

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 1st, 2023

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 20 participants, was gavelled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain (Loretta Shaw) – opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain Sandy Lutz- Chief Chaplain's report will be provided separately.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- VSE payments were made, should have hit accounts around January 30th.
- We have a few General Orders going through Committee now, will be sent out to stakeholders tomorrow for review.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- Excused

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the January 18th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 9, \$9,239.00 for the installation of an MDT in Ambulance 9. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 28/48, \$2,601.82 for couch cushion replacement. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) –

Met with CJ Mills regarding the Diversity Equity and Inclusion workgroup. Next meeting will be held in March.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Excused

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) –

- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 26, \$3,295.27 for the installation of an MDT in Ambulance 9. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)-No report

Commissioner Smalls- No Report

Chair Bolden-

- Emails will be going out for Fire Commissioner Terms, and the process for anyone to submit a resume.
- Station Management Date will be provided by the end of the week.

- Working on the Budget with the County Executive to discuss topics for the Fire Commission increases to have a full-time volunteer recruiter.
- **Asked for a motion to approved three equivalencies, one for Co.9 and two from Co. 33, seconded by Commissioner Holbert, and with all in favor the motion passed.**

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association– Lee Lutz for Jeramie Jordan

- Next meeting will be Feb 8th at Co. 35.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting is tomorrow at Co.9

Recruiter Update:

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

Questions from the floor:

- Vic asked the Vice-Chair which Laurel Station did she need contact information for LOSAP Report.
- Jeff Wyvill asked if the Vice-Chair could send the LOSAP information to him for Co. 20
- Piero Mellits brought up a point of order regarding the LOSAP award information vs reading the station names into the record. The chair thanked him for his comment. He also asked if a 508 Fund distribution list was going to be released to the public.
- John Roberts asked if the 5% raise given to the union affected the LOSAP program. The Vice- Chair confirmed it does affect it, they need to submit a spreadsheet to pensions with the change.
- Gerald Spence asked the Vice-Chair what is the plan for Capitol Improvements, do stations need to submit requests? The Chair advised that he is meeting with Central Services to discuss this topic next week.
- Brian Low asked for an update on the accident policy and the LOSAP increases.
- Melito asked brought up concerns of the LOSAP reports and the delays. He also asked about 508 Funds. The Chair advised that was decided last month, with the payments going through fiscal affairs. Stations should see funds within the next 2-4 weeks.
- Harve Woods asked about the 508 Funds and how they are received.
- Brian Clements advised he is getting the run around on Co. 13's LOSAP. The Chair advised to send the Vice-Chair an email tonight.

Closing Benediction- Chaplain provided a benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

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

