



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 3, 2004
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- Discussed the Station Management Audit and made a recommendation to the rest of the Commissioners that we consider making it mandatory that the person that does the stations books present the books at the audit.
- Meeting with the office of Management & Budget on Friday, March 5, 2004. Several subjects will be brought up such as Insurance, LOSAP enhancements, upgrades on SCBA's and upgrades on the Air Bags currently in use throughout the county.
- Met with the office of Management & Budget about the FY 2005 budget and we did receive a minimal increase. Specifics of the budget cannot be discussed publicly until the County Executive releases the budget to the public.

Vice Chairman Fuller:

- Will be attending a meeting, representing the Fire Commission, this Saturday, March 6, 2004 with the Council of Governments. The meeting will be a training meeting dealing with Weapons of Mass Destruction. This is another federally mandated requirement that each volunteer will have to take a 24-hour class. An update will be available at the next Fire Commission meeting.

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Laurel VFD, station 10 to spend \$6,696.00 of station management funds for their banquet. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request for the Laurel VFD, station 10 to spend \$2,624.00 of station management funds for plaques. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Wood to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Laurel VFD, station 10 to spend \$2,741.55 of station management funds for a dinner. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commission Granados to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Beltsville VFD, station 31 & 41 to spend \$2,000.00 from each stations station management accounts for insurance. (\$4,000.00 total) **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve the request. Motion approved.**

- Received a request from the Branchville VFD, station 11 to spend \$8,000.00 of station management funds for their banquet. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Wood to approve the request. Motion approved.**
- Read a letter received from the Laurel VRS, station 49 requesting that their station be placed on county maintenance. Discussion. Per Fire Commission guidelines the request will be tabled until the next meeting in order to investigate the request.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- Commented on an old spreadsheet I came across that I used to use to keep track of funds spent by district 2 stations from the operational budget. This was brought up to show that it does not appear that Medical Air and EMS supplies were not always purchase from stations operational budget. Discussion.

Chairman Strine as District 5:

- Received a request from the Accokeek VFD, station 24 to spend \$2,412.00 of station management funds to purchase a Laptop computer. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Norris to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Granados:

- Received a request for LOSAP award from John Paul Branock Jr. from the Bladensburg VFD, station 9 for 28 years service. After researching the applicant it was found he actually has 34 years of creditable service. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to accept the LOSAP application 34 years. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Oxon Hill VFD, stations 21 & 42 to spend \$2,784.50 from each stations station management accounts for Ocean City Hotel rooms. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Underwood to approve the request. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Norris:

Commissioner Norris discussed changes to the station management contract. **Motion by Vice Chairman Fuller second by Commissioner Norris to submit the contract to the Fire Chief for his recommendations. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Vice Chairman Fuller to accept equivalency training for FF1 from:
Joe Beilke – station 27**

Brian Joyner – station 8

Motion approved.

- The Bladensburg VFD, station 9 has submitted their officer certifications.

Chairman Emeritus Robison discussed bills in Annapolis that concern the volunteers.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

Jim Trexler:

- Advised not getting a very good response from stations in submitting new Delegation of Authority forms.
- The new form for requesting Personal Protective Equipment has been printed.
- Discussed a problem identified by the contractor cleaning gear that recently they have been picking up gear to be cleaned that are contaminated and not in the proper red bags.
- Submitted copy of print out of gear that has been issued during the past month.

Commissioner Woods:

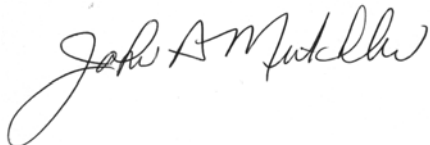
- Received a request from the Glenn Dale VFA, station 18 to have the Fire Commission replace a generator that has been found to be beyond economical repair. Request will be sent to Jim Trexler.

Questions and comments from around the room.

The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at the Laurel VFD, station 10.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:25.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary