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REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 3-0 (Councilmembers: Toles, Harrison and Turner)

The Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee convened on June 26, 2014 to interview the nominees to the Fire Commission of Prince George's County. The Fire Commission is charged with reviewing the financial needs, requests for public funds for each volunteer fire company in the County, formulate annually one capital budget, one capital improvement program, one current expense budget for all volunteer fire companies with respect to the expenditure of public funds and submit budgets with appropriate justification to the County Executive.

The following individuals have been nominated to the Fire Commission:

Mr. James Robert Breen is a resident of Brandywine and has been a member of the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department since 1972. He retired from the County's Fire Department in 1993 and has continued his service as a volunteer diver and boat operator with the County's Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team. Currently he is the Fire Chief of the Baden VFD. Mr. Breen will serve as a Volunteer Member on the Commission.

Mr. Kenneth F. Stack, Jr. is a resident of Laurel and currently serves as Battalion Chief of the County's Fire/EMS Department. He holds numerous public safety and emergency services certifications. He is a graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School and attended classes at the University of Maryland, College Park. Mr. Stack will serve as a Sworn Member on the Commission.

Each nominee gave a summary of their experience and qualifications that will assist them while serving on the Commission.

The members of the PSFM Committee had an in-depth discussion with the nominees on retention and recruitment of volunteer fire fighters and other issues that will enhance their contribution to the Commission.

The Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted 3-0 favorable to recommend the appointment of the nominees to the Fire Commission for Prince George's County.