

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: October 15, 2008

LOCATION: FSB

In Attendance

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

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

Chairman Alter

The Chairman discussed the status of the 508 funds. The non-discrimination information is needed as soon as possible.

As respects the CIP, companies need to get CIP requests in as soon as possible. Action is needed by the first meeting in November. Departments need to submit documentation for projects and the process needs to be managed to get projects done timely and expeditiously. Brandywine's CIP has been received.

As respects station maintenance items, when items are called in to the Operations Sender, the caller should get the RPD Log number. That is a unique number that identifies the incident.

The Chairman also updated the status of the insurance renewal and the additional charge to assessed departments. As a result of the change to the renewal date made by the Fire Chiefs office and additional charge was incurred for the change in the coverage period.

Departments should review the list of members delinquent for their fit test list. Members of the Commission have found errors reappearing on the delinquent member list.

The Chairman reported on discrepancies found on the apparatus maintenance report.

Vince Chairman Harrison

The Vice Chairman has been working on the plan for the alternative management payment procedures for departments that do not sign the station management agreement. The procedure was read. After discussion Vince Harrison made a motion to adopt the policy. Second by Harve Woods. Passed.

The Vice Chairman then discussed the Fire Chief's action relating to management of the 508 funds.

The Vice Chairman made a motion that the Fire Commission send a letter to the Fire Chief advising the Fire Chief that the Fire Commission does not recognize the authority of the Fire Chief to usurp the management of the 508 funds. Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Bryan Lau

Bryan Lau made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/1/08 meeting. Second by Vince Harrison. Passed.

A LOSAP Award has been submitted for Jerry Weese a member of company 9. Bryan Lau made a motion that the award be tabled.

A LOSAP award has been submitted for Luther Jones. Luther Jones was most recently a member of Hillside. Bryan Lau made a motion to table the award application.

Reports depicting the status of LOSAP reports was distributed.

Frank Underwood

Reported that the commission needs to establish a funding level for stores requests. Commission Underwood made a motion that the logistics funding level be \$4,200 for each station. Second by Harve Woods. Passed.

Frank commented that the Commission should change the organization of station representation to make the representation more equitable.

Commissioner Underwood also reported that he had met with the Military Department and that there is no hold on 508 funds for Prince Georges County.

Harve Woods

Working on apparatus maintenance. Harve Woods requested that companies with issues relating for apparatus maintenance contact him with specifics.

Mike Mattison

The following members were submitted for equivalency:

Michael Stevenson Co 14, Firefighter 1. Motion by Mike Mattison. Second by H. Woods. Passed.

Chad Hines, Co 14, Firefighter 1. Motion by Mike Mattison. Second by Vince Harrison. Passed.

Dennis Ferry, Co 28, Firefighter 1. Motion by Mike Mattison. Second by Vince Harrison. Passed.

Commissioner Mattison discussed the VRS class. Major Ferrera has notified Commissioner Mattison that overtime funding at the training academy has been eliminated for VRS. All practical training will need to be done at the station level.

Because of this, Commissioner Mattison will be attempting to get training done at the station level.

Chairman asked if employees could work alternative schedules to provide the training without incurring overtime costs.

As respects the Fire Commission website, Commissioner Mattison said he is waiting for funding for the change.

Bob McGhee

No report.

Mike Alfieri

Need CIP requests as soon as possible.

Janet DeMerritt

Requested assistance for Co 24 for station maintenance in anticipation of hosting the County Convention.

Commissioner DeMerritt read information from Co 24 relating to a request for Aircraft Crash Training.

Commissioner DeMerritt gave an update of physicals at Concentra.

Mike Alfieri

Requested CIP submissions, that were due at tonight's meeting.

Major Lambdin

As respects the new station for District Heights, occupancy is awaiting U&O and completion of IT issues.

Major Lambdin reported on efforts relating to generators. Cost \$203,000. Original funding was \$200,000 grant with \$40,000 contribution by PG County. Total \$240,000. Generators are Diesel and will run necessary systems in the station, not HVAC or other non-essential systems. There was discussion about the capacity of the Generators and the ability to continue operations.

Because of problems experienced recently with unreliable station generators, a new PM schedule will be started. Existing Generators will be scheduled to exercise the generators.

As respects the elevator at station 18, Major Lambdin said in his opinion, the elevator was not installed properly and it will cost tens of thousands of dollars to repair.

As respects other elevators, repairs will only be made during regular office hours.

Does 55 have a valid permit.

Report Attached.

Bryan Lau commented that in his opinion, generators should be capable of running the whole station for longer than 1 day. This would permit the station to operate and serve as a place of refuge for citizens.

Major Lambdin stated that the cost of whole station generators would be \$150,000 to \$175,000 and that generator would only run for 48 hours. Major Lambdin also said that one day of fuel is plenty. The current generators cost \$41,000 each.

As respects the new station, the cost of the new stations should begin to be charged to the 52 budget in about 30 days.

Jim Trexler

Will have reports for station expenditures by November.

PGCVFRA, Chris Fleshman

Reported on results of legislation.

PGCVFRA, Chaplain Litchfield

The chaplain gave a report on sick members and recent passings.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

Jonathan Bigony

Questioned insurance relating to procedure by Prince George's County wherein Prince George's County makes claims for damages from emergency operations under volunteer fire departments. Chairman Alter said that the insurance is issued to the volunteer fire departments and that the county cannot make claim. The individual department needs to notify the insurance company that the claim is not valid and that the claim should be denied by the insurance company.

Jonathan also reported that Co 43 is installing a new generator which will be natural gas with hard cost of \$30,000 with full station coverage.

Mike Mattison made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 PM, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary