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**HART COUNTY FIRE BOARD**  
**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**  
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The Hart County Fire Board met for the bi-monthly meeting on August 6, 2012 at Station 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Fire board members present were:

Marshall Norton – Station 8  
David Lorentson – Station 2  
Wade Carlton – Station 3  
Teddy Gibson – Station 4  
Mike Milford – Station 6  
Tom Murphy – Station 7  
Stephen Ayers – Station 8  
Chief Jerry Byrum  
Asst. Chief Alan Daniel

Firefighters present:

Brian Adams – Station 7  
Mike Bailey – Station 5  
B.J. White - Station 1

Chairman Marshall Norton presided over the meeting and took minutes in the absence of Vice-Chairman/Secretary Joseph Haley.

Tom Murphy moved to approve the agenda. Teddy Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Tom Murphy moved to postpone the approval of the minutes from the June Fire Board meeting in the absence of Vice Chairman/Secretary Joseph Haley until the next meeting to give board members a chance to review the minutes since they were not available at this meeting. Mike Milford seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Station Reports:

Station 1: Nothing to report

Station 2: Nothing to report

Station 3: Air compressor for the cascade system needs repair. The circuit board is bad inside the unit and attempts to get the part have been unsuccessful. Station 3 was advised by Chief Byrum that they were ready to pick out a color for their roof. Station 3 was provided color samples from Chief Byrum.

Station 4: Nothing to report

Station 5: Nothing to report

Station 6: Nothing to report

Station 7: Need a well drilled for the station as the one they have is going dry. Chief Byrum

advised he would get with Jon Caime about this and get back to them.

Station 8: Nothing to report.

The Fire Board discussed fire pay for members who leave the department prior to the pay period ending. All Board Members agreed if the member attended fires/meetings and completed the training for that period, they would have to be paid.

The Fire Board discussed options on how to deal with the annual county wide meeting held the first Sunday in December. The turnout at this meeting has declined over the years and many members want to see the meeting abolished. All agreed no vote to abolish the meeting could be done until the annual meeting when the whole county fire department is present as written in the SOG. Discussions on how to handle the assistant chief and secretary/treasurer position was also discussed. Board members were advised to think about how they want to proceed with these positions and be ready to discuss them at the next meeting. All agreed that any changes in the way the assistant chief and secretary/treasurer were elected would have to be changed with a vote from the Fire Department as a whole as per SOG.

Chief Byrum advised that he needed a count on how many Motorola Minitor III and IV pagers each station had.

The MDA Boot Drive is scheduled for August 25, 2012 from 7-11a.m.. Locations for the boot drive will be at Wal-Mart and the intersection of Hwy. 51 north and Reed Creek School Road. Each station will report to the location they were assigned during the previous boot drive.

Chief Byrum advised to make sure Engines and Tankers go 10-8 on all structure fires. Even if the Tanker does not leave the station, make sure it is 10-8 on the radio and put on the fire report. This is imperative to show the gallons per minutes of water flow necessary for ISO.

ISO results were discussed. The county is looking to be a class 5/class 8B or possibly lower. The inspection went very well and the evaluator was very impressed. The evaluator is going to come back in six months to evaluate us on the water shuttle. If we can pass the water shuttle, the lowest rating that the county gets will be received by the entire county. Assistant Chief Alan Daniel is in the process of getting the specifics of the test so that we can begin practicing for this.

Motion was made to amend the SOG to read all fire department applications received will be first reviewed by Chief Jerry Byrum. The applications that meet the requirements will then be given to the Fire Board for review at the October meeting. Applicants who meet the requirements will then be given an orientation class in November followed by another class and physical agility test in December. Applicants who complete these classes and pass the physical agility will then move on to start the Firefighter 1 course in January. Applicants who complete the Firefighter 1 course will then be assigned a station after completion of Firefighter 1. Motion was made by Marshall Norton and seconded by Mike Milford. Motion carried with no opposition.

Firefighter 1 skills practice will be August 27-28 at Station 1. Assistant Chief Daniel had scheduled the test for the first weekend in September but advised he would have to change it due to this being a holiday weekend. Assistant Chief Daniel advised that anyone needing to test

should contact him. Assistant Chief Daniel advised he would advise everyone when the new test date was scheduled.

Officer training classes for the year are scheduled as follows:

August 18, 2012 – Station 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Pipeline Emergency class begins at 12:00 p.m.

August 20, 2012 – Station 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

August 21, 2012 – Station 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pipeline Emergency class

September 8, 2012 – Station 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Pipeline Emergency class begins at 12:00 p.m.

September 17, 2012 – Station 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

September 18, 2012 – Station 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pipeline Emergency class

Anyone wishing to be considered for an officer's position within the department must attend either a Saturday class or the two evening classes to include the Pipeline Emergency class. Personnel wishing to take only the Pipeline Emergency class may attend and will receive a state certificate.

Mike Milford moved to increase the Firefighter pay to \$25.00 per call and \$25.00 per meeting to try and improve recruitment and increase attendance on fire responses which will better serve the county on ISO inspections. Motion was seconded by Stephen Ayers. Motion carried with no opposition.

Wade Carlton moved to recommend the purchase of a new or good used air compressor/cascade system for Station 3. The system at Station 3 has been in service over 20 years and has been down due to mechanical failure for over 6 months. Due to the age of the system, finding replacement parts for it has been impossible as the model has been discontinued. Motion was seconded by Tom Murphy. Motion carried with no opposition.

The five year spending plan was discussed. Due to lack of time, board members agreed to let Chief Byrum prioritize the spending for the five year plan and get back with board members once he completed it.

Tom Murphy moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mike Milford. Motion carried with no opposition.

Next Fire Board meeting will be October 1, 2012 at Station 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m.