

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 7th, 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

- There are several General Orders in the process 6-5, 12-2, 12-6 Fire Watch Procedures. 6-4 Mayday, and Apparatus & Equipment Checks.
- Random drug policy has been out since November, working through notification issues. Health & Wellness working to ensure the Volunteer Chiefs are notified as well and able to see who was selected.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

- Will be sending out the District 1 budgets soon
- Make everyone aware of an event, Building Connections Brunch Saturday March 23rd, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the January 3rd, 2024, Commission Minutes with the changes recommended. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Advised that he has sent out fund balances for County monies to the District 2 stations Treasurers and Presidents.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)–

- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 27, Repairs to Ambulance 827 B by Patriot Fire in the amount of \$4,841.95. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 27, Repairs to Rescue Engine 27 by Matheny Motors in the amount of \$3,748.17. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 33, awards by the Lucian Company for \$2,632.00. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) –

- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 37, Smartboard purchase for \$2,899. The motion was 2nd by Vice-Chair Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Selmon- No report

Commissioner Schaible- Excused Absence.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)-

- **Made a motion to approve LOSAP Reports for FY 23 for Co. 25, FY 22 Co. 14, FY17 Co.27and LOSAP Correction FY16 for Co. 27, LOSAP Report for FY17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve LOSAP Award for John Boswell, from Co. 36. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbert, and with all in favor the motion passed.**

Chair Bolden-

- Report for the volunteer recruiter has been set separately, she will not make it tonight.
- Stations have been providing officer certifications, will be reaching out to stations who have not sent them in
- The January 17th Commission meeting was not held due to travel issues.
- Attended Jan 4th Equipment Standardization meeting.
- On Jan 17th met with Union, FC, PGCVPS for Fire Commissioner resume
- On Jan 19 met with FC 508 process.
- On Jan 25 attended Camp Embers meeting.
- Attended OEA Fire Commission operations Meeting
- After last meeting bylaws were sent out to Commissioners for review.
- All station should have received a receipt from the office for the last audit, please reach out if you did not get one. Info on next audit going to soon.
- **Made a motion to approve training equivalency for Jonthan Friser from Company 9. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Recruiter Update:

Sent out, not present.

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

No Report.

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

- Next meeting Feb 14th at Greenbelt, chili cook off.
- Written several letters to elected officials, no replies received.
- Have not heard back about another meeting from, Beltsville
- Cautioning the use of social media, don't strike at each other virtually take it up face to face.
- Registered a complaint with the Fire Chief's Office, but after speaking with Chief Ben Ross and the Chiefs Council he decided to withdraw.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- No report.

Questions from the floor:

-Brian Lau asked about getting a copy of the accident policy. Asked who participated in the renewal process, and asked for a copy of the renewal instructions. Asked about training records that were submitted to the County. Asked about the Commission Bylaws that were brought up in the Chair's report, asked for a copy of the bylaws. Chair provided answers to the training records and bylaws questions that the bylaws would be provided after they are voted on.
-Pete Mellits asked about the enforcement of the drug policy, especially the notification process. Chief White provided an explanation.

The Chair provided a quick explanation on some confusion from the 508 programs, that fire apparatus will not be paid for until their arrive, no early payments.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

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

