



# Valley Fire & Rescue

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## Valley Fire & Rescue Business Meeting March 02, 2026

Member Taking Minutes: JT Tilton

### Call to order/ Roll Call:

The President called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance at 1902.

### Members In Attendance

- Zach Adkins
- Nathan McQueen
- Alisha Hammond
- Brandon Armstrong
- John Tilton
- John Hesson
- Devin Edmonds
- Garrett Braniff
- Katina Tilton
- Donna Bennett
- Roger Bennett
- Gavin Reynolds
- Rebecca Ferrell
- Dustin Kelly
- Heather Lang
- Wes Amores
- Haley Harper
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### Public in Attendance:

**None.**

## Financial Report:

### Miscellaneous Account

\$88,349.56

### State Account

\$50,797.74

### Money Market Account

\$72,515.81

## Old Business:

Review of New Business from last month's Board Meeting

**Zack Adkins:** Motion to accept old business **Dustin Kelly** 2<sup>nd</sup> **PASS**

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## Follow up (unresolved items):

Awards Banquet date set as Feb. 28, 2026. Success with many awards given.

Microsoft account purchases not completed due to zero balance.

Budget Committee no movement.

Snorkel for Rescue 26 still under investigation. Unlikely

**Zach Adkins:** \$4000 stipend funds earned to date.

Make sure to meet the requirements for membership hours.

It is every individuals responsibility to log activity into daily logs.

If you need time find an officer for assistance or for with truck checks.

Preplanning 1 call you run on as an officer.

Trainers needed for training events for the 2026. Email Zach for opportunities.

Ashton Elementary School requesting T-shirt sponsorship.

## New Business:

- SAFER GRANT – No update

- 12 have met training requirements.
- If you do not achieve 24 hours of participation each quarter you will lose that quarter's stipends.
- 204 stipends worth \$4080 have been earned by 12 members in year 2.
- We only had 6 qualified for the tax credit last year. Let's make this 12 this year!
- Let's get 100% participation for the quarterly goals this year!
- 7 - haven't hit 24 hours this quarter
- Missing your quarterly hours forfeits stipends for that quarter, and eliminates eligibility for the tax incentive for the entire year
- Reminder it is your responsibility to enter your hours, who ever is handling the evenings event will log that. Any time outside of the meeting or training will be your responsibility (2 hours typically)
- We have multiple items the Officers are unable to handle. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.
- We will begin logging everything in the first due calendar. Send any upcoming events that need added to JT.
- We have a lot of preplans to do, if each OIC can complete a light preplan on 1 incident they respond to a month, it would really help us get everything in our district planned. - 1 complete last month
- Reminder we are looking for people to lead multiple training nights this quarter/ next – Let me know if you would like to volunteer
- Where are the locations of our current SOG's?
- Monthly SOG review
- What page is Structure Fire SOG on? - 63
- What is on page 28? - Driving
- What is on page 70? - industrial incident actions
- QR codes added that link to our SOG's. If you need them added in additional locations, please let an Officer know.
- Ensure you acknowledge the SOG's by March 15.

- Someone proposed a boat to me. 10k with trailer, have photos
- Egg sales have started – Becky will need some help with preparing the eggs – Need a lot of help with selling – We did \$890 in sales last year, 156 sold by 7 members – even social media shares help a lot.
- Auxiliary:
  - Auxiliary hours 2025 – 2072
  - Annual hours needing filled without auxiliary – 251 per member
  - Members with less than 251 hours 2025 – 5
  - Missed Calls 2025 - 11
  - Auxiliary responses 2025 - 199
  - Emergency responses needing filled without auxiliary – 14 per member
  - Number of firefighter members with less than 14 responses - 7
- WV Code 8-15-5. Duties of company members, everyone should be familiar
- 3 failure to responds in less than 4 hours last month
  - Corrective action taken next day to mitigate situation temporarily – resulted in no further for the week.
- If we continue to have failures to respond at this rate, we will have to explore options for ensuring 24/7 emergency response coverage.
- Drone Task Force made first find last month
- Thanks to all who made it to the awards banquet!
- Duty Weekend signups are out, have been out a while, ensure you sign up ASAP.
  - Failure to participate will result in extra duties, and loss of good standing status.
- To-do list needs hit, it hasn't been fully hit in several weeks
- We are out of clean hose, need 2-3 hose wash days ASAP
- Trucks need washed this month
- Next month is Detail month, we need to get all trucks detailed, Brandon will ensure we have ample car wash, ceramic, and associated supplies by 3/23 to begin that on 4/1 or slightly before.

- Need Training or want specific training let JT or Zack know.
- Check Emails weekly. Best practice check every Monday.
- Point Register News Article
- @1921 John Hesson Started second reading of By-Laws.

**John Tilton:** Motion to accept Second reading of 2026 By-Laws  
**PASS**

**Brandon Armstrong:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Heather Lang** received her 5 year service award.

**Zack Adkins:** Motion to adjourn      **Dustin Kelly:** 2<sup>nd</sup> **PASS**

**Meeting Adjourned at 1931hrs**

