

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 11/4/09

LOCATION: FSB

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.

VC Harrison

Discussed pending cuts from OMB. Career side will be cut significantly. Departments must get involved in this budget process due to the significant cuts that will adversely affect operations.

Commissioner Wood

No business to transact.

Commissioner Bigony

Fire Department go live in February 2010. Fire apparatus will have to go to vendor. New communication center not constructed yet.

Commissioner Bigony discussed the status of paging and the need for additional paging to be built in the system.

Commissioner Bigony gave a lengthy report about the communications system that will be implemented.

Major Dennis Wood

Major Wood gave a report on the H1N1 inoculation. 2,194 members are fit tested and will be the priority for the shots available. If the fit tested members decline the inoculation, that inoculation may be offered to non-fit tested members.

Commissioner DeMerritt

Motion by Janet DeMerritt to approve the replacement of the brush truck from Co 36 with a 2009 F350 Brush Truck. Second by VC Harrison. Passed.

Reported on station with no heat.

Reported that a civilian was injured on the parking lot of station 21, and the safety committee will be inspecting the parking lot.

Motion by Janet DeMerritt to approve the purchase of up to \$6,000 of equipment for Truck 37. Second by Commissioner Alfieri. Passed.

As respects EMS members, some members that may not be able to meet the stress test standard for firefighters can perform as EMS personnel and Janet will prepare a motion to be presented at the next commission meeting to set a lower requirement or no requirement for the stress test.

Concentra has been overwhelmed with applicants so other facilities may now be available.

Commissioner Alfieri

CIP Roofs will be scheduled and projects will be reduced. CIP has been reduced to to 800K The Chair will report in greater detail.

Commissioner Mattison

The following Equivalency Applications were approved:

Name	Company	Rank	Motion by	Second by	
Ryan Conrad	9	FFI	Mattison	Harrison	Passed
David Weinman	9	FF1	Mattison	Harrison	Passed
William Heiney	14	FF1	Mattison	Harrison	Passed
Bryan Eldridge	14	FF1	Mattison	Harrison	Passed

Updated fit test list is available.

Motion by Mike Mattison that any prior member in the system, who is out of compliance with the fit test requirement for more than 1 year, and who is not in compliance with EMS provider requirements, can become an operational member and will have one year to obtain EMS certification. Second by VC Harrison. Passed.

Chairman Alter

Requested that storage areas be cleared of stored items so that HVAC maintenance can be done.

Station Management Contracts have been finished. There is not a time frame for delivery of checks.

Facepiece issues. The cost for missing facepieces has been removed from the station management contract. However, companies must be vigilant in managing facepieces and returning items from members no longer in compliance.

As respects the CIP, the CIP budget has been cut to \$800,000. The chair requested approval for the allocation of the \$800,000.

There is no contractor to inspect roofs. A contract is being considered for a contractor to inspect roofs and make minor repairs at a cost of about \$20,000.

Of \$528,000 from the prior year, \$220,000 will be rolled over to roofs. This will repair 5 roofs, including \$375,000 for the Laurel Roof

Projects scheduled include:

Station 33 \$100,000 renovation.

Station 33 \$50,000 boiler project.

An additional \$20,000 is being added to the project for Station 31 for the electrical repairs.

\$50,000 will be allocated to station 27 for the bathroom showers.

Station 25

Ramp repairs will be at station 7 49 39 19

The \$292,000 Balance will be used to correct mold issues at the training academy.

Motion by VC Harrison, Second by several Commissioners including Commissioner Alfieri and Mattison. Passed.

Station 5 renovation. The project has been approved, and the Chairman requested a motion to begin the project. VC Harrison made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

The priority list was distributed.

As respects the Budget. The first part of the operating budget is due by next Friday. For FY 11 an additional \$400,000 will be cut from the budget. Possible sources of the reduction are:

EAP VAP \$65K
Physical \$175,000 (Stress Test added \$75,000 to cost).
Recruitment Supplies \$11,000, and \$2,000.
Vehicles - \$20,000 for striping costs.
\$450,000 for SCBA

The Chairman will provide specifics for the Commission's approval.

Bryan Lau

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10/21/09
Second by VC Harrison. Passed.

LOSAP Awards

A motion was made to approve the following LOSAP Awards:

Wyvill, Jeff, Co 20, 29 Years of Service Second by VC Harrison. Passed
Carter, Bobby, Co 28, 27 Years of Service, subject to confirmation by company
concerning initial period of service. Second by VC Harrison. Passed.

Status of Company Reports - See report attached.

Status of LOSAP Awards – See Report.

Jim Trexler. Spoke on H1N1 supplies that are being distributed to companies.

Fire Chief – Spoke on reduction of staffing in the career service. With current staffing the existing stations cannot be staffed. 40 personnel will be hired in January.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

Tim Daly requested that the Commission support the recognition of station 16 as station 50. The Chair requested that the request be in writing.

Charlie Phillips asked the status of 508 funds. The Chair reported on the status of 508 funds and that some companies will lose funding for not supplying the required information

The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at Co 10.

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

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary