

## Fire Commission Meeting

January 19th, 2022

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 61 participants, was gaveled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain Frank Underwood – opened the meeting with an invocation prayer and the pledge.

Chaplain Hetz- The Chief Chaplain's report will be provided separately.

Office of the Fire Chief –A/ Capt. Mandragos (Steve)

1. Department Operations Command DOC is closed except for personnel working for Health & Wellness and testing at FSB
  - a. 8 personnel in quarantine
2. Volunteer Services Command:
  - a. All serfs/ambulance billing request have been processed
  - b. I have returned full time to the VSC office.
  - c. Still correcting errors in email distribution lists
3. Memos/Personnel Action Notices (PAN'S)
  - a. Memo, 22-06, dated 1.18.22 Resuming of Fit Testing
    - i. Once you apply on-line you will receive an approval from AMD withing 3 days of your request.
    - ii. Make sure the email your using is spelled correctly, before you hit submit.
4. General Orders still being worked on are:
  - a. 02-31 SCBA Sanitizing and Maintenance
  - b. 09-05 Swift Water Rescue
  - c. 02-27 Procedure for Replacement/Additions/Changes to the Fleet
  - d. 11-14 Military Leave
5. Office of the Fire Chief will allow the Ride along program to resume in February with restrictions...more forth coming.

Commissioner King (Buddy) – No report

Commissioner/ Secretary Wilson (Rick) – No report

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) – Excused

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) Assisting as the Secretary – Requested approval of the Fire Commission meeting minutes from Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Motioned and Approved.**

I spoke with Trish Case at AMD last week about mobile fit testing and we anticipate it will be open Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> along with BA shop fit testing. Capt. Mandragos will verify and pass along.

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Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa) – County email is now working:

[VESurlles@co.pg.md.us](mailto:VESurlles@co.pg.md.us)

- Requested approval of FY 21 LOSAP Reports for Co. 14, Co. 23 and Co. 34– **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested approval of FY 20 LOSAP Report for Co. 56 – **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested LOSAP Award for David Watson, Co. 36 with 26 years of service. - **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) - Excused

Commissioner/Chair Bolden (Johnathan) –

- Have your mandatory EEO training completed by the audit-date of the audit will be coming out soon.
- Currently reviewing the insurance RFP will send to the Office of Law for review.
- Would like to work/meet with PGVRA leadership to develop a plan to accomplish volunteer physicals. There is \$250,000 put aside for physicals and would like to work on a plan to get them implemented.
- Spend your tool money. Anticipate the tool money expenditure window to close on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Working with Commissioner Holbert on a tool replacement program.
- New recruiter started yesterday - Welcome Trish Sheldon. Will be getting set up and familiar with the office over the coming weeks. If someone from Co. 23 is here: Can the recruiter park her county car at the station since she lives outside of the county.
- 508 Update: Get your December bank statement and the statement from your financial institution to Bonnie ASAP. The goal is to have the funding in place for stations with apparatus payments by the middle of February.
- Working on upgrades to LOSAP. Will update you when progress is made.
- Question for MSFA: There are senators and delegates in the Baltimore area that have threatened to hold 508 money until a name change is made to the MSFA. Can you clarify? (Lee Lutz): MSFA WILL change their name to Maryland Firefighters Association

from Maryland Fireman's Association; it will go on the ballot in June. Once the name change is made, that should make the senators happy.

Recruiter Sheldon (Trish) – Appreciate the opportunity and look forward to working with you. Within the first 30 days I plan to visit all the stations, as I am able because of COVID, and will schedule a ride along soon!

Commissioner Smalls (Fred) – Excused

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Whipple (Vic) – Working with Bolden, Bonnie and Mandragos on the fingerprinting grant.

- Looking forward to the ride along program coming back in February.
- Welcome, Trish Sheldon as the new recruiter!

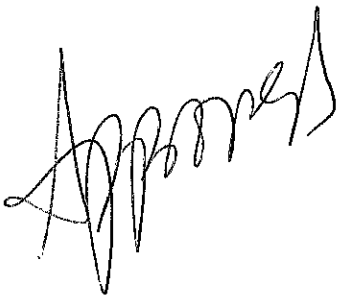
Ladies Auxiliary Wilhite (Ginny) – We're here to support!

Q&A –

- Jennifer Johnson, President Co. 23, will talk to the board and membership about the recruiter parking her car at the station- don't see a problem, but need to ask.

Chaplain Shaw (Loretta) - provided a benediction and Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

**Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner Chandler, Assisting as Secretary.**





## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building  
6820 Webster Street  
Landover, Maryland 20784

### Chief Chaplain's Report

January 19, 2022

Grace, mercy and peace to all.

The Prince George's County Fire and Rescue Association has been advised of the passing of the following individuals:

Gerald A. Seaton, Jr., Life Member and Past President of the Glenn Dale Fire Association. Gerald died on January 6, 2022 at the age of 86. His service was held January 11, 2022.

David Michael "Mike" Wilson, Life Member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad. Mike passed away on January 9, 2022. His service was held January 13, 2022.

Gerard M. Dixon, Sr. Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department died on January 13, 2022. Mary Burton, widow of Charles Burton, Past President of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association in 1960, Past President of The Maryland State Firemen's Association in 1980, and Past Chairman of the Fire Commission 1989-2000. Mary was a Life Member of the Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary. She celebrated her 100th birthday in July 2021. Mary died on January 10, 2022 at the age of 100 plus. The family will have a private burial, with a celebration of her life after Easter.

Finley doCarmo, Founding Member of Laurel Rescue Squad died on January 11, 2022 at age 87. He was also a Retired Captain with Baltimore City Fire Department. His service information is noted below:

#### Visitation

Date: January 22, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Visitation and service held at  
Donaldson Funeral Home  
313 Talbott Ave (Rt 198 W)  
Laurel, MD 20707

#### Funeral

Date: January 22, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Please keep these members' families and their departments in your thoughts and prayers.

We've had a lot of deaths since September. Just a reminder to companies, we need their memorial pictures for the County Convention Memorial Service.

**MSFA Memorial Service:** MSFA has instituted electronic submittal of member's names and picture for the State Convention Memorial Service. Each company need to submit their memorial names and picture to the MSFA at the **MSFA.org** website by February 1, 2022, if they have not already done so.

**PGCVFRA Convention Memorial Service:** The Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association will be implementing an electronic submittal process for this year's Convention Memorial Service. More information will be coming out on that as it gets se-up.

### **Prayer List**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Dwayne & Fontella Frost, Co. 5
- Christopher Molan's Family, Co. 3
- William "Al" Hawkins Family, Co. 3
- Gerard Dixon, Sr.'s Family, Co. 7
- Dawn Reamy, Co. 9
- Marilyn Stadler's Family, Co. 9
- Frank Stebbing, Co. 9
- Jim Collins, Co. 10
- Tom Collins Co. 10 & Co. 31
- Dan Sheffield, Co. 10
- Ellen Heinicke, Co. 11
- BJ Velez, Co. 11
- Fred Brower, Co. 12
- John & Mary Fran Crisman, Co. 12 & Co. 35
- Nathan Bell, Co. 13
- John Richardson, Sr. Family, Co. 13
- Glenn Moore, Co. 18
- Gerald Seaton, Jr.'s Family, Co. 18
- Miriam Thomas' Family, Co. 18
- Emma Bigony, Co. 19
- Robert Dickenson, Co. 23
- Eugene (Fritz) Entwistle, Co. 23
- Patricia Gray, Co. 23
- Elaine Huttenloch, Co. 23
- Kim Latham, Co. 23
- Thomas Lloyd, Co. 23
- Tommy & Connie Stommel, Co. 26
- Diana Diana, Co. 29
- Paul Tackish, Co. 32
- Candy Mitchel, Co. 33
- Cheryl Trader, Co. 33
- Juanita Colwell, Co. 34
- Kenny Stair, Co. 35
- Margaret McKenney, Co. 35
- Mike Wilson Family, Co. 35
- Bert Foxwell, Co. 36
- Helmer Porter, Co. 38
- Finley doCarmo Family, Co. 49
- Carmon Garcia, Co. 55

- William Hawkins' Family, Co. 55
- Mary Linkious, Co. 55
- Laura Moatz, Co. 55
- Steve Schmitz, Co. 55
- Wayne "Minnie" Tavel's Family,  
Co. 55
- Rev. J. Harvey Dixon, Chief  
Chaplain Emeritus – MSFA
- MSFA Chaplain Calvin Walbert's  
Family

If someone has need of a chaplain, or is in need of any other services from the Chaplains Corp, please get in touch with me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Harry Hetz  
Chief Chaplain  
Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association