



11/1/23 Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Fire Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Bolden, Vice Chairman Surles, Commissioner Chandler, Commissioner Holbert, Commissioner Hegwood, Commissioner Selmon

19:00 hrs meeting called to order by Chairman Bolden

Chaplin Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

OFC Report – AFC White: General Order 08-20, Substance Abuse Policy, released on August 2, 2023, via the Department's ASCVP Memo #23-28, full implementation of randomly testing our career, volunteer and civilian members for drug use and the presence of alcohol while working will begin effective Monday, October 30, 2023.

Members are randomly selected by a computer program administered by Concentra. If selected, members are to report to Concentra for testing within 2 hours of being notified by their supervisor. If a member is selected and not on duty or working, then supervisor will notify HWO/Concentra to excuse them from testing and be resubmitted for random selection at another time.

Should any member have any questions or concerns regarding the random drug testing policy or process, they should send an email to the Health & Wellness Office (HWO) at Health_Wellness.PGFD@co.pg.md.us.

Report of Fire Commissioners –

Hegwood: No Report

Holbert: No report

Selmon: No report

Chandler: Co. 818 EAR for \$17,080.07 = Blow hard fan \$4000.00 AES, Stream light flashlights \$631.38 AES, K-12 saw \$1612.12 AES, SuperVac Ventilation Saw \$2861.57 AES, Gen3 door prop \$7975.00 East Coast Rescue Solutions. Motioned, Second by Vice Chairman Surles, Approved 11/1.

Bell: Excused absence

Smalls: Not in attendance

Snyder: Excused absence

Report of Vice Chairman Surles – LOSAP Awards:

Co. 827, two members = Oliver and Lyon

Co. 842, Lowery

Co. 811, Addison

Motioned, Second by Commissioner Holbert, Approved 11/1.

Chairman's Report – The County Council met yesterday 10/31/23, the following Commissioners were re-appointed and sworn in for 2-year terms through July 2025: Chairman Bolden, Vice Chairman Surles and Commissioner Holbert.

Resident Commissioner Smalls term ends today 11/1/23 and will be replaced by Daniel “Danny” Schibley, effective 11/2/23. After terms ends, Mr. Smalls will continue to assist Fire Commission with Training Requirements. More details to follow.

Mr. Schibley spoke and informed meeting attendees that has been a Prince George's County resident since 2012 and has been employed by the National Park Service for 18 years. Chairman Bolden to consult with Commissioner Chandler to arrange a Commissioner's Workshop as an orientation for new Commissioner Schibley.

Commissioners have been asked to review Fire Commission by-laws, LOSAP manual and provide feedback for edits/updates.

Station Mgmt Funds to be deposited within the next 5-7 business days. Any stations that did not sign agreement will hear from FC office/Bonnie regarding instructions on returning dispersed funds and providing their most recent bank statement.

508 payments to be sent out in the next 5-7 business days. Funds are to be immediately used for minimum payment amount towards apparatus. 508 work group consists of Commissioners Snyder, Bell, and Smalls (replaced by Schibley)

Ladies Auxiliary Report - President Melito is having technical difficulties. Sandy Lutz reporting that next meeting is at 836 tomorrow 11/2/23 at 7:30pm.

Chief's Council Committee – No report from Chairman Rose as he is stepping down from position as Chairman effective today 11/1/23.

PGCFRA Report – President Lutz reporting that next Association meeting is at 7:30pm on 11/8/23 at Greenbelt – Co. 835, hosted by Hyattsville – Co. 801.

The Association hosted a special tribute on 10/29/23 at Co. 836 to honor the years of dedication and service of:

Carolyn Baden, Co. 836 Ladies Auxiliary

Chief Timothy Delehanty, Co. 809 VFD

Chief David Hall, Co. 836 VFD

Deputy Chief Charles Walker, Co. 834 VFD

Sharon Walker, Co. 834 Ladies Auxiliary

An Audits & Investigations work group has been formed to address issues related to company audits and investigations. All questions should be directed to group. More details TBA.

Questions From the Floor –

Pete Mellits, question has already been answered.

Harve Woods: Is FC Chairman available for a call tomorrow or Friday? Response by Chairman Bolden:
Not tomorrow, my schedule is extremely tight but early Friday I am available from 7-11am.

Gary Katz, question has already been answered.

Janet Demeritt: Can station “red phone” please be fixed? It has been out of service since August.

19:55pm Chaplin benediction

19:56pm – meeting adjourned by Chairman Bolden