

**Fire Commission Meeting**  
August 1, 2018

The meeting was gaveled to order by Chairman Tucker at 1930 hours, a sign-in sheet was passed around.

Invocation, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) gave an invocation blessing and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Elaine then provided the Chief Chaplains report (*See Attached*).

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Barksdale (Chief) reported that the Volunteer Station Management Agreement draft is currently in the Office of Law being evaluated for legal sufficiency and the Station Management Agreement for the Canteen Unit is also being evaluated also. The Chief expressed his thanks for the Volunteer members that have activated their Gmail accounts established by the County. Chief also reminded us that all EEO complaints received at Station level need to be reported to the Office of the Fire Chief.

Volunteer Services Command, DFC McClelland (Jim) opened his remarks stating that he has heard numerous complaints about Volunteer members having too many email accounts or needing to remember too many LOGIN credentials, advising that an instruction memo went out this week explain the step-by-step process for forwarding the Gmail emails from the County to an account they would prefer to use. Jim advised that the Commission is in the process of purchasing approximately 308 sets of PPE for the Volunteer's second set of gear. Jim advised that General Order 2-27 (Additions, Changes to the Fleet) has been sent to stakeholders for comment. The Apex vending machine general order is currently being written and the Apex/Elite training program still on-going, so, get your members to this training. Jim advised that 12 of the 16 recent deaths to our members who are due the Volunteer Death Benefit are currently in processing. Jim reminded us that this year's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. "Thank You" to our Volunteers that have stepped up to take an active part in this year's program. Jim closed by advising that he received several concerns about a General Order on Uniforms due to a section that would refer to Volunteers.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) reminded us to get our Beneficiary Forms updated and on file. 4 of the 16 Members that were processed will not have their benefit paid to the appropriate spouse or receive no benefit because of outdated documents on file. The NREMT prep class is hopefully going to be held in September. Jay reminded us to make sure all necessary documents are available and properly signed-off prior to coming to Audit. The Audit will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 beginning at 0800 hours and will run until 30 minutes after the last Company present is audited. Jay advised that the Commission currently has about 202 candidates to process for the Volunteer Recruiter position. Jay reminds us that the 508 Audit documentation needs to be turned-in to the Commission Office on or before September 1, 2018.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) provided a brief update on Company spending to date.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) placed the following request:

Expenditure – Company 41 - \$2741.99 – Chairs – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested the following LOSAP approvals:

Award – Lee Havens, Co. 19, 39 years, effective 9/1/2018 – **Motioned and Approved**

Award – Claud Jordan, Co. 24, 38 years – **Motioned and Approved**

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

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) requested an approval for a replacement vehicle to the fleet for Company 9 (support vehicle) – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of he July 18, 2018 Minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

PGCVFRA, V.P. Trader (Mark) advises that the next meeting will be held at Company 36 on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

LA-PGCVFRA, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) advises their next meeting is Thursday, August 2, 2018 and will be held at Company 35.

Company 19, Mr. Blanton (Gary) asked if the Commission had an update to the training hours policy for Target Solutions. Jay advised that the issue is still being worked on.

Company 10, Mr. Lau (Bryan) reminded us that the deadline for Company LOSAP Reports for 2018 is September 1, 2018.

Company 25, President Spence (Jerry) advised that Clinton has acquired a new set of funeral steps and platform. This new unit is available for all to use.

Company 37, President Wilson (Steve) advised that he has received several complaints that his member recipients LOSAP payment was short money. Chairman Tucker responded that this may be due to past over-payments and that a letter was supposed to go out to all members and qualifying beneficiaries receiving spousal benefits from LOSAP. Bryan Lau advised that all LOSAP fund recipients were supposed to receive a letter from Pensions and Benefits effective July 1, 2018 identifying how the over-payments and under-payments corrections would be handled however some got the letter and some did not. Commissioner King advised to have those members contact him.

Company 18, Mr. Woods (Harve) was recognized and stated the we have a premiere LOSAP program as compared to some programs throughout the State.

Benediction, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) provided a closing blessing to end the meeting.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) called for adjournment – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner/Secretary Breen





## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building  
6820 Webster Street  
Landover, Maryland 20784

### Chief Chaplain's Report

August 1, 2018

Grace, mercy and peace to all.

It is with deep sadness that I was informed of the passing of Edwin Francis Thurston, Life Member of the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department Number One. Ed died July 24<sup>th</sup>. He was 94 years old. His funeral service was held July 30, 2018.

It is with deep sadness that the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary's Oldest Life Member, Muriel Olga (Welsh) Owens. She died on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93.

**County Convention Memorial Service:** Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt, MD.

**Founders Circle:** The *2018 Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and Roll Call of the Founders* is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Cranford-Graves Fire Service Building. It will begin at noon. A meeting was held on July 10, 2018 to begin that planning process, as well. The eligible companies have been notified; they are as follows: (3) Mount Rainier, (4) Brentwood, (7) Riverdale, (8) Seat Pleasant, (9) Bladensburg, (12) College Park, (13) Riverdale Heights, (19) Bowie, (20) Marlboro, (21) Oxon Hill, (23) Forestville, (25) Clinton, (26) District Heights, (27) Morningside, (28) West Lanham Hills, (29) Silver Hill, (32) Allentown Road, (34) Chillum-Adelphi, (37) Ritchie, (38) Chapel Oaks, and (56) Volunteer Marine Fire Rescue Department.

Departments are requested to get your nominations in to me by the August 8<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting. They can email the nominations, give them to the President or given them to me at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Association meeting. We'd like to have the nomination on company letterhead, signed by the President, Chief or Secretary. And please provide some details of what the individual has done to deserve the honor.

Nathan Flynn, a 13-year veteran of the Howard County Fire Department died while battling a house fire in Howard County on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was also a Volunteer Member of Susquehanna Hose Company in Harford County. We certainly want to keep the Flynn family, Howard County Fire Department and Susquehanna in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. His funeral service was held on July 28, 2018.

## Prayer List

Please keep the following people in prayer:

- Andrew Byrd family, Co. 5
- Joe Robison, Co. 10
- Muriel Olga Owens Family, Co. 10
- Tom and Flow Collins Co. 10 & Co. 31
- James "Guppy" Davis Family, Co. 11
- Renée Underwood, Co. 11
- Patricia Gray, Co. 23
- Kevin Johnson, Co. 23
- John R. Sansbury, Jr.'s family, Co. 23
- Edward Thurston Family, Co. 23
- Jean Gardner, Co. 24
- Thomas Gardner, Co. 24
- Harry Ritter family, Co. 24
- Diane Conley, Co. 31
- Dee Anderson, Co. 33
- Candy Mitchel, Co. 33
- Jim Neal, Co. 33
- Cheryl Trader, Co. 33
- Chuck Walker, Co. 34
- Shirley Boswell, Co. 36
- Kevin Cox family, Co. 36
- Betty Ellis, Co. 36
- Doris Harris, Co. 36
- Dickie Riess, Co. 36
- Louise Riess, Co. 36
- Gerald Hayden, Co. 37
- Gregory Johnson, Co. 40
- Mike and Carol Lantz, Co. 40
- Ronald "Reds" Wilkinson, Co. 40
- Joan Robison, Co. 49
- Daisy Malinoski, Co. 55
- Keith Schenk family, Co. 55
- Chief John Hoglund
- Rev. J. Harvey Dixon, Chief Chaplain Emeritus - MSFA
- Nathan Flynn Family, Susquehanna Hose Co. & Howard County Fire Dept.

If someone has need of a chaplain to visit a member in the hospital or is in need of any other services from the Chaplains Corp, please get in touch with me.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harry Hetz

Chief Chaplain - P.G.C.V.F.R.A.