

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2002
Riverdale Town Hall



Meeting called to order by Chairman Robison, at 1930 hrs.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Welcome by President Sutton.

Commissioner Fuller:

- VRS class just finished. A few problems were encountered like, some people in the class had no ID numbers and some hadn't even passed the background. The class did go off very well with 21 participants. We may need to have another one in March.
- Received an invoice from MFRI for \$5500 for training that the Commission did not authorize and had nothing to do with us. The bill will go back to the County for payment by them.
- Discussed a problem with a new member who could not do the treadmill test because of his size. Wanted to know if the member took the test at his own doctor and passed, will that be accepted by Express Care? Chairman Robison discussed the problem already with Dr. Blob and it will be acceptable.

Commissioner Granados:

- Discussed the problem with stations getting their books back from the auditors. Chairman Robison will speak with Larry Kane.

Secretary Mutchler:

- Minute for last meeting is not on the web page yet due to technical difficulties with the server. Problem is being worked on.
- Request from Mt. Rainier to spend \$3,900.00 from station management money for insurance. **Motion made by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller. Motion approved.**
- Discussed the appeals process that volunteer applicants have to go through when they fail the background investigation. Suggestion to have the appeals process for volunteer applicants be turned over to the Fire Commission. **Motion made by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados that Chairman Robison appoint a committee to come up with a plan of how to deal with the appeals process before requesting it be turned over to the Commission. Motion approved.**
- Chairman Robison appointed Vice Chairman Strine, Secretary Mutchler and a person from the Association appointed by the president to the committee.
- Requested that fellow Commissioner have any station in District 2 turn in any items to come before the Commission to the District Commissioner.

Commissioner Russell:

- Received a list of station officers and administrative personnel from station 38, still need the certification forms.
- Discussed the continuing problem with station 8 and their broken Hurst tool. Recommendation is to have them take it to the shop and have it condemned so we can get them a new one.
- This should not put the squad out of service.
- Request as to whom to get a print out for station expenditures from the operational budget. Recommended calling Jack at Logistics.

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Woods:

- Expressed thanks to the Commissioners and members present who called him in regards to his brother who underwent by-pass surgery.

Commissioner Wood:

- Received 4 requests for equivalent training for Firefighter 1.
- **Motion made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Secretary Mutchler to approve the following personnel for Firefighter 1 equivalent, Jason Lesko - station 18
Katherine Stout - station 18
Benjamin Ridgely - station 26
Maureen Slack - station 14
*Motion approved.***

Motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Vice Chairman Strine that any station not having their member certifications turned in by the time the station management checks are ready that they be held until the certifications are turned in. *Motion approved.*

Commissioner Wood will get Chairman Robison a list of the stations that have not turned in their certifications yet so he can get a letter to each station.

Chairman Robison:

- Thanked Riverdale for hosting the meeting and supplying a nice snack.
- Ron Siarnicki's retirement party is tomorrow night. The Commission was approved to attend the function but the letter was not forwarded to Mr. Thomas's office in time to have a check cut for the Commissioners to attend. Any Commissioner who attends will have to pay for it at the door and submit for reimbursement. The following Commissioners will attend the function. Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Fuller, Commissioner Granados, Commissioner Russell will be attending representing station 5.
- Copy of CIP is in each Commissioners box. Jim Trexler gave a report on the station 36 project.
- Met today with Dr. Blobb from express care. Thanked those companies that sent their complaint letters in. The contract has not been awarded yet and

there is a part in the new contract to have volunteer physicals every other weekend. Reiterated that if anyone has a complaint with express care that they submit it in writing.

- Chairman will be out of town until February 6th. Until then Vice Chairman Strine will be the acting Chairman.
- The Injured Workers Insurance Fund will make a safety inspection at stations 1 and 12 on Tuesday January 22. Stations 35 and 39 on Tuesday January 29 and station 5 on Wednesday January 30th.
- There will be a budget meeting Friday. Looks like we will still be about \$250,000.00 short. Sometime next month we will have to get together and make a decision on what we are going to do.

Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to approve the minutes of the January 2nd meeting. *Motion approved.*

- Station management audit is Saturday February 16th, station 56 will start at 0800.
- You will no longer be able to obtain coffee, tea, sugar, cream or hot chocolate from stores requests.
- The next Fire Commission meeting will be held on, Wednesday February 6, 2002 at the Fire Services Building.

Jim Trexler:

- Working with Central Services on trying to reduce expenditures on our utilities by riding on Montgomery County Pepco contract.
- CIP submissions have been completed with the exception of a stack of detailed reports that are always asked for. The only real change was the Bladensburg project, everything else was moved up a year.
- For Friday's budget meeting he will have projections of where the other funds will likely be spent that are in the one project from the FORNY group consultants. Will have some other projections to help us see what the future brings for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Chapel Oaks fire station and CIP project we have the preliminary design drawings and are reviewing them.
- Kenny Allendenday is measuring the co levels at various stations and hopes to conclude by Friday.
- Had a conversation with the Central Services Deputy Director about some of the purchase orders.
- Marshal Allen is retiring at the end of the month. His last day is January 26th. His position has been advertised.

President Smith:

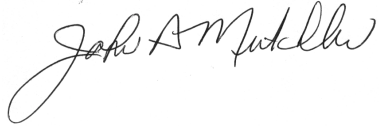
- Association Board of Directors meeting will be next week at station 18.
- The meetings that the volunteer leadership was supposedly having with the Fire Chief have gone by the wayside. The volunteer leadership will not waste anymore time by going to meetings that the Chief does not show up to. If any issues come up they will meet with the Chief one on one.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Motion made by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Vice Chairman Stine that we schedule a VRS class in February from the current MIFRI contract. *Motion approved.*

There being no further business to come before this Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2135.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Mutchler".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary