



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2004
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930 – Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- We had our regular monthly budget meeting on Monday, November 1st, which was attended by Chairman Strine and Vice Chairman Bolden. Copies of expenditures have been placed in each Commissioners mailbox. The monthly apparatus expenditures were not available at the meeting so Danny Benedetti brought them tonight. Copies will be made for all Commissioners.
- Lengthy discussion concerning running gear and the need to do something to get this part of the budget under control. Our request to the companies to assist us by turning in any un-used running gear that they have in the stations so it can be cleaned and/or repaired and reissued did not get many results. Only 4 of the 45 stations responded to our request.
Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Woods that each station be allotted \$9,000.00 each, per year, for running gear. Motion approved.
- Discussed request from county concerning report due to state regarding 508 funds. Questionnaire forms have been sent out to each station and need to be turned in by Friday, November 19, 2004.
- Budget instructions were received at the budget meeting held on November 1st and a copy has been put in each Commissioners box. We are going to receive a 9% increase over our 2005 budget. 5% of the increase will be used for operating expenses and the other 4% will be used for enhancements to the LOSAP program.
- We need to get the 2006 budget submitted by November 26th. The office of budget has offered their assistance to use in getting the budget prepared. We will have our first meeting with them in the Fire Chief's conference room in the Largo Government Center at 7:00 PM. All available Commissioners are encouraged to attend. We will have another meeting with them prior to the next meeting.
- The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at the Fire Services Building instead of a station on Wednesday, November 17, 2004. We would like to meet at 5:00 PM or as early as you can arrive so we can meet with the office of finance again before the meeting.
- There will be a meeting with the Fire Commission, Association and the Chiefs Council on Monday, November 8, 2004 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to brains storm on ideas of what we want to do and accomplish in 2006.

- Received a request from the Ritchie VFD, station 37 to spend \$2159.00 of station management money for apparatus and building insurance premiums. **Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Vice Chairman Bolden:

- Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department will be launching their Explorer program at station 38. We will be able to use this to justify the 5% increase by showing how we are participating in the County Executives Livable Communities program.
- Received a request from the Kentland VFD, station 33 requesting the Fire Commission recognize Rescue Engine 33 as a Rescue Squad and Mini Pumper 33 as a Special Unit. This would allow them to receive more apparatus maintenance funds for those pieces of apparatus. Recommending that the request be tabled until the next meeting in order to have a meeting with station 33 and Apparatus Maintenance to better understand the justification for the request.

Secretary Mutchler:

- The minutes of the meetings are behind on the web page and will attempt to get them caught up soon.
- Received a call from a member of station 48 asking if being an EMS Captain satisfies the requirement under CB82 for promotion to Assistant Chief.
 - The position of the Fire Commission is, as long as any individual has all other certifications and requirements needed for a promotion, EMS Captain certification is acceptable as certifying the requirement for promotion.

Commissioner Underwood:

- We are having a hard time justifying hooking the FRITS system up to the LOSAP system because not too many people are using the LOSAP system. Question from Commissioner Norris is that the reason no one is using the LOSAP system is because it is not fully operational. The FRITS system was suppose to be hooked up in the original design of the system. There are a lot of questions on why the system is still not fully operational yet after several years of dealing with it.

Commissioner Woods:

- Reported that the Glenn Dale VFC has taken delivery of their new Pierce pumper. The unit will not be an addition to the fleet, it is a replacement for their 1985 Grumen.

Commissioner Norris:

- 6th district is running well and quiet.

Commissioner Demeritt:

- Discussed progress with the medical O2 audit.

Commissioner Mangum:

- **Motion by Commissioner Mangum second by Chairman Strine to grant equivalency for Active Firefighter to the following individuals:**
 - **Richard Ennis, station 48**
 - **Matthew Elden, station 48**
 - **Vance Webster, station 48**
 - **Brian Granados, station 39**
 - **Joshua Mashburn, station 27**
- Motion approved.**

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Past Fire Commission Secretary Jim Deskins reported that George Blanco, candidate for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association passed away this morning.

Chairman Strine reported that past Chief Odem stopped by but could not stay until the meeting. He came by to thank everyone for the support given to him by the Fire Commission and the rest of the volunteer organizations that supported him.

President Alferi:

- Discussed the questionnaire mentioned by Chairman Strine in the Chairman's report.
- Discussed the special meeting on Monday with the Fire Commission and the Chiefs Council.

Second Vice President Collins:

- Commented on the Court House fire in Upper Marlboro.
- Invited the Fire Commission to Laurel on Sunday, November 7, 2004 at 1:00 PM for the dedication of Engine 104, which will be dedicated to deceased member Captain Richard Grimes.

Immediate Past President Tucker:

- Acknowledged all of the people and businesses that came to the aid of the firefighters that were on the Court House fire in Upper Marlboro.
- Discussed the volunteer Technician school.

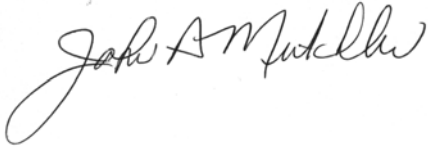
Jim Trexler:

- Would like to get the EMS gear survey so we can get working on it.
- Submitted list of turn out gear issued in the previous month.
- Logistics is going to start another spreadsheet to keep track of who gets issued gear that has been returned, repaired and or cleaned. It should also tell us how much money we saved.

Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:50

Respectfully,

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

John A. Mutchler
Secretary