

MINUTES OF THE  
FIRE COMMISSION  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 1/7/09

LOCATION: FSB

In Attendance

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

Absent  
Mike Mattison  
Bob McGhee

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

Chairman Alter

Gave opening remarks

Frank Underwood

**Motion**

Station Management Audit will be February 14, 2009. Motion by Frank Underwood to hold the audit that day. Second Vince Harrison. Passed.

Board meeting will still be at Branchville on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

Vice Chairman Harrison

Congratulated new officers of departments in attendance.

Discussed events on December 31, 2008 relating to gathering the documents required for the 508 audits.

**Motion**

The Vice Chair discussed the application process that requires members to obtain a background check and physical when the member transfers. The Vice Chairman then made a Motion that the Volunteer Application process as proposed in Division 11 of the Prince Georges County procedures, be not approved by the Fire Commission.

There was discussion concerning the ramifications and alternatives relating to background checks for members in various scenarios.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Vice Chair expressed his prayer John Hughes.

Janet Demerritt

Discussed matters relating to physicals. Departments inquiring about physicals should contact the association office.

Commissioner DeMerritt discussed an infection control class conducted by the County Infection Control officer that was not being credited as a full infection control class.

**Motion**

Commissioner DeMerritt made a motion that the infection control class held at Company 24 on 12/3/08 be approved as a full infection control class for the members who took the class. Second by Vice Chairman Harrison. Passed.

Commissioner DeMerritt discussed problems encountered by Baden with the construction project at Baden.

Bryan Lau

Commissioner Lau reported on the status of the LOSAP reports.

Commissioner Lau reported that the minutes have been distributed and made a motion that the minutes be approved. Second by Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Commissioner Lau made a motion to approve the LOSAP report for Company 35. Second by Frank Underwood. Passed.

Commissioner Lau made a motion to approve the LOSAP report for Company 11. Second by Frank Underwood and others. Passed.

Commissioner Lau made a motion to approve the LOSAP report for Company 31. Second by Mike Alfieri, Frank Underwood and others. Passed.

Mike Alfieri

Reported on the LOSAP reports for the companies in the 6<sup>th</sup> district.

Commissioner Alfieri gave an extensive report on his activities relating to the CIP Budget.

The Chairman discussed the CIP budget and the process for the CIP Budget. The Fire Commission needs to get ahead of the CIP process so that the CIP can better reflect the operational needs of the department. According to Major Lambdin, his office began to manage the CIP because the Fire Commission failed to properly manage the process.

Chairman Alter

The Chairman discussed the process for replacing ladders condemned by apparatus maintenance. The Chairman wants to have a process to replace the condemned ladders changed to effect the replacement.

The Chairman then discussed the process for the Station Management funding. Most companies will not receive their full funding due to the charge for facepieces being deducted from the allotment.

The Chairman discussed the need for auditing station management and 508 funding.

The Chairman discussed the need for companies to meet certain deadlines. This includes LOSAP, 508 and other reports. Nine companies have still not submitted the needed information. As of today, 4 companies have failed to submit the needed information for the 508 audit that was required by 12/31/08.

The Chairman presented the information that will be needed for electronic processing of payments from the county.

The Chairman followed up on the facepiece issue with the member of co 34.

**Motion**

Officer Certification. The Chairman discussed the various certification processes for the fire service. The Chairman made a motion that the officer certification requirements be in accordance with CB-82. Second by Vice Chairman Harrison. Passed.

Commissioner Alfieri reported that an Instructor I class will be held in the near future.

Vice Chairman said that there will be train the trainer class for the VRS program on 1/16/09 at the Fire Service Building at 19:00 hrs.

Jim Trexler

Gear issue report has been distributed. A listing of backordered items was given to the Chairman.

Buddy King, President PGCVFRA

Will be meeting with Steve Proctor and Vernon Heron on 1/14/09 at 12:30 at CAB. Chris Fleshman will also be in attendance, to discuss matters of concern. If companies have issues that need to be discussed contact the president at [Chief1029@aol.com](mailto:Chief1029@aol.com).

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

Charlie Philips reported that, according to the the Fallen Firefighters organization 25 Firefighers killed in the line of duty in the first 8 days of the year.

Co 17 asked about the fit test process and the lack of service to volunteers during hours that Volunteers are available ie evenings and Saturdays. As respects the infection control classes, the scheduled classes are not being held without notice to participants according to the experience of Co 17.

Co 18 asked if companies have legal standing to recover facepieces that members refuse to return.

Jonathan Bigony discussed the effect the new stations will have on the volunteer budget. Unless there have been instructions given to increase the budget by \$100,000 for each new station, those funds will effectively reduce funding available to existing companies.

Janet DeMerritt made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 PM, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau

Secretary