

PLEASE POST ON LOCAL #36 BULLETIN BOARD

**D.C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
June 12th, 2006
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Vice-President Ken Cox called the meeting to order at 0925 hours.

President's Report:

President Ray Sneed reported on the following issues:

Discipline Article: Starting as early as June 15th, the new Discipline program will be in place. *Members need to find it on the 'LAN', read it, and then read it again, you need to understand your rights.* The Department has started 'training' the chiefs with the June Staff meetings. Local #36 will start keeping a tab on the infractions, penalties, and by whom. Over time, this will establish a table of penalties, and we will be able to monitor the program to ensure it is being enforced equally and fairly across the Department.

Funerals: Companies having to deal with funerals should read F.D. Bulletin #5, which outlines what is available from the Department.

Labor Relations Meeting: We will request a Labor Relations Meeting to attempt to address some of the current issues that are affecting EMS units, including late 1900 hrs. relief.

P.E.C. Staffing: The recent order concerning the paramedic on the P.E.C.s is being explained as: If the paramedic is going to the hospital with a civilian EMS unit, then the company will proceed to the hospital to pick up the paramedic. If the paramedic is going to the hospital with a fire fighter EMS unit, the switch out a fire fighter and the company will remain in service.

Council Hearing: Chairman Mendelson will be conducting another EMS Oversight hearing on June 19, 2006.

ACLU Court Case: Judge Robertson has not made his final ruling as of yet.

Arbitration Case: The Arbitrator has ruled in favor of Local #36 on the matter concerning the P.O.D. / S.L. ruling grievance.

*****REMINDERS!*****

Retirement Board: Members are being sent letters informing them of Retirement Board Hearings or to fill out a 'pre-retirement' survey, some with very few days to comply with needed information. Members receiving such letters should contact the Union Office to receive a form that will allow them to contact a lawyer concerning this issue. Local #36 will pay up to \$1000.00 dollars of the fees.

Communication Problems: Companies need to report any problems encountered with the Office of Unified Communications. **Please contact the office if you have ANY problems.**

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Treasurer's Report:

Was presented, 'Money in-Money out'. Motion was made, seconded and approved for the report to be accepted as read, and to be filed for audit.

Secretary's Report:

Application for Membership: 1 application for reinstatement for a Retired-Active member, approved.

2006 Calendars: A correction to the 2006 Calendars:

Starting in August, the weeks WITHOUT the * will be the pay weeks.

Legislative Report:

Vice President Cox Reported On:

- Commuter Tax- The Home Rule Act of 1973 prohibited the city from imposing a tax on the city's workers living outside the city.

"D.C. Appleseed", a civic organization, challenged the prohibition and that the ban resulted in an undue tax burden on D.C. Residents.

A Federal Judge dismissed the challenge, and a Federal Appeals Court upheld the ruling.

The final appeal was to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to take up the issue.

As a result, D.C. Delegate Norton has introduced The District of Columbia Fair Federal Compensation Act which would establish a mandatory annual subsidy (federal payment) to the city, starting at \$800 million and escalating with inflation.

- Blue Ribbon EMS Commission named by Councilmember Mendelson

Among the many issues the EMS Commission will be considering are reduction of both dispatch-to-scene and transport times; expanding the expertise of EMS personnel; ensuring the quality of medical care 'in the field', whether or how the prioritization of 911 calls should be changed and timelines for various goals.

Members of the EMS Commission Members are:

Paul Maniscalco
Dr. Howard Freed
Dr. David Milzman
Cynthianna Lightfoot
BFC Brian Lee
BFC Raphael Sa'adah
Dr. Amit Wadhwa
DFC Gary Ludwig

The first meeting of the commission was held on June 9, 2006. It is being chaired by Paul Maniscalco, former EMS Director of FDNY, and a finalist for District of Columbia Fire Chief.

The commission will meet again on June 30, 2006 at 12 noon.

The long awaited report by the District of Columbia Inspector General's Office regarding the death of David Rosenbaum is expected to be released shortly.

Chairman Mendelson will be conducting another EMS Oversight hearing on June 19, 2006.

- Comments on The Watch Desk

Editorial writers and reporters for The Washington Post have been made aware of "The Watch Desk". Members are urged to use discretion with their postings, as one entry has already been included in a negative Post editorial regarding the death of David Rosenbaum

- On the Campaign Trail

Local #36 volunteers have participated in several rallies for Linda Cropp and Kathy Patterson.

Retired member Paul Shaw has provided his 1968 Mack pumper for use at these events.

The D.C. Retirement Board has moved, effective September 26, 2005. The new address is 900 7th Street, NW, second floor and the hours of business are 0830-1700, and telephone numbers are 202-343-3272; Toll Free, 866-456-3272; Fax, 202-566-5001.

You can also contact the board via e-mail at: dcrb.benefits@dc.gov

Safety Committee: The Department wishes to make all members aware of the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System: <http://firefighternearmiss.com/home.do>

Medical Waste Containers: Companies needing waste boxes picked up should email requests to denise.beales@dc.gov.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Retirement Issues: Meetings with Betty Ann Kane and MPD's FOP continue concerning considerations for changes within the retirement system.

Vision Plan: Members need to log on to the vision care service provider at www.vsp.com to ensure that they are in the system and to verify that they have the correct information. Questions and/or concerns, please contact Mike Walker, 2nd V.P.

Good & Welfare:

Our sincere thanks to all members who volunteered their services at the Ward 5 picnic sponsored by Councilmember Vincent Orange.

Thanks to Tomi Rucker, Jackie Campbell, Kim Smith, Joe Chisolm, & "Little Joe" Chisolm for their participation at recent political events and to retired member Paul Shaw and his associates, Mike Hoffman and Dave Unkle for the use of his fire truck at these events.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1034hours.

Submitted by,
Walter E. Webb
Secretary

Next General Membership Meeting
Monday,
September 25th, 2006
At 1000 hours
At The Union Hall