



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2004
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

19:30 Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chairman Emeritus Robison.

Chairman Strine:

- Discussed the ongoing budget work sessions and there progress.
- Discussed the running gear issue. Presented a proposal from Chairman Emeritus Robison for budgeting running gear funds followed by lengthy discussion on the proposal. **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Underwood to adopt plan submitted by Chairman Emeritus Robison and rescind the previous plan of limiting each station to \$9,000.00 per year for running gear. Motion failed by voice vote.**
- Received a verbal request from 1st Vice President Jeff Dickey requesting \$9,400 from the training budget to send 8 people to the next Staff and Command school to be held in March 2005. **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Demeritt to approve the request pending receipt of the written request. Motion approved.**
- Nancy Terracciano informed us that the next 508 checks should be received by the next Association meeting.
- The Fire Commission will need to meet with the Association soon to get the plan for the new plan on how the 508 funds will be distributed.
- Received a request from the Kentland VFD, station 33 to reclassify Rescue Engine 33, which is now classified as a Pumper to a Rescue Squad. Chairman Strine mentioned that if we change the classification for Rescue Engine 33 we would do the same for Rescue Engine 49. **Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Granados to change the classification of both Rescue Engine 33 and Rescue Engine 49 to Rescue Squad. Question on the motion followed as to if the units meet the minimum standard as a Rescue Squad. Motion failed by voice vote.**
- There is a 1986 Seagrave at the Training Academy that needs a new motor at a cost of \$24,000.00. The Chairman and the Manager of Apparatus Maintenance, Danny Benedetti will recommend to the Fire Chief that the unit be deadlined.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Demeritt to accept the minutes of the November 3rd meeting as amended. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Riverdale VFD, station 7 to use \$3,300.00 from their station management account to make an installment payment on Tower 7. As soon as they get their 508 check they will replace the station

management funds. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler to accept the request. Question on the motion as to if you can use station management funds to make payments on vehicles. Motion was removed until it is researched if it can be done according to the station management agreement.** (Note: After the meeting the station management agreement was read and it does say that you cannot use station management funds for vehicle payments.)

- A suggestion was made at the last Association meeting to come up with a written Fire Commission policy concerning the running gear. The policy is being worked on and as soon as it is complete it will be presented to the Fire Commission.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Audits and Investigations were questioning why we were not using the LOSAP system. It was explained to them the problems with the LOSAP system.
- Company 35's roof is no longer leaking.

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Granados:

- Received a couple of rewards that still need to be researched, they should be ready by the next meeting.
- The LOSAP reports were turned into the office of Pensions & Benefits. The following stations LOSAP reports were not received and as such have not been turned into the county, stations 4, 7, 8, 17, 33 and 38. By law, the LOSAP reports are due into the county no later than November 15th, which means that if the delinquent stations do turn their LOSAP reports in, it does not guarantee that they will be accepted.

Commissioner Mangum:

- No report.

Commissioner Demeritt:

- Update on the progress of the Medical O2 inventory.

Commissioner Woods:

- No report.

Acting Fire Chief Sedgwick addressed the meeting, introduced himself and gave a brief talk on his outlook of the department.

Emergency Operations Commander, Acting Lt. Colonel Lawrence Joy updated everyone about the recently passed legislation CB89. CB89 gives the department to start installing water tanks in the southern part of the county.

1st Vice President Dickey:

- Welcomed the Acting Fire Chief and pledged the cooperation of the Association.
- Offered the assistance of the Association in getting the gear issue under control.

Jim Trexler:

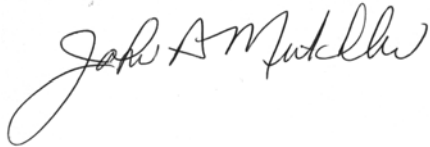
- The vendor who has the contract for generators is still going around doing maintenance. He is doing PM's on the generators and has been sending in estimates for needed repairs.
- We had a bid opening to replace the roof at station 41. The work should be started shortly, hopefully sometime in December.
- Baden has been advertised for bids.

Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

Bob McGee, station 25, gave an update on problems with fuel sites.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:15.

Respectfully,

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

John A. Mutchler
Secretary