



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, July 20 2005  
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Warren Litchfield.

**Motion made by Commissioner Granados, second by Secretary Mutchler, that the balloting for Fire Commission elections be closed. Motion approved.**

Chairman Strine:

- ❑ We will continue with the regular Fire Commission meeting while the ballots are being counted. As soon as the election committee is ready we will recess the regular meeting to get the results of the election.
- ❑ Spoke with the office of Finance to see about the figures on the 2006 budget. The written budget is not yet complete, as soon as it is and we receive it the Commissioners will meet to set budget limits for the different operating funds use by each station.
- ❑ Received final expenditures for apparatus for the past fiscal year was received and are available to anyone that's wants them.
- ❑ Hopefully by August 1<sup>st</sup>, Express Care will no longer be doing physicals. The county has a new contract with DynMed Medical located 8700 Central Avenue. Hours of operation will be from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday and every other Saturday 8:00 AM till 12 Noon.
- ❑ The second set of running gear is coming in, a form will be sent out to the Chief of each station and they will have to submit 10 names to receive this first round of gear. As soon as the selections are received, Logistics will start scheduling those individuals to come to Logistics to be measured for the new gear. The rest of the personnel will be taken care of after the first round of issue is complete.
- ❑ Discussion on how the Fire Commission is going to handle and maintain the training certifications of each volunteer. A new General Order, General Order 5-20 came out several days ago without the knowledge of the Fire Commission. Phone calls were made to find out why this General Order was put out while we were still in discussions about who was going to handle the training records. The General Order has been rescinded and if any station has received it they can disregard it.
- ❑ Discussed the issue of the funding of company owned ambulances and the funding of those ambulances with the coming of the new ambulance program being instituted by the Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department. Currently the plane is to fund company owned ambulances with fuel, oil and normal PM items. Anything that is not covered under the warranty of the new ambulances will not be covered. This issue will no longer be discussed until a final decision has been made.

- Discussed the recent 508 audit and the fact that there are still 4 volunteer companies have still not turned in the information that was requested.

Chairman Strine put the regular meeting in recess to receive the report from the election committee.

Election Committee Chairman Arthur Cox read report of the election committee. With 33 companies eligible to vote: (*Denotes winner*)

District 1

*Frank Underwood received 33 votes.*

District 2

*John Mutchler received 25 votes.*

Steve Schmidt received 7 votes.

District 3

*Harve Woods received 33 votes.*

District 4

*Johnathan Bolden received 31 votes.*

District 5

*Donald Strine received 33 votes.*

District 6

*Charles Norris received 33 votes.*

At Large

*Janet Demeritt received 28 votes.*

*Dave Fuller received 31 votes.*

*Mike Granados received 30 votes.*

Pete Isaacson received 8 votes.

Barry Johnson received 2 votes.

**Motion made by Charlie Philips, second by Commissioner Granados to destroy the ballots. Motion approved.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Granados, second by Secretary Mutchler to close the 2005 – 2006 Fire Commission election convention. Motion approved.**

Chairman Strine opened up the elections for officers for the 2005 – 2006 Fire Commission.

**Motion made by Commissioner Norris, second by Commissioner Granados for Donald Strine as Chairman.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Fuller to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Donald Strine as Chairman. Motion approved.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Granados for Johnathan Bolden as Vice Chairman. *Johnathan Bolden declined nomination.***

**Motion made by Commissioner Norris, second by Secretary Mutchler for Dave Fuller as Vice Chairman.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Woods, second by Secretary Mutchler to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Fuller as Vice Chairman. Motion approved.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Fuller for John Mutchler as Secretary.**

**Motion by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Fuller to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Mutchler as Secretary. Motion approved.**

Reminder to everyone by Chairman Strine that the new Fire Commission will be sworn in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the next meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2005, wear your Fire Commission suit.

Chairman Strine reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Strine continued:

- The station management audits will be held on Saturday, August 13 2005 starting at 8:00 AM with company 1, Hyattsville.

Administrative Assistant Janet Demeritt:

- Discussed the progress of the Medical O2 audit.

Commissioner Mangum:

- Received the following requests for equivalency training:
  - Garret James from station 26, District Heights
  - Sosabe Justin from station 8, Seat Pleasant
- **Motion made by Commissioner Mangum, second by Commissioner Norris to grant the requests. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Laurel VFD, station 10 to carry over \$5,000.00 at the station management audit to be used for the annual company banquet in August. **Motion made by Commissioner Underwood, second by Commissioner Bolden to approve the request. Motion approved by majority vote.**

Commissioner Bolden:

- No report.

Commissioner Granados:

- LOSAP reports are due and have received a few already. Discussion on the problem of getting stations to get their reports in on time. **Motion made by Secretary Mutchler, second by Commissioner Granados to make September 1<sup>st</sup> as the date all LOSAP reports must be turned into the Fire Commission.**

Question and discussion on the motion.

**Amendment to the original motion made by Commissioner Woods, second by Secretary Mutchler that all LOSAP reports not turned in to the Chairman of the LOSAP committee will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Vote on the amendment approved. Vote on the original motion approved.**

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion made by Secretary Mutchler, second by Commissioner Woods to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2005 minutes as amended. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- Received a request from the Bowie VFD, station 39 to use \$3,000.00 of station management funds for work being done on Engine 391. **Motion made by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Fuller:

- Commented on the ambulance issue and reiterated that the Fire Commissioners knows what the fire stations want and the issue will be addressed.

Commissioner Norris:

- Discussed a meeting held with the new officers of station 32.
- Congratulated all Commissioners for their election to the Fire Commission for the coming year and thanked all of those stations that voted for Commissioner Norris.

Commissioner Fuller thanked outgoing Commissioner Mangum for all of his work on the Fire Commission this past year.

Chairman Emeritus Robison:

- Congratulated Commissioners on their election to the Fire Commission for the coming year.
- Thanked Commissioner Mangum for his service on the Fire Commission.
- Discussed his feelings of what and how things are going with and how the Fire Commission is handling their business.

Report from Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

President Alferi:

- ❑ Congratulations to all those elected for the upcoming year.
- ❑ Discussed the rescinded General Order 5-20.
- ❑ Discussed the 508 funding.
- ❑ Discussed concession stand the Association will be participating in at Fed Ex Field starting August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ❑ Discussed fundraiser for the Political Action committee being held at the Accokeek VFD, station 24 with the Fabulous Hubcaps.
- ❑ Discussed the new recruitment DVD.

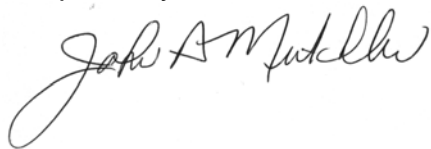
Jim Trexler:

- ❑ Congratulated newly elected Commissioners and is looking forward to working with them the coming year.
- ❑ Turned in the June report of gear issued in the month of July.
- ❑ Still working on the new stores catalog and what is going on at Logistics.
- ❑ Asked for stations to refrain from ordering small tools because the vendor will not deliver to individual stations until Logistics can work something out.
- ❑ Bids should be going out shortly for new boilers for stations 24, 29, 34 and 49. Boilers should be in sometime around September thru November. Plans will be made for heat in stations that the boiler is not installed on time.
- ❑ In the process of trying to set up training sessions for the new Bullard T-3 Thermal Imaging cameras. The training will be set up during both daytime and evening hours.
- ❑ So far 44 people have been measured for the EMS only gear. If any stations would like to get this gear for any of their people contact Logistics to be scheduled for measurements.

Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:00.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler  
Secretary