

MINUTES OF THE  
FIRE COMMISSION  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: November 19 2008

LOCATION: FSB

In Attendance

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

Absent  
Mike Alfieri

Chaplain Litchfield gave the opening prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Alter

The Chairman discussed recent actions relating to the Fire Commission.

The Chairman will be meeting with Dr. Brown tomorrow.

There will be a meeting tomorrow concerning insurance which will be attended by Commissioner Woods.

The commission continues to work to prepare the budget submissions for the current year as well as the submission for next year.

Fuel costs continue to be an issue. Another issue will be the replacement of the County Ambulance Fleet.

Vince Chairman Harrison

Reported on efforts of the Chairman concerning the budget.

Reported on successful breakfast with members of the County Council.

Met with Station 55 concerning administrative matters.

The Vice Chairman recalled the statements of the County Executive, confirming that the local fire chief will decide what apparatus is needed, not the County Fire Chief. The County Executive also confirmed that the 508 agreement will continue unaltered.

Commented on the VRS Program. Reported on the cost of gear, that continues to be a significant cost.

**Motion**

After discussion of prior commission actions relating to Station 55, Bryan Lau made a motion to re-affirm that the Bunker Hill Fire Association, Company 55, will be the sole contact for all administrative matters concerning Company 55 and the Fire Commission. These administrative matters include all station management, station funding, LOSAP, Officer Certification and similar functions. Second by Vince Harrison. Passed.

Commissioner Underwood

**Motion**

Commissioner Underwood made a motion to approve the addition of the new ambulance purchased by Co 35. Second by Commissioners DeMerritt, and Woods. After discussion, the motion passed.

Commissioner Woods

Commissioner Woods reported on his efforts relating to apparatus maintenance.

There was discussion concerning the fuel tax and an effort to take advantage of the savings for the discount available to volunteers. Commissioner McGhee related that fuel taxes were not paid by the County for fuel purchased with the 52 budget.

**Motion**

After discussion concerning reserve apparatus that will become available, Commissioner Woods made a motion to authorize any necessary expenditure to equip 2 pumpers with supply line and attack lines. Second Vince Harrison. Passed.

Mike Alfieri

Absent

Mike Mattison

New VRS Class starting. Need representatives from specified companies to receive train the trainer for VRS Class.

Commissioner Mattison reviewed the course outline and other matters relating to VRS and in station VRS Training.

Reported on status of web site

**Motion**

Motion by Commissioner Mattison to adopt the revised form 1579, officer certification to be used beginning in 2009.

Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

**Motion**

Motion by Commissioner Mattison to adopt New Member Equivalency form 2000.

Second by Commissioner Harrison.

Passed.

Janet DeMerritt

Reported on contractor problems at Co 36.

**Motion**

Motion by Commissioner DeMerritt, that the commission ensure that Oxon Hill is reimbursed \$5,200 for Annual Convention Expenses. Second by Vice Chairman Harrison. Passed.

Reported on Concentra physicals.

Bob McGhee

No Report

Bryan Lau

**Motion**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting November 5, 2008.  
Second By Vince Harrison. Passed.

**LOSAP Motions by Commissioner Lau**

Robert M. Russell, Co, 5, with 26 years. Second by Commissioner Woods.  
Passed

Carl Fred Hull, Co 2, with 30 years. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed

Co Report for Co 49. Second by Commissioner Underwood. Passed

Co Report for Co 24. Second by Commissioner DeMerritt. Passed

Jim Trexler

As respects EMS gear, Brian Briggman has the gear to distribute.

Fire Hose is being delivered under new contract.

Stores requests are being filled from last year, but will be charged to current budget.

Companies and commissioners need to use correct cost center and delivery points, otherwise the delivery will go the wrong location or it will be rejected.

Separate EMS Supplies from other station supplies.

The Chaplain presented his report.

The EMS Coordinator gave information about the update required for all EMS providers.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

**Motion**

Bryan Lau made a motion to accept the corrected company report from Co 29.  
Second by Vince Harrison. Passed.

Commissioner Mattison made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM, Second Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau  
Secretary