

## Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

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

Chaplin Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a short report on our sick and injured members. Warren asked that we keep Joe and Joann Robinson, Gene McClelland and Don Aker from Company 33 in our prayers.

The minutes of the August 20<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were presented for approval. – **motioned and approved**

Fire Chief Bashoor (Chief) provided an update on some special events coming up

September 30, 2014 – dedication of the new pink engine assigned to station 805

October 3, 2014 – Hall of Fame ceremony to be held at the FSB. This event honors the men and women of the Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department that have retired and moved on to take a Fire Chief's position in other jurisdictions. John Hoglander will be honored at this event as the Honorary Fire Chief of Prince Georges County.

October 14, 2014 – Prince Georges County Fire Prevention activities will be held at Station 806

Vice Chairman/Commissioner King (Buddy) presented 3 members for LOSAP award approval

John W. Faucette, #1302, Station 49, 33 years, effective 09/11/14 – **motioned and approved**

David A. Whiting, #3182, Station 7, 34 years, effective 04/01/14 – **motioned and approved**

John D. Meushaw, #3497, Station 28/48, 28 years, effective 08/01/14 – **motioned and approved**

(Buddy) then requested approval of the following annual reports

2014 report for Company 23 as corrected – **motioned and approved**

2013 report for Company 24 as corrected – **motioned and approved**

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) read off a long list of Stations that have not turned-in the previously requested Direct Deposit Forms for Station Management Funds and Senator Amos Funds and reminded everyone that they are due to her by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) stated that he was working this week in the field supporting the MD Tournament activities and could be contacted by cell phone if needed. Kenny advised that he had met with Councilwoman Lehman with Public Safety/Fiscal Management (PSFM) committee about moving the LOSAP enhancement bill out of committee for legislative action. Kenny stated that he had recently sent out the latest Fit Test status report to all Stations.

Commissioner Bigony (John) stated that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) provided an update to his activities since the last meeting, attending the Station Management Audit on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, BBQ benefit held at Station 33 for Don Aker, and a recently held promotional ceremony.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Prince Georges County Fire and Rescue Association (PGCVFRA) President Pete Mellits was recognized and reminded that this is an election year and we need to get out and meet with our local legislators during their social events. Pete provided a reminder to all of us about the Prince Georges County Fair and the upcoming County Convention.

PGCVFRA Vice President Janet Demerit was recognized and briefed everyone on the improvement that has been seen since the recent Emeds training program had been initiated and reminded all that it is very important to acquire all necessary signatures on these reports.

Vice Chairman/Commissioner King (Buddy) reported that currently there are several Stations that have outstanding LOSAP annual reports. These reports need to be completed and turned in. These are time sensitive documents and need to be completed on-time. The outstanding reports are as follows:

- Station 32 – 2013 report – *additional documentation was requested*
- Station 7 – *Report received but additional information was requested*
- Station 8 – *2012 and 2013 report received, need additional information*
- Station 25 – *2012 and 2013 report received, need additional information*
- Station 30 – *Report is needed*

Frank Underwood, Station 11 thanked everyone as he was able to get all of the trophies back this year in a timely manner so they may be prepared for this year's awarding.

John Alter, Past Commission Chairman was recognized and he requested from the Chair if the year- end reports had been received yet. John also asked if the Commission had been provided with current spending reports and if this year's money had been loaded into the necessary accounts. Buddy King acknowledged that the reports had been issued and the monies had been loaded in the accounts.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested that everyone keep Commissioner Kuenzli in their prayers as he was transported to the Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) the other day due to an undetermined illness.

Motion to adjourn was approved; next Commission meeting will be October 1, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Closing prayer was provided by Chaplin Litchfield.

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

