



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, December 18, 2002  
Bowie Volunteer Fire Department Station 43**

1930: Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Granados:

No report.

Commissioner Fuller:

No report.

Secretary Mutchler:

- *Motion made by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Norris to accept the minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. **Motion approved.***
- Discussed meeting with Mr. Santos of Councilman Peters office concerning the acquisition of office space for the Commission and Association.
- Requested all Commissioners to wear their Commission uniform to the January 15, 2003 meeting to have pictures taken.

Vice Chairman Stine:

- Will be having our monthly budget meeting with the county this Friday, December 20, 2002.
- Discussed the problem of the lack of information concerning the budget being given to the Fire Commission.

Commissioner Smith:

- Received a request from station 8 for new Hurst tools totaling \$17,000.00, discussed the request.  
*Motion by Commissioner Smith second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the purchase of Hurst Tool for station 8 for a cost of \$17,000.00. **Motion approved.***

Commissioner Norris:

- *Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Smith to approve request from station 23 to spend up to \$4,000.00 station management money for a banquet. **Motion approved.***

Commissioner Wood:

- Question for Commissioner Fuller concerning 2 classes requested by Riverdale.  
*Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve funding the following classes for station 7, Rope Rescue/High Angle and Building Collapse. **Motion approved.***

- Reminded everyone that with elections taking place that updated certifications need to be turned in for people that already have their certifications on file at the Fire Commission. Also, member certifications need to be in by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Woods:

No report.

Chairman Robison:

- Handed out a proposal letter concerning options to save money in the budget. (Copy of proposed letter attached) Discussion on proposed letter.  
*Motion by Vice Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Norris to accept the proposed budget letter. **The motion is "not" approved by roll call vote.*** (Voted yes, Robison, Strine, Smith and Norris. Voted no, Mutchler, Fuller, Granados, Wood and Woods.)
- Met with Mr. Trexler concerning the CIP.
- Discussed the situation concerning the pulling of the career personnel from station 28.

Jim Trexler:

- The warehouse will be closed in the afternoon hours on Friday, December 20, 2002. If you need something from the warehouse you should be there before 12 noon.
- The printer in the warehouse that prints out the tickets used to pull requested items has been broken which has caused a back up of items being pulled. The printer has not been fixed yet but steps were taken to get the warehouse pulling items again.
- Yellow helmets are back in stock.
- Wall calendars have been printed. Will be in inventory soon.
- Discussed contract and problems with American Red Cross.
- First trench drain has been completed. They are starting on the second one and have said it should be completed in the first week of January. Also found that the ramp needs to be caulking and sealing.
- Work is being done on station 33's ramp as weather permits. They hope to have it completed in the first week of January.
- The tile work is complete at station 17.

Presentation by Pete Mellits, Chief 19 concerning the proposal for the 2 new Towers in Bowie.

*Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Woods to un-table the Bowie proposal. **Motion approved.***

*Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Fuller to approve Bowie's proposal as amended dealing with the new Towers.*

President Tucker:

- Met with a legislative committee to try and reinvent Charitable Gaming. A bill is going to be proposed and has plenty of support.
- Legislative Breakfast will be held at station 20 on Tuesday, January 7, 2002 at 0800.
- Discussed the career personnel issue at station 28.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Fuller advised the Abottsville training approved by the Commission through the MFRI contract will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at station 43.

Also reported that Jerry Globitz's cancer appears to have come back.

Commissioner Fuller revisited the proposed budget letter discussed earlier in the meeting and opened the issue up for further discussion.

*Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Woods that the following wording be added to the letter and the letter be approved by the Fire Commission:*

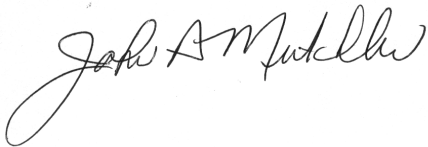
*Where it says, **NO** new services shall be added to the 52-VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, change it to read:*

*"Without the approval of the Fire Commission no new services shall be added to the 52-Volunteer Fire Department budget."*

**Motion approved.**

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:30.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler  
Secretary