

Fire Commission VIRTUAL Meeting

May 5th, 2021

The meeting via TELECONFERENCE, with approximately 61 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. Congratulations to the newly sworn-in Fire Commissioners, the Department looks forward to working with you.
2. REMINDER – Deputy Fire Chief Dwayne Bonnette starts on Monday, May 10, in the Support Services Command. I am sure you will get an opportunity to meet and/or talk to him in the future.
3. The March 2021 Ambulance Billing Collection Reports have been distributed.
4. The Department is working on a training opportunity at the now vacant Capital Plaza Hotel (formerly known as the Colony South Hotel) next to Southern Maryland Hospital. More will follow when those details are worked out. However, there will be no live burning
5. We are in the process of scheduling the remaining interviews for the Volunteer Recruiter position and we hope to wrap this process up very soon.
6. Thanks to those 11 corporations that provided information on Gmail and Target Solutions accounts that can be closed out. Those corporations include: Co. 3, 5, 10, 11, 14, 19/39/43, 25, 30, 33/46, 36, and 49. To date we have freed over 100 Gmail accounts for new members. Those corporations that have not yet responded to this request, please send your information now. The deadline was May 3.
7. The Department is moving forward with finalizing a new Station Management Agreement with the PGCVFRA – Ladies Auxiliary to support the operation of the Canteen and Rehab Support Unit. The goal is to have the new Station Management Agreement in place for FY2022, which starts July 1.
8. The Department is conducting an anonymous survey to determine to see how many career and volunteer members received the COVID-19 vaccination. The close of business on Friday, May 7 is the deadline to complete the survey. Please complete the survey whether you were vaccinated or not. It doesn't matter where you were vaccinated. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBCQGSS>.
9. Some members who have sent an email to the Health Department to obtain their CDC Vaccination Card have had issues with the email. My previous meeting notes had the email address to send your request to. Some have missed the underscore in the address. The email address is COVID19_VaxCard@co.pg.md.us. You will need to provide the dates and locations of your vaccinations, along with your name, address, date of birth and contact information.
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

- 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

Commissioner Breen/Chairman (Bobby)

- Welcomed the new and returning commissioners. District assignments will be coming out Thursday 6 May.
- A meet and greet will be held Friday evening 7 May @ 1830 at station 36 (Baden) 16608 Brandywine Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613
- Requested approval for a replacement Chief's vehicle for Glen Dale (18) with the volunteer corporation providing fuel, maintenance, and insurance - **Motioned and Approved**
- Expressed his sincere appreciation to outgoing Commissioner Pete Mellits for his dedicated service on the commission.

Commissioner/ Vice Chair Kuenzli (Randy)

- Requested approval of FF1 equivalency for the following individuals: Connor Plocharczyk (14), Connor Dick-Shannon (14), Jeremiah Norwood (27), Stephen Weiber (33), and Andres Ramos (33) – **All Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner/ Secretary Wilson (Rick)

- Requested that the April 21st, 2021 minutes be approved. - **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner King (Buddy)

- Requested approval of 2020 LOSAP Annual Reports (as corrected) for the following corporations; Capitol Heights (5), Bladensburg (9), Riverdale Heights (13), Marlboro (20), Silver Hill (29), and Kentland (33) – **All Motioned and Approved**
- Requested approval for a LOSAP award for Kenneth Rose (40) for 29 years effective 12/1/20 - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested LOSAP research approval for Mark Coghill (17) for 7 years and Arthur White (17) for 16 years. – **Both Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested funds expenditure approval for Station 14 to buy a PPV Fan for \$4670.54 - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested funds expenditure approval for Station 14 to repair Squad 14B for \$4554.69 - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested funds expenditure approval for Station 31 to replace TV lounge furniture for \$2826.67 - **Motioned and Approved.**
- Requested funds expenditure approval for Station 31 to purchase a facility security system for \$6000.00 - **Motioned and Approved.**

Commissioner/ Battalion Chief Chandler (Michelle) - Excused

Commissioner Smalls (Fred) – No report tonight.

Commissioner Surles (Vanessa) – No report tonight.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report tonight.

Commissioner Bolden (Jonathan) – No report tonight.

PGCVFRA President Whipple (Vic) –

- Provided the status of recent meetings and upcoming events.

Q&A -

- Expressed appreciation for the service of outgoing Commissioner Pete Mellits.
- Requested information on future commission nominations. Waiting on County Executive's office for direction.

Chaplain Hetz (Harry) - provided a benediction and Chairman Breen requested a motion to adjourn @ 8:18 pm.

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner/Secretary Wilson.

Approved 