



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, May 5, 2004  
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- Requesting all Commissioners that have not done so to complete their Financial Disclosure Statements and get them turned in.
- Discussed the budget meeting and the expenses of the Fire Commission. Fire Commissioners that attend the Ocean City convention need to submit their Travel Vouchers ASAP on their return from Ocean City so the expenditures can be taken from the FY 04 budget. Last year several Commissioners were late in turning in their vouchers and the expenses were deducted from the next fiscal year.
- Print out for apparatus maintenance is available and will be distributed to each company at the next Association meeting.
- A list of apparatus that is overdue for PM's is in each Commissioners mailbox. This list will also be distributed at the next Association meeting.
- Received a letter from the Bladensburg VFD, station 9 concerning the time it takes getting applications back from the background investigation. Nancy has answered all of their concerns. If anyone else has any problems with the time it takes getting background investigations done needs to let the Fire Commission know so their concerns can be addressed.
- Discussed a letter received from the Riverdale Heights VFD, station 13, which was sent to the County Executive, Chief Blackwell and the Fire Commission Chairman stating that after June 30, 2004, the Riverdale Heights VFD will no longer provide ambulance service. This decision was made due to the opinion of station 13 that Prince Georges County refused to maintain and repair ambulance 139. (President Tucker advised that the Association has requested a meeting concerning this decision in hopes to resolve the issue.)
- Col. Wells was supposed to be in attendance tonight with the proposed changes from the Chief's office to the station management contract. He has apparently been detained elsewhere and as soon as the contract is received, copies will be placed in all Commissioners mailboxes.
- Discussed meeting held with the County Executive that was attended by the Chairman, Association President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Additional funding was discussed and the Executive said he was going to try to get additional funding for more Thermal Imaging Cameras, he was also going to look at LOSAP again and he discussed the grant money.
- Discussed a meeting called by Councilman Peters that was attended by Chairman Strine concerning the revue of the Fire Department budget.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Wood to accept the minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- Discussed an issue held over from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning the replacement of windows at the Riverdale VFD, station 7. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Chairman Strine to replace the windows at station 7 for a cost of between \$2,500.00 and \$3,200.00. Motion approved.**
- Discussed the delay of the approval from the office of the Fire Chief in approving placing their second ambulance on county fuel and maintenance. Col. Wells advises that the issue has been taken care of.

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Secretary Mutchler to grant equivalency to Robert Chapman from the Seat Pleasant VFD, station 8. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

President Tucker:

- Discussed a meeting held with the Public Safety Director and the chain of command issue is apparently not an issue anymore.
- A meeting will probably be held next week concerning the LOSAP and insurance issues.
- The Public Safety Director also checked on the progress of the Recruiter for the Association and has gotten it back on track and we will hopefully be getting an answer on it shortly.
- The next Association meeting will be held next Wednesday at station 35 hosted by station 14.

Col. Wells:

- Mentioned the list of vehicles that are overdue for PM's.
- Have the draft with proposed changes to the station management contract.
- Discussed the review of Oxygen cylinders.
- Discussed the new General Order pertaining to the EEO policy and the pending EEO mandatory training.
- Discussed a meeting held with Jim Trexler and station 49 concerning their request to add station 49 to county maintenance.
- A meeting is scheduled with the Underwater Rescue & Recovery Team, station 56 concerning their new facility.

Report from Capt. Lea on Bunker Hill. Also advises that the contact person for pager repairs will be changing to Jimmy Lohr.

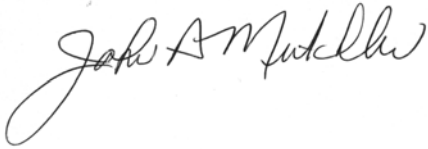
Report from Kenny Oladeinde on the progress of the Baden VFD, station 36.

**Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Wood to approve a request from the Ritchie VFD, station 37 to spend \$2,159.00 for building and apparatus insurance. Motion approved.**

Chairman Strine entertained questions and comments from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:20.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Mutchler".

John A. Mutchler  
Secretary