

PLEASE POST ON LOCAL #36 BULLETIN BOARD

**D.C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
May 8th, 2006
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Vice-President Ken Cox called the meeting to order at 0905 hours.

Requested a **Moment of Silence** to remember Brother Linwood Armstrong who was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and remains in critical condition in Prince George Hospital Trauma Center.

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. Local #36 will start keeping a tab on the infractions, penalties, and by whom. Overtime 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.

Council Hearing: On Thursday, May 11th, 2006, the City Council will hold a Hearing to address EMS concerns of the Department. This will be a hearing about making the 'dual role / cross training' system better. The Local is providing a panel of experts from around the country to participate in the hearing.

ACLU Court Case: Judge Robertson has not made his final ruling as of yet, and we are still waiting on the Arbitrator's ruling concerning the P.O.D. / S.L. ruling grievance.

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.

Entrance Exam: Some concerns have been raised, including case where applicants have not received letters informing them of the up-coming entrance exam at the Amory.

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

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:

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:

Legislative Report: Members are reminded of the Committee on the Judiciary Oversight Hearing on EMS scheduled for May 11, 2006 at 1100 hours.

FY2007 FEMS budget: Councilmember Mendelson notified Local 36 that his committee increased the FEMS budget by \$4M over the original budget proposed by Mayor Williams. Listed among the increases is funding for 113 new FTE's to be fire fighter paramedics.

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> Companies needing waste boxes picked up should email requests to denise.beales@dc.gov. The Department's Physical Fitness Program is scheduled to start sometime in June with a screening process.

New Business:

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.

Old Business:

None

Good & Welfare:

Volunteer workers are needed, Saturday, May 20, at 8:30am to help with the cooking for the annual Ward 5 picnic sponsored by Councilmember Vincent Orange. Call the Union Office (202-635-8500) to sign up or report directly to the recreational center, 22nd and Franklin Streets, NE.

Don't forget:

**Retirement Dinner
Wednesday, May 24, 2006
at 1800 hours
Upper Marlboro Fire Station
for:**

Larry Lee, John Thumann, Stefan Ventura, Bobby Wyatt and John York.

Meeting adjourned at 1034hours.

Submitted by,
Walter E. Webb
Secretary

Next General Membership Meeting

Monday,

May 22nd, 2006

At 1000 hours

At The Union Hall