



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, 2005  
Ritchie VFD, station 37**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- Thanked the Ritchie VFD for hosting the Fire Commission meeting.
- We met with the office of Management and Budget on February 8<sup>th</sup> to go over our requests for the FY06 budget. The budget is not finalized yet and we are still working on getting some enhancements to it.
- The Fire Commission, along with the Association has a meeting with the County Executive and his staff tomorrow, Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be addressing issues we have with the current budget proposal and any other issues that are pending.
- The monthly Apparatus Maintenance figures were not ready today, they will be handed out at the next meeting.
- Appointing Commissioner Fuller to head a committee to take the recommendations from Audits and Investigations and start getting them implemented.
- The Station Management audit is scheduled for this Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM, starting with station 56. The checks are in but in order to get your check you must need to have turned in your Officer Certifications, Annual Personnel List and not have any outstanding Accident or Injury reports.
- Attended the Fire Chiefs staff meeting. Brief discussion of items that were discussed in the meeting.
  - Fire Chief confirmation
  - Overtime issues
  - ECU 47
  - EMS officers
  - New Tanker 45
  - Hiring and promotional test
  - Breathing Apparatus upgrade and Ambulance purchase
  - Fire Boat

Vice Chairman Bolden:

- Attended the February 8<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.
- Will be late for the audit this Saturday.
- Received a request from the Chapel Oaks VFD, station 38 to obtain through the Facilities Maintenance budget a computerized, electronic access control system for station 38. (Jim Trexler will look into it)

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- Discussed recent issues effecting volunteer stations and the volunteer 52 budget that the Fire Commission had no input in.
- Discussion concerning the funding of repairs and replacement items caused by contractor incompetence at the Bunker Hill Fire Station. This was discussed last year and the Fire Commission decided they would not fund items that should be dealt with by the contractor.  
Received a request from Chief 55 requesting the Fire Commission to purchase the Bunker Hill Fire Station a heavy-duty air compressor, including hard wiring and piping throughout the engine bays. This was in the original building specs but was cut out by the contractor. Will discuss the issue with Chief 55 before making official recommendation.
- Requested all Commissioners to look over funding proposal for the Bunker Hill Fire Station that was handed out to them and give their input. The issue was put on the floor for discussion, no action or recommendation put forth at this time.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Discussed camera issue with Engine 103.
- The original cost estimate the Fire Commission approved for station 34's kitchen remodel will actually be less than what the Fire Commission approved.
- There will be a Technician school for volunteers starting February 28<sup>th</sup>. If there are not enough participants the class will be canceled.
- Discussed other upcoming classes.

Commissioner Mangum:

- No report.

Commissioner Granados:

- Received LOSAP award requests from:
  - Louis Kavakos, Beltsville VFD, station 31/41 for 29 years.
  - Donna Meyerer, Laurel Rescue, station 49 for 27 years 4 months.
  - Leona Rowe, Laurel VFD, station 10 for 39 years.

**Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the requests. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Fuller:

- No report.

Commissioner Woods:

- Glenn Dale plans to put their new pumper in service this Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Glenn Dale is also in the process of acquiring the necessary equipment to turn Engine 183 into a Rescue Pumper.
- Glenn Dale is also considering purchasing an Ambulance.
- Requesting direction as to how to handle lost or damaged county owned portable radios.
- Would like the Commission to take a stand and keep community names on apparatus where it is assigned.

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Jim Trexler:

- Submitted monthly Turnout Gear issued.
- Discussed getting accurate numbers of active operational volunteers.
- Had a meeting with Facilities Maintenance to discuss several issues. There was a feeling that they were not completely supporting us in a lot of projects we were doing, it was taking a long time to do them. They advised one of the problems was they were having trouble hearing back from vendors with quotes which have been causing delays. We have come up with a plan that will hopefully move things along faster.
- We hope to have a contract signed within the next 2 weeks for the roof on station 25.
- There was a pre bid meeting at station 38 for the rear concrete apron.
- Facilities Maintenance is studying plans supplied by station 37 of station 37 to come up with recommendations for the roof. Will probably give them the go ahead to have a consultant engineer look at the roof and make a recommendation. It's possible the entire roof may need to be removed and replaced.

Chairman Emeritus Robison:

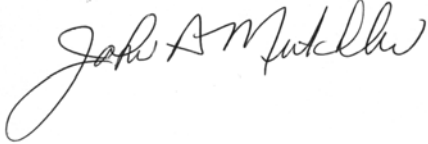
- Discussed the rumor concerning a career officer that was in Annapolis lobbying to have the funds from the proposed bill, PG307, that are earmarked for the Fire Commission, to be given entirely to the career department. Chairman Robison presented minutes of the hearing showing that the rumor is actually true, and there was a career officer lobbying to have the volunteer funds taken from them and this should be brought to the attention of the County Executive.

**Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Fuller to approve NIMS course as continuing education credit for Chief officers.**  
**Motion approved.**

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 21:15.

Respectfully,

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

John A. Mutchler  
Secretary