



## PLEASE POST ON LOCAL #36 BULLETIN BOARD

# D.C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Steve Fennell called the meeting to order at 0910 hours.

Meeting started with a presentation from M.D.A. They have started working on a 'fill the boot' program with the Department and the Union. They also explained how the program would work and where all money collected goes and how it is used. Are also looking for volunteers for the September telethon.

### **President's Report:**

President Dugan reported on the following issues:

**Contract Committee:** The Committee already had meetings with O.L.R.C.B. However they are behind, as we have just received the majority of their proposals. Next meetings will at the end of the month.

**Equality Training:** Course has been developed and taught by M.F.R.I. This will be the start of a yearly program.

**EMS Commission:** Members of the committee have participated in 'ride-alongs' with Department units and many now feel that the Department can (and does) provide quality EMS care. Final report will be due in late September, with the possibility that at least one meeting will be 'behind closed doors'.

**Fitness Program:** The Department is looking into a program developed/endorsed by both the International and the 'I-Chiefs'. This program is 'non-punitive' and has been adopted by numerous departments.

**Woman's Advisory Committee:** Sponsored an all girl camp for Ward 4 residents during the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>. They covered the basic introductions to fire /EMS service work, and the program was well received.

**ACLU Court Case:** Judge Robertson has made a partial ruling. In cases of P.F.B. as result of complying with the Special Order /Order Book, they will be ruled P.O.D.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

### **Secretary's Report:**

None

### **Legislative Report:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cox Reported On:

#### **Important Note:**

- Vice President Cox reminded all members of the importance of checking and updating their beneficiaries listed on their will, insurance policies, etc. Especially if they have married, remarried, or divorced.

- Families in Charleston are having numerous problems over the failures to have a will and local attorneys are trying to assist them with moving through the court system.

**Safety Committee:**

- Still working with the Department on considerations for members to wear shorts as part of uniform. Currently, if approved, the members will have to pay for them, but in the future the Department will pick up the tab, along with the polo style shirts and T-shirts. All uniforms will be ‘fire-rated’ in the future.
- The Department will be putting out a Memo detailing issues with the MRSA Infection.
- Annual “Fit-Test” has been completed, currently working to get members missed with scheduled make-up dates.
- The Department’s “Burn Committee” has been meeting and interviewing all members who have been burned to collect data. This will be to recommend changes in training or improvements / changes needed in our PPE.
- If you are injured on the job – Notify the officer and GO TO THE CLINIC!
- Reminder to complete the after action reports, the Safety Office can not complete their part till all the companies’ reports are submitted.

**Memorial Committee:** Is working to keep the gravesites of our fallen members ‘high and tight’, usually a monthly process. Anyone wishing to assist, please contact Brother Grabowski at T-17 #2.

**New Business:**

NONE

**Old Business:**

NONE

**Good & Welfare:**

**Local #36 President’s Dinner Classes 2001-2007**

- **Presidents Dinner** – September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, The Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW honoring those members who retired 2001- 2007.

For additional Information call the Local 36 office-202-635-8500.

**Antique Apparatus Fund Raiser:** September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 See flier on the board.

**Burn Center Golf Tournament:** September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 See flier on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 1030 hours.

Submitted by,  
Walter E. Webb  
Secretary

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

**READ, KNOW & UNDERSTAND**

**Discipline Article:** The new Discipline program is in place. Members need to find it on the ‘LAN’, read it, and then read it again, you need to understand your rights. When common sense is no longer part of the solution, then there is very little concern about doing it right. “My boss is telling me to do this....” or “This is not personal, it is just business right now....” is not the answers we are looking for. A Note of Caution: *If you are ‘acting’ as an officer, with that comes*

*the responsibility of an officer (without the compensation), the minute you make a mistake, the same chief that asked you to act will be placing you on charges....*

**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 of the fees incurred.

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

As it has been repeated at EVERY meeting for the past several years and reflected in the minutes:

**“SLOW YOUR ROLL”**

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

**SLOW DOWN – PAY ATTENTION**

**All the new engines, trucks, and ambulances have cameras. A reminder, the cameras will be able to retrieve data from several seconds before and after an incident.**

**Medical Waste Containers:** Companies needing waste boxes picked up should email requests to [denise.beales@dc.gov](mailto:denise.beales@dc.gov).

All members are encouraged to use the diesel exhaust systems that are installed in the firehouses. Because there is a direct health concern with diesel exhaust, we recommend that all members insure that the system is hooked up to the apparatus. Any station that has a system that is not operating properly is advised to contact the Facility Maintenance Office.

**Support YOUR Union, get involved**

**Next General Membership Meeting**  
**Monday**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**At 1000 hours**  
**At The Union Hall**