

Fire Commission Meeting
August 17, 2016

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) led us in a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with a short update on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, DFC McClelland (Jim) reported on the need for email addresses for all our operational members from the Volunteer Departments. Jim advised that it had been determined that a possible significant exposure to asbestos has been confirmed with the Montgomery County building explosion and resultant fire and that several of our members might have suffered an exposure. Efforts are underway to make contact with those affected in order to get appropriate reports filed and to get their PPE collected for decontamination and cleaning. Jim reported that the 2016 On-Line Infection Control training program is available on the PGFD E-learning website and all members should register and take the course. Jim closed by announcing that several new projects will have ground breaking activities take place later this fall.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) reported on the tentative plan to fund MDC's for the Volunteer Command Officers and to fund the purchase of up to 5 sets of ALS equipment to be used for the Volunteer ALS units. Jay read 2 requests from Company's 9 and 24 to enter into the 508 program. Jay then made a motion for Company 9 and Company 24 to enter the 508 program – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay read a request from Company 8 to purchase a used 2009 Ambulance from the Charles County Rescue Squad and place into service in Prince Georges County – **Motioned and Approved pending inspection and approval by Prince Georges County Fire EMS Department.** Jay reminded everyone of the on-going 508 Audit and mentioned that the Volunteer Member Re-Entry General Order was currently being revised with specific language being incorporated for those members whom have been separated from active service for 12 months or more – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay reminded everyone of the Audit on Saturday, August 20, 2016 starting at 0800 hours. Jay requested approval of the policy on Tool, Training and Uniform expenditures – **Motioned and Approved**

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

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) advised that he had no report.

Commissioner King (Buddy) advised that he had no LOSAP Awards to read tonight.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) asked a question about the 2017 insurance policy bill and Mr. Ken Wyvil indicated that he had the information with him to turn over to Chairman Tucker. The

question dealt with Volunteer owned fleet vehicles and whether they had been approved for inclusion by the Chairman.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) presented the following expenditure requests:

Company 28 - Ambulance Repair - \$2223.18 – **Motioned and Approved**

Company 28 – Insurance Bill - \$2275.00 – **Motioned and Approved**

Brian explained that anyone that has issues with providing email addresses for their members could contact him for assistance. Brian also advised that he is currently working with Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Services to fix some of the electronic funding issues that have taken place with VSU and Ambulance billing requests. Brian closed by reminding everyone to spend their Tool and Uniform money.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the August 3, 2016 meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval to fund \$20,300.00 for Rehab Unit 800 equipment – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval for an expenditure from Company 26 – crab feast for members – **Motioned and Approved**

PGCVFRA, President Walker (Chuck) stated that he had no report.

PGCVFRA, 2nd Vic President Trader (Mark) reported that the Tribute honored 7 members with a cumulative of 410 years of service.

Laurel VFD, Mr. Lau (Bryan) requested that the Commission make available the meeting minutes and such documents sooner so that he may share them with his Company members.

Ritchie VFD, President Wilson (Steve) advised that he received a telephone call from someone reporting to be an attorney for an insurance company wanting information on a past member's job related work injury.

Laurel VFD, Mr. Lau (Bryan) asked who is the Workman's compensation insurance company providing coverage for the Volunteers. Commissioner Breen stated that the coverage is provided through AIG Insurance.

Bowie VFD, JR Bigony (JR) advised that the latest version of the SERF update has been placed on the website.

Morningside VFD, Vice President Grooms (Tommy) asked whom we complain to about apparatus repair work. Chairman Tucker advised to let him know and he will follow-up on complaint.

Benediction, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided a short blessing to close the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner, Secretary Breen

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