

Fire Commission Meeting

December 7, 2016

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Frost (Dwayne) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Breen will read the submitted Chaplains Report during the Secretaries Report.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Deputy Barksdale (Ben) advised that he had no report tonight.

Deputy Chief Green (Tiffany) reported on the meetings with Commission representatives for the Volunteer Recruiting website, Mobile Fit Testing and the Target Solutions logins for Chief Officers.

Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) provided a short update on the Inauguration Day events reminding all that no one is to self-deploy to the District of Columbia for the events and activities. All apparatus deployment will be handled through the Special Events Unit for the Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Cardello (Joe) provided a short update on the new SCBA training advising it will consist of 3 training components and that the new Station installed air compressor training will be held on December 12th and 19th at Station 816 in Bowie.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) reminded everyone that today was the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) advised that he had attended the recent ground breaking ceremonies for the 2 new Fire Stations and the Public Safety Pier at National Harbor in Ft. Washington.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) advised he needed to see a representative from Stations 1, 7, 55 and 30 about a LOSAP issue after the meeting. He also stated that he was waiting on information from 9, 12, 13, and 28. Randy reported on the November VRS class stating that 39 members registered, 1 member dropped, 1 member was turned away, and 8 members failed to show-up for class and stated that the December VRS class will run a week early due to the holidays. Randy reminded everyone that all Equivalency attendee in the VRS class must have their equivalency paperwork approved by the Commission prior to registering for the VRS class. This seems to be a continual problem. Randy also asked that if there are any "questionable transfer requests" that companies check with the Commissioner's Office first prior to approving.

Commissioner King (Buddy) advised that he had LOSAP paperwork to return to various Companies and then requested approval of the LOSAP Training Report for Companies 24, 26, 28 and 34 – **Motioned and Approved.**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) reported that to date there are still about 4-6 Companies that have not submitted their Company profile for the new recruiting website. Jay asked that they please complete them and send them to Dave Inone for inclusion on the website. Jay advised that a new version of the ERF form will be out soon and reminded the audience that effective March 1, 2017, the Commission will begin using the special funds money (Tools, Training and Uniforms) for necessary projects that would go to benefit all Companies. Jay requested a policy on the Insurance program as follows: "The County funded

insurance coverage on dead-lined apparatus and one for one replacement apparatus will remain enforce for a period of thirty (30) days from Commission approval date for replacement and/or removal from the fleet so that the Volunteer Corporation has adequate time to provide their own insurance coverage.” – Motioned and Approved

Jay requested up to \$6000.00 of Training fund money to assist with tuition for up to 5 Volunteer members to attend the new “Leadership under Fire” program – **Motioned and Approved.**

Jay closed his report by announcing that this year’s disbursement of “508 Funds” should happen before the end of the calendar year.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested an expenditure approval for Company 24 in the amount of \$6278.96 for a new computer system for the Station – **Motioned and Approved.**

Bobby requested approval for the minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting – **Motioned and Approved.**

Bobby read the Chaplain’s Report for tonight’s meeting (see attached).

Chairman Tucker (Jay) recognized Mr. Riley, AMD Director and asked if he had a report tonight. Mr. Riley stated that he had no formal report tonight.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) reported on a meeting he attended with the AEMS Division about the new “Integrated Mobile Health Care Program” and thanked the representatives from Southern Maryland Insurance for their assistance and patience with the Commission during this year’s Insurance Program overhaul.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) requested an expenditure approval for \$5000.00 for Company 10’s insurance premium – **Motioned and Approved.** Brian provided a brief expenditure update, effective today, expressing concern on unspent Tool and Uniform money.

Volunteer Recruiter Tomanelli (Kate) expressed her “thanks” for all the responses she has received on the IAFC Grant training and advised that she will be doing a general information session at the 2017 Administrative Training Day program. Kate advised that after the holidays she will begin more Station visits to meet with the Volunteer station level Membership/Recruiting personnel so she can review their recruiting programs and provide what help she can with their recruiting efforts. Kate also brought a new Recruitment Process checklist for companies to hand out to potential applicants which outline the steps necessary to complete for volunteering.

PGCVFRA President Cunningham (Bill) provided remarks on the MFRI Electronic Course Enrollment program and that several of the Volunteer Companies in Prince Georges County have not completed their questionnaires and submitted the information to MFRI for inclusion in their system. Bill then complained about the County CIP program complaining that Station 37 had blocked drains and non-functioning HVAC systems, that something needed to be done to remedy these issues with Station 37 and the other Fire Stations in the County. Commissioner Breen responded that he was aware of their issues and if Company 37 wanted to take matters into their own hands, the expenditure request the Commission has on-file for plumbing work will be approved at the next Commission meeting.

Southern Maryland Insurance, Mr. Wyvil and Mr. Block advised they had nothing for the Commission tonight.

Clinton VFD, President Spence (Jerry) advised that Clinton was infested with bedbugs that came from an emergency service incident and some remediation had been performed. Jerry wanted to know if there was any recourse for recovery of expenses from the Corporation insurance policy. Chairman Tucker had Mr. Wyvil and Mr. Block meet with President Spence after the meeting.

AFC Woods (Harve) advised that the PPE inventory program was progressing and that possibly there a large portion of members that have left the service and their PPE needs to be turned-in. Harve stated that unfortunately the Volunteer document does not get completed and turned in so no one knows these members have left the service. Harve suggested that the Commission require the Corporations to follow-thru with the requirements of the Volunteer Separation General Order that's currently in existence so various aspects of the County Fire Service can be aware of their leaving the system.

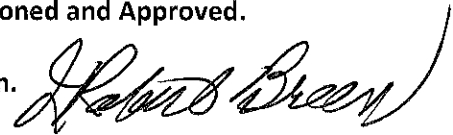
Company 18, Mrs. Woods (Laura) advised that Company 18 had begun their annual Holiday Fruit Drive.

Company 10, Mr. Lau (Bryan) advised that every year at the February Audit, the Volunteer Companies must submit their current membership rosters as part of the audit. Bryan thinks that this may help with the request that Harve made.

Company 27, Mr. Mellits (Pete) advised that the 2017 MSFA Legislative Breakfast/Open House in Annapolis will be held on January 24th. This is a good time to meet and greet your State Representatives and initiate your agenda thoughts and views. Jay commented that one of the agenda issues is the Presumption Law on Cancer and Public Safety members. Jay also advised that the Toys-for Tots distribution will take place Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the Barlow Road Police Station. Jay invited/challenged everyone to come out and assist with the noble and worthy cause.

Benediction, Chaplain Frost (Dwayne) provided a short blessing to safely send all members home from the meeting tonight. Chairman Tucker called for adjournment – **Motioned and Approved.**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen.





OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

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Chief Chaplain's Report

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Memorial Services – There have been no memorial services and none are pending since the last meeting of the Fire Commission.

Founders Circle Memorial – Founders Circle Memorial Service is scheduled for September 30th 2017 at noon at FSB. A list of companies eligible to nominate Founder will be published after the first of the year.

Prayer List Please keep the following people in prayer:

- The Robert Turner's family, Co. 22
- The Charles Porter's Family, Co. 29
- The Mark Montgomery's family, Co. 24
- Chaplain Dwayne Frost, Co. 5
- Chaplain Dwayne Frost's family, death of 2-week old cousin
- Chairman of the Fire Commission Jay Tucker
- Joe McGillin, Co. 18
- Edward Thurston, Co. 23
- Dee Anderson, Co. 33
- Francis Winterwerp, Co. 36
- Phil Carr, Co. 36
- Dickie Reese, Co. 36
- Barry Johnson, Co 49
- Chief John Hoglund
- Past President - LAMSFA Clara Mae Buckmaster

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Harry Hetz

Chief Chaplain – P.G.C.V.F.R.A.
