

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 42 participants, was gaveled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:45 pm.

Chaplain Frank Underwood– opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain Frank Underwood Provided the Champlain's report.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Received a call from PSC regarding volunteer chiefs not being able to log into their MDTs, this is due to the generic login accounts were disabled as advertised back in April.
- OIT rolled out that you have to have a 12-character password, please update
- VSO has processed 95 orders so far, this fiscal year totaling \$120,000, and 8 ambulance billing requests.
- Setting up a meeting to hold a Q&A for the General Order for Volunteer Disciplinary process. Only workgroup members will be invited at this time.
- Still high on the noncompliance with fit testing, total of 1,383 masks issues, with 411 expired and 175 over two years expired.
- Will be talking about VSE funding as we move through the fiscal year.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report

- Asked if there was a meeting set up with AMD, the goal is to have the session prior to the in-person session.
- Asked with the information on the audit information to be forwarded to the Commissioners

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Worksession and Commission Minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)–

- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co. 27, Generator light kit \$3,828.65 and transmission for Ambulance 27 \$8,878.72. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – Was present but had to leave the meeting.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria)– No report.

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Commissioner Selmon- No report.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)-

Chair Bolden-

- Notification went out today about 508 and station management audit instructions, the audits will be done remotely/electronically. No in person audits. Any stations with issues uploading please reach out to the Fire Commission.
- Attended a positive meeting with the County Council & Association and the Fire Chief on ongoing issues. Follow up meeting will be set up as well.

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

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

- Next meeting next will be the convention meeting in September.
- Provided an overview of the conventions schedule.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report

Questions from the floor:

-Mr. Melito advised he is still waiting for the invoice from the Chair that was discussed at the Town Hall meeting.

-Donnie Wells asked Commissioner Snyder if he received the email he sent about hose testing, Commissioner Snyder advised he replied to the email just before the meeting.

-Bryan Lau asked about the Maryland Sales tax concerns he brought up at the last meeting and the minutes.

-Janet Demeritt advised she is unable to get the tax to go through with DISH TV and hoping someone could assist her.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.



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