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# CALVERT COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 18:30 Hours

## AGENDA

### I. CALL TO ORDER

This Meeting is being recorded

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Moment of Silent Prayer and Reflection

### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Personnel Matters:* to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals

### III. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

- A. Commission Members

### IV. ATTENDEES PRESENT

- A. Association's FRC Alternates
- B. Department Representatives
- C. FREMS Staff
- D. Guests

### V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Tuesday, March 28, 2023

### VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tuesday, January 31, 2023

### VII. REPORTS

- A. Fire-Rescue-EMS Association – Bill Freesland
- B. Chief's Council – Mikey Clark
- C. President's Council – Pat Hassler
- D. EMS Advisory Council – Chuck Threlfall
- E. Fire-Rescue-EMS Division – Jim Richardson
- F. Department of Public Safety – Crystal Dowd (Acting)

### VIII. COUNTY FUND & BUDGET

### IX. CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTS

- A. Co. 2 – Tower 2 Rehab (\$225,000) FY'22
- B. Co. 3 – Ambulance 37 (\$373,000) FY'22
- C. Co. 3 – Ambulance 39 (\$395,000) FY'23
- D. Co. 4 – Boat 4 Rehab (\$50,000)
- E. Co. 5 – Engine 52 (\$698,000) FY'21
- F. Co. 6 – Ambulance 68 (\$395,000) FY'23
- G. Co. 7 – Ambulance 78 (\$373,000) FY'22

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- H. Co. 7 – Engine 71 (\$767,000) FY'22
- I. Co. 10 – Medic 101 (\$109,000) FY'23
- J. Co. 10 – Medic 102 (\$106,000) FY'22
- K. Co. 10 – Medic 104 (\$109,000) FY'23

### X. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT FY'23

- A. Co. 1 – HVAC Replacements (Phase 2 of 2) (\$29,000)
- B. Co. 1 – Security Access Control System (\$14,000)
- C. Co. 1 – Apparatus Dash Camera x 11 (\$3,500)
- D. Co. 2 – Vehicle Stabilization Kit Replacement (\$15,000)
- E. Co. 6 – Paratech Vehicle Stabilization Kit w/ Airbags (\$51,000)
- F. Co. 6 – Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras x 3 (\$22,000)
- G. Co. 7 – Dry Suits/Ice Rescue Suits x 4-sets (Phase 2 of 2) (\$11,000)
- H. Co. 10 – Electrical Upgrade (\$30,000)

### XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Poll Vote Items
- B. Apparatus & Equipment Update/Revisions

### XII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Closed Items
  - 1. None
- B. Open Items
  - 1. FREMS Maritime Strategic Planning Committee Update

### XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fire Rescue EMS Association Action Items
- B. Squad 7 Re-frame Letter

### XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

### XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

### XVI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next Meeting Date is schedule is May 30, 2023, at 18:30 hours held virtually and in-person

### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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Meeting called to order at 1830 hours by Chairman, Bobby Hall

### II. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

#### A. Commission Members

Present –

Chairman, Bobby Hall

Vice Chairman, Tom Breen

Secretary, Crystal Dowd (Acting)

Member, Ashley Bless

Member, Gene Farrell

Member, Dr. Bob Desverreaux

Absent -

### III. ATTENDEES PRESENT

#### A. Association's FRC Alternates

Present –

Tommy Howes

Bucky Dowell

Absent –

#### B. Department Representatives

Co. 1 – President, Matt Weber

Co. 2 – President, Pat Hassler, Chief, Willie Gray

Co. 3 – President, Terry Anderson, Deputy Chief, Rick Hargrave

Co. 4 –

Co. 5 – Chief 5A, Charles Groce

Co. 6 – Chief, Tim Clark, Safety Officer, Mike Clark

Co. 7 – President, Roberta Baker, Chief, Brent Lankford

Co. 10 – Chief, Chris Shannon, Chief 10A, Eric Morgan

Co. 12 – President, Lori Lodge

#### C. FREMS Staff

Jim Richardson, Division Chief

Monty Parks, Operations Specialist

Kayti Gatton, Administrative Coordinator

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- D. Guests  
None

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Motion to approve by Ashley Bless, seconded by Tom Breen, motion passed with no objections, 6-0-0

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Motion to approve minutes with correction (Billy Freesland to Assistance Fire Chief) by Gene Farrell, seconded by Ashley Bless, motion passed with no objections 6-0-0

### VI. ELECTIONS

Chairman

Nominations – Tom Breen

Unanimous Vote; Tom Breen takes Chair

Vice Chairman

Nominations – Gene Farrell

Unanimous Vote; Gene Farrell takes Vice Chair

Secretary

Nominations – Crystal Dowd

Unanimous Vote; Crystal Dowd takes Secretary

### VII. REPORTS

- A. Fire-Rescue-EMS Association – Bill Freesland

Chief's Council voted to proceed with mutual aid agreements

Bobby Hall has resigned as Chairman of the Fire Rescue Commission following the March 2023 meeting

EMS soft billing is moving forward, Cornerstone Third party biller will be working with our finance and budget department

- B. Chief's Council – Mikey Clark

Approved five (5) new Boat Standards

Endorsed Tommy Howes for the vacant Fire Rescue Commission member position

Ladder testing will conclude on Friday, February 3, 2023

Safety review committee will be coming to the Fire Rescue Commission to request drive cams in all apparatus

- C. President's Council – Pat Hassler

Endorsed Tommy Howes for the vacant Fire Rescue Commission member position

LOSAP modification bill, moving forward to State legislative to be voted on

All departments have received their 3- and 5-year reports from the insurance company

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**D. EMS Advisory Council – ~~Chuck Threlfall~~ Absent**

Elections

Chairman, Chuck Threlfall

Co-Chairman, Thomas Yowell

Secretary, Stephanie Cleveland

**E. Fire-Rescue-EMS Division – Jim Richardson**

**Volunteer Fire-Rescue-EMS FY'23 Budget**

Department's that have met established reporting and documentation requirements (completed through November 30<sup>th</sup>) will be eligible to pick up their 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw Checks on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> after 3:00 PM at the Fire-Rescue-EMS Division office.

To verify QA, QI and eMEDS Verification reports contact

[heather.howes@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:heather.howes@calvertcountymd.gov), all other report verifications please, contact

[katherine.gatton@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:katherine.gatton@calvertcountymd.gov)

**Amoss/508's FY'23 Grant**

FY'23 annual fund draw (\$37,671.75 per department) was received by F&B on December 9, 2022.

Contact Kayti Gatton [katherine.gatton@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:katherine.gatton@calvertcountymd.gov) for any available balance questions

**Recruitment and Retention Specialist**

Interviews scheduled were held January 5, 2023, we hope to have the position filled in late February 2023.

**2022 LOSAP Report Entry**

All 2022 LOSAP report entry must be completed by January 15, 2023. The annual "build process" will be scheduled for 1/17/2023

**Property Tax Credit**

Department Property Tax Credit Phase I verification has been sent to each department's leadership for updating and editing. Phase I verification is due back to Kayti Gatton at

[Katherine.gatton@calvertcountymd.gov](mailto:Katherine.gatton@calvertcountymd.gov) by February 28, 2023

**Firefighter Cancer Reduction Seminar**

Monday, January 16, 2023, 1900 hours at the Huntingtown VFD, Presented by Tom Miller Seminar will cover an overview of cancer in the fire service, State and Federal regulations, national standards and best practices that promote the reduction on cancer in our service. Refreshments will be provided. Those Calvert County volunteers that attend will receive an additional drawing ticket for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day!

**Volunteer Appreciation Day**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day has been scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2023 at the Calvert County Fairgrounds. We look forward to being able to show our appreciation to our volunteers after two long years!

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### **2023 Legislative Request – Amendments to Length of Service awards Program (LOSAP)**

On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in the Commissioner's Hearing room at 10:00 hours, the BOCC will be considering the Association request for amendments to Calvert County Code, Title 14, LOSAP as follows:

1. Change LOSAP burial benefit to death benefit and increase benefit from \$6,000 to \$10,000;
2. Increase LOSAP line of duty death benefit from \$6,000 to \$10,000;
3. Increase benefit amount for all qualified individuals collecting by a cost of living increase to correspond with percentage afforded to County employees annually.

BOCC approved request will then be presented to the State Legislative Delegation on Friday, January 13, 2023, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 15:00 hours.

- F. Department of Public Safety – Crystal Dowd  
Medical Director position has been posted, closing 3/2/2023.

### **VIII. COUNTY FUND & BUDGET**

FY24-FY29 CIP presentation was submitted from Finance & Budget to the BOCC  
There were questions concerning Boat 3 cost, size, and training questions

### **IX. CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTS**

- A.** Co. 2 – Tower 2 Rehab (\$325,000) FY'22  
Mid-March completion
- B.** Co. 3 – Ambulance 37 (\$373,000) FY'22  
Final sale phase
- C.** Co. 3 – Ambulance 39 (\$395,000) FY'23  
Meeting with vendor on February 8, 2023 to review final specs
- D.** Co. 4 – Boat 4 Rehab (\$50,000)  
No Report
- E.** Co. 5 – Engine 52 (\$698,000) FY'21  
Delivery April/May 2023
- F.** Co. 6 – Ambulance 68 (\$395,000) FY'23  
Waiting on chassis
- G.** Co. 7 – Ambulance 78 (\$373,000) FY'22  
Delivery expected in late Spring 2023
- H.** Co. 7 – Engine 71 (\$767,000) FY'22  
Delivery within 2 weeks, in service by mid-March
- I.** Co. 10 – Medic 101 (\$109,000) FY'23  
Final phase, lighting process
- J.** Co. 10 – Medic 102 (\$106,000) FY'22  
Final phase, lighting process
- K.** Co. 10 – Medic 104 (\$109,000) FY'23  
Final phase, lighting process



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### **X. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT FY'23**

- A.** Co. 1 – HVAC Replacements (Phase 2 of 2) (\$29,000)  
In Progress
- B.** Co. 1 – Security Access Control System (\$14,000)  
Waiting on invoice
- C.** Co. 1 – Apparatus Dash Camera x 11 (\$3,500)  
Installation February 13, 2023
- D.** Co. 2 – Vehicle Stabilization Kit Replacement (\$15,000)  
Ordered, delivery estimated June 0223
- E.** Co. 3 – Upgrade Station Cameras (\$24,500) FY'22  
COMPLETED
- F.** Co. 3 – SCBA Compressor Replacement (\$90,000)  
COMPLETED
- G.** Co. 6 – Paratech Vehicle Stabilization Kit w/ Airbags (\$51,000)  
Ordered
- H.** Co. 6 – Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras x 3 (\$22,000)  
Delivered/installed, waiting on invoices
- I.** Co. 7 – Dry Suits/Ice Rescue Suits x 4-sets (Phase 2 of 2) (\$11,000)  
Ordered
- J.** Co. 10 – LED Facility Lighting Replacement (\$20,000)  
COMPLETED
- K.** Co. 10 – Electrical Upgrade (\$30,000)  
To begin mid-February 2023

### **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** Poll Vote Items
- B.** Apparatus & Equipment Update/Revisions

### **XII. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Closed Items
  - 1. None
- B.** Open Items
  - 1. FREMS Maritime Strategic Planning Committee Update

### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **XIV. CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

### **XV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

### **XVI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- A.** Next Meeting Date is schedule is March 28, 2023, at 18:30 hours held virtually and in-person

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**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Ashley Bless, seconded by Bobby Hall, motion passed with no objections

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Meeting adjourned at 1904 hours

**CALVERT COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION**

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**NEW BUSINESS**



Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

March 17, 2023

Calvert County Fire-Rescue-EMS Division  
Fire Rescue Commission  
175 Main Street  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Dear Chairman Breen,

On February 13, 2023, the Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association reviewed and approved the following:

1. Apparatus Equipment Standards
  - a. Fire Rescue Boat (Large)
  - b. Fire Rescue Boat (Medium)
  - c. Rescue Boat (Large)
  - d. Rescue Boat (Medium)
  - e. Rescue Personal Water Craft
    - i. **\*\*Note, the approval of the above Standards will rescind "Fire Rescue Boat" dated 2/28/12, and "Personal Water Craft" dated 7/1/16.**
2. Recommendation of Tommy Howes for the upcoming vacant position on the Fire Rescue Commission.

On March 13, 2023, the Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association reviewed and approved the following:

1. Apparatus Allotment request from Co. 6
  - a. Command 6A (Department Purchased)
  - b. Admin Vehicle 6 (Department Purchased)
  - c. Boat 6 (Dependent on FRC Approved Budget)
2. Apparatus Allotment request from Co. 2
  - a. Command 2A (Department Purchased)
3. FRC Fire Alternate Nomination – Co. 5 Donald Gibson

Favorable review of the above item at your March 28, 2023 FRC meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*J.W. Freesland III/Wb*

J.W. Freesland III  
President  
Calvert County Fire Rescue & EMS Association

Enclosures & Attachments  
cc: CCVFREMSA



Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



**CALVERT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION  
CHIEFS COUNCIL**  
175 Main Street, Courthouse  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

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January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

J. William Freesland, President  
Calvert County VFRA

President Freesland,

At the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Calvert County Chief's Council, held at the Prince Frederick VFD, the following actions were approved:

- 1) Approval of the following Apparatus Equipment Standards:
  - a. Fire Rescue Boat (Large)
  - b. Fire Rescue Boat (Medium)
  - c. Rescue Boat (Large)
  - d. Rescue Boat (Medium)
  - e. Rescue Personal Water Craft

**\*\*Note, the approval of the above Standards will rescind "Fire Rescue Boat" dated 2/28/12, and "Personal Water Craft" dated 7/1/16**

Other items from the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:

- 1) Elections were held:
  - a. Chair – Mike Clark, Huntingtown VFD
  - b. Co-Chair – Eric Holzberger, Prince Frederick VFD
- 2) Working with the EFD Committee, and Communications Center staff to develop an updated Transfer Policy.
- 3) Working with EMS Council to review EMD call types for Priority 1 responses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Clark, Jr.  
Chair  
Calvert County Chief's Council



Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



**CALVERT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION  
CHIEFS COUNCIL**  
175 Main Street, Courthouse  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

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January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

J. William Freesland, President  
Calvert County Fire Rescue EMS Association

President Freesland,

At the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Chief's Council meeting, the County Fire/Rescue/EMS Chiefs voted unanimously to endorse Charles T. (Tommy) Howes for the upcoming vacant position on the Fire/Rescue Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Clark, Jr." in a cursive style.

Michael D. Clark, Jr.  
Chair  
Calvert County Chief's Council



Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



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January 13, 2023

J.W. Freesland III  
President  
Calvert County Fire, Rescue & EMS Association  
PO Box 113  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Re: Fire Rescue Commission Position Endorsement – Tommy Howes

Dear President Freesland,

On January 9, 2023, the President's Council met and voted unanimously to endorse Tommy Howes for the upcoming vacant position on the Fire Rescue Commission.

Respectfully,

*Patrick Hassler/ubl*

Patrick Hassler  
Chairman  
President's Council



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P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



**CALVERT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION**  
**CHIEFS COUNCIL**  
175 Main Street, Courthouse  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

J. William Freesland, President  
Calvert County VFRA

President Freesland,

At the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Calvert County Chief's Council, held at the Prince Frederick VFD, the following requests were approved:

- 1) Approved the following Apparatus Allotment request from Company 6:
  - a. Command 6A (Department Purchased)
  - b. Admin Vehicle 6 (Department Purchased)
  - c. Boat 6 (Dependent on FRC Approved Budget)
- 2) Approved the following Apparatus Allotment request from Company 2:
  - a. Command 2A (Department Purchased)

Other items from the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:

- 1) Approved "Working Incident" definition to the Emergency Communications Center.
- 2) Discussed Bariatric patient transport capabilities.

Just for your information, all 2023 Officer Standards were submitted, with no issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Clark, Jr.  
Chair  
Calvert County Chief's Council





Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



***Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department  
and Rescue Squad, Inc.***

P.O. Box 482 Huntingtown, MD 20639-0482  
Phone: 410-535-3331 Fax: 410-535-4438  
www.hvfd6.org



January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Tom Breen, Chairman  
Fire-Rescue Commission  
175 Main Street  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
Via: Chief's Council, CCFVRA

Chairman Breen,

The Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad would like to request the following additions to our apparatus allotment:

**Command 6A (Department Purchased)**

**Administrative Vehicle 6 (Department Purchased)**

**Boat 6**

Command 6A will serve as an additional command vehicle for the Operational Officers. Boat 6 will meet all standards for a "Rescue Boat Medium", and is dependent on the staff recommended FRC budget, as well as the approved budget of the BOCC.

Thank you for your time, and consideration with this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Clark".

Timothy Clark  
Fire Chief

***All Volunteer, All the Time***



Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department

*Established 1941*  
450 Solomons Island Rd. N.  
Prince Frederick MD 20678  
Office of the Fire Chief

To: Calvert County Fire and Rescue Commission

Attn: Tom Breen

The Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department would like to request the following additions to our apparatus allotment:

Command 2A (Department Purchased)

Command 2A will serve as an additional command vehicle for the Operational Officers.  
Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie Gray".

Willie Gray  
Fire Chief



Calvert County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, & EMS Association  
P.O. Box 113  
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678



Fire Chief Toby Sealey

**Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department Inc.**

3170 West Ward Road Dunkirk, Md. 20754

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**FIRE / RESCUE / EMS**



President Dave Stream

To: Billy Freesland, President  
Calvert County Vol. Fire Rescue EMS Association

Lori Lodge, Secretary  
Calvert County Vol. Fire Rescue EMS Association

Re: Alternate Representative to the Fire & Rescue Commission

I would like to recommend Donald Gibson for the position of the CCVFREMS Association's alternate representative to the Fire & Rescue Commission. With Bobby Hall's resignation and him in return recommending Tommy Howes as his replacement, I feel that Donald will serve this role with professionalism and his years of experience will be beneficial to the Association and Fire & Rescue Commission.

Thank you

Dave Stream, President  
Dunkirk Vol. Fire Dept.



# Saint Leonard Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Company 7

P.O. Box 101  
200 Calvert Beach Road  
Saint Leonard, Maryland 20685  
Phone: (410) 586-1713

Brent Lankford, Chief  
Roberta Baker, President

March 20, 2023

Chairman Tom Breen  
Calvert County Fire and Rescue Commission

Chairman Breen,

Squad 7 was brought to the apparatus review committee last fall for inspection due to severe rust issues involving the frame and undercarriage. The apparatus review committee subsequently recommended a re-frame of the unit which was approved by the Fire Rescue Commission, the funding for this project is currently awaiting final approval by the Board of County Commissioners. We have received notice from the Pierce Refurbishment Center, where the unit will have the re-frame completed, that they would like to have the unit on May 1<sup>st</sup> to start the project. We are asking for the Fire Rescue Commission to seek agreement from the County Government for a commitment of funding in the FY' 24 budget in order to send the unit at the time requested by Pierce (May 1<sup>st</sup>) to begin the project and prevent any delays in the refurbishment process.

Respectfully,

*W. Brent Lankford*

Brent Lankford  
Chief  
St. Leonard Vol. Fire and Rescue