

**PLEASE POST ON LOCAL 36 BULLETIN BOARD**

D.C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
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**Please Take The Time To  
Review And Complete  
Special Order #55**

Vice-President Ken Cox called the meeting to order at 0907 hours.

A **'Moment of Silence'** for departed our Brothers: Charles Lawrence, John O'Meara, James White

**President's Report:**

President Ray Sneed reported on the following issues:

**Reserve Apparatus:** Members picking up reserve apparatus are reminded to check the apparatus out thoroughly prior to leaving the building at E-24's quarters. And while on the topic of apparatus as before - *It is now apparent that the Department is being very proactive in stating the rules that drivers will be judged by should they have an accident while driving apparatus.* With that being said, as it has been repeated at EVERY meeting for the past 2 years and reflected in the minutes:

**“SLOW YOUR ROLL”**

**Let us all try to prevent as many accidents as possible.**

**SLOW DOWN – PAY ATTENTION**

**Discipline Policy:** Article #32 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. We have received the latest draft, and have 2 weeks to reply with any concerns. This new policy will limit the number of Trial Boards. Local #36 will have to monitor the results to ensure fair and treatment with the new policy.

**Nomination Committee:** With several candidates already declaring their intent to run for elected offices from the Mayor's to the Council, they are all looking for our support early. A Committee will be formed, and will start interviewing candidates in early December.

**BC/BS Dental:** New cards have been sent out to all members. If you did not get new card(s), then there is a problem, including you may not have dental insurance, please contact Vice-President Michael Walker.

**Pay Problems:** Please take the time to review and complete Special Order #55 concerning correct LEI date and correct Health Insurance Code. **VERY IMPORTANT!**

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Once again we will be providing 'frozen' turkeys to assist the stations in providing for those less fortunate. Please see fliers on the Bulletin Boards.

**\*\*\*REMINDERS!\*\*\***

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

**Support YOUR Union, get involved!**

### **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:** They have been ordered, and will be delivered to Shop Stewards when they arrive.

### **Legislative Report:**

#### **Vice President Cox Reported On:**

- The D.C. Commuter Tax

The U.S. Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision, ruled that the Constitution clearly grants Congress "exclusive authority" to govern the District of Columbia.

The District was appealing a decision by the U.S. District Court, which issued a similar ruling in April 2005 on a suit filed by more than 30 plaintiffs that included Mayor Williams, who wanted to impose a commuter tax.

The U.S. Court of Appeals decision was written by Judge John G. Roberts who is now the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Roberts was a member of the Court of Appeals when the case was argued there last Spring.

D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton said the opposition to a commuter tax was not unexpected. As a result Delegate Norton has co-sponsored with Rep. Tom Davis, R-VA, The Fair Federal Compensation Act, which, if passed, would provide the District with an \$800 million Federal Payment next year, followed by annual payments, which would be increased by 4 percent or by the Consumer Price Index.

Delegate Norton will ask the Members of Congress from the surrounding jurisdictions to help her get a hearing and passage this session.

- Increase the authorized strength of The Metropolitan Police Department by 500 officers.

Ward 1 Council Member Jim Graham and Ward 4 Council Member Adrian Fenty have introduced Bill 16-459, "The 500 New Police Officers for Residential Neighborhoods Amendment Act of 2005."

The Bill has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and Committee of the Whole.

- Back Pay Problems

The Department is continuing its efforts to resolve the back pay issue.

On October 17, 2005, Fire Chief Thompson appeared before the D.C. City Council Committee on the Judiciary and testified, " Since September 1, we have made significant progress on resolving back pay issues. Using a systematic approach, we identified 184 pay problems, have resolved 126, and there are 58 outstanding."

Council Member David Catania, At Large, has assured Local #36 he will be monitoring the progress the Department makes in resolving ALL the back pay issues.

Members experiencing back pay problems need to submit Pay Problem Form 50.3 along with supporting documents.

- City Council Elections

The following members of the D.C. City Council are up for re-election or seeking other elected positions:

*Chairman Linda Cropp		Running for Mayor
Council Member David Catania	At Large	Seeking re-election
Council Member Phil Mendelson	At Large	Seeking re-election
Council Member Jim Graham	Ward 1	Seeking re-election
Council Member Jack Evans	Ward 2	Seeking Council Chair
*Council Member Kathy Patterson	Ward 3	Seeking Council Chair
Council member Adrian Fenty	Ward 4	Running for Mayor
*Council Member Vincent Orange	Ward 5	Running for Mayor
Council Member Sharon Ambrose	Ward 6	Not seeking re-election
Council Member Vincent Gray	Ward 7	Seeking Council Chair

**\*Must relinquish Council Seat**

The D.C. Retirement Board has moved, effective September 26, 2005 The new address is 900 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dcrb.benefits@dc.gov)

**Grievance Committee:**

- \*Reagan Holiday – in the Appeal Process.
- \*Actuary Study for transferred members to purchase past time – Department has contacted member with some of the needed information.
- \*Captain to Chief details – received reply from Department, waiting on clarification on reply to consider next step.
- \* Injuries from compliance with S.O. #20 S.L./POD – received reply from Department, unacceptable answer and have moved forward with the lawyers to the next step.

**Safety Committee:** When turning in gear for cleaning, it must be put in ‘turn-out gear bag’ for pick up.

**Old Business:**

**EMS & EMT Re-Cert Issues:** The many issues concerning EMT Re-Cert issues and EMS Unit staffing that were discussed at the last meeting have been sent to the Department to address our concerns. Currently waiting a reply to set up a meeting.

**New Business:**

**A Building:** Currently looking into a building for sale on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE. More to follow, as information on items such as price, parking and renovations need, are collected.

**Good & Welfare:**

**None**

Meeting adjourned at 1000 hours.

Submitted by,  
Walter E. Webb  
Secretary

**Next General Membership Meeting**

**Monday,  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**At 1000 hours**

**At The Union Hall**