

## Fire Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

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

Chaplains Report (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then provided us with an update on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) expressed his thanks for the member's cooperation in providing the requested data on the CB 82 Training Audit. Jim stated that all documents will be turned over to the Fire Commission for review. Jim then provided an update to the Commission's initiative to improve the Fit Testing program that will ultimately end with mobile fit testing in the stations.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) requested an approval on the findings of the following medical physical appeals:

Taylor Pinckney – **Motioned and Approved**

Melissa McGowan – **Motioned and Approved**

Christopher Mateus – **Motioned and Approved**

William Wade – (Motion to Deny) – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) presented an expenditure request for \$3000.00 from Station 19 to add to their funds received from a BGE Grant to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) provided the Commission with an update to his activities over the last couple of weeks, including meeting with University of Maryland officials regarding recruitment, attendance at the monthly "Program Advisory Committee" meeting for Flowers High School, improvements currently underway at Station 27, a meeting with Deputy Chief Smedley about the Cadet Program and a meeting with PGCVFRA President Chuck Walker, on the Cadet Program.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested to amend the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes due to a clerical error in the Volunteer Services Command report (specifically to remove the word "scheduled" from the report) – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby then requested the purchase of two(2) complete sets of Fittest Equipment as identified by the vendor literature for an expense of approximately \$30,000.00 – **Motioned and Approved**

Vice Commissioner King (Buddy) requested that the Commission hold back disbursement of Station Management Fund to any of the stations that have outstanding LOSAP reports. After a brief roundtable discussion and receiving comments pro and con from the floor, a motion was made as follows:

***“The Fire Commission will authorize the with-holding of the Station Management Fund disbursement to any station that has not submitted their LOSAP reports, this is not to include Stations that have submitted but their reports have been sent back by the Commission for corrections”. – Motioned and Approved***

Buddy then requested approval of the following LOSAP Company Reports:

Company 32 – 2013 report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy then requested the approval of LOSAP research for:

John William Wells, #3163 – additional 2 yrs. of service, 1996/1997 (station 40) – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested a LOSAP Award for Mark F. Henley, Station 27 - 28 years of service, effective May 1, 2014 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy then provided a list of Stations that have outstanding LOSAP Reports.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) opened his report by advising everyone that the Station Management Audit would be conducted on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the FSB beginning at 0800 hrs. Jay mentioned that he is looking for someone to assist AEMS with the ambulance billing program. Jay mentioned that the second quarter VSU disbursement should take place on February 13, 2015 and that the 508 disbursement should take place on January 30, 2015. These funds will be electronically transmitted to their respective account. The 508 funds will be a full year funding disbursement. Jay then recognized Ron Black from Southern Maryland Insurance to talk about a huge discount available to our member stations for the purchase of the new Roscoe Drive-Cam system, stations interested should contact the insurance company for details.

Jay then requested the approval for the following Station Management Expenditures:

Station 24 - \$3756.00 – new nozzles – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 35 - \$4456.16 – misc. tools – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 23 - \$2000.00 – banquet expenses – **Motioned and Approved**


PGCVFRA Vice President King (Steven) announced that the next County Association meeting will be held on February 11, 2015 at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, Station 11, to be hosted by Station 34.

LAPGCVFRA (Jennifer Johnson) advised that the Ways and Means Committee for the LAPGCVFRA will be holding a purse bingo at the Forestville VFD, Station 23 on February 22. All are invited to attend and take part.

Southern Maryland Insurance, Ron Block (Ron) advised that recently a couple of stations had experienced an accident with their apparatus and notification to the insurance company office was delayed. Other parties involved in these incidents were contacting the insurance office attempting to gather information in order to file claims. The insurance office was unaware of the incidents. Ron asked that anytime our members/apparatus is involved in an accident; please contact the insurance office as soon as possible.

Legislative Affairs, Harve Woods (Harve) advised that two (2) Bills in the legislature this session will need fire department support and assistance. The two bills are: the Fire Fighter Assault Bill and the new Smoke Detector Bill that are to be introduced. Should there be any questions about these bills; the members can contact Harve for details.

Laurel VFD, Station 10, Bryan Lau (Bryan) asked the status of the new Civilian Commissioner, Rick Wilson's appointment. Chairman Tucker stated that he had received information that the appointment would take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative session of the County Council this upcoming term.

*Minutes recorded and typed by Commissioner Bobby Breen, Secretary & District 4*  2/4/15