be setup at this meeting:
  - Audit Committee – Leon Reed, Frank Wright and Mike Moles
  - Nomination Committee – Page Brockenbrough, Billy Hanks and Mark Smith
  - Resolutions Committee – Jeremy Williams and Nathan Brewbaker

### 1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Brenda Hankins offered the following report:

- No Report / Not Present

### 2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Andrew Whitt offered the following report:

- No Report / Not Present

### Treasurer:

Treasurer Robbie Kiser offered the following report:

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- 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:

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- Motion to accept made by David Akers and seconded by Barry Simmons
  - **Motion voted and passed**

### **Secretary:**

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices have been sent out
- Convention registration packages and vendor packages were sent out after the January meeting. If you need a copy of the registration package and training notice please contact the Secretary.
- Have contacted Chief Dennis Price with VDFP and they are working to get school numbers for the convention training

### **Asst. Secretary:**

Asst. Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Convention and Vendor registrations are starting to come in.
- Mark thanked everyone that has sent in the registrations at this point for having all the paperwork filled out

### **Chaplin / Welfare:**

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Asked the members to keep the Horne family from Christiansburg in your thoughts and prayers due to the loss of Mrs. Pat Horne

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

Sgt. At Arms Todd Chrisley offered the following report:

- No report

### **Executive Committee:**

Executive Committee Chairman Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- If you have any issues for the Executive Committee please contact David
  - The best way to contact him is by text or email

### **Legislative Committee:**

Legislative Committee Chairman Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Since this was a Governor's election year there was not much legislative items that came up in the last couple of sessions
- One of the main topics from past sessions was about ATL (Aid to localities) money, this was not discussed in this past session
- Mike introduced the President of the Virginia State Firefighters Association Mr. Jimmy Byer.
  - President Byer thanked everyone for allowing him to attend the meeting.
  - He advised that the State Firefighters Association thanked the members from southwest Virginia for their continued support of the Virginia State Firefighters Association.
  - He advised that they will be at the convention in June to support our association

### **Membership Committee:**

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No Report / Not Present

### **Training Committee:**

Roy Redd offered the following report:

- No Report / Not Present

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

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- Waiting on some additional information from the association attorney

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

Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Contest will be in the same place as last year
- Asked members to be ready to begin the contest at 1300 hours

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

Chris Loan offered the following report:

- No Report / Not Present

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Jeff Saunders offered the following report for Billy Hanks:

- There have been four applications as of this date

### **Convention Committee:**

Jeremy Williams offered the following report:

- The committee is working on the 2018 convention
- The training for the convention will be (4) one hours sessions, please see the training flyer that is attached with these minutes
- There will be a ladies painting event at the hotel on Friday, 15 June, 2018 at 1000 hours.
  - The cost of this event will be \$25.00 per person
  - You must sign up for this event prior to the date, additional information will be sent out at a later date
- The Golf Tournament will be held at Hanging Rock Golf Course, lunch will be at 1230 hours with the golf tournament starting at 1330 hours
- Cornhole tournament will be held at the hotel on Thursday night starting at 2000 hours
  - The cornhole was moved to Thursday night to not interfere with the Friday night Vendor Social
- The Memorial Service will be held at the Crossroads Church, 4827 Delray Street, NW, Roanoke, Va. 24017.
- Jeremy is working on a backup location form the contest in the event of bad weather
- Asked people to help with selling Golf Hole sponsorships
- The business meeting on Saturday 16 June, 2018 will be held in the same rooms as the training not in the Amphitheater
- Friday night will be a Super Hero theme, more info will be coming out about this
- If you have any questions please contact Jeremy or any of the Convention Committee members
- Your hotel room lists need to be turned in to the hotel no later than 1 June, 2018

## **Old Business**

David Akers thanked the Convention Committee for all of the work that they have helped with form this year's convention

## **New Business**

Jeff Saunders made a couple of wooden flags for the association to be used at the discretion of the President and Convention Committee

The Virginia State Firefighters Association will have a booth set up in the vendor area at convention.

Stop by and see what benefits that the association has for its members

Chief Billy Hanks gave a update about a meeting that he and Curtis Whitt attended in Roanoke to meet the new Executive Director of Fire Programs Chief Mike Reilly.

Chief Reilly has big plans for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs

He is looking forward to working with the fire departments around the state of Virginia  
Mike Moles asked President Brewbaker to do a formal invitation to Chief Reilly to the 2018 Convention and give him the opportunity to speak to the membership

The meeting was adjourned at 1416 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting and providing lunch**

**The next meeting will be Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center in Roanoke, Va. at 0900 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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