



Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Wednesday, August 2, 2006 Cranford – Graves Fire Service Building

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine

Prayer and pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield

Report by Chief Chaplain Litchfield

Mr. Gary Clark from the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County issued the Oath of Office to the newly elected Fire Commission.

Chairman Strine:

- Issued badges and bullions to new Commissioners.
- Made presentation to outgoing Commissioner Mutchler for his 8 years of service to the Fire Commission. He also thanked outgoing Commissioner Bolden and stated he would make a presentation at the next meeting.
- Election of Fire Commission officers:
 - Chairman – Donald Strine nominated by Commissioner Demeritt. Motion by Commissioner Woods, seconded by ??? that Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. **Motion approved.**
 - Vice Chairman – Harve Woods nominated by Commissioner Demeritt. Motion by Commissioner Lau, seconded by ??? that Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. **Motion approved.**
 - Secretary – David Sutton nominated by Commissioner Strine. Motion by Commissioner Woods, seconded by ??? that unanimous ballot be cast. **Motion approved.**
- Called for Executive Session following meeting to discuss procedures and duties.
- Advised that a schedule for the issue of MOU's for 508 monies has been developed. Companies should make every effort to get them back to the commission by August 9, 2006.
- Contracts for Station Management Fund still are not completed for distribution.
- Received MOU for 508 funds between Prince George's County and Fire Commission signed by all parties. Still waiting on station contracts to return to individual companies.
- Reported on LOSAP legislation. Signed effective July 1, 2006, retroactive to July 1, 2005. Requests verification reports back to Commission by August 11. Also reported increase in death benefit retroactive to July 1, 2005.
- 2 persons have been assigned to application investigations.

- Received line item figures for FY07 budget.
- Insurance budget short by \$242,000 due to companies adding apparatus.
- Contracts budget short by \$138,000 due to increase after budget was prepared.
- Discussed proposed meeting with Association Board of Directors regarding distribution of 508 funds.

Commissioner Lau:

- Thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Reminded everyone to make sure they get their LOSAP verifications turned in by August 11 so that we can start the process of getting the recipients into system.

Commissioner McGee:

- Reported on Canteen Unit. County reserve unit being repaired and outfitted for interim use. Will be housed at Co. 37. New unit will be model year 2007 and there will be no increase in cost as was reported last month.

Commissioner Mann:

- No report

Commissioner Demeritt:

- Thanked John Mutchler for job as Secretary and on the web site.
- Received the following requests for equivalency :
 - Matt Morse – company 11
 - Leon Gaetano – company 33
 - Elizabeth Stevens – company 32
 - Marco Antonia Trojano – company 17
- Motion by , seconded by Commissioner Mann to grant equivalencies as requested. **Motion approved.**

Secretary Sutton:

- Referenced request from Bunker Hill to be included in any discussions regarding the distribution of 508 funds as they are seeking a full share as opposed to combining with Cottage City and Brentwood.

Commissioner Woods:

- Request from Co. 18 for a new Hurst tool to replace one condemned by AMD. **Request approved without objection.**
- Discussed ongoing assessment of stations in regards to new shore-lines for the new county ambulances. Need to finish survey so we can begin a cost analysis.

Report form Association by 1st Vice President Jim Collins:

- Congratulated Commissioners on their election and looks forward to working with them... and the tough road ahead.

Jim Trexler:

- Gear Issue Report for July is ready.
- Received notification from the manufacturer that some hose has been shipped and will continue to ship throughout August and into September. This should clear up the majority of the “due outs” on hose that Logistics has.
- There is a new contractor for office supplies. Once a new catalog has been received it will be distributed. Continue to order offices supplies on the current form and Logistics will do the necessary conversion.
- Floor tile for Company 30 can still be done by the original vendor at the cost quoted November 2005 - \$4967.25. Suggests Commission table it for further review.

Volunteer Operations Chief James McClelland:

- Working with Major Bowers? In regards to the annual certification training program.

Questions and comments from the floor were addressed.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 20:36 following Benediction by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Respectfully,



David W. Sutton,
Secretary