



## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2007 Cranford – Graves Fire Services Building

1930 Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine

Prayer, pledge and report by Chief Chaplain Litchfield

### Chairman Strine:

- There are still a few Station Management Fund and 508 checks that need to be picked up. These checks are only valid for 120 days from issue.
- Each Commissioner received a Financial Disclosure statement that needs to be completed and returned by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 3 letters have been drafted as requested at the last Commission meeting:
  - Letter regarding removing the restriction on insurance payments from Station Management Fund contract. Motion by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**
  - Letter regarding allowing for a certified technician to administer the stress test portion of the physical as is done with other jurisdictions. Motion Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**
  - Letter regarding removing the spend down limit (not yet drafted). Motion Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**
- Received a memo fro Paramedic Captain Berg regarding the availability of grants from the state for EMS equipment. Memo will be distributed.
- The instructors at the FTA are looking to add 4 hours to the VRS to include instruction in basic ladder and hose evolutions, and breathing apparatus use. This would require gear to be issued and gear would remain at the FTA until completion of VRS. Fit testing would also be included.
- Request from Accokeek to use \$3500.00 of Station Management funds for the purchase of tables and chairs. Seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**
- Request from station 20 to reimburse \$5900.00 corporate funds from Station Management funds. Seconded by Commissioner Underwood. **APPROVED**

### Commissioner Woods:

- Request from West Lanham Hills to spend \$2698.00 of Station Management Funds for building repairs and maintenance. Seconded by Commissioner Underwood. **APPROVED**

**Commissioner Underwood:**

- Request from Co. 11 to spend \$6900.00 of Station Management Fund for annual banquet. Seconded by Commissioner Woods. **APPROVED**
- Request from Co. 10 to spend \$2500.00 of Station Management Fund for a refrigerator. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. **APPROVED**
- Request from Co. 34 to spend \$2400.00 of Station Management Fund for 990 preparation fees. Seconded by Commissioner Woods. **APPROVED**
- Request from Co. 34 to spend \$2324.00 of Station Management Funds to replace the Syntronics headsets on T-34. Seconded by Commissioner Woods. **APPROVED**
- The Safe Cigarette bill was passed in Annapolis.

**Commissioner Mann:**

- Request from Co. 5 to spend up to \$7000.00 of Station Management Funds for housing at the MSFA Convention. Seconded by Commissioner Lau. **APPROVED**

**Commissioner Demerrit:**

- Reminder that you cannot submit requests for equivalencies until the person has passed their background check and been issued an ID number.
- Motion to approve the following equivalencies:
  - Co. 10 – Michael Brown for active firefighter
  - Co. 27 – Joseph Perelli for active firefighter
  - Co. 27 – Harold rice for active firefighter
- Seconded by Commissioner Mann. **APPROVED**
- CIP committee will be meeting with Major Lamden to discuss safety issues and which should take precedence over agenda items on the CIP budget.
- The background investigator is currently reassigned to a special project and will not be able to work on backgrounds until approximately the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April.
- Underwater Rescue would like to have the county pay for the water bill and is seeking a contact for WSSC to determine what steps need to be taken.

### **Commissioner Sutton:**

- Request from CO. 12 to spend \$3790.00 of Station Management Fund to purchase 2 AED's. Seconded by Commissioner Mann. **APPROVED**
- Discussed the meeting held with the Chairman, the President from the Association, Lt. Col. Granzow and Major McCoy regarding the management of Station 55 and the issues there. Read draft proposal and made one correction to the draft, removing the word not in regards to the distribution of 508 monies.
- Request from Co. 55 to spend up to \$7000.00 of Station Management Fund for MSFA Convention. Seconded by Commissioner Lau. **APPROVED**

### **Commissioner Lau:**

- Thanked everyone for their thoughts about Judy, particularly Frank and Janet.
- Completed 3 years of LOSAP reports for Station 17 which brings them up to date. Motion to approve the 2006 report submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**
- Motion to approve award of LOSAP to Robert Grieshammer of CO. 11. Seconded by Commissioner Woods. **APPROVED**
- Still have two companies (7 and 38) that have not completed their reports.
- Received signed reports back from Pension and Benefits office for return to the companies at the Association meeting.

### **Commissioner Norris:**

- Request from Allentown Road to spend \$6397.00 of Station Management Funds for a new air conditioning unit at Co. 32. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. **APPROVED**
- Request from Co. 47 to spend \$2272.50 of Station Management Funds for MSFA Convention. Seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**

### **President Collins (PGCVFRA):**

- There was a new law passed that states that you cannot hold a charge against a member until they are actually convicted.
- We are trying to get better food for the hospitality room at the MSFA Convention.
- Gave an update on Judy Lau
- Discussed disappointment that there was only representation from the volunteers at PG hospital the night of Squad 47's accident.
- The Volunteer Bill of Rights should be coming before the Council this week.
- Discussed further the meeting in regards to Co. 55

- Old Glory HD has requested participation from PGCVFRA for their Ceremony for a road dedication.

**Jim Trexler (Logistics):**

- Charge/Credit statements and Gear Issue report for the month of March.
- Vests for the Canteen unit have been delivered to Co. 37.
- 2 items were deleted from the inventory – Stretch sheets for ambulance cots and Belt tourniquets.
- There has been some movement on the station exhaust systems. A new electrical contractor has been put on to complete the hook-ups.
- Have a new temporary U & O for Co. 55 (90 day).
- Motion by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Woods to approve installation of doorbells at Co. 55 for a cost of \$4620.00. **APPROVED**

**Danny Benedetti (AMD):**

- Canteen unit delivery has been pushed back due to weather. Should be in by Memorial Day.

**Questions from the floor:**

- Andrews Air Force Base has requested assistance in providing meals for firefighters stationed at the Air Show.
- Bowie will host the next Commission meeting at Co. 39 – Eat early.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned following benediction by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Respectfully,



David W. Sutton,  
Secretary