



Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting Wednesday, January 5, 2005 Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Warren Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- Myself, Commissioners Granados and Woods met with Audits and Investigations concerning the LOSAP audit conducted. They gave us a list of about 8 or 9 recommendations of things they believe we are not doing that we should be. We need to meet with them again to answer the questions they left with us. As many Commissioners as possible are requested to meet at the Fire Commission office on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 2:00 PM to go over and answer the Auditors questions.
- The audit will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at the Fire Services Building. The audits will start at 8:00 AM starting with company 56.
- Each Commissioner should have a copy of the 2006 thru 2011 CIP program.
- We were notified yesterday at 11:00 AM advising there was a budget meeting at 2:00 PM in Lt. Col. Granzow's office. Vice Chairman Bolden and myself attended the meeting. We discussed the expenditures for the past couple of months. We will be meeting with Lt. Col. Granzow and his staff at least twice a month and he would like one of these meetings to be on the Tuesday before the Fire Commission meeting. We were asked not to distribute the current sheet with the total expenditures because it was incomplete. We will be getting an updated sheet on January 18th so we should have an updated copy at the next meeting.
- We did get the print out from Apparatus Maintenance and it will be distributed at the next county Association meeting. Briefly discussed the print out, with the restrictions placed on the companies limiting them on how much they can spend on apparatus maintenance we should not need to go over budget on apparatus maintenance this year.
- Discussed the expenditure sheet handed out at the last meeting for expenditures from July 1 thru November 30th. The column for EMS supplies should not be deducted from the stations budget until we have surpassed the \$250,000.00 budgeted for EMS supplies.
- The Association had asked for funding of \$9,400.00 to send 8 people to the Staff and Command school being held in Ocean City. The sent a letter in with only 5 names so they still have room for 3 more people. Anyone interested needs to contact President Alferi, First Vice President Jeff Dickey if interested.
- The next Fire Commission meeting will be held at the Ritchie VFD, station 37. There will be a presentation by Lt. Col. Granzow and Danny Benedetti concerning a plan to purchase a new fleet of Ambulances and new Scott Breathing apparatus, which should take approximately 1 hour.

- The county has hired a broker to look into the insurance problem and the issues we have with it. They hope to have it resolved with in 30 to 45 days.

Vice Chairman Bolden:

- Attending a meeting with the County Executive representing the Fire Commission.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to accept the minutes of the Wednesday, December 15, 2004 as submitted. Motion approved.**
- Received a letter from Bill Tavel, Chairman of the Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association, station 55 informing the Fire Commission of the new Chief officers of station 55. Also discussed other issues with the Bunker Hill Fire Station.
- Question to Jim Trexler concerning who paid for the vendor that was hired to clean the Bunker Hill Fire Station before the county walk through.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Branchville VFD, station 11 to spend \$4,036.00 of station management money for kitchen appliances. **Motion by Commissioner Underwood second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Chief 10 is requesting funding for a MFRI First Responder refresher class to be held something in February or March. Suggested by Commissioner Fuller to approve the funds for the class in case the Association cannot get the class for free. Due to a lack of information on how much the class costs, the issue will be tabled until funding information is obtained.

Commissioner Woods:

- Received a letter from the Bladensburg VFD, station 9 (copies attached) advising that they are considering replacing 2 vehicles that they own. Ambulance 99, which is currently on county maintenance and fuel. The new vehicle being a replacement this will not be adding anything to the fleet. They also would like to replace Telesquirt 9, which is also on county maintenance and fuel. They currently are not sure what they are going to replace it with, they currently have several options they are working with. This also will not be adding anything to the fleet. They are requesting that the Fire Commission give them approval to add these two vehicles to the fleet once the vehicles they are replacing are removed. **No motion was made but it is the unanimous consensus of the Fire Commission that since they are replacement vehicles and nothing will be added to the fleet that they are approved.**
- Received a request from the Riverdale Heights VFD, station 13 to spend \$6,793.00 of station management funds for insurance premiums. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the request. Motion approved.**

- Notified by station 18 that for the first time in 77 years they will have a woman President, Laura Woods.
- Received a request from the Bowie VFD, station 39 to replace a 24' extension ladder that was found to be beyond economical repair. They would like the ladder to be purchased without using their stations stores money or apparatus budget. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Chairman Strine to replace the ladder out of the Fire Commission budget.**

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Granados:

- **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods to award LOSAP benefits to:**
George L. Hearn, Chillum Adelphi VFD, station 34 for 27 years.
Larry K. Ayrrs, Bladensburg VFD, station 9 for 34 years.
Motion approved.
- Discussed Benefits processed and inquiries received for the month.

Commissioner Mangum:

- **Motion by Commissioner Mangum second by Commissioner Norris to grant Active Firefighter to:**
Sara Shaffer, Morningside VFD, station 27
Michael Lyons, Glen Dale VFD, station 18
Motion approved.

Commissioner Fuller:

- Next Wednesday is meeting for the county training committee that I will attend.

Report from Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Emeritus reported on issues going on in Annapolis concerning the fire service.

President Alferi:

- Reminded everyone they need to get any changes of officers or delegates into the Association office as soon as possible after the changes.
- Discussed the EVOG Train the Trainer course to be given and funded by VFIS to be held on January 24th and January 25th. A flyer will be coming out on the training.
- Updated everyone on the progress of Vol. Capt. Joe Johnson.

Jim Trexler:

- Discussed the Capitol Heights project.
- The Baden project will be re-advertised next week because of the multi step procurement process.

- Question from Commissioner Granados and discussion concerning some of the CIP projects.

Questions and comments were entertained for around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Fire Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:10.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John A. Mutchler
Secretary



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Randy S. Kuenzli

Chief of the Department

January 5, 2005

Prince George's Fire Rescue Commission

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our intent to replace Ambulance 99.

This unit is currently on County Maintenance and Fuel, therefore the replacement would not add any additional apparatus to the fleet. The unit is insured by the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department. We would remove this unit from service upon the arrival of the new one purchased.

Currently, I will be proposing the purchase of an American LaFrance Medic Master – Freightliner unit that will be built on the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department specifications with a few minor exceptions. None of the exceptions are requirements.

We request consideration of the Fire Commission to approve this replacement ambulance so that we may move forward with purchasing plans.

Thank You

Yours in the Fire Service

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy S. Kuenzli".

Randy S. Kuenzli, Fire Chief
Volunteer Chief 9

