



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, July 3, 2002  
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

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

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Robison spoke about the presentation that was held at the Branchville VFD by Congressman Steny Hoyer and the Postal Service. Congressman Hoyer and the Postal Service presented those volunteer companies who responded to the Pentagon on 9-11-02 with a plaque featuring the Postal Services new stamp commemorating 9-11. Presentations were made to each volunteer company that responded to the Pentagon, Branchville station 11, Greenbelt station 35, Cottage City station 2 and Kentland station 33. Morningside station 27 was not present so Chairman Robison presented their plaque to Commissioner Dave Fuller of the Morningside VFD.

19:35 Chairman Robison called to order the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual convention of the Prince Georges County Fire Commission.

Chairman Robison opened the floor for nominations for Convention Chairman:  
**Motion made and second for Joe Robison for Chairman. Motion approved**  
**Motion made and second to close nominations for Chairman. Motion approved**

Chairman Robison opened the floor for nominations for Convention Secretary:  
**Motion made and second for John Mutchler as Secretary. Motion approved**  
**Motion made and second to close nominations for Secretary. Motion approved**

Roll call of companies:

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| Hyattsville       | Present  |
| Cottage City      | Absent   |
| Mount Rainier     | Mount Rainier nominates John Mutchler for district 2     |
| Brentwood         | Present  |
| Capitol Heights   | Capitol Heights nominates Dave Breeden for district 4    |
| Hillside          | Absent   |
| Riverdale         | Absent   |
| Seat Pleasant     | Present  |
| Bladensburg       | Present  |
| Laurel            | Laurel nominates Joe Robison for District 1              |
| Branchville       | Present  |
| College Park      | College Park   |
| Riverdale Heights | Riverdale Heights nominates John Woods for At Large seat |
| Berwyn Heights    | Absent   |
| Boulevard Heights | Absent   |

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| Glenn Dale         | Glenn Dale nominates Harve Wood for District 3      |
| Bowie              | Bowie nominates Mike Granados for At Large seat     |
| Marlboro           | Marlboro nominates Donald Strine for District 5     |
| Oxon Hill          | Oxon Hill seconds nomination for Donald Strine      |
| Forestville        | Forestville nominates Charles Norris for District 6 |
| Accokeek           | Present   |
| Clinton            | Present   |
| District Heights   | Present   |
| Morningside        | Morningside nominates Dave Fuller for At Large seat |
| West Lanham Hills  | Present   |
| Silver Hill        | Present   |
| Landover Hills     | Absent  |
| Beltsville         | Absent  |
| Allentown Road     | Absent  |
| Kentland           | Kentland nominates William Smith for District 4     |
| Chillum Adelphi    | Absent  |
| Greenbelt          | Greenbelt   |
| Baden              | Baden seconds the nomination for Donald Strine      |
| Richie             | Absent  |
| Chaple Oaks        | Absent  |
| Brandywine         | Present   |
| Laurel Rescue      | Present   |
| Under Water Rescue | Absent  |

**Motions made and second to close the nomination convention.**

**Motion approved**

The following are the nominees for the 2003-2004 Fire Commission:

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| District 1 | Joe Robison station 10         |
| District 2 | John Mutchler station 3        |
| District 3 | Harve Wood station 18          |
| District 4 | Dave Breeden station 5         |
|            | William Smith station 33/46    |
| District 5 | Donald Strine station 20/45    |
| District 6 | Charles Norris station 26      |
| At Large   | John Woods station 13          |
| At Large   | Mike Granados station 19/39/43 |
| At Large   | Dave Fuller station 27         |

The election committee for the upcoming election will be Arthur Cox, Chairman, Chaplain Litchfield, Jim Sheriff and Charlie Phillips. The election will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at the Cranford-Graves Fire Services Building at 1930 hrs.

Regular meeting of the Prince Georges County Fire Commission called to order by Chairman Robison.

Chairman Robison gave an update on the progress of the new station management contract. The only big change suggested in the new contract is to take \$7,500.00 from the operational budget and put it in the station management money. This would mean that stores requests for small tools will no longer go to Logistics, small tools will be purchased out of station management money. The contract has been delivered to Chief Blackwell.  
Discussion followed.

Commissioner Norris:

No report

Commissioner Granados:

No report

Commissioner Fuller:

- ⇒ Reported on progress with the new LOSAP program and basically there is no progress.
- ⇒ Steve Cox has informed us that MFRI will pick up the cost of the FF1 class the Commission approved.
- ⇒ Reported on the progress of the training committee. The Fire Chief has authorized 4 career personnel back at the training academy full time.
- ⇒ Some of the requirements have been worked out for what is needed to be instructors. More will come out on this at a later date.
- ⇒ There seems to be problems with patient assessment and the Chief has asked the training committee to address it.
- ⇒ There are no contracts for VRS class. The Fire Commission needs to send a letter to the Fire Chief asking to be reimburse for the VRS classes the Fire Commission has been paying for due to the lack of a contract for these classes.
- ⇒ Last year we turned in \$33,000.00 in training money.

Secretary Mutchler:

- ⇒ **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by second by Commissioner Norris to approve station 3 to spend \$3,433.00 of station management money for insurance. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Apologized for letting the information on the web page slip.
- ⇒ Question for Jim Trexler if the Fire Commission will be able to start getting a detailed print out from Logistics on what money has been spent and who spent it. I will meet with Kathleen and work out a format for the reports.
- ⇒ **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Norris to approve the minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion approved.**

Vice Chairman Strine:

- ⇒ **Motion by Vice Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Fuller to approve station 24 to spend \$5,200.00 of station management money to purchase headsets for Tower 24. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- ⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Russell to approve equivalency for FF1 to the following individuals:**
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| <b>Christopher Eiker</b> | <b>station 34</b> |
| <b>Ross Johnson</b>      | <b>station 34</b> |
| <b>Christopher Floyd</b> | <b>station 33</b> |
- Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- ⇒ Station 39 is requesting the Commissions guidance regarding an IWIF inspection that was done on their station back in February. A list of items was presented that was found wrong with the station during the inspection. They were advised to do what they can to correct problems within reason and submit the rest to Jim Trexler and the Fire Commission via speed letter.
- ⇒ Request by station 39 to supply them with building material to do some minor renovations that they will do themselves to the station. They will submit their request to Jim Trexler.
- ⇒ Station 39 is asking to have some vinyl siding to some areas on the outside of the building. They will add it to the previous request for materials from Logistics and do the work themselves.
- ⇒ Station 39 would like to purchase 3 Hydro-rams for a total of \$3,885.00. This request will be held until next meeting to see if the revisions to the station management contracts are approved. If so this item will be purchased through station management money.

Commissioner Russell:

- ⇒ Company 8 is requesting an answer to what is being done to replace or repair the Hurst tool on Squad 8. There is nothing the Commission can do until a letter of condemnation has been acquired from Mr. Benadeti. Commissioner Russell will contact Mr. Benadeti.

Chairman Robison:

- ⇒ Continued discussion on change to station management contract.
- ⇒ Received a letter from Laurel Rescue Squad asking to place a new pumper they are purchasing on County gas and maintenance.
- Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Secretary Mutchler to approve putting the pumper on County gas and maintenance. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Next meeting of the Commission will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2002.

Jim Trexler:

- ⇒ Office of Central Services has revised their catalog. The new one is in stoke number sequence and not in alpha listing. He will get us a new one and will try to get it on disk.
- ⇒ Central Services is close to establishing a contract for automotive supplies.
- ⇒ Has a set of the new turnout gear for everyone to see. Discussed the changes from the old gear and new features. Should start issuing the gear by the end of the month.

President Smith:

- ⇒ Discussed items brought up at the last Association Board of Directors meeting concerning the Ocean City party.
- ⇒ The Association is going to apply for membership in the Maryland State Firemans Association.
- ⇒ Questioned Jim Trexler regarding the stones for the Founders Circle.
- ⇒ Discussed the weekly report from the Fire Chief that the Association does not receive.
- ⇒ The next Association meeting will be held at station 11 hosted by station 34 and the next BOD meeting will be station 18 on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Requested support for his candidacy for Fire Commission district 4.

First Vice President Tucker:

- ⇒ Discussed the FIT test schedule.
- ⇒ Discussed the recruitment program.

Second Vice President Alferi:

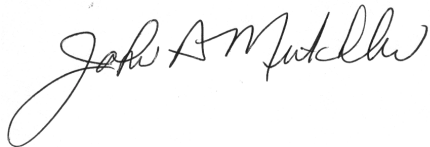
- ⇒ Congratulated the stations that received the awards from Congressman Hoyer.
- ⇒ Continued discussion on recruitment program and the recruitment committee.
- ⇒ Advised station 13 has taken the offer of the recruitment help.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Questions and comments from around the room.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:15.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler  
Secretary