

## Fire Commission Meeting

September 2, 2015

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with information on our sick and injured members. Warren advised that the County Convention Memorial Service would be held on Tuesday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours. The service will be held at the Refreshing Spring Church of God and Christ located at 6200 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) provided a few brief comments on how personnel are dressed when providing services to the citizens, reminding us to always present a professional image and also reminding us to follow the grooming standards established by the General Orders. Chief provided a few short comments on the staffing reductions scheduled to take effect at Stations 13, 19 and 24. Chief reminded us that the County Executive will be out and about visiting fire stations on September 16, 2015. Chief advised that he would be leaving for his China trip directly after the Stair-Climb events wind down on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Chief advised us of a list of Department and civic events taking place throughout September into the month of October.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) reported on the latest Fit Test compliance percentage advising to keep up the good work. Jim stated that a list of outstanding SCBA in need of flow testing has been sent out to the Stations and that the 2015/16 Flu season is approaching and that a limited amount of Flu vaccine is available from the Infection Control office. Jim closed by announcing the need for about 200 folding chairs to be used at the United States Capital during the NFFF Fold-the-Flag program. If anyone has chairs that can be loaned out, please let him know.

Administrative Services Command, Deputy Chief Smedley (Corey) advised that the ambulance billing contractor, McKessen, would be at 1 of our future meetings to provide some updates and that the Station Management checks should be available at convention time. He is working hard to get it done however he cannot make any promises. Corey commented briefly on CIP projects stating that we need to use up the FY 14 and FY 15 money before we start using the FY 16 money and that currently we have 13 projects ready to begin.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) stated that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested the following expenditure approvals:

Station 9, \$7364.96 for Uniforms and Hose – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 9, \$8000.00 for a truck engine – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 9, \$6064.00 for Ocean City Convention re-imburement – **Motioned and**

**Approved**

Randy then requested equivalency approvals for the follow individuals:

Cameron Beebe, Station 14 – **Motioned and Approved**

Tyler Oliver, Station 14 – **Motioned and Approved**

Michael Ruggier, Station 9 – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy stated that the Commission may need to purchase an Emergency Responder Refresher class and possibly an EMT class.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) advised everyone that if the Volunteer Stations had new members needing medical physicals, they should call Concentra and make an appointment. We have a large number of open appointment time available.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby then requested approval of 4 additional years of service for John W. Wells, #3163 – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) reminded everyone to spend their Uniform and Tool monies and reminded everyone that the annual Company LOSAP reports are due to the Commission by September 1, 2015. Not all of the reports have been received as of yet. Please try and get them turned in.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) reported that he took part in the Station Management Audit held in August and attended a work session on LOSAP held in the Commission office. Bill wished everyone a happy Labor Day holiday.

Chairman, Commissioner Tucker (Jay) reported that we are currently waiting on the County IT people to complete the On-Line Applicant Registration program and stated that the Commission will not include the inter-station transfer process in the On-Line program. Inter-Station Transfers will remain a paperwork process and the Commission is considering a maximum limit of times that an individual can transfer. Jay stated that the insurance policies have increased about 8 percent in 2 years and that the Commission is looking at various ways to bring the over-all cost of the insurance program down without decreasing coverages. Jay is looking for 5 Presidents to work with a representative of the Commission and the Association to review the current policy and come up with some suggestions. Commissioner Rick Wilson will Chair the committee. The Commission would like to have a report back by November 1, 2015. President Steve Lamphier, President Steve Wilson and Frank Underwood volunteered to serve on the Insurance Review Committee. Jay stated that currently Stations 12, 13, 55, 56 and 57 still need to complete their Station Management Audit and that the 508 Audit went well. Jay reported that the Commission is currently working on an AIG audit. Jay stated that Pensions and Benefits is working with Commissioner King and Brian Lau in order to get the LOSAP monthly increases corrected so that all recipients are receiving their appropriate amount of increase. Jay requested to use \$5000.00 of Uniform money to outfit the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department with new uniforms – **Motioned and Approved**. Jay requested that we cancel the second meeting in September due to the County Convention – **Motioned and Approved**.

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) reported that Stations are not signing transfer forms and this is creating an inconvenience with some of our members. Brittany stated that she will be out of town on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and that the Recruitment Car will be on display at the College

Park Day event on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner King will see that the car is at College Park.

Riverdale VFD, President Lamphier (Steve) was recognized and stated that AEMS will still provide QA training for the Stations that need it and that Riverdale VFD is in need of borrowing about 100 traffic cones for the Drivers Rodeo.

Riverdale VFD, Secretary Johns (Nova) was recognized and stated that all events have been locked in for the County Convention.

PGCVFRA, President Walker (Chuck) reported on a meeting he attended with the MSFA about the new EMT training and the National Registry Program. MFRI is supposed to be teaching the course to the National Registry standards and there are additional fees involved with this training and testing. Chuck is hoping that by the October Association meeting we will have some definitive answers on questions and concerns raised at the meeting. Chuck stated that Maryland's Eastern Shore group is raising concerns with the Sprinkler Law legislation and then Chuck closed by inviting everyone to come to the Convention and enjoy themselves.

LA-PGCVFRA President Hetz (Lois) advised that Kitty Gardner will be the in-coming President

Harve Woods (Harve) reported that currently there are 52 SCBA units that need to be flow-tested.

Forestville VFD Chief Dickenson (Bob) asked if anything can be done with the shop sending his apparatus to Johnson and Towers for repair. Bob stated that as fast as it comes back from repair, it has to be sent back for the same repair. Chairman Tucker stated that we will look into the issue.

Ritchie VFD President Wilson (Steve) asked if something can be done about short notice closings of the Commission Office and Chairman Tucker stated that we try to put out advanced notices whenever possible. However, when family emergencies arise we can't always forecast or put an advanced notice out. We will however try to accommodate anyone who is inconvenienced by these events as best we can.

Chaplain Hetz (Harry) held benediction and a motion to adjourn was entertained – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary

*B. Breen*  
for B. Breen (absent)