

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2001
Fire Services Building



Meeting called to order at 1930 by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chairman Robison.

Commissioner Norris:

Motion to approve the Forestville VFD spend \$3,500.00 from station management money for banquet. Second Secretary Mutchler. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Russell:

No report.

Commissioner Granados:

- Letters for the \$4.00 increase for LOSAP awardees who earned 50 points last year will go out tomorrow.
- Station 25 and 9 LOSAP reports will be going out to the Pension and Benefits office tomorrow.
- Station 17 LOSAP report still missing.
- Have concerns concerning the telephone system switches for Fire/EMS stations.

Secretary Mutchler:

- Brought to the attention of the Commission of a problem with the volunteer application process. Particularly the reasons for denial of an applicant and the fact that if a person is denied they are not notified either by phone or mail. Lengthy discussion followed concerning the problem.
- Questioned what was going on with the VRS classes. Classes were canceled without informing the stations with members who were scheduled for the class.

Commissioner Woods:

- Also has questions concerning VRS classes.
- Station 9 has submitted a request to have \$150,000.00 added to the Capital Improvement Program for a bay addition for the truck to their station. Motion to support the request. Second by Commissioner Granados. **Motion approved.**
- Station 13 is requesting to spend \$16,000.00 of station management money on a Thermal Imaging Device. Motion to approve, second by Commissioner Fuller. **Motion approved.**

- Station 30 is requesting to spend \$3,509.16 from station management money to pay a contractor for fund drive. Motion to approve, second by Commissioner Granados. **Motion approved.**
- Station 43 is requesting to spend up to \$1,200.00 to have the new replacement windows tinted. The District Commissioner can approve this.
- Station 43 is also requesting to spend \$2,324.00 of station management money for additional equipment for their new engine, engine 432. Motion to approve, second by Commissioner Fuller. **Motion approved.**
- Station 43 is requesting to spend \$5,620.00 from their Tools and Equipment budget to convert one pumper to large diameter hose. This will be for 1000' of 4" hose and needed adapters and couplings. Motion to approve the purchase, second by Commissioner Fuller. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Fuller:

- Discussed the problem with the training contracts that were canceled. County is requiring all contractors to have liability insurance. As of right now there are no contracts with anyone unless they have liability insurance. One contract that has been approved is with MFRI. Until County can come to terms with contractors motion to contact MFRI and have them teach a VRS class in January. Motion second by Commissioner Woods. **Motion approved.**
- LOSAP seems to be going along fine but if anyone has any problems contact the Commission and we will help fix it.

Commissioner Wood:

- Motion to approve the following individuals for active firefighter equivalency, second Commissioner Granados.
 Illegible - Seat Pleasant
 Joseph Meyers - Kentland
 Christopher Floyd - Kentland
 Brian Peterson - Kentland
 Illegible - West Lanham Hills
Motion approved.
- Still missing member certification from the following stations; 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 14, 17, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 47, 48, 49 and 56.

Commissioner Strine:

- Question to Jim Trexler, what happens to hose that is turned in?
- Motion to approve \$2,511.00 for Richie to purchase hose. (No motion needed, Commissioner can approve)
- Discussion on 3rd pumper policy and getting 3rd pumpers fixed.

Chairman Robison:

- All companies for the first audit have all of their paper work in.
- Notification for the second group is going out tonight, they are Marlboro, Oxon Hill, Capital Heights, Morningside, Mt. Rainier, Boulevard Heights, Brandywine, Beltsville, Laurel and Laurel Rescue Squad.

- The Commission met in a special meeting on the budget. \$407,000.00 was moved out of building maintenance to CIP.
- Discussed the low interest loan program through the state.
- Next prayer breakfast will be at station 13 this Saturday at 9:00.
- The next Fire Commission will be held at station 48 on the December 19, 2001.

Jim Trexler:

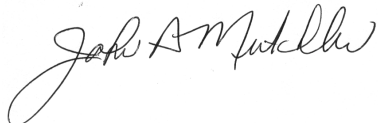
- Request that stations don't mix inventory items with office supplies items when submitting stores requests.
- Station 27's engine bay floors are done.
- Request that stations use station management money or petty cash for minor station repairs. It is becoming a problem with stations requesting minor repairs that can be handled by the station.
- Facilities maintenance is going to try to take care of the replacement of the overhead doors with money set aside for routine day to day repairs. They will come up with a list, which Jim will bring to the Commission.
- Station 28 roof design is complete.
- Concerned about what is happening with the station inspections and what they are doing with turnout gear. Gear is being torn unnecessarily and is costing a lot of money. This will be taken up with Operations Command.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Motion by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Russell that the Commission grants equivalency to Chief 28 for FIT test. **Motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before this Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:45.

Respectfully submitted



John A. Mutchler
Secretary