

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 6th, 2023

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 45 participants, was gaveled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain Shaw– 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

- We have working with Marlboro VFD Station 820 after a County Ambulance caught on fire in the bays in the early morning hours. Reminded everyone that there should be smoke detectors outside living stations of all stations.
- We have entered into the next quarter of FY24 for the VSE funding. New forms will be sent out, there is a new formula for payments.
- September 17th is the National Fallen Firefighters stair climb at National Harbor.
- Fit test list is being updated tonight; list will be sent out soon.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report

- An equivalency package was sent to the Chair from Company 14. The chair confirmed he received it this afternoon.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the August 16th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- The CIP workgroup is looking to have a virtual meeting this Friday September 8th, 2023, at 5:30pm. Minutes will be taken.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)– No report.

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)- Not Present

Chair Bolden-

- **Made a motion to award LOSAP to a Capitol Heights VFD Co.5 John Weaver, seconded by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to award LOSAP to a Baden VFD Co. 36 member, seconded by Commissioner Chandler. with all in favor the motion passed.**

- Reminded that the audit is going to be done virtually only. Please reach out to the Commission office for assistance.
- Reminded everyone October 4th Fire Commission meeting is in-person.
- Had a meeting with the Association, Fire Chief, and County Council wrapping up concerns, more info to come
- Getting the Commissioners together by the next meeting to pick back up on the 508 Committee, will be the same members as last year. Distributions will likely be the end of October or early November.
- Has had numerous meetings with the Fire Chief's Council that is back up and running.
- Congratulations to Patricia Shelton who is now a full-time employee of the County as a recruiter for the Fire Commission.

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

- Thoughts and prayers of the Marlboro VFD from the ambulance fire. Glad to hear no one was harmed.
- Provided an overview of the Fire Chief's Council and its membership.
- They will be working on leadership development and training, and volunteer service training opportunities. As a result, a Firefighter 1 and EMT-B class has been posted at MFRI HQ, please have your members sign up.
- If you need anything from the Chiefs Council please reach out to Chairman Rose at 301-237-1389 or Rajah.Rose@LaurelRescue.org

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

- Convention is next week September 16th. Due to the fire at Marlboro VFD, everything has been moved to Branchville VFD.

Ladies Auxiliary: No report

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 worksession a couple weeks ago and LOSAP awards.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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