

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 15th, 2023

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 48 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

- There is a meeting next Tuesday, 7pm, at FSB to go over Station Program Funds Agreement, all Chief's and Presidents are invited to attend.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the March 1st, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood. With all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co. 35, \$2,500 to send members to the Maryland State Fireman's Association Conference. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co. 48, \$4,936 to replace flooring in both the Chief's and President's office and one for \$2,965 to replace conference room flooring. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – No Report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No Report

- Station Program Committee members met last Tuesday at the Fire Chief's Office
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co. 26, \$2,884.90 for the purchase of fire hose. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

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

- **Made a motion for the approval of LOSAP Award for Michael Connors The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Smalls- No Report

Chair Bolden-

- Thanked everyone who showed up for the audit in person and uploaded the documentation remotely, it was very successful. This will likely be the last in-person audit

- Two stations need to show up for audit, 7 and 14, and ladies' auxiliary.
- **Made a motion to approve the Training Equivalency for Bryce Staley Co 9. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve the Training Equivalency for Bradly Silbeky Co. 27. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Recruiter Update:

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

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association—

- The Chair advised the Association will no longer be reporting out in these meetings.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting is April 6th at Marlboro Co. 20

Questions from the floor:

- Brian L. Asked about the increase to the LOSAP Benefit, and referred to County Financial Documentation that discussed the LOSAP program. Also asked about the status of the accident review and the workmen's compensation policy. He also asked about the appointments to the Fire Commission and how all of the timelines seem to be off, and the civilian position is going up before the County Council tomorrow. The Chair clarified that the Chair and Vice-Chair's volunteer positions are up for renewal at this time.
- Pete M. Brought up an online discussion on recruitment and retention, also discussed how the Chair had been interested in setting up a discussion with him regarding volunteer recruitment and retention. He also brought up that the Commission's bylaws cannot be discarded by the Commission as it is set by County legislation.
- Jeramie Jordan (President PGCVFD) advised that their next meeting at Co. 20. Also asked about why Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association suddenly no longer has an agenda item to report in the Commission meeting. The Chair advised there were a few reasons and would reach out separately to discuss.

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.