



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2002
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department
Station 20**

1930 - Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Norris:

- **Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve \$8,000.00 for repairs to water supply 25. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Fuller:

- **Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve the \$14,000.00 from the MFRI contract to obtain 12 slots for the Command and Staff School offered by MFRI. Motion approved.**
- Training committee is looking into getting an Abitsville through MFRI.
- Zero progress on the LOSAP program.
- Questioned Jim Trexler as to why a volunteer had to wait to obtain a new helmet. Volunteer was told helmets were being held for the new recruit class.
- Suggested we open talks with the Fire Chief in regards to standards for used apparatus. County standards are too strict in putting used apparatus in service and need to be looked at.

Commissioner Granados:

- **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Fuller to give tentative approval for LOSAP award to Robert H. King, station 25 pending final research by LOSAP Chairman. Motion approved.**
- LOSAP has been turned in on November 15th with the exception stations 2, 4, 9 and 38 due to various items missing from their records.
- Discussed LOSAP program statistics.
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Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion to approve the minutes of the November 6th meeting. Motion approved.**
- Question for Jim Trexler concerning hose purchase for station 12. Request has been misplaced. A copy will be hand delivered to Logistics.

Commissioner Woods:

- No report

Commissioner Smith:

- No report.

Vice Chairman Stine:

- Took the station management contracts to the Chief's office on Monday, November 4th. There were problems concerning company seals on a few so they had to be picked back up and have those stations put their seals on them. This has been completed and the contracts will be returned to the Chiefs office tomorrow, Thursday, November 21st. It should be approximately 45 days till the checks are ready.
- Vice Chairman Strine and Commissioner Granados attended the monthly budget meeting, which is held the 3rd Friday of every month. Received a print out of what was actually spent for the months of July, August and September. Discussed the possibility of running out of money again this FY if spending continues to go as it is.
- Any station that would like to have a print out of what has been spent for their station on apparatus maintenance can get a copy of the apparatus maintenance print out from the Vice Chairman.

Chairman Robison:

- Thanked Marlboro VFD for hosting the meeting.
- Commissioners need to check the phone listing and make sure their contact information is current.
- Received station 38's member certifications.
- The new County Council and Executive will take over next Monday.
- Still have not heard anything from the new Executives office regarding our request for a meeting.
- John Watkins is retiring and the Chairman will attend the retirement party.

Chief Mellits, Bowie VFD gave a presentation concerning possible expansion of services by the Bowie VFD.

- First request is for the Fire Commission to endorse and fund the operating costs of a new EMS station, which will be a sub station of station 43.
Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Norris to take under advisement and consider Bowie's request. Motion approved.
- Next request is for the Fire Commission to approve the Bowie VFD to use an ambulance that will be purchased, insured and maintained by the Bowie VFD. This is a new unit and needs Fire Commission approval to operate on 911 calls. **Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Next request is to have the Fire Commission approve the addition of 2 Arial Towers being purchased by the Bowie VFD to county maintenance. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Strine to table this request until more research and discussion can be done. Motion approved.**

Jim Trexler:

- Boiler inspections are still ongoing.
- Had the bid opening for station 43's roof. The expected estimate was \$189,000.00 but it came in much lower. The bidder on the job has a good track record with the county.
- The overhead doors for station 42 were delivered. Metropolitan Doors will be installing them shortly.
- Pepco is the only utility not cut off at station 6. The station has been winterized.
- Discussed the resumption of the installation of new phone systems for stations that did not get them during the last round of installations.
- Station 17 has requested new floor covering. They would like to take out the carpet and install tile. The estimate for the job came out to \$5,004.73, which includes \$1,300.00 to having their logo placed in the center of the training room and watch room. **Motion by Commissioner Smith second by Commissioner Fuller to approve \$3,700.00 to have the floor tiled. The extra \$1,300.00 will be provided by station 17 if they so desire. Motion approved.**
- It is intended to try and put in additional funds into the 2004 CIP for roof projects and fire station renovations.

President Tucker:

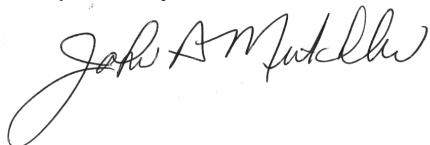
- 508 monies have been turned in. All other information has been turned into the county and the next 508 checks have already been requested.
- The last VRS class is done and there were about 23 people completed the class.
- The next meeting with the county Fire Chief is not going to be held until after the election.

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 22:00.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary