

Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Meeting began at 1930 hours gaveled by Chairman Tucker. A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Chaplains Report (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then provided the membership with a current report on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief Barksdale (Chief Barksdale) reported that the 508 fund disbursement has not been loaded and processed yet but will continue to follow-up with Finance on this issue. Chief Barksdale then offered a reminder to all stations about the open invitation to the "Bowie Market Place" training events that will be conducted now through the end of March. Chief Barksdale closed his report with an update on the response time over-sight program noting that the Department is getting out on ALS type calls 18-22% of the time allotted for approved dispatch/in-route time and that Fittest compliance is at approximately 75% at this time. Chairman Tucker expressed his disapproval with the County Governments failure to pursue a timely processing of the 508 disbursements and stated that some stations were receiving notice of disbursement of Station Management monies. Chairman Tucker then requested members to come get their pictures taken for the body wrap going on the Volunteer Recruiting vehicle.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) provided a follow-up to the CB-82 Training Audit, expressing his "thanks" for the cooperation that he received from the stations and that the Volunteer Division Chief interviews are currently in progress.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the January 27th meeting minutes –
Motioned and Approved

Bobby then presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 37 - \$2898.00 – 2 Husqvarna Rescue Saws – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby then reported on a meeting he attended with various personnel from the Fire Department and the Office of Central Services. This was the first of several meetings that will be held in order to correct issues with the procurement process we have experienced since July 2014. Bobby provided a short up-date report on the night-time/weekend Fit Testing program and closed his report with a reminder on outstanding accident and injury reports due from several volunteer members (12 accident reports and 11 injury reports).

Vice Chairman, Commissioner King (Buddy) presented the following Company reports for approval:

Co. 31 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 35 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy presented the following Personnel LOSAP Award for approval:

James Atchison, Station 20, effective 4/1/2015, 29 years of service – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy stated that the following stations have not submitted their 2014 Company Report:

Stations – 8, 21, 25, 27, 30, 37 and 40

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) reported that the processing of submitted SERF requests are flowing smoothly at this time and if anyone needs assistance with this process, they can contact him.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) stated that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) reported the following statistics for the 2014 calendar year Volunteer Recruit School program:

- Registered – 478 students
- Failure to Show – 101 students
- Students failing to complete – 14 students
- Course failure – 19 students
- Re-take/Passing – 7 students
- 100% Passing – 41 students

Randy presented the following expenditure requests:

- Station 7 - \$2390.00 – FDIC – **Motioned and Approved**
- Station 1 - \$7500.00 – Banquet Hall Rental - **Motioned and Approved**

Randy presented an equivalency request for

- Station 33, Kody Schrum noting all paperwork is in order – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy completed his report by identifying all necessary documents needed for an Equivalency Approval and noted that they need to be turned in to the Fire Commission Office in original copies:

- New Member Equivalency Check-sheet
- Application for Equivalency and a Form 1815 attached
- Form 2000 – Orientation Equivalency
- ICS Certifications – 100 and 700
- CPR Certification (Healthcare Provider)
- EMT Certification (Maryland)
- Firefighter I Certification (Pro-Board, IFSAC)

Chairman Tucker (Jay) reported that he hoped to have the periodic Apparatus Expenditure Reports for all Stations by next meeting, and then requested the following expenditure authorizations:

- Station 24 - \$4800.00 – heat exchanger – **Motioned and Approved**
- Station 42 - \$3000.00 VSU – Pumper repairs – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay then advised that Station 9 wishes to purchase a new ambulance with the existing ambulance moving to reserve status. After a short discussion, action was taken – **Motioned and Approved**
Jay then requested an approval for Station 33 to enter into the existing 508 program with a new Mini-Pumper project – requesting \$50,687.00 in assistance from the program – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay advised that nominations will be held the 2nd meeting in March and will be followed up with the election occurring at the 1st meeting in April. Jay reminded everyone that the February Audit will take place at the FSB on February 21st beginning at 0800 hours and the order will be first come- first served. Jay mentioned that the Commission is currently looking at some possible changes to the Fire Commission Re-Organization MOU and possibly changing the current in-use EMS- N99 respirator from Moldex to the Sperian respirator. These items will have to be discussed at a work session. Jay reported that we have had a great deal of success with the

Medical Appeals Review process currently in use and that Dr. Jodrie has been a significant help to us in this process. Jay then reminded everyone that the Commission will be hosting an Administrative training program aimed towards the administrative functions and processes used by the Volunteer Corporations when dealing with the County Government on items such as LOSAP, Station Management Audits, Risk-Management Requirements, Insurance, etc. This session will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 9am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm. We will attempt to get the Ladies to do something for the lunch hour. Lastly Jay advised Deputy Chief McClelland that the Commission is having difficulty obtaining access to the Certification Data-Base. Jimmy advised he would look into the problem and get back to Jay.

Southern Maryland Insurance, Ron Block (Ron) stated that Southern Maryland Insurance will be able to assist any Stations with processing a re-imbusement request to ESIP for the purchase of a Roscoe Drive-Cam. Contact his office for further information and details. Note – These cameras had to of been purchased within the last year.

Volunteer Recruiter Brittany Smith (Brittany) advised that she is currently going through the new member data-base and purging the non-complete physical listings. Brittany again reminded everyone about the picture campaign for the new Volunteer Recruiter vehicle.

PGVFRA President Walker (Chuck) reminded everyone that the next County Association meeting would be hosted by Station 34 but would be held at Station 11 on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 beginning at 1930.

LAPGCVFRA President Hetz (Lois) reminded everyone that the Ladies will be holding a Purse Bingo at Station 23 on Sunday, February 15, 2015, the doors open at 1 pm and the event begins at 2pm.

Battalion Chief Wargo (Christian) spoke to the membership about the Bowie Marketplace training program and provided a welcome to all of our stations to take part in this worthy training endeavor. Christian stated that the training would run until March 31st at which time the facility will be turned over to the contractor for demolition.

Volunteer Assistant Chief Woods (Harve) reminded everyone that this year's Maryland Chief Officer Seminar will be held on March 7th and 8th in Gaithersburg, Md.

Chief Chaplain Litchfield (Warren was recognized and stated that Chaplain Harry Hetz would be celebrating a birthday on February 5, 2015. Harry was wished a happy birthday.

Closing prayer was led and a motion to adjourn was entertained and approved. The next Commission meeting will be February 18, 2015 at the Fire Services Building by Reverend Harry Hetz.

Minutes recorded and typed by Commissioner Bobby Breen, Secretary & District

