

## Fire Commission Meeting

December 16, 2015

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

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) provided a short opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and provided us with updates on our sick and injured members. Chairman Tucker recognized Charlie Phillips for being with us tonight.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) recognized President Strine from the Marlboro VFD and thanked him and his membership for hosting the meeting and feeding the masses.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief) provided some short remarks about the continued funding of the Fire Grants Act and advised everyone using Route 50 to exercise caution as resurfacing work is ongoing. Chief thanks everyone for their generosity with the Toys for Tots/ Bike donation program. This was an overwhelming success. Chief Bashoor provided some brief remarks about the Station 28/30 incident stating that events such as this are a cancer to our system and these types of events will not be tolerated. This incident remains under investigation at this time. Chief Bashoor thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers, his mother is currently in Chemotherapy and radiation treatments for her cancer and all are hoping for the best. Chief reminded everyone about the operational changes taking place with the passing command/tactical command and the soon to be active AVL dispatching program. The Chief closed by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Deputy Chief Barksdale (Ben) advised that the new RMS/CAD training is ongoing and will continue through the holidays. The schedule has been sent out to all Stations. Ben reported that further testing had been successfully completed on some of the questionable alerting systems and we should be ok when the new system goes live on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Ben advised that your login into the system will be your email address.

Deputy Chief McClelland (Jim) provided brief remarks on the Operational Report program stating that report templates had been sent out to the stations. Jim stated that the reports are due within 24 hours of the incident. Jim advised that the 508 distribution plan had been submitted and we are waiting on the checks to be disbursed. Jim stated that 5 Volunteer Companies had stepped up to the plate and made themselves available for detail to Baltimore if a request comes in from MEMA during the Freddie Gray trial.

Commissioner Wilson (Rick) gave a quick A/V presentation on the Insurance Taskforce Program and findings. At the completion of the program Rick took questions from the members in attendance. Chairman Tucker provided some insurance history to the members in attendance. Bryan Law questioned the County Self-Insurance Program; was this program still in affect and what bearing does that have on our insurance. Chairman Tucker responded that the program is still in affect however the benefits of the program are less than acceptable for the Volunteer Corporations. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to accept the findings and recommendations of the Task Force and moved for adoption. **Motioned and Approved**

Rick closed by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) wished everyone a “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”.

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) wished everyone “happy holidays”, reminded everyone to spend the Tool and Uniform money. Kenny advised that the 4 County Career Stations (806, 816, 844 and 845) would now come under the Fire Commission for budget over-sight and logistical support.

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) read a request from Hyattsville VFD, Station 801 replace an existing ambulance with a new ambulance transferring the fuel, maintenance and insurance to the new vehicle – **Motioned and Approved**

Randy read a request from Hyattsville VFD, Station 801 to place another Chief’s vehicle in-service, requesting insurance coverage only but during questioning of the motion, a request to table the initial request until the next Commission meeting so a thorough review of the insurance coverage to their fleet could be completed. – **Motioned and Approved to table till the next meeting of the Commission**

Randy stated that the Rules and Regulations for registering VRS students are set in stone and there will be no exceptions. The current class has 40 plus students registered and he should have class statistics by the next meeting.

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) wished everyone a “happy holiday”.

Commissioner Dougherty (Brian) expressed his thanks to Rick and the Task Force members for their work on the insurance issue and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) stated that all requested LOSAP documents for Tuxedo-Cheverly VFD, Station 22 had been delivered to the County Office of Law for review prior to being sent out to the requesting party for those documents. Bobby requested approval of the meeting minutes from the December 2, 2015 meeting. – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby provided an update on some on-going CIP/Station Repairs for Stations 10, 18 and 55.

Commissioner King (Buddy) requested approval of an expenditure request for Station 11 - \$6198.00 – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval of LOSAP research for Anthony Johnson, ID# 9193 to increase his years of service from 20 years 0 months to 21 years 0 months – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested approval of the LOSAP Training Report – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy reminded everyone to use the LOSAP approved direct deposit form when submitting a member for an award. Buddy closed his report by wishing everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Chairman Tucker (Jay) reported that the 508 distributions are progressing and the State of Maryland special grant monies are also progressing and should be distributed shortly if they have not been received yet. Jay stated that there are 3 Volunteer Stations with very high numbers of members outstanding on Fit Test compliance and these Stations need to do a better job getting their members fit tested or return the issued face pieces or a lost/damage report if the members

and face pieces are missing. Jay stated that there will be a work session on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 1900 hours at the FSB. Jay reported that the Ambulance Billing Taskforce is still investigating the reduced revenue returns to the Volunteer Corporations and their finding should be completed shortly. Jay closed his report by advising that the Station Management Audit would be held Saturday, February 13, 2016 and that the Station Administrator Class would be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Volunteer Recruiter Smith (Brittany) advised that she had a limited number of Member Application Packets with her tonight and they are first come, first serve.

PGCVFRA President Walker (Chuck) reported that he has the annual 50/50 MSFA raffle tickets to distribute to the Stations; see him to get yours. The MSFA Legislative Reception will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in Annapolis and the big legislative issue this year so far is the State Sprinkler legislation that is being raised again this year by the Eastern Shore Delegation. Chuck reported that the State Legislative season begins on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in Annapolis. Chuck closed by advising that the next Association meeting would be hosted by Station 57 with the location to be announced at a later date.

LAPGCVFRA Past President King (Jennifer) reported that the next ladies meeting would be held on January 7, 2016 at Station 20.

Laurel VFD, Mr. Lau (Bryan) asked the feasibility of a VRS class Tee shirt? Bryan stated that the career recruit schools have them so why don't the volunteers. Bryan thinks that the Commission should look into purchasing these.

Marlboro VFD, Mr. Van Tassel (Eric) requested information about how to get the Ambulance Billing balance sheets in order to track the receivable funding. Chairman Tucker advised Eric that the information is sent to the Chief and President on a monthly basis.

Glendale VFA, Mr. Woods (Harve) reported that the Maryland State Fire Chief's Association would be host their legislative reception in Annapolis on February 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm, Room 2-west of the Miller Building.

Marine Fire/Rescue, Mrs. Demerit (Janet) announced that today is Mike Alfieri's birthday; Happy Birthday Mike. The membership sang "Happy Birthday" to Mike.

Benediction, Chaplain Huttenlock (Elaine) provided a short benediction blessing and a motion to adjourn the meeting was called – **Motioned and Approved**

*Minutes recorded and typed by Bobby Breen, Commissioner and Secretary*

