

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 18th, 2023

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

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

Chaplain's Corps Provided the Champlain's report.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Provided an update on the Volunteer Service enhancements payments that were made.
- Provided an update on Station Management, Small tools, and Supply Budget for FY24
- October order is 41 \$20,000. 80 orders a month
- There have been two ambo Billing Requests totaling \$82,000 and one pending
- General Orders out of Committee, Uniform GO back in Committee with the addition of shorts.
- Next 30-45 days info will be coming out about an apparatus and standardization committee. This was out of the FD, PGCVFRI, Commission Council Discussion.
- Oct 2nd sent out info from Audit & investigation to all companies, due 10/16. Met opposition. Deadline passed, Audits & Invest seeking the information.
- Volunteer Training Standards workgroup has met, looking to moving training standards from County law to General Order/
- 2nd reading CB83 passed County Council, up for final approval prior to Council. recess

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motioned for the approval of the October 4th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Working with the Chair to understand the Commission's process of making the determination to deadline volunteer-owned apparatus.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – No report.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report.

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Commissioner Selmon- No report.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)- Not present.

Chair Bolden-

- **Made a motioned for the approval of Nick Fuga Station 14 equivalency, 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motioned for the approval of LOSAP Award 32 Joseph Phalise 2nd by Commissioner Selmon, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- The Commission 508 Committee will be the same as 2022, Smalls, Bell, Snyder (secretary). Will be sending emails about a meeting date soon. We still have not received funds from the state
- Station Management Funds, Commissioners reviewing Audit Materials please have them done by Friday. Oct 27th & Oct 21st distribution.
- Attended the County Council Meeting yesterday.
- Meeting with OEM and the Chiefs Council about training scenarios
- Commissioner Hegwood asked the chair for a list of the items the Chief's Council is requesting from the Council. The Chair advised he will forward the email to the Commissioners for future discussion.

Recruiter Update: The Chair provided a recruiter update in place of the Recruiter who was out sick.

Chairman of the Chief Council- Rajah Rose

Advised that the Chief's Council is under the Association. Asked the Chair about radio designation and vehicles, iPad, and winter gear for the Chief's Council.

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

- Attended the Council Meeting for CB 87 for property tax reduction passed.
- Board of Directors Meeting will be held Oct 25th at Bladensburg
- Next Association Meeting November 8th hosted by Hyattsville at Greenbelt.
- Asked about the status of the missing items at the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Ladies Auxiliary: No one present

Questions from the floor:

-Steve Wilson asked about the list of CIP requests. The Chair advised the list was forwarded to facilities, and the supervisor of facilities would likely be attending the next meeting to provide an overview.

-Pete Melits asked about getting a final report on fund distribution on Station Management funds he had asked for before. Also asked about planned 508 distributions. Also asked about the proposed vehicles being issued to the Chief's Council, and that the vehicle be given back to the Association president instead.

-Sandi Lutz asked about the status of recovering the items that were taken from the Ladies' Auxiliary Office. Chief White advised a report was provided to the Ladies' Auxiliary President.

-Bryan Lau asked about the funding of the Chief's Council, and discussed how the President of the Union is paid and provide benefits by the County and they are on leave all year long. They also have a county vehicle. The Association President should also have similar benefits. Also asked about the timeline and nomination for Commissioner slots, as there appears to be a new resident Fire Commission being appointed tomorrow in front of the County Council

- Donnie Wells asked about the status of Station Management Audits, the online process seems to be going on longer than the in-person ones that were ready by August.
- Harve Woods asked about going back to the in-person audits.
- Commissioner Smalls asked the Chair on how responses to some questions being made by the public were being handled. The Chair advised that he would share responses with the Commission.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm. *Kyle Snyder*

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