



Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting

April 18, 2007

Bowie V.F.D. Co. 39

1936 Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine

Prayer and Pledge by Past Chairman Joseph Robison

Chairman's Report:

- Thanked the officers and members of the Bowie VFD for their hospitality tonight.
- Attended the budget hearing last week which went very well. It lasted about 1 ½ hours as opposed to the usual 15 minutes. Received an email today requesting answers to a few more questions (which we have previously answered but were deleted by the county fire department)
- Sent out the letters regarding Physicals and Insurance that were approved at the last meeting.
- AMD and Logistics is no longer under the Management Services Command. It has been moved under Lt. Col. Wells.
- With 4 months remaining, there are a few problem areas with the FY07 budget that we have to keep a watch on; they are utilities, running gear, and gasoline/oil. Encourages all stations to do what they can to prevent us from having to impose limitations.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Motion to approve request from Company 35 to spend \$3800.00 of Stations Management funds for new mattresses. Seconded by Commissioner Mann
APPROVED
- Reminder that May 2nd is the 31¢ scoop night at Baskin-Robbins to benefit the Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Commissioner Lau:

- Motion to approve one LOSAP award, seconded by Commissioner McGhee,
APPROVED:
 - Charles Earnest of Co. 12

- Received a memo from Co. 14 regarding LOSAP burial benefits.
- Noted that there needs to be some procedural changes in the LOSAP manual:
 - Total service credit in whole years
 - Training service credit
 - Live-in credit (make separate classification)
 - Elected/appointed positions
 - Direct deposit of LOSAP payments
- Motion to make these changes, seconded by Commissioner Woods.
APPROVED
- Motion that the Fire Commission takes a position of changing the LOSAP benefits to be effective at 20 years of service regardless of age and that the base is set at \$225.00 and to change with the yearly COLA. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. **APPROVED**

Chairman will set up a committee of 3 to work with Commissioner Lau and the Association on this issue.

Commissioner Mann:

- Motion to approved request from Co. 8 to spend up to \$4,000.00 of Station Management funds to replace furniture. Seconded by Commissioner McGhee.
APPROVED

Commissioner McGhee: - No report

Commissioner Demerit:

- Need volunteer participation at the Air Show at Andrews in May
- Spoke to Major Ferreira and the Chiefs Council regarding issues with training.
- The CIP committee will be meeting again to further discuss safety issues.

Commissioner Woods:

- Motion to approve request from Co. 18 to spend \$2923.85 of Station Management funds for light bar and accessories for chief's vehicle. Seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**
- Motion to approve request from Co. 28 to spend \$3237.38 of Station management funds for communications equipment, projector, and building repairs. Seconded by Commissioner Demerit. **APPROVED**

- Motion to approve request from Co. 48 to spend \$2188.96 of Station Management funds for repairs to roof, fuel, postage, tires for A-489 and an alerting system. Seconded by Commissioner Demerrit. **APPROVED**
- Request that all stations keep paper reports on runs to counteract the RMS statistics.
- County Association statistical reports blanks are available to anyone who needs them. They must be turned in by May meeting.

Commissioner Sutton: No report


President Collins – PGCVFRA:

- Reported on budget meeting
- Hospital issue has pushed the Volunteer Bill of Rights to the back burner.

Questions and comments from the floor;

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2044 hrs. following Benediction by Past Chairman Robison.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Sutton', written in a cursive style.

David W. Sutton,
Secretary