

Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

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

****Before the meeting started, a welcome to newly sworn in Commissioner, Rick Wilson****

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Warren gave an update on our sick and injured members, some of note: Joe Robinson had hip surgery but is now home, PGCVFRA 1stVP, Steven King is at AMC with Kidney Stones and Don Ellis from Co. 36-keep him in your prayers.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor) touched on the recent LODD of the DCFEMS, Keven McRae and stated that it was the first LODD for DC since 2007. He also thanked everyone again for their support and hard work providing services to Baltimore during the riots. He asked everyone to please keep an ear out as to who runs the unofficial Instagram for PG as there are some legal issues being violated and they have made a request to shut the page down but it is still up and running. "Courage" the pink fire engine is being made into a model and should be ready for sale for \$229.00 in October for Breast Cancer Awareness month at firereplicas.com. Chief Bashoor also announced he would be away next week in Brazil to represent American fire service as Brazil is trying to develop a combination vol/career fire service to fill the 1500 positions it is severely lacking to service their community. Chief Bashoor also reminded everyone that 9-11 Stair climb raffle tickets are being sold in the hallway.

Administrative Services Command, DFC Smedley (Corey) the Ambulance Billing meeting is next week and that \$486,000 has been collected so far. He is working and needs help to make sure the interface gets the information. It will take 6-8 weeks after the workbooks are turned in for the CAD interface to update/get info. Corey also noted that the reports are being reconciled and they are making sure the right buck is in the right place. Corey noted that there is a 64% collection rate for 21 Volunteer owned and 6 maintained units and that legislation is moving forward. There were some questions from the audience, Bryan Lau, John Alter and Commissioner Tucker about lost orders/not receiving things but the money being collected; Corey said he would talk privately with each to get it straightened out. Corey also wanted to remind everyone that the last supply order needs to be submitted by May 15th due to inventory being done and the warehouse being shut down.

Volunteer Services Command, DFC McClelland (Jim) Jim stated that Fit test compliance is now at 85%, the 3rd quarter CLS should be paid and that he will have the 2015 protocol books at the Association meeting on May 13th.

Emergency Services Command, DFC Wood (Dennis) Dennis said improvements in billing due to 35% completion of PCRS. There needs to be a quality improvement on departmental accidents as right now they are happening every 42 hours and the more seasoned firefighters need to be aware of how their members are driving and mentor them if they aren't driving safely.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) Jay wanted to know why the Commission can't get copies of the vendor contracts the county has, he stated that one of the jobs of the Commission is to oversee these contracts and he has asked repeatedly for them and keeps getting told no one has a copy. CIP, stations need repairs and still haven't gotten them or even made progress in getting them and we

are 11 months into FY15. DFC Smedley spoke up and stated that most bills are in procurement, and that he has not gotten the information from OCS but that he and the Commission will continue to work together to get the information needed. Jay also asked DFC Smedley why there was NO Volunteer representation when the situation at Beltsville was going on and personnel was displaced/moved? DFC Smedley apologized and admitted that he just missed that and it was clearly a simple oversight. Jay then touched on the Station Management Contract, saying that the Commission was in the process of doing a quick review and edit of the contract to add some things to make it more detailed and understood.

Station 27 requested to buy a used 2007-F450-Commission recommended not to purchase – **Motioned and Approved.** Jay also mentioned that the AMOSS money is all used up, and requests will come out after July 2015. Concentra meeting will not happen as of right now due to the ongoing PAG with VSC.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) Kenny stated he is working with the companies on issues with Fit testing, he also mentioned he met with Councilmember Karen Toles and he is working on the Career Commissioner appointment.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) Jon presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 39 \$2200.00 Lawn Tractor – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) Bill attended the Silver Hill, statewide competition for Fire Cadet Program. He attended the swearing-in ceremony of new Commissioner, Rick Wilson. Bill also stated that he met with several councilmembers about upcoming budget. He met with DFC Smedley and other leadership about the Fire Cadet Program, Family night at the Training Academy in the Fire Cadet Program and attended a work session with fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) had 2 volunteer for equivalencies, Michael Reacher, Co. 9 & Joel Levitt, Co. 28 (all paperwork is in order)-**Motioned and Approved.** Randy then presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 1 \$2990.00 Carpet – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 7 \$2500.00 2 Saws – **Motioned and Approved**

Last VRS, 40 registered, 13 failed to show and 100% completion from the rest.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) Rick thanked everyone for the welcome and stated that he is eager to help and get started.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the April 15, 2015 meeting minutes –

Motioned and Approved

Bobby requested approval of the following expenditure request:

Station 5 \$7500.00

Commissioner King (Buddy) presented the following LOSAP Company Reports for approval:

Station 33, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested LOSAP service Award – Merrill Wells, Jr. as his service entry date to 1970 from 1980 + 6 years – **Motioned and Approved**

Service Award, John Mayer, 29 years, Station 10 – **Motioned and Approved**

Service Award, Pat Pickeral & Richard Lebarosky, 25 years, Station 24 – **Motioned and Approved**

Service Award, Arthur Douglas, 17 years, Station 40, effective 7/1/14 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy then presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 14	\$4637.36	Emergency Veh. lights reimbursement GF– Motioned and Approved
Station 35	\$5000.00	Banquet – Motioned and Approved
Station 35		New Ambulance – Motioned and Approved

PGCVFRA, President, Chuck Walker (Chuck) thanked for job done, the next Association meeting will be held at Co. 35, please eat early. MSFA will work with the companies on low interest loans. May 17th is BINGO at Co. 24 and it is all cash winnings. August 1st is the Tribute at Co. 36.

LA-PGCVFRA, President Hetz (Louis) stated that the women's meeting is Thursday, May 7th at MFRI @ 8pm.

Glenn Dale, Harve Woods (Harve) PSA-wanted to warn everyone about a scam e-mail referencing the Baltimore Riots-do not open.

Silver Hill, Joe Diana (Joe) had a question about the vendor for uniforms and if Silver Hill can purchase from anywhere.

Landover Hills, John Roberts (John) mentioned that books are pre-approved.

Volunteer Recruiter, Brittany Smith (Brittany) stated that the Fit test schedule has changed from just the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturday to the 1st and 3rd Saturday only. Also, reminded everyone to make sure the new members coming to be fingerprinted have the notary form signed. Randy piggy-backed on this notion and reminded the Stations that they are responsible for new people as they have issues with the registration paperwork for VRS.

Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Harry Hetz and a motion to adjourn was entertained and approved. The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Fire Services Building.

Minutes recorded by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary. Minutes typed by Brittany Smith, Recruiter and Assistant Secretary.

