

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 43 participants, was gaveled to order by Chair Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain– Opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain's Corps Provided the Champlain's report.

### Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Reminded everyone about the General Orders that are in process that were discussed at the last minute. The Fire Watch procedure, Maday Procedure, Driving, and Apparatus & Equipment to name a few.
- On target for spending in small tools and OCS budget.
- Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs has advised the Department that April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the cut off for spending, please place submissions well ahead of this deadline.

### Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 34, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Insurance to Mid-Atlantic Group in the amount of \$2,732.25. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Make everyone aware of an event, Building Connections Brunch Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 35, Repairs and modifications to Engine 35 by Patriot Fire in the amount of \$3,472.56. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chandler, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Asked the Chair if the Commission would be able to get an update on the CIP projects from facilities in a future meeting. The Chair advised it may be a few weeks to get an update due to facilities handling the process.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – No report

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report

Commissioner Selmon- No report

Commissioner Schaible- Not present.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)- Excused

Chair Bolden-

- Completed budget process with DCAO for the Fire Commission FY25 Budget.
- Have a few other items for the Association President later in the meeting.
- **Made a motioned for the approval on behalf of the Vice-Chair to approve LOSAP Correction for Co 27 member Jonathan Hart for FY16 & FY17. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motioned for the approval on behalf of the Vice-Chair to approve FY 23 LOSAP Report for Co.10. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chandler, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Recruiter Update:

The volunteer recruiter provided an update on the recruitment.

Chairman of the Chief Council- Ben Ross (Chief 14)

Advised that the Council is meeting tomorrow at Company 9.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association—President Lee Lutz

- Next meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> at Bladensburg Co.9
- The Commission Chair asked about a letter to the Council Chair that states how the Fire Chief and Fire Commission are forcing the Association and Ladies Auxiliary out of the FSB. He was unsure why the Fire Commission was listed as being a part of that decision. The Chair also asked about a Feb 6<sup>th</sup> letter to the State regarding 508 funding and how the Fire Chief is controlling the 508 Funds, when the Fire Commission has a committee that makes the determination for funding. The Association President asked the Chair to clarify that the Fire Chief has no say in the 508 funding, the Chair confirmed that was the case.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> at Beltsville Co.31

Questions from the floor:

-Dottie Burket asked about the Ladies Auxiliary new office space and where they could be housed. The Chair advised that a location has not been determined.

-Brian Lau asked about the increased of LOSAP benefit increase, the Chair advised the Voce-Chair is working on a proposal to reduce the LOSAP benefit age and to increase the payments. Also asked about the death benefit being tax exempt, Chair advised he would look into it. Also asked about recruitment that was discussed at the last Commission meeting, asked if there was an analysis about attrition rate for applicants, and for the Co. 30 and other companies needing more volunteers. The Chair advised there were over 500 applicants processed last year issue there were some internal issues such as applicants not showing for physicals and such. The recruiter also advised that there was never a system in place to be able to report out those metrics, and was the reason that ApplicantStack was purchased. In the future this type of data should be able to be processed.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner Kyle Snyder, Secretary.**