



Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2004
Bunker Hill Fire Station

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1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- Thanked the officers and members of station 55 for inviting the Fire Commission to meet here tonight.

Acting Chief Odum explained a new Direct Deposit program to have money due to the volunteer corporations from Prince Georges County deposited directly into their bank accounts.

- Discussed a meeting held with the County Executive on Wednesday, September 15th in regards to some minor issues. One issue was the station management checks that were suppose to be available at the opening meeting of the convention. The County Executive informed his Chief of Staff, Mike Herman to get the checks done and they were available and distributed at the opening meeting on September 15th.
- We are still holding checks from stations that have not submitted missing accident and injury reports. As soon as these reports are submitted these stations will receive their checks.
- Reported that the County Executive has committed to lowering the LOSAP age to 55.
- The insurance issue is still being worked on. The Association is still waiting for companies to submit copies of their Constitution and By-laws. Once this is completed we can move ahead with finalizing the insurance issue.
- The County Executive has also reported that funds for the Thermal Imaging Cameras are available in the very near future.
- The next budget meeting for the Fire Commission with the budget office will be Wednesday, September 28th at 9:30 AM.
- We were advised by Nancy Terracciano about the need to replace 222 Scott bottles in October. The cost to replace each bottle is \$773.00, which comes to \$172,000.00. Unless we can find another funding source, the cost for the replacements will be taken from the \$352,000.00 increase we just received for Apparatus Maintenance.
- Discussed the EMS gear survey that each company was requested to take part in. This survey was to find out how many EMS only personnel were in the field so we could start the process of ordering the EMS only gear. We are still waiting for several companies to complete the survey, if your company is one please submit the survey as soon as possible so we can move forward with this issue.
- Received a request by the Volunteer Operations Commander, Chief McClellan, requesting the Fire Commission participate in the upcoming

Fire/EMS weekend being held on the weekend of October 23 and 24th. He would like the Fire Commission to do a presentation on LOSAP reporting and record keeping on the 24th. Commissioner Granados will do the presentation.

- Discussed a meeting held with the Acting Fire Chief on Wednesday, October 22. In attendance at the meeting were representatives from the Fire Commission, County Association and Local 1619. This will become a regular monthly meeting that everyone can discuss issues they feel need to be discussed.
- Would like to entertain a motion for the Fire Commission to send a letter to the County Council endorsing Acting Chief Darrell Odum as the permanent Fire Chief of Prince Georges County. **Motion by Vice Chairman Bolden second by Commissioner Demeritt that a letter be drafted to the County Council endorsing Acting Chief Darrell Odum as the permanent Chief of Prince Georges County. Motion approved.**

Vice Chairman Bolden:

- Thanked the membership of Bunker Hill and the ladies for preparing the food for tonight's meeting.
- Congratulated the members of station 11 for hosting the convention.
- Station 8 is ready to complete their station management audit, which will be done after tonight's meeting.
- Received a request from the Capitol Heights VFD, station 5 to spend \$5,000.00 to host their 90th awards banquet. **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Secretary Mutchler:

- Thanked Billy Tavel for putting tonight's meeting together.
- Due to the batteries in the microphone of the tape recorder being dead, there are no minutes for the meeting held on September 1st.
- In order to have them in the minutes of a meeting, the following people were granted equivalency at the September 1st meeting:
 - Jonathan L. Van Huss, station 27
 - James E. Billings, station 2
 - Daniel H. Cicchini, station 3
 - Joseph D. Swisher, station 27
- Received a request from the Bunker Hill VF&RC, station 3 to spend \$3,504.00 for insurance premiums. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Bunker Hill VF&RC, station 3 requesting the help of the Fire Commission to get their name and address changed with the

Budget Office. Their station management check is still being addressed to the old name and address of the Volunteer Fire Department of Mt. Rainier at the

old 34th street address. The letter was turned over to Nancy Terracciano and she advised that she would take care of it.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Beltsville VFD, stations 31 and 41 to spend \$3,656.00 from each stations station management accounts to pay for insurance. **Motion by Commissioner Underwood second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Chillum Adelphi VFD, station 34 to spend \$2,199.00 of station management money for insurance. **Motion by Commissioner Underwood second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Request that any station having an open house to get in touch with Commissioner Underwood, as the Association's PIO or Donna Clark in the Association office so they can get them advertised in the newspaper.
- Commissioner Underwood's daughter will have available some CD's with photos of the convention. These CD's will be available at the next Association meeting.

Commissioner Woods:

- No report.

Chairman Strine as District 5:

- Received a request from the Oxon Hill VFD, station 21 to spend \$2,000.00 of station management money for insurance payment for Engine 212. **Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Demeritt to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Oxon Hill VFD, stations 21 and 42 to spend \$2292.50 for insurance. **Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Underwood to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Oxon Hill VFD, station 42 to spend \$2,200.00 to repair the Transmission on Chief 42A's vehicle. They advised that the vehicle is under county maintenance and they were told that Apparatus Maintenance would not repair the vehicle. It was noted by Chairman Strine that the since the vehicle is under county maintenance it should be repaired by Apparatus Maintenance. **Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Bolden to approve the request. Motion approved.** (Chairman Strine will call Apparatus Maintenance to find out why they disapproved repairing the vehicle and will advise Oxon Hill before they spend the money approved.)

Commissioner Norris:

- Received a request from the Morningside VFD, station 27 to spend \$3,300.000 of station management money for insurance premium. **Motion by**

Commissioner Norris second by Vice Chairman Bolden to approve the request. Motion approved.

Commissioner Granados:

- The following companies have not yet turned in their LOSAP reports, stations 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38 and 56. The reports are due into the Fire Commission in September and request the district Commissioners to get in touch with the stations they represent and get them to turn the reports in.
- Thanked those companies that have already turned their LOSAP reports in.
- Discussed inequities in the proposed Master Plan. Suggest that anyone interested should attend the upcoming public hearing to be held on September 29th.

Commissioner Mangum:

- **Motion by Commissioner Mangum second by Commissioner Underwood to grant equivalency to the following personnel:**
 - **Nathan Facchini, station 1**
 - **Frank Rachal, station 1**
 - **Nathan Stone, station 1**
 - **Alex Farber, station 1**
 - **Eric Smolinsky, station 1**
 - **Eric Lancaster, station 1**
 - **Derrick Buckley, station 1**
 - **Allison Rife, station 1**
 - **Todd Setlock, station 28**
 - **Christopher Kilnepeter, station 3**
 - **John Maine, station 24**
- Motion approved.**

Commissioner Demeritt:

- Discussed a conversation with Jim and a meeting with a representative from Laurel concerning their building project.
- Station 56 is still working on getting their CAD system.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Nancy Terracciano explained the direct deposit forms being requested from each station.

President Alferi:

- Discussed the convention.
- Congratulated all new officers.

- Advises that the following stations have not turned in their By-laws for the insurance issue, stations 8, 10, 17, 23, 24, 37, 49 and 56. Also advises that station 7 created a confidentiality agreement they attached to their By-laws when they turned them in if anyone was interested.
- Discussed the meeting held with the Fire Chief, the Association, Fire Commission and Local 1619.
- We need 5 more people to sign up to help at the Hecht Co. sale on October 9th.

Lt. Col. Sedgwick:

- Looking forward to working with everyone and continue the relationships established by Lt. Co. Wells.

Jim Trexler:

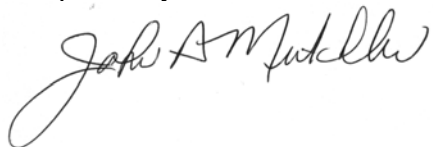
- There is a new contractor for generator maintenance. They will be visiting all stations that have working generators to do preventative maintenance for the winter. The Baltimore division of Johnson & Towers is the vendor.
- There has been no change to the number of medical oxygen cylinders that the Fire Commission established. The contractor does not want to go into stations and take cylinders and possibly get into a confrontation from station personnel.

Questions and comments were entertained from around the room.

Kenny Oladeinde gave a report on the progress of station 36.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:40.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary