

Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance then provided a short report on our sick and injured members and loved ones.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor) announced the changes that were made recently to the Departments upper management personnel noting the promotion of AFC Dennis Wood to Deputy Fire Chief, assigned to the Emergency Services Command and the lateral move of DFC Benjamin Barksdale from the Emergency Services to the Support Services Command. Chief Bashoor announced that the deadline for submittal of applications to the Departments Leadership Academy is Monday, March 23rd and closed with the postponement of the Brandywine Fire Station ribbon cutting ceremony with the date to be determined in the near future due to all the wet weather and progress being stalled.

Administrative Services Command, DFC Smedley (Corey) announced that the FY13 Ambulance Billing monies had been assigned to the station accounts and that the FY16 EKG monitor purchases would be made through a lease purchase program.

Emergency Services Command, DFC Wood (Dennis) was recognized and announced that his intent is to meet with all of the leadership in the near future to discuss any issues and solutions if necessary.

Volunteer Services Command, DFC McClelland (Jim) announces that currently the Fit Test compliance percentage has increased to 75% overall and everyone should keep up the good work; he believes the gap getting us to 100% is most likely due to people that are just not in the system anymore and missing masks. Jim closed with an announcement that the RMS personnel updates are in and have been given to the Commission for data entry.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) announced that he had attended several meetings with County Council members Harrison, Patterson and Turner and that more meetings are planned for the future with the rest of the Councilmembers. Kenny's intent is to convince the Council members to allow the volunteers to continue receiving the extra monies that were allocated in FY15 budget. Kenny closed by reminding everyone to spend the Tool, Training and Uniform account monies each station was provided with this fiscal year so we can demonstrate the need for continuance of this funding.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) presented the following expenditure requests for approval:

Station 33	\$2195.00	winter jackets – Motioned and Approved
Station 18	\$6000.00	banquet expenses – Motioned and Approved

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) advised of his recent activities and attendance at the meetings with the Council members to date and with the various meetings he has had with members of the

Command staff. Bill will be joining past Chief Darrel Odom and other members in the commissioning activities for the Fire Fighter Support Foundation recently formed to support the activities of the Fire Department Cadet Program currently being provided to high school students. Bill is asking for everyone's support in the very worthwhile training program. The event will be held at Station 29 on Thursday, March 26th.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) reminded everyone that the March VRS class starts next week, March 23rd, then requested the following expenditure approvals:

Station 12	\$2600.00	modification/repair to seatbelts – Motioned and Approved
Station 9	\$4033.78	positive pressure fan – Motioned and Approved

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) announced that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the March 4, 2015 meeting minutes – Motioned and Approved

Bobby requested approval of the following VSU expenditures:

Station 36	\$2640.95	16" positive pressure fan – Motioned and Approved
Station 36	\$2160.00	LED headlights for Engines – Motioned and Approved

Bobby had no further business to discuss.

Commissioner King (Buddy) presented the following LOSAP Company Reports for approval:

Station 25, 2012 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 09, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 24, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 26, 2014 – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 38, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval for member research on the following:

James Davis, Sta. 11 - 22yr 7 months increase to 23yr 7 months – **Motioned and Approved**

Brad Mummaw, Sta. 9 – 9yr increased to 12yr – **Motioned and Approved**

Steve Stearns, Sta. 19 – 4yr 4months increase to 16yr 4 months – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval of the LOSAP Training Report – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) announced that a question had been put forward about stations 8, 56 and 57 with respect to whether they would be eligible to vote in the Commission election on April 1st since they are considered unfunded due to not completing their audit. Randy motioned to consider them unfunded – **Motioned and Approved.**

Jay presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 42 \$2744.13 vehicle repairs – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 14 \$2320.70 computer equipment – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 14 \$4500.00 Stryker cot(partial pmt.) – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay then announced that Bob Magee and Harve Woods would act on the Election Committee and that Brian Docherty has submitted all the necessary paperwork to the County Fire Chief for his appointment as the second IAFF Commissioner. Jay then convened the nominations for the upcoming election. Nominees are as follows:

Bowie nominated Jon Bigony, seconded by Glendale

Brentwood nominated Randy Kuenzli, seconded by Riverdale Heights

Baden nominated Bobby Breen, seconded by Marlboro

Branchville nominated Buddy King, seconded by Kentland

Receiving no further nominations, Jay motioned to recess nominations until the April 1, 2015 meeting – **Motioned and Approve**

Jay closed his report announcing that Civilian Commissioner Rick Wilson's appointment hearing will be held on April 21, 2014 at 1:30 pm at the Council hearing room in the CAB.

LA-PGCVFRA, Vice President Garner (Kitty) has no report at this time.

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) reported that she will be sending out a list to each station of the applicants that have not completed their application process within the allowed time limit and are considered expired. Brittany will also send out a list of those applicants that have been in the process for 6 months.

Branchville, Frank Underwood (Frank) asked of the status of the administrative training CD that is supposed to be provided to each Station. Jay stated that the CD's should be available by Friday, confirmed by DFC McClelland.

Glendale, Harve Woods (Harve) was recognized and spoke about some legislation that is currently in Annapolis, specifically the Fire Fighter Assault Bill, The Sprinkler Bill (HB1264) and Harve stated that questions are being asked about the 508 distributed to Baltimore County.

Laurel, Bryan Lau (Bryan) posed a question to the Commission about multiple versions of the Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Beneficiary forms and the need to keep these forms updated. Bryan also stated the LOSAP program provides the correct necessary form.

Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Litchfield and a motion to adjourn was entertained and approved. The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the Fire Services Building.

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

