

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 11/18/09

LOCATION: Volunteer Fire Co. #1, Laurel, MD. Inc.

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.

Vince Harrison, Vice Chairman gave opening remarks.

Jonathan Bigony

Reported on recent meetings attended relating to Risk Management and Radio Communications.

Frank Underwood

Motion by Frank Underwood to approve \$6,044 to replace bay doors at Station 35. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Motion to approve \$2,693.99 to replace windows in station 35. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Commissioner Alfieri

Reported on additional cuts that are being planned from the State Government.

Commissioner Alfieri questioned the requirement for prior officer time to qualify for a line office position. To qualify for line officer positions, the officer service requirement must be service earned in Prince George's County Fire Service.

Commissioner DeMerritt

Motion to approve the request for Co 24 to spend \$2,855 for insurance, Second by Commissioner Alfieri. Passed.

Request by Chairman for up to \$7,000 for the purchase of equipment by Co 7, for their pumper.

Commissioner DeMerritt, made a motion to approve the request, Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Commissioner Alfieri asked that the Commission meet to discuss the process to assess the needs for equipment and methods to fund equipment purchases.

Harve Woods

Commissioner Woods reported on a request for \$16,500 for repairs to boat 571. Harve Woods made a motion to approve the request, Second by Commissioner Underwood. Passed.

Commissioner Mattison

The following Equivalency Applications were approved:

Name	Company	Rank	Motion by	Second by
Robert J Evans, III	37	FFI	Mattison	Alfieri
Ariel Katz	08	FFI	Mattison	Alfieri

Commissioner Mattison reported on the next VRS class.

Bryan Lau

Bryan Lau made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held 11/4/09. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Status of Company Reports – The report was distributed.

The member LOSAP Transfer Certifications for the following members were approved.

Ryan Whittington 16269	Co 20 to Co 37	4 Years	Alfieri
Christopher Strybing 13394	Co 24 to Co 37	9 Years	Alfieri
Michael Moore 13722	Co 18 to Co 37	2 Years	Alfieri
Robert Hill 10796	Co 35 to Co 37	5 Years	Alfieri
James Fremeau 4880	Co 14 to Co 37	3 Years	Alfieri
Christopher Cunningham 12774	Co 33 to Co 37	9 Years	Alfieri

Passed.

Vice Chairman Harrison

Vice Chairman Harrison reported on recent meetings with County Officials relating to the Volunteer Budget.

Chairman Alter

There was discussion about the naming of stations and history of station numbering.

Commissioner Alter made a **Motion** that the Commission approve the request from Bowie that the Fire Commission support the numbering of the new Bowie Station as Company 50. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

The Chairman reported on recent actions relating to the CIP including the cut to \$800,000 and the \$528,000 rolled over from prior year. All the funds have been expended.

The Operating Budget originally planned for a reduction of \$400,000, the actual reduction was about \$435,000, plus the cost of fringe benefits for the administrative assistant that resulted in about \$480,000.

As a result of the reductions, cuts were made to BPA's, the cost of physicals, uniforms and the amount for insurance recoveries.

With this reduction of \$481,800 total reductions incurred this year, exceed \$1.4 million. In the recent two years, the total budget reductions exceed \$5,000,000.

Colonel Peden spoke to the Commission about the current financial concerns facing the Fire Service. Colonel Peden said there are significant reductions in staffing.

As respects a question about EMS billing, Colonel Peden reported that has been little progress or improvement. The Colonel said that she hopes that there will be improvement in the next few weeks.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

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

Bryan Lau made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 PM, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary