

Fire Commission Meeting

July 1, 2015

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with an update on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor) reported on his trip to Wisconsin and provided a couple of tentative delivery dates for apparatus currently in production. The Chief stated that his staff is currently working on the finalized recommendations to the budget in order to make-up a 6.6 million dollar budget reduction. Lastly, the Chief made a presentation to Commissioner Bigony for his last six (6) dedicated years of service to the Commission, the Department and the citizens of Prince Georges County.

Administrative Services Command, Deputy Chief Smedley (Chief Smedley) announced that his office is beginning to work on some reported issues with the Department's Logistics and Supply system and that in the future gear issue will be handled with a slightly different approach. Chief Smedley reported that he is committed to making the system better and stated that a couple of members recently received their long awaited PPE. Chief Smedley stated that the Department received an order of PPE during inventory and that gear is stocked in the warehouse. Chief Smedley stated that he has invited McKessen, our Ambulance Billing vendor to the next Commission meeting so that we can get answers to many of the questions our station representatives are asking about the billing process. Chief Smedley stated that the billing updates should be distributed shortly and that OMB found additional monies in the FY budget to make the FY 14 payouts.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Chief McClelland) stated that the current fittest status report will be coming out shortly and that the 4th Quarter VSU monies will also be disbursed in a few days. For FY16, 27 Stations have signed-up to participate in the VSU program.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) reminded everyone that the Tool/Uniform money is included in the FY16 budget and the Stations should not wait until the end of the year to spend those funds. Kenny also reminded everyone of the July 7th confirmation hearing and swearing-in of the new career Commissioner, Commissioner Dougherty and the reappointment, confirmation and swearing-in of the 4 current Commissioners.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) made a motion to allow Station 39 to carry-over excess funds in the Station Management Account in the amount of \$15,000.00 for future station repairs. **Seconded and Approved**

Jon confirmed that the LOSAP increases did take place with the July check however some errors did occur. Any recipient with a discrepancy should notify Commissioner King so he can follow-up on the issue. Jon then addressed the audience members and his fellow Commissioners

thanking them for the support, assistance and positive interactions he has had over his last six years on the Commission.

Commissioner, Chairman Tucker (Jay) made a motion to submit some 468 identified recipient's for their additional years of service. **Seconded and Approved**

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested the following actions:

Station 25 – 2013 corrected Company Report – **Motioned and Approved**

LOSAP Award – Ed Manuel, Station 39 – 25 years, effective 7/1/15 – **Motioned and Approved**

LOSAP Award – David R. Shannon, Station 9 - 25 years and 6 months, effective 10/1/14 – **Motioned and Approved**

LOSAP Adjustments – Barry Lohr – 22years 7 months to 23 years 8 months – **Motioned and Approved**

LOSAP Adjustment – Janet L. Demerit – 20 years 1 month to 23 years 8 months – **Motioned and Approved**

Lastly Buddy requested that Station 10 be approved to carry-over \$11,000.00 of Station Management money for future station upgrades. **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) provided an update on his activities since the last Commission meeting stating that he attended the PSFM meeting on June 18th along with fellow Commissioners Tucker, King, Kuenzli, Breen and new appointee Brian Dougherty. Bill expressed his personal thank you to Jon Bigony for all the help he has rendered him.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) stated that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested approval for the following Firefighter 1 Equivalencies:

Alex Leibarand – Station 9 – **Motioned and Approved**

Nicholas Deschamps – Station 9 – **Motioned and Approved**

Peter Henry – Station 9 – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy then provided statistics on the last VRS class:

46 students registered with 3 equivalencies, 14 students failed to show for class, 1 student failed, 1 student retested and passed and 1 student had a fail to complete due to lack of required paperwork.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) presented a motion to approve the medical physical appeal findings from Dr. Jodrie as follows:

Anthony Proctor – Station 18 – failed – **Motion and Approved**

Tierra McIlwain – Station 29 – failed – **Motioned and Approved**

Dustin Clapp – Station 13 – passed – **Motioned and Approved**

Angel Mudd – Station 36 – passed – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the June 17th meeting minutes as typed. – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby presented an expenditure request from the District Heights Volunteer Fire Department for \$4470.40 – Ocean City Rooms – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner, Chairman Tucker (Jay) announced that the confirmation and swearing-in of the new Commissioner and re-appointments will be held on July 7th at 1:30 in the afternoon then made mention of the new recruiter car that was on display in Ocean City for the Convention. Jay stated that he needs the requested 508 paperwork from all recipient stations so we can begin to develop a new distribution plan. Jay stated that the Audit date is set for Saturday, August 29th at 0800 and will be on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Jay announce that the Commission has requested that Jon Bigony and his son JR continue working with the Commission on LOSAP, SERF system modifications and Computers as Commission Assistants and that they have graciously accepted. Jay stated that Patch (Don Aker) from Station 33 should be home from the hospital and resting from the pneumonia event he suffered. Jay presented a request from Station 25 to purchase their own ambulance –**Motioned and Approved.**

Jay, then read a request from Station 25 to carry-over \$5074.13 – **Motioned and Approved.** Jay stated that Jon Bigony and Rick Wilson will be working on some additional refinements to the future Station Management contract.

President Walker, PGCVFRA (Chuck) expressed his hopes that everyone had a good time in Ocean City this year and commented that we broke the 300 person mark at the PG Open House held at Ocean Pines. Chuck expressed his thanks to Jon Bigony for his service and stated that the next Association meeting would be held at Station 37 on July 8th, desert only. Chuck stated that he accompanied the Fire Chief on the trip to Wisconsin and said it was very impressive to see a fire truck built from scratch.

President Hetz, LAPGCVFRA (Lois) announced that their next meeting would be held at Station 30 on Thursday, July 2, 2015.

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) announced that the Fit Testing for the month of July will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 8 to 12 at Apparatus Maintenance.

Southern Maryland Insurance, Ron Block (Ron) announced that ESIP has provided for a new insurance coverage for apparatus 5 years old or newer. This coverage is called “Guaranteed Replacement”

However there is a short window of opportunity to take advantage of this plan so if interested you should contact Southern Maryland Insurance. Ron also had the apparatus coverage statements for the Stations. See him after the meeting.

Glendale VFD, Harve Woods (Harve) expressed his thanks to Jon Bigony and then asked that if a station has a 508 project and the project is paid off, does the money continue for a future project? Jay stated no.

Branchville VFD, Frank Underwood (Frank) announced that he needs to collect all leg trophies for the Association so they can be readied for this year’s convention.

Laurel VFD, Bryan Lau (Bryan) asked a question about the Cola clause in the LOSAP law and its relationship to local 1619 negotiations for a new contract. Has anyone seen the new contract and what is in it? Jay will have to research it and get back to Bryan.

Chaplain Hetz (Harry) announced that the Tribute will be held on August 1, 2015 at Station 36 and the money needs to be into Sandy Lutz by July 15th. Harry then led us in closing prayer and a motion was entertained to adjourn – **Motioned and Approved.**

Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bobby Breen', written in black ink.