

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 9/3/08

LOCATION: FSB

In Attendance

John Alter
Mike Alfieri
Bryan Lau
Bob McGhee
Harve Woods
Vince Harrison
Frank Underwood
Mike Mattison
Janet DeMerritt

Chaplain Litchfield opened the meeting with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The Chairman reviewed the effort to obtain information and accounting of expenses incurred for vehicles. Danny Benedetti is working on a final list of vehicles. The Chairman reported that vehicles should be PM'd as scheduled, because the charges are a flat charge whether or not the PM is done. Work is proceeding on accounting for all vehicles.

The Chairman reviewed the fire commission policy on Fuel Useage. After discussion Vince Harrison made a motion to approve the policy, second by Harve Woods, Passed.

The Chairman then discussed the issues relating to the 508 audit. Issues raised concern the commingling of funds, account funds not stating 508 on the account and checks, and the use of funds which is limited to Apparatus, Repairs, and Building. The other issue was accounts that do not require two signatures on checks.

Vince Chairman Harrison

Discussed the gear policy. An interim General Order will come out from the Lt. Col. which the Commission will supplement. It should be done by the next meeting.

Discussed a meeting held at the training academy which will benefit members taking VRS.

The audit will be on 9/6/08. A schedule has been distributed.

Vince discussed the current policy for member transfers as respects the running gear and regulators. Vince will work on a method to improve the process. Several companies commented that the list of outstanding facepieces is not accurate and is not updated. Chairman Alter commented that he had the same type of problem. There was lengthy discussion concerning the accountability for the facepieces and the multiple lists generated by Training and Apparatus Maintenance. Mr. Benedetti confirmed the list from Apparatus Maintenance is the only valid list, and Lt. Col Granzow confirmed the information.

Vince reported on the question raised by Jonathan Bigony about what action would be taken if a company does not sign the Station Management Contract. Vince said that a committee would be formed to consider expenses to be paid on behalf of the company that does not sign the station management contract. Jonathan requested something in writing signed by the County Exec or CAO, confirming the procedures and actions that will be taken.

After discussion, Frank Underwood, clarified that the action taken would only affect the station management incentive, and that the money that would have been paid, would be managed in a fashion similar to other companies, where requests are submitted to the county for reimbursement. Lt. Col Granzow confirmed that the only action that would be taken, would be on the station management incentive.

October will be the month when adjustments will be made for members with outdated fit tests.

Bryan Lau

Made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Second by Harve Woods. Passed.

Discussed LOSAP reports and the need for companies to report training, officer and collateral duty information to support the training houses submitted. This year, when reports are submitted without the required information, the points will be adjusted based on the form submitted which could affect members credit.

Pete Mellits questioned procedures for crediting training and collateral duty. After discussion, it was agreed that the procedure would be that information would be submitted for specific classes. For classes,

Discussion about Petes matters.

Frank Underwood

Discussed requirements for the upcoming audit. Frank then gave an update on the convention to be held at Co 31.

Harve Woods.

Harve reported on efforts identifying vehicles under apparatus maintenance.

Mike Mattison

James Schulz, FFI, Company 11. Motion by Mike Mattison, Second by Frank Underwood. Passed.

Chris Yeager, FFI, Company 10. Motion by Vince Harrison, Second by Harve Woods. Passed.

Andrew Tampico, FF1, Company 12. Motion by Mike Alfieri. Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Michael Chu, FF1, Company 12. Motion by Harve Woods, Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Mike wants to make contact with the person who does the equivalencies in the station so that he has a contact person for the equivalencies.

Mike is also working on the website and looks for progress in 2 weeks.

Mike also reported on efforts to get members of VRS fit tested so that they could attend the class and also reported on efforts to improve the VRS process.

Mike Alfieri.

Requested contact forms for all companies.

Bob McGhee

Bob reported on CIP projects. Co 36 is scheduled to start next week. Co 35 Roof replacement is scheduled to start next Monday. Co 49 Roof is scheduled for 9/15. Northview footings are done. Co 37 parking lot repair, contractor has been accepted, awaiting approval.

For FY09 the following companies are scheduled for roof repair, 40, 45, 23, 7 and 17. A meeting is scheduled for Co 57's roof.

Mr. Lambdin wanted to announce that he is close to a contract for all building to be inspected bi-Annually to include minor repairs.

Bob also noted that the Northern Avenue fuel site was shut down on June 23rd. Because of the additional travel time caused for apparatus to refuel, Bob McGhee made a motion that the Fire Commission send a letter to the Director of Central Services reconsider the action and reopen the site. Second by Harve Woods. Passed.

Jim Trexler.

Jim reported that the EMS gear is in, need the members to pick it up.

Adult simple bags, not non-rebreathers, will be dropped from inventory.

The gear issue report for August will be forthcoming.

40 additional pagers have been acquired for the pager program.

Buddy King commented that the County Fair begins soon, and any help is appreciated.

Chaplain Litchfield gave a report on the Convention and Founders Day Service.

Danny Benedetti. No Report

Joe Robison commented on the motion made concerning apparatus movement and that motion would only affect apparatus on County Funding.

Jonathan Bigony offered information concerning apparatus being used to take personnel to an area to hit golf balls. Johnathan commented that this type of blatant disregard for controlling fuel costs makes the effort of the commission futile.

Bryan Lau made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary