



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, August 21, 2002  
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

Meeting called to order at 1930 hrs by Chairman Robison.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Norris:

No Report

Commissioner Fuller:

- ⇒ It appears the problem with the LOSAP program, it appears the contractor has fixed the problem and it has been sent back to Christen Barker. All we are waiting for now is for Christen to load it on the system so it can be checked out. No time given when this will happen.
- ⇒ Attended a meeting last Wednesday at MFRI where questions were asked concerning minimum training. They have built in a little leeway, there are some requirements that have to be done but they didn't associate hours with it. There is some practical. The Commission may need to look into having turnout gear at MFRI.

Commissioner Woods:

No Report

Secretary Mutchler:

- ⇒ **Motion made by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to accept the minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Correction to minutes; on page 4 under report of Jim Trexler where it say's "meeting for page 1 study" it should read "meeting for phase 1 study") motion changed to approve as amended. Motion approved.**
- ⇒ It is the consensus of the Commissioners to have the executive session on Tuesday, August 27 at 7 PM here at FSB.
- ⇒ The new stores catalog is now on the Fire Commission web page.

Vice Chairman Strine:

No report

Commissioner Smith:

No report

Commissioner Wood:

Excused

Commissioner Granados:

No report

Chairman Robison:

- ⇒ Kathryn Small, wife of Ralph Small passed away last night, there will be no fire department services. Viewing will be tomorrow from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Rouse Funeral Home in Owens.
- ⇒ Still don't know anything about the station management contract.
- ⇒ Commissioner Smith and myself attended the budget meeting Friday, all Commissioners were given a copy. Discrepancies were found and the budget people were challenged on them.
- ⇒ Officials are telling everyone that there is going to be a shortfall in FY 2004 and that when you submit your budget it must contain a 5% cut. We will talk about where we want to make the cuts at the executive session.
- ⇒ The station management audit was held on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and we still don't have the audits done for stations 1, 9 & 12.
- ⇒ Discussed the rally held at station 11 for candidates for County Executive.
- ⇒ The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman have been invited to meet with the County Auditors on September 3, 2002 at 1400. They are going to give us a briefing on the station management audit they performed.
- ⇒ Discussed the pulling of career staff from stations.
- ⇒ Discussed a letter received from MSFA President concerning the vote taken by the IAFF in Las Vegas concerning the Fallen Firefighters Memorial being held in Washington.
- ⇒ Sent a letter to the County Executive concerning the changes made to the procedures of bringing in new volunteers.
- ⇒ PAT tag machine is fixed; Teresa Crisman gave an update on the machine.
- ⇒ As far as we know the Fallen Firefighters Memorial here at the FSB is the only function being held on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Trexler:

- ⇒ The replacement of the truck bay ramp at station 33 has started. They are going to do one bay at a time.
- ⇒ Station 20 request for that is in procurement now.
- ⇒ A pre construction meeting was held for station 28's roof. Construction has not been started. Procurement is working with the manufacturer of the roofing system who did not agree with the engineer's designs with the way their roofing system was to be applied. They said they would not provide a warranty and it is trying to be worked out before work starts.
- ⇒ The bill for American Red Cross has been paid.
- ⇒ Submitted the request for station 43's roof. The bid documents are being put together along with the HVAC for station 19.
- ⇒ The vendor installing the doors at station 42 has come across problems that will need an additional \$12,719.40 for labor and materials.

**Motion made by Vice-Chairman Strine second by Secretary Mutchler that the additional money be approved. Motion approved.**

President Smith:

- ⇒ Reminded everyone about the court hearing on September 5<sup>th</sup> concerning the injunction concerning the removal of career staff from stations 2, 11 and 37.
- ⇒ Discussed the benefit for Jim Estep at the County Equestrian Center.

Second Vice-President Alferi:

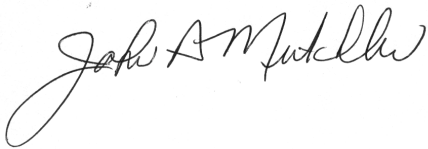
- ⇒ Discussed the recruitment booth at the County Fair.
- ⇒ Discussed the new PSA's.
- ⇒ Discussed the process of using the \$50,000.00 grant for the recruitment and retention projects.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:50.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Mutchler".

John A. Mutchler  
Secretary