

Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

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

Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a short report on the membership's sick and injured. Warren requested that we keep Joe Robinson and Tommy Stommel from Company 26 in our prayers. He also reported that Harry Hetz's bladder surgery was successful and that they reportedly got all the cancer, but to keep him in your prayers as well.

Fire Chief Bashoor (Chief) was not in attendance as he is out of the country on vacation.

Deputy Chief Barksdale (Chief Barksdale) was not in attendance.

Volunteer Services Command (VSC) Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) reported that the meeting with Dr. Jodrie has been scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014 to discuss his participation on the Commission Medical Review Board. The VSU incentive program is ready to go and Jim hopes to have the forms sent out and filled out for the 1st quarter payment. Jim wanted to note to the companies that he will be enforcing the Chiefs of the departments to turn in the transfer forms and those SCBA agreements to AMD so that the paperwork is current; the SCBA agreements are not following those transferred volunteers that move around. Jim reported that he still has about 5 Stations to meet with in order to complete his review of Station needs and hopes to complete these meetings by the end of November.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) reminded everyone of the importance of attending the LOSAP hearing and vote on October 21, 2014. Kenny reminded everyone that the STORES system no longer back-orders supplies-if you order it and don't receive it, you need to re-order the particular item/s on your next order. Kenny also touched on the fit testing and that his office will be tracking SERF's; when the SERF's arrive in the VSC office they will track its movements and e-mail the companies so that everyone knows what is going on.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) reported on his activities since the last meeting highlighting his attendance at the PGCVFRA meeting, and the reading of the LOSAP bill. He has announced that he is trying to start a partnership with local high school kids and the unions to complete small projects around various Volunteer Fire Departments however, not to interfere with the CIP projects or CIP contractors.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) acknowledged the concern for STORES and that there is a lack of communication with the new ordering system. There is also concern for the FY13 Ambulance billing monies to be put back into the system since it took so long for FY14 money to be loaded-which has just now been completed. He also stated that he appreciates everyone's tolerance as he has been out of the loop and out of contact for the last 3 weeks as he has been extremely under the weather.

Vice Chairman King (Buddy) had no Company, LOSAP or Award reports to be approved. He reminded everyone that the LOSAP reports were due September 1, 2014 and as of tonight he is missing reports from the following companies: 1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20/45, 21/42, 25, 26, 27, 28/48, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33/46, 34, 35, 38, 40, 56. Buddy suggested to Chairman Tucker that something will need to be done if these companies don't turn in their LOSAP reports.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) announced that the 2015 VRS schedule is out and that it will make its way around to the companies via e-mail and will be posted on the Fire Commission website. Randy made several motions:

- Request from College Park, Co. 12 to use \$2500 out of the Station Management fund for taxes – **motioned and approved.**
- Physical approvals for:
 - Khalil Moon, Co. 42 – **motioned and approved**
 - Austin Mooney, Co. 18 – **motioned and approved**
 - Shaniquia Townsend, Co. 27 – **motioned and approved**

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrome) had no report at this time.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) was not in attendance.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) notified everyone that the reason why the 508 checks have not been disbursed is because the law changed and now the 508 money will not come out until November 8th. The minutes were approved from 10/1/15. Jay mentioned that the CIP projects are not being completed due to the new SAP system isn't able to complete the purchase orders to put the contractors to work; Jay has met with Dennis Woods but no forward motion has come of the meetings. Jay acknowledged that Forestville, Co. 23 is still waiting on a check, and he advised them it could be some time due to the new system. There is no word on where the Station Management checks are or when they will be available.

Jay announced for everyone to sign up for fit test training by early next week with Brittany as he will begin setting up training dates late next week. The Commission is in the process of re-writing parts of the MoU so that the second Citizen position can be changed to a Volunteer position since it has gone vacant for some time now. Jay spoke on Apparatus reports that used to be available as to how much money has been spent and on what, Jay has asked for those reports to be made available again and Bisjack said he does not have the personnel nor the functioning software to complete these reports. Jay reminded everyone to attend the October 21st final LOSAP reading at the CAB; the Hillside LOSAP Audit has been completed and Jay announced that a decision was rendered and a summary of that decision was send to those involved. The physical fail letter has been revised by the Commission, Jay read that aloud to the body of the meeting and requested for it to be approved – **motioned and approved.** Jay announced the Commission is going to work on coming up with a General Order on what and how things will be fixed at the stations specifically to CIP, FAM or if it is the Companies responsibilities to clear these issues up. Bonnie Donahue, Administrative Aide to the Commission will be trained on the new SAP system so that the Commission has the ability to look at where orders and things stand. The Commission has come up with a simple 5 step process for gear for new members, the words

“measured” will be replaced by “properly fitted” so that these members can obtain gear more easily by being able to be issued stock gear and re-certified gear if it “properly fits” so that every member doesn’t have to order gear and wait-this process will need to be discussed and approved by Chief Bashoor when he returns back to work.

PGCVFRA President Walker (Chuck) reminded everyone to show up at the CAB tomorrow, October 16, 2014 at 1330hrs for the Ambulance Appropriations bill hearing by Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM). Chuck reminded everyone that the next PGCVFRA Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Station 29, and announced that at last week’s PGCVFRA Association meeting that Riverdale, Company 7 has volunteered as the 2015 PGCVFRA Convention host.

Glenn Johnson from Brandywine, Company 40 announced that Brandywine is having an Oyster & Bull Roast on Saturday, October 25th at the station, he has tickets for sale for \$45/person or you can purchase them at the door.

Harve Woods from Glenn Dale, Company 18 reminded everyone to use the green gear form that was last updated on 12/11 for gear; any other form is out of date and not useful.

Motion to adjourn was approved at 2010hrs; next Commission meeting will be November 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Fire Service Building.

Closing prayer was provided by Chaplain Litchfield.

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

Robert Brown
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