

## Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

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

Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave a report on the memberships sick and injured. Warren requested that we keep Tommy Stommel (26), Mary Johnson and Joe Robinson (10) in our prayers.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief Barksdale (D.C. Barksdale) reported that the Fire Chief could not be here tonight but that he had been in contact with Chairman Tucker to discuss Departmental issues. D.C. Barksdale also reported that there has been no word on 508 funds as of yet.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) reported that the County will open up the next 3 Fridays for fit testing but Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> will be a closed date. Jim also reported that progress is being made on the mobile fit testing but personnel needing fit testing will still sign-up for an appointment using the on-line calendar. Jim reported that any station that transfers a member to another station then a new SCBA agreement needs to be filled out and provided to AMD for proper accountability of face pieces. The last issue Jim reported on is the on-going CB-82 compliance check. Jim stated that all documents need to be turned in by December 33, 2014 then the Commission will review and record all received forms and documents. Jim stated the reason for this compliance check is because a couple of recent injuries to members have demonstrated that we have members operating on fire grounds without the proper minimum training and that this is an unacceptable practice.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) stated that the new PPE policy he has been working on should be completed and issued shortly. Kenny also stated that there are several outstanding accident and injury packages that need to be submitted. Kenny asked everyone to be diligent in completing these outstanding documents and get them turned in.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) had no report for this meeting.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested that the minutes for the November 19<sup>th</sup> be approved

### **Motion and approved**

Bobby read an expense re-imbusement from Station Management for Station 36 – **Motioned and approved**

Bobby then requested the Commission approve the following physical appeals actions recommended by Dr. Jodrie:

Brian Schmansky (27) Dr. Jodrie suggests approval – **Motion and approved**

John Dimino (27) Dr. Jodrie recommends disapproval – **Motion and approved for disapproval**

Bobby provided a short report on the initial meeting the Commission had with Facilities Operations and Maintenance (FOM) about simplifying the wording in the next Station Management Contract as to exactly what repairs FOM will be responsible for. A short

question/answer session was held on this topic. Bobby then reported on the quarterly Concentra meeting stating that Brittany Smith (Volunteer Recruiter) has been added to the physical results pickup list and that there was some discussion on cleaning up some gray area language in the Concentra contract. Bobby then reminded everyone that the Commission is actively attempting to obtain an "EMS Only Physical" for our Volunteers but to date we have received no standards from any of the neighboring jurisdictions. Pete Mellits and Janet Demerit met with Bobby and stated they will attempt to provide some further information they had acquired from a similar project they were working on from the last couple of years. Pete put out a nationwide search on the internet for this type of information and stated he would forward it to Bobby as it is received.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) reported on his attendance at several meetings including the County Executive's swearing-in ceremony for his second term. Bill then presented a LOSAP request for William King – 3 years additional service – **Motion and approved**

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) presented several members for approval of previous training as follows:

Steven Bloom - station 9 – all certifications are in order – **Motion and approved**

Matt Read – station 28 – missing Form 2000, approve conditional on form submission – **Motion and approved**

Antwan Washington – station 28 – missing Form 2000, approve conditional on form submission – **Motion and approved**

Zack R. Velvis – station 33 – missing CPR and Form 2000, approve conditional on submission – **Motion and approved**

Justin Bolduc – station 33 – missing CPR and Form 2000, approve conditional on submission – **Motion and approved**

Randy then reported some statistics on the November VRS class stating that 42 members registered with 2 walk-ins, 4 members had no paperwork, 12 members failed to show, 4 members failed and 2 of the 4 failures received a grade less than 60%. Randy stated the dates for the December VRS class would be December 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Randy then requested that the Commission spend some of the Training money to purchase 200 copies of the new fire ground tactics book developed by NIST and NFPA that will be used in Prince Georges County for a cost of \$2790.00 - **Motioned and approved**

Vice Chairman King (Buddy) provided the following Company LOSAP Reports for approval:

Company 34 – 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and approved**

Company 49 – 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and approved**

Company 30 – 2013 as corrected – **Motioned and approved**

Company 33 – corrections to prior Company Reports as follows:

2011, 2012 and 2013 – Martha Neal # 2363, Jim Neal #2362 - **Motion and approved**

2011 – Loretta Shaw #9199 – **Motioned and approved**

#### *Member Awards*

Diprima, Joseph #1197 – Company 29 with 26 yrs. (Only 25 years were previously approved) **Motioned and approved 1 additional year of service credit.**

Charles A. Fusco – Company 14 with 34 years effective 1/1/15 – **Motioned and approved**

Michael F. Harper – Company 9 with 31.9 years effective 11/1/14 – **Motioned and approved**

Buddy then reported that Bonnie has been notified she will be receiving training on the SAP system in the near future and that the missing 508 check for Company 30 has been located and delivered. Buddy reminded everyone that we do have Training money available for use and the Stations need to start making request to use these funds. Buddy requested stations interested in hosting PPD sessions to notify him. The Infection Control training is now an on-line session but members still need to get their annual PPD test completed. The Infection Control Nurse for the Department has requested 6 field locations in order to perform these tests. Members from Stations 55, 43, 9, 11, 17, 40 and 36 offered use of their stations.

PGCVFRA Vice President King (Steven) reported that the next County Association meeting will be hosted by Company 30 and held at Station 36.

Ladies Auxiliary Kitty Gardner reminded everyone that their next meeting is on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Laurel, Station 10.

Past Deputy Chief, Past Commissioner Underwood (Frank) stated that he would search out some contacts at the MSFA Executive Board meeting this weekend to determine if any of the state jurisdictions have a standard for an EMS Only physical.

Brandywine President Rose (Ken) asked a question about using Station Management money for fire station repairs. Ken wanted to know how much money should be used. Commissioner Breen stated to use common sense in this discretionary spending.

Assistant Chief Woods (Harve) commented on some recent small concrete repairs that Station 18 did on their own.

Past Commissioner, Magee (Bob) cautioned everyone on the hiring of Contractors when using Station Management money and to insure that dependent on the dollar value of the repair work, a contractor from the County bidder list might need to be used. We don't want to violate the County Procurement Laws.

Marlboro VFD President Wyvil (Jeff) reminded everyone that the next Commission meeting will be held at Station 20 on December 17<sup>th</sup> and to come early as food will be served.

PGFEMS Assistant Chief Gomez (Paul) reported that the NFFF Weekend this year will be held the weekend prior to July 4<sup>th</sup> and they will be looking for assistance in the way of logistics and funding.

Motion to adjourn was approved, the next Commission meeting will be held December 17, 2014 at Fire Station 20.

Closing prayer was provided by Chaplain Litchfield.

*Minutes recorded and typed by Commissioner Bobby Breen, Secretary & District 4*

