

**ROWAN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE
JANUARY 16, 2003
MEETING AT STATION 54**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER: ALLEN CRESS
DEVOTIONS: CHARLES MILLER
WELCOME GIVEN BY DAVID GARDNER
ROLL CALL: JEFF RUSSELL 16 DEPARTMENTS PRESENT
TREASURERS REPORT: SUE CHOAT
SECRETARYS REPORT: JEFF RUSSELL**

Tommy Kimball spoke on the relay for life that is held at the Rowan Fairgrounds this year on May 02, 2003. He was asking for teams to be sponsored from their respected departments. He also asked that anyone who wished to sponsor a team contact him and he would come and speak to the departments.

T.J. Brown of the Rowan rescue squad was talking about a fundraiser for John Sharp's son Cody who is in Duke with a rare form of Leukemia. The squad was planning on having a tag football game with all departments invited to participate.

Public Ed: Jim Fulton spoke briefly and said that the Smoke and Co Detector Program was on the back burner at this time, but if anyone needed some to contact him.

Communications:

Dead Spots in the system. Some departments are still having trouble getting out in certain area unless they use the VHF System.

Weather Alerts were not working on Minitor II and III units.

Emergency Service personnel can't hear 800 MHz system on VHF Band.

Having trouble with more than one POV checking enroute to calls only one POV will be recognized both enroute and on the scene.

In order for the MASS Unit to be dispatched Working Fire must be declared on the radio.

HONOR GUARD

Bobby Fox stated that the Honor Guard was waiting on hats and patches then all uniforms should be complete.

Sheriff's Department

David Earnhardt is working on the Relay for Life Team for the Sheriff's Department Team

No Fire Marshals Report

Old Business

Fiddlers Convention for fundraiser: Motion Dropped due to lack of interest.

New Business

Bonnie Cress made a motion that the Association make a \$500.00 donation to the Cody Sharp Fund. A Second was made and the motion passed.

Benevolent Brotherhood Fund needs members. For cards see Allen Merrill. Question was raised as if a member could belong to two counties, such as Rowan and Cabarrus. It was brought up to ask Kannapolis about this situation.

Mike Zimmerman made the motion that dues be raised from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year starting in February of this year. Bobby Fox Seconded the Motion. Motion was so carried.

A Receipt Book for donations for the Honor Guard was requested. And approved.

No other business was brought of that time. The motion was made to adjourn, and seconded. The motion was so carried with peace and harmony prevailing.

Next meeting will be at Franklin Station # 55 on February 20, 2003