

Fire Commission Meeting

January 5th, 2022

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 37 participants, was gaveled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain Margaret Ann Hamilton – 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 opened Monday 1.3.22 from 0700-2300
 - a. 118 positive covid cases
 - b. As a result, DOC opened to work through service demands on the department
 - c. NO anticipated service reductions or closures
2. If you are an active operational member with **symptoms**, then you can contact the DOC for testing 301-583-3356.
3. SNOW EMERGENCY: Fire Chief Green says "Thank You" the numerous stations that step-up on Jan 4 to meet the needs for services during our Snow Emergency
4. Volunteer Services Command:
 - a. A gracious thank you to Chief McClelland for the many years of service to the Volunteer Services Command.
 - b. The VSC Chief's position closed on 12/24/21
 - c. The Department anticipates starting to process applications next week.
5. **Memos/Personnel Action Notices (PAN'S)**
 - a. Memo, 21-56, dated 12/28/21 **Emergency Staffing & Operational Modifications due to Covid Surge**
 - i. Face coverings are MANDATORY
 - ii. Meeting/Trainings/Gatherings (in-person) are CANCELLED
 - iii. Covid logs in the station are Mandatory
 - iv. Fit-Testing has been suspended
 - b. Memo 21-57, dated 12/30/21 Leave Approvals, sick Call outs and Ride-alongs
 - i. Modified to allow for APPROVED ride along may continue

- c. Memo 22-02 date 1/5/22 EMS System & Medical Facility Drop Times
 - i. Discuss the Direct-to-Triage Protocol
 - ii. Multiple Patient Hospital Emergency Department Management-Capitol Regional Medical Center will serve as the pilot hospital
 - iii. Designation & Utilization of an Emergency Medical Service Transport Manager-when this is instituted all transport units will go to Bravo Channel 11 and the Manager will decide which hospital you transport to. PSC will announce when this practice is in place.

6. Workgroup on updating Subtitle 11, Volunteer Training Requirements
 - a. Group Lead is Assistant Fire Chief McAdams
 - b. Workgroup consists of all volunteer members

7. General Orders still being worked on:
 - 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
 - e. 11-? Civilian Disciplinary Process

8. I am currently working in both the DOC and VSC. Please contact me via email or cell 240-565-1404, I also carry DFC McClelland's phone if you call that number.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) -

- Passed on from Chief/Co. 7- requesting assistance with an equivalency member (Panciera); Chairman Bolden requested info on the member so he can research.
 - Please make sure you have Commissioner Kuenzli's email address: chief9.rk@gmail.com
- Requesting that the Commission research Co. 11's chief buggy, M42012, 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe being added to county fuel and maintenance replacing M51611, 2006 Ford Expedition which was sold several months ago. Chairman Bolden will research in VSC.
 - Ron Block confirmed the change so the insurance can be updated.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) -

- Requested approval for Firefighter 1 equivalency for Dalton Yingling (33) and Tyler Callahan (33)– **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner/Chair Bolden (Johnathan) –

- *Thanks to everyone for their support over the years and moving forward.*
- *In the process of planning technology and office improvements. Will keep you updated.*
- Met recently with PGVRA leadership. It was a good meeting, clear line of communication established; committed to working together and putting forth a team effort.
- Spend your tool money. We've only spent \$24,00 of \$190,000. Going to work with Commissioner Holbert to develop a tool replacement program. Don't want to waste money, get your tool orders in.
- Be sure to complete your mandatory EEO training in Target Solutions. All personnel need to have this completed by the Station Management Audit.
- 508 Update: FY21 there were errors, and the subcommittee is addressing them. Stations will be notified this week that they were overpaid (Co. 8, 13, 17, 20, 23, 49 & 57) and need to pay the county back. Checks need to be made payable to Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. -Those collected funds will be redirected to pay on apparatus with outstanding balances.

Commissioner/Secretary Wilson (Rick) - EXCUSED

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlis (Vanessa) –

- Requested corrected LOSAP Report for Co. 12– **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested corrected LOSAP Report for Co. 32 – **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested corrected LOSAP Report for Co. 37 – **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner King (Buddy)

- Requested approval for expenditure authorization request for Co. 1 in the amount of \$3836.91 to replace their couches. – **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner/ Battalion Chief Chandler (Michelle) Assisting as the Secretary – Requested approval of the December 1st, 2021 minutes. - **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner Smalls (Fred) – Excused

Ladies Auxiliary Melito (Regina) – Virtual meeting tomorrow night.

Q&A –

- Ron Block- asked the status of the RFP; Chairman Bolden - the RFP is still being reviewed by Central Services.
- Chief Demeritt, Co. 57- requested the status of Co. 57's 508 request for the lady's bathroom renovation; Chairman Bolden - he would look into it.
- Vic Whipple- Wishes everyone a Happy New Year. The Association meeting will be virtual next week.
- L. Hegewood Co. 35- following up on Co. 35's 508 request. Chairman Bolden - the request was approved.
 - When will the new Commissioners be notified? The selections are in the County Executive's Office.

- Melito, Co. 55- When will the 508 money for FY22 be deposited? Co. 55 has a payment due March 1st. Chairman Bolden- You can expect money by the middle of February.
- J. Key, MFRI- Will attend 1st Commission meeting of the month to answer questions, pass on information.
 - There was a lot of confusion about EMT recert at the end of the year. Advise your personnel to look at their transcripts several months before expiration to give time for the classes to be on the transcripts and for follow up on any issues.

Chaplain Shaw (Loretta) - provided a benediction and Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

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

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

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Landover, Maryland 20784

Chief Chaplain's Report

January 5, 2022

Grace, mercy and peace to all.

It is with deep sadness that the Prince George's County Fire and Rescue Association has been advised of the passing of the following individuals:

Wayne "Minnie" Tavel, Life Member of Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department. Wayne died on December 17th. Wayne was the brother of District 2 Director, Bill Tavel. Service information is as follows:

Visitation

Date: January 12, 2022

Time: 1:00-1:30 PM

Funeral

Date: January 12, 2022

Time: 1:30 PM

Visitation and funeral will be held at
Fort Lincoln Funeral Home
3401 Bladensburg, Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

John Richardson, Sr., Past Chief and Chief Emeritus of the Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. John passed away on December 19, 2021.

Paul Michael Tackish, Past Member of Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department died on December 20, 2021. His funeral was held on December 30, 2021. Paul worked as a federal firefighter at Andrews Air Force Base and retired as Assistant Fire Chief. He was also a life member of the Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department.

William "Al" Hawkins, Past Chief of the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department. Bill died on December 25, 2021. No service information is available.

Roger Hamilton, Life Member of the Baden Volunteer Fire Department. Roger passed away on December 19, 2021. Roger is the husband of Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Chaplain Margaret Ann Hamilton. His service was held on December 28, 2021.

Christopher Molan, Member of the Mount Rainier Volunteer Fire Department. Chris died on December 23, 2021. Chris was also a Battalion Chief with the Department of Fire and Rescue Service in Frederick County. His service was held on January 2, 2022.

Miriam Thomas, Member of the Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association and Glenn Dale Fire Association. Miriam died on December 24, 2021. No service information is available.

Marilyn Stadler, Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Past President in 2010 and Member of the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary died on December 24, 2021. No service information is available.

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

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Dwayne & Fontella Frost, Co. 5
- Christopher Molan's Family, Co. 3
- Marcus Perkins, 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
- Renée Underwood Family, 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
- Miriam Thomas' Family, Co. 18
- Emma Bigony, Co. 19
- Robert Beavers, Co. 20
- Michael Roberts, Co. 20
- 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
- Billie McNeal, Co. 31
- Paul Tackish, Co. 32
- Candy Mitchel, Co. 33
- Cheryl Trader, Co. 33
- Juanita Colwell, Co. 34
- Kenny Stair, Co. 35
- Margaret McKenney, Co. 35

- Bert Foxwell, Co. 36
- Ray & Toni Pierce, Co. 36
- Roger Hamilton's Family, Co. 36
- Helmer Porter, Co. 38
- Carol Lantz, Co. 40
- Carmon Garcia, Co. 55
- William Hawkins' Family, Co. 55
- Mary Linkious, Co. 55
- Laura Moatz, Co. 55
- Steve Schmitz, Co. 55
- Wayne "Minnie" Tavel Family, Co. 55
- Rev. J. Harvey Dixon, Chief
Chaplain Emeritus – MSFA

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