



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2002
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Prayer and pledge by Chairman Robison.

Commissioner Norris:

- Correction to the November 20th minutes; minutes should read, Engine 251 instead of Water Supply 25.

Commissioner Fuller:

- No report.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the minutes of the November 20 minutes as corrected. Motion approved.**
- Suggested the Fire Commission meet in executive session to get ready to meet the new County Executive.
- Discussed a problem of orders approved by the Fire Commission and the Lt. Colonel telling Logistics not to make the purchase.
- Received an e-mail from Mr. Richard Santos, Legislative Aid to County Councilman Peters concerning our talks with Audrey Scott to procure more office space for the Fire Commission and the Association. Will be making an appointment to meet him at the office to discuss it with him.

Commissioner Granados:

- **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Smith to accept LOSAP requests from the following individuals:**
 - Edward N. Rowe Jr. station 49 for 36 years service.
 - Robert King station 25 for 25 years service.**Motion approved.**

Commissioner Smith:

- Questioned the charges on the Statement of Operating Budget print out that were charged to station 6, Hillside VFD. The charges were basically utility charges. Utilities were not cut off until recently.

Chairman Robison:

- All of the station management contracts have been turned in.
- Reminded everyone, in order to get the February station management check each station is required by the contract to turn in their personnel information forms. (Schedule D)
- The requests for the February checks have already been requested.

- Attended the swearing in ceremony for the new County Executive.
- Will be out of town from December 22 thru December 29th. Vice Chairman Strine will be the acting Chairman.
- The next Fire Commission meeting will be held at station 43 on Wednesday, December 18th.
- The first meeting in January is scheduled for Wednesday January 1, 2003.
- **Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Smith to cancel the January 1st meeting. Motion approved.**
- As soon as word comes concerning a meeting with the new County Executive is received all Commissioners will be notified.

Commissioner Woods:

- Had a meeting with Mr. Bernadette to attempt to get some insight on charges being made at Apparatus Maintenance.
- Suggested the Commission attempt to get into the loop when it comes time to negotiate and award contracts to vendors.

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Granados to accept equivalency for the following individuals:**
 - Ross Johnson station 28
 - Shaun McGrath station 1
 - Shaun Joyce station 33
- **Motion approved.**
- Received CB 82 compliance from station 38.
- **Motion made by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Smith to accept VRS training program from station 14 pending review to see if it meets the regular VRS criteria. Motion approved.**

Jim Trexler:

- Station 20's ramp has been completed and the contractor has moved on to station 33.
- Discussed snow removal from station ramps.
- The replacement of the trench drain at station 8 should be started in the next few days.
- Update on the new phone system progress.
- Problem getting helmets is due to the manufacturer putting the wrong markings on the helmets and the manufacturer has to correct them.
- Vendor is supposed to start the tile job for station 17 on Monday, December 9th.
- The new wall calendars have not been printed yet. They should be ready by the end of the month.

President Tucker:

- Discussed the new VRS class schedule. The first class in January will be held on January 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 18th at station 12. The course schedule will be posted and distributed to all stations so people needing

parts of the class can get with the instructor to attend that part of the class. The course schedule will remain the same for each class.

- VRS classes will be held every month through April 2003. It will rotate from North side to South side.
- Anyone interested in getting on the e-mail list for the Association please contact Donna at the office.
- Had one face to face with Dr. Onye.
- Discussed the issues at Oxon Hill and meeting with the Fire Chief concerning the issue. Continue on working on the issue.
- Spoke to Mr. Bernadette concerning the apparatus issues. Captain Robey, who is on light duty at the Apparatus Maintenance shop, has been assigned as a quality assurance person at the shop.
- Discussed the Driving class the Commission paid for. Some members did not attend and a refund has been requested.
- The 2 projectors approved by the Fire Commission have been ordered. The projectors will be used for Recruitment and Retention as well as training.

Questions and comments from around the room.

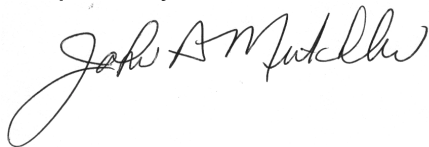
Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to fund a Pumps class from the \$60,000.00 training budget if the class for February cannot be obtained through MFRI field training. Motion approved.

Presentation by Chief 19, Pete Mellits concerning the proposal presented to the Fire Commission at the November 20th meeting. Proposal will be addressed at the December 18th meeting. Copy of proposal attached.

Motion by Commissioner Granados second by second by Commissioner Fuller to approve course outline used by the Berwyn Heights VFD. This approval is for the Berwyn Heights VFD only; any other stations must get prior approval from the Fire Commission. Motion approved.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:10.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary