

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 59 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 –Deputy Chief White

- Held the ribbon cutting for Station 802 Shady Glenn today, the station will go in service on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Getting ready for the start of Fiscal Year 2023.
- Putting together reports for the association meeting next week.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- Thanked all the Chiefs and Presidents of District 1 who hosted her for sit downs. If you have not had an opportunity to schedule a meeting with her, please feel free to reach out.

### Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission Minutes prepared by Commissioner Chandler while he was out sick. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, and with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Commissioner Snyder made a motion for a \$5,000 expenditure for Greenbelt Co.35 for banquet, a \$2,500 for expenditure for Greenbelt Co.35 to send delegates to the State Firemen's Convention, and for College Park VFD Co. 12 an expenditure for \$13,932 to reimburse their general fund for station gear racks that were purchased and installed. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, and with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – Advised he was a part of the Valor Awards section for 2022, the group met about week ago via zoom to review about 20-25 suggestions.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Excused.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) -Excused.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa) – Excused, working.

Commissioner Wilson (Glenn)- Advised he took a call from a station about the \$10,000 expenditure limit. Chair Bolden advised he also received the call and there would be discussion

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

### Chair Bolden-

- We were supposed to have an in-person work session to test the new LOSAP database, however Vice Chair Surlles canceled it yesterday as the system was not yet fully functional.

- Everyone should have received their station management funds deposited.
- He represented the Fire Commission for the ribbon cutting at station 802 today.
- Working on questions and issues with the Insurance RFP.
- The Fire Commission now has a dedicated finger printer; she received her packet yesterday. Hopefully she will be starting by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association– Vic Whipple

- Asked if volunteers will have a chance to test the new LOSAP database. Chair Bolden advised they would once the system is working.
- Thanked the Chair for the spreadsheet showing the 508 distributions. Asked do we know how much the County received for 508 total? Chair Bolden advised the County received roughly \$275,000 of 508 funds.
- Advised that Chief Green, during her County Budget testimony stated that she increased ambulance billing revenue through Medicaid Supplement. He asked if any of that additional revenue get shared into the volunteer system?
- Advised volunteer stations were still unsure with the different pots of County funding and how's its being allocated, could get addressed at the association meeting or an email? Chair Bolden advised there were increases all around in Stores and Station Management accounts. Further discussion followed.

Ladies Auxiliary Melito (Regina) – No report, members are attending the funeral service for Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary Joyce Thorne tonight.

Questions from the floor:

- Question about the volunteer finger printers, there are approximately 30 trained volunteer finger printers, will they still be used? Chair Bolden advised that COVID-19 caused the volunteer finger printer program caused confusion and disfunction. There will now be four dedicated Fire Commission finger printers to keep the schedule open.
- Janet Demeritt asked if Vice-Chair Surles was having issues with her county email regarding outstanding SERFs? Chair Bolden advised that he would reach out to her.
- Anthony King asked if Vice-Chair Surles could check and see where the LOSAP packet for Co 29 is? Chair Bolden advised the Commission has them all, they are held up with the new database. Next meeting there will be about 10 LOSAP awards being approved.
- Brian Clements of Station 13 advised that they have not yet received their station management funds. Chair Bolden advised to give him a call to discuss.
- Pete Mellits inquired about the LOSAP increases being behind. Chair Bolden advised that is on the Fire Chief's list. Also asked about the County's 508 funds and the 10% cap. Chief White advised that the County's 508 amount was only about \$108,000, not the \$275,000 mentioned earlier.
- Glenn Johnson asked if Bonnie received the transfer application, Chair Bolden advised she is back in the office tomorrow.
- Jeff Wyvill of Co. 20 inquired about a \$6,600 request to send delegates to Ocean City convention. Chair Bolden advised he would look into it.

Recruiter Update:

- Included separately in the minutes packet.

Closing Benediction- Chaplain provided a benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

**Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner Kyle Snyder, Secretary.**