



**Valley Fire & Rescue**  
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## **Valley Fire & Rescue General Business Meeting September 9, 2024**

### **Call to order/ Roll Call:**

John Hesson called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

### **Members In Attendance:**

- Luke Tilka
- Zach Adkins
- John Hesson
- Davian Dowden
- Chris Pearce
- Kimberly Lang
- Shane Lang
- Dustyn Kelly
- Heather Lang
- Nathan McQueen
- Danny Luckeydoo
- Roger Bennett
- Rebecca Ferre

### **Public In Attendance:**

- N/A

### **Financial Report:**

#### **Misc. Account:**

\$N/A

#### **State Account:**

\$N/A

A Treasurer's Report was not provided for the meeting

## **Old Business:**

Review of New Business from last month's Business Meeting

**Shane Lang:** Motion to accept old business      **Zach Adkins:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Zach Adkins:**

- Update on new security camera installation: Cameras are planned to be operational Wednesday night
- Update on live fire training from last month

## **New Business:**

### **John Hesson:**

- Open Discussion on Ashton Softball Sponsorship

**Zach Adkins:** Motion for sponsorship costs to be covered by an individual member

**Danny Luckeydoo:** 2<sup>nd</sup>                      **Passed**

### **Zach Adkins:**

- Valley Fire & Rescue Approved for SAFER grant
- Grant has multiple requirements we must meet, more information to come at a future date
- All training requirements must be met for stipends to be paid out (see training sheet on the wall / ESO
- Policies regarding stipends are being developed with a goal of being completed by October 7th.
- Reminder of 24 hours of participation from each member each quarter is required
  - 9 members have not the requirements this quarter
- Reminder to log your own activities in ESO

-Discussion on Radio Etiquette:

-Marking enroute to the station is a privilege, it does not justify stopping the dispatchers from dispatching our automatic aid resources to acknowledge your presence.

-Ensure you are referring to the correct apparatus when on the radio marking enroute or back in station. Saying the wrong apparatus and then correcting later confuses dispatch and undermines credibility.

-Ducks Unlimited Raffle Opportunity:

-We sell 300 tickets at \$25 & make \$3,000

-Duty Weekends are not optional:

-Chief Ashworth established them in 2023, we are continuing this effective program. Since establishment we have not had an unanswered call on a duty weekend. Failing to respond will result in writeups / and/or disciplinary actions.

-Next year duty weekend will transition to a write-up for each missed response.

-After this meeting is the final chance for mandatory cascade training, failure to attend a cascade training will result in disciplinary action.

-Auto Ex Ops and Tech will be hosted at Valley Fire & Rescue in October

-NFPA 1403 Live Fire Instructor Class w/ Parkersburg Fire is scheduled for September 14-15 at Valley Fire & Rescue

-Spark of love wants to use our station as a donation drop point

-Spark of love wants to have a boot drive at our station in October.

Suggested it may be better to partner with Cross light since they are local

-Speaking with Jim Butler about legislation, any suggestions?

-Survey for stipend payout frequency was emailed out on 8/27 closes on 9/12

-Ducks Unlimited Joint Raffle they want us to sell 300 tickets at \$25 apiece and we will get \$3000 if we sell 300 tickets

**Shane Lang:** Motion to do a drive for toys for Christmas on November 16<sup>th</sup> be at Station at 8am

**Zach Adkins:2<sup>nd</sup>**                      **Passed**

**Upcoming Events:**

-November 9<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Chili  
Cook Off

-December 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with  
Santa 8:00- Noon

-December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
Dinner 6:00pm

**New Membership:**

- Andrew Parker                      **90 Day Probationary Period Approved by Membership**
- Bindy Kirk                              **90 Day Probationary Period Approved by Membership**

**Luke Tilka:** Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

**Zach Adkins: 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Meeting Adjourned**