

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
**FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
February 9, 2023  
Public Safety Headquarters / Tele-conference  
Tele-Conference Meeting  
Gaithersburg, Maryland

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Hilary Miller, Chair  
Anita Powell, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Ronald Ogens  
Commissioner Jane Callen  
Commissioner Mark Dempsey

**STAFF PRESENT**

George Giebel – Staff Director  
Fire Chief Scott Goldstein

**100 – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hilary Miller called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. Suggestion was made to hold approval of the January 12, 2023, minutes by Chair Miller.

**101– Fire Chief’s Report**

The Fire Chief reported on the status of the Coronavirus delta variant in MCFRS.  
2023 MCFRS Budget – The Chief reported on the progress for MCFRS budget submission to the County Council. Commissioner Dempsey asked the Fire Chief for an update on “upstaffing of ambulances.” The Chief provided an update on EMS surges.

**200 - BUSINESS ITEMS** There are no business items scheduled for action.

**201 - DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Commissioner Dempsey requested discussion on the Commission supporting the budget for the Public Safety Training Academy. The Fire Chief advised that the topic of training was currently on the agenda in collective bargaining, and he would not be able to discuss the issue until this process was complete. Chief Dempsey had discussions pertaining to EVOC and EVOC-B which the Fire Chief addressed. The Chief said there have been issues with obtaining “asphalt space” to conduct classes, as well as instructors.

The Fire Chief announced that on Tuesday, March 15, 2023, the County Executive will be releasing his FY2023 Budget.

**300 –ADJOURNMENT** -MOTION by Commissioner Callen, SECONDED by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hilary Miller, Chair