

## Fire Commission Meeting

November 16, 2016

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Rose (Raja) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Rose gave the Chief Chaplain report provided by Chief Chaplain Hetz, advising that the 2017 Founders Circle is scheduled for September 30, 2017 beginning at 12:00 hours, provided an update on funeral events for Charles Porter, Company 29 and Robert Turner, Sr. from Company 22. Chaplain Rose requested that we keep several of the Fire Department family in our prayers. Chaplain Rose reminded everyone that a suggestion was introduced at the December Association Meeting that every Company should designate at least 1 member, provide them with a dress uniform and have them attend the Memorial Services and Funeral events for our members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief Green (Tiffany) provided an update on the Target Solutions Training Management Data Base System and the new SCBA program stating that the upgrade is progressing.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) advised that he would be out-of-town from November 19, 2016 to December 5, 2016. Kenny requested that any Companies in District 3 should send their inquiries and requests to Commissioner Dougherty in the VSC Office during his absence.

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

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested the following FF1 Equivalencies:

Alan Davis, Company 7, all paperwork in order – **Motioned and Approved**

Logan Stadler, Company 9, all paperwork in order – **Motioned and Approved**

Scott D. Bell, Company 27, all paperwork in order – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy advised that the November VRS class is on-going this week and that due to the December holidays, the VRS program will run a week earlier than normal. Randy stated that we are still experiencing the same problems with the VRS registrations process and with the Equivalency process. Randy introduced a new Fire Commission Policy to review the LOSAP Training Report on an as-needed bases to verify correctness prior to the Commission passing such reports in general session. The policy will be placed on the Commission website and a copy will be sent to the Chief's and President's if passed. – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) reported that he has been working and attending meetings on the LOSAP Records Management program with the personnel at IMD and OIT.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval of an Expenditure Request from Company 36, \$3250.00, Loader bucket assembly for the compact tractor – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) reminded everyone to spend their money, and advised he had no further report.

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested approval of the 2016 Company Report "as corrected" from Company 35 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval for the following Awards:

Trisha Bayles, Company 35, 25 years, effective 10/22/2016 – **Motioned and Approved**

Jerry Bond, Company 36, Age 70 Award – **Motioned and Approved**

Ronald Gill, Company 38, 2 additional years of service – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval of the LOSAP Training Report – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) expressed his thanks to all the members that sent cards and letters while he was hospitalized and expressed his thanks to his fellow Commissioners for taking on his job tasks during that time. Jay then requested approval for 4 each Honor Guard uniforms, \$2806.15 – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay advised that disbursement of 508 funds this year would total \$40,861.95 per Company and that Company 40's current project would be paid off with no further participation until a new project is identified. – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay requested an Expenditure approval for Company 20, \$4655.27, tax preparation – **Motioned and Approved**

Volunteer Recruiter, Mrs. Tomanelli (Kate) discussed her plans for the New Member Process, provided a brief report on her meetings with the various Volunteer Companies and advised that the new Volunteer Recruitment Website provided for by the IAFC Grant should be up and running by mid-December and that new recruitment flyers and pamphlets are in the development process and should also be available about that time. Kate stated that it is her intent to individually meet with all Company membership representatives in the future to work with and determine the best course of recruitment efforts for those Companies. Kate closed by announcing the "Hometown Hero's Event" sponsored by the University of Maryland.

Company 1, Mrs. Johns, IAFC Membership Coordinator (Nova) provided a brief update on the IAFC/VCOS Seminar recently held in Clearwater, Florida which was attended by several members from Prince George's County. Nova advised that this was an excellent way for our members to network with volunteers from across the nation to exchange membership recruitment ideas and discuss the similarities of issues experienced with recruiting volunteers into the Fire Service. Nova advised that she will be working with our Volunteer Recruiter in order to improve the recruitment effort in Prince George's County.

PGCVFRA Vice President Trader (Mark) reminded everyone that the next Association meeting would be held at Company 11, hosted by Company 14. Mark advised that the new Chairman for the Chief's Council is Chief 27 and the Vice Chairman is Chief 49. Mark reminded everyone that the Fire Safety poster program contest will be judged at Company 23 on Saturday, November 5, 2016 and that the Toys-for-Tots campaign distribution day is set for Saturday, December 17, 2016. Chairman Tucker remarked about how personally rewarding this program is to the selected families and our members who assist with the distribution of gifts. Mark advised that AFC Doubleday is the program Chair should anyone have questions or want to volunteer their time. Mark reminded us that the outstanding accident and injury reports need to be completed before action is taken by the County against the Volunteer Chief Officers.

Company 37, President Wilson (Steve) advised the Chairman that their 508 money was deposited into the wrong account again. Chairman Tucker advised Steve to contact DFC McClelland at Volunteer Services to report it.

Company 29, Mr. Kramer (Jeff) asked the Commission about financial responsibility and fiscal recoveries when a career employee has an accident with a volunteer owned and insured vehicle. Chairman Tucker advised that the Commission has no set policy established and that the Commission has been attempting to obtain the recoveries funds back to the affected Volunteer Corporations for years with no success. Company 29 should talk with Mr. Ron Block from SMI to see what can be done.

Benediction, Chaplain Rose (Raja) provided us with a blessing to close the meeting and send our members safely on their way home. A motion was entertained by Chairman Tucker to adjourn the meeting. – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen.

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