



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2003
Branchville Volunteer Fire Department**

1930: Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Commissioner Norris:

- No report.

Commissioner Woods:

- No report.

Commissioner Granados:

- No report.

Vice Chairman Strine:

- The FIT tests for volunteers have been suspended due to lack of funds.
- Station management checks will not be ready and available for the Saturday audit.
- Received a list from Lt. Colonel Wells of companies with outstanding vehicle accident reports, personal injury reports and excessive fuel use reports. Companies with outstanding vehicle accident and personal injury reports will not receive their station management checks.
- Discussed the report of excessive fuel usage. Each station is allowed 125 gallons each for 2 support vehicles.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2003 minutes. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to accept the February 5, 2003 minutes. Motion approved.**
- Discussed the new member from station 3 that the Commission approved to redo the drug-screening portion of the physical. Thanks were relayed to the Commission for doing this and the person has passed the physical.
- Received a request from station 12 to spend \$4980.79 from station management funds for work on new pumper.
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second from Commissioner Norris. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from station 12 to remove the 1966 Pirsch from county maintenance and replace it with their new pumper.
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Strine to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Discussed outrage with the current situation of not having station management checks ready for the Saturday audit and the last minute tactics

being used the PGFD to withhold checks from stations that were mentioned in the reports submitted by Vice Chairman Stine from Lt. Colonel Wells.

Chairman Robison:

- Meeting with the County Executive is still on for Tuesday, March 4, 2003.
- The Commissioners need to meet in executive session before March 4th to go over what we plan on discussing with the County Executive.
- Mentioned the fact that the volunteers handled the bulk of activities of the Fire Department during the recent snow emergency.
- Discussed the Association Board of Directors Meeting that was attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary Mutchler and Commissioners Fuller and Woods. The meeting concerned the information the Association is putting together to present to the County Executive.
- Applications for the next Fire Act Grants start on March 3rd. Discussed the Grants and the process.
- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at the Fire Services Building.
- The second meeting in March will be on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at the Ritchie VFD station 37.
- The Commissioners will meet on Thursday, February 27th @ 1930 at the Fire Services Building.

Jim Trexler:

- Wanted to know if the Commission wanted Logistics to acquire some of the appliances that are going to be taken out of inventory and keep them as surplus. The Commission would like to keep all of the items.
- The contract for station 43's roof is being sent back to ARC. It has been redone and sent back this week. Hopefully the contract will be in place within the next 2 weeks.
- The bid for station 19's HVAC replacement has been extended for the third time due to the weather.
- Bids for station 38's CIP project have been extended another week.
- Still waiting on a Scope of Services on station 29's CIP project.
- The county is still going forward on the stockless inventory contracts.
- Discussed a problem concerning orders involving paper products.
- Advised the Commission of a possible significant expense at station 46 to replace the entire alerting system.
- The county is anticipating that sometime after the first of March of starting a career recruit school. Logistics has been informed not to issue any turnout gear to anyone until the class is outfitted. Gear will be replaced for damaged gear.

President Tucker:

- The meeting scheduled for Annapolis tomorrow has been postponed until Thursday, February 26, 2003 9AM PG Delegation Room second floor Loews

office building. Requesting anyone interested in Charitable Gaming to contact their representatives in Annapolis and ask them to support the Charitable Gaming bill.

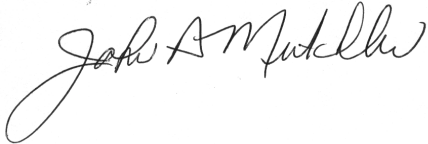
- Discussed the current VRS class and the cancellation of the previous nights class.
- Concerning FIT testing, don't have a clue. Received an e-mail requesting to stop FIT testing all volunteer personnel.
- There will be a meeting at the Fire Services Building to discuss the presentation being prepared for the County Executive next Wednesday.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:45.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Mutchler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary