

MINUTES OF THE  
FIRE COMMISSION  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 10/21/09

LOCATION: Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department

In Attendance

John Alter, Chairman  
Vince Harrison, Vice Chairman  
Mike Alfieri  
Jonathan Bigony  
Janet DeMerritt  
Bryan Lau  
Mike Mattison  
Frank Underwood  
Harve Woods

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

Chairman Alter gave opening remarks.

Commissioner Woods

Commissioner Woods made a **motion** to approve Co 18's request to place their reserve ambulance on County Fuel. Second by Commissioner Harrison. Passed.

Commissioner Bigony

Reported on recent efforts relating to Worker's Compensation and the Red Flag program.

Commissioner Bigony has met with Lt. Col. Hoglander informally concerning the Radios system upgrade.

Commissioner Harrison

Expressed well wishes to President Smith on his election to office as President of the Association.

Commented on Volunteer Summit. As a result of the meeting, a management committee has been established to consider Volunteer issues.

Discussed recent efforts relating to the need for apparatus in the County.  
Commissioner Harrison wanted to allow companies that have three pumpers the opportunity to make the equipment available to other stations.

**Motion** VC Harrison to authorize repairs to Co 37's, 1987 pumper up to \$8,000.  
Second by Commissioner Mattison. Passed.

#### Commissioner Mattison

The following Equivalency Applications were approved:

| Name            | Company | Rank | <b>Motion</b> by | Second by |
|-----------------|---------|------|------------------|-----------|
| John Paradise   | 14      | I    | Mattison         | Alfieri   |
| Randy Piper     | 14      | I    | Mattison         | Alfieri   |
| Bradley Babaly  | 14      | I    | Mattison         | Alfieri   |
| Tyler Albertson | 28      | I    | Mattison         | Alfieri   |

Commissioner Mattison reported on NIMS Compliance requirements for Line Officers and distributed a copy of the proposed training policy.

**Motion** to adopt the training policy 1-2009 attached hereto. Second by Commissioner Alfieri. Passed.

#### Commissioner Harrison

**Motion** by Harrison, Second by Commissioner Woods to approve \$2,900 for the quarterly insurance premium for Station 55.

**Motion** to approve a request from Co 28 to spend \$8,726 for a Thermal Imager.  
Second by Commissioner Lau. Passed.

#### Commissioner Alfieri

**Motion** to approve a request from Clinton VFD to use Station Management funds in the amount of \$2,821.25 for the quarterly insurance premium. Second by Underwood. Passed.

Commissioner Alfieri made a **motion** to approve a request from Morningside VFD in the amount of \$3,500 to stripe and letter Pick Up Truck. Second by Commissioner Underwood. Passed.

Reported on current CIP matters.

## Commission Underwood

Companies need to spend the station management funds by the end of the year.

As respects CPR, any companies that need training for upcoming elections should take care of it now to avoid the late rush.

## Chairman Alter

Complimented the Association for the successful convention.

Station Management checks are being issued. The Chairman reported on the process from 2009 and 2010 and the improvements in the contract and the process to distribute station management funds.

As respects the Apparatus Committee on which the Chairman sits, the Apparatus Committee has met extensively on various issues, new apparatus, used apparatus etc. There is still resistance to used apparatus being introduced in the County.

Chairman Alter related factual information relating to the need for apparatus and expenditures from Volunteer Funds for expenses not approved by the Fire Commission.

**Motion** by Commissioner Harrison that the Commission go to the County Council to request 10 new ambulances be purchased for the County Fire Department. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

The Chairman reported on several BPA's that were issued without the approval of the Fire Commission. After polling the commissioners it was determined that the contracts were not approved by the Fire Commission and that the Chairman will act to have the contracts rescinded.

Chairman Harrison requested that companies send information to the Commission relating to costs related to ladder failures.

CIP update. A report was distributed listing projects in the CIP several of which have been approved without approval from the Fire Commission. Work continues on this effort to finalize the CIP budget for the next fiscal year.

Companies that have needs for repairs should send the request to the Commission for action. If it is sent to the County via other channels it cannot be considered by the Commission for inclusion. Final requests must be received by 10/28/09.

508 Update. The Chair reported on actions taken in the last year relating to the State Audit of 508 funds.

The Chairman reported that the Commission and CAO requested an audit of 508 funds after the results from the State Audit were revealed.

The State 508 Funds must be distributed based on need. Companies that are receiving 508 funds but do not have a need, will not receive 508 funds.

If companies do not have a debt service, the companies must prove the need for 508 funds and must prove the need for accumulated 508 funds or future funds will not be distributed.

#### Commissioner DeMerritt

Motion to approve \$2,437.50 for Co 37, from station management for the cost of insurance. Second by Commissioner Bigony. Passed.

A request was received from Co 37 to equip the truck now in the station. The commission will work with Co 37 to assist in equipping the truck.

The system for physicals has been overwhelmed. There will be lengthy delays in physicals. Physicals can be taken at other Concentra Locations, but they must be approved for testing at the other facility. Physical from other jurisdictions can be accepted, but they will need a stress test.

Members returning after a year must go thru the physical process.

As respects 508, everything has been submitted to the County.

#### Bryan Lau

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held 9/16/09. Second By Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Commissioner Lau made a motion to approve the following company LOSAP reports

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|-------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Co 11 | Second by Commissioner Bigony   | Passed |
| Co 14 | Second by Commissioner Bigony   | Passed |
| Co 20 | Second by Commissioner Woods    | Passed |
| Co 26 | Second by Commissioner Bigony   | Passed |
| Co 34 | Second by Commissioner Bigony   | Passed |
| Co 35 | Second by Commissioner Bigony   | Passed |
| Co 49 | Second by Commissioner Bigony   | Passed |
| Co 55 | Second by Commissioner Harrison | Passed |

#### *LOSAP Award - Burial Benefit*

| <i>Name</i>      | <i>ID</i> | <i>Co</i> | <i>Type of Service Award</i> | <i>YY</i> | <i>MM</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Read at Commission Meeting</i> | <i>To PGC Pensions and Benefits</i> |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| PIRINGER, PETE A | 122       | 12        | LOSAP                        | 23        | 11        | 01-Jul-09   | Tabled<br>7/15/09                 |                                     |

The Chairman offered the following information:

New stations have gear cleaning equipment, Co 26, Co 16 and Co 36. Any of these machines can be used by members.

There is also a Gym at Co 30 that can be used by members.

The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at the FSB.

Bryan Lau made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 PM, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau  
Secretary