

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

**December 10, 2020  
Public Safety Headquarters / Tele-Conference  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
Gaithersburg, Maryland**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Hilary Miller, Chair (by phone)  
Anita Powell, Vice Chair (by phone)  
Commissioner Scott Emmons (by phone)  
Commissioner Ron Ogens (by phone)  
Commissioner Robert Ford (by phone)  
Commissioner Michael Burns (by phone)  
Commissioner Tony Coleman (by phone)

STAFF PRESENT

Fire Chief Scott Goldstein  
George Giebel, Staff Director

**100 – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called the meeting of the Montgomery County Fire and Emergency Services Commission to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was conducted by tele-conference through ZOOM telecommunications systems.

*101 – Report of the Commission Chair – No Report*

*102 – Approval of the FESC Commission minutes of October 8, 2020*

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Ford to approve the September 10, 2020, Commission minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner Coleman. The MOTION passed, unanimously.

*103 – Fire Chief's Report –*

The Fire Chief reported out on the current status of the Coronavirus. Currently, the virus in the County population is going up in reported numbers. MCFRS reported numbers are low. Budget – The FY 21 budget is currently through the budget process. FY 22 budget, there has been no action to-date.

**200 - BUSINESS ITEMS**

**201 Fire Chief's General Order No. 20-06, Use of MCFRS Ambulances for Non-Medical Transports or Reasons.** The Fire Chief presented FCGO No. 20-06 for consideration by the FESC. MOTION by Commissioner Ogens, SECONDED by Commissioner Ford to approve FCGO 20-06. No discussion on the motion. The MOTION passed unanimously.

**202 - Fire Chief's General Order No. 20-07, ALS to BLS Downgrade Process.**

The Fire Chief presented FCGO No. 20-07 for consideration by the FESC. MOTION by Commissioner Coleman, SECONDED by Commissioner Emmons to approve FCGO 20-07. No discussion on the motion. The MOTION passed unanimously.

**203 - Fire Chief's General Order No. 20-08, New P25 Radio System Training.**

The Fire Chief presented FCGO No. 20-08 for consideration by the FESC. MOTION by Commissioner Coleman, SECONDED by Commissioner Ogens to approve FCGO 20-08.

Discussion on the motion.

Commissioner Ford asked the Fire Chief if the FCGO went to the Joint and Health & Safety Committee for review. The Chief advised that he failed to forward it on to them, but that he would send it to them on their next meeting next week for their review.

Commissioner Emmons requested the Chief to add some additional training to the field in the manner of video's and on-line training courses. The Fire Chief advised he agreed and would order more on-line training courses.

MOTION TO APPROVE was passed, unanimously.

**204 - RESCIND - Policy No. 22-02, Pager Criteria Policy.** Commissioner Powell requested that Policy No. 22-02 be tabled until the January meeting. The Commissioners agreed.

**205 - RESCIND - Policy No. 03-06, Corporation Legal Expense Policy.**

Commissioner Powell requested that Policy No. 03-0 be tabled until the January meeting. The Commissioners agreed.

**300 - RESOURCE GROUPS** - No report.

**301 - ADJOURNMENT** -MOTION by Commissioner Ford, SECONDED by Commissioner Coleman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hilary Miller, Chair