

Fire Commission Meeting

March 16, 2022

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 56 participants, was gavelled to order by Vice Chairman Surles at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain Margaret Ann Hamilton – opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Volunteer Services Office –A/ Assistant Fire Chief White

We are quickly approaching the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'22 (March 31, 2022). For those companies that participate in the Volunteer Staffing Enhancement Program, please have the attachment completed and returned to the Volunteer Services Office by April 15, 2022, COB. This will allow time for timely payments as established per GO -06-36.

Any questions, please let Volunteer Services know. Captain Mandragos, Ms. Watson and I are here to assist. We can be reached at 301-883-5230.

There are several members who have NOT picked up their second set of gear from logistics. We are respectfully requesting you look at the information and have your member proceed to Logistics by Friday, April 1, 2022, COB.

Frequently Asked Questions about gear pick up:

1. Does the member have to be the one to pick it up?
 - a. Yes. The member will be asked to try the gear on to ensure it still fits to the size there were fitted with before signing.
2. Does the member need to bring their current gear?
 - a. Yes. It is asked that the member bring their gear to send it out for cleaning.
3. What if the member can not pick up their gear by April 1, 2022?
 - a. Contact myself or Captain Mandragos in our office. We are coming up with a process to get this done after hours, if needed, but we are working out the logistics of it all.
4. What if the member is NO longer a member?
 - a. Communicate that with us in OVS. We will remove the persons name and work to reissue the gear to another deserving member.
5. What if I think the member doesn't need a second set of gear?
 - a. Communicate that with us in OVS.
6. Do I need an appointment?
 - a. No appointment is needed, but if anyone has any questions, please contact logistics directly.

Thank you for your assistance. We need to get this done, so we can start on Phase 4.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) - Assisting as the Secretary

Motioned for the approval of March 2, 2022, meeting minutes. **APPROVED**

Motioned for approval of the following equivalencies that have been reviewed and determined to comply:

Thomas Kane Co. 27

Ashton King Co. 29

Connor Shank Co. 14

Michael Grillo Co. 33

Bryan Drastal Co. 33

APPROVED

Motioned for the approval of two station management requests for Co. 43:

\$5130.00 to repair & replace exterior lighting of the fire house.

\$7200.00 to replace & upgrade broken lighting in the training room **APPROVED**

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) – No report

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report, reminder to spend your tool money.

Did have an expenditure request forwarded by Commissioner Chandler from Co.43, in the amount of 5130.00 for outdated and broken lights, in the form of a motion, and approved

Commissioner King (Buddy) – No report

Commissioner Smalls (Fred) – Excused

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) – Excused

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa) – **Motioned** for the approval of a station management request for Co. 23, \$5000.00 for MSFA Convention in June. **APPROVED**

Chairman report for Johnathan Bolden:

- All 508 payments are in process. Stations that may receive more than the minimum amount, apply all the funds to the principal balance.
- Station management funds are in process in the Fire Commission office. Payments will be made by April 1st.
- Stations that missed the station management audit will have a make-up audit on Tuesday March 22nd, 3pm in the Commission office. Confirm with If you are unable to make that date, contact Chairman Bolden and Bonnie Donahue to reschedule.

Commissioner/Chair Bolden (Johnathan) – Excused (report given by Vice Chair Surles)

Recruiter Sheldon (Trish) – Working with V Surles & J Bolden on recruiting sessions.

F Underwood added: State Recruitment at Co. 11 March 26-27 with confirmed 120 people to attend.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Whipple (Vic) – No report.

Ladies Auxiliary Melito (Regina) – *Spring Conference on March 26th in Hollywood*; and the next county ladies auxiliary meeting will be April 7th. Please reach out to us if you need anything.

Questions from the floor:

- F Underwood: Prayer breakfast April 2nd, 0900, Co. 11.
- J Mutchler: PPE question to A/AFC White – do we have to make an appointment at logistics, or can we just go and pick up the PPE without an appointment? A/AFC White – you don't need an appointment.
- Chief 28: thank you to Commissioners Chandler & Wilson with supply orders.
- J Jordan: Asked the status of the Hazard Pay for volunteer corporations that remained in service during COVID. A/AFC White – will ask and get back to the group.
- J Jordan: County email for volunteers, problem with distribution lists and volunteers not receiving information. A/AFC White-working on that with TISO. Volunteers need to log in to their accounts. There are many email accounts that have not been initiated and the County is paying for those licenses. More to follow, after VSO meets with TISO.
- B Clements: Asking for the audit make up date. Surles – March 22. If that won't work, reach out to Surles, Bolden and Donahue to reschedule.
- H Woods: Update on LOSAP. Surles – working to complete the migration, will provide progress next meeting.
- R Takacs: is there extra tool money? There was no formal announcement. A/AFC White & Vice Chair Surles – yes, that's why we've been pushing to ask stations to get their tool orders in. If you have spent your tool money, work with your commissioner to request additional funds/tools.

Chaplain Margaret Ann Hamilton – provided a benediction and Vice Chairman Surles adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

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