

Resolution No.:	<u>16-1475</u>
Introduced:	<u>July 20, 2010</u>
Adopted:	<u>July 27, 2010</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA)

Background

1. County Code Section 21-6 establishes a process for Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRD's) to select an authorized representative to represent their interests, and requires the Fire Chief to negotiate in good faith with the authorized representative on certain issues affecting LFRD's and their volunteers.
2. The LFRD's selected the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA) to be their authorized representative.
3. On June 25, 2010, the Council received from the County Executive the attached out-of-cycle Memorandum of Agreement between Montgomery County Government and Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association amending the existing agreement for the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
4. Code Section 21-6(p) requires the Executive to submit to the Council any element of an agreement that requires an appropriation of funds, may have a present or future fiscal impact, is inconsistent with any County law or regulation, or requires the enactment or adoption of any County law or regulation. Section 21-6(q) directs the Council to notify the parties within 60 days if it disapproves an agreement in whole or in part. The Council may by resolution extend the time for action.
6. The Management and Fiscal Policy Committee is scheduled to review and make recommendations on the portions of the Memorandum of Agreement requiring funds for FY11 on July 26, 2010.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council approves the following amendments:

1. postpone funding for the previously negotiated increase in the nominal fee, gear bags, turn-out boots, and an MCVFRA vehicle;
2. recognize volunteer participation in the development of policy as provided by County Code Chapter 21; and
3. provide equal discounts on transportation and recreational facilities for active volunteers that the County provides for career fire and rescue employees.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council