

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 1st, 2023

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 52 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

- March 31st is the deadline for small tool ordering, stores, warehouse, and emergency ordering will continue.
- The Training Academy is looking to do another summer EMT-B Class.
- County FY24 Budget process underway.
- Last month a memo was sent out a memo about Fit Test list and overdue members, and removing members who are over two years expired.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motioned for the approval of the February 1st, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert. With all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 9, \$5,875 to purchase a cabinet storage unit to secure fit test equipment. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co. 12, \$5,595 for 8 conference room chairs, and \$3,694.87 for 3 rocker/recliners for our lounge. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

Reminded everyone that if you have submitted a SERF it is being processed. Asked for clarification from Chief White on the Stores expenditure due date, he advised that Stores Requests are due end of April, but tools are due by end of March.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Excused

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No Report

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlis (Vanessa)-Excused Report Read by the Chair

Made a motioned for the approval of FY 2022 LOSAP Reports for Bladensburg, Laurel Rescue, Ritchie & Forestville, and FY21 Amended Report for Chapel Oaks. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.

Made a motioned for the approval of the LOSAP Awards for the following members Gary Leisher, William Carr, Cylde Willams, Harold McCall, Victor Weatherford. 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.

Commissioner Smalls- No Report

Chair Bolden-

- Reminded Commissioners to pick up their new access key cards by the end of the week.
- Audit will be held on March 11th at 8am, Bonnie will be sending out information to have the option to participate in a virtual/electronic audit, companies will need to email documents. The goal is to have the Fall 2023 audit be electronic only.
- Every station should have received their 508 deposits, and Bonnie provided instructions to a few companies on their 508 deposits.
- Attending many County budget meetings
- Making headway with the electronic LOSAP program and testing it at stations 1, 49, and 27.
- Advised that the 2020 increase was already implemented July 2021. The 2023 COLAs will be effective March 23rd, 2023. The 2022 credit for additional July 1, 2023. The 2024 COLAs (2.5%) will be effective March 2024.
- Pensions & Benefits has hired a contractor to write the script for the LOSAP database to speed up the process. Surviving spouses receive COLAs, but not additional service credit.

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

- Next meeting will be March 8th at Co. 36

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting is tomorrow at Brentwood.

Recruiter Update:

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

Questions from the floor:

- Gerald Spence (Co.25) asked if the LOSAP information that was provided will be made available in writing. Also asked about the 508 report and CIP update for Co. 25.
- Pete Mellits asked about the LOSAP increase information that was provided.
- Steve Wilson asked about the list of older CIP projects, and if the projects were still active. The Chair advised it was active and can email an update by Monday.
- Brian L asked about the Insurance updated.
- Jeff Wyvill advised he is still waiting on the LOSAP packet, he was suppose to have it at the last meeting. The Chair advised he would scan it tonight.

Closing Benediction- Chaplain provided a benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

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