

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2001



Meeting called to order at 1930 by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Fuller:

- The following companies need to have a representative at FSB on Saturday, October 6th for the next training session on the new LOSAP program, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, 25, 29, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43, 45, 47, 49, and 56.
- Working on getting MFRI contract renewed. We have \$17,000.00 left over bill from last year to pay so this year's \$60,000.00 will automatically be \$17,000.00 short. We will be able to track this money better this year so next year we will not be over.
- The Fire Act was increased this year to \$300,000,000.00. Last year only 5 Maryland departments received any of the \$100,000,000.00 given out.

Commissioner Woods:

- Everyone has the Radio Maintenance questionnaire so we can try to figure out how much money we should ask for in next year's budget. A copy will be put in everyone's packet at the next Association meeting.
- Comment: Something needs to be done about the amount of hose that is being damaged on fire grounds.

Secretary Mutchler:

- No Report

Vice Chairman Strine:

- Discussed the once a month meeting that the Commission has with Trexler, Benedety, Nancy Tarciano and John Crisman regarding the monthly expenditures of the fire companies. It appears that if we keep going the way we are going we will be in another financial problem like we had last year. We need to see what we can do to watch our spending so we can avoid the financial problem.
- A major expense that is coming up is, starting August 27th Allsafe will begin testing all SCBA which will cost \$37,500.00 just for the testing. If problems are found they will fix them which last year ran approximately \$25,000.00. This would bring the total to around \$62,000.00.
- Commissioners should urge their companies to use station management money for some of the expenditures they incur.
- Comment: Now is the time to ask the County Council and the County Executive for things that we really need.
- Read a letter from Chief 40 on problems he has been having with getting a piece of apparatus repaired.

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- Chairman Robison advised Chief 40 that he and the Vice-Chairman would research the problem tomorrow and see what the commission can do to help him with his problem.

Commissioner Russell:

- Have been in contact with all of my stations concerning the LOSAP training. Anyone that wasn't here September 29th will be here October 6th.

Commissioner Norris:

- Notified all my stations of the LOSAP training and if their LOSAP was overdue.

Commissioner Granados:

- There are presently 13 companies that have not turned in their LOSAP. Companies 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 31, 41 and 56.
 - Thanked Commissioner Fuller for handling the October 29th session alone since he was out of town.
 - Motion to conditionally approve the following requests for LOSAP pending verification of information:
 - Charles W. Larkin, station 34 for 33 years
 - Berlon L. Cooper, station 9 for 36 years
 - John Mullikin, station 25 for 29 years
 - LLOYD W. Kremer, station 24 for 38 years
 - Michael R. Marcopious, station 26 for 26 years
- Second by Secretary Mutchler. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- Motion to approve equivalency to the following individuals for Firefighter 1:
 - Andrew Hazlett station 10
 - Lawrence A Ferek station 48
 - Timmy Quobourne Jr station 28
 - Timmy Quobourne Sr station 28
- Second by Commissioner Fuller. **Motion approved.**
- Received officer certifications from station 7.

Chairman Robison:

- Received a request from Ed Pickeral from station 24 inviting the Commission to have their November 7th meeting at station 24.
- Motion by Secretary Mutchler to have the November 7th meeting at station 24 and the November 22nd meeting at FSB. Second by Commissioner Fuller. **Motion approved.**
- The October 17th meeting will be held at station 27.
- LOSAP training session will be Saturday, October 27th here at FSB 0900.

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- Founder Circle ceremony will be at FSB on Thursday, October 11 at 1800.
- Motion by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Wood to approve the September 19th minutes. **Motion approved.**

Jim Trexler:

- Received the 100% design drawings for the CIP project for station 36.
- Reported on the ongoing survey of station ventilation systems.
- Will get the office supply catalog distributed at the next Association meeting. Stations need to order office supplies from this catalog.

President Smith:

- Everything going well.
- Working on some commendations for the volunteers that participated in the Pentagon and College Park and Laurel incidences.
- Discussed the problem with County personnel wrecking volunteer owned apparatus and the County not having to pay to fix them. It is left up to the volunteers and their insurance company.
- Stations would like to know possibility of getting group insurance coverage for 100% replacement.
 - Chairman Robison advised that the Commission is working on this.
- Suggested that we keep records of the vendors that and keep track of troubles we are having.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Chaplains report.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary