

Fire Commission Meeting

June 1, 2016

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

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

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) provided a short update on new apparatus on order stating that some will start arriving near the end of July. Chief stated that the Tower and Super Pumper have arrived and is in final up-fit. Chief stated that the Department is still looking for funding for the next round of Ambulance purchases. The Chief then introduced the 2 new Deputy Fire Chiefs, Tiffany Green and Joe Cardello and announced that Deputy Chief Barksdale would become the Chief Deputy of the Department. Chief announced that the revised General Order 1-3 "Chain of Command" is coming out and would go into effect July 1, 2016. Chief advised that Volunteer Fire Fighter Kevin Swain has been entered into competition on the Firehouse magazine contest called "Step-up, Stand-out" and asked that everyone register with the site and vote for Kevin. Chief closed by announcing that he is selling raffle tickets for the 911 stair-climb and will be in the hallway.

Deputy Chief Barksdale (Ben) addressed a problem Company 23 had experienced with their Ford Explorer and Central Fleet PM program. Ben stated that the PM's are exactly that, oil change, tires, etc. and nothing extra. Ben stated that the necessary paperwork should be completed by Friday, June 3, 2016 so that the Department can begin the purchase of the new 5.5 SCBA systems.

Deputy Chief Green (Tiffany) addressed the Commission and attending body and introduced herself and advised that she will handle the Administrative Affairs Command.

Deputy Chief Cardello (Joe) introduced himself to the Commission and body and announced that he will be handling the Support Services Command.

Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) advised that the latest Fit Test compliance list is out and there are a large number of no-shows. If you schedule an appointment and find you can't make that appointment, call and cancel so that the time slot opens for someone else to use. Jim advised that Companies should get their 2017 VSU Agreement into his office as soon as possible.

Deputy Chief Wood (Dennis) provided a brief update on the Sharon Road incident and advised that the Lucas device training is underway. Dennis announced a couple of training programs that were being put on by the Training Leadership Academy. One, "Tactical Emergency Casualty Care" has been completed and the other is the "Tactical Leadership and Survival Seminar" being put on Friday, June 3, 2016 and Saturday, June 4, 2016. Dennis advises that there are still seats available. Dennis announced that with the 2 Deputy promotions there will also be some changes made in the Assistant Fire Chief and Battalion Fire Chief Ranks.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) recognized Mr. Ken Wyvil from Southern Maryland Insurance and Ken presented Chuck Walker, President of the Prince Georges County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association with a donation check in the amount of \$2500.00 for the P. G. Night to be held in Ocean City. Chuck thanked Mr. Wyvil for the gracious donation. Jay then continued with an

update on the FY 2017 Budget and announced that the Commission would begin accepting FY 17 ERF's for Stores items on June 15th. Jay stated that the Senator Amos 508 Audit would begin after July 1 this year.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) requested approval for an expenditure request for Company 18 in the amount of \$4000.00 for Banquet Expenses – **Motioned and Approved**

Kenny requested approval for Company 33 to place into service their new Rescue Pumper, advising all documentation is in order – **Motioned and Approved**

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

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) advised that the June 2016 VRS class is moving forward as planned.

Commissioner King (Buddy) asked that representatives from Companies 17, 21 and 30 see him after the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) advised that he had been working on future benefits for LOSAP recipients then advised that if anyone has been having problems, to let their Commissioner know about it.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) addressed the attending body and apologized for his less than professional outburst on the Mobile Fit Test program last meeting and then requested approval of the Minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) took some time to explain the new insurance program rules to the body then read aloud a waiver request from the Company 35, Greenbelt VFD, to place an additional support vehicle in the insurance program for Company 35 to do Volunteer Battalion 6 duty. Rick made the motion; there was no second on the motion, the **motion failed**. Rick then made a motion to approve the 200 Volunteer owned vehicles that have been confirmed for the new insurance program – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) requested approval of the following physical Appeal findings as approved for service:

Donte Pitt – Company 21 – **Motioned and Approved**

Ashley Johnson – Company 8 – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) placed on the floor the following Policy for approval – “Beginning July 1 and continuing there-after, the Fire Commission has the authority to reorganize Volunteer Company Stores funds as necessary to carry them through the Fiscal Year” – **Motioned and Approved**

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) had no report tonight.

PGCVFRA President Walker (Chuck) next Association meeting will be held at Company 9, Bladensburg VFD on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, eat early. Chuck expressed his thanks for the kind donation from Southern Maryland Insurance. Chuck reminded all Companies to get their Statistical Reports and Credentials into the State Association. Chuck stated that there will be a PG caucus with the location and time to be announced. Chuck reminded everyone of the Maryland Fallen Fire Fighters ceremony in Annapolis on Sunday, June 5, 2016.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) provided an update on the MSFA Cancer Walk held in Annapolis stating they had 100 walkers and raised \$11,000.00.

Branchville VFD, Treasurer Underwood (Frank) was recognized and advised that the planning committee for the MSFA Convention has finalized the program changes and events for this year's convention and that this year attendees will probably see some nominations from the floor.

Benediction, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) lead us in a benediction blessing and Chairman Tucker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Breen", written in a cursive style.