

## Fire Commission VIRTUAL Meeting

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The meeting via TELECONFERENCE was gaveled to order by Chairman Breen at 7:30 pm. A sign-up sheet was not available.

Chaplain Hetz (Harry) - opened the meeting with a brief invocation prayer, the pledge of allegiance and the Chaplain's Report.

### Commissioner/ Chairman Breen (Bobby)

- Requested approval for Company 40 (Brandywine) to add two support vehicles to the fleet with fuel, maintenance, and insurance to be paid by the corporation. - **Motioned and Approved**
- Requested expenditure approval for \$2839.75 for West Lanham Hills (48) to pay their insurance premium - **Motioned and Approved**
- Made a motion to open nominations for two volunteer commissioners at the next meeting per the existing MOU. - **Motioned and Approved**
- Commissioner Kuenzli will be on administrative leave until further notice.
- Made a motion to appoint Commissioner King to be acting vice chairman and Commissioner Wilson will fill in as needed on expenditure approvals. - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Vice Chair Kuenzli (Randy) – requested to be put on administrative leave.

### Commissioner Acting Vice Chair King (Buddy)

- Requested LOSAP approval for Sandy Lutz (18) age 70 award with 21 years credit effective 4/1/2020 - **Motioned and Approved.**

### Commissioner/ Secretary Wilson (Rick)

- Requested approval of November 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting minutes and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Mellits for providing them. - **Motioned and Approved.**

### Commissioner Mellits (Pete)

- 11-11-20 Attended the PGCVFRA October meeting, virtually.
- Assisting Companies with SERFs and Speed Letters for specific equipment and tools.
- Reminder for Companies to research their needs to utilize/spend their tool and uniform SERF funds. The sooner in the fiscal year, the better.
- When getting quotes from vendors, please request that quotes be valid for 60 to 90 days, 30 days minimum.

### Commissioner Captain Chandler (Michelle)

- Requested expenditure approval for \$5149 for Kentlands, Company 33 to purchase a flashover simulator. (The Commission will provide funding per Chairman.)

Commissioner McSwain (Kenny) – Excused

Office of the Fire Chief DFC McClelland (Jim) (Provided via email)

1. Yesterday, Chief Green conducted a kick off meeting for the Fire Commission MOU Review process. Chief Green gave the Committee its charge. The Committee will meet again next week to start the review and establish a schedule for completing the task.

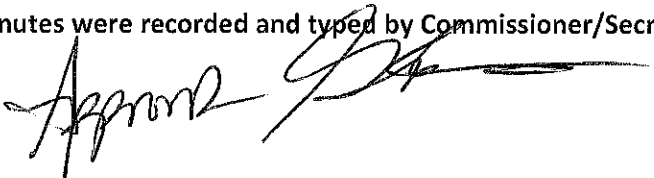
2. On December 1, the County Council elected a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2021. Councilmember Calvin Hawkins will serve as the Council Chair. Deni Taveras was elected as Vice Chair.
3. A meeting was held on December 1 to review where we are with establishing a strategy and plan for Peer Support in the Department. Persons currently involved in Peer Support are working on a plan for how this will work for both career and volunteer personnel. We anticipate doing Peer Support training sometime in early 2021. A recommendation will be made to Chief Green, to rescind *General Order # 08-03 Critical Incident Stress Management Team*, as we no longer use CISM.
4. The Department received volunteer staffing commitments from a number of stations for the upcoming Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2021. The following units have been approved and staffed by volunteers: E809, E811, E812, A809, A811, A811B and PA812. The expectation is that those stations will maintain a suppression unit and a transport unit in service at their respective station during the detail. More information will be passed on to those crews as we receive it from DCFEMS.
5. Chief Green has approved two Applications for Introducing Vehicles Into the Fleet for support vehicles for the Brandywine VFD – Co. 40, to replace two aging and high mileage support vehicles. Both new vehicles will be fueled, maintained and insured by the Volunteer Corporation. We are seeking Fire Commission approval tonight.
6. General Order updates:
  - *General Order # 05-01 Emergency Medical Services Operations* – proposed revisions have been reviewed by the General Order Work Group and the Stakeholders Group. The revised General Order has been forwarded to Chief Green for review and signature.
  - *General Order # 01-13 Canteen 801 and Rehab Support Unit 800* has been reviewed by the General Order Work Group and the Stakeholders Group. It is being finalized for review and approval by Chief Green.

PGCVFRA President Whipple (Vic) – provided a brief status of ongoing activities.

Q&A - NSTR

Chaplain provided a brief benediction and Chairman Breen requested a motion to adjourn @ 8:06 pm

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner/Secretary Wilson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilson', is written over the typed name 'Commissioner/Secretary Wilson'.