



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, September 7, 2005  
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Chairman Strine:

- Discussed problems with the new vendor for Physicals, Dyna Medical. The new vendor apparently did not realize the number of physicals they would be dealing with and they are having trouble keeping up. Everyone is aware of the problem and it is being worked on.
- Discussed the ongoing insurance issue. Spoke with the Manager of Risk Management who is asking for some more information. It is still moving forward.
- Commissioner Granados is working with Pension and Benefits to get them additional information to work on the reduction of the age requirement to be eligible to collect LOSAP awards. When all the preliminary work is complete, the County Executive can then present legislation to the County Council to get the law changes to lower the age requirement.
- Discussed the draft of a General Order that came out about training. Discussed it with Lt. Col. Blue and the General Order will be redone to state that the training certifications will continue to be turned into the Fire Commission.
- Discussed the last print out concerning units covered under apparatus maintenance.
- **Motion by Chairman Strine, second by Commissioner Bolden that the second meeting in September be canceled due to the County Convention. Motion approved.**
- The next Fire Commission meeting will be held on October 5, 2005 at the Fire Services Building.

Commissioner Bolden:

- Received a request from station 33 concerning an emergency generator. Will table the request until the next meeting in order to get with Jim Trexler concerning the request.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Beltsville VFD, stations 31 and 41 to spend, not to exceed \$3,100.00 per station for insurance. **Motion by Commissioner Underwood second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Granados:

- Received one request for LOSAP award for Walter F. Hickey Jr. from the Accokeek VFD, station 24 for 42.9 years. **Motion by Commissioner Bolden**

**second by Commissioner Underwood to accept the request. Motion approved.**

- The following companies have not been turned in by the deadline, stations 8, 17, 30, 31/41, 34, 37, 38 and 56/57. Request Commissioners for these stations to contact them and try to get the reports submitted.

Commissioner Demeritt:

- Received a request from the Underwater Rescue & Recovery Team, station 57, requesting to switch out their current 4 medical O2 bottles for smaller bottles.
- Working on a policy for stations to submit for equivalency for their members.
- Received equivalency request for the following individuals:
  - Eid Nicholas, Berwyn Heights VFD, station 14 for Active FF.
  - Eric Norris, Berwyn Heights VFD, station 14 for Active FF.

All paper work is in order and request that they be approved. **Motion by Commissioner Demeritt second by Commissioner Granados to approve the requests. Motion approved.**

Secretary Mutchler:

- Request that the minutes of the August 3, 2005 minutes be accepted as submitted. **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Demeritt that the minutes be accepted. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2005 minutes as amended. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the College Park VFD, station 12 to spend \$3,200.00 for insurance. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the College Park VFD, station 12 to spend \$3,500.00 for University of Maryland internet connections in the dorm rooms. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Follow up on the request from the College Park VFD, station 12 to keep their 1994 Ambulance on full county maintenance. After reviewing the Apparatus Maintenance report on the unit from last year, the unit had approximately \$8,200.00 in repairs, this does not include the transmission repair recently done, and the unit also had to be towed 4 times last year. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados that the unit be funded for fuel and PM's only. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- No report.

Commissioner Norris:

- Received a request from the Silver Hill VFD, station 29 to spend \$5,285.00 for quarterly insurance premiums. **Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Presentation by Jack Mowatt, from the Prince Georges County 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarmers requesting assistance in purchasing a Rehab Unit for Prince Georges County.

Report from Chairman Emeritus on things going on in Annapolis.

Report from 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jeff Dickey.

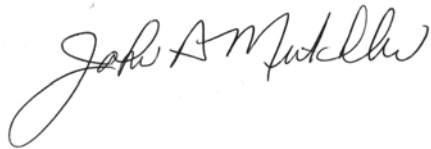
Jim Trexler:

- Submitted turn out issue report for August.
- All Thermal Imagers have been distributed.
- There is still more work to be done on the Founders Circle.
- Discussed placing station 49 on county maintenance. May need a letter from the Fire Commission telling the Fire Chief of their approval of placing station 49 on county maintenance. (Letter will be drafted by the Secretary)
- Introduced Alicia Proctor from the Office of Central Services, Contract Administration, Procurement.
- Updated the status of the Baden project.

Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:30

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