



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2004
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- The monthly budget report and charge credit statements for the months of November and December or in each Commissioners boxes.
- Discussed meeting with Management and Budget. The following are items that were recommended not to be approved:
 - Our request for \$1,100,000.00 increase in Apparatus Maintenance.
 - Our request for \$51,000.00 to cover the projected fuel overage.
 - Our request for to increase building repair and maintenance funds from \$650,000.00 to \$813,000.00.
- Items that were recommended to be approved were:
 - Funds to cover the cost of the new fingerprint checks that are required for volunteer applicants.
 - \$100,000.00 to certify or replace air bags being used in the field.
 - \$704,000.00 over 2 years (\$352,000.00 per year) to upgrade all SCBA's in the department. (Approximately 1100 units) We will attempt to do half in 2005 and the other half in 2006.
- We will be meeting with them again on February 18th to continue to discuss these issues.
- Read a letter from Chairman Stine to the Riverdale Heights VFD, station 13 concerning the repairs of ambulance 139.
- Discussed a letter sent to the Fire Chief requesting his recommendation for 2 (two) members for the Qualifications Review Board. As soon as his recommendations are received, the Review Board can proceed with their duties.
- Discussed the letter that was sent to the 21 stations that were selected to have their LOSAP records audited. As of this date, out of the 21 stations that were notified only 10 have sent the requested information to the Fire Commission office. This information was supposed to be in the Fire Commission office by January 22.
- Also discussed another letter that went out to all stations concerning the submission of their officer certifications within 72 hours of their elections. The following stations have yet to turn in their officer certifications: 1-2-3-7-9-17-24-25-33/46-34-38 and 49.

Vice Chairman Fuller:

- The ARFF class that was approved will start in April. The schedule and information about the class and how to register are available.

- There is still one slot available for the Staff and Command course being held in Memphis TN. Anyone wanting to fill the slot needs to send in their information ASAP.
- Discussed the new schedule for Infectious Control classes. Classes are being held at the FSB and no longer in the stations, this needs to be addressed.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2004 meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2004 meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve request from the Riverdale VFD, station 7 to spend \$2434.00 of station management funds for apparatus and station insurance. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Underwood second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve request from the Berwyn Heights VFD, station 14 to spend \$3070.00 for carpet in the station. Motion approved.**
- Received paper work back from stations 14, 31 and 35 concerning the list of names still needing fingerprints done.
- Discussed station 49 not being under county maintenance.
- Sculptor doing the statue for the firefighter memorial in Annapolis is looking for people to model for the statue. Anyone interested may contact Commissioner Underwood.

Commissioner Woods:

- **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Bolden to approve request by the Bowie VFD, station 43 to spend \$4,000.00 of station management funds for the mounting of tools on Tower 43. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Bolden:

- Progress is being made with the insurance company for stations that had items lost or damaged at the Smith's junkyard fire in September.

Chairman Strine as District 5 Commissioner:

- Read letter from station 56 to Lt. Col. Wells concerning request for county funding of their new station. Discussion followed.
- **Motion by Chairman Strine second by Commissioner Woods to pursue all avenues to fully fund the maintenance of station 56's new station. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Norris:

- **Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Bolden to accept request by the Morningside VFD, station 27 to spend \$2,400.00 of station management funds upgrades and repairs to an Air Cart. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Granados:

- **Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve LOSAP request for Lester Booth Jr., station 38 for 32 years. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- Received officer certifications for station 27.
- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Vice Chairman Strine to approve the following for Firefighter equivalency:**
 - Ashley Himmelwrist – station 7
 - Kevin Wells – station 8**Motion approved.**

President Tucker:

- The new MIEMS matching AED grants are now available.
- Discussed a form that was sent to all stations requesting contact information.

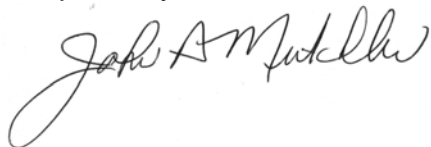
Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Vice Chairman Fuller that the Fire Commission go on record as opposing the centralization of the annual infectious control classes and to continue to work in getting them back in the stations. Motion approved.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Questions and comments from around the room.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary