



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday April 5, 2006  
Cranford-Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- ⇒ Everyone should have received in their mail slots copies of the 2007 budget questions. Thanked the Commissioners that helped answer the questions. We will be meeting with the County Council on April 14<sup>th</sup> to go over the questions.
- ⇒ The county has not received the last 508 check yet. As soon as it comes in it will be disbursed.
- ⇒ The LOSAP bill has still not yet been introduced.
- ⇒ Spoke with Ken Wyvill from VFIS, Ken say's that for those stations that are insured through VFIS and made an insurance payment after January 1, 2006, their refund checks will be going out either Thursday or Friday for those payments.
- ⇒ The letter approving the Silver Hill VFD, station 29's request to place one of their pumpers in the third pumper policy has been forwarded to the Chief.
- ⇒ The approval of placing Glenn Dale's, station 18, ambulance on county maintenance has been forwarded to apparatus maintenance.
- ⇒ The yearly Financial Disclosure forms that need to be filled out by all Commissioners are in their boxes. They need to be turned in by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Attended a meeting with the County Executive, Public Safety Director, Fire Chief, Jeff Dickey and Jim Collins to discuss volunteer concerns. The Volunteer Bill of Rights that was presented to the County Council and the draft of new General Order 1-18 was discussed.
- ⇒ We need to get with the members of the Baden VFD, station 36 to see if we can get the price of their new addition down about \$600,000.00. The bid for the contract came back at \$3,000,000.00 and there are some concerns about spending that much money on a renovation project.
- ⇒ Asked the County Executive about the LOSAP bill that has still not yet been introduced and he is having the Public Safety Director get this completed.

Commissioner Bolden:

- ⇒ Received a request from the Seat Pleasant VFD, station 8 to spend \$3,500.00 for the Ocean City convention. **Motion by Commissioner Bolden second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- ⇒ Received a request from the Beltsville VFD, station 31 to spend \$2,065.21 to rehab the Chief's car. **Motion by Commissioner Underwood second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Discussed a problem with getting batteries changed in the new Scott's.
- ⇒ Mentioned a rumor going around from Lt. Col. Granzow about the Fire Commission backing the Firefighters Bill of Rights that was introduced to the County Council.

Vice Chairman Fuller:

- ⇒ Discussed the meeting held last week between the Association's Board of Directors and the Fire Commission concerning the upcoming 508 issues.

Secretary Mutchler:

- ⇒ **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2006 minutes as amended. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Received a request from the Riverdale VFD, station 7 to spend \$2,273.27 to replace their TV. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Questioned as to if anyone has heard anything from Battalion Chief Lamden concerning the CIP budget. Chairman Strine advises that he will be at the next Fire Commission meeting in Forestville.

Commissioner Demeritt:

- ⇒ Discussed the progress on the Medical O2 issue.
- ⇒ Attended a meeting for the Chairman concerning the station 55 issue.
- ⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Demeritt second by Secretary Mutchler to approve station 57 spend \$4,500.00 for insurance. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- ⇒ Received a request from the Landover Hills VFD, station 30 to spend \$2,259.57 for work being performed on their engine. **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Relayed the thanks of the Glenn Dale VFD, station 18 for the Commission's assistance in getting their new Ambulance on the road.

Report from Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Report from Second Vice President, Bob Russell.

Jim Trexler:

- ⇒ Submitted report for gear issued the prior month.
- ⇒ Had a problem with station 29 and the door coming down on one of their pumpers. The problem is they have no safety devices on the doors. Received a quote from a vendor to install the devices which was approximately

\$4,500.00. (Commission advised to go ahead and get the safety devices installed.)

- ⇒ Wanted a clarification if the Fire Commission is requiring EMS only people that come to get the EMS only gear if they must turn in their firefighting gear in before issuing the EMS gear. If they have the firefighting gear they need to turn it in. If they don't have it for one reason or another it is OK to issue the EMS gear.

Bob McGhee reported that the fuel site at station 39 will be upgraded on Monday.

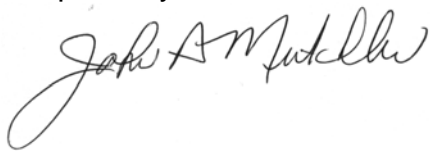
Questions and comments entertained from around the room.

The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at the Forestville VFD, station 23.

The Bowie VFD offered to hold the second meeting in August at station 39.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

John A. Mutchler  
Secretary