



**Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2004
Baden VFD, station 36**

1930: Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine.

Prayer and pledge by Chairman Emeritus Robison.

Chairman Strine thanked the Ladies of Baden for inviting use to Baden to hold the meeting and for the meal.

Chairman Strine:

- Explained a letter from Audits and Investigations that contained questions that needed to be answered for the 2005 budget. Due to the fact that the questions had to be turned in on Monday, April 5th, there was no time to get the input of all Commissioners. Chairman Strine, along with the assistance of Commissioner Underwood and Nancy Roberts, the questions were answered and turned in. Copies were made and given to all Commissioners.
- Questions to, and answers from the Fire Chief were handed out.
- We were asked at the last budget workshop if the Fire Commission was going to request a supplemental budget request. As discussed at the last Fire Commission meeting we did submit the request for \$920,201.00.
- A letter has been sent to the Fire Chief requesting his approval, allowing the Hyattsville VFD, station 1 placing a second ambulance on county fuel and maintenance.
- Lt. Col. Wells advised that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting because of a meeting at the new Bunker Hill station. He does have the 508 checks and they will be picked up and delivered to the Association Treasurer.
- Discussed the progress, of the 2005 Station Management contract.

Vice Chairman Fuller:

- Will be out of town for the May, 5th meeting but will be back for the May 19th meeting before going to Iraq for 6 months.
- Although I will be out of the country for approximately the first 5 months of the 2005-2006 term, I would like to retain my position on the Fire Commission.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to accept the minutes of the April 7th meeting minutes as submitted. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve a request from the Riverdale VFD, station 7 to spend \$4,715.00 for insurance premiums. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Underwood:

- Received a request from the Beltsville VFD to replace a K-12 saw that is beyond economical repair. The cost of a replacement is approximately \$1,079.00.
- Received a request from the Laurel VFD, station 10 for the replacement of a Kocheck ball valve intake. Cost of approximately \$845.00 for the valve plus \$39.00 for a blind

cap. **No motion was actually needed but a motion was made by Commissioner Underwood and second by Commissioner Granados to approve the items be sent to Jim Trexler. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Woods:

- Advised the Commission that the Glenn Dale VFD, station 18 has sold Engine 181.

Commissioner Bolden:

- **Motion by Commissioner Bolden second by Commissioner Woods that we allot \$1,200.00 from the training budget for 2 members of the Chapel Oaks VFD, station 38 attend an EEO certification course in Birmingham Alabama. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Norris:

- **Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Vice Chairman Fuller to approve a request from the Forestville VFD, station 23 to spend \$6,000.00 of station management funds for Ocean City. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Commissioner Norris second by Commissioner Woods to approve a request from the Clinton VFD, station 25 to spend \$2,980.00 of station management funds to cover expenses for their awards banquet. Motion approved.**

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Vice Chairman Fuller to grant equivalency for Active Firefighter to the following individuals:**
 - **Bret W Krabbe – station 27**
 - **Cesar A Allen – station 27**
 - **David T Olson – station 27**

Motion approved.

Commissioner Granados:

- Explained that the increase in the 2005 budget for LOSAP is not for any new programs, it is just to cover the cost of the existing program.

Report from Chairman Emeritus Robison on the low interest loans. The next meeting of the committee will be June 2nd in Odenton. Chairman Robison also advises he will be out of town from May 7th through the 28th of May.

President Tucker:

- There have been some issues that have come into play over the last couple of day's, because of this there has been a special meeting of the Chief's Council for Thursday, April 20th at station 20. Details of the issue will be discussed at the Chief's Council meeting, all Chief officers, officers of the Fire Commission and Association are encouraged to attend.
- There will hopefully be a meeting with the County Executive by Friday, April 21st, a representative from the Fire Commission, Chief's Council and Association are invited to be in attendance.

Jim Trexler:

- Submitted a list of station that has not turned in an updated Delegation of Authority form.

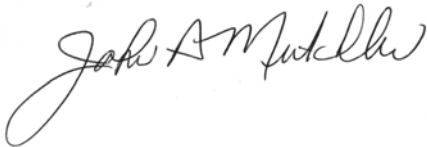
- Received a request from the Clinton VFD, station 25 to obtain items for the Water Supply Unit. To clarify, there is a policy that items for the Water Supply Unit will not be charged to the station but to the Fire Commission budget.
- Question about damage to overhead doors caused by timers on the door.
- **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Vice Chairman Fuller to reaffirm Fire Commission policy that we will not repair damage to overhead doors caused by timers. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Riverdale VFD, station 7 to replace their windows. Facility Maintenance looked at the windows and said they were in very bad condition and would cost between \$2,500.00 and \$3,500.00 to replace. The request will be given to the District Commissioner to research and bring back to the next meeting.
- Discussed the request for adding station 49 to county maintenance. The 2 items most urgent to Facilities Maintenance before agreeing to take over maintenance of the station is replacing the boiler and cleaning up the asbestos and completely redoing the electrical system. The cost to take care of Facilities Maintenance issues would be about between \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Lengthy discussion on pros and cons of adding station 49 to county maintenance.
- **Since there is no money in the FY-04 budget to make the necessary repairs requested by Facilities Maintenance, motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Vice Chairman Fuller to table this issue until after July 1. Motion approved.**
- Received requests from stations for additional O2 bottles. Logistics will be starting a survey on Thursday, April 22 of all O2 in the field. Preliminary steps to try and get this information over the phone and other avenues did not sound good so it has been decided to actually go out and do a physical count. All requests for additional O2 bottles will be held until after the survey is complete.

Report from Kenny Oladeinde on the progress of the remodeling project of station 36.

Chairman Strine entertained questions and comments from around the room.

They're being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 21:05.

Respectfully,



John A. Mutchler
Secretary