

Fire Commission Meeting
January 18, 2017

Meeting was gavelled to order by Chairman Tucker and a sign-in sheet was passed around.

Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Elaine provided a report from Chief Chaplain Hetz identifying several of our members on the prayer list and advised us that the Memorial forms sent out in the MSFA Convention Package did not include Harry's new address nor had the MSFA website been updated as of this morning. Harry requests that all 2016 Memorial forms be sent to the following address:

20818 Oak Grove Church Road

Bivalve, Md. 21814

Harry's phone number is (410) 873-2141 or email him at chapy1733@verizon.net
(Chaplains Report is attached).

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) advised that the new SCBA practical training has been reviewed and some minor changes have been made to this initiative. A document identifying the new approve practical training should be forth-coming. Chief stated that any Stations having login problems should contact OG at IMD, his phone number is (301) 883-7173. Chief Bashoor made few remarks about the new Vehicle Markings order that has come out and noted the concerns raised of the COG numbering requirement for all response vehicles. Lastly, Chief Bashoor advised that his retirement would be effective March 1, 2017 and that for the next few weeks he will be moving, taking some vacation, then return to work to finish his tenure with the Department.

Chief Deputy, Barksdale (Chief Barksdale) advised an update to the Volunteer Command Officer's MDC acquisition stating that the Department will also be using some Dell computers along with the Panasonic CF31 laptops. Chief Barksdale advised that for the Target Solutions program to work properly and reach all operational members, the correct email address must be used when logging into the system. The Department recognizes that some members may have changed their email address and these changes need to be made in the Target Solutions data-base so the members login will work. Chief Barksdale advised that the Department had purchased 300 voice amplifiers to be issued/used with the SCBA face pieces assigned to the unit officers.

VSC Deputy Chief, McClelland (Jim) remarked on the unsatisfactory completion rate for the 2016 Infection Control on-line training and stated that the program would be put back on-line for the Department's members to complete from February 1 through February 28, 2017.

Executive Officer, Doubleday (Alan) stated he had no report.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) provided an update on the Tools and Uniforms accounts stating that effective January 17, 2017, we still had a balance of \$110,000.00 in the Tools Account and \$42,000.00 in the Uniforms Account.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) stated that he had no report tonight.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) provided statistical data on the VRS class and advised that a new advisory program had been established to inform the respective Volunteer Chiefs of their new member's status

in the VRS program. The program will show the Chiefs if their candidate has been enrolled or placed on standby and at the completion of the course, an update will come out informing the Chiefs of the candidate status, i.e.: passed, incomplete, failed, failed to show, etc.

Randy requested an expenditure approval for Company 1 - \$7500.00 – Banquet Expenses – **Motioned and Approved.**

Randy requested an equivalency approval – John Carroll – Company 14 – **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested the following LOSAP Company Report approvals:

Company 49 – 2016 Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Company 20 – 2016 Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Company 40 – 2016 Report – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested the following LOSAP Award approvals:

Dale Montgomery – Co. 40 – 28 yrs. – **Motioned and Approved**, award on hold for direct deposit information.

Michael Felicotti – Co. 14 – 23 yrs. – age 70 Award – **Motioned and Approved**

Charles Bartz – Co. 49 – 36 yrs. – **Motioned and Approved**

Brian Moe – Co. 10 – 27 yrs. – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval for the January 4, 2017 meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval for and expenditure request from Company 26 - \$2500.00 – Ocean City Convention rooms deposit – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby asked a question about the ready supply of AED electrode paks available for emergency replenishment to units that deplete their supply. After some discussion, the Fire Department administration stated that a supply of electrodes should be made available through the AEMS Roll-Mart facility located at the end of the hallway across from the Fire Commission office. These would be used for afterhours or emergency replenishment purposes.

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

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) advised that he had no report tonight.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrome) stated that he had no report tonight.

Commissioner, Chairman Tucker (Jay) requested an expenditure approval for Company 23 - \$2000.00 – banquet expenses – **Motioned and Approved.**

Jay advised that the Commission had received and forwarded remarks/concerns to the Office of the Fire Chief on the new Vehicle Markings General Order. Jay advised that the February Audit is scheduled for February 25, 2017 to begin at 0800 hours. The Administrative Training Day will be held at MFRI in College Park on Saturday, March 11, 2017 beginning at 0800 hours. Jay reminded all that the February 15, 2017 Commission meeting will be held at Station 29, Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department and Jay requested information from Southern Maryland Insurance on the Vehicle M#'s for the insured fleet.

Volunteer Recruiter, Ms Tomanelli (Kate) advised that the new PG Volunteers website had been soft launched with only featured videos on Facebook at this point and that she has sent out to all Stations information on the application process along with an instruction sheet for all forms and documents. Kate stated that the State-wide Recruiting Day is scheduled for April 23, 2017. Kate advised that any

Stations needing marketing assistance with recruiting new members may contact he for assistance.
(Kate's report is attached.)

PGCVFRA President, Mr. Cunningham (Bill) reported that the next Chief's Council Meeting would be held at Station 29 on Thursday, January 26, 2017 and that the next BOD meeting for the Association would be held at Station 18. Bill advised that the Association is looking to incorporate some changes to the current MOU with Prince Georges County pertaining to the Fire Commission. Lastly, Bill advised all that if you have a question, ask it.

LAPGCVFRA, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) advised that their next meeting would be held at Station 55, hosted by Company 34. Elaine stated that the funding for the Canteen needs to be a line item in the budget and negotiations are underway for that. Elaine announced that the 2017 Tributes' have been selected.

Company 23, Chief Dickinson (Bob) asked for a status update on the 508 distribution and Jay responded that the Commission had made the request to the County Fire Department several weeks ago, and Deputy Chief Green advised that the request is in processing. The Commission is unable to give a definitive disbursement date though.

Company 56, Chief Demerit (Janet) inquired about the On-Line Application Process and Deputy Chief Green stated that some of the documents are un-trackable once completed and submitted so research and a fix are being worked on currently.

Logistics, Lt. Mandragos (Steve) advised that a PPE sizing schedule had been sent to all Station identifying date, time and Battalion location for the sizing. Steve advised that usable returned PPE is being cleaned and prepared to use as temporary loaner gear and that Logistics would like for the Stations to return all unused PPE to put into the loaner inventory. Steve advised that normal gear cleaning takes about 1 week barring repairs needed and deep cleaning due to hazardous chemicals.

Co.10, Mr. Lau (Bryan) advised that the MOU between the County and the Association pertaining to the Fire Commission needs to be placed into legislation and be codified.

PGCVFRA President, Mr. Cunningham (Bill) asked for an update on Mobile Fit Testing and Bobby advised that he is still waiting on Logins.

Co. 37, President Wilson (Steve) requested a good vendor list from the County as the list that was recently sent out shows several vendors with contracts that are or have expired. This would be helpful for the Stations use.

Co. 27, President Grooms (Tommy) notified the Commission that Company 27's Engine has been at AES for tank repairs for 6 months. Chairman Tucker advised that he follow-up on it and get back to them.

Benediction, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) provided a short closing prayer to send us home safely, Chairman Tucker recognized a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner. Secretary Breen

