

Fire Commission Meeting

December 21, 2016

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

Chaplain Report, Acting Chaplain Underwood (Frank) provided a short opening blessing and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) made some brief comments on the new SCBA training program which will begin soon identifying the fact that this training is mandatory for all operational personnel and the administration recognizes that some of our personnel both Career and Volunteer may struggle to pass the training. Chief advised that this not the intent of the training and the Department will work with those individuals to get them through the training. Chief mentioned that any Company wishing to have a County supplied Engine should contact the Volunteer Services Command to be placed on a list of interested Companies.

Deputy Chief Green (Tiffany) advised that the Target Solutions program was moving forward and all operational personnel should be registering into the system.

Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) advised that an approved email list for the Target Solutions program had been sent to the respective Volunteer Chiefs for their personnel to begin registering into the program. Jim reminded all that the 2nd quarter VSU documentation is due to his office by January 9, 2017 so that he can process the paperwork necessary for payments. Jim advised that the First Watch report list appeared blank today and that this was a software issue.

Deputy Chief Cardello (Joe) reminded us that Logistics does have evening hours two days a week and is also open on alternating Saturdays for PPE issue only. Joe provided a brief update on the new SCBA training program.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) wished everyone a Happy Holiday and had no further report.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) wished everyone Happy Holidays and had no further report.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and requested a FF1 Equivalency for Ricky McCoy, Company 13 – **Motioned and Approved.**

Randy provided the following statistical data for the December VRS class:

37 students registered with 4 students being Equivalency students, 6 students failed to show for class, 4 students failed to bring the required paperwork, 1 student showed for class but failed to register for class, 2 students were late for class and were denied entry to class. Randy noted that these are continual repetitive issues with the VRS class.

Randy requested an expenditure approval for Company 9 - \$10,000.00 for annual banquet expenses – **Motioned and Opposed, motion failed as the Station Management Contract only allows for a maximum expenditure of \$7500.00 for this type of expense.**

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

Bobby addressed the body and the present Fire Department administration expressing that he was both personally and professionally opposed to the new SCBA training program in its current content and

format. Bobby expressed concern over the lack of basic training on the SCBA and stated that he has never agreed with administration members on this training, reemphasizing that the Department can't seem to stimulate both Career and Volunteer members to register for the Target Solutions program, the same program that the training videos will be published through. Bobby stated that we need to rethink this process.

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested an expenditure approval for Company 11 - \$2273.00 for a replacement roll-up door for their Annex Building – **Motioned and Approved.**

Buddy requested the following approvals for the LOSAP Report:

Company 28 – 2016 LOSAP Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Company 10 – 2016 LOSAP Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Company 25 – 2015 LOSAP Report correction – **Motioned and Approved**

LOSAP Research – William Zell – 12 years and 1 month – **Motioned and Approved**

LOSAP Training Report – Companies 25 and 28 - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) asked if the Commission had decided on a date for the February Audit and Chairman Tucker announce that the Commissioners should discuss this.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) provided brief remarks about the Tool and Uniform money stating that in the last couple of weeks, some \$10,000.00 worth of ERF's have processed through the Volunteer Services Command.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrome) wished everyone a Happy Holiday and had no further Report.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) advised that the February Audit would be either the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Saturday in February and the Volunteer Leadership Administrative program would possibly be March 4th. Jay requested a status update on the Recruitment pull-ups and that he is still waiting for a response. Jay also requested a status update on the disbursement of the 508 funds and is still waiting on a response to this request. Jay wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

PGCVFRA, Vice President Trader (Mark) advised that the next County Association meeting would be held at Company 17.

Volunteer Recruiter, MS Tomanelli (Kate) stated that currently 5 stations are still missing information for the Station Profiles on the new Recruiting website. Kate advised that the Stations need to do a better job of preparing their applicants for the stress test taken during the Volunteer physical process, we're beginning to see several failures. The physical process allows for a second stress test however after that the test cost is provided for by the applicant, not the County. After the third failure, the applicant is out of consideration for membership. Kate reminded the Companies that the Juvenile record form and the Work Permit form need to be reviewed with the candidates. Kate advised that she has a couple of Station visits scheduled for January.

I AFC Recruitment, MS Johns, Nova advised that the MSFA has announced changes to the Tuition Reimbursement Program and the information is currently listed on the MSFA website. Nova stated that the Ladies Auxiliary also has a \$250.00 assistance program that's also available for immediate family members.

AFC Woods (Harve) advised that occasionally County vendors do make billing errors and sent the bills for payment directly to the Stations instead of the County. Harve advises to just forward the bill to Logistics and it will be processed and paid. Harve also announced that during the SCBA practical training, Logistics personnel will be available to inventory PPE.

Benediction – Frank Underwood was recognized and requested to provide a short prayer to close out the meeting. Chairman Tucker then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting – **Motioned and Adjourned.**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen

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