



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2005
District Heights VFD, station 26**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- ⇒ Thanked the leadership of District Heights for hosting the meeting.
- ⇒ Reported on the Station Management audit performed Saturday, August 13th.
- ⇒ Along with Commissioner Woods we met with the manager of Apparatus Maintenance. Discussed and set the Apparatus Maintenance allotments for each piece of apparatus. 10% of the budget was set aside for emergencies or for whatever the Commission deems necessary. The following is a breakdown of how much each piece of apparatus is allotted:
 - Trucks \$20,793.00
 - Pumpers \$16,323.00
 - Squads \$24,066.00
 - Ambulance \$7,876.00
 - BX Units \$4,443.00
 - Special Units \$2,279.00
- ⇒ Batteries for the Motorola HT100's will be able to be ordered through Logistics and the cost of approximately \$55.00 will be deducted from the stations operating budget.
- ⇒ Received a request from the Prince Georges County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association to fund \$400.00 for a Highway Safety Class put on by VFIS to be held at station 43. **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Still waiting to hear about the progress of the insurance issue.

Commissioner Norris:

- ⇒ Questioned whether the discretionary spending order had been lifted. According to Chairman Strine the discretionary spending order has been lifted and stations no longer need to turn something in, in order to receive the same item.

Commissioner Bolden:

- ⇒ Received a request from stations 33 and 46 to spend \$5,100.00 from each station management fund account for insurance premiums. **Motion by Commissioner Bolden second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- ⇒ No report.

Secretary Mutchler:

- ⇒ Minutes of the August 3rd meeting are not ready yet.

Commissioner Demeritt:

- ⇒ Received a request for equivalency from station 49 but suggests the request be tabled until the submitted training can be investigated.
- ⇒ Discussed a problem with someone going to Logistics to get their gear.

Commissioner Woods:

- ⇒ Discussed the successful outcome of a station that had problems getting a name taken from the list of outstanding injury reports.
- ⇒ Stations with Squads can expect a visit from Commissioner Woods some time within the next month to update the Hurst tool survey that was previously done.
- ⇒ Received a request from the Bladensburg VFD, station 9 to spend \$2,200.00 to replace a refrigerator. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Secretary Mutchler to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Granados:

- ⇒ Reminded everyone that LOSAP is due by September 1st.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Report from President Alferi.

Jim Trexler:

- ⇒ Bullard will extend their pricing for the Thermal Imagers until December 31st.
- ⇒ Training on the new Thermal Imagers next week at the FSB.
- ⇒ Received a call from station 36 about problems with the phone system at station 36. They are still working with the old Merlin system. Arrangements will be made to put a new phone switch in and upgrade the system.
- ⇒ Discussed a meeting held at station 10 about a system to filter the water coming off the lower parking lot. The cost of the project will be paid for by a grant.
- ⇒ A retaining wall was installed along with a fence to prevent anyone from falling into the stairwell and removed several dead trees at the Riverdale Heights VFD, station 13.
- ⇒ We are about to start the roof at Clinton and the ramp at Greenbelt.
- ⇒ We are in the process of transferring the money for the District Heights station and will hopefully be breaking ground soon.
- ⇒ We are about to finish the ramp at station 38.
- ⇒ Still working on the 4 boilers at stations 24, 29, 34 and 49 that are scheduled to be replaced.
- ⇒ Still working on trying to get funds for the Baden project.
- ⇒ Still working on getting a system to track gear.
- ⇒ Discussed the requisitioning of the new SCBA units.

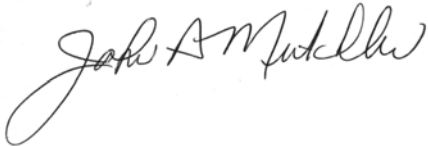
Volunteer Operations Commander, Jim McClelland:

- ⇒ Gave an update on the upcoming Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Weekend and requested that the Fire Commission approve the weekend as credit for the 12 hour continuing education credit for command officers. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Demeritt to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:50.

Respectfully,

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 and title.

John A. Mutchler
Secretary