

**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2002**  
**Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Robison, at 1930 hrs.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Wood:

⇒ One equivalency for Alan Azar, company 1 for FF1

**Motion by Commissioner Wood, second by Secretary Mutchler to grant equivalency. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Norris:

⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Norris to approve District Heights, station 26 to spend \$2,500.00 on steel mesh gear lockers from station management money, second by Commissioner Fuller. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Fuller:

⇒ VRS class started this past weekend. Don't know if we are going to have to buy another one due to the situation with the contracts. If we need to we will.

Secretary Mutchler:

⇒ Minutes of last meeting are on the web page.

⇒ The committee to go over Volunteer Services Directive 01-01, Volunteer Application Process met and have submitted their recommendations for changes to the Chairman and the rest of the Commission.

**Motion by Secretary Mutchler, second by Vice Chairman Stine to accept the recommendations from the committee and send to the Fire Chief.**

Question on the motion from Ladies Auxiliary President Lynn Strybing asking if anything was included in regards to what is required by Auxiliary members?

**Motion amended by Vice Chairman Stine that the issue be table until we can look into to see what the exact wording is as to whom sets this policy, second by Commissioner Fuller. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Granados:

⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Granados for LOSAP award to Charles W. Larken, company 34 for 29 years service, by Commissioner Fuller. Motion approved.**

⇒ Christine Barker has been working with the Facilities Management contractor Lockheed Martin on the interface with the FRITS and LOSAP systems. The hopeful project completion date is March 29, 2002.

⇒ Seems to be a problem with the 4.5 Scott upgrades. Half of them are not working and they are sitting on the apparatus chirping.

Commissioner Russell:

⇒ Announced the death of Joseph Fusco, Sr. from company 17.

Commissioner Woods:

⇒ Received request from company 43 to purchase up to \$4,000.00 for a tread mill machine at station 43.

**Motion to approve the expenditure by Commissioner Woods, second by Commissioner Russell. Motion approved.**

⇒ Discussed the proposed budget saving recommendations with the officers from station 18 and they are not in favor of anything that has to do with parking the fire trucks.

Chairman Robison:

⇒ Received request from Past President Frank Underwood that stations 21 and 42 each use \$5,000.00 from station management money to be used for pumper payments to E-one.

**Motion made by Chairman Robison, second by Commissioner Fuller to approve the request. Motion approved.**

⇒ **Motion made by Commissioner Fuller, second by Commissioner Granados to accept the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion approved.**

⇒ The Training Committee mentioned at the last meeting will meet in two weeks. Commissioner Fuller will be the representative from the Fire Commission. The Director of Training will be chairing the committee.

⇒ Spoke with Bob Smith who is the Director of the new Terrorist Training center in Cheltenham. Talked with him about the new organization taking over Cheltenham. He will be allowing the Fire Department to use his training facility.

⇒ A Division Chief meeting was held last night about staffing. They plan on meeting with each individual Fire Chief of affected stations regarding the staffing plan.

⇒ Met with Chief Blackwell to let him know he was looking into how much it would cost to take over the EMS service in Prince Georges County. The Chairman also informed the Chief since the volunteers supply 77 1/2% of the staffing, own 90% of the buildings and apparatus that we should be included and have input into the decision making process, not told of the decision after it has been decided.

⇒ Discussed the results of the meeting held with the Association's Board of Directors concerning a plan to help reduce the projected budget shortfall.

President Smith:

⇒ Discussed Maryland House Resolution 39.

Chairman Robison:

- ⇒ Discussed meeting and progress of the Resolution 43 action committee.
- ⇒ Discussed meeting with Joe Adler concerning the new contract between L-1619 and Prince Georges County.
- ⇒ Discussed meeting held concerning the Doctor that has been hired by the County to review the medical qualifications of volunteer fire and EMS people and possibly rewrite the policy.

Jim Trexler:

- ⇒ Have been advised to close down logistics with the exception of EMS supplies and turn out gear.
- ⇒ Discussed the progress of trying to get on a contract with PEPCO to try and reduce utility costs.
- ⇒ Gave update on progress with PAT Tag machine.
- ⇒ County made an award to for turn out gear. The contractor name is Secure Tex. This is the same gear we have been testing for about a year. Discussed changes that have been made.
- ⇒ Informed the Commission that he is working for a new Deputy of Management Services Command. Tyron Wells has been promoted to Lt. Colonel and plans on attending Commission meetings.

President Smith:

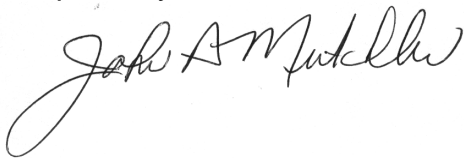
- ⇒ The November 508 checks will be at the next Association meeting.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Questions and comments.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2200.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Mutchler  
Secretary