

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 5, 2022

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 59 participants, was gavelled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain (Underwood) – 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 –Assistant Chief White

- Reminded Chiefs & Presidents to get back to his office regarding the insurance coverage corrections that were sent out
- Also, due next Friday is the Volunteer Services Enhancement form, there are a few outstanding stations.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) - No Report

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No Report

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motioned for the approval of the September 21st, 2022, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Expenditure request for Co. 9- \$5,044.56 for Gasboy Invoices April-May 2022 and \$3,519.56 for Gasboy Invoice June 2022, by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Expenditure request from Co. 12 \$13,932 to complete the installation of the new gear racks, seconded by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No Report

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – No Report

Commissioner Wilson (Glenn)- No Report

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa)-

Made a motion for LOSAP Report Approvals, seconded by Commissioner Holbert with all in favor the motion passed.

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Recruiter Update:

County recruiter Patricia Shelton provided an update on recruiting efforts and statistics.

Chair Bolden-

- On Friday 9/30 he represented the Fire Commission at an awards dinner with the County Executive and Chair of the County Council.

- Had a CIP meeting last week, will be reaching out to affected stations on upcoming projects.
- Station Management Funds will be distributed within the next few weeks, stations with outstanding accident & injury reports need to turn them in to receive the funds. Will be meeting with risk management on Friday to get an updated list
- Training request from Co.9 is going through the procurement process.
- Made a motion to approve equivalency for the following Co.9 and Co. 27 Taylor , Jason Fisher Co. Seconded by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association– Jeramie Jordan

- Next meeting Oct 12th at Co. 31
- Asked about letters going to station funding and the changes that were outlines, and requested a matrix or guidelines on how these amounts were calculated. Chair Bolden advised they will be sent out shortly.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Provided information of the next meeting and events.


Questions from the floor:

- Thomas Ray Co.35 asked about the different types of funding changes and if the decisions were made and discussed by the Fire Commission and a whole, or just within the Chair and VSO? Chair Bolden advised it was made by VSO.
- Piero Mellits asked about the matrix for the distribution of fund areas with Station Management, 508, and other funds that also shows funding in and out? He also made a note that Hugh Ownes is receiving an award for the International Firefighters Association. Reminded everyone that this weekend is the funeral for Chief Kelso and there is a procession from 10 to 31. He was corrected by Frank Underwood that it was going to the Odenton area.
- Janet Demerit thanked the Chair for clarification that the decisions were not being made by the entire Fire Commission, and asked who has the documentation. The Chair advised he had the documentation.
- Steven Hamrick Co. 31 thanked everyone for their support after the loss of Chief Kelso.

Closing Benediction- Chaplain provided a benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

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



These Minutes Approved at the 10.19.22 Commission Meeting