

Fire Commission Meeting

May 4, 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. Warren announced that the Founders Day activities would be held on September 16, 2016 and that further information will be forthcoming.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) thanked everyone for their generous assistance received during the recent tragic event that led to another Line of Duty death of for Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department. Chief stated that the County Fire/EMS Department will be hosting a 2-day training program on June 3rd and 4th that will be open to both career and volunteer members. This event will be held at the Glenarden Ministry Center located at the corner of Old Ardmore Ardwick Road and Brightseat Road. Registration details will be forthcoming. Chief closed, announcing that he would be in the hallway selling 50/50 tickets for the 911 Stair Climb raffle.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) advised that the PSFM meeting to discuss the Fire Department budget for FY 17 would be held on May 9, 2016 in room 2027 at the CAB. Jim reminded everyone about the 911 Stair Climb event to be held at the Gaylord in September and stated that this year there will be a Fire Muster followed by a Bull and Oyster Roast to fill out the day's events.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) provided some information on the upcoming FY 17 Budget talks and mentioned that the Commission and the Volunteer Association jointly were anxiously waiting for confirmation of the 1.9-million-dollar grant request that was submitted recently for Recruiting Support Funding. Jay stated that Ms. Christine Barker will be retiring the end of May and that Mr. Douglas Nedab will be taking her place and that Mr. Tony Bizjak from Apparatus Maintenance left the Department April 29th and Mr. Douglas Thorn will replace Mr. Bizjak until a suitable replacement has been found. Jay motioned that the Commission accept Mr. J.R. Bigony as the Commissions new Administrative Liaison for IT issues. **Motioned and Approved**

Jay requested the following items for approval:

Co. 23 - \$5700.00 - Station Management Expenditure - **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 29 - place new ambulance in service, they fund - **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 31 - place new pumper in service - **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 21 - \$1777.55 - Station Management Expenditure - **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 42 - \$1777.54 - Station Management Expenditure - **Motioned and Approved**

Co. 28 - place Utility 28 in service - **Motioned and Approved**

TLA - \$869.95 - purchase flash drives for training class - **Motioned and Approved**

Frank Underwood -- requested we spend \$627.29 for a Funeral Drape Flag -- **Motioned**

and Approved

Jay mentioned that a couple of meetings had been setup with Councilwoman Glaros and Todd Turned to discuss the FY 17 Budget and Commission items in general.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) requested that representatives from Cos. 18, 27 and 38 see him after the meeting.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested equivalency approval for Justin Kahill – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy requested the following expenditure approvals:

- Co. 55 - \$6100.00 – Station Management expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 1 - \$6930.57 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 9 - \$2805.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 7 - \$2500.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 13 - \$5800.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 12 - \$2400.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) requested approval for the following expenditures:

- Co. 31 - \$4085.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
 - Co. 41 - \$3325.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
 - Co. 34 - \$2387.93 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 34 – place a 2016 Ambulance in service with County fuel, maintenance and insurance – **Motioned and Approved**

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

- Co. 38 2015 LOSAP Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**
- Co. 34 2015 LOSAP Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested the following approvals for additional years of service:

- Samantha Schwartz, #12132 – 2 years (1999, 2000) - **Motioned and Approved**
- Daneen Lewis-Ratliff, #7498 – 1 year (2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Wanda Thomas, #7537 – 2 years (2010,2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Roland Alexander, #9131 – 1 year (2009) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Robert Johnson, #1792 – 1 year (2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Jonathan Johnson, #11766 – 1 year (2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Nathaniel Hackney, #1529 – 1 year (2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Veronica Chapman, #14929 – 1 year (2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Haskell Bing, #763 – 1 year (2012) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Berney Williams, #15607 – Date of entry change to 12/1/05 – **Motioned and Approved**
- Christian Whiting, #19640 – Date of entry change to 06/15/11 – **Motioned and**

Approved

- Mechaela McCoy, # 20845 – 3 years (2012,13,14) – **Motioned and Approved**
- Brenda Smith, # 7715 – 3 years (2010, 11, 12) – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval for the following LOSAP Awards:

- William Busch, # 4592, 27 years effective 1/1/16 – **Motioned and Approved**
- Ira Isaacson, #6266, 25 years effective 7/1/16 – **Motioned and Approved**
- James Ward, # 3546, 27 years effective 3/1/16 – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the April 6, 2016 minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval for the following expenditures:

Co. 5 – up to \$7500.00 – Station Management Expenditure – **Motioned and Approved**
Co. 26 - \$3948.37 – Reimbursement for misc. expenditures – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) requested approval of physical findings by Doctor Jodrie for Von Powell – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) stated that he had no report tonight.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) spent a few minutes trying to clarify the new Insurance Program requirements so that all the Volunteer owned vehicles receive the proper insurance coverage for the upcoming FY policy plan. Rick advised that due to the low receipt of information, the filing deadline with the Commission had been extended to May 15, 2016.

PGCVFRA, President Walker (Chuck) advised that the next Association meeting would be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016, hosted by the Seat Pleasant VFD and held at the Seat Pleasant Community Center. Chuck thanked everyone for their generosity with the Association's fund raiser held at Accokeek VFD hall.

LAPGCVFRA, Past President King (Jennifer) advised that the Ladies next meeting will be held Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Bowie VFD, JR Bigony (JR) was recognized by the Chair and expressed his families warm thanks for all the expressions of sympathy during his father's death and funeral events.

Morningside VFD, Past Chief Hendley (Mark) expressed personal and professional thanks for the many thoughts, prayers and assistance rendered to the Morningside VFD during the recent shooting event and wounding of one of their company members.

Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) 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

