

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 17th, 2023

Tonight's meeting was held virtually Approximately 43 participants, was gaveled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain (Margaret-Ann Hamilton) – 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

- Scheduled the next Town Hall on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> hybrid at Teams and FSB. Talking about the final version of the Station management agreement
- Proposing a volunteer show case for companies to showcase their stations in FY24 with the volunteer recruiter.
- No movement of the general orders being moved, looking to get them processed and out by next week.
- Today is the midpoint for Volunteer Appreciation Week, County PIO posting about volunteer stations.

### Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co.12 of \$25,630 for station renovations. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co. 28 for \$4,540 for drywall repair and painting of the conference room. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co. 9 for \$6,385 for Engine Room wall equipment mounting and storage. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)– No report.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report.

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Commissioner Selmon- Enjoyed the site visits he has had so far, and looking forward to doing some ride along and additional site visits at some other stations.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa)- No report.

Recruiter Update: Happy volunteer appreciation week! Provided some answers to questions asked last meeting about using station management funds to pay for TB testing. Funds cannot be used for this, and provided an overview of how to get a TB test read. Recruiters meeting next Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Bolden-

- Attended and testified at a County Council Budget hearing on May 4<sup>th</sup> on the FY24 Budget
- Receiving multiple inquiries regarding LOSAP payments, and will begin responding by next week.
- Attended the Association meeting held last week at Co. 38
- Next Commission meeting will be in-person at the fire service building on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be suspended due to the MSFA Convention in Ocean City. The July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be virtual.
- Continuing to work on the CIP forms and projects.
- Updated the Fire Commission Website
- Prince George's County will host a summer 2023 EMT-B Class, you must sign up through Target Solutions.
- The remaining members of Station 8 will need to transfer to another company by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Made a motioned for the approval of an Equivalency Training package for a member from Company 9 Landon Fernon and a member from Compant 33 Tyler Bonhard. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Smalls, with all in favor the motion passed.**

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association– Vice President Lee Lutz

- Next meeting will be June 14th at 7pm hosted by Co. 40 (Old Station)

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> at Greenbelt VFD.

Questions from the floor:

-Michael Carbon asked about the recruiter update, it was advised that an email was sent out.

-Sandy Lutz advised that MSFA Past President Thompson pasted away, he was in Office in 2003.

-Bryan Lau brought up concerns on the LOSAP Awards and the Accident Policy, he advised his concerns were placed into an email.

-P. Meelito asked for an audit for the Station 55 Station Management funding. The Chair asked that the Station 55 President or Chief send a request in writing to the Commission.

-Jeff Wyvill Asked if the FY21 LOSAP for Co 20 was approved tonight. The Chair advised it was taken care of.

-Donald Wells asked about the Station Management funding for the stair chair purchase that was tabled at the last meeting. The Chair asked him to give him a call to figure it out.

-Harve Woods asked about the mention of the Company 8 members needing to transfer to a new company, and how past members and LOSAP recipients would be handled. The Chair advised they can contact the Fire Commission directly, there is a special record for them.

-Piero Mellits asked to clarify about active vs former members of Co.8 needing to transfer, the Maryland Chiefs has cancelled their reception for CSFI, recommended that the Fire Department invite the Fire Association to speak during budget hearings, thanked the Commission for following up on the LOSAP calculations, and thanked them for holding an in-person meeting.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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