



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 2, 2003
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Regular business recessed and election convention convened.

Chairman Robison opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of convention:
**Joe Robison nominated by Commissioner Woods second by Jim Deskins.
Motion to close the nominations made by David ? second by Vice
Chairman Strine. Motion approved.**

Nominations for Secretary of convention:
**John Mutchler nominated by Vice Chairman Strine second by
Commissioner Granados.
Motion to close nominations by Jay Tucker second by Bill Huttenlock.
Motion approved.**

Roll call of companies: N/P = Not Present

Hyattsville	Present
Cottage City	N/P
Mt. Rainier	Mt. Rainier VFD nominates John Mutchler for District 2 Commissioner.
Brentwood	Brentwood VFD second nomination for John Mutchler.
Capitol Heights	Capitol Heights VFD nominates Robert Russell for At Large Commissioner.
Riverdale	N/P
Seat Pleasant	Seat Pleasant VFD nominates Jonathan Bolden for District 4 Commissioner.
Bladensburg	N/P
Laurel	Laurel VFD nominates James Collins for At Large Commissioner.
Branchville	Branchville VFD nominates Frank Underwood for District 1 Commissioner.
College Park	Present
Riverdale Heights	Riverdale Heights VFD nominates John Wood Sr. for At Large Commissioner.
Berwyn Heights	Berwyn Heights second the nomination for (illegible)
Boulevard Heights	N/P
Glenn Dale	Glenn Dale VFD nominates Harve Woods for District 3 Commissioner.
Bowie	Bowie VFD nominates Michael Granados for At Large Commissioner.

Marlboro	Marlboro VFD nominates Donald Strine for District 5 Commissioner.
Oxon Hill	Oxon Hill VFD seconds the motion for Donald Strine for District 5 Commissioner.
Forestville	Forestville VFD nominates Charles Norris for District 6 Commissioner.
Accokeek	Accokeek VFD seconds the nomination for Donald Strine for District 5 Commissioner.
Clinton	Present
District Heights	District Heights seconds the nomination for Charles Norris for District 6 Commissioner.
Morningside	Morningside VFD nominates David Fuller for At Large Commissioner.
West Lanham Hills	West Lanham Hills VFD nominates Jeff Larkin for District 3 Commissioner.
Silver Hill	Silver Hill VFD nominates Michael W. Stevens for At Large Commissioner.
Landover Hills	Landover Hills VFD nominates Thomas Flint for At Large Commissioner.
Beltsville	N/P
Allentown Road	N/P
Kentland	N/P
Chillum Adelphi	N/P
Greenbelt	Greenbelt VFD seconds the nomination of (illegible)
Baden	Baden VFD seconds the motion for Donald Strine for District 5 Commissioner.
Ritchie	Ritchie VFD seconds the motion for Donald Strine for District 5 commissioner.
Chapel Oaks	Chapel Oaks VFD seconds the nomination for Jonathan Bolden for District 4 Commissioner.
Brandywine	N/P
Laurel Rescue	N/P
Under Water Rescue	N/P

2003-2004 Fire Commission Candidates

Name	Station	District
Frank Underwood	11	1
John Mutchler	3	2
Jeff Larkin	28/48	3
Have Woods	18	
Jonathan Bolden	38	4
Donald Strine	20/45	5
Charles Norris	26	6
James Collins	10	
Thomas Flint	30	
David Fuller	27	
Michael Granados	19/39/43	At Large
Robert Russell	5	
Michael W. Stevens	29	
John Wood Sr.	13	

The election judges will be:
Arthur Cox Chief Judge
James Sheriff Judge
Charlie Phillips Judge

Motion by Jay Tucker second by Ray Pierce to close nominations. Motion approved.

Motion by Charles Phillips second by Arthur Cox to recess the election Convention until Wednesday, July 16, 2003. Motion approved.

Regular order of business of the Prince Georges County Fire Commission resumed.

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the following for active firefighter equivalency:
Walter Brown - Kentland
Jeremy Greenberg – Kentland
Michael Lasora – Brandywine
Motion approved.**

Commissioner Smith:

- Announced and explained decision of not seeking re-election to the Fire Commission and thanked everyone for the support over the years.

Commissioner Granados:

- **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods to approve the following LOSAP Award requests:
Frank Mackey – station 10 for 25 years 7 months
William Bayles – station 10 for 42 years 7 months
Motion approved.**
- Encouraged everyone to start working on their LOSAP as it is now due.

Vice Chairman Strine:

- **Motion by Vice Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Granados to approve expenditure of station management funds of \$3,605.00 for station 21 to purchase a new stove. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Vice Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Granados to approve the expenditure of station management funds of \$2,595.06 for station 21 to purchase Pro Boots, Goggles and Shine Protectors. Motion approved.**
- Discussed monthly budget meeting.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2003 meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- Discussed another problem that station 18 has regarding a physical of one of their members.
- No complaints from anyone concerning Apparatus Maintenance or vendors.
- Discussed progress of new driving regulations. Expect to see a draft within the next 30 day's.

Commissioner Fuller:

- A written report is being prepared for the Fire Chief listing several options to try to get the Training Academy back up on its feet.

Commissioner Norris:

- **Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the expenditure of \$2720.00 of station management funds from station 27 for 3rd quarter Insurance Premiums. Motion approved.**

Chairman Robison:

- Discussed what is going on in the Volunteer Fire Service and reasons for not seeking re-election. Thanked everyone for their support.
- President Tucker, 1st Vice President Mike Alferi, Vice Chairman Strine and myself met with Dr. Brown, CAO, at the CAB. She had her staff and Bob Mellin from the office of Law, Carmen Jackson-Brown and Karlene Proctor of her staff. President Tucker reviewed his two areas of concern, the use of \$50,000.00 for Recruitment & Retention, and Resolution 43, or Article 15 of the IAFF Constitution. The Recruitment & Retention money is moving forward and a job description was requested. Bob Mellen gave his opinion that the County Executive does not have the authority to promulgate an Executive order on adding Volunteerism to the Labor Code. The Fire Commission's two concerns, Insurance and taking \$7 Million out of the budget and placing it in the Station Management Program were discussed and progress is being made on both issues.
- It was announced at the meeting that Dr. William Titchie will be appointed Director of Homeland Security/Public Safety on July 7, 2003. He is a retired Police Detective from Washington, DC.
- Vice Chairman Strine met with Lt. Co. Wells in our regular monthly budget meeting and they are now estimating the shortfall for this year's budget to be around \$23,101.00. This includes the supplemental \$300,00.00 that the County Executive added to our budget. We continue to advise Dr. Brown that if the Fire Commission is allowed to control the \$7 Million, that there will be no shortfall in FY 2004.
- A letter was sent to Chief Ron Blackwell with a copy to Lt. Col. Wells, on June 27th requesting that the Station Management checks be made available on Saturday, August 16th at the Audit. **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Vice Chairman Strine to have the next Station Management Audit on Saturday, August 16, 2003. Motion approved.**
- The IAFF has included in Hartford, CT. in their union contract a provision that prohibits union members from volunteering. This has caused a large outcry from around the country. I believe this will help our cause here in Prince Georges County. I received an e-mail from the President of the National Volunteer Fire Council denouncing this action. I believe the fight is on and we will win.

- The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at the Fire Services Building at 7:30 PM. This is election night for the Fire Commission and balloting will start at 7:30 PM and close at 8:00 PM. Arthur Cox will be the Chief Judge.
- Major Kevin Andreacs has requested that if any Commissioners have any items to add to the station inspection or if you wish to be a part of the inspection team to please contact him. The station inspections will begin around the end of August or September.
- The Clerk of the Circuit Court will swear in the new Fire Commissioners on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 7:30 PM at the Fire Services Building. All Fire Commissioners should wear their Commission uniform.

Commissioner Woods would like it in the record that all of the members of the Fire Commission extend to Chairman Robison their appreciation for a job well done.

Jim Trexler:

- Station 43's roof has gotten underway.
- Station 38 is about to start their renovation.
- Have had numerous AC problems.
- (Illegible)
- Still planning on having a catalog for the Association meeting packet for stockless inventory items.
- (Illegible)
- Have some big-ticket items that I will hold on to until after the new Commission is sworn in.
- We will try to work with the new Commissioners in getting their uniforms before the swearing in on August 6th.

Col. Wells:

(Illegible)

President Tucker:

- Reported on the status of Donna Clark. She will hopefully be back next week.
- Contact Jeff Dickey to let him know of any classes you want or need so he can get them scheduled.
- Received numerous questions concerning VRS classes and FIT testing. There will be no classes until the New Year budget issues are worked out.
- The Association has asked for a full time Recruiter to be taken out of the Association annual \$50,000.00 grants.
- Meeting on the 5th floor have been very good.

(President Tucker cont.)

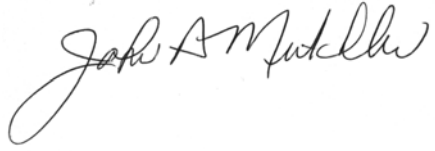
- This Monday is the Golf Tournament for County Executive Johnson, if you signed up to work please be there.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:45.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary