

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 19, 2001
West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department
Station 48



Meeting called to order by Chairman Robison, 1930.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Welcome from President, West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Wood:

- Motion to approve the following individuals for active firefighter, second by Commissioner Fuller:
 - Jeffery Milton, West Lanham Hills station 28
 - Randy Rodriguez, Bladensburg station 9
 - Dustin Dommel, Bladensburg station 9
 - Kenneth Chapman, Bladensburg station 9
 - Stephen Swierezek, Bladensburg station 9
 - Gregory Taylor, District Heights station 26
 - Gary Weis, Riverdale station 7

Motion approved.

- Still missing member certifications from the following stations: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 14, 17, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 47, 48, 49, and 56.

Commissioner Fuller:

- LOSAP web site is down, Mrs. Baker is aware of it and is trying to fix it.
- MFRI contract for \$60,000.00 has been approved and signed. One change this year will be no funds from this money will be used unless approved by Commissioner Fuller.
- There will be a VRS class the first two weekends in January.
- Received a bill from MFRI from last year for \$5,500.00 for training. The bill will not be paid until they can provide a detailed bill saying what the training was for.

Commissioner Strine:

- Discussion concerning a complaint from a young lady about problems with the volunteer physical. She was told not to eat anything for 24 hours prior to the physical. She was made to do the treadmill machine for 22 minutes and failed. Total time on the treadmill should only be 12 minutes. Also, a male nurse without another female present, which made her very uncomfortable, examined her. This young lady will submit a written formal complaint to the Commission.

- Jim Trexler will not be at the meeting tonight so give all your stores requests to Commissioner Strine.

Commissioner Mutchler:

- Minutes of the December 5th meeting are available on the Fire Commission web page.
- Speed letter request from station 7 for assistance in getting Tower 7 repaired. Motion made by Commissioner Mutchler, second by Vice Chairman Strine to approve up to \$5,000.00 to have either Fire Rescue Products or Aerialscope repair Tower 7. **Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- Motion to approve request from station 43 to spend \$3,465.00 from station management funds to do some compartment modifications on their pumper. Second by Commissioner Fuller. **Motion approved.**

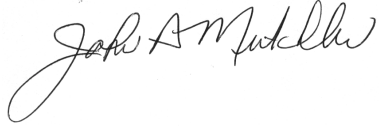
Chairman Robison:

- Ron Siarnicki's retirement party is rescheduled for Friday, January 17, 2002 to be held at Martins Crosswinds in Greenbelt. Cocktails at 6 dinner at 7. The Fire Commission has been approved to send 10 people to the function. See Vice Chairman Strine if you would like to attend.
- Discussed the audits that are underway.
- Stations need to get their member certifications in.
- Budget is being worked on and we have already been told there will be no more money next year.
- All of the LOSAP is in for last year except 6 and 17.
- The letter for the \$40,000.00 for the association's executive assistant has been sent to Chief Blackwell.
- The Legislative breakfast will be held on Monday, January 7, 2002 at station 20 at 8:15am.
- Discussed a notice received from Senator McCulskey concerning a gathering at Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad on Monday, December 17th in which County Executives Wayne Curry, Douglas Dunkin and Senator Paul Sarbanes will be in attendance.
- Fire Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman along with Association President, 2 Vice Presidents and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary met with Chief Blackwell. A myriad of issues were discussed such as budgets, the situation with the running gear and the station inspections and the manning of rescue units. Discussed with him the idea of adding more money to the station management money. Letting the volunteers be responsible for taking care of their own apparatus. Discussed the problem of not being able to spend the money in the operational budget.
- Lengthy discussion on the Executive Order concerning the one for one purchases from the operational budget.
- The problem with the pumper from station 40 seems to have been taken care of.
- The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be on, January 2, 2002, 1930 at the Fire Services Building.

Questions and comments from around the room.

There being no further business to come before the Fire Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2040.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary