

Fire Commission Meeting

August 9, 2015

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

Chaplains Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) recited an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a brief update on our sick and injured members.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) advised that Diana Donn, Administrative Aide was injured recently while riding her bicycle. Diana suffered a fractured femur and is home and awaiting further medical treatment. Chief Bashoor requested that we keep Diana in our prayers. Chief Bashoor provided a brief update on Department actions that have been taken to meet the 6.6 million dollar budget reduction. The Chief is requesting that the Volunteers consider working VSU's on County holidays, thereby eliminating some over-time expenditures. Chief Bashoor announced that two (2) Assistant Fire Chief Vacancies will be placed on temporary hold, then provided an update on the new County apparatus that's on order or in the fabrication process.

Chief Bashoor stated that he will be traveling to China as part of an IAFC program in the near future. Chief Bashoor advised of several upcoming department-wide events scheduled for late August and throughout the month of September, October and November. Chief stated that he would be selling stair-climb tickets in the hallway. Chief Bashoor closed his remarks by reminding everyone to take some initiative to remind operational leaders when necessary to have units responding to incidents proceed rather than respond when a Fire Department unit is on-scene and reporting no evidence of smoke, fire or some other type of emergency as it will help save money on fuel and prevent departmental accidents.

Volunteer Services Command, Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) announced that the Joint Services Air Show will be held at Joint Base Andrews on September 18th and 19th and that the Department has received a request for Engines and Brush Trucks. The deadline for submitting crew commitments is August 27th. Jim spoke of the Departments 10 year apparatus replacement plan and stated that if you are planning an apparatus replacement, to notify his office so that it can be included in the over-all plan. Jim stated that there are several out-standing accident and injury reports that need to be completed and turned-in as soon as possible. Jim closed his comments by announcing that he is looking for volunteer participation in the VSU program for the Labor Day holiday.

Emergency Services Command, Deputy Chief Wood (Dennis) stated that significant improvement has been made in the electronic reporting system (EMEDS) and that in the near future, his office will be contacting the volunteer leadership from each corporation in order to schedule a meeting.

Administrative Services Command, Deputy Chief Smedley (Corey) announced that the annual gear cleaning, inspection and repair program has begun and he encourages the volunteers to take part in this program. Corey stated that there is loaner gear at Logistics for use while issued gear is being cleaned. Corey responded to a question from the membership stating that "there are no second sets of gear to be issued as it is not in the budget".

Chairman, Commissioner Tucker (Jay) stated that the Station Management Audit would be held on Saturday, August 29th beginning at 0800 hours. Jay advised that the Recruiter Car is available for static displays at the volunteer stations during public events and to contact the Commission Office if you would like to utilize it. Jay stated that the Sperian 4 point adjustment N99 mask would be carried in inventory soon and then Jay remarked on the insurance program stating that the Commission is taking a serious look at the accident and injury data compared to the claim pay-out data in order to come up with an equitable premium program for all the Volunteer Corporations. Jay then placed a motion on the floor to approve \$1,231,336.00 for the new annual insurance program. -**Motioned and Approved**

Jay then reminded everyone to use their Tool, Uniform and Training money, don't wait until the last half of the year.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) stated that he had nothing to bring up.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) stated that he had nothing to bring up.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) advised that he attended the work session held by the Commission on the insurance program and the over-all safety culture of the Department. Individual premiums are increasing significantly as the accident and injury rate increases.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) presented the following individuals for medical physical appeal approval:

Ms. Venna Spencer, Station 5 – **Motioned and Approved**

Mr. Ellis Winston, Station 49 – **Motioned and Approved**

Mr. Bunnar Hass, Station 27 – **Motioned and Approved**

Mrs. Breanna Hollifield, Station 1 – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the August 5th meeting minutes. - **Motioned and Approved**

Vice Chairman, Commissioner King (Buddy) requested a motion for an expenditure approval for Station 35 in the amount of \$3495.00 for a Blow Hard Fan – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy presented the following LOSAP Awards for Approval:

Robert Dickinson, Station 23, 25 years – **Motioned and Approved**

Stefan Facini, Station 23, 25 years – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy then requested approval for the following Company Report:

Station 25, 2014 report as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy advised that the 2015 Company Reports are due to the Commission no later than September 1, 2015.

Volunteer Recruiter, Smith (Brittany) reminded everyone that the 508 Audit paperwork is due into the Commission Office by COB on Friday, August 28th and that Commissioner Wilson is collecting email addresses from the membership to place into a contact list database for better distribution of Fire Commission activities and documents and reminded everyone to be using the updated version of PGC Form #673.

Chairman, Commissioner Tucker (Jay) advised that the revised Station Management Contracts are due back to the Commission in approximately a week. Jay stated that he needs to meet with representatives from Stations 34, 20, 27, 23, 40, 33, 9, 31 and 37 for a short meeting after the Commission meeting adjourns.

LAPGCVFRA, Vice President Gardner (Kitty) stated that the Ladies next meeting would be held at the County Convention.

Silver Hill VFD, Chief Thompson (Milton) posed a question to Chief Bashoor about the increasing frequency of ambulance calls to the District of Columbia. Chief Bashoor stated that he is aware of the recent rise in calls to the District of Columbia and that he has instructed his staff to look into matter and that he has briefly been in contact with DCFEMS Chief..

Benediction, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) provided a short prayer to close the meeting and allow our members safe passage home.

Motion was made to adjourn the August 19th meeting – **Motioned and Approved**

Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Breen", is written over the typed name in the previous block. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.