

## **Avery Fire Chiefs to meet**

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In a closed meeting tonight- Avery County fire chiefs plant to discuss the newest draft of the fire service contract. The deadline to sign was July 1- and even though a new draft has been released, many departments still have not signed. Firefighters have taken issue with a clause in the contract that would give the county ownership over firefighting equipment previously owned by individual departments. Firefighters also noted the contracts do not have an expiration date- and fear signing the contract would mean an eternity of firefighting for one year's budget. Fire chiefs hope to work something out before insurance rates are affected.