

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Norris:

- Request from station 25 is requesting equipment for the water supply unit in the amount of, \$2,499.00. Motion made, second by Vice Chairman Stine that we support the request for appliances for water supply 25. **Motion approved.** Commissioner Norris will meet with Chief 25 to be sure everything requested is absolutely necessary.

Commissioner Russell:

- Chief 5 is requesting a meeting with the Fire Commission, Mayor and Council of Capital Heights, Board of Directors and representatives of the Fire Department. This meeting is concerning the improvements needed at station 5, and the position of the County Executive requesting station 5 turn over all of their property to the county before any improvements are done to the station.

Chairman Robison suggested that the Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Department first meet with Chief Blackwell to see if everything that has been discussed is absolutely the fact. If after the meeting with Chief Blackwell they still would like the Fire Commission to get involved, the Commission would be more than willing to assist.

Lengthy discussion followed on the subject.

Commissioner Granados:

- Trying to work out the kinks with the LOSAP program. Also, trying to come up with a date for the training and how to work out all of the logistics for the training.

Vice Chairman Strine:

- Questioned why M&M would charge \$110.00 to shuffle paper work when someone gets equipment repaired from a local vendor and they never touch the equipment.
- Company 56, Under Water Rescue and Recovery Team is requesting financial assistance from the Fire Commission to put an intercom system and a tackograph on the new unit they just purchased. Motion by Commissioner Granados, second by Vice Chairman Strine to approve up to \$4,000.00 in assistance. **Motion approved.**

Secretary Mutchler:

- Questioned whether the County has a self insurance policy and if so can a copy of the policy be obtained.
- Questioned when the commissioners were going to receive the print outs of how much money their stations have spent.

Commissioner Fuller:

- In the process of setting up the official web site for the Fire Commission. The web address will be, <http://www.firecommission.com>.
- Have been working on the station management computerized program. It is finished and ready for review.
- Also working on an instruction booklet to help with using the program.
- Working on the LOSAP program.
- Suggested in the future when someone approaches the Commission to purchase large items, we should require supporting documentation and bid proposals. This would give the Commission more accountability as to what we are purchasing.
- Suggested someone do some research to find the approximately \$110,000.00 that was left over from the purchase of the volunteer pagers and CAD system.

Commissioner Wood:

- Motion to grant equivalency to Shaun Humphries from station 2 for active firefighter, all training is in order. Second by Vice Chairman Strine. **Motion approved.**
- Motion to grant equivalency to Jonathan Howard from station 43 for FF I. All training is in order. Second by Commissioner Granados. **Motion approved.**
- Hold request for Andre Hazel from station 10 for lack of 8-hour certification.

Commissioner Woods:

- Request from station 48 to have a water pipe run to new hose reel. (See Jim Trexler)

Chairman Robison:

- Discussed the contract for Dr. Paul Davis to re-write and develop the standards and requirements for volunteer physicals.
- Confirmation for Ron Blackwell is set for Tuesday September 11th at 10 AM at the County hearing room in Upper Marlboro.
- Motion by Vice Chairman Stine, second by Commissioner Woods that the Commission goes on record in support of Ron Blackwell as Fire Chief for Prince Georges County. **Motion approved.**
- All companies have completed the audit except company 9.
- Sent a letter to Mr. Glover regarding the Commission's support of the South County enhancement project.
- Sent a letter to Fred Thomas to purchase a table for Ron Siarniki's retirement function.

Vice Chairman Strine discussed the upcoming PGCVF&RA convention.

Jim Trexler:

- Parking lot at logistics will be paved next week. Any pick-ups will have to be done at the loading dock on the end of the building.
- Discussed the problem of fumes in engine bays at stations. He requested a committee be formed and have a representative from the Commission to be on it. The purpose of the committee will be to prioritize each station.
- Discussed a problem with stations ordering office supplies from Rudolph supply catalog.

President Underwood:

- Looking for trophies to use for the convention.
- Will be in charge of the Public Relations committee next year.
- Company 6 will no longer be a member of the Association as of October 1. We need to keep an eye on what happens to their budget money.
- The second EMT class the Commission approved was not needed but still may be needed in November.

Station 9 submitted a letter with all the radio information they would like to have put under County maintenance. Motion by Commissioner Granados, second by Commissioner Fuller to support station 9's request. **Motion approved.**

John Crisman advised that the Fire Chief has been informed that there will be no fourth quarter supplements.

Chaplains report.

Next Fire Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday September 19, 2001 at Branchville VFD station 11 at 1930.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Mutchler
Secretary