

**Fire Commission Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 25, 2015

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

Chaplains Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance then provided the membership with a current report on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor) opened his remarks with an update on pending changes to his upper level management team, announcing the promotion of Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Wood to Deputy Fire Chief and the changes in duty assignments for both Chief Barksdale and Chief Wood. Chief Bashoor continued his report announcing that the Leadership Academy Program is nearing its implementation phase where fifteen (15) career and fifteen (15) volunteer members will be selected into the program. This program is co-funded by the Fire Commission and the Fire Fighters Union. Chief Bashoor announced that a directive will be coming out shortly describing the disciplinary process for failure to complete the required EPCR reports. These past actions of not completing the EPCR reports by our fire service members and employees has resulted in approximately a \$5,000,000.00 shortfall in ambulance billing monies due to the Fire/EMS Department system. Chief Bashoor then provided an update on the new apparatus purchases with a tentative delivery schedule. The Chief closed his remarks announcing that he will be in the hallway selling 9/11 Stair-Climb raffle tickets to be held September 19, 2015 at The Gaylord in National Harbor.

Administrative Services Command, Deputy Chief Smedley (Corey) provided a brief introduction to the body announcing that he will be available as will his command to assist the volunteer membership with their needs.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) stated that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) announced that several stations have not submitted to use their "Small Tools" money and that these funds, as it stands now will be use or lose. All stations should be submitting to use these funds when purchasing tools and equipment instead of using Station Management Funds.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) requested to have the Commission reconsider their motion from the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to "approve Station 33 for additional 508 Funds to assist with the purchase of their Mini-Pumper". Jon stated that the initial action by the Commission was slightly premature since the advertised closing date to submit requests for use of the overflow funds provided by the Commission was April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner King (Buddy) presented his LOSAP report as follows:

Station 14 – 2014 Company Report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 40 Award – Kenneth Rose Sr., 70 years of age, 20 years and 3 mos., effective 2/1/15 – **Motioned and Approved**

Training Report as submitted – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy stated that there are still several out-standing reports that need to be submitted at this time.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) stated that he had no report at this time.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) report on the various meetings and work sessions he has attended since his last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested the approval of the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes-  
**Motioned and Approved**

Bobby reminded the membership that when filling out SERF requests, to be sure to check the small boxes on the lower portion of the request that denotes the intended use of the supplies requested. Bobby advised that he had been working on a sub-committee along with members of the departments management team to come up with a workable program for annual PPE inspection and cleaning.

Bobby then requested approvals for the following expenditures:

Station 36 - \$2150.00, painting of interior of station – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 27 - \$5750.00, new dayroom furniture for station – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 8 - \$3500.00, plumbing repairs to bathrooms in the station – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) requested approval for the following:

Station 40 - \$5500.00, purchase of a mini-mate hydraulic pump for rescue tools – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 40 - \$2307.08, misc. bills paid from the station account – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay spoke about some requested changes to the Fire Commission MOU, noting that the changes deal with Commissioner term-limits. Jay spoke of the appointment of the new civilian commissioner Rick Wilson, by the time the County Council moves on Rick's appointment and he is sworn-in, his term will have expired. As a result of this and other reasons, the Commission felt the need to make wording revisions to the current MOU. – **Motioned and Approved**

Jay stated that the County will have to initiate a new PAG in order to award a new "physicals" contract and that the Commission will be working very hard to get some very necessary changes made in that contract. Jay will be meeting next week with Assistant Fire Chief George, Risk Management on this subject and the inclusion of "EMS only" physicals. Jay stated that currently the Commission has authorized the with-holding of funds from five (5) stations since they either failed to show-up and/or pass their audit or they are outstanding in the submission of their LOSAP. Jay again reminded everyone that the \$400,000.00 that was included in this year's budget was a one-shot deal and strongly suggests that everyone take advantage of these additional funds while they are available. They can be used for tools, uniforms or approved training programs for all our members. Jay reminded everyone about the upcoming Administrative Leadership Training seminar that will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 0900 in the Burton Room of the Fire Services Building. This is an important tool to assist you with managing your corporations; the e-vites have gone out and lunch will be provided by the Ladies Auxillary.

PGVFRA President, Walker (Chuck) mentioned that they have been busy in Annapolis, MD this year and that member support is welcomed and needed for upcoming legislation.

LA-PGCVFRA, President Hetz (Lois) stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Laurel VFD, Bryan Lau (Bryan) was recognized and asked "how come no one will answer his questions?" Bryan went on to explain that he was instructed to put his questions in writing and that he would get a response however, to date he has not received the answers to his questions even though he has submitted them in writing to the Commission. Chairman Tucker advised Bryan that he had not seen his questions; at which time a discussion was held between the Chairman and Bryan. Though no resolve was initially made at this time, hopefully some resolve will be made within a couple of days that will be satisfactory to Bryan.

Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Litchfield and a motion to adjourn was entertained and approved. The next Commission meeting will be March 4, 2015, 1930 hours at the Fire Services Building.

*Minutes recorded and typed by Commissioner Bobby Breen, Secretary & District 4.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Breen", is written over the typed name of the Secretary.