

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 33 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 4 EEO Basic Classes for administrative members who do not have Target Solutions, members just need to take one class to qualify.
- VSC put out the Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief position announcement.
- We are past the ordering deadline for speed letters, we are ordering for warehouse items until the end of this month. We did also process VSE payments for this quarter, totaling around \$30,000.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- Excused

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- Thanked Commissioner Chandler for handling the minutes while he was traveling with family during the last meeting, and for all the district 2 companies who have been sending orders in to meet the deadline, and VSC for processing them all.
- Represented the Commission on an introductory meeting with Vector, the new volunteer staffing scheduling program the County signed on with. Looking forward to understanding how it works and hopefully benefit the volunteer companies.
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 12 in the amount of \$4,525. 20 for the purchase of six work desks. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chair Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 1 in the amount of \$9,225.75 for vehicle insurance payment. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chair Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)–

**Made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Commission Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report

**Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 5 in the amount of \$3,000 to create new first due station maps. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chair Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Selmon- No report

Commissioner Schaible- Not present.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)- No report

Chair Bolden-

- He has reached out and confirmed with the Ladies Auxiliary that they will be moving out of FSB in the next 20-30 days. There are still a few items
- **Made a motion to approval of rules and regulations updated that were discussed at the workshop in form of a motion. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chair Surles, and passed with six commissioners in favor and one abstained (Snyder).**
- **Made a motion to move forward with the Fire Commissioner covering the costs of all Pro board certifications from volunteers, not exceed \$1,500 per individual. The motion was 2nd by Vice Chair Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.** The individuals and corporations would no longer be on the hook for these payments.

Recruiter Update:

Next Wednesday there is going to be a Q&A on new applicant track, an email has been sent out to all companies.

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

A reminder that the next Chiefs' Council Meeting is Thursday April 25th at 1900 hours at Company 9.

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

- Next meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by Branchville at Greenbelt VFD.
- Online Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser ongoing.
- Met with a group about mental health
- MSFA dues and credentials are due asap.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Baden
- August 24<sup>th</sup> Bowie Baysox Game
- Spring Conference coming up
- Gift Card Fundraiser sale ongoing, reach out to the committee for details.

Questions from the floor:

-Bryan L-Had some questions on the bylaws and the Accident Policy on the Commission Website. Advised that the worker's compensation policy renewal is upcoming. Brought up concerns on the LOSAP benefits, and the effort made by the Fire Chief to correct the LOSAP.

-Donnie W- Brought up that the minutes reflect how the training officer was a temporary position in the minutes.

-Dottie thanked Mike for taking care of paperwork for her.

-Piero M- Provided comments on the bylaws, and brought up that the Fire Commissioner should be tapped for special job functions first such as the training officer.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

*Kyle Snyder*

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