



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 2002
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930, meeting called to order by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chairman Robison.

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Fuller:

- VRS class will start November 5th; the class will run on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night for two weeks. The class will be held at 20. The next class will be held on the North side. The plan is to rotate the VRS classes from North side one month to South side the next. A schedule will be coming out soon. This will increase the number of VRS classes available from every other month to every month.
- Had a suggestion at the training committee meeting there was a suggestion to try to get the Chief to budget for 10, 700-hour employees. **Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Norris that the Fire Commission send a letter to the Fire Chief requesting him to budget for 10, 700 hour employees for the Training Academy. Motion approved.**
- There is zero progress on the LOSAP program. It is still sitting on Ms. Barker's desk.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting as written. Motion approved.**
- Discussed the problem of no one notifying stations when an applicant fails the background investigation.
- Discussed the lack of a printer in the office to be used.

Commissioner Woods:

- Discussed a problem with people not going through Jackie for Infectious Control.
- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Fuller to drop Infectious Control from Fire Commission equivalency form. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- Would like to check with all stations to see what the need is for a First Responder class. Suggestion from Commissioner Fuller to check with Jeff Dickey to schedule a class because before asking the Fire Commission to pay for it. Steve Cox has repeatedly said they would pay for the class.
- Requested an update on the status of the tool fund from the Operational Budget.

Commissioner Granados:

- **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods to approve LOSAP request for the following individuals; Wayne Lee Lewis, station 35 for 26 years and 3 months. Pamela B. doCarmo, station 49 for 31 years and 10 months. Motion approved.**
- Still need LOSAP from stations, 2, 7, 13, 14, 17, 19, 25, 31, 34, 38, 39, 41, 43, 40 and 56.

Vice Chairman Strine:

- **Motion by Vice Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Granados to place Engine 371 on County maintenance and the 3rd pumper program. Motion approved.**
- Discussed meeting held with Major Wells and John Crisman concerning the Station Management contract.
- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Secretary Mutchler to request that the following wording be removed from the contract; "*and subject to the availability of county funds.*" Motion approved by 4 to 3 vote.**
- **Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve the Station Management Contract. Motion approved.**

Wayne McBride, Deputy Director Public Safety Communications:

- Gave update on the progress of the South Side Enhancement Project. Advises the completion should be in 8 to 12 weeks.
- Discussed new and current radio frequencies.
- Discussed the money being spent for maintenance on Minitor Pagers and advised that they will soon be going to each station to inventory them. If pagers cannot be produced they will be taken off the inventory and will no longer be covered under maintenance.
- Discussed the situation at the 911 center.

Jim Trexler:

- Boiler inspections have been completed. Any station needing an inspection should have been done.
- Station 20's ramp is still in progress.
- Discussed station 33's ramp.
- Discussed work to be done at station 39. Only one proposal was received to do the work and the estimate seemed a little high. Will work with

Commissioner Granados to redo the scope of work and try to get other proposals and bring them back to the Commission.

- Discussed a problem with a trench drain at station 8. It will cost \$18,430.00 to repair.

Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Vice Chairman Strine to approve \$18,430.00 to cover the cost of the repair. Motion approved.

- Was contacted by the office of Management and Budget to start working on the CIP submission for 2004. Instead of adding new projects, projects that have been in the budget for several years will try to be moved up and get completed.
- Still working on the engine bay exhaust system for station 26. Received a proposal for \$29,000.00 to do the system. Working on getting the price reduced for the system.

President Tucker:

- Discussed plans being worked on to get the land the Training Academy sits on deeded over to Prince Georges County.
- Reminded everyone of the notification for the 508 audits. The checks that were requested will be received in 14 days.
- Discussed a new patient assessment-training program that is coming out.
- Have a couple of openings in the AAA driver's school; train the trainer program being held on December 2 thru the 6th.
- Discussed the progress with the physical procedures and Express Care.
- Oxon Hill VFD is asking for the opportunity to resume overseeing their station management funds. Request the approval of the Fire Commission to state in letter to the Fire Chief that the Fire Commission is on board with the decision to grant Oxon Hill the request.

Second Vice President Steen:

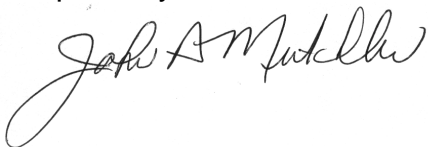
- Discussed insurance policy being worked on that would be available to all stations and should dramatically reduce their insurance premiums.
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Questions and comments from around the room:

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:35.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary