



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 6, 2005**  
**Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

19:30: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Stine opened up the floor for nominations for the Election Convention Chairman.

**Chairman Emeritus Robison motioned for Donald Strine as Election Convention second by Commissioner Fuller. They're being no further nominations the nominations were closed.**

Chairman Strine opened up the floor for nominations for election of the Election Convention Secretary.

**Chairman Emeritus Robison motioned for John Mutchler as Election Convention Secretary second by Bill Huttenloch. They're being no further nominations the nominations were closed.**

Chairman Strine read the rules of the elections.

Role call of companies:

Hyattsville	Present
Cottage City	Leroy Mangum nominates Steve Schmidt for District 2 Commissioner.
Bunker Hill	Barry Miller nominates John Mutchler for District 2 Commissioner.
Brentwood	Present
Capitol Heights	Present
Riverdale	
Seat Pleasant	Present
Bladensburg	Present
Laurel	Present
Branchville	John Hughes nominates Frank Underwood for District 1 Commissioner.
College Park	Present
Riverdale Heights	Present
Berwyn Heights	Pete Isaacson nominates Pete Isaacson for At Large Commissioner.
Boulevard Heights	
Glenn Dale	Laura Woods nominates Harve Woods for District 3 Commissioner.
Bowie	Dave Levy nominates Mike Granados for At Large Commissioner.

Marlboro	David Brady nominates Donald Strine for District 5 Commissioner.
Oxon Hill	Arthur Cox seconds the nomination for Donald Strine.
Forestville	Present
Accokeek	
Clinton	Present
District Heights	Ronnie Bobo nominates Charles Norris for District 6 Commissioner.
Morningside	Charlie Phillips nominates David Fuller for At Large Commissioner.
West Lanham Hills	Present
Silver Hill	Present
Landover Hills	
Beltsville	Present
Allentown Road	
Kentland	
Chillum Adelphi	
Greenbelt	
Baden	Present
Ritchie	2 <sup>nd</sup> the nomination of Donald Strine.
Chapel Oaks	Johnathan Bolden nominates Johnathan Bolden for District 4 Commissioner.
Brandywine	
Laurel Rescue	Barry Johnson nominates Barry Johnson for At Large Commissioner.
Underwater Rescue	John Morris nominates Janet Demeritt for At Large Commissioner.

The following people were nominated to run for the 2005 – 2006 Fire Commission:

District 1	Frank Underwood
District 2	John Mutchler Steve Schmidt
District 3	Harve Woods
District 4	Johnathan Bolden
District 5	Donald Strine
District 6	Charles Norris
At Large	Janet Demeritt David Fuller Michael Granados Pete Isaacson Barry Johnson

**Motion made by Charlie Phillips second by Bill Tavel that the nominations be closed. Motion approved.**

### Chairman Strine:

- ❑ Chairman Strine appointed the following individuals as election judges: Arthur Cox, Chairman – Joe Robison – James Sheriff – Charlie Phillips – Bill Tavel.
- ❑ A new vendor has been chosen for physicals, Dyne Medical, 8700 Central Ave, Suite 201 Landover Md, 301-499-4655. Evening and weekend hours will be available for volunteers to take their physicals.
- ❑ We still haven't received the final 2006 budget document. As soon as we get it the Fire Commission will sit down and make plans for the 2006 fiscal year.
- ❑ Logistics is now back open and receiving stores requests.
- ❑ New SCBA has been ordered and everyone will be issued a new face piece and regulator. All fitting and testing will be done at Apparatus Maintenance.
- ❑ Some of the second set of gear is in and as soon as we get the schedule for fitting it will be distributed.
- ❑ Lengthy discussion on the new paperless reporting system being implemented in the stations. Several classes regarding this new system will be held to introduce everyone to the program. Schedules for the classes are available.
- ❑ Spoke with the Directors of Finance and Risk Management in regards to the insurance issue. They are promising they will have it pretty much settled and presented to the Fire Commission and the volunteer fire companies by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❑ We are working on getting the law changed in order to get the age for LOSAP lowered to 55.
- ❑ Lengthy discussion on what the Fire Commission wants to do about training certifications, keep them in the Fire Commission office or let them go to the Training Academy. There is concern on the appropriateness of the Fire Commission sharing volunteer records between the Fire Commission and PGFD. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to table the issue for further discussion. Motion approved.**
- ❑ The next station management audit will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2005 starting at 0800 with station 1. Handouts are available with instructions on what stations need to bring with them to the audit.

### Commissioner Bolden:

- ❑ Represented the Fire Commission at the Jack Johnson baseball tournament.
- ❑ Received a request from stations 33 and 46 to spend \$3,000.00 from station 33-station management fund and \$5,000.00 from station 46-station management funds for insurance premiums. **Motion by Commissioner Bolden second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**

### Commissioner Underwood:

- ❑ No report.
- ❑ Mentioned upcoming shrimp feast at station 11.
- ❑ Thanked everyone for their assistance in Ocean City.

### Commissioner Granados:

- ❑ LOSAP is now due.

- Reviewed tow requests for equivalent training for the following individuals:
  - Fred D. List, station 27 for FF1.
  - Jaime L. Simpson, station 14 for VRS.

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

- Gave an update on the Prince Georges County Master Plan committee meeting.

Administrative Assistant Demeritt:

- Gave an update on the O2 issue at College Park.
- Made a suggestion for the Commission to send Jack Godfrey something from the Fire Commission.
- Thanked everyone for the t-shirt donations.
- Discussed happenings at station 57.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to accept the minutes of the Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Fire Commission meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Brentwood VFD, station 4 to spend \$2,128.00 of station management funds for insurance. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Requested from all commissioners their ideas they would like to put into the Fire Commission report for the County Convention book.
- Discussed personal opinion about the lack of involvement with decisions being made by PGFD dealing with volunteer budget funds.
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Chairman Strine to merge the operational budgets for the companies that make up station 55 into one budget but allot each station 75% of whatever is allotted for all other stations. Each company will maintain their own operating budget but they will be merged into on budget under station 55. Amendment to the motion made by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Woods to limit the change to a one year deal and revisit the issue at the end of this fiscal year. Motion for the amendment approved. Motion for the original motion to fund the 3 separate companies but under one budget approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- No report.

Commissioner Fuller:

- No report.

Commissioner Norris:

- The Forestville VFD, station 23 has requested new SCBA units for their new Tanker. Request to have Apparatus Maintenance supply new SCBA units for the Tanker.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Emeritus Robison:

- ❑ Still waiting for some stations to pick up their 508 checks.

Second Vice President Dickey:

- ❑ Discussed some issues concerning the volunteers and the county and what is happening with them.

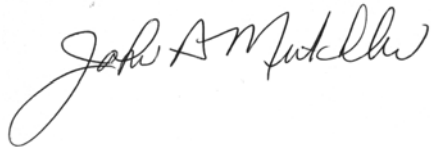
Jim Trexler:

- ❑ We are working on getting a new stores catalog out.
- ❑ Reminded everyone that most Signature Authorization forms are expired and need to be updated.
- ❑ Gave an update on Jack Godfrey and what the impact on Logistics is. Requesting the assistance of the Fire Commissioners when they turn stores requests in.
- ❑ Pointed out the need for the Commissioners to be sure the stores requests are properly filled out.
- ❑ Measurements are being taken for the EMS only gear. Stations that are requesting the EMS only gear need to give Logistics reliable contact information to ensure they get their measurements done.

Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:25.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler  
Secretary