

## Fire Commission Meeting

April 6, 2016

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided us with an invocation prayer, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a short report on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) reminded everyone to submit their VSU paperwork and stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funding will be prorated for the stations participating in the program. Jim mentioned that the Valor Awards program will be coming up shortly and that we have several volunteers that will be recognized. Jim stated that the non-compliance numbers are beginning to creep back up and reminded us not to wait for the Mobile Fit Testing program, get your people scheduled for a Fit Test. Jim and Nova Johns spoke about the progress being made by the Department with the IAFC Safer Grant for "Women & Underrepresented Minorities" recruitment program.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) reminded everyone to get their insurance forms into the Commission Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) advised that he attended a meeting with Councilwoman Mary Lehman to discuss Fire Department budget issues for the 2017 fiscal year. Kenny asked that a representative from Stations 7, 21, 26, 35 and 49 see him after the meeting. Kenny advised that anyone needing a copy of the ERF ordering form, contact him and he will forward an electronic copy to them while the Commission website is down for upgrades by our vendor.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) stated that he had no report tonight.

Commissioner King (Buddy) recommended the following LOSAP actions for approval:

Co. 40 2015 Company Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 55 2015 Company Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Fernando Jackson, Co. 38 – 29 years of service, award effective 9/1/2015 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval for Co. 31 to purchase uniforms from their VSU funds - \$2205.00 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested that the following company representatives see him after the meeting, Co, s 12, 13, 38 and 40.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) stated that he attended a Public Safety summit and reminded everyone to spend their Uniform money.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested approval for the following expenditures:

Co. 1 - \$5500.00, Banquet expenses – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 7 - \$7000.00, Training Fund Money (Man-Vs-Machine) – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 7 - \$5625.00, Training Fund Money (Large Area Search and RIT) – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy stated that the last VRS class had 47 students enrolled with 1 failure.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) requested approval for the following physical appeals:

Co. 27 – Matthew Nistor – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 31 - Stephanie Connell – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes –

**Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval of the following expenditures:

Co. 27 - \$4884.69, Banquet expenses – **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 27 - \$6365.00, purchase of storage container – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) called for the nomination and election for the following Commission Officers:

Chairman – Jay Tucker nominated – **Motioned and Approved**

Vice Chairman – Buddy King nominated – **Motioned and Approved**

Secretary – Bobby Breen nominated – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay stated that all selections will be forwarded to the County Executive's office for his approval.

Jay mentioned that the Commission's website is currently malfunctioning and that Brittany and Rick Wilson will be working with the vendor to get the site back up and functioning properly.

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) stated that we currently have several opening for physicals.

PGCVFRA, Vice President King (Steven) stated that President Walker was in Annapolis currently and that the next meeting would be hosted by Co. 7 and held at Station 55, come and eat early.

LAPGCVFRA – no report

Branchville VFD, Treasurer Underwood (Frank) stated that he found that we can use old ERF forms documents. When using them just erase the old information and reuse the form if necessary.

Brandywine VFD, Glenn Johnson (Glenn) asked if he could get a copy of a current county vendor list for their stations use. Chairman Tucker stated that we are currently trying to get same for the Commission.

Laurel VFD asked the status of the Mobile Fit Testing program and Bobby responded that we are almost ready to go live, orientation classes are on-going for the fit test operators and will be complete next weekend and then we need to do a final beta-test to the system to insure that all information goes to the correct electronic storage location that the County currently uses.

West Lanham Hills VFD, Chief Alter (John) asked a question about the need for the vehicle change forms.

Chaplain Hetz (Harry) was recognized and provided a short closing prayer and a call for adjournment was entertained by Chairman Tucker – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen

