

## Fire Commission Meeting

November 4, 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 then followed up on updates of our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief Barksdale (Ben) spoke briefly about the new RMS/CAD system that will be going active in a few weeks, advising that a "Train-the-Trainer" module will start on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> of November and that volunteers may register for this session by contacting Fire Captain Bill Birden at (202) 450-7820. CAD start-up is tentatively scheduled for December 2015.

Southern Maryland Insurance, Ron Block (Ron) was recognized by Chairman Tucker and stated that he has Insurance policies to distribute tonight for all companies, and for each company to see him after the meeting.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) requested an approval by Dr. Jodrie of the medical appeal physical findings for April Edwards, Station 32 – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) stated that we are 94% compliant with the Fit Testing program and that there have been some recent personnel changes at Logistics. Kenny asked the body their thoughts on sending return information to the requesting stations with either a reservation number attached or an indicator that items requested are on back-order. Light discussion was held and soon we should see some significant tracking information that will assist us in our accountability efforts when placing stores requisitions into the system. Lastly, Kenny requested approval for the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department to replace an existing staff vehicle with a new Ford Expedition - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested an approval for Station 10 to place their new Tower in-service and on County maintenance, insurance and fuel. This is a replacement for their existing Tower which is out of service. – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval of the following LOSAP Awards:

Ty Dickerson – Station 12 – 28 years and 1 month – **Motioned and Approved**

Michael R. Wilson – Station 13 – 31 years – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) stated he had nothing for tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) opened with a brief statistical report of the October VRS class and stated that some registration deadline changes will be taking place starting with the January 2016 class. Randy stated that the General Order Work-Group is moving forward with GO 6-1 and hopes to have a completed document out by January 1, 2016. Randy closed his report by reminding everyone of the large number of outstanding LOSAP reports needing completion and turn-in to the Commission.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) advised that he attended the Leadership meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the Commission work session on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval for the following Station Expenditure requests:

Station 36 - \$3995.00 – banquet catering services – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 37 - \$2880.00 – staffing management software – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 37 - \$7000.00 – partial payment for station security system – **Motioned and**

**Approved**

Bobby closed his report by requesting approval of the October 21, 2015 meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) opened his report by advising everyone that the Commission office would be closed on November 5, 2015 for employee training. Jay then provided a brief update on the CIP program; stations 1, 9, 20, 48 and 56 are still having billing issues with the McKesson Ambulance Billing program. Jay stated that these issues need to be corrected so that these stations can receive their correct billing income. Jay reported that ITE, a County apparatus repair vendor is closing and the County and Commission are working to get Patriot Fire as a new repair vendor. Jay stated that as of late he has received no responses from the Office of Finance on that status of the gambling grant monies due to several of our Stations. Jay reported that the Insurance Work Group is working diligently to provide a report with recommendations by the close of November, early December of 2015. Jay stated that the computers for the Mobile Fit Testing program are on order; Jay then touched on PPE issues and reminded everyone that should they or their members experience PPE gear issue problems-the stations need to be contacting the Commission for assistance. Jay also spoke of an anti-freeze problem with some of our apparatus and that a new directive is forth-coming from the County on the proper use and types of anti-freeze to be used in our apparatus. Jay then announced that 1 of the 2 Fire Safety Trailers is currently being repaired so it should be available soon for use. Jay closed his report stating that a new Medical Physical contract is due in early spring and that the work-group has reviewed several systems currently in use around the area, looking for a best fit system for Prince Georges County.

Volunteer Recruiter, Smith (Brittany) stated that she had no report tonight.

PGCVFRA, President Walker (Chuck) advised that the next meeting is being hosted by Laurel Rescue and would be held in Laurel at the American Legion, eat early.

LAPGCVFRA, Vice President Johnson (Joanne) advised that their next meeting would be held at Clinton, Station 25.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) advised that the Commission would be doing another Administrative Orientation class-much like the one held this past winter-sometime in February of 2016.

Forestville VFD, Chief Dickinson (Bob) inquired as to the status of the EMS Physical, and posed a question to the Chairman about the need for an attorney with reference to the gambling grant monies. Jay responded that there are no EMS only physicals currently in the near future and that

the Commission wants to exhaust all avenues for resolve on the gambling grant monies before any consideration is made towards legal investigative actions.

Brentwood VFD, President King (Steven) raised a complaint about Truck 855 repairs and Apparatus Maintenance and stated that Station 855 still has some \$18,000.00 unpaid to them in Station Management money and VSU money. Chief Barksdale stated he would look into the issue with the ladder truck and Jay stated that he would follow-up on the funding issue with the County.

MFRI, Jeff Dickey (Jeff) provided a brief explanation on the new EMT training program and the Brady Labs training module. Jeff stated that without the use of the Brady Labs program the students will not pass the program. Jeff also said that Miemss/MFRI is working to reschedule the students that have not passed the program recently into a refresher program so as to prepare them for the test.

West Lanham Hills VFD, Chief Alter (John) inquired as to when the 508 monies would be coming to the County, reiterated the past and current issues with the Station Management monies and the Ambulance billing monies, advised that the lack of the MDT's in the Volunteer Chief's vehicles is what he perceives as a true health and safety issue and lastly inquired of the Commissions knowledge on the federal bio- watch grant award for Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department. Jay stated that he had no knowledge of the grant program John was talking about but would look into it and that the 508 release to the County should take place about mid-November.

Marine Fire/Rescue President Demerit (Janet) was recognized and stated that one of her Station Management payments has not been received and stated that she had been working with Chief McClelland's office to get this resolved but nothing has happened. Jay stated that the Commission knows nothing about this and when Stations by-pass the Commission on these types of issues then we are in the dark and can't provide assistance. Notify the Commission first. Janet then asked who is doing the QA on the Ambulance billing and Jay advised that Lt. Carlton Archer in the AEMS office is handling those duties.

Morningside VFD, Mr. Hendricks (Les) asked about the CIP bathroom repairs, ladies bathroom and the washer/dryer work for Station 27. Bobby advised that the purchase order has just recently been released for the vendor to begin the work.

Brentwood VFD, Laura Moats (Laura) asked who to contact about the need for CIST/CISM call-out for significant incidents. Bobby stated that he was under the impression that we should be calling the Watch Office to make the request or the Duty Chief. Bobby will follow-up on this issue and get back to her.

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

Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary 