

Fire Commission Meeting

October 7, 2015

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with information on our sick and injured members. Warren specifically noted that Charlie Phillips is home but still on dialysis.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) reported on the latest Fit Test compliance percentage is at 94% and advising to keep up the good work. Jim also advised that we will be going back to enforcing the 365 day expiration date as of January 1, 2016. Jim then stated that the Station Management money is due out next week, the meeting on the Chain of Command with the General Orders Workgroup is also next week. Jim closed by announcing that the daily missing report has started back up.

Special guests (McKesson) a presentation was given by Lt. Archer to the audience on eMeds; after the presentation the option for questions from the floor was given, however, there were none.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) stated that the Insurance Task Force meetings were going well and that as soon as they had the data they will bring a proposal in the November meeting. He stated that DFC McClelland has sent a list of all apparatus and thanked him for his generous help.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) stated that VRS for September consisted of 28 total registered, 17 completed the class, 0 failures and 7 No/Shows. Randy then requested equivalency approvals for the follow individuals:

Tyler Bagley, Co. 9 – **Motioned and Approved**

Darius White, Co. 30 – **Motioned and Approved**

Bryan Hammel, Co. 33 – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy stated that Brandon Robertson requested equivalency; however his paperwork is not complete and denied equivalency at this time-**Motioned and Approved**. Randy brought to everyone's attention that some are going to get Fittested before going to VRS-we on a station level need to remind our volunteers to follow the proper steps. Randy then closed by reminding everyone to tell their VRS students that registration closes the Wednesday night before VRS starts and that the confirmation e-mail is sent the following day.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) announced that the Station Management Contracts are signed and can be picked up after the meeting; he then congratulated Brian Dougherty on his promotion with the PGFD.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) attended the Past Presidents dinner, College Park Day on 9/26 and wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day. Bill closed by bringing to everyone's attention that the 12 grade Cadets are not allowed to be volunteers and that he will be creating a workgroup to discuss and come up with a solution to this.

Vice Chairman, Commissioner King (Buddy) made a motion to rescind the additional 4 years that was previously awarded to J. Wells-Co.6 due to this already being previously counted-**Motioned and Approved**. Buddy then requested approval for the following Company Report:

Station 5, 2014 & 2015 reports– **Motioned and Approved**

Station 25, 2015 report–**Motioned and Approved**

Buddy presented the following LOSAP Awards for Approval:

Edward Myer, Station 35, 1 additional year – **Motioned and Approved**

Charles Larkin, Station 34, 1 additional year – **Motioned and Approved**

Richard D. McClelland, Station 49, 25 years effective 10/1/15 – **Motioned and Approved**

William Hamilton, Station 13, 33 years effective 9/1/15 – **Motioned and Approved**

Albert Simms, Station 20, 25 years effective 10/1/14 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy motioned to approve the Training report – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy announced that the workgroup task force sheet is available up front to pick up and reminded everyone that Direct Deposit is required for LOSAP payments.

Buddy then presented the following expenditures for approval:

Station 34 in the amount of \$4216.22 for command console for new Chief's Buggy – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) presented 3 physical appeals for approval:

Pierce Hill, Co. 24–**Motioned and Approved**

Jonathan Mitchell, Co. 38–**Motioned and Approved**

Destiny Mack, Co. 34–**Motioned and Approved**

Chairman, Commissioner Tucker (Jay) opened by announcing that he will be out of town from October 8-12 and Vice Chair King will be in charge during this time. Jay then stated he has received 25% of the contracts and vendors he has requested, Jay updated everyone on CIP-31 jobs to be completed since FY14. Jay then expressed his disappointment in the condemning of one of the Fire Safety Trailers that are about 10 years old and originally cost \$100,000 as it was condemned due to mold and that the other is currently being fixed. Jay alerted that the mobile fit testing will be operational as soon as the Commission acquires 2 laptop computers, and motioned for the Commission to purchase them out of the Training budget since the County has none to issue: \$1400.00 for 2 laptops – **Motioned and Approved**. Jay announced that only 2 companies (Co. 12 & 31) need information in order to complete the 508 Audit and reminded them to get their documents turned in ASAP. Jay then presented the following expenditures for approval:

Co. 27, requesting to purchase an Ambulance (approved by AMD), not on County fuel or maintenance – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 34, replacing 2005 Crown Vic with 2015 Ford Explorer & taking A Chief vehicle off County fuel and maintenance – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 49, requesting the purchase of a second Engine and that the County will provide the equipment (SCBA's, computer, base radio & portables) to that Engine – **Motioned and Approved**

PGCVFRA, President Walker (Chuck) introduced the new 2nd Vice President, Bill Cunningham-voted in at the County Convention. Chuck then closed by reminding everyone the next Association meeting will be held on 10/14 @1830 at Co. 40 Annex (old Co. 40).

Branchville VFD, Frank Underwood (Frank) announced that the Canteen needs more water, that Co. 11's generator showed up for the CIP however, electrical mishap happened and the sprinkler system dumped water into the electric closet-needs repairing, Frank closed by saying he will be out of the Country from October 19-November 26.

Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) held benediction and a motion to adjourn was entertained – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes recorded and typed by Brittany Smith, Recruiter & Acting Secretary

