

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 20th, 2023

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 45 participants, was gaveled to order by Vice-Chair Surles at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain Margret-Ann Hamilton– opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain Provided the Champlain's report.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Sending out VSE forms this evening, please review corresponding General Order
- Processed 160 order to date in FY2024, and 14 Ambulance Billing Requests, and used 16% of toll funds, and %10 uniform
- Sent out UAS (Unavailable for Service) Reports to Stations.
- Just received the signed Station Management Agreements from DCAO
- Thanks to everyone who came out to 9/11 stair climb event at National Harbor, Station 7 Riverdale put a volunteer team in.
- Tomorrow the County Council Health & Human Services Committee is hearing CB83 Volunteer Training legislation at the County Administration Building in Largo.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report

- Made a motioned for the approval of the September 6th, 2023 Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed. LAUREL

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motioned for the approval of the September 6th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- The CIP workgroup held a work group meeting on Friday September 8th, 2023, at 5:30pm to prioritize the CIP list generated from the survey sent out to companies. A draft priority list was provided to the workgroup, Commission Chair, and VSO for review.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Not present.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report.

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Commissioner Selmon- No report.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)- Not

Made a motioned for the approval of LOSAP Report Approvals FY21 for stations 56/57, and Co. 5 for FY23. Seconded by Commissioner Snyder. With all in favor the motion passed.

Chair Bolden-

- October 4th will be an in-person Commission Meeting, will have an open 630pm-730pm at the FSB
- Waiting for 6 Companies to response to Station Management Audit
- Working with Fire Chief Council on establishing a budget
- Commissioner Hegwood inquired about the equivalency package for the member from Co. 14 Berwyn Heights that was submitted at the September 9th meeting. The Vice-Chair advised they would look into it.

Recruiter Update: County recruiter Patricia Shelton provided an update on recruiting efforts and statistics. She also provided an update on the new LOSAP system which is starting to undergo a 60–90-day testing phase.

Chairman of the Chief Council- Rajah Rose

- Working with VSO on training requirements and workgroups.
- Council Meeting on 9/28 both in-person and virtually.

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

- Leadership has been working with the Fire Commission, Fire Chief’s Office, and County Council on outstanding issues.
- This Saturday is the Maryland Fire Rescue Service Memorial fundraiser, tickets on sale for \$50 apiece.
- Founders Circle Ceremony held on September 30th noon at the FSB.
- Special Tribute for County Fire Rescue 29th of October at Baden Station 36
- Next meeting hosted by 56/57 October 11th, no info on location yet.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Announced the new officers for the year.
- Next Meeting October 25th at Brentwood Station 55.

Questions from the floor:

-Piero Mellits asked about the Chief’s Council training group and the 508 distribution funds.
-Bryan Lau asked about the Commission’s position on the County Council bill being presented tomorrow. The vice-chair advised she would have to consult with the Chair on the matter. Also asked about the State Law requiring 508 funding reports, and if he could get a copy of past years reports. Vice-Chair advised she will have to check into it and get back to him.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

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