

Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) Warren provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided updates on our sick and injured members. Charlie Phillips hopes to see us in Ocean City at Convention.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor). The Chief provided us a short report outlining his future trips to Florida and Wisconsin to meet with the apparatus vendors building apparatus for the County. The Chief stated he will be in Ocean City during Convention and hoped to see everyone there. Chief stated he is in the hallway selling 9/11 Stair Climb tickets.

Volunteer Services Command, DFC McClelland (Jim) Jim reported on Fit Test compliance stating we are just short of 90% and hope to have a much improved report by July 2015. Jim stated that in the future all requests for Ambulance Billing monies will be channeled through his office in order to maintain tracking of the requests. Jim also stated that the administration is currently entertaining having VSU stations perform their duties on holidays as a means of saving budget dollars on holiday overtime. Lastly Jim reported that the updated Ambulance Billing statements should be sent to the stations within a couple of weeks.

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

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) Randy had no report at this time.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) John presented an expenditure request from Station 19 for \$4033.00 to purchase a new storage shed - **Motioned and Approved.**

John then reported on a meeting with Pensions and Benefits he attended along with Commissioner King and Bryan Lau, stating that the base increase to \$350.00 should show up in the July check however increases for additional years of service might not show up at that time but will be forthcoming and should be retroactive to July 1, 2015. John also discussed the "Burial Benefit" increase and the "Surviving Spouse" increase that should also be forthcoming.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) Kenny reminded everyone of the PSFM hearing on Thursday, June 18th for the new Career Commissioner, Brian Dockerty and the re-appointment of current Commissioners Breen, King, Kuenzli and Taylor.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) Bill provided an update on his activities since the June 3rd meeting which included a meeting with County Council members Obie Patterson and Danielle Glaros about the new Commission appointments and a meeting with CDC Associates about developing a standardized LOSAP recordkeeping system.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) Bobby requested approval of the June 3, 2015 Minutes – **Motioned and Approved**, then presented a letter of request from the Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department to carryover \$8159.53 from their 2015 Station Management Account to their 2016 Station Management Account due to pending purchases – **Motioned and Approved.** Bobby presented an Expenditure Request from Station 37 in the amount of up to \$7000.00 for a new

station-wide computer system, **Motioned and Approved.** Bobby presented a request for Station 24 to be included in the CIP program requesting a major station renovation including a new bay for apparatus, upgraded bathrooms, offices, storage space and kitchen – **Motioned and Approved.**

Bobby will forward their request to Research and Planning for future consideration and inclusion.

Vice Chairman King (Buddy) Buddy requested approval of the 2014 Station Training Reports for Stations 25, 29 and 30 – **Motioned and Approved.**

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

Buddy reminded everyone of the requirement to establish a direct deposit account with Pensions and Benefits so that the LOSAP recipients can receive their monthly payments. Buddy then reminded everyone that the 2015 LOSAP Reports are due to the Commission by September 1, 2015. Buddy advised that he is currently working on LOSAP Awards for Lynn Strybing and the Ladies Auxiliary members for the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) Jay was absent tonight due to a prior engagement but wanted to remind everyone that as it stands right now the additional requested funds for VSU, Uniforms, Tools and Training have been placed into the FY 16 Budget. We are fighting very hard to keep these funds. Jay also wanted everyone to know that the new Recruiter Car will be on display at the Convention Center in Ocean City next week.

PGCVFRA, President, Chuck Walker (Chuck) Chuck reminded everyone to drive safe and act accordingly while in Ocean City and that everyone will need an ID in order to drink alcohol at the Ocean Club on Monday night. The PG County caucus will be held on Monday at noon on the mezzanine level at the convention center.

Branchville VFD, Co. 11 Frank Underwood (Frank) Frank provided a positive reference for the County Contractor that performed the CIP lighting upgrade at Station 11. Frank stated that the contractor went out of his way to perform the job neatly and efficiently while not interfering in daily station activities.

Bowie VFD, Co. 19, 39 & 43, President David Parker (David) David expressed congratulations from the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department for a “job well done” to Commissioner Bigony for his last 6 years of dedication and excellent service to the stations he has represented and served.

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, July 1, 2015 at the Fire Services Building.

Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary.

