

Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2002
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building



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

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Norris:

- ⇒ Question to Jim Trexler, Are we replacing any equipment at all at this time? At this time NO.
- ⇒ Question to Jim Trexler, What is the status on turnout gear? A shipment came in today and should be released Friday.

Commissioner Fuller:

- ⇒ Attended a Training Committee meeting on the 27th representing the Fire Commission. Representatives on the Committee are the Training Academy Director, Assistant Director, and representatives from the Fire Commission, Association, Union, EMS, Quality Control and the Chiefs Council. The Training Committee is going to work on doing a Needs Assessment for the entire Fire Department. We have the assurance of the Director that the Academy will be available to all personnel of the Fire/EMS Department.
- ⇒ Discussed the deeding of additional land from the old Cheltenham facility to the county and future plans for the Academy.
- ⇒ Gave a little background on the new Training Academy Director.

Commissioner Granados:

- ⇒ Advised that during a discussion with the Training Academy Director I was told that all the training contracts have not been awarded.
- ⇒ Discussion on training issues.

Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Secretary Mutchler to authorize expenditures for a VRS class for the first two weekends in May if the training contracts are not awarded. Motion approved.

Secretary Mutchler:

- ⇒ Minutes of the March 20, 2002 meeting are on the web page.
- ⇒ **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2002 meeting as amended. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Question to Jim Trexler on what the possibility of getting a breakdown of the numbers on the budget spreadsheet given to us at the budget meetings? Jim will ask if it will be possible.

Commissioner Russell:

- ⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Russell second by Commissioner Norris to approve Capitol Heights VFD use up to \$4,500.00 from station management funds for expenses at the Maryland State Firemans Association Convention in June. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- ⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Russell to approve equivalent training for VRS only for Christopher Perry from company 18. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ Will try to get information in the packets at the next Association meeting reminding everyone to have the 8-hour training form included with requests for equivalent training.

Chairman Robison:

- ⇒ Notified Commissioners that it is time for the yearly Financial Disclosure Statements for the county. These forms need to be turned in by April 30, 2002.
- ⇒ Spreadsheet for the FY 2003 budget is available. \$50,000.00 was moved from the career budget to the volunteer budget for Recruitment and Retention. Other than that there will be no increase in the budget.
- ⇒ Discussed the progress of the L-1619 labor contract.
- ⇒ There will be a meeting at company 18, Glenn Dale on Monday, April 15, 2002 with the Resolution 43 Task Force. All of the Maryland delegation in Congress has been invited to attend this meeting. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
- ⇒ The next meeting of the Commission on April 17th will be held at station 35, Greenbelt. The Mayor and City Council will be invited to attend to discuss the staffing issue.
- ⇒ The Fire Services Dinner in Washington DC will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.
- ⇒ It appears that the following stations are being proposed to have their career staff removed 2, 11, 28, 35, 27 & 37. That's 17% of Prince Georges stations will not have career staff.
- ⇒ Chief 28 discussed meeting held with Lt. Col. McGown concerning station 28 staffing plan.
- ⇒ Discussion concerning the budget, staffing and contract issues.

Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados that the Fire Commission work with the Prince Georges County Fire & Rescue Association in opposing the Budget, Staffing Plan and the Contract. Motion approved.

- ⇒ Discussion on privatizing the EMS service.

Commissioner Woods:

- ⇒ **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Woods to approve a request from station 43 to amend their request approved at the March 6th Fire Commission meeting to spend up to \$4,000.00 of station management money to purchase a treadmill machine. They would like to amend the amount to \$4,500.00.**
- Motion approved.**

Jim Trexler:

- ⇒ Station 28 roof bid opening next week.
- ⇒ Station 33 and 20 ramp and apron projects are requiring revised figures.
- ⇒ Just received the plans on station 43's ramp and are requiring revised figures on that.
- ⇒ Just received plans on station 14's engine bay floor and are requiring revised figures on that.
- ⇒ Station 24 engine bay floor, should be starting on the other half next week.
- ⇒ Station 38 CIP project is supposed to have a meeting next week.
- ⇒ I was told that station 35 is going to need a complete HVAC system. Hopefully it will be able to be charged to the CIP.
- ⇒ Discussed the progress of the new PAT tag machine.

1st Vice President Tucker:

- ⇒ A resolution similar to Resolution 39 is planned on being introduced on the floor of the United States House of Representatives by a Congressman from New York.
- ⇒ Discussed the Resolution 43 Task Force meeting on the 15th.
- ⇒ Discussed the role of the Fire Commission and the budget process.

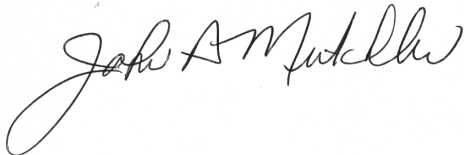
Question & comments from around the room.

Chief 28 inquired as to what is happening about getting radios fixed.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2140.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary

