

Fire Commission VIRTUAL Meeting

May 19th, 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 Underwood (Frank) - opened the meeting with a brief invocation prayer, the pledge, and then the Chief Chaplain's report was read by Chaplain Margaret Ann Hamilton.

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

1. We are looking to wrap up the selection process for a Volunteer Recruiter position very soon.
2. Thanks to those 16 corporations that provided information on Gmail and Target Solutions accounts that can be closed out, as requested. Those corporations include: Co. 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 19/39/43, 25, 27 30, 33/46, 34, 36, 49 and 57. To date we have freed up nearly 200 Gmail accounts for new members. The majority of corporations have not complied with this request. The deadline was May 3.
3. The Station Management Agreement for the PGCVFRA – Ladies Auxiliary to support the operation of the Canteen and Rehab Support Unit has been approved by the Office of Law as legally sufficient. I am getting the signatures on the document. Their new Station Management Agreement will be effective July 1.
4. Renovations to the new offices for the PGCVFRA and the Ladies Auxiliary have started, but are temporarily stopped while we resolve some issues with the Department of Permits and Inspections. I anticipate completion in the next few weeks.
5. 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.
 - 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.
 - General Orders that are currently assigned to the General Order Work Group for review and comment:
 - GO # 01-28 Fire Commission – This general order replaces the Fire Commission MOU that expired on May 7, 2021. Comments are due by the close of business on Friday, May 21, 2021.
 - GO # 11-06 EEO Policy – This is a revision to the existing policy. Comments are due by the close of business on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.
 - Generals Orders currently being developed and not yet in the review process:
 - GO # 11-23 Volunteer Application Process – updating the order to current online practices and improving background checks.
 - GO # 11-17 Conflict Resolution Policy – updating the order to current practices. Currently titled Peer Mediation Policy.

Commissioner Breen/Chairman (Bobby)

- Announced that nominations for Fire Commission Officers will be accepted at the first meeting in June.
- Requested expenditure approval of \$4,552.07 for Marlboro (20) to pay for funeral expenses. - **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner/ Vice Chair Kuenzli (Randy) - Excused

Commissioner/ Secretary Wilson (Rick)

- Requested that the May 5th, 2021 minutes be approved. - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested expenditure approval of \$2,839.75 for West Lanham Hills to pay their insurance premium. - **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner Surlis (Vanessa) – No report tonight.

Commissioner/ Battalion Chief Chandler (Michelle) - No report tonight.

Commissioner Smalls (Fred) – No report tonight.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report tonight.

Commissioner Bolden (Jonathan) – No report tonight.

Commissioner King (Buddy)

- Requested expenditure approval of \$4397.63 for Landover Hills (30) to purchase various equipment items for their pumper - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested approval of 2020 LOSAP Annual Reports (as corrected) for the following corporations; Glen Dale (18) (as corrected), Ritchie (37) (as corrected), Forestville (23) (as corrected), and Brandywine (40) (as delivered). – **All Motioned and Approved**
- Requested approval for a LOSAP awards for Gerald Dixon (7) for 26 years effective 3/1/21, John Donnelly (32) for 28 years effective 6/1/21, and Richard Riley (33) for 30 years effective 6/1/20. – **All Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested LOSAP research approval for John Craft (20) for 3 years - **Motioned and Approved.**

DFC Bonnette (Dwayne) – was introduced as the new leader of the Support Services Command and was welcomed. He made a brief personal introduction.

PGCVFRA President Whipple (Vic) –

- Provided the status of recent meetings and upcoming events.

PGCVFRA Vice President Jordan (Jeramie) –

- Raised the conversion of the MOU to a general order issue prompting a lengthy discussion among the commissioners and other participants.

Chaplain Hamilton (Margaret Ann) - provided a benediction and Chairman Breen requested a motion to adjourn @ 8:50 pm.

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner/Secretary Wilson.

