



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2003
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Robison recessed normal order of business and re-convened the election convention. Chairman Robison reports that all companies have voted except stations 7, 17 and 32. There was no one in attendance from either of them. **Motion by Jay Tucker, station 20 second by Randal Magnum, station 35 to close the balloting. Motion approved.**

At this time Chairman Robison recessed the election convention and resumed the regular Fire Commission meeting while awaiting the election results from the election committee.

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Woods:

- Received a request from station 39 to use \$2,167.32 from station management funds to purchase an Ice Machine. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Secretary Mutchler:

- Reminded everyone that when they speak to speak loudly and clearly so they will be heard on the tape.
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to accept the minutes of the Wednesday, July 2, 2003 meeting as corrected. (Needed last name of David Brady from station 20) Motion approved.**

Vice Chairman Strine:

- No report.

Commissioner Fuller:

- The Training Committee met to view the final draft of the Training Committee report. It is suppose to go to the Fire Chief by the end of the month. It makes good recommendations and recognizes the sad shape the Training Academy is in. The report had good representation from all three commands including the Association, Fire Commission and Chiefs Council.

- At a previous Fire Commission meeting the Commission approved increasing the number of VRS classes from 6 to 11 so we could have at least one class once a month with the exception of June. It has not started working yet and we don't know why. We may have to send another letter to Management Services Command to insure this occurs.
- The contract with MFRI was increased to cover not only the basics but to cover special programs. This will allow for more flexibility to bring in special courses and outside speakers.
- We only have money to do FIT testing for VRS for July only but not August. We are not sure whether the hold up is inside or outside of the department, but we need to make sure that money gets released soon for scheduling purposes.

Commissioner Wood:

Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Vice Chairman Strine to approve equivalent training for active firefighter to the following individuals:

Spencer Unger – station 28

Ryan McNuity – station 28

Erik Wrigglesworth – station 33

William Hine – station 27

Dennis Banner – station 9

Andrew Leighteap – station 9

Motion approved.

Chairman Robison:

- Left the discussion concerning the bus tour with the County Executive to President Tucker.
- Vice Chairman Strine and I both have had meetings with Tri-Data who is conducting an audit of the Prince Georges County Fire Service. The meetings were interesting. We both met separately and each gave our opinion on the fire service.
- Reminded everyone of the station management audit on Saturday, August 16, 2003 and requested that everyone take a flyer from the front table to their company Treasurers.
- 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 the day of the audit.
- The Clerk of the Circuit Court, Mrs. Pugh, will swear in the new Fire Commission on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 7:30 PM.

Jim Trexler:

- There will be a meeting this week to try to come up with a final scope of services. Hopefully someone will be selected shortly to get started on this CIP project.
- Mentioned that the fuel site at Silver Hill is going to be automated. It will be delayed a few months because they only received on bid and it will be put out for re-bid.

- Discussed a meeting held at District Heights regarding the exhaust ventilation system.
- Discussed the progress of the stockless inventory.
- Discussed the CIP project at station 29.

President Tucker:

- Discussed Press conference where the Association and West Lanham were represented.
- Discussed the tour of fire station for the County Executive.
- Discussed fundraiser for Victor Ramirez being held at 94th Aero Squadron.
- Discussed the staffing recommendations.
- Discussed what Tri-Data will be looking for when they interview everyone.

Vice President Alferi:

- Discussed the progress with the Recruitment money.

Lt. Col. Wells presented the 508 checks for disbursement.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Regular business recessed and election convention reconvened for election results.

Report from the election committee.

34 of 37 companies voted, the results are as follows: (E = winner)

District 1	Frank Underwood – 33 votes (E)
District 2	John A. Mutchler – 33 votes (W)
District 3	Harve Woods, Sr. – 30 votes (E)
	Jeff Larking – 4 votes
District 4	Johathan Bolden – 33 votes (E)
District 5	Donald Strine – 33 votes (E)
District 6	Charles Norris – 33 votes (E)
At Large	James Collins – 12 votes
	Thomas Flint, II – 5 votes
	David Fuller – 28 votes (E)
	Michael Granados – 25 votes (E)
	Robert Russell – 11 votes
	Michael Stevens – 2 votes
	John Wood, Sr. – 15 votes (E)

**Motion made by Jim Sheriff second by Roy Wood to destroy the ballots.
Motion approved.**

Motion made by Bob Russell, station 5 second by David Brady, station 20 to close the election convention. Motion approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Woods that the new Fire Commission moves on to elect their new officers. Motion approved.

Chairman Robison opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Motion made by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Woods to nominate Donald Strine for Chairman.

Motion made by Chairman Robison second by Secretary Mutchler to close the nominations for Chairman. Motion approved, Donald Strine is the Chairman elect.

Chairman Robison opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Motion made by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Wood to nominate David Fuller for Vice Chairman.

Motion made by Commissioner Woods second by Vice Chairman Strine to close the nominations for Vice Chairman. Motion approved. David Fuller is the Vice Chairman elect.

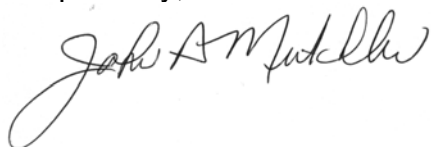
Chairman Robison opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Motion made by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Woods to nominate John Mutchler for Secretary.

Motion made by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Norris to close the nominations for Secretary. Motion approved, John Mutchler is the Secretary elect.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:05.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

John A. Mutchler
Secretary