

Fire Commission VIRTUAL Meeting

April 7th, 2021

The meeting via TELECONFERENCE, with approximately 51 virtual participants, 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, and his report.

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

1. Members need to continue to practice social distancing, wear a face mask and wash hands frequently. The Department numbers seem to be trending up. As of this morning, there were 9 members in quarantine and 7 members who tested positive.
2. Interviews for the Volunteer Recruiter position started today.
3. The Fire Commission appointments are scheduled to be reviewed by the County Council's Committee of the Whole on Thursday, April 8, at 11am to include Jonathan Bolden (Volunteer Commissioner), Vanessa Surlles (Volunteer Commissioner), Antwan Holbert (Career Commissioner, Frederick Smalls (Resident Commissioner) and G. Rick Wilson (Resident Commissioner). The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 at 10am, followed by the Swearing-in Ceremony at 1:30pm.
4. Virgil Walker, Manager for the Health & Wellness Office, will be leaving the Department to take another job. His last official day is Friday, April 9. Effective Monday, April 12, Leonaye Oliver will join the Department as the new Manager.
5. The review of the draft Fire Commission MOU is complete. We are currently reviewing comments.
6. The documentation for the Volunteer Staffing Enhancement (VSE) Incentive for the FY2021 3rd Quarter is due by the close of business, Friday, April 9. Most companies have submitted the documentation. However, if you have not, please get it in. The payment request will be processed on Monday, April 12.
7. Fitch & Associates has been contracted to help the Department develop a Strategic Plan. The consultant is conducting station visits this week to look at facilities and apparatus. These visits started yesterday and are anticipated to be complete by Thursday, April 8. In addition, they are starting to meet with various segments of the Department.
8. All members are reminded to keep their beneficiary forms up to date. There have been cases where the ex-wife received the benefit, not the current wife or no beneficiaries were identified at all. Based on a report prepared by Health & Wellness, dated March 19, 2021, the following is a summary of the \$15,000 insurance benefit processed to date for volunteers provided as part of CB-3-2017 include:
 - 30 claims for benefit have been paid
 - 2 claims for benefit are pending payment
 - 3 claims are currently under review
 - 18 claims were unpaid because beneficiaries were deceased or not identified.
9. The County Council's Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 19 at 2pm, to review the proposed FY2022 Operating Budget.

10. Listed below are progress updates to General Orders:

- General Orders that have completed the review process and have been forwarded to Chief Green for review and approval:
 - GO # 08-16 Reporting on the Job Injuries
 - GO # 06-37 Emergency Incident Gross Decontamination
- General Orders that have completed the review process and are being prepared for review and signature by Chief Green:
 - GO # 04-11 Return to Emergency Operations Skills Program

11. REMINDERS: Applications for Introducing a Vehicle into the Fleet:

- Co. 21 New Chief's Vehicle to replace M50321 (a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe that was deadlined). The new vehicle will be fueled, maintained and insured by the County.
- Co. 24 New Brush Truck to replace M60547 (a 1987 Chevrolet). The new vehicle will be fueled, maintained and insured by the County.

Commissioner/ Vice Chair Kuenzli (Randy)

- Requested approval of FF1 equivalency for the following individuals: Alec Goldberg (27), Louis Glazer (27), Matthew Wroe (14), and Andrew Setchell (33) – **All Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested expenditure approval for \$5600 from Landover Hills (30) for facility renovations - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner/ Secretary Wilson (Rick)

- Requested that the February 17th, 2021 minutes be approved. - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested that the March 17th, 2021 minutes be approved. - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested expenditure approval for \$3123.94 from Hyattsville (1) from COVID Special funds be approved for PPE, Ambulance Medication Vault and shift food - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner King (Buddy)

- Requested approval of the Hyattsville (1) 2017 CORRECTED annual LOSA report as further corrected version H-B. - **Motioned and Approved**
- Requested approval of the LOSAP award for Tavel, William (55) Eff 7/1/20, 25 Years. - **Motioned and Approved**
- Requested history research approval for Edward Stoner III (28) 25 years of service - **Motioned and Approved**
- Requested expenditure approval for \$2826.67 from Beltsville (31) to purchase a television - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Mellits (Pete) –

- 3-22-21 Attended the Friday - weekly MSFA Legislative morning coordination call, virtually.
- 3-24-21 Attended the Chief Jones funeral @ Co. 29.
- 3-25-21 Attended the MFCA March Board meeting, virtually.
- 3-29-21 Attended a Fire Commission work session meeting at the FSB.
- 4-2-21 Attended the Friday - weekly MSFA Legislative morning coordination call, virtually.
- 4-3-21 Attended the Commissioner Tucker funeral @ Co. 20.
- Continued assisting companies with EARs, SERFs and Speed Letters for specific equipment and tools.

Commissioner Breen/Chairman (Bobby)

- Request approval to reprogram the 508 funding at Oxon Hill (21) to buy a Chief's vehicle using the remaining balance. - **Motioned and Approved**
- Request approval for Oxon Hill (21) to replace their M200211 Pumper - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner/ Acting Battalion Chief Chandler (Michelle) – NSTR

Commissioner McSwain (Kenny) – Excused

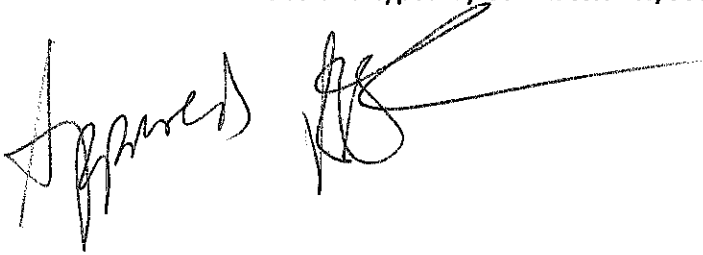
PGCVFRA President Whipple (Vic) –

- Provided the status of recent meetings and upcoming events.

Q&A – Brief discussion of tool funding.

Chaplain Hamilton (Margaret Ann) - provided a benediction and Chairman Breen requested a motion to adjourn @ 8:08 pm.

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner/Secretary Wilson.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Bobby Breen'. The signature on the right is also cursive and appears to read 'Michelle Chandler'. Both signatures are positioned above the 'Minutes were recorded...' line.