



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, July 21, 2004  
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Chairman Strine reconvened the Nomination/Election convention.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

While waiting the counting of the ballots, Chairman Strine read an e-mail received from Governor Ehrlich requesting flags to be flown at half-staff in memory of Officer Luke G Aron.

The following is the results of the voting for Fire Commissioners for the 2004-2005 year.

District	Name	Votes
<b>* Denotes winner</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Frank Underwood*</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>John Mutchler*</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Harve Woods*</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Johnathan Bolden*</b>	<b>24</b>
4	Bob Russell	7
<b>5</b>	<b>Donald Strine*</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Charles Norris*</b>	<b>29</b>
At Large	Janet Demeritt	15
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Dave Fuller*</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Mike Granados*</b>	<b>20</b>
At Large	Randy Kuenzli	3
At Large	Brain Lau	12
At Large	Randy Mangum	15

Due to a tie for the 3<sup>rd</sup> At Large seat between Janet Demeritt and Randy Mangum another ballot needed to be done. New ballots were distributed and everyone was instructed to vote for either Janet Demeritt or Randy Mangum.

Results of the run off ballot for the 3<sup>rd</sup> At Large seat:

District	Name	Votes
<b>* Denotes winner</b>		
At Large	Janet Demeritt	13
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Randy Mangum*</b>	<b>16</b>

**Motion made by Charlie Phillips second by Pete Isaacson to destroy the ballots. Motion approved.**

**Motion made from the floor by Jay Tucker, second by Chairman Emeritus Robison that the Fire Commission permit the fourth highest vote receiver for the At Large seat to fill in for Commissioner Fuller until his return from**

**Iraq. Motion approved.** Janet Demeritt, receiving the fourth highest votes will fill in as an At Large Commissioner until the return of Commissioner Fuller.

**Motion made from the floor by Jay Tucker, second by Frank Hall to adjourn the 2004 Nomination/Election convention. Motion approved.**

Swearing in and election of Fire Commission officers will be done at the next Fire Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2004.

2010: Regular meeting of the Fire Commission called to order by Chairman Strine.

Chairman Strine:

- Reports that the County Council has taken \$400,000.00 out of the fire department 2005 budget. \$350,000.00 was taken from the career 51 budget and \$50,000.00 was taken from the volunteer 52 budget. There was no explanation from the Council as to what the money was going to be used for it was just taken.
- Discussed the issue of being \$169,490.00 over budget in running gear. We will have a meeting with Lt. Col. Wells on Monday evening at 1900 in the Fire Chief's conference room where this issue will be discussed.
- Further discussed the running gear issue. The Fire Commission needs to come up with ideas on how to bring the running gear budget under control. One suggestion is to allow each station to only spend a certain amount per month for running gear. Lengthy discussion followed and several ideas were discussed concerning the issue. Commissioner will take all suggestions and work on coming up with a program to try to bring the running gear budget under control.
- Station Management contracts are still not available.
- The Station Management will be here at FSB on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 0800. The Station Management checks may not be available until the County Convention.
- Discussed the progress of stations 2 and 4 moving into Bunker Hill.
- Discussed the medical air issue and the need to adopt a policy that will maintain a standard of medical oxygen. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Granados to accept the current, Standard Issue of Medical Oxygen as Fire Commission Policy 04-03. Motion approved.**

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to accept the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. Motion approved.** (Date needs to be adjusted)
- Question for Jim Trexler about the progress, if any, with the contract for physicals. Jim was not sure what was going on with the contract. Someone will have to call and check with Maj. Sedgwick.

Commissioner Underwood:

- The Greenbelt VFD, station 35 would like to change their oxygen cylinders from 4 E cylinders to 4 D cylinders. A copy of the request will be given to Jim Trexler.

Commissioner Woods:

- The West Lanham Hills VFD, stations 28/48 is requesting to place a 2004 Ford Med-Tech ambulance on county fuel, insurance and maintenance. The unit will be a replacement for a 1991 ambulance. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Granados to approve the replacement of the 1991 ambulance with the 2004 ambulance on county services pending Apparatus Maintenance approval. Motion approved.**
- Discussed a letter from Chief 18 regarding breathing apparatus for Rapid Intervention Bags. Would like the Commissioners to look it over and we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bolden:

- Received an Apparatus Maintenance request to replace the generator on Rescue Engine 33 for a cost of \$15,200.00. **Motion by Commissioner Bolden second by Commissioner Woods to approve and authorize the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Granados to approve equivalency for Active Firefighter to Robert Helmer from station 28. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Granados:

- Reminded everyone that it is time to turn in LOSAP reports.
- Talked about problems people have in submitting LOSAP requests.
- Gave an update on the LOSAP program.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Comments were offered from Chairman Emeritus Robison on the performance of the Fire Commission over the past year.

President Tucker:

- Explained that the Public Safety Director did not even know about the function with Congressmen Hoyer at the Bunker Hill Fire Station.
- The Public Safety Director has informed us that the cost analysis for the LOSAP and Insurance issues was 99.9% complete. He feels the County Executive will sign on and now they only need to find the funding. A meeting will be held on Tuesday morning to address the issues.

- Money is there for the Thermal Imaging cameras. The stations that do not have a camera will be getting one.

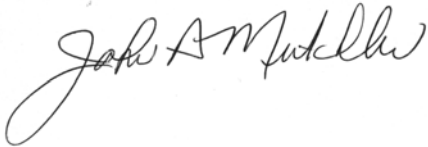
Jim Trexler:

- There is a new vendor for office supplies, it will no longer be Rudolph's. They are not ready to take over yet but we should not see any difference, hopefully the stock numbers will remain the same.
- Discussed whether it was up to the stations to call and get their oxygen bottle inventories corrected.
- Advised that if anyone has any stores requests in that they will probably not be input into the system until Tuesday due to the system being currently down.
- Have been trying to reach someone from station 2 to tell them the construction dumpster will be delivered to their station on Friday.

Questions and comments were entertained from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:45.

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.

John A. Mutchler  
Secretary