

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2001
Morningside VFD Station 27



Meeting called to order at 1930 by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Welcome by Gerry Gloubitz

Commissioner Norris:
No report

Commissioner Russell:

- Question for Jim Trexler, Kentland submitted a lost damage report for some Motorola HP 1000 batteries and was told it has not been received.
- Jim Trexler, Items that are not County owned and under County maintenance will not be supported.

Discussion continued concerning replacing portable radio batteries and maintenance of portable radios.

Commissioner Granados:

- Recommendation for LOSAP for, Arbrey R. Padgett II company 32 for 32 years and 11 months. **Motion to accept by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Russell. Motion Approved.**
- The following companies have still not turned in their LOSAP information stations 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 17, 25, 31 and 56.
- Discussed the missing information on the 1024 form. Updates will be issued.

Secretary Mutchler:

- Instructions were handed out to all Commissioners on how to access their Fire Commission e-mail.
- Station 3 is requesting to spend \$3,011.00 of station management money for insurance. **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to approve. Motion approved.**

Vice Chairman Strine:

- Station 36 is requesting to spend \$3,851.00 of station management money to purchase 12 Motorola Minitor 3 pagers. **Motion by Vice Chairman Strine second by Secretary Mutchler to approve. Motion approved.**
- For information, Vice Chairman Strine also approved \$1,500.00 of station management money to provide for emergency lighting for the Chief's car for station 36.

- Station 40 is still having a problem with their pumper that we discussed at the last Commission meeting. Chief 40 is present to give us an update.

Commissioner Fuller:

- The MFRI contract has been finalized for \$60,000.00. We had to take \$17,000.00 off immediately due to the over expenditure from last year.
- The LOSAP training was completed and the system should be up by Friday. A link to the site will be on the Fire Commission web page and if the Association has no problem with it one will be on their web page.
- Station 27 is experiencing the same problems with the Squad as station 40 is having. This is a consistent problem in the County.

Commissioner Woods:

- The Commission needs to take whatever steps are legally available to us to become involved in the vendor selection process.
- Mr. Larkin is present from station 28 to address an ongoing problem with adequate hose for station 28 and 48 to operate their apparatus.
- Lengthy discussion ensued about the problem with purchasing hose from station tools and equipment budget and the policy for using this money.
Motion made by Secretary Mutchler and second by Commissioner Wood to make an exception to the one for one policy and approve station 28 to spend \$5,000.00 from their tools and equipment budget to purchase hose for their new pumper. Motion approved.

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion to approve equivalent training for FF1 to the following individuals from station 29, all training is in order,**
Mathew Mcambridge
John Mcambridge
Arron Campillo
Motion approved.
- As of this time I have received member certifications that are required under the station management contract from only 3 stations.

Chairman Robison:

- Chairman Robison and Vice Chairman Strine met with the County Fire Chief on Thursday October 11th. We discussed with him concerns the Commission had. One item discussed was the insurance policy program that has been being worked on were as the County would have an generic insurance policy up to a degree and if the individual station would like to up the policy they could. We also discussed the idea of giving each station a large portion of their tools and equipment budget to purchase items themselves that normally would be purchased through Logistics. Apparatus maintenance was also discussed. The Chief is aware of the problems with apparatus maintenance.
- **Motion to accept the minutes of the October 3rd minutes. Second by Commissioner Granados. Motion approved.**

- Anyone who would like to read the minutes of any meeting may find them on the Fire Commission web site.
- The first meeting of November will be held at station 24 and the second meeting will be held at the Fire Services Building.

Jim Trexler:

- Regardless of what the policies have been with the Fire Commission or what orders I get from the Fire Chief, the Commission and stations have been given a lot of leeway for things that have come up. With the situation of the budget and situations with individual stations with needs I have looked for ways to go in favor of the fire station whenever I can. Everyone is treated the same when they come in. When someone comes in with a valid request we take care of them.
- Some people are using very old stores catalogs. Would like to make sure everyone is using an up to date stores catalog. Frank Underwood was distributing new ones but if anyone needs one they can call Jack and he can e-mail them one.
- Things are moving along with station 36. We should have the bid documents out on that by the end of the month.
- Discussed the PAT tag PC.
- The office supply catalog was distributed.
- We have portable radios and the accessories in and emergency operations command has given us a schedule to start installing them.
- People are bringing the form for equivalent training instead of the form from the training academy to get gear.
- We have a meeting at 8:30 tomorrow morning here at station 27. The contractor wants to get started on the repair of the engine room floor.

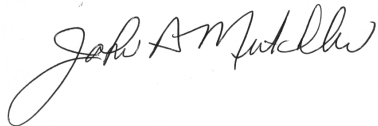
Questions and comments from around the room.

Chaplain report

Prayer by Chaplain Litchfield.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Respectfully submitted



John A. Mutchler
Secretary