

Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a short report on our sick and injured. Warren reminded us about the County Convention Memorial Service to be held Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 1900 hours. Services will be held at the Holy Redeemer Church on Berwyn Road, College Park, Maryland.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Deputy Barksdale (Ben) advised that a contingent of personnel would be going to Roanoke, Va. To perform the final inspection on the Canteen Unit and upon successful inspection, the unit would be delivered to the County. Ben also advised that the Department's senior leadership attended a continuing education program put on by the Office of Central Services, providing an in-depth learning program on the rules and requirements for purchasing through the government system. The attendees were Directors and Deputies. The Fire Commission never received an invitation to attend.

Deputy Chief Cardello (Joe) advised that the SCBA replacement program is moving forward and the compressors should begin to be installed in a couple of weeks. The fill stations are currently being delivered to the Stations and the SCBA should be distributed around February 2017. Joe advised that the PPE inventory and measuring program should start next week and a department-wide memo will be out in the next couple of days explaining purpose of the inventory and a schedule for Companies to attend with inventory location sites.

Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) advised that a memo had been sent to the Chiefs and Presidents identifying several outstanding or incomplete accident and injury reports. A substantial number of these reports have been turned in, however we need to get the balance of the reports completed and turned in. Jim advised that a request for supplemental information had been sent out for the Target Solutions Program and the VSC needs that information in a timely manner, so please comply with the request. The 1st quarter VSU documentation is due to his office by October 7, 2016 and payment request will be requested once all are submitted. Jim stated that we continue to clean-up the Fit Test Database and the compliance issues, keep up the good work.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) advised that Company's 1, 12, 13, 14 and 55 still need to complete their Station Management Audit. Jay requested an expenditure approval for Company 9 - \$5295.00 – Funds reimbursement – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) advised that he has attended several make-up Audits and he reminded everyone to spend their money. Bill had no further report.

Commissioner King (Buddy) provided a LOSAP report and requested Award approvals for the following:

Ronald Gill, Co. 38, 25 years, effective 7/1/16 – **Motioned and Approved**

Steven Hand, Co. 49, 26 years, effective 9/1/16 – **Motioned and Approved**

Richard Nakroshis, Co. 49, 25 years, effective 9/1/16 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval of the research performed for John E. Richards, Co. 33 to increase service from 32 years to 37 years – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy had no further Report.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrome) advised he had no report tonight.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) advised that he had no report tonight.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the September 7, 2016 minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval of an expenditure for Co. 36, \$2919.00, refrigerator replacement – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby had no further report.

PGCVFRA 2nd V.P. Trader (Mark) reminded everyone that the County Volunteer Convention begins Saturday, September 24, 2016 and all are welcome to attend and partake of the events.

Hyattsville VFD, Mrs. Johns (Nova) provided an update on the IAFC Recruiting and Retention Grant and reminded everyone to submit their Company profile for the new website.

Laurel VFD, Mr. Lau (Bryan) raised a question about the on-line application process and the Mobile Fit Test program status. Chairman Tucker and Commissioner Breen stated that currently there has been no further advancements that the Commission is aware of.

West Lanham Hills VFD, Chief Alter (John) requested a more expanded explanation on the information provided to Mr. Lau. Chairman Tucker advised that the Commission and the Association have completed their responsibilities for the projects and the projects are now in the Information Management and the Office of Internet Technologies in order to complete their aspects of the programs. Chairman Tucker advised that the Commission will follow-up on both projects. Commissioner Breen advised that he is still waiting on Logins and the approval to put the Fit Test program on the street. The creation of the RAVE database for the SCBA program is also going to either migrate the existing Fit Test databases or create a totally new database to fit test record storage. John stated that this is the first time he has heard anything about the Rave database. Jay reaffirmed that the Commission will follow-up on both programs.

Glendale VFD, Mr. Woods (Harve) raised concerns about Rescue Squad 18 being at Johnson Truck for 2 months and voiced a complaint about the new telephone system that was installed at Apparatus Maintenance. DFC Cardello stated that he would follow-up on both issues.

Silver Hill VFD, President Diana (Joe) raised a concern/complaint about his vehicle being at Central Fleet Maintenance for 5 weeks in order to get Preventative Maintenance performed.

Morningside VFD, Vice President Grooms (Tommy) raised a concern about Rescue Engine 27 being at Johnson Truck for 2 months.

Benediction, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) led us in a prayer to close the meeting and a motion to adjourn was entertained – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen

