

Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 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. Warren gave an update on our sick and injured members, some of note: Charlie Phillips, Jimmy and John Hagland.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor). Chief thanked everyone for their well wishes and said that Brazil was a once in a lifetime event, as the city of Sao Palo is home to 22 million people and is the third largest city in the world. Trip was to discuss how do they attract people to volunteer and how to build fire departments and are looking for feedback on organizations such as the Fire Commission and PGCVFRA we have to develop those there. Brandywine VFD ribbon cutting July 29th @ 1000 hrs-foresees no issues with the ceremony going as planned. PGFD will be expanding the Cadet program this upcoming school year 2015-2016 to Gwynn Park HS. Chief Bashoor also announced the hiring of 59 people June 15th with the PGFD. Bashoor also has some trips to Wisconsin, Ocean City and to Florida to look at new ambulances as they transition from the freightliner to the Dodge and maybe the new Mercedes's models. Chief also mentioned that we are hosting the IAFF Symposium. Chief Bashoor also reminded everyone that 9-11 Stair climb raffle tickets are being sold in the hallway.

Volunteer Services Command, DFC McClelland (Jim) Jim stated that VSU is winding down; FY2016 budget does include VSU money-very happy about that. Fittest compliance report is due out on June 1st. DFC McClelland stated that the AVL target date is June 1st and there will be training online. 2015 pocket protocol books have been distributed-let him know if you need more. 2016 Station Management Contract is under review and hopefully will come out soon. There will be excess funds (\$20,000) left in the VSU account due to lack of participation and that money will be evenly distributed amongst the participating companies.

Administrative Services Command, DFC Smedley (Corey-presented by DFC McClelland) Ambulance billing statement for November 2014 just came out and they are working on one report for December 2014 and January 2015. PPE issues have been corrected with Logistics and everyone is on the same page, if gear is unsafe or if you need gear for the first time you will be able to get gear as it will come off the shelf; however if you need to order gear because of size it will be allowed but it will take some time. DFC Smedley is still waiting on OCS for vendor contract copies. All back-ordered gear from July 2014 has all been approved and processed and is now in production as of today.

Civilian Commissioner Rick Wilson (Rick) had no report at this time.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) VRS class is currently ongoing so no exact statistics as of yet, but, 40 students had registered and the schedule will be out shortly for next year's VRS classes. Randy also announces that he is looking for VRS instructors and that a memo had gone out along with an application. Randy had 7 volunteer for equivalencies, Justin Bailus, Daniel Cortez and Mike McKay from Co. 9, Christopher Gilfillan from Co. 14, William Avdellas & Issac Webster from Co. 33 and Elliott Brown from Co. 28 (all paperwork is in order)-**Motioned and Approved**. Randy then presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 1 \$2587.58 misc. repairs & supplies – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 55 \$5000.00 10 members to attend MSFA convention – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrome) no report at this time.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the May 6, 2015 meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby also motioned for Station 17 to come into the FY16 508 program to purchase a new ambulance – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval of the following expenditure requests:

Station 17 \$3446.93 MSFA convention – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 27 \$4000.00 2 each Washers/Dryers – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) Kenny stated that the VSU money is in budget for 2016, we are still hoping for the \$400,000-so let's spend it in the beginning of the year so that we can vouch for it next time. Kenny has been doing some research to make ordering easier, only have to get 3 quotes if you are spending over \$1000 for non-county vendors. Brian Dockerty who will be the Career Commissioner will be meeting with the County Council members-no swear in date as of yet. Kenny then asked if Co.'s 24, 29, 37 and 57 see him after the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) Bill visited Co. 24 on May 17, he also met with DFC Smedley, Chairman of P.A.C and the Fire Department Leadership about the Fire Cadet Program; Bill closed with wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day holiday.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) Jon stated he had actual numbers on spending for each station and answered questions from the floor on what their numbers/balances were.

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

Station 27, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 29, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 30, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 40, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 56, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy then presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 11 \$418000.00 Pumper (508) – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 14 \$10089.00 Training – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 31 \$541540.00 Pumper (508) – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 32 \$15821.00 Tx \$ from 508 to SM fund – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 32 \$2862.53 MSFA Convention – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 23 \$5900.00 MSFA Convention – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) Jay inquired again about getting copies of the vendor contracts the county has, he stated that one of the jobs of the Commission is to oversee these contracts and is still waiting on OCS for them. Jay also stated that it has been 1 year and that Bonnie still has no access to SAP, just trying to get her read-only access. Stated that we are over budget as a whole, we are working to fill the civilian spots on the Commission. Jay stated that we are named in the PAG but as a non-voting body, the Fire Chief is aware and is working with us on this issue. Jay stated that MoU change is complete and that the Commission is working on the Station Management Contract for 2016; the recruiter car design is done and now can move to the next phase of getting wrapped and then getting on the street.

PGCVFRA, President, Chuck Walker (Chuck) stated that the BINGO at Co. 24 was very successful and thanked everyone for the hard work in Marlboro.

LA-PGCVFRA, President Hetz (Louis) absent, no update/report.

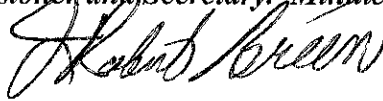
Kentland, Co. 33 Donald Aker (Patch) had a question on Ambulance billing and how this will affect the audit process coming up.

Forestville, Bob Dickinson (Bob) had a question about the FLEET problems.

Greenbelt, Theresa Crisman (Theresa) announced that the Maryland Memorial is on June 7th @ 2pm and she is requesting volunteers to show up in Class A or Class B uniforms to make a show of a "sea of blue". Dickie Wynkoop also stated that the Red Knights will be laying a wreath at 1:45pm on 6/7 as well as they will be cleaning the memorial on 5/31 if anyone wants to come help clean.

Closing prayer was led by Teresa Crisman and a motion to adjourn was entertained and approved. The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the Fire Services Building.

Minutes recorded by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary. Minutes typed by Brittany Smith, Recruiter and Assistant Secretary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Breen", is written over the typed text of the minutes.