



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

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Report by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine called to order the Election Convention for FY 2007. Chairman Strine then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Election Convention. Commissioner Granados nominated Donald Strine. With no other nominations received the nominations for Convention Chairman were closed.

Nominations were open for Secretary of the Election Convention. Commissioner Demeritt nominated John Mutchler. With no other nominations received the nominations for Election Convention Secretary were closed.

Chairman Strine read the rules of the Election Convention. He also brought the question as to whether station 55 should have one or three votes. Secretary Mutchler questioned whether we should tell them on the night of the nominations they would only receive one vote and not three and suggested that if it will become one vote for station 55, then it should be done to begin in FY 08.

The President of the Bunker Hill Association advised the Commissioners that at the last Bunker Hill Association meeting that the Board of Directors of the Association, of which there are members of all three corporations on the board, agreed to vote as one. **With that being said, Secretary Mutchler made the motion and second by Commissioner Granados to only accept one vote from station 55. Motion approved.**

Chairman Strine read a list of companies that have not submitted their Delegation of Authority. These stations will not be able to nominate anyone for the Fire Commission. If they do not have them turned in by election night, they will not be able to participate in the election. Those stations are: 1-8-14-17-34/41-36-38 and 40.

Chairman Stine called out the role of stations to accept nominations. The following nominations were received:

Riverdale VFD nominated Jeffery Purcell for District 2
Laurel VFD nominated Brian Lau for At-Large
Branchville VFD nominated Frank Underwood for District 1
Riverdale Heights nominated Kenny Gilroy for At-Large

Glenn Dale VFC nominated Harve Woods for District 3
Bowie VFD nominated Johnathan Bigony for At-Large
Marlboro VFD nominated Donald Strine for District 5
Accokeek VFD nominated Ed Pickerall for At-Large
Clinton VFD nominated Bob McGee for At-Large
District Heights nominated Charles Norris for District 6
Silver Hills VFD nominated Mike Alfieri for At-Large
Landover Hills VFD nominated Tom Flint for At-Large
Kentland VFD nominated Sheila Mann for District 4
Greenbelt VFD nominated Chris Fleshman for At-Large
Ritchie VFD nominated William Cunningham for At-Large
Underwater Rescue & Recover nominated Jan Demeritt for At-Large

The following is the list of candidates for election to the FY 2007 Fire Commission:

District 1	Frank Underwood, station 11
District 2	Jeffery Purcell, station 7
District 3	Harve Woods, station 18
District 4	Sheila Mann, station 33
District 5	Donald Strine, station 20/45
District 6	Charles Norris, station 26
At-Large	Mike Alfieri, station 29
At-Large	Johnathan Bigony, station 19/39/43
At-Large	William Cunningham, station 37
At-Large	Jan Demeritt, station 56/57
At-Large	Chris Fleshman, station 35
At-Large	Tom Flint, station 30
At-Large	Kenny Gilroy, station 13
At-Large	Brian Lau, station 10
At-Large	Bob McGee, station 25
At-Large	Ed Pickerall, station 24

The following persons will serve on the election committee:
Jeff Dickey, Arthur Cox, Leroy Mangum, Jimmy Boyd and Joe Robison.

No nominee requested to have a judge present during the balloting.

Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods that the Nomination Convention be closed. Motion approved.

Chairman Strine continued with the regular Fire Commission meeting.

Chairman Strine:

- o Kathy Colbert who was supposed to be here tonight to talk about the LOSAP legislation could not make it. The legislation is scheduled to be voted on and approved on Tuesday, July 11, 2006.

- Wayne McBride who was also supposed to be here to talk more on the new radio system could not make it.
- The MOU for the 508 funds still need to be turned in by the following stations: 1-7-8-14-17-18-25-28/48-33/46-38 and 49. Checks should be ready for distribution at the next Association meeting at station 55.
- A date needed to be set for the next station management audit because a the date needed to be set in order to get the checks ready for distribution at the audit. The date of the audit will be Saturday, August 12, 2006, starting with station 1 at 0800 at the Fire Services Building.
- Discussed the current bill received from VFIS which was \$128,000 more than what we paid last year. People have apparently been adding vehicles to the insurance with out anyone's knowledge. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados that all vehicles on the insurance policy as of July 1, 2006 be the only vehicles on the policy. No other vehicle should/will not be added after this date. Motion approved.**
- Discussed a proposal from the Assistant Director of the Training Academy for the FIT tests process. The schedule is not volunteer friendly and needs to be more accommodating. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Underwood that a letter be sent to the Fire Chief advising him of the Fire Commissions opposition of the new FIT test process. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Underwood to approve the Berwyn Heights VFD, station 14 to spend \$3,654.55 for their semi annual payment on their Chiefs car.** Secretary Mutchler request the motion be tabled until the next meeting to verify the language in the station management contract concerning using station management money for vehicle loan payments.
- Received a letter from the Beltsville VFD advising of the removal of the Tower that was totaled in a wreck. They will be seeking the replacement of the vehicle and would be requesting the new vehicle replacing the old Tower on county maintenance.
- Discussed the new 55 year age to apply for LOSAP.

Commissioner Woods:

- Expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence for the nomination for the FY 07 Fire Commission election.
- Discussed a problem with the transfer of gear from one company to another when people move from one station to another and getting their transfer papers signed.

Commissioner Granados:

- Gave a final report as a Fire Commissioner and said his good byes to everyone.
- Commissioner Granados was presented with his shadow box from Chairman Strine for his 15 years of service on the Fire Commission.

Secretary Mutchler:

- Received a request from the Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co. Inc. to add as a replacement to former truck 3 that was removed from the fleet in February, 2006 a new Pierce pumper. Questions on the motion. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to approve the motion. Motion approved.**
- The Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co. Inc. is getting ready to transfer ownership of their 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Underwater Rescue & Recover Team and requests that it remain in the fleet and transferred to stations 56/57. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to approve the move. Motion approved.**
- Secretary Mutchler requested a clarification as to whether the Fire Commission is going to accept LOSAP reports from station 55 or from each individual corporation.

Commissioner Demeritt:

- Discussed problems with submissions for equivalency.
- **Motion by Commissioner Demeritt second by Commissioner Granados to accept equivalency training for Harry Capino, station 10 for active firefighter. Motion approved.**
- Discussed ongoing issues with Medical O2.
- Discussed an ongoing issue with fueling the Boats at station 57. Station 57 would like to start doing a bill direct so they can start receiving fuel at Ft. Washington Marina. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados that the Fire Commission approve a direct billing program for station 57.**

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Report from Association President, Jeff Dickey.

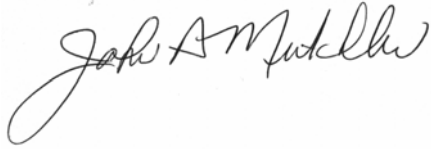
Report from Association Second Vice President, Jim Collins.

Jim Trexler:

- Submitted gear issue report for June.
- There is a new contract for household appliances... same person different name.
- Submitted a do-out list of stores requests not submitted on time to get on the 2006 budget. Any items delivered from these stores requests will be charged to the 2007 budget.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary