PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.: Appointment Fire Commission

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Committee:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable, 5-0 In Favor: Council Members Davis, Lehman, Patterson Taveras and Turner.

The Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee convened on September 13, 2018 to consider 4 appointees to the Fire Commission of Prince George's County. The Fire Commission reviews the financial needs and request for public funds of each of the County's volunteer fire companies. They also help formulate the operating and capital budget for volunteers.

Those being reappointed include:

- Julian Tucker, a resident of Upper Marlboro, has been a volunteer service member since 1970. He is a Past President of the Town of Upper Marlboro and is very active in the County. Mr. Tucker will continue to serve as a Volunteer member of the Commission.
- G. Rick Wilson, a resident of Laurel is retired from the National Security Agency with more than 30 years of service as a Senior Intelligence Office. He also worked as a Vice President at Federal Data Systems and served as a President of the Laurel City Council. Mr. Wilson will continue to serve as a Resident member on the Fire Commission.

New Appointees include:

- Kenneth McSwain, a resident of Cheltenham, currently works as a Special Assistant to the State Fire
 Marshall for Montgomery County. He is formerly a member of the Prince George's Fire/EMS
 Department, having retired at the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. He will serve as a Sworn Member of
 the Commission.
- Piero Mellits, a resident of Bowie, currently works a Site and Civil Engineering Manager for the
 McLauren Engineering Group in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been a volunteer fire member for more
 than 30 years serving in the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department. He previously served with the
 Bowie Volunteer Fire Department as Department Chief. He will serve as Volunteer member of the
 Commission.

During the Committee session, each appointee talked about their experiences and expressed the desire to serve the County as a member of the Commission. Council Members also expressed their gratitude for the appointee's commitment and dedication.

After discussion, the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted the appointments out favorably, 5-0.