

Fire Commission Meeting

April 6, 2022

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

Chaplain – 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

1. Going over the first 30 days in the position.

2. Mentioned that the 3rd quarter of the Volunteer Service Enhancement has been completed on March 31, 2022 and paperwork is due by April 15, 2022 at the close of business. Companies 1,7,9,11,12,14,17,26,27,29,35 have all submitted their paperwork and it will be processed on April 18, 2022 for VSC money

3. 3rd round of Phase III of the gear is being pulled. 2nd round gear is being placed back into inventory. Once the gear for phase III is bagged, they respective chiefs will be notified and they can go to logistics to pick up 2nd set of gear

4. County emails, 1786 currently being used by volunteers in the county. Have the chiefs and presidents go through their list to make sure that the emails that are listed, are being utilized. Allotted 2000 emails for the volunteers and cost the county \$172,000.00 a year to support the emails. Currently for operational members, working on getting all members, including administrative, access to emails

5. Month of March, 148 SERFs were processed for a total of \$260,000.00 for all stations. Wait time is 1.5 days. Just awaiting logistics to complete the ordering.

6. Fit test- April 1, 2022 was the deadline for expired fit test. 485 volunteers were expired, and had surpassed the deadline, and 993 members with current fit test. Company 9 has a setup fit testing on 4/6/22-4/7/22. Co.11 will be hosting fit testing as well during the week of 4/3/22-4/9/22. Co.27 will have fit testing 4/16/22 and 4/30/22. Co. 33 will have fit test, 4/18/22-4/22/22.

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.

Capt. Mandragos-

No report

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) -

1. Motioned, for the approval of March 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Approved
2. Expenditure request for Kentland #33 for 2,604.80 for new mattresses. Motioned, and Approved
3. Expenditure request for Kentland #46 for 3,125.76 for new mattresses. Motioned and Approved

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) – Excused

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – (acting as Secretary) No report

Commissioner King (Buddy) –

1. Expenditure request for Berwyn Heights #14 Motion for \$2,802.42 from their station management- Motioned, and Approved
2. Expenditures request for Greenbelt #35 Motion for \$5000.00 from their station management to cover cost of insurance (March, April, May)- Motioned, and Approved.

Commissioner Smalls (Fred) – No Report

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) – Excused

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa) –

1. COLA increase for LOSAP will be submitted, should see it in May payment, as well as a retro payment.
2. Update on data base, working through issues with IT, to work through issues, should be able to input at station level to notify the commission that LOSAP has been submitted.
3. Processing LOSAP manually, as to not have any negative effects on getting the new system running.
4. Awards that were motioned and Approved
#24 Christopher Maggi
#10 Walter Boyle
#18 Brian Tennant

Company FY21 LOSAP Approved As Corrected
24, 10, 17

FY21 LOSAP Approval - #9

FY20, FY21 Amended LOSAP Approval - # 11

Recruiter/ Shelton(Patricia)-

1. Following up on email, in regards to the new social media campaign that was launched. Sent a follow up email on 3/24/2022 directs all traffic to pgvolunteers.org and to review all station profiles and send to recruiter. As of 4/6/2022 only 9 out of the 36 stations have responded, please review your stations profile. The program will be run through May.

2. Per Bonnie, incomplete applications have been coming in for applications. Please make sure that the packages are completed, prior to their arrival.

3. Notes are attached for additional info

Major concern with
Commissioner/Chair Bolden (Johnathan) –

1. Audit investigations continue first round was completed on 4/4/2022. Second round to be completed on 5/4/2022 preparing for that in regards to the budget.

2. Attended meeting with Association President on 3/23/2022 in regards to Local #1619

3. Attending the Deputies meeting on 4/7/2022

4. Attended CIP meeting on 4/5/2022 projects are still ongoing. Major concern is the new Shady Glen #2. Several interior renovations occurring at several stations, currently in progress

5. Thanked Commissioner King and Commissioner and Commissioner Kuenzli for their time serving on the fire commission, as their terms have come to an end.

6. Welcomed 3 new Volunteer Fire Commissioners, Gloria Bell, Lisa Hegwood, Kyle Snyder

7. Looking forward to meeting with existing and newly appointed Volunteer Fire Commissioners, to go over documents and transition into their new positions. Date to follow

8. Expenditure request for CPR cards, for the Career/Volunteers. The funds come out of the Volunteer Fire Commission budget in the amount of \$5,422.10 for CPR packages and Ecards for Career and Volunteer members. Motioned, and Approved

9. PAT and ID machine will be moved from the Fire Commission office and relocated to Logistics. Bonnie will still handle appointments, and the staff at logistics will be trained, to operate the machine. To assist with PAT tags and ID Cards

10. All stations should have received their 508 payments. If you did not, please contact Chairman Bolden. If a station received funds in excess of \$100,000.00, the extra funding was put in place to add to your principal balance. Any questions, please contact Chairman Bolden.

11. The last 3 stations that needed to complete their audit were completed on 4/6/2022. Audit should be completed by 4/11/2022 and station management funds can be deposited. If a station had issues that needed to be addressed in reference to their 508 funds, they will need to do so, prior to the release of their station management funds.

Commissioner Bell-

Gave informal introduction to Commission as a newly appointed Fire Commissioner

Commissioner Snyder-

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Commissioner Hegwood-

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President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Whipple (Vic) –

- 1.Thanked the outgoing Commissioners (King, Kuenzli)
2. Welcomed the new Commissioners (Hegwood, Snyder, Bell)
3. Asked for update on General Order 5.19- Chairman Bolden, stated that he would inquire at the Deputies meeting on 4/7/2022
4. Association meeting at District Heights 26, 4/14/2022 @1930

Ladies Auxiliary Melito (Regina) – Thanked the outgoing commissioners, and welcomed the newly appointed commissioners. Ladies auxiliary meeting will be April 7th hosted by Clinton #25 at Marlboro Co# 20.Please reach out to us if you need anything.

Questions from the floor:

- Ron Block- the status of the RFP for the insurance, response from Chairman Bolden, its still in the office of law, hopefully to be released in the next 30 days.
- Pete Mellits – inquired about having the cascade systems at stations serviced and filled.
- Steve Wilson – inquired about SERFS sent to Chairman Bolden, and wanted to know what balance was allowed to be carried over through the audit. – Chairman Bolden will respond at a later time to Mr. Wilson.
- Mike Alfieri- Thanked the outgoing Commissioners and welcomed new Commissioners

Chaplain – provided a benediction Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

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