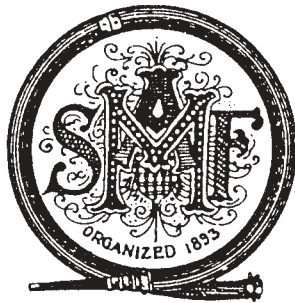


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THE SEAL OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Great Seal of Maryland was used by the Maryland State Firemen's Association during its first two years, 1893 - 1894. The logo of the Maryland State Firemen's Association which was first used in 1895 and appeared on the Proceedings Book of the Association until 1904 is pictured below.



In 1905, the current logo was designed and continues to be used as a sign of recognition by Representatives of the MSFA while conducting the official business of the Association. This description of our current logo was supplied by Past President Peter Paul Lochary and Mrs. Jeanne Hare.

"MEANING OF THE MSFA LOGO"

*The **COLOR RED** represents life - red blood of the human being, the gift of God.
The **HOSE** expresses effort - energy put forth by individuals to his job as water flows through the hose.*

TOOLS OF THE TRADE - POLES - torches
AXES - force
LADDERS - steps to success for firemen helping to provide better service to the community.

NOZZLE used to dispense water - result of success applied by firemen.

OAK LEAVES - WHITE OAK is the tree of the State of Maryland and shows strength.

ACORNS - symbolize deeds of firemen that grow into accomplishments just as acorns grow into great oak trees.

WREATH - formed by oak leaves and acorns to symbolize valor and achievement.

BOW - to tie it all together to make a great organization.

DEDICATION

The membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association are proud to offer the Dedication of the 2006 Program Book to two dedicated individuals. They are **J. Donald Mooney and Margaret King.**



Donald Mooney

Don Mooney has been an extremely dedicated member of the association for many years. His dedication to the success of the volunteer fire service is commendable. Nearly ten years ago, Don started off on a journey to develop an appropriate memorial that recognizes those fire/rescue personnel who have given their life in the line of duty, career and volunteer. During that time, he has been challenged by health problems but his commitment to the success of this initiative never waned.

After ten years of fundraising, negotiating and meetings, on September 11, 2005, Don's efforts began to take shape with the groundbreaking of the memorial. His hard work, participation by an outstanding committee, and determination have culminated with the dedication of the Maryland Fire/Rescue Services Memorial on June 11, 2006. Congratulations Don on having your "Dream become a Reality"



Margaret King

Very few in our association understand or fully appreciate the dedication that has been displayed by Margaret King. She is the woman behind the scene, taking phone calls, organizing much of the convention administrative activities and just plain keeping Leonard straight. She has been tireless in her work before and at the convention, spending long days just to make things perfect for all that attend. She is the smiling face at the entrance of the convention hall, managing the table best known as "The Strippers".

Margaret is also a strong supporter of the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department. She is instrumental in the events of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association convention when held at Marlboro. She always assists at all of the events held by Marlboro. She is a true asset to any fire department and deserving of our appreciation.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES



Elmer E. Dunn, Sr. P.P.
Armiger VFD

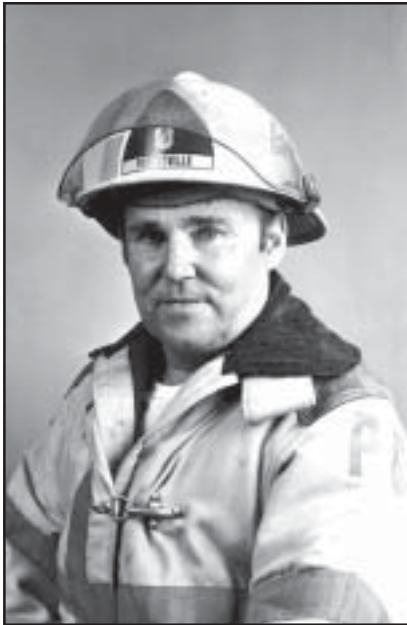


Loretta Hall, P.P. LAMSFA
Cabin John Park VFD Auxiliary

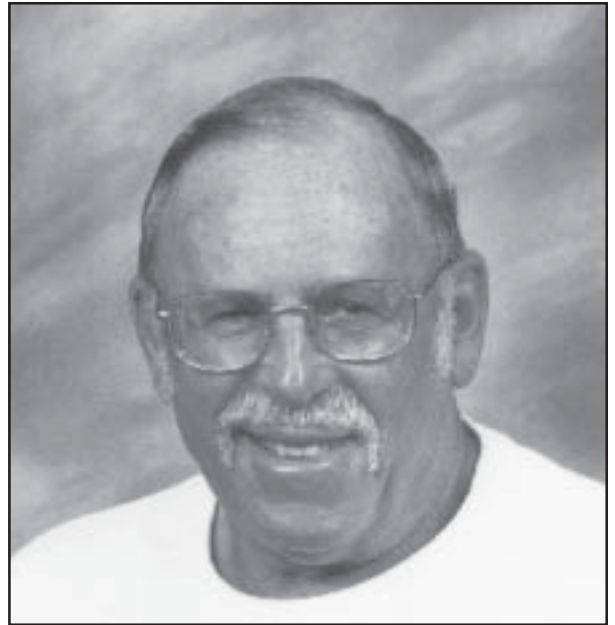


Louis A. D'Camera, MSFA Treasurer
Odenton VFD

LINE OF DUTY DEATHS



Chief Paul H. "Grand" Thorne
Forestville VFD



Joseph Buckel
Bittinger VFD

Tribute to the Volunteer Firemen who lost their lives in IRAQ



Sgt. Brian R. Conner
Firefighter Baltimore City/US Army



Sgt. Michael J. McMullen
Firefighter/EMTP Salisbury FD/US Army



TOWN OF OCEAN CITY
MARYLAND

James N. Mathias, Jr.
Mayor



WELCOME TO OCEAN CITY

Greetings from the Mayor

Our great town Ocean City, Maryland, an All-American City, welcomes you to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center of the 114th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful bayside convention center and to our wonderful town.

We deeply appreciate the exemplary service you provide to your community, county, state and country. We are grateful for your commitment, and recognize the sacrifice and support given by your family and friends enabling you to provide this invaluable service.

Ocean City's 10 miles of white sandy beach, our hundreds of great restaurants and thousands of accommodations are ready to make your stay most enjoyable. Ocean City is a family resort for all seasons, with attractions, festivals, events and entertainment year round.

Over the years, many families have become part of the Ocean City tradition, and we consider the Maryland State Firemen's Association to be part of the tradition. We wish you a successful conference and an enjoyable stay with your family and friends in Ocean City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Mathias".

JAMES N. MATHIAS, JR.
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P R O G R A M
MSFA 114TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 17, 2006

1800 **Joint Officers Banquet** – Main Ball Room – By Invitation Only

1801

Sunday, June 18, 2006

0800 Exhibitors Registration – Ground Floor Exhibit Areas

0930 Executive Committee Meeting - Room 208

0930 Honor Guard Contest Registration and Practice – Room 209

1000-1200 Convention Registration - Main Ball Room

1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer

1000-1200 Free Bus Passes – Ground Floor Foyer

1200 **Honor Guard Contest -Drum and Pipe Band Demonstration** – Main Ball Room

1230 Education and Training Seminars – East Hall

1900 **Joint Memorial Service** – Main Ballroom – Dress Uniforms Please

2015 Reception – Convention Center – Upper Foyers

Monday, June 19, 2006

0700 Registration - Main Ball Room

0730 Musical Selections - Westminster Band - Main Ball Room

0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales - Ground Floor Foyer

0800 Free Bus Passes – Ground Floor Foyer

0830 **Call To Order–First Session** – President Lee N. Sachs – Main Ball Room

Opening Ceremonies – “Family Affair”

Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard Contest Winners

0900 Exhibits Open

0930 **Remarks from Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland**

0945 **Special Tribute to Senator Paul R. Sarbanes**

0955 **Awards Ceremony**

Gladhill-Thompson Award

Colburn Cup Award

Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award

Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award

Firefighter of the Year Award

Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award

Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P., Memorial Safety Award

Hall of Fame Awards

Family Appreciation Award

Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

- 1040 Recognition of Guests
1050 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
1100 **Past Presidents Luncheon** - Room 209 - By Invitation Only
1230 **Call to Order-Second Session** - President Lee N. Sachs-Main Ball Room
Reading and Acceptance of 2005 Convention and Conference Minutes
Recognition of Organizations
Report of the Credentials Committee

1245	Special Program Presentation “The Truth About Residential Sprinklers” Captain Doug Alexander, Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee Chair
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- 1315 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee-Dennis Skinner, Chair
1430 **Education and Training Seminars** - East Hall
1500 **Miss Fire Prevention Contest** - Main Ball Room
1630 Exhibits Close - No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours
1700 **Exhibitors Reception** - Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside - By Invitation Only
1830 **Basket Bingo** - Ball Room C
1930 **Monday Night Ocean City Mardi Gras** Rear of Convention Center
2130 **Fireworks Display** - Rear of Convention Center Over The Bay

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

- 0800 **Voting** - Main Ball Room - (Voting will be open for two (2) hours)
Should a second ballot be needed it will be announced from the convention floor.

- 0830 **Call To Order-Third Session** - President Lee N. Sachs - Main Ball Room
0900 Exhibits Open
Fire Prevention Awards
Silver Spring Fire Prevention Award
Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office-Fire Marshal William Barnard

- 0950 **Special Program Presentation**
“Courage To Be Safe - Everyone Goes Home”
Captain Matthew Tobia, Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Reports of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Legislative Committee Update - C. Daniel Davis, Jr., P.P., Chair
Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislator of the Year Award
Report of the Low Interest Loan Board - Joseph R. Robison, P.P., Chair
Reports from State Agencies and Organizations - - -
Maryland Homeland Security - Director Dennis Schrader
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute - Director Steven T. Edwards

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Chair Michael Clemens
Maryland Instructor's Certification Board – Chair Joseph Weisgerber
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board – Chair Michael Robinson
Maryland Emergency Management – Director John Droneburg, III
Maryland Department of the Environment Report -
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division – Monty Mitchell
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems – Dr. Robert Bass, Director
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center – John L. Spearman
Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530 **All You Can Eat Family Picnic** – Outside Rear of Convention Center

1400 **Education and Training Seminars**

1630 Exhibits Close

1830 **Joint Installation of Officers** – Main Ball Room

2000 Reception for Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

2200 **Pajama Parade and Costume Contest** – Main Ball Room

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

0730 **Prayer Breakfast** – East Hall – Rooms 201-206

0900 **Call to Order–Fourth Session** – Newly Elected President-Main Ball Room

0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communications and Announcements

Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

0910 **Special Program Presentation**

“A Tale of Two Cities”

Chief Warren E. Stevens, Deputy Director, Frederick County Dept. of Fire and Rescue Services

Assistant Chief, Michael Clemens, Training Officers, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services

0945 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

1000 Remarks by Past President Lee N. Sachs

Remarks by Newly Elected Officers

Introduction of Executive Committee

Installation of Assistant Officers and Low Interest Loan Board

Final Report of Convention Committee

Unfinished Business and New Business

\$10,000. Raffle Drawing

1300 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1230 hours

1300 **Firemen's Parade** – Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine

1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Rear of Convention Center

Thursday, June 22, 2006

0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Room 206

Friday, June 23, 2006

0730 **Golf Tournament** - Eagles Landing Golf Course

MAIN FLOOR PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

- - - Monday Program Presentation - - -

“The Truth About Residential Sprinklers”

Captain Doug Alexander will provide a basic knowledge of Residential Sprinklers for new homes, why they are important, how they work, and the facts surrounding them. The Marble Mountain Sprinkler DVD and an informational CD created by Kim Thomas, Miss Fire Prevention of Harford County will also be utilized during this very timely program.

- - - Tuesday Program Presentation - - -

“Courage To Be Safe – Everyone Goes Home”

Captain Matthew Tobia of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department will present an extremely hard-hitting approach to reducing and preventing line-of-duty deaths in Maryland. Previous firefighter fatalities will be reviewed and a detailed discussion of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation “Everyone Goes Home” program will be provided. Do you have what it takes to make sure “Everyone Goes Home”?

- - - Wednesday Program Presentation - - -

“A Tale of Two Cities”

Chief Warren E. Stevens and Assistant Chief Michael Clemens will take a look back at the impact of the events related to hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans, Louisiana and Gulfport, Mississippi areas. You will see scenes of the devastation and hardships that have not been shown before, and hear from individuals that took part in the aftermath of this National Disaster.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS

Brought to YOU by the Corporate Partnership Program

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 201 - 0900 to 1200 hours

“How to be an Ambassador of Fire Prevention”

Conducted By: Kristi Gable, Miss Fire Prevention 2005-06; Amber Reamy, Miss Fire Prevention Runner-Up and 2005-06; Lori Gallion, MSFA, Miss Fire Prevention Chair

This workshop will help individuals gain a better understanding of the role of Fire Prevention spokespeople in the community. Required for all MSFA Miss Fire Prevention candidates and recommended for their families, fire prevention chairpersons, and anyone with an interest in strengthening their fire prevention programs at the company, county, or State level.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 203 - 1100 to 1200 hours

“Understanding LOSAP and Maryland Tax Reduction”

Conducted By: MSFA Ladies Auxiliary

This program will discuss the requirements for each program and the differences between them.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 201 - 1230 to 1430 hours

“IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)”

Conducted By: David W. Lewis, Terrorism Response Training Coordinator, MFRI

This is an awareness level training course that explains NIMS components, concepts and principles. The integration of the Incident Command System into NIMS, the use and application of Area Command, Unified Command, and Multi-Agency Coordination Systems. You will receive certification through FEMA for having satisfied the requirements for AIS-700 training. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 202 - 1230 to 1430 hours

“Trends in Regionalized Care”

Conducted By: Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director MIEMSS

This session will discuss the current trends in EMS regionalized care.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 202 - 1445 to 1645 hours

“Principles of Radiation: A Better Understanding of Radiation May Save Your Life”

Conducted By: Dr. Richard Alcorta, Medical Director, MIEMSS

It is important that EMS and fire personnel be familiar with radiation types, and their detectors. There are some simple strategies that need to be implemented as normal hazardous material suits do not protect against gamma radiation. Acute Radiation Sickness (ARS) has an identifiable constellation for signs and symptoms.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 203 - 1230 to 1430 hours

“The News People Are Here-And Want An Interview”

Conducted By: Michelle Signona and James Jarboe, MSFA Public Relations and Bulletin Committee

Any significant incident is going to draw the media, either by phone or on site. Not only do officers need to be prepared to respond to their requests, they need to know how to respond. How to conduct interviews with the media, local, and national news persons at the emergency scene and for major announcements will be discussed.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 203 - 1445 to 1645 hours

“The Benefits of Being a Volunteer”

Conducted By: Marcine Goodloe and John Denver, Co-Chairs MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee; Eric Bernard, Executive Director, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association

Broken down into two parts, the first part will deal with information for recruitment on the various benefits for volunteers, and the second part will cover information on strategic planning for your department or organization.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 204 - 1230 to 1430 hours

“First Responder Gaming: Learning and Team Building”

Conducted By: Major Christopher St. John, MSciEd, NREMTP, Director, E-Learning Technologies, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Acquisition University; Ian St. John, NREMTP; Lucien Parson, Breakaway Games; Jesse Schell, Sim Ops Studio, Inc.

This session will show the state-of-the-art in immersive gaming for training firefighters, EMTS and command officers. Gaming and simulation technologies can assist with both single and multiplayer training in no-risk and incident command situations. Examples will show incident commander, hazmat hot zone, and how immersive simulations use multiplayer gaming technology to assist with team-based training and other disaster response practices. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 204 - 1445 to 1645 hours

“Maryland’s Fire and EMS High School Cadet Programs”

Conducted By: Chief Dan Stevens, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, MSFA Training Committee

The successes and challenges of the high school cadet program, its evolution, and what the future holds for it will be presented and discussed.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 205 - 1230 to 1530 hours

“First Responder Safety on the Highway”

Conducted By: Allen Baldwin, Safety Supervisor, Pennsylvania Turnpike Administration

Rescues on the highway are a dangerous response. This session is designed to provide you with strategies to protect the lives of firefighters and rescue personnel who are trying to save lives. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 206 – 1230 to 1530 hours

“Discovering Your Teaching Styles”

Conducted By: Ron Bowser, Manager Institute Development, MFRI

How do you ensure that you meet the learning needs of your students? Students have different learning styles or preferences and process the information in different ways. This session will examine various teaching style models, the strengths and weaknesses of each and how they apply to the classroom. You will complete several teaching style assessment instruments to help identify your individual preferences and strategies which will help you better manage your learning environment.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 215 – 1230 to 1345 hours

“How Blended E-Learning Works”

Conducted By: Ken Farmer, Fire Protection Publications/IFSTA

The world of electronic learning has a wide range of options and opportunities for new ways to learn and train. MFRI provides a blended E-Learning programs to the fire and rescue community. The presentation will discuss the advantages, disadvantages, and future programs being planned.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 215 – 1400 to 1700 hours

“CBRN Terrorism Overview”

**ATTENDANCE IS RESTRICTED - PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THIS CLASS
IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED - WWW.MFRI.ORG/SEMINARS**

Conducted By: Maryland State Firemen's Association and Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

This class will consist of a briefing on the current understanding of the CBRN terrorist threat and past incidents. There will be a demo of a CBRN familiarization kit which contains simulants, laboratory equipment and PPE equipment. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 217 – 1230 to 1730 hours

“Courage To Be Safe – Everyone Goes Home”

Conducted By: Captain Matthew Tobia, Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Since 1981, 62 Maryland firefighters have died in the line-of-duty. What are you prepared to do to prevent the 63rd? This class takes an extremely hard-hitting approach to reducing and preventing line-of-duty deaths in Maryland. Previous firefighter fatalities will be reviewed and a detailed discussion of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation “EVERYONE GOES HOME” program will be provided. Firefighters claim they would lay down their lives for a fellow firefighter without hesitation – do you have what it takes to make sure they come home alive? CEUs applied for.

Monday, June 19, 2006

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 201 – 1430 to 1630 hours

“Airbag Safety”

Conducted By: Sam Pearce, Chesapeake Rescue

This presentation will focus on the safety aspects of air bags and will include live demonstrations.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 202 – 1430 to 1630 hours

“Fire Chaplains: More than Invocation and Benediction”

Conducted By: Rev. John Long, MSFA Chief Chaplain

Training will encompass the Chaplain's role in the fire service. From emergency responses to funerals, participants will get an overview of their roles and responsibilities.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 203 – 1430 to 1630 hours

“Trauma Care in Challenging Patient Population”

Conducted By: Lynn Gerber Smith, RN

Caring for a trauma patient can be clinically challenging. Elderly trauma patients can have chronic diseases that can make assessment of injuries and clinical management difficult. Pregnant trauma patients have 2 distinct challenges, assessment changes related to the pregnancy and the injuries that can occur in the patient. Obesity is the latest health crisis, when an obese patient suffers a traumatic event it is clinically difficult. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 204 – 1430 to 1630- hours

“Interstate Fire Suppression”

Conducted By: Allen Baldwin, Safety Supervisor, Pennsylvania Turnpike Administration

This presentation will emphasize proper procedures to protect yourself and other firefighters as they battle fires and rescue incidents on interstates.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 205 – 1430 to 1630 hours

“Utilizing Available Data for Quality Improvement”

Conducted By: Chief Eric Chaney, Division of Licensing and Quality Management, MIEMSS and Kathy Paez, Senior Database Specialists, MIEMSS

This interactive presentation will focus on how EMAIS data can be utilized at the company, county, and regional levels for quality improvement. The basics of benchmarking and trend analysis will be discussed. Quality improvement officers are encouraged to attend this timely topic. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 206 – 1430 to 1530 hours

“Why Can't I Get Through to Them”

Professional Development Opportunity for Instructors

Conducted By: Diane May, Instructor Trainer, MFRO

Do you have students that you can't reach? The session will discuss our challenging students, from those with behavior problems to those who “just don't get it.” You will have the opportunity to identify your own learning style and learn how this information is useful in the classroom. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 215 – 1430 to 1630 hours

“Emergency Response to Clandestine Drug Labs”

Conducted By: David Lewis, Terrorism Response Training Coordinator, MFRI

Illegal drug laboratories and dumping sites are becoming a growing concern for the emergency response community. Current trends in drug lab activity, chemicals and equipment used in the production, and the hazards to the responders will be discussed. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 217 – 1430 to 1630 hours

“Developing and Delivering a Training Program For A Volunteer Fire Department”

Conducted By: Clarence E. “Smiley” White, MFRI Instructor

Many volunteer Departments experience difficulty in planning and carrying out training activities. New ideas will be shared in terms of member needs as it relates to volunteer retention and development.

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 201 – 1400 to 1500 hours

“Mentoring The New EMTB”

Conducted By: MIEMSS

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 201 – 1515 to 1700 hours

“Chain Saw Safety”

Conducted By: Monte Mitchell, State Fire Supervisor and
Members of the Maryland DNR Forest Service

More and more people are entering emergency services crews who lack familiarity with power equipment. The need for constant vigilance on the safety aspects of handling and operating chain saws and other power equipment will be covered.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 202 – 1400 to 1700 hours

“A Tale of Two Cities”

Conducted By: Chief Warren E. Stevens, Deputy Director Frederick County DFRS and
Assistant Chief Michael Clemens, Training Officer, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services

A look at the impact of the events related to hurricane Katrina in the
New Orleans, Louisiana and Gulfport, Mississippi areas. CEU's applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 203 – 1400 to 1600 hours

“Energizing Your Open House”

Conducted By: Amber Reamy, First Runner Up, Miss Fire Prevention MSFA and
Teresa Crisman, Public Affairs, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department

This seminar will provide strategies on targeting your community, preparing, presenting, and executing
your open hours for fire prevention and life safety.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 204 – 1400 to 1600 hours

“Complex Injury and Crash Dynamics”

Conducted By: Deborah Stein, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, UM School of Medicine

During this program crash study data to relate to complex injuries will be utilized. This will bring greater understanding to mechanism of injury and help drive the providers' injury assessment. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 205 – 1400 to 1700 hours

“Professional Development for Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services

Do's and Don'ts of Being an Officer”

Conducted By: John Mc Neece, Industrial Training Specialist, MFRI

Getting work done through others is a definition of leadership. You face the challenge of dealing with the newest member as well as senior members. What works and what doesn't, what it means to define the department's core values, and how to build relationships and confidence within. CEUs applied for.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 206 – 1400 to 1700 hours

“Being a Tough Instructor”

Professional Development Opportunity for Instructors

Conducted By: Gloria Bizjak, Instructor Trainer, MFRI

What kind of instructor is best: one who makes students work, learn, and earn their grade, or one who helps students limp along, giving them the answers and doing their thinking? How students perform in the field depends on the instructors push, encouragement, and nurturing.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 215 – 1400 to 1700 hours

“Residential Sprinklers: What They Are and How Do I Get Them In My Area”

Conducted By: Chief James Dalton, National Fire Sprinkler Association,
Dick Green, President Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, and
John Bender, Safety Officer, Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Company

Explanations of residential sprinkler systems in one and two family homes, and dispelling some of the myths and untruths, along with outlining how to get a residential sprinkler ordinance in your county or community will be presented.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 217 – 1400 to 1600 hours

“Funeral Details: Are We Doing Them Correctly?”

Conducted By: Dennis Beard, Vice Chair MSFA Honor Guard Committee

There are several types of deaths for firefighters, line-of-duty, non line-of-duty, and natural causes. What types of honors should be given for each, the discussion will include the use of black bunting, when it should be put up and when to be taken down, and flag protocols.

The Officers and Committee Chairman would like to thank all the Member Companies and Associates for their continued support to the success of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Because of your efforts, we continue to be a successful organization.



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May 14, 2006

Dear Friends:

Once again, let me take a moment to extend my best wishes to participating in the 2006 Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention.

During my two decades of public service, I have had the chance to get to know many of the brave firefighters, EMTs, and other first responders who serve under you. Public service is often arduous, sometimes anonymous, but ultimately rewarding, because it is one of the few careers to give you a unique opportunity to make a fundamental difference in the lives of others. That is why I have tremendous respect for you and the professionals who serve under you. Every day, you perform their jobs with quiet humility, often without receiving the credit or public adulation these acts of heroism warrant. The Ehrlich Administration appreciates your noble contributions to our State.

I wish you many satisfying and safe years of service. You have a friend in Annapolis.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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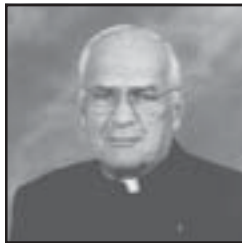
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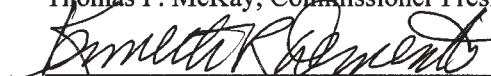
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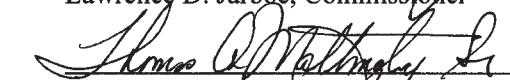
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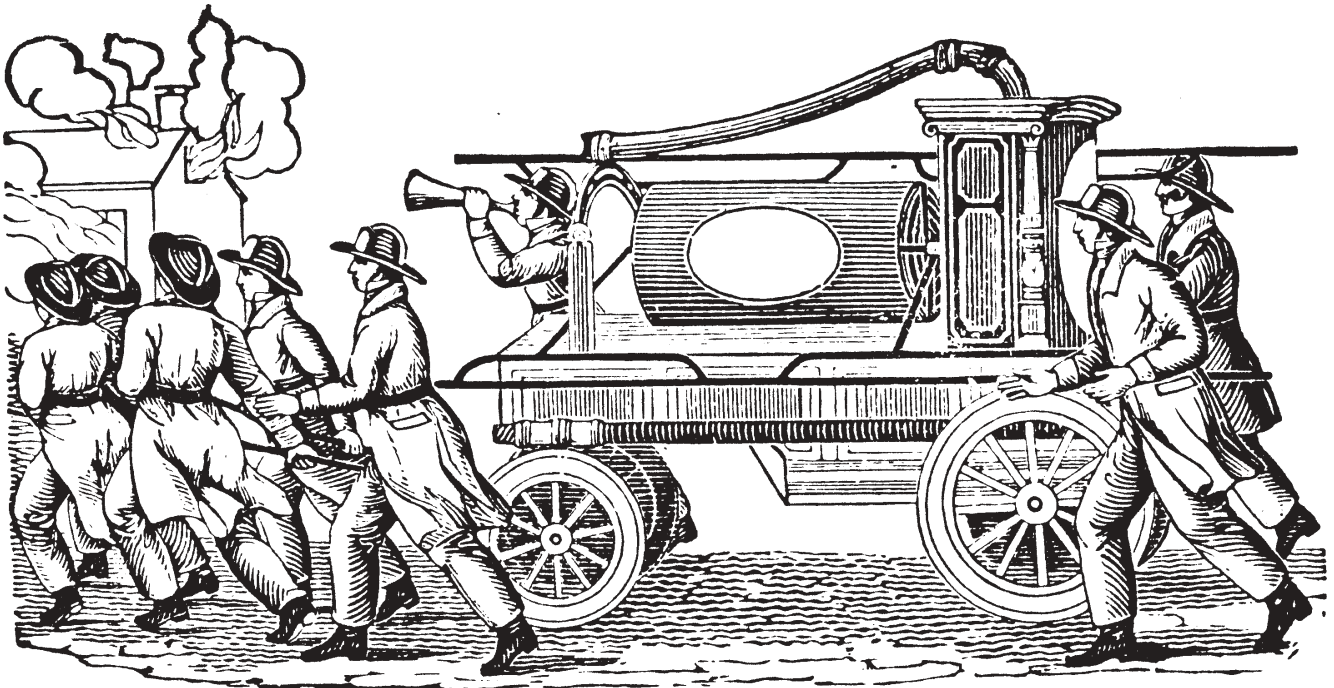


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*Report of the
President*

Vice Presidents Balta and Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 114th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

What an exciting year! There were sad moments, and happy times. There were many good decisions, and some that, with hindsight, could have been rethought. There were many successes, and a few efforts that ended in ways other than what we had hoped for. Underlying it all was a year of new and renewed friendships, honor and achievement, and, in the final analysis, a lot of forward progress in many directions.

The loss of Treasurer D'Camera, Past Presidents Dunn and Hall, and a number of other colleagues, including two in the line of duty, and members of their families cast a pall, throughout the year, over what were otherwise many wonderful days. We again join their families in mourning the passing of our friends, and wish them comfort, and pleasant memories. And for those who have been ill, we pray for full and speedy recoveries. And for all the fire, rescue and EMS providers here and everywhere, we ask for blessings of safety and wisdom as they carry out their duties of helping to save lives and property.

Our most productive effort of this year has been the result we achieved during the Legislative Session. Thanks to Governor Ehrlich and our State legislators: the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund law was "repaired"; we have an increase in our Budget in two significant areas; we have protection from trespass liabilities when we enter private property, under certain conditions, to draft water; we preserved our Tuition Reimbursement Program in the face of efforts to replace it with a less attractive alternative; we honored our Past President, Charles W. Riley, by naming that Program in his memory; and, an extremely important culmination to several years of effort, we are now a beneficiary of a "moving violations" surcharge that will add revenue to our Volunteer Company Assistance Fund which is available for grants and low-interest loans, under specified conditions, to our member Companies for apparatus and facility needs. Mentioning names is always risky, because not everyone who helped can be remembered, but Honorable Norman Conway, a Member and Chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Maryland House of Delegates was a "champion" with regard to the last mentioned Bill, and there were many other Senators and Delegates who went out of their

way to help shepherd our legislation through the sometimes cumbersome and tricky process of securing passage. We've thanked them directly, and will continue to do so every time we see them.

Our Legislative Committee Chair, C. Daniel Davis, Jr, PP, and Vice-Chair, Richard L. Yinger, PP, did yeomen's jobs in managing our efforts in Annapolis, ably assisted by Vice Presidents Balta and Sterling, and the Legislative Committee of our LAMSFA, chaired by Peggy Webb. We couldn't have done it without them.

There were many other noteworthy moments as well: the recognition of Past President Yinger's completion of ten years of service on the EMS Board, and the appointment of Past President Gene Worthington as our new representative to that Board; our welcome back into the National Volunteer Fire Council and the recognition that we may, indeed, be able to make a difference there; our meetings with just about every leader of every national fire service organization exploring the need for understanding, and improving, the recognition accorded to the volunteer fire service across our great country, and particularly in times of expanded need because of terrorist or natural disasters; the groundbreaking and Gala of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial, which, at the time of this writing, is to be dedicated on June 11, culminating ten years of continuous work by Chair J. Donald Mooney and a large Board of Directors to bring to fruition this tribute to all of our Maryland brothers and sisters who have given their lives in the line of duty in the service to which we have all committed; the determination, by the IRS, of the tax-exempt status of our MSFA Foundation, which will enable us to be much more aggressive in raising monies with which we can assist others in our fire service family with scholarship and other needs; the ongoing and extremely successful initiative of our Residential Sprinkler Committee, under the Chairmanship of Doug Alexander, who grabbed the ball I offered them and have been running with it since last June (and had already made a lot of headway even before I "adopted" the concept as one of my major goals for the year); a very strong relationship with MFRI, MIEMSS, MEMA, the Aviation Command of MSP as well as the entire Department of State Police, DNR and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. I want to specifically thank each of the Directors/Commanders of each of those agencies for the very positive relationships we've enjoyed; each has gone out of his way to respond to our needs, and I made every effort to give them the same support they gave to us. There were a number of tangible benefits to us as well as to them, I believe, from our relationships.

There are a few challenges which I hope will be pursued by my successors, and I will be glad to assist when requested. The Residential Sprinkler initiative must continue; it's the most significant means we have to drastically decrease the number of fire-caused deaths, not only in Maryland but across the country. The waiting times for us to transfer patients at many of our local hospitals is a critical problem for our Companies which provide EMS transports, and is impacting on our recruitment and retention efforts. We should continue to give attention to our participation in the NVFC, so that we can get every potential

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benefit from that membership. We obviously must give our support to our Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and their Assistant Officers, as they complete, hopefully in the next twelve months, the reorganization of our financial records and processes. The Trumpet needs attention. We should look at our relationships with our County Associations, to find ways to enhance communication as well as our ability to assist them with their needs; it may be time to take another look at our "we can't get involved – that's a local issue" doctrine, because it seems that there are hardly any issues, now, which don't spread throughout the state, very quickly sometimes. I know that Vice Presidents Balta and Sterling share a lot of my concerns in these areas, and I'm confident they will stimulate more progress toward solutions. There were several other initiatives I put in place which are still "in the works", and which I hope will be completed.

Sharing recognition this year with LAMSFA President Barbara McWilliams, and her husband, George, has been a special treat. Bobbie and I began planning "our year" more than three years ago, and we've been "in tune" ever since. Thank you Bobbie for your help, your suggestions and your friendship.

My experiences would not have occurred were it not for the strong commitment and support of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Thanks to all of the officers and members for your sponsorship and support!

There are so many people who contributed to the success of this year, and who assisted me in so many ways, that I cannot possibly name them all, but I do want to mention and thank, in particular: First Vice President Bobby Balta and Second Vice President Paul Sterling, who were next to me every step of the way, in every conceivable way, supportive in every sense of the word; Secretary Leonard T. King, PP, who was one of my most prolific advisers, as I drew on his experiences and leadership that has spanned so many years; Financial Secretary Fred Cross, PP, who not only carried out his duties of that office efficiently and effectively, but was a trusted adviser and counselor day in and day out, well beyond the duties of his office; Chief Ron Siarnicki, who stepped in and did everything he could to assure an orderly transition of our Treasurer's office, and related duties, when we lost our newly elected Treasurer D'Camera and who, with his extensive experience, has a huge store of knowledge which he was willing to share, day or night, around the clock; Chief Chaplain John Long, who quietly offered the word of God when we needed it, even when we may not have realized that need; our Trustees, led by Chair Steve Hales, who have begun a reorganization of their Office, and have taken the extra step, time after time, to respond to a need of which they'd learned, and to be sure that the beneficiaries of our Trust funds receive their entitlements regularly; Executive Committee Vice Chair Doyle Cox, always ready to offer a word of encouragement and the benefit of his administrative skills and experience; and Dennis Beard, who, in his capacity as Chair of our MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group, spent countless hours keeping us informed, representing our interests, and organizing our response to the Katrina-induced need for representation at MEMA.

Terry Thompson and Bobby Jacobs were my "Presidents" as I came through the "chairs", and I learned much from both of them. They continued to be of good counsel during this year, and I will always remember and respect the lessons they taught me.

In addition to the Past Presidents whom I've already mentioned, I had many occasions to call on others throughout the year, and particularly Phil Hurlock, Joe Robison, Bernie Smith, Roger Steger and Gene Worthington, and all of them were immediately responsive and of immeasurable assistance. I constantly looked for a kind word and a gentle hint from each of them, and I was never disappointed.

Roger Powell, Esquire, gave me the benefit, time and again, of his more than 30 years of experience working with the leadership of MSFA; Wylie Donaldson was a constant source of counsel; Jim Seavey accepted the NVFC decision that he hadn't favored, and put himself into the task he accepted with commitment and insight.

The Executive Committee, under the leadership of Don Mooney with the assistance of Vice Chair Doyle Cox, handled routine business, and some difficult issues that were new to that forum, and completed their deliberations, in each instance, after careful review and meaningful discussion. I didn't always agree with them, but always respected them and the process they utilized to reach their conclusions, and I'm most appreciative of their guidance. I'm also grateful to Pikesville, Snow Hill, Tilghman Island and Friendsville and Northern Garrett Volunteer Companies for hosting the meetings of that Committee.

And finally, two very special people, who went above and beyond the call of duty, day after day, week after week – Executive Committee Chair J. Donald Mooney, and Assistant Secretary Jackie Olson. Never a complaint, never "Sorry, I can't do that". Constant encouragement, good ideas, innovative approaches, honest assessment, loyal and unwavering support. Thanks, Don. Thanks, Jackie.

To my children, their life-partners and my grandchildren, who understand my commitment to the fire service, and, in spite of the time I can't spend with them give me their love and joy nevertheless, THANK YOU! And to all of you, who have given me this opportunity to serve, and to make new friends, THANK YOU! These past three years have been a wonderful experience!

During the course of this year, through April, I was privileged to attend 61 meetings or other events of County and other fire service Associations; 58 banquets; 40 meetings with government officials; 97 meetings of committees; 29 miscellaneous events; and I visited 20 members or families who were ill or suffered bereavements.

I look forward to continuing to serve you. God Bless.

Lee N. Sachs
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*Report of the
First Vice President*

President Sachs, Vice President Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, and Guests to the 114th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This has been a challenging year! I have enjoyed every minute of my travels around this great State of Maryland listening to our members, discussing what is expected, and helping where I could. I have had the good fortune to serve under and with a great inspirational leader, President Lee Sachs. There were many challenges that needed attention and he provided excellent insight into the direction that we needed to pursue to keep our Association strong. Lee has also included his Vice Presidents in all of the decision making process where he could, affording Vice President Sterling and myself the opportunity to be better prepared for the next step in our journey. It is an honor for me to consider President Sachs a true friend. Congratulations on your successful tenure as our organizational leader and best wishes on your future endeavors. My appreciation is extended to Vice President Sterling for his support, fellowship, and assistance in our many areas of interest that will require our continued attention in the upcoming year.

I have attended many committee meetings this year and have the utmost respect for the work that the chairpersons are doing for our organization. The Executive Committee has done an excellent job of keeping the presidents and committee chairs focused on the needs of the fire and EMS services in the state. We have an extremely diverse system in Maryland and it is no easy task bringing it all together so that we can look at the big picture and devise strategies that will benefit all of the emergency providers. The various committee chairs have done an excellent job identifying and acting upon the needs of the individual members of this association. It takes a lot of hard work but everyone has stepped up to the challenges and performed with stamina and professionalism. This does not mean that we can rest on our laurels however, for there are many issues popping up in the near and distant future that will sway the direction of the emergency service providers in Maryland. The Fire Prevention Committee lead by Bobby Collins has again this year performed admirably. The Safety Committee chaired by Hoby Howell has provided our members with useful information and support and done a tremendous job this year. Lou Jonske outdid himself this year as the Ways and Means Chairman. I wish to extend a special thank you to Legislative Chairman Danny Davis and his Vice Chair Richard Yinger for their outstanding ability to represent us in Annapolis. We were able to accomplish all of

the goals that were set forth. I wish to especially recognize Doug Alexander for his work in Annapolis this year on the Water Source Bill.

Attending the local area associations this year has been a rewarding and delightful experience. I am continuing to learn about the particular needs of the different regions throughout the state. I have also observed the many similar challenges that have arisen throughout the state and how they are addressed by the different organizations. In many instances we can combine our efforts and share solutions to render a satisfactory conclusion to these challenge. One of the greatest challenges that I see is the fact that we are not attracting the participation from our individual departments in their local area associations. We the leadership of the state organization need to develop a course of action that will encourage active participation in the local organizations and play a more active role in finding ways to make it easier for already busy members to become viable participants in determining our destiny. We have one of the best emergency service providing systems in the nation and there is always an effort to keep our system strong.

I believe that our partnerships with state agencies have become stronger now than they have ever been. We are continuing to work closely with the Maryland State Police, Maryland State Fire Marshals Office, Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Maryland Institute For Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland Department of Licensing and Labor (DLLR), R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and others to enhance the service we provide to the citizens of Maryland. It is through a close relationship with these state agencies that we are able to provide the very best protection and support for the citizens of our great State of Maryland. With ever-decreasing budgets and future increased state funding becoming more difficult to obtain, we need to continue a close bond with our fellow service providers for citizen support.

I had the pleasure of attending the LAMSFA fall and spring conferences this year and wish to thank President Barbara McWilliams and her officers for a pleasurable year. I congratulate Bobbie on a very successful year and am looking forward working with Pat Deamond this coming year. I would like to especially thank Peggy Webb for her significant support at Seventeen State Circle. She along with her extremely efficient team has contributed immensely to our success in Annapolis.

At the filing of this report I have traveled over 48,000 miles this year attending 46 association meetings, 105 other MSFA related meetings, 67 committee meetings and support functions, 8 banquets, 12 memorials and funerals, and have logged 1652 hours carrying out the business of the association.

I have enjoyed serving the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and thank you the members for your camaraderie, hospitality, and friendship this year. I wish to thank the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association and especially the SMVFA Campaign Committee for their support and



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inspiration. The MSFA Past Presidents, Officers, and members have contributed greatly toward a successful and prosperous year and I thank you very much for your support and guidance. I especially thank Doyle Cox for his assistance in getting me organized and keeping me focused on the business of our Great Association. Without his help, this past year would have been a logistical nightmare. The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary have also been especially supportive and deserve a grateful thank you. The one person who deserves the most gratitude is my wife Glema. She has been there for me throughout this journey exercising great patience, understanding, and support while I have been carrying out the business of this great association.

In closing, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to each and every member of our Great State of Maryland. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your First Vice President. As we enter a new year, we need to stay focused on the many challenges of tomorrow. With your continuing support and assistance, I am looking forward to another challenging and exciting year as I move up the chairs to the next leadership position.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul R. Balta Jr



Report of the Second Vice President

President Sachs, Vice President Balta, Officers, Clergy, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 114th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Welcome to Ocean City, Maryland.

It is difficult to believe that one-year has passed since I was elected to the Office of 2nd Vice President. This past year has been both challenging and rewarding. During the past year we have lost a number of dedicated people from our MSFA family. In July, we were all stunned by the sudden and tragic death of our newly elected Treasurer and friend, Louis A. D'Camera. Louie's dedication and strong leadership skills, as well as his smiling face and friendship are missed by all of us. The death of Past President Elmer E. Dunn, Sr. (1976-77) equally saddened us, as Elmer had been a loyal and dedicated leader of the MSFA for decades. On a personal note, I was deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic death of my longtime friend and Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Deputy Chief John R. Horvat, Sr. The sudden passing of longtime MSFA friend and supporter, Delegate

Bennett Bozman (Berlin VFC – Wicomico and Worcester Counties) in April was a tremendous loss and I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Delegate Bozman did many good things to benefit the emergency services personnel of this State and he will be missed. To all of our MSFA families who have lost loved ones since last year's convention, I offer my heartfelt sympathy and may the many great memories comfort you in the future.

There have been many accomplishments and successes for MSFA this past year and we face many challenges in the coming years. Although it is not possible to mention everything in this report, I will report on some of the highlights.

Under the leadership of President Sachs, we started off with a very aggressive agenda to address matters and issues of concern to the future of the MSFA. In early August we met with staff from the Board of Public Works to discuss the logistics of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund relative to the recently enacted legislative changes combining the Low Interest Loan Fund and the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund. We were surprised to learn that, based on a last minute amendment to the law, all MSFA State Grant funds, as well as the Loan funds, Appropriations and Trustees funds will now pass through and be administered by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). With assistance from Past President Terry Thompson, we were able to conduct meetings with MEMA Director John Droneburg and members of his staff to discuss the logistics and administration of the law change, and our relationship with MEMA. We were pleased with the outcome of these meetings and are enjoying an excellent working relationship with Director Droneburg and MEMA. This was the first year that the MSFA Budget was submitted to MEMA and not the State Budget Office.

September 11, 2005 was a most historic day for the Maryland Fire Service as we gathered in Annapolis, Maryland to witness the groundbreaking for the Memorial created by the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. Under the leadership of long time MSFA Member J. Donald Mooney, a dream was realized on Sunday June 11, 2006 when this beautiful memorial was dedicated. Don and all of the members of his committee are to be commended for their many years of perseverance and hard work.

In early September, all three Presidents had an opportunity to meet with the Maryland Secretary of Budget and Management, Cecilia Januszkiewicz regarding future state funding for the MSFA. A presentation was made on the history and operations of the MSFA and our need for additional state funding for our Board of Trustees and Appropriations account. This was a very productive meeting that laid a foundation for our future meeting with the Governor and his staff.

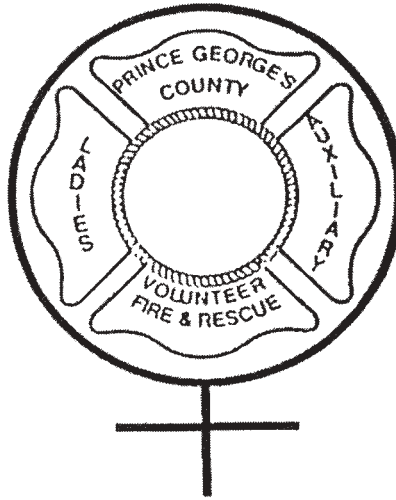
September found MSFA very busy with the activities surrounding Katrina. Under the leadership of President Sachs, MSFA was quick to react to the request made by FEMA for paid firefighters only, for activation to the Gulf region. FEMA quickly reversed this position and solicited volunteers for activation also.

***THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE
ASSOCIATION***

Wish to Congratulate the Presidents

***Barbara McWilliams
and Lee Sachs***

For a Most Successful Year



*We Are Proud to Support Our Members
Who Are Serving as an Officer*

***Lois Hetz, Recording Secretary
Maureen Walker, Financial Secretary
Sandi Lutz, Corresponding Secretary
Teresa Crisman, Chaplain
Joyce Thorne, Bessie Marshall Co-Chairman
Betty Radisch, Bessie Marshall Co-Chairman***

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Under the leadership of Chairman Dennis Beard, the MSFA MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group was activated and MSFA was a continuous partner with MEMA and other governmental agencies throughout the Katrina ordeal. Dennis insured that MSFA was included in daily conference calls. MSFA also partnered with the MFCA, MFRI and the METRO Chiefs to help staff the MEMA JOC Fire Desk. Subsequent to Katrina, JOC and WEB/Eoc training was offered for our members, which will enhance future activations of the JOC at MEMA. As a result of Katrina, it was discovered that there is no provision for salary reimbursement to volunteers when activated. MEMA has established a work group to look into this and MSFA has representation on this work group.

In October the MSFA partnered once again with the Maryland Fire Chief's Association to assist and welcome families attending the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg. As always, this is a very moving and rewarding experience. As a result of the MSFA decision to rejoin the National Volunteer Fire Council, all three Presidents had an opportunity to speak with national fire service leaders present in Emmitsburg about our concerns of volunteer representation on the national level. We had an opportunity to speak with Bill Killen, President of the International Association of Fire Chief's, (IAFC) Mike Chiammonte, President of the Eastern Division, IAFC, Phillip Stittleburg, Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and David Paulison, FEMA Director. These discussions were followed up with additional meetings in Washington, DC with staff from the NVFC and with William Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Service Institute. (CFSI). It was quite obvious from all of these discussions that the NVFC is the organization that politicians on the national level look to on matters concerning the volunteer fire service. With Chief Jim Seavey agreeing to serve as the MSFA Delegate to the NVFC, we hope to make positive changes within the NVFC.

In early December, the officers had a meeting with Governor Ehrlich and his staff. President Sachs made a power point presentation summarizing the history, operations, activities and needs of the MSFA. Additionally, Presidents Sachs emphasized the importance of our excellent working relationship with our MFRI, MIEMSS, MSP and OSFM partners. Besides the Governor, staff in attendance included his Chief of Staff, Secretary of Budget and Management, Director of Homeland Security and the Director of Legislative Affairs. At that meeting, MSFA requested that the Governor included an additional \$100,000 for the Board of Trustees and an additional \$50,000 for the MSFA Appropriations account.

President Sachs also expressed to Governor Ehrlich, our serious concerns with hospital closures statewide and the effect that it is having on the emergency medical services providers and in particular, the volunteers. Governor Ehrlich thanked us for our precise and to the point presentation and stated that our requests were reasonable and that the MSFA has much credibility with him and his staff.

In early January, MSFA geared up for the 2006 General Assembly Session. A meeting of the MSFA Legislative Committee was held on January 7, 2006 in Baltimore. At that meeting, it was agreed that some of the goals of the MSFA for the 2006 session would include (1) securing additional MSFA funding, (2) establishment of a statewide law which allows fire departments access to private property to utilize water sources for the purpose of mitigating a fire, and (3) amendments to language in the law governing administration of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund.

This year I participated in a majority of the Friday morning Fire Service Caucus Meetings at the Taylor Avenue Station of the Annapolis Fire Department. The MSFA hosted a very successful Legislative Reception in early February with nearly 200 guests attending, including Governor Ehrlich and Lieutenant Governor Steele. As already reported, MSFA was very successful this year. Some legislative accomplishments and highlights include additional funding for the MSFA Board of Trustees, additional funding for the MSFA Appropriations Account, dedicated funding for the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, dedicated funding for replacement of MSP helicopters, fire company access to water sources on private property for the purpose of mitigating a fire and an increase in line of duty death benefit from \$50,000 to \$125,000. Legislative Chair Danny Davis and Vice Chair Richard Yinger are commended for their dedication to duty during the 90-day session.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of the LAMSFA for their continued support of the MSFA Legislative Office at 17 State Circle. A special thanks to Peggy Webb, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Betty Reamy, Betty Radish, and Rose Davis. Chuck Austin is also acknowledged for his efforts at the office when maintenance issues arose. I wish to also recognize the efforts of Chief Jack Frazier during this session. Chief Frazier was of great assistance to the MSFA and me and I thank him for that. For specific details on the various legislative initiatives and accomplishments during the 2006 session, please refer to the Legislative Committee Report.

During this past year, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with the various allied agencies. I wish to thank John Spearman and Brenda Fosler-Johnson (Shock Trauma), Bill Bernard (Office of the State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS), Steve Edwards (MFRI), Colonel Thomas P. Hutchins and Major Jim Hock (MSP) and John Droneburg (MEMA) for all of their assistance and counsel this past year. I look forward to a continued excellent working relationship.

I would like to extend my appreciation to those of you who assisted the MSFA by serving as committee chairs and members this past year and I look forward to your service in the future. To Chairman J. Donald Mooney and the members of the Executive Committee, thank you for your commitment to duty this past year. Without the participation of our membership, we could not exist.



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Greenbelt
Volunteer Fire Department
& Rescue Squad, Inc. & the Ladies Auxiliary

Would like to extend its congratulations to

President Lee N. Sachs, Esq.

President Barbara McWilliams

And the 2005 - 2006 MSFA & LAMSFA Officers for an outstanding year.

*To the Incoming officers for 2006-2007
Congratulations for a successful year in office!*

*Brian Rudy
Chief*

*Teresa Ann Crisman
Ladies Auxiliary President*

*Chris Fleshman
President*

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As we travel the state, we continue to observe many county associations and organizations struggling to exist. Many of our senior members are holding these organizations together but they are quickly tiring with no relief in sight. It is imperative that we find a way to encourage our younger members to get involved at all levels and this includes the MSFA. Our future and the future of every fire service organization in this state depend on it. Maintaining the status quo, in most cases, is a recipe for failure.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to President Lee N. Sachs, Esq. for his excellent leadership, friendship and guidance this past year. Lee stayed on top of all issues of importance to the MSFA and our member companies, always making sure that we had a voice at the table. With an open line of daily communications, the three Presidents worked as a team for the betterment of our organization and service.

I also wish to congratulate 1st Vice President Balta for his dedication to service and wish him well as he assumes the Office of President of the MSFA. I look forward to a productive year working with President Balta and 2nd Vice President Frank Underwood.

As I close, I would like to thank each of you for your support and cooperation this year. The kindness and hospitality shown to me as I travel this state is genuinely appreciated. I would also like to thank the many Past Presidents who have provided me with advice and counsel throughout the year. To my home company, the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. I thank you for your support. I am also grateful to the 19 member companies of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and President Marcine D. Goodloe for the tremendous support, both financially and in-kind.

Finally, best wishes and congratulations to J. Pinoake Browning on the occasion of his retirement from MFRI. Thank you Pinoake for all that you have done for the MSFA and the emergency services providers of this great state during your distinguished career.

Summarized below, are my activities since being installed as 2nd Vice President on June 21, 2005.

Meetings	131
Legislative meetings/work	36
Funerals/Memorials	15
Parades	4
Conventions	8
Banquets	11
Hospital visits	4
Other	10

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMING YEAR

1. Pursue additional funding for MSFA to include the Senator William Ammos Fund
2. Continue to reduce firefighter injuries and death through support of the NFFF "Everyone goes home initiative."

3. Revisit concept of a paid Executive Director for the MSFA.
4. Consider adoption of statewide Minimum Training and Identification Consensus Standards as recommended by the MFRETC.
5. Strive to achieve the recommendations of the 5 Year Planning Committee as well as the recommendations agreed upon at the upcoming July Retreat.

Best wishes for a successful Convention and Conference.

Fraternally,
Paul H. Sterling, Jr.



*Report of the Office
Of the Secretary*

President Sachs, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Emergency Services Organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served another term as your Secretary. I, along with my dedicated assistants, have attended all meetings of the Executive Committee and many others when it was required or requested during the year. All correspondence received has been properly handled, and all necessary correspondence and records have been properly taken care of as required by the Association Constitution and By-Laws.

President Sachs is to be commended on a fine year in office, and the achievements of his administration have been many and will be important to the volunteer emergency services of our State for many years to come. His experience gained while serving on the Executive Committee certainly aided in the success of his administration.

The President scheduled Executive Committee Meetings as follows and all of the business was duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon:

June 23, 2005	Ocean City
August 20-21, 2005	Pikesville
November 5-6, 2005	Snow Hill
February 11-12, 2006	Tilghman Island
April 29-30, 2006	Friendsville
June 18, 2006	Ocean City

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**C. DAN
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For the office of

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Of the

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Chairman J. Donald Mooney has conducted the Executive Committee Meetings in an efficient and professional manner and I would like to thank him for his cooperation and good working relationship. Many of the Executive Committee Meetings were lengthy and involved in-depth discussions and debates. I would hope that the entire Association, its member organizations and individuals serving the Association are better for the discussions and debates.

Our Association membership now consists of 384 member organizations. The membership of the MSFA now consists of: 366 Active fire, rescue, ambulance and ALS departments; 15 Associate members; and 3 Sustaining members.

I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Assistant Secretary Joseph Cooper for his superb efforts in the areas of recording, transcribing, copying, distribution and other duties. Special thanks also goes to Assistant Secretary Ronald Watkins for his efforts in the areas of distribution, copying, old record updates and other duties. Special thanks goes to Assistant Secretary Jacqueline Olson for her superb efforts in the areas of recording, transcribing, distribution, records files, directory organization, and other duties. Special thanks also goes to Assistant Secretary Frank Underwood for his efforts in the areas of distribution, records files, logistics, supplies, and other duties. I thank them all for their total dedication, their efforts, assistance, and friendship.

The Secretary's Office is very fortunate to have these individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them possess. They are a vital part of the team to serve you the member departments, organizations and individuals of the volunteer emergency services of Maryland.

A special thanks goes to my wife Margaret, Bill Hawkins, David Brady, James Ferguson, and the many other individuals who continue to assist the Secretary's Office with special projects, during the Executive Committee Meetings, during the Convention registration and at other times as needed. These individuals are many and are dedicated to our Association. Thank You!

The Secretary's Office could not do without the fine cooperation and assistance from Treasurer Ron Siarnicki and his assistants. The Secretary's Office has a good working relationship, and fine cooperation and assistance with Financial Secretary George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr. and his assistant. Their continued cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationships that exist between the Secretary's Office, the Financial Secretary's Office and the Treasurer's Office are a vital part of the overall administration of our Association in achieving the goals and service of the Association.

The Secretary's Office would like to thank Richard Snader, Lou Harvey, Rick Hemphill, Skip Menzies, Rob Korb, and the other members of the Data Systems Committee for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year with computer maintenance, updates, and the work on the website, to assist with the operations of this Association.

One of the many services that are provided to the membership of the Association that has proven to be a tremendous communication tool is the electronic mail and notification system that is in place. Even though it often brings sad news, it has been a vital tool to communicate the news, events, and services of our Association. If you are not participating in this program, and desire to be included, go to the msfa.org website and click on member mailing list to subscribe.

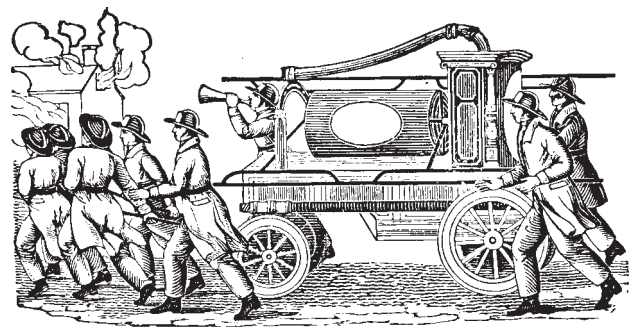
I have traveled around 21,000 miles while carrying out the duties of my office representing the State Association at many meetings and other fire service functions. The Assistant Secretaries have also traveled many, many miles while carrying out their duties. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the individuals and departments for the many courtesies to my wife and I while representing the Association.

During the 2005 Convention and Conference I received the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award. Receiving this award, given in memory of such a tremendous fire service leader, and good friend, was most humbling and was greatly appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Shimer family for sponsoring this award, and for those that submitted my nomination for this great honor.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve the volunteer emergency services personnel and the citizens of our Great State of Maryland.

For the service,

Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary
Joseph Cooper, Assistant Secretary
Ronald E. Watkins, Assistant Secretary
Jacqueline Olson, Assistant Secretary
Frank Underwood, Assistant Secretary





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George A. "Fred" Cross

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Financial Secretary
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Maryland State Firemen's Association

Past President, Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

Past President

The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association

Past President, Maryland State Firemen's Association

Financial Secretary, Maryland State Firemen's Association

Past Assistant Financial Secretary Maryland State Firemen's
Association



and

Ann F. Price-Davis

Guard
of the
**Ladies Auxiliary to the
Maryland State Firemen's Association**



Color Bearer, Maryland State Firemen's Association

Past President, (twice), Vice President, Recording Secretary,

Corresponding Secretary, Color Bearer and Color Guard, Ladies Auxiliary
to the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association

President, Point System Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary and Chaplain,
Ladies Auxiliary to the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company

Safety Committee Member, Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State
Firemen's Association

Family Studies Teacher – Catonsville High School

Best Buddies Advisor – Catonsville High School

Trustee and Secretary, Jessops Methodist Church

I would like to thank President Sachs, Vice President's Balta and Sterling for the help, assistance and support.

Yours in Fire Services
George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr.



*Report of the
Financial Secretary*

Officers, Delegates, Friends, It is a pleasure for me to once give the report of the MSFA Financial Secretary. Since July, I have collected all funds that have come in to support the ventures of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. These funds were placed in the MSFA account at Mercantile Bank. Records were kept and reports were turned into the treasure and reported to the Executive Committee at their meetings.

Once again I would like to thank Assistance Financial Secretary Susan Schell for her help this year. Susan took charge of the Low Interest Loan account and was a great help in keeping their records. I would also like to thank Jim Riegel, Sr. for his assistance.

I have met with the State Auditors, once in my office and many times on the phone. As of this date I have not been informed of any finalization to their audit. The following is a report of where the income has been dispersed:

	<u>Credit Card</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Special Activities	\$ 3,632.00	\$425.00	\$ 4,057.00
Transportation	\$ 2,988.00	—	\$ 2,988.00
Relief	\$126,400.00	—	\$126,400.00
Accrued Interest	\$ 4,663.60	—	\$ 4,663.60
Miscellaneous	\$ 30,481.50	—	\$ 30,481.50
Label Sales	\$ 50.00	—	\$ 50.00
Awards	—	—	—
Fire Prevention	\$ 285.00	—	\$ 285.00
Appropriations	\$150,000.00	—	\$150,000.00
Royalties	\$ 2,156.41	—	\$ 2,156.41
Dues	\$ 36,555.00	—	\$ 36,555.00
Scholarship	\$ 25,040.00	—	\$ 25,040.00
Loans	\$709,763.97	—	\$709,763.97
Individual Membership	\$ 900.00	—	\$ 900.00
Trumpet Ads	\$ 200.00	—	\$ 200.00
Litho Graph Sales	\$ 460.00	—	\$ 460.00
Convention Prog. Book	\$ 11,505.00	—	\$ 11,505.00
Convention Exhibits	\$109,318.35	—	\$109,318.35
Golf Tournament	\$ 5,570.00	—	\$ 5,570.00
Raffle	\$ 17,570.88	—	\$ 17,570.88
Beach Party	—	—	—
Convention	\$ 13,016.60	—	\$ 13,016.60
Basket Bingo	\$ 10,750.00	—	\$ 10,750.00
Picnic	—	—	—
Prayer Breakfast	—	—	—
Combo Tickets	—	—	—
Dance	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$1,261,306.31</u>	<u>\$425.00</u>	<u>\$1,261,731.31</u>



*Report of the
Treasurer*

The Office of the Treasurer for the Maryland State Firemen's Association would like to extend to all in attendance at the 114th Annual Convention a sincere best wish for a most enjoyable experience in Ocean City. And as we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, let us not forget the long hours and many miles our officers have expended all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

For the past nine months, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Treasurer for our Association. This experience has been very rewarding to me and has been significantly challenging as well. When I committed to President Sachs to take on this new roll, I knew there would be a lot of work to do. But more importantly an opportunity to assist the Association in making significant improvements into how we have conducted our financial affairs for so many previous years. It was tough stepping into a position that had been in transition, but due to the dedication for duty that Past Treasurer Gene Curfman possesses, the job was getting done. Our deepest sympathies again go out to the family of Louis D. Camera and the Odenton VFD on the loss of our then newly elected Treasurer.

Immediately upon taking office at the Pikesville Executive Committee Meeting, I began a review of the financial status of our organization. The Association is fiscally solvent but does not have a great deal of cash reserves on hand and this could be devastating should some unforeseen major issue come into play. Also, I learned that the current reporting system for our financial matters was very cumbersome and not very automated. With the approval of the Executive Committee and the support of President Sachs, the Treasurer's Office has begun revamping the entire financial structure of the Association. I am happy to report that many of the new changes will be in effect upon the completion of this annual convention. I am looking forward to doing my best to make this process more streamline and efficient to operate.

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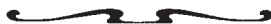


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Maryland State Firemen's Association a Successful 114th Annual Convention & Conference

Charter Members

Water Witch Hook & Ladder Company	Independent Fire Company
Rescue Hose Company	Eastport Volunteer Fire Company
West Annapolis Fire & Improvement Company	Community Fire Company#32
Herald Harbor Volunteer Fire Company	Galesville Volunteer Fire Company
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company	



Member Companies

Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company	Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company	Jessup Volunteer Fire Company
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company	Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company
Brooklyn Community Volunteer Fire Company	Arnold Volunteer Fire Dept.
Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Company	Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Company	Riva Volunteer Fire Company
Deale Volunteer Fire Company	Arundel Volunteer Fire Company
Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company	Maryland City Volunteer Fire Company
Anne Arundel Alarmers Association	

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In addition, the Office of the Treasurer has been working with the Budget Committee, the State of Maryland and our accounting firm to identify ways in which we can improve the fiscal reporting mechanism of the Association and how better we can track out available resources and finances. This has been a long and tedious process, but is beginning to payoff in the long run. A full report on the status of these changes will be given as a part of my report on Monday at the Convention.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Sachs and all of the officers of the Association especially the Secretary, Leonard King and the Financial Secretary Fred Cross for working so diligently with me though my tenure in office. I would also especially wish to thank my Assistant Treasurers; Robert Jacobs, Chris Hyzer and Gene Curfman for helping me maintain an even keel as we worked thorough these issues and changes. They have helped make a real difference to the end result and for that I am deeply grateful.

Thanks to all of you for what you have done to assist the Office of the Treasure in the carrying out of our duties and responsibilities. I look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purposed of this great Association. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted
Ronald Siarnicki



Report of the Chief Chaplain

Blessed are those who serve the Lord, with unselfish deeds. As we gather for this the 114th annual Convention and Conference, let us enjoy the fellowship of others that share our passions. We are offered so many things during this time and I pray that as we attend the meetings, training, and social events that we are able to take home some knew ideas, challenges, and most importantly friendships.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this great organization as the Chief Chaplain over this past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be God's servant for you. I especially want to thank my wife Kathy for her patients and love. This year the Chaplains Corps was made up of more Chaplains than ever before and I would like to thank all of them for their service.

- Chief Chaplain Emeritus
Rev. J. Harvey Dixon Salisbury, Wicomico Cty
Chaplains
Rev. Charles Barnhart Taneytown, Carroll Cty
Rabbi Kenneth Block Bel Air, Harford Cty
Rev. David L. Coblentz Middletown, Frederick Cty
Rev. Mary Ann Farnell..... Vienna, Dorchester Cty
Rev. Harry Hetz Beltsville, Prince George's Cty
Rev. Marvin C. Jackson Rising Sun, Cecil Cty
Deacon George L'Heureux Second District, Valley Lee,
St. Mary's Cty
Mr. Ronald Stunkard Level, Harford Cty
Mr. Calvin "Pete" Walbert Cresaptown, Allegany Cty

Thank you to the staff of MIEMSS and Tony Nicro for their assistance putting together the Memorial Service.

The mission of the Chaplain's Corps is a ministry of caring as we council, support, and serve Emergency Personnel. The Corps stands ready to assist any company or individual that needs our assistance.

I would also like to thank the Maryland State Firemen's Association for sending me to Vancouver for the Federation of Fire Chaplains Conference. The learning and fellowship experience was more than I could imagine. I was so blessed to be surrounded by fellow Chaplains from the United States and Canada. Because of this, we are bringing a short program to this year's conference, "Chaplains More than Invocation and Benediction". It is my goal that your company Chaplains would attend to learn more about their role as a Chaplain and what resources are available to them as they fill that role. I would like to thank Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon for getting the program started and Chaplain Harry Hetz for his tireless efforts in putting together the Chaplains resource book.

May God bless you with his love and protection as you serve.
Rev. John F. Long, Jr.

Report of the Board of Trustees

This past year has proven to be a very busy and challenging one. Several applications were reviewed, and approved. This year the Trustees established a policy of delivering the Relief Fund-Benefit Check to the recipients in person.

The Trustees also increased the monthly Death Benefits to \$400.00 Dollars, an increase of \$75.00 Dollars per month Benefit increase. P.P. Trustee/Sect. Treas. Audited our Relief accounts, and several badly needed adjustments were made. These adjustments were included overpayment of Benefits, Benefit payments to ineligible Children etc. This allowed the fund to continue operating in an acceptable accountable manner.

The Board of Trustees were successful with the assistance of P.P./Trustee Thompson and Governor Erich's support in increasing our Budget by a \$100,000.00 Dollar increase to our

*Secretary Volunteer Fire
Company
honors the memory of our members*



Elizabeth Trego



Thomas Trego, Sr.

*Memories
are a gift from God that death
can not destroy.*

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Benefit Funds. This increase will become available July 1, 2006. The Trustee is very grateful to all who assisted in this endeavor.

P.P./Trustee Carpenter has decided to Retire from the Board of Trustee this year. I've had the privilege of working with Clarence for many years and have grown to respect his knowledge and dedication. Please join the trustees in Thanking Clarence for his support and dedication to the Trustees and this great Organization.

I wish also to thank Trustee Means for his support and dedication. John delivered the first Check to our benefactor, this was fitting of the Gentleman he is, and was greatly appreciated by the Family.

The Executive Committee, Computer Committee, and President Sacks are to commended in assisting the Trustees in Automation our operations, a long overdue goal of mine. It is my hopes that this process will enable our records to be more assessable, assist with improving our services our Benefactors.

Please accept my appreciation for this past year's support; the Trustees all are very dedicated servants and self-conscious of their Responsibilities. The Executive Committee for their Regional Support, and President Sacks for his support. Vice president's Balta and Sterling as well. As a team we are in a better position to serve you the member of the MSFA today and in the future.

Yours in Service,
Stephen V. Hales, Chairman

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association has carried out it's prescribed duties as outlined by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association. The business of the Association has been completed as required throughout the year. Decisions on committee requests as well as procedural matters have been made as necessary.

Matters involving legislation, procedures and purchases have been heard, discussed and voted upon throughout the year. We have met in excess of the required (3) times and within the time parameters set forth in the Constitution. The annual budget was discussed and approved. An inventory of equipment has been obtained from the President. All loans and grants have been acted upon accordingly. A quorum of members was present at all official meetings.

The Executive Committee has monitored the activities of the committees of the Association throughout the year. Members of the Executive Committee have been called upon to contact member companies involving matters of dues, credentials and other related matters.

Executive Committee have stayed in close contact with the respective county associations and brought matters from these associations to the Maryland State Firemen's Association for consideration and in some cases, action.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all committees for their participation and cooperation and wish to congratulate the Officers for a successful year.

Sincerely,
J. Don Mooney, Chair

Report of the Attorney

TO PRESIDENT SACHS, VICE PRESIDENTS BALTA and STERLING, DON MOONEY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, COMMITTEE MEMBERS and DELEGATES. It has again this year been my privilege to serve as the attorney for the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This year I was pleased to have the aid of my newly appointed assistant, Mike Farlow, in performing services for the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

I continue to be involved in the administration of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, settling low interest loans and securing documentation for grants, and have, when available, attended meetings of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, and participated in the audit of the operations of the Fund from 2001 through 2005 which was conducted in my offices.

I have concluded the securing of the recognition of the MSFA Foundation as a tax exempt organization while Mike Farlow has worked in updating the By-Laws for the MSFA Foundation.

I have consulted with the Trustees, the Convention Committee, and the Treasurer regarding matters requiring the assistance of the Office of the Attorney.

I have reviewed and approved a new partnership undertaking with Firemen's Fund Insurance Company which will this year be present at Convention as an exhibitor whereby in exchange for quotes to volunteer firemen for insurance policies, it will make a donation to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

I have authored articles for *The Volunteer Trumpet*.

I have continued to monitor legislation for inclusion in the next edition of The Fire Laws of Maryland Book.

I have met with and participated in the deliberations of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee regarding maintaining our Constitution and By-Laws as current and consistent with legislative requirements.

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I have continued to administer the MSFA/MBNA Affinity Credit Card Program which has generated some \$3,000.00 in revenues again this past year.

I have met with and participated in the activities of the Committee on Junior Volunteer Fire Companies.

I have remained in contact with the Partners in Protection Program regarding benefits for member companies and the Maryland State Firemen's Association associated with real estate settlements.

I have attended Executive Committee meetings to be available as necessary to provide advice to the Executive Committee.

The Office of the Attorney continues to provide necessary services for the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services and the Maryland State Firemen's Association as the obvious needs become manifest.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve during this past year. I look forward to the continued opportunity to serve President Balta and the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services during this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger N. Powell, Attorney

Report of the Auditing Committee

President Sachs, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guest to the 114th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The Auditing Committee met on Thursday August 4, 2005 at 9 AM at the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. In attendance were President Lee Sachs, First Vice President Paul Sterling, Assistance Treasurer Eugene Curfman, and Financial Secretary Fred Cross. Members of the Auditing Committee in attendance were Chairman Joseph Robison, Judy Lau, Donald Knauer assisted by 2nd Vice President Paul Sterling, William Bliss, and Darryl Duckworth.

The records of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary Office were reviewed. The checking accounts, savings accounts, investments and bank statements were reconciled. Checks, vouchers and receipts were traced to book entries. The Trustee Account was reviewed for vouchers and expenditures propriety. All records were in good order and found to be accurately reported and recorded.

The audit should allowed for the orderly transfer of all records and moneys from past Treasurer Eugene Curfman to Treasurer Ronald Siarnicki.

The Auditing Committee would like to commend and thank Treasurer Gene Curfman for his outstanding service to this Association and wish him well in the future and look forward to his continued service.

The Auditing Committee has made the following recommendations:

1. Convention Committee: Cash from Dance revenues where paid to Security. It is recommended that a check by the Treasurer be issued for cash to pay this expense.
2. Convention Committee: Special Activities Committee was budgeted \$15,000 and expended \$27,500. The Special Activities did turn in \$19,607 in sales. Some funds were used to cover gifts given award at Convention. It is recommended that a tracking system be used to track gifts given away at the Convention to account for funds expended. The same is true for Hall of Fame pins given away for new inductees and those sold by Special Activities Committee.
3. Convention Committee: Recommended the new Treasurer institute deposit system at Ocean City to identify all funds deposited and those funds that are charged to MSFA credit card.
4. An account in the Westminster Union Bank for \$100.62 for the Internet is not being used and should be closed.

The passing of Chairman Emeritus, Elmer E. Dunn, Sr. is a great lost to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and especially the Audit Committee. He was faithful servant to this great Association and has given us his expertise for over these many years.

Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Elmer E. Dunn, Sr. Vice Chairman
William G. Wilkerson
Judy Lau
Donald F. Knauer
Barbara (Bobbie) Aaron

Report of the Budget and Revenue Committee

President Sachs, Vice President's Balta and Sterling, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year and many positive changes have been accomplished.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure that the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. Together we have begun to design and implement many changes to the financial accounting practices which will make our operations stronger and more responsive to those we serve.

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The use of the Budget Request Forms by all committees has been very helpful. After review by the Budget and Revenue Committee and approval of the submitted budget, a copy of the request form is returned to the committee indicating the approved budget amounts which they must work within. The amount of budget requests received after the budget has been established has diminished significantly over the past three years. The committee chairpersons have been prudent with their spending and have closely monitored their approved budgeted amounts.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. This is not an easy accomplishment and all officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As the level of requested expenditures of this Association continues to rise faster than our income, it becomes increasingly problematic and requires cooperation, creativity and prudent spending from all officers and committees. We thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven J. Kesner, Chairman

Report of the Convention Committee

President Sachs, Officers, Delegates, Alternates, and Members of the Emergency Services Organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

With the efforts of many dedicated individuals the 114th Annual Convention and Conference of the M.S.F.A. is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering for the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services personnel and their families.

This past year these dedicated individuals have put in many hours planning and developing the week long events and activities. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security, Safety, and others feel confident that you will not only enjoy your participation, but gather knowledge to take back to your communities to better serve the citizens of Maryland.

The most timely informational programs will be featured on the main convention floor to allow you to build on your skills, knowledge, and contacts for the betterment of the emergency services personnel of our Great State. The Education and Training Seminars will stimulate new thought processes and tone up some skills to better enable you to serve your departments and citizens in a most professional manner. Thanks goes to Ken

Bush, Pinoake Browning and all the members of the Program Committee for your devotion and efforts.

Each year the display of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services becomes larger and larger. With this expanded display you will be able to visit more suppliers during the week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet the technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions. We owe a thank you to Wylie Donaldson and his crew for all the service and dedication to provide this vital part of the convention and conference.

The Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning always brings a sense of pride, traditionalism, and Americanism to all of us. Each year another spectacular event with the presentation of the colors, musical interludes, and surprises are presented. Thanks to Ron Siarnicki, Tom Mattingly and others for their efforts in this area.

The "Joint Memorial Service" proves to be another moving and most important part of the overall convention and conference. Chief Chaplain John Long and others are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program.

The ladies that sell event tickets, offer bus passes, and handle the mad rush in the lower foyer are to be thanked for their dedication, long hours, and hard work.

The many social events, including: The All You Can Eat Picnic, Mardi Gras, Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Joint Officers Banquet, Golf Tournament, etc. require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the many individuals that put on these events for their dedication and many, many hours of work for your enjoyment.

The Firemen's Parade on Wednesday requires many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to the many individuals and especially the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Ocean City Public Works Department, the Ocean City Police Department, and the Ocean City Department of Transportation for their services and long hours.

The Convention Committee extends a special thank you to Mayor and Volunteer Firefighter James Mathias, Jr., of Ocean City for all of this cooperation and assistance throughout the year in assisting to make everything happen for a successful convention and conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Town Council, City Manager, Police Department, Public Works Department, Transportation Department, Convention Center staff, and the entire membership of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company for your cooperation and most of all your friendship. We could not put on the convention and conference without the assistance and cooperation from these individuals and organizations.

The Convention Committee would like to thank the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, Office of the State Fire Marshal,

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MFRI, MIEMSS, MEMA, and the Governor's Office for all of the assistance, cooperation, and work in planning and producing our convention and conference.

Thanks to the officers of this Great Association and the Ladies Auxiliary for your cooperation and assistance to the Convention Committee throughout the year.

YOUR Convention Committee hopes that you and your families will enjoy your stay in Ocean City. We also hope that you will learn from the many events and displays during the convention and conference and take that knowledge back to your communities to improve the safety and well being of every citizen of our Great State.

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Report From the Maryland DNR Forest Service.

President Sachs, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources Secretary C. Ronald Franks and Forest Service Director / State Forester Steven W. Koehn.

In 2005, the Forest Service responded to 441 wildfires that burned 4,344 acres. The agency also dispatched 16 single resource personnel and one twenty-person fire crew to provide assistance on wildfires in Montana and Idaho and other western states. The 2006 spring fire season has also been very busy. March set new records for the least precipitation received and the Forest Service broke a 25-year record with 387 incident responses in March alone, nearly three times the average for the month.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 39 volunteer fire departments in thirteen counties receiving \$89,123 in match grant funding with 100% of awarded grants being completed. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$230,600 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection services in their local jurisdictions.

The Dry Hydrant grant program completed its second year with 18 fire departments completing installation of 34 new hydrants in ten counties. Grant funding of \$41,623 was reimbursed to fire departments for completion of these projects. Since 2003 the program has provided funding for the installation of 57 hydrants statewide. Funding is being provided through a State Fire Assistance hazard mitigation grant from the USDA Forest Service.

This year 2006 marks the 100th anniversary and centennial celebration of the Maryland Forest Service. With its establishment, the Forest Service organized the “Forest Warden” system and the beginning of the statewide forest fire protection unit. Much has changed in the last century, but wildfire protection remains one of the key priorities of the Forest Service today. The Department extends its gratitude to the all the men and woman that assist in the prevention and suppression of wildfires throughout the state. Without the dedicated service of the volunteer fire companies, the statewide protection of our communities and natural resources from wildfires would not be possible.

I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 114th MSFA Annual Convention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Monte R. Mitchell
State Fire Supervisor

Report of the Emergency Apparatus License Committee

Good Morning, President Sachs, Vice Presidents Balta, Sterling, Officers and members thank you for allowing our committee the privilege of serving the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

We feel our work with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has provided our membership with another option of operating Class A or B emergency vehicles without having to take the unit out of its first due response area or to Maryland Vehicle Administration.

There are three (3) ways to operate a Class A or B emergency vehicle within the regulations of the State of Maryland:

- 1 – Possess a Commercial Class A or B license,
- 2 – Possess a non-Commercial Class A or B license,
- 3 – Meet the requirements of Transportation Article 12-104(b) and 16-102, Annotated Code of Maryland.

We have been asked regarding DOT physicals, so I emailed Administrator Hugel for his opinion.

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Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration staff response:

“Simply put, They are exempt from the medical requirements.”
“Maryland adopted the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 (49CFR) through the Transportation Article section 25-111 and has followed the guidelines established for medical certification in those regulations.”

“Subchapter B of 49 CFR covers Parts 390 – 399, of which, enforcement is trained in, and takes action with, Sections 390 – 399. Section 390.3(f)(5) specifically exempts specific people from the regulations in this Subchapter, i.e. firemen and rescue workers. The “operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations” are exempt from medical requirements which are found in Part 391.”

“This information was verified with MDOT and Maryland State Police.”

The above information was copied as received from the MVA.

Again I would like to thank my committee for their dedication and support in serving the members of the Maryland Fire, Rescue and EMS services. Please contact for any assistance we can provide.

Thank you,
Roger A. Steger, Sr., PP, Chair

Report of the Emergency Medical Services Committee

President Lee N. Sachs, Elected and Appointed Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) – Greetings on the occasion of our Association's 114th Annual Convention. This past year has been fast paced and has witnessed the unprecedented growth of our State's Emergency Medical Services. During this year the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee and its two subcommittees Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) have met four times and have worked diligently on behalf of our Association. It has been my honor and pleasure to lead this competent and hard working committee.

Goings – On at MIEMSS

Since December, 2005, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (SEMSAC) BLS Committee has been very proactive in assessing and preparing for the implementation of the new American Heart Association's (AHA) 2005 CPR Guidelines. These guidelines are slated to go into effect in Maryland on July 1, 2006. The BLS Committee has been working with the MIEMSS staff on both the EMT-Basic and First Responder Practical Examinations to make them align with the new AHA guidelines.

The same SEMSAC BLS Committee also spent much time and effort looking at the format and content of the grading sheets used to evaluate the EMT-Basic Practical Examination. After a

thorough analysis of the existing exam grading sheets an extended committee has been working with educators, representative of the MSFA, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), local training academies, the private ambulance services and others to develop a more user friendly and real life encompassing practical examination. The make-up of the practical examination with its scenarios were determined by reviewing ambulance run sheet data; as well as incorporating instructor review and feedback to have the scenarios reflective of current field practices. The new revised examination will have a Medical Station, Resuscitation and CPR Station and a Trauma Station. Validation of the scenarios and new testing forms will take place throughout early summer with an anticipated roll out for instructors during the late summer; and if validated, anticipated complete field implementation should be accomplished by the time of testing for EMT-B classes starting after August, 2006.

In response to requests from training centers and instructors, the BLS Committee has also developed updated Skills Sheets for EMS instructors. The goal of this program is to ensure accuracy and promote consistency in skills instruction. The program will focus on one set or a series of skills annually. The focus for this the first year is spinal immobilization. A photo shoot was conducted in January, from which a series of spinal immobilization skills photo sheets and DVDs will be made for use as references by instructors and students, alike. These sheets will be available to instructors and students via the web. To unveil the 2006 Skill Sheets and to rollout the new EMT-B practical a series of workshops will be offered throughout the State late this summer. The current agreed to timeline plans to have the workshops presented and complete in time for use by classes starting after August, 2006.

EMS' "Back to the Future" and NHTSA Levels of Care:

During the MSFA Executive Committee meeting held August 20, 2005, I reported to the Executive Committee on the topic of a paper developed by the George Washington University/Homeland Security Policy Institute titled “Back to the Future: An Agenda for Federal Leadership of Emergency Medical Services”. Although I was unable to attend the July 31, 2005 committee meeting, the committee did listen to several persons closely involved with the report and had done exactly what I had wanted to do – “The committee discussed the issues and recommended no action at the time”. It was my thought that we only needed to monitor the situation and react as necessary. Possible problems could include:

- The federal government setting up a new super authority to operate EMS – This action while States such as Maryland already have set their own authority. We do not need the Federal Government setting up organizations to siphon monies off the top of budgets to support their own organizational superstructure.
- We must protect the monies received by our fire companies, and EMS companies affiliated with fire companies. We must also protect the funding of our independent EMS companies. This should be accomplished without removing funding from our fire and fire related EMS companies.

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*From Hyde Park
V.F.D.*

- Although EMS does receive some (more like a little) recognition from the National Fire Academy, I believe we could/should work through the existing structure at the Academy for more recognition and courses for the EMS sector.

At the annual MSFA/MIEMSS meeting held August 24, 2005, Dr. Bass explained the latest revision (Version 2.0) to the National Highway & Traffic Safety Administration (Department of Transportation) Levels of Care Initiative Program. In the revised program 1st Responders would remain the same, but there would be a new provider level – the EMT-B+. This level; would be slightly below the original CRTs. This was completely unacceptable to President Sachs and our State Officers. Since that meeting a newer Version 3.0 has been circulated with additional changes. These changes are favorable to the MSFA position. President Sachs noted “Why fix what isn’t broken.”

EMS Workforce Committee

During the same (August 24, 2005) meeting, Dr. Bass noted the creation of a MIEMSS/MSFA Workforce Committee to examine issues related to provider turnover and why it’s happening. Dr. Bass acknowledged the appointment of Wayne Tome as Chair of the Initiatives Committee of the MSFA EMS Committee and noted how much he appreciated Wayne’s work. Since that time Wayne assisted by Bill and Linda Dousa have traveled throughout the state seeking reasons for provider turnover.

Most Important Committee Meeting of the Year. On January 7, 2006, the EMS Committee and its two subcommittees met at MIEMSS and reviewed three very important documents.

EMS Workforce Plan – A brief history of the workforce plan was presented and after much discussion it was noted the plan was still in draft and comments were still being welcomed especially by Wayne Tome and the Initiative Committee. Noted during the meeting was

1. The lack of hearings on the plan open to times accessible to volunteers;
2. The number of calls coming from clinics and nursing homes – placing strains especially on volunteer providers;
3. Problems with the EMAIS system;
4. The non-existence of time lines evident in the plan;
5. Problems with inter-county reciprocity – My Kingdom Issues: and
6. Quality Assurance programs.

In closing this part of my report, I pledge my/the Committee’s support to Wayne Tome and Initiative Committee in the completion of this important project.

Nursing Home Triage Guidelines – I opened the discussion on this document by strongly noting that in its present form, the document is no more than a license to steal – for the nursing homes. Dr. Alcorta noted that every licensed nursing home in the State must have a licensed Medical Director and that person should be held responsible for the care of the nursing home residents. When calls are received from Nursing Homes,

dispatchers should/must request an assessment status report on the patient. The general consensus was that we, as EMS, need an educational package; developed by MIEMSS to assist Nursing Home personnel in the transportation process.

Capacity Alert Policies – A third document introduced at that important meeting was a Capacity Alert Policy for the Shock Trauma Center. The document took effect 10-10-05 and suggests alternatives for non-category A patients to be transported to other than the R. Adams Cowley Trauma Center. I noted that this document was just another indicator of the ripple effect of the breakdown of the red-yellow alerting system.

The bottom line of the meeting was we discussed issues/problems, but really received no relief – More to, follow I’m sure.

Closing

In closing I would like to salute the members of the EMS Committee by quoting a paragraph from a report presented several years ago –

The EMS Committee recognizes both the individual and combined contributions of its members. Our diversity and ability to reach consensus has been our strength. To those who aren’t on the committee (representatives of MFRI and MIEMSS), but play a consistent role in committee discussions, we are most grateful. Through all our efforts we have and will continue towards maintaining our State’s high Standards of Care.

Respectfully submitted
Charles W. Wills, Chair

Report of the Equity Initiative Group

The Equity Initiative Group has been charged by President Lee Sachs to work in conjunction with the newly created Maryland Fire & EMS Equity Taskforce. This group meets on a monthly basis to discuss equity issues relative to the Fire and Rescue Services for the State of Maryland. To date three meetings of the group have taken place.

The Mission and Vision of this Task Force is:

Mission

The mission of the equity taskforce is to examine issues relative to encouraging diversity among the fire service for the State of Maryland, and identifying and disseminating to the fire service means of presenting equity opportunities in a fair and just manner among all the member companies.

Vision

To promote equity and fairness statewide and identify Fire Rescue EMS delivery system for the State of Maryland. To work with organizations and individuals to identify information and ideas relative to best practices concerning equity and diversity among the members.

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To serve as a focal point on items of importance and relative to a harmonious functionality among the members.

To provide channels of communication for the members to the leadership of the taskforce on matters of importance relative to individual rights, responsibilities and functionality on issues of diversity, equity and fairness to the individual membership.

To examine concerns and issues brought to the attention of the taskforce membership involving equity and diversity

Respectfully Submitted
Ron Siarnicki

Report of the Federal Legislative Oversight Committee

President Sachs, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guest to the 114th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

After serving nearly six month as acting director of the FEMA, Chief R. David Paulison has been nominated by President Bush to permanently head the agency. This was announced while many of us were attending the Congressional Fire Cucus dinner in Washington on April 6.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) is in need of volunteers for the SAFER grant review which is scheduled for the week of July 24-28, 2006. All evaluations will take place at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg. Travel cost, food and lodging will be provided by the Department of Homeland Security. To apply call Lynne Liping at 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832 or E-mall lynne@nvfc.org .

President George Bush signed into law the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act For Fiscal Year 2006 (HR 2360), worth \$31.9 billion. The law decreases funding for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (Fire Act) to \$545 million down from \$650 million in FY 2005.

US House Bill 3949 would protect volunteers from having to make a choice when they are called to a Presidentially-declared disaster or emergency. Some volunteer firemen have lost their jobs while fighting grass fires in Texas and Oklahoma. Although the bill would not require employers to compensate their employees for time missed due to volunteering but would ensure that they still have jobs waiting for them when they get back.

Congress has passed legislation to set a firm date for making vital spectrum in the 700 MHZ band available to public safety. The date is February 17, 2009. This gives chiefs and other leader's time to begin the planning process to upgrade or replace existing radio systems.

The U.S. Fire Administration has released the 2005 Firefighters Fatality Statistics. There were 106 on-duty firefighter fatalities in the United States in 2005. Four of the deaths were related to

injuries suffered in years prior to 2005. Although the 106 fatalities were down the 117 fatalities in 2004 the totals are way high from the 77 fatalities in 1992. Once again heart attacks were responsible for 48 firefighters in 2005 down from 61 in 2004. The average age of firefighters killed in 2005 was 46. The youngest was 18, killed during training and the oldest was 76, he was struck by a drunk driver at a roadside emergency scene.

Remember that if you want to contract your Congressmen in their Washington office use their Web site or E-mail them. All mail going to them most clear through a special process and it takes quite a long time.

Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Danny Davis, Vice Chairman

Report of the Fire Laws Book and Technology Committee

President Sachs, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Members and Guest to the 114th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. I as chairman would like to start my report by thanking President Sachs and the other officers for their support this past year and also thank them for the opportunity to serve this great association.

The committee has worked very hard these passed two years researching and tracking legislative issues and changes that have taken place in Annapolis since the printing of the 2004 Edition. The work was necessary to insure that the 2006 Edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland will contain the most up-to-date and accurate information.

We will be trying something new this year. The 2006 edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland will be presented in a CD-Rom format. We hope the new format will make the information more accessible to the Maryland Legislators and the Emergency Services Providers in Maryland.

Finally, I would like to thank all my committee members, especially Roger N. Powell for all the hard work and dedication this past year.

The committee invites all inquires and comments.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee

President Sachs, Vice Presidents Balta and Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, and Guests.

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Our committee continues to work in cooperation with the M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service.

We continue to support two annual statewide conferences for fire and life safety: the Mid-Atlantic Fire and Burn Safety Conference and the Life Safety Educator's Seminar.

This past year we have worked with Chair Doug Alexander of the Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee promoting residential sprinklers on billboards and placemats.

Our committee held four meetings this year. Maureen Brooks applied for another grant this year. We hope to hear something by July. Tom Collins, John Spiker, and Jane Huffman continue to work together on fire and life safety messages for placemats, posters, and billboards throughout the state.

Emmons Horner and Allen Ryan continue to do an outstanding job distributing visual smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing to people upon request.

Miss Fire Prevention, Kristi Gable, and First Runner-Up, Amber Reamy, have both had an outstanding year promoting fire prevention activities.

Lori Packard and her sub-committee continue to do an outstanding job on the Miss Fire Prevention Contest in Ocean City.

Thanks to Jane Huffman, Chairperson of the M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary Fire Prevention Committee, Pinoake Browning, M.F.R.I., Faron Taylor, Fire Marshal's Office, and Maureen Brooks, U.S. Forestry Service.

I would like to thank all of the M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention Committee members for your support and hard work for an outstanding year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert E. Collins, Sr., Chairman

Report of the Miss Fire Prevention Queen

It's hard to believe that my year as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is rapidly drawing to a close. This has been truly one of the greatest years of my life and a wonderful opportunity I feel blessed to have had. This year I have traveled to many places around the state (many of which I never had heard of before!) and enjoyed meeting all the wonderful people who make the volunteer fire service the most dedicated individuals in Maryland. As of the end of April, I have traveled to 77 events and covered 4,714 miles throughout this great state. The events and places are too numerous to mention, but I want to thank everyone who invited me to their meetings, banquets, open houses, and welcomed me to their stations and counties. The

officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA have offered me a wealth of support and I thank each of them for all that they have done – for me personally and for fire prevention throughout the state. I also want to thank Carroll County for their unending support and the members of my home company, New Windsor. My family has been 100% behind me in this endeavor and has kept me sane through the busy months that I've had.

As I enter the final weeks as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention, I would like to leave each of you with a challenge to find at least one new way or one new event each year that will help spread the fire prevention message in your communities and neighborhoods. I am leaving this year as Miss Fire Prevention inspired to continue in my work with fire prevention. Serving as Miss Fire Prevention opened my eyes to the truly wonderful and unique world of the fire service throughout the state and I plan to continue the crusade, because even one fire death is one too many.

Kristi Gable
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 2005-2006

Report of the Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up Queen

I want to start by saying thank you for a wonderful year *to all* the officers of the MSFA and the LAMSFA. This has been an incredible year for both me and Kristi. I have traveled over 3,600 miles and attended nearly 60 events. A few of the highlights for *me* were promoting fire prevention at Prince George's Stadium with the Bowie Baysox, promoting fire prevention at Camden Yards with the Orioles, meeting the Governor and the Lt. Governor twice and discussing fire prevention, pulling double duty as Miss Fire Prevention and firefighter at the LAPGCVFRA poster contest awards, working with my students at North Point High School to develop music to promote fire prevention and safety, and attending the numerous banquets as the "princess". The memories I have from this year will last me a live time and I can't thank all of the people that have helped me so much with fire prevention. Daddy, Mom, Nanny, Ernie! You are my family I love you and thank you!

President Lee Sachs and 'Bobbie McWilliams, you have done a great job this year in making this organization the best it can possibly be. You have accomplished a lot for the State of Maryland and its firefighters and auxiliaries. Congratulations on an outstanding year.

Remember that fire prevention last all year not just in October, because it's fire prevention month. Promote fire prevention any way that you can in your communities. Reach out to your citizens, they need our help.

Education + communication = preservation. This has been my motto about fire prevention since I began promoting fire prevention and safety. If we educate the community and communicate with them, preservation of life and property

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increases with every person we speak to about fire prevention. Thank you again for the opportunity to share my knowledge about fire prevention with the citizens of Maryland.

Amber Reamy
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up 2005-2006

*Report of the
Fire Fighter of the Year Committee*

President Sachs, Officers, Members and Delegates to the 114th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

It has been a pleasure for this Committee to serve you and this great Association.

This year the nomination forms were sent out electronically and the response was not that great. The plan for next year is to have nomination forms for this and all other awards committees to be sent out in one packet. We encourage all member companies to submit nominations to the Fire Fighter of the Year Committees as well as all of the other awards nominations. Your have to submit to be eligible for consideration. All nominees will be recognized from the convention floor and presented a certificate of nomination.

The winner of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award will receive a large plaque, a patch, and a jacket with MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year, their name, and year, embroidered on it. Their name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Maryland Volunteer Fire Fighters Room at the University of Maryland.

I would like to thank all of the committee members for their continued support. It has been a pleasure working with them.

I would also like to thank President Sachs for the opportunity to serve as his Chairman of the Fire Fighter of the Year Committee during his term as President.

The remainder of our report will be given during the presentation of the 2005 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor.

Enjoy your convention and remember to NOMINATE next year.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman

*Report of the
Hall of Fame Committee*

President Sachs, Officers, Delegates and Guest of the 114th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. As I prepare the report for the Committee this year, I look back on the report I presented to the Executive Committee at Friendsville, where I reported that the nominations for the Hall of Fame were down from last year. Fortunately the

attendance was good at that meeting and a large number of nominations were submitted for the Hall of Fame as well as for the Marbury F. Gates Service Award.

A complete set of the rules for the Hall of Fame and the Marbury F. Gates Service Award have been placed on the Maryland State Firemen's Association web page, and in the Annual MSFA Proceedings Book, along with a list of previous inductees and winners.

The committee ask that each department, company or squad to review their membership rolls or records and if you have a member you think should be nominated for either of the awards, then please do so. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame or be selected to receive the Marbury F. Gates Service Award are among the highest awards presented by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Remember that nominations are not held over from year to year. If your nominee does not get selected, please submit the individuals name again the following year.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee report will be given during the presentation of awards on Monday, June 19, 2006, during the awards ceremonies.

As chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, I would like to thank Vice Chairman William Lay for his assistance, support and advice. Thanks also goes to each member of the committee for their commitment, support and hard work they will put into selecting the individuals for these two awards.

The committee and I would also like to thank President Sachs for his commitment to the committee and for the opportunity to serve the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Chairman

*Report of the
Honor Guard Committee*

Mr. President and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Honor Guard Committee reported to the Executive Committee in August of 2005, the results of the annual Honor Guard Contest / Competition, which was held on Sunday, June 19th at the Annual Convention and Conference.

We had four teams compete in this event, one of which came from Tullytown, Pa. to participate. The Team Leaders met on Saturday, June 18th to discuss the event and draw for positions for practice times and order of appearance.

The results of the Honor Guard Competition was as follows:

First Place:	Howard County	Score: 99.25
Second Place:	Montgomery County	Score: 97.0
Third Place:	Tullytown Fire Company	Score: 97.0
Fourth Place:	Harford County	Score: 94.25
The Commander's Award:		

John Butler – Howard County Honor Guard

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There had been a tie between Montgomery County and Tullytown Fire Company and the rules for a tie breaker was followed. Having a higher Marching / Drill score, Montgomery County was awarded Second Place.

On Sunday evening, members of the Southern Maryland Honor Guard were assisted by the Harford County Honor Guard helped by providing escorts for the families at the Joint Memorial Service. Vice Chairmen DeHaven and Beard lined up the uniformed personnel to enter as a "sea of blue" for the Memorial Service.

Monday morning for the Opening Ceremonies, the winners of the Honor Guard Competition, Howard County's Honor Guard "Presented the Colors", as members from the other Honor Guards posted the County flags.

On 22 October, the Honor Guard Committee met to discuss the Honor Guard competition. It was decided this year to allow members of the teams competing, to be in the hall during practice times as well as during the competition. This would be allowed, providing they did not create a distraction to the other teams. Since everything went well, the committee decided it would be permitted for the 2006 event.

Also discussed was the loss of the rooms used by the Honor Guards to dress and get ready for the competition this past year. Teams had to dress in restrooms and hallways, or any other rooms they could find. Chairman Hawley advised he would bring this to the attention of the Convention & Conference Committee as well as the Executive Committee. At the November Executive Committee meeting, Chairman King advised that we were outgrowing the Convention Center and the rooms we had been using, would no longer be available to us.

Vice Chairman Beard said the addition to the platform for the "Funeral Detail" worked very well and provided an extra margin of safety. We thank Chief Roger Steger for his assistance in getting the addition done.

It was suggested at the Team Leaders meeting prior to the 2005 competition, to make it optional for the Team Leader to do the inspection on the line, during the competition. Most agreed, that the Team Leader normally does a final inspection of their team prior to taking the floor for the inspection portion and this could save time during the competition. This does not constitute a rule change, only allowing the inspection on the line to be optional. Team Leaders wishing to inspect their team on the line during the inspection phase of the competition may do so. They will continue to have five minutes to do so. Should they go over the five minutes, a penalty will be assessed.

Reading of the scores in reverse order in 2005 went well. This also allowed each participating team to take something home from the competition. We will continue this for the 2006 competition. Also we will continue to allow teams to select to compete in any or all elements of the competition.

The "Commanders Award" plaque was not available to be presented at the competition in 2005, to the winner, John Butler, of the Howard County Honor Guard. The Chairman of the Honor Guard Committee was made aware of this in September and in turn notified Secretary King. Mr. King advised he would order the plaque and see to it that John Butler received it.

One of the biggest disappointments of the annual competition is the lack of people to watch it. The committee discussed ways to try to bring people in to watch this event. We hope to add more notice with the MSFA website, as it seems like most information in the fire service, it never makes it down to the general membership.

Vice- Chairman Beard suggested the committee hold a workshop /panel discussion on proper funeral protocols at the 2006 convention. He said it has been noticed around the state, that many companies do not have the knowledge of what is proper for paying proper respects to our departed. The committee agreed this would be a good idea and a very important topic for the emergency services. The committee decided to break into a smaller sub-committee to come up with specifics and ways to get the word out. Chairman Hawley would contact the Convention Committee to request a room and time, as they had to approve this. A flyer would be made and inserted into the Volunteer Trumpet, and through MFRI, MIEMSS and the MSFMO newsletters, along with being placed on the MSFA website.

Members of Honor Guards not competing, or any personnel with Class A uniforms, that are available to assist with the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening, and / or the Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning are welcome to participate. Please have them report to any of the Honor Guard Committee personnel at those events or, on Sunday afternoon to advise they are available for assignments.

At the 4 February meeting of the Honor Guard Committee, Vice-Chairman Beard passed out a flyer for the Dedication Ceremony for the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial, that will be held on Sunday, June 11th. They would like a large turn out of personnel and it is not just for Honor Guards.

The Committee discussed the workshop for the convention and decided that we needed to keep things simple in our approach.

Vice-Chairman Beard, Committee Member Joe CVACH, or a representative from Anne Arundel County's Honor Guard, Committee Member Tom Miller from Montgomery County's Honor Guard and Committee Member Susan Mott, will make up the sub-committee of the Honor Guard Committee to network and plan this workshop. The sub-committee divided the research into sections to define the types of deaths and what the appropriate type of services are for each. Also the protocols for the funeral and the flags. The sub-committee will use information from sources such as, the Federation of Fire Chaplains Manual, the Volunteer Fire Council and SOP's from various Honor Guards. The sub-committee will combine this information into a simple plan to provide a resource for the future.



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Vice-Chairman DeHaven offered a suggestion to add the Pipes and Drums to open the Honor Guard Competition, as well as to perform during the tabulation of the scores and then close out the Competition. The Committee agreed this was a very good idea and may bring more people into the hall to watch the Honor Guard Competition.

The next meeting of the Honor Guard Committee will not be held until after the Annual Report is due. Therefore, no information will be included in this annual report regarding that meeting.

The members of the Honor Guard Committee, wish to thank President Lee Sachs for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman

Report of the Incentive Programs Committee

President Sachs, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 114th Annual Convention.

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)

The Incentive Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for legislative updates in their respective LOSAP. Information was requested and furnished Allegany and Garrett Counties. Carroll County enhanced its program by increasing the amount added for each full year of certified service over 25 years from \$4.00 to \$7.00 and eliminated the maximum benefits. Kent and Queen Anne's Counties recently adopted a LOSAP. Prince George's County recently lowered the qualifying age to 55. These changes will be incorporated into the LOSAP Information Manual. There are five counties without LOSAP: Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico. Assistance has been offered to meet with them and/or their County Commissioners. Assistance is also provided to out-of-state agencies who are interested in our awards programs. The LOSAP Information Manual is being sent as requested. Please continue to furnish this committee with any changes so the Manual may be kept current.

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

The income tax subtraction modification program for Tax Year 2005 is progressing satisfactorily. Since this convention report is due prior to the date the reports are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2005 is unavailable. A total of 12,426 volunteers qualified in Tax Year 2004; 12,590 in 2003; 11,043 in 2002; 9,693 in 2001, 8,613 in 2000; 8,448 in 1999; 8,249 in 1998; 8,043 in 1997; and 7,850 in 1996. The increases over the years were due to reducing the number of months to qualify.

Bills were cross-filed to change the qualifications for 65- and 75-year olds, but were withdrawn.

Miscellaneous

As chairman of the Incentive Programs Committee, I wish to express my thanks to the committee members, the county coordinators, and the company tax incentive coordinators for their hard work, assistance, and support in this year's Tax Incentive Program (TIP).

The committee would like to thank my friend, President Lee Sachs, for our appointments and for his support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve the MSFA. We wish President Sachs a very successful convention and the incoming president, Bobby Balta, and officers a successful and productive year.

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Report of the Marketing and Individual Membership Committee

This Committee has come a long way in the past year. There have been several new discounts brought onto the website. Dell has had a great year, offering our members some great deals and rebates. Many of our members have ordered computers and software, and, now that we are able to offer TV's and other Dell products online, I look for membership to rise.

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Bobby Balta

President MSFA 2006

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Working Advantage is still our most used product. Over this past year, we have added many new products and vendors. Among the most used are the gift cards, Lowe's and AMC Theaters. Christmas was our best time of the year, with the highest volume of usage.

Theme Parks are becoming a larger part of the Working Advantage package. Over the past year we have added many local parks, such as Busch Gardens and Six Flags. Our two newest are Water Country and Paramount Kings Dominion, which are both located in Virginia. We have also added two offerings in Baltimore, tickets to the Orioles and the National Aquarium.

Electronics are becoming a sought after item, with the addition of Discoverystore.com, Sharper Image, Brookstone and Hifi.com. Jewelry and flower purchases have been showing a consistent growth around the holidays. In particular, Ann Taylor, Diamond.com, Kenneth Cole and Hallmark flowers were all very popular on Mother's Day and Valentine's Day.

Nextel usage has remained steady, but the merge with Sprint has caused some confusion among members. We have been advising users of Nextel that the merger will not change their service plans. Also, the re-banding of the Nextel system has caused some dropped calls, which we have been informed will continue until the process is completed.

The informational disk is now ready to be distributed around the state. Our plan is to use this disk to encourage more people to sign up. This program has been a hard sell, but more and more people continue to sign up. Hopefully, the next year will also be a good growth year for the Individual Membership Committee.

Frank J. Underwood
Chairman

Report of the Legislative Committee

President Sachs, Vice Presidents Balta and Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, members of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests.

The 2006 Legislative session started on January 11 and concluded at midnight on April 10. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 1,749 House Bills, 10 House Joint Resolutions, 1107 Senate Bills, and 16 Senate Joint Resolutions, for 2882 Bills. Of these, 70 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The break down of these bills was:

Support: 28
Oppose: 7
Monitor: 21
Local: 14

The number of opposed bills may seem low, but several bills were originally opposed but were later amended to support the

Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services. Overall, of the 70 bills, being watched by the Association 32 passed and 38 failed.

SB110 – Budget - contained an increase in the MSFA appropriations and the MSFA Trustees fund. The MSFA money is now contained in the Maryland Emergency Management Agency's budget. Bill passed.

HB1515 – Public Safety – Volunteer Company Assistance Fund – Grants and Loans– Passed. This bill corrected problems with the administration of the Fund

HB 1426 – Charitable Gaming – Reporting Requirements – Failed in the Senate. Bill was amended out of the House to establish a task force to study gaming in Maryland

HB 1325 – Charitable Gaming – Regulation – County Gaming Commissions – Failed in House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 567 – Frederick County – Firefighting, Rescue, and Ambulance Services- Passed

HB 1104 and SB 562 – Public Safety – Fire Companies – Limited Access to Private Water Sources – Both bills passed and SB 562 was enacted into law.

SB108 – Emergency Medical Services Providers – Licensing and Certification – Repeal of Obsolete Provisions – Passed

SB 388 and HB 1722 – Public Safety Employees Killed in Performance of Duties – Death Benefits – Passed. Bills increased the death benefit to \$125,000.00

HB 1300 – Maryland Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act – Failed in the Senate.

HB 1668 – State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund and Volunteer Company Assistance Fund- Moving Violations – This Bill would require that a \$7.50 surcharge be added to a fine imposed by the District Court for a conviction of a moving violation for which points are assessed. Funds from this surcharge would be placed in the State Police Helicopter replacement fund and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. The Bill passed the House. It also passed the Senate at 11:10 pm on the final night of the 2006 session. There were some last minutes delays in the Senate, but after several phone calls and personal visits to various Senators, the bill passed 39-5.

The Committee especially thanks the following for their efforts on behalf of the MSFA: Senator Thomas Middleton, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator Larry Haines, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate Brian Moe, Delegate James Malone, Delegate Paul Stull, Delegate Barry Glassman, and Chief Jack Frazier. Thanks are extended to the Fire Caucus and the other Delegates and Senators who supported us throughout the year. Special thanks are extended to Governor Robert Ehrlich, Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele and their staff for their support this year.



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To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, your support was immeasurable. The Committee sincerely appreciates the many hours of volunteer service you provide and your excellent support. The committee would like to pay a special thanks to Peggy Webb, chairperson of the LA-MSFA Legislative Committee. Peggy, you and the other ladies did a tremendous job. We are proud to have the following ladies as a part of the team; Peggy Webb, Betty Reamy, Betty Radish, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Peggy Webb, and Rose Davis. Heartfelt thanks to President Barbara McWilliams for her assistance and support during the year.

I would like to thank Richard Snader and Lew Harvey, Data Systems Committee, for keeping the computers up and running. In addition, a very special thanks to Chuck Austin, Chairman 17 State Circle Committee, for his hard work. Both of these committees were only a phone call away if a problem was encountered.

Finally to the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association a tremendous thank you for your continued support and efforts in contacting your Senators and Delegates seeking their support or opposition on various Bills submitted during this session.

C. Daniel Davis Jr., Chairman
Richard L. Yinger, Vice Chairman

Report of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Foundation

The Foundation has had a very busy, and productive year, since the last Convention. We continued to meet monthly and at this time would like to thank the Anne Arundel County Fire Department for the use of their facilities, where our monthly meetings have been held, for these many years.

WE had a very enjoyable evening on Sunday July 10,2005, at the Bowie Baysox baseball game. Lt Gov. Michael Steele joined us for the pre-game activities where the Foundation presented a live rendition of the Memorial, as it will stand in Annapolis. We were treated to an outstanding fireworks display after the game.

The first highlight of the year took place on Sunday September 11, 2005. We held our Groundbreaking Ceremony on the site in Annapolis Maryland. The Ceremony was well attended by the Fire, EMS, and Rescue personnel of the State of Maryland and some of our surrounding neighbors. Also in attendance were Governor Ehrlich, Comptroller William Donald Schaefer, President of the Senate Michael Busch, Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer, as well as several Senators and Delegates. Some of the LODD families were also present. The committee, headed by Gene Worthington, did an outstanding job, with this historic occasion.

We met several times with the Artist Rodney Carroll, addressing his concerns, and informed him of his role in the foundation, as we see it. We approved the figures as they were done, and before they went to the foundry.

To date we have sold over 1,200 bricks, and we will continue to have bricks for sale.

The first annual Firemen's Gala was held on Friday, September 30,2005, at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Department. It was a sell out and resulted in a very nice financial success and a very elegant evening. Again, Gene Worthington, who headed the committee, did an outstanding job.

The contract for the construction of the memorial was signed on December 19, 2005, with the Scheiber Construction Company of Huntingtown Maryland, in the amount of \$245,000.00. Ms. Diane Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of General Services, signed off on the final design, and Construction was started on January 23, 2006. We requested a finish date of May 1, 2006. Everything was finished except for the electric work, the plaques, and the setting of the sculptures. These are to be completed by the middle of May, when some final touches of landscaping will begin. Dedication of the memorial is scheduled for June 11, 2006, with a parade at 1300 hours and the Dedication Ceremony at 1500 hours.

This undertaking has been 10 years in the making. I believe it has been well worth the effort, and hope you will think the same, when you see it.

The Foundation would like to thank all of those, who supported the Foundation, through these years.

We are planning another evening with the Bowie Baysox, on July 10,2006. Please bring the family and enjoy the game. Our 2nd Annual Firemen's Gala is planned for Saturday September 30, 2006 at 1900 hrs. This year it will be held at the Radisson Hotel 210 Holiday Court in Annapolis Maryland. Tickets are the same price as last year, \$100.00 per couple. We are seeking sponsors for this event.

We published two newsletters through the year, thanks to Robin Browning. Again thanks to all of you who helped to make this "Dream A Reality."

Respectfully Submitted
J. Donald Mooney, Chairman

Report from the Maryland State Fire Marshal

I bring you greetings from Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele, and Colonel Thomas E. "Tim" Hutchins, Secretary of the Department of State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your outgoing Presidents, Lee

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Sachs and Barbara McWilliams. Your terms of office have been incredibly productive and your service is one the Association can be quite proud of! It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

During the past year, significant progress has been made statewide to advance the cause of fire and life safety. Local initiatives in support of residential fire sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings continue to gain momentum. Following on the successes of Mt. Airy, Emmitsburg, and Carroll County, the City of Aberdeen in Harford County joined the growing list of communities across Maryland where these vital lifesaving devices are now required. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has worked closely this past year with the newly formed MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Appointed by outgoing President Lee Sachs and ably chaired by Doug Alexander from Mt. Airy, the committee has delivered workshops and presentations in Clear Spring, Salisbury, Aberdeen, Talbot County, Anne Arundel County, Howard County, Charles County, Frederick County, as well as the Kent and Queen Annes Association. These initiatives, whose roots grow from the local fire service, are having great success in educating communities and policy makers to the community value of residential fire protection. As more and more communities adopt similar programs, we can look forward to even greater success in reducing injury and death from fire across our great state.

Other fire and life safety programs in Maryland are also showing good results. Having stemmed a disturbing upward trend of fire fatalities in 2005, we are cautiously optimistic during this, the first half of 2006. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans are helping communities reduce the risk of injury and death from fire. The 73 fire fatalities during 2005 marked the fourth lowest year on record and with the continued cooperation of Maryland's fire service, similar results can be achieved in 2006.

Working with MIEMSS, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has developed a Web-based Maryland Fire Incident Reporting System. This Web-based reporting method will be another option for Maryland's fire service to enter MFIRS data. This reporting system is a critical component in developing an accurate picture of the fire problem, both local and national, and will help us to better protect the communities we serve.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal followed the 2006 session of the Maryland General Assembly closely and many issues related to the Maryland fire and emergency services. Legislative proposals ranging from rural water supply to tuition reimbursement were met with outstanding support. It is a great credit to the hard work and cooperative spirit among Maryland's Fire Service that such successes are achieved.

This past year has seen numerous personnel changes in the Agency. After thirty years of service, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Robert B. Thomas, Jr. retired to take a position as the

Director of the Office of Media and Public Relations Harford County Sheriff's Office. Chief Thomas served with distinction during his tenure and his commitment to the MSFA is well known. We wish him the very best in his new position. Deputy Chief Joseph C. Flanagan has been appointed as Acting Chief Deputy until the position can be filled permanently.

Deputy State Fire Marshals Howard Ewing and Keith Vansant graduated this past year from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Accelerant Canine Program. They and their partners, Inez and Elizabeth, are now in active service throughout the State of Maryland. Deputy State Fire Marshal Kirby Travers graduated this past year from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy and is serving on the lower Eastern Shore. Deputy State Fire Marshal Derrick Ledbetter was appointed and assigned to the Bomb Squad this past year. Derrick came to the OSFM from the Baltimore City Police Department upon retirement with 24 years service.

In the code enforcement arena, Fire Safety Inspector Wayne Altomonte, Jr. was appointed and is now serving in the Metro region. Two Special Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals, Jeffrey A. Clements and Chad M. Umbel were appointed and are now serving respectively in the Southern Region and the Metro Region. Both SADSFM's perform contractual family day care and foster care inspections.


Early in January, Ms. Cyndie Spindler left the OSFM in order to take a position with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. Ms. Spindler performed admirably during her years with the OSFM and we are quite pleased that she is able to continue her service on the steering committee of the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference.

Our cadre of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at an amazing level. Our criminal conviction rate is approaching double the national average and it is important to note that in almost all cases, these successful prosecutions are felonies. In code enforcement, the levels of professional certification held by our staff are among the highest in the nation. Staff members continue to serve with distinction on many Technical Committees for Codes and Standards for the National Fire Protection Association. One of these committees, the Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Marshal, NFPA 1037, will be the benchmark for the highest level of managerial responsibility for full-service fire investigation and prevention bureaus.

During 2005, the Agency was called upon to perform 1391 initial fire and explosive investigations, a two percent increase from 2004. Additionally, 16,853 fire safety inspections were conducted, a nearly five percent increase from 2004. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. An over eighteen percent increase in plan reviews were completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2005, FPE's conducted 2,465 of these highly technical plan reviews. It is



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As successful as 2005 was, I anticipate even greater success in the months and years ahead. Let me assure you, the Office of the State Fire Marshal stands prepared to meet the challenges of the future and we are ready to provide the citizens of the State of Maryland the highest level of service. We look forward to working closely with incoming Presidents Bobby Balta and Patricia Deamond. We wish you great success during your terms of office!

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Barnard, CFPS, State Fire Marshal

*Report of the
Out of State Coordinator*

President Sachs, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Members and Friends to the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It is my pleasure to present the report of the Out of State Coordinator. Thanks to President Sachs for the appointment and thanks to PP Bob Cumberland for his assistance throughout the year. During our travels to the various states, our hosts treated us with some great hospitality. Most of them will be in attendance at our convention, so let's provide the same.

We provided President Sachs with all information requested during the year. We put together an itinerary for the Officers for planning purposes. This included all the activities, suggested dates to travel, hotel accommodations, social events and agendas of the business meetings.

The year started quickly as we traveled to Hampton Roads, Virginia, for their state convention and followed that with a trip to Lake Placid, New York, for their convention. At each, greetings were extended from MSFA. We participated in as many activities as possible, I even set in on the Virginia Executive Committee meeting the day before the convention started. In New York, we had an opportunity to tour the Olympic training facilities. We had to shorten the stay due to the MSFA Executive Committee meeting that weekend.

The convention in West Virginia moves across the state each year. This year the Wheeling Island Racetrack & Gaming Center was the host. VP Balta and I attended. President Frank Rodgers called the convention to order with opening ceremonies with some 150 delegates in attendance. A small number of vendors about twenty were present. Bobby and I had the pleasure to attend the meetings, the Chiefs luncheon, the evening picnic and the Officers banquet. And yes, we had some time to visit the casino. It would have been better if we didn't. They always display some great hospitality and make you feel great with your attendance.

President Lee Sachs led the delegation from Maryland to the Delaware conference held at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover. Past

Presidents Cumberland and Worthington were present at the opening ceremonies when they presented their awards. President Ray Stevens called the business meeting to order, which included committee reports, introduction of guests, recommendations, new business, and many motions. The meeting adjourned in early afternoon allowing some time to visit with the vendors. That evening, the Delaware Chiefs Association held its annual dinner program. Friday morning opened with the memorial service honoring nearly 200. Several scriptures, poems and readings were made along with the choral group singing songs. The Delaware Fire School presented the video production of the deceased. After the service, we were invited to the hospitality room while awaiting the luncheon. MSFA was reserved for three tables. PP Steve Austin again served as the MC and started by introducing the Lt Governor for comments. Governor Miner was out of state and could not attend. Other state and federal legislators were introduced and brought comments. President Sachs brought greetings from MSFA and pledged the strong partnership to continue. Several Past Presidents were in attendance. We extend our appreciation to Delaware for their great hospitality shown us.

VP Balta and I attended the convention in Pennsylvania hosted by the Four Points Sheraton in Greensburg. President Ron Hereda called the convention to order for about 200 delegates. Opening ceremonies and a business meeting consumed the first day. That evening we were serenaded by the Gooseneckers Parade. About 100 of the delegation leadership paraded through the hotel halls in their costumes. It is much more orderly than our pajama parade. The next day brought about more of the business meeting. There were no vendors present at the convention. Friday, we were invited to lunch by the PA Officers. Bobby remained Friday night to attend the banquet.

The dates for next years out of state conventions are as follows:

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

August 3-5, 2006
Greencastle, PA
www.cvvfa.org

Virginia State Firefighters Association

August 8-12, 2006
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Headquarters hotel Holiday Inn Hampton
www.vsfa.org

Firemen's Association of the State of New York

August 16-19, 2006
Syracuse, New York
Headquarters hotel Holiday Inn 1-800-232-7692
www.fasny.com

West Virginia

September 8-9, 2006
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September 27-30, 2006
Plymouth, PA
www.FASP06.org

As always, on behalf of Bob and myself, it's a pleasure to represent MSFA.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman

*Report of the
President's MFRI Board of Advisors*

President Lee N. Sachs, Elected and Appointed Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) – Greetings on the occasion of our Association's 114th Annual Convention. This has been quite an eventful year, both for the Institute and for the Board in both positive and negative ways. The institute has lost several valuable senior personnel – both through retirement and position advancement. In spite of these losses, the Institute continues to train higher numbers of emergency service providers throughout our state and provide the leadership that has made it so great. To Director Steve Edwards and the Institute, we say great job – good and faithful servant.

During the past year the MFRI Board of Advisors has met four times, including one meeting with UMCP President Dr. Mote.

MFRI Turns 75

On October 15, 2005, MFRI faculty, staff, field instructors and guests (including President Lee N. Sachs), gathered in College Park to celebrate MFRI's 75th Anniversary. UMCP President Dr. Mote set the tone for the celebration by reflecting on the history of MFRI and the University of Maryland. Congressman Steny Hoyer, a longtime friend of Maryland's fire service, was the key note speaker and spoke on the need for effective fire training programs and their impact on firefighter safety. MSFA President Sachs referenced the long tradition and working relationship between the MSFA and MFRI.

Director Steve Edwards summed up his thoughts concerning MFRI and the MSFA while writing in a recent report to the Board of Advisors "For 75 years the basic purpose of MFRI has been to train and educate the state's fire, rescue and EMS service. MFRI has never wavered from that charge and with the help of many, I hope that we have greatly exceeded the vision of those who gathered in 1930 for the first statewide fire training course." Let me assure you Director Edwards MFRI has lived up to its charge!

MFRI to Offer Didactic Portion of EMT-B Refresher

During the EMS Committee meeting held May 4, 2006, Penoake Browning reporting for MFRI announced that MFRI will soon be offering the didactic portion of the 24-hour EMT-B Refresher class on line and is also developing a class titled "how to mentor EMT trainees while in class.

Respectfully submitted
Charles W. Wills, Representative

*Report of the
Public Safety Statewide Network Task Force*

The Public Safety Statewide Network Task Force has met several times since the 2005 Maryland State Firemen's Convention in Ocean City.

The Task Force is made up of representatives from the agencies listed below, and the Task Force meets several times a year to discuss technology issues that affect the Fire & EMS service in Maryland.

Maryland State Firemen's Association
Maryland Fire Chiefs Association
Maryland State Fire Marshal
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland State Police
Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Some of the issues that have been discussed and are progressing quite well are WebFIRS (Web Fire Incident Reporting System) a project of the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office; which was designed to allow Fire Departments not currently using Fire Incident Reporting Software, a method to enter Fire Reports online.

The EPINS – (Electronic Personal Identification Number System) is project of MIEMSS, which is also a web-based application that issues a permanent Electronic Personal Identification Numbers to EMS and Fire Service personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Menzies – Task Force Leader

*Report of the
Residential Sprinkler Committee*

The Residential Sprinkler Committee was a new committee this year appointed by President Lee Sachs and charged with educating the citizens and firefighters of Maryland on the virtues of residential sprinklers, and assisting any county or community that requests our assistance with the obtaining of ordinances requiring residential sprinklers in new one and two family homes. This has been a very active committee presenting educational programs of many varieties across the state for a large variety of



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audiences. Our committee met bi-monthly in areas across the state. The personnel involved with this committee have worked long and hard to get our message out. We have been invited to educate county government officials in 7 counties and 4 municipalities. We have been invited to educate fire service personnel at county association meetings involving 10 counties. We will have a large presence at the convention this year to help in educating as many fire service personnel as possible on residential sprinklers. We participated in the MML convention this past summer. Since the last convention, residential sprinkler ordinances have been adopted and gone in to effect in Emmitsburg and Aberdeen. There are several areas across the state that are learning about residential sprinklers and considering ordinances to require them in new one and two family homes. We will support them in any way we can if requested to do so by the local fire service personnel.

Currently, three counties have Residential Sprinkler ordinances in place requiring that all new one and two family homes be covered by residential sprinklers. There are six municipalities with these ordinances in place. Several areas within the state are currently considering ordinances in their community or county. This is the reason that we must be sure our firefighters understand and endorse the use of residential sprinklers in the new homes being constructed.

I want to extend a very hearty THANKS to State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and his staff for their unwavering support to this committee. I also wish to THANK our partners in this effort, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Md. (FABSCOM), the Fire Prevention Committee of the MSFA, Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (CCVESA), and all the individuals that have assisted us this year. We have been busy. We would like to get busier.

Please, get out and learn all you can about residential sprinklers. They are life savers!

Doug Alexander, Chair

Report of the Rural Water Supply Committee

The Rural Water Supply Committee remained very busy this year with some new challenges. Early in the year a request was received from the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association to find a solution for a legal situation encountered by a member company on the scene of a fatal fire. After much research by committee members and the Attorney for Carroll County, as well as the Attorney's General Office for Maryland, legislation was undertaken to protect firefighters from the fear of trespass while obtaining water for firefighting from a source on private property. Wording was sent to Senator Larry Haines who had agreed to sponsor the bill in the Senate, and Delegate Paul Stull who had agreed to sponsor the bill in the House. A bill was written and submitted in both houses of the Maryland Legislature. Members of the Rural Water Supply Committee, supported by officers of the MSFA and many county associations,

attended committee hearings and bill readings to show our support for this bill. Many telephone calls, e-mails, and personal visits were made by committee members and supporters to legislators to garner their support for the bill. In late March we learned that our bill had passed both houses and had been accepted as law effective October 1, 2006. Many hours of research, phone calls, e-mails, visits, conversations and contacts were done by the committee and a plethora of supporters from the MSFA, Md. Fire Chiefs Association, CCVESA, and the Carroll County Legislative Director Frank Johnson.

More traditional matters of rural water supply drills and classes were conducted as in the past. The fall drill was held at the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Company. This drill was co-sponsored by the Rural Water Supply Committee. This drill was also very well attended. Many tried and true procedures were practiced as well as some new concepts and ideas. The spring drill was held at the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Company. This was a new area for our drill and was a successful two day seminar.

I would like to thank Vice Chair Greg Dods for his assistance and support throughout the year. Thanks goes out to committee members Buddy Sutton, Mark Davis, Steve Shahan, Mike Simmons, and Ed Colquhoun for their interest and assistance.

Perseverance pays off as has been proven this year by this committee. There were many who didn't think we could make the "Water Bill" a reality. Determined people with a positive goal can not be denied.

Doug Alexander, Chair

Report of the Safety Committee

President Lee Sacks, Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Safety Committee congratulates you on a very successful year as President and we wish you the best of luck. It has been a our pleasure to serve this Association as Chairman of your Safety Committee.

Thanks to the members of the Safety Committee who sacrifice their time, and effects to travel those countless hours to attend our statewide meetings once a month . For their dedication, commitment, and determination to promote new ideas that safety is our number one concern for all of our rescue personnel though out Maryland.

The Safety Committee's mission has been and always will be, to be a tool in bring safety issues to our fire, rescue and EMS personal who fall into imminent danger associated with the everyday services provided to our communities.

The Safety Committee held regularly scheduled meetings, through out the state at our members home companies. The topics of discussion included: Chainsaw safety, dealing with the every day operations, what you need to know top be safe. Air bag

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Your Safety Committee is planning for another active role at this year's Convention and Conference in Ocean City. We will be very visible as always with the bright red shirts that say Safety Committee on our backs. We will be actively supporting the Convention Committee in all areas: equipment set-up in and out of convention center; assisting with any and all safety issue that may arise during the convention; providing support at all activities, i.e., beach party, picnic, basket bingo, pajama parade, and safety for viewers and members during the parade on Wednesday.

Stop up and see us at our Safety Committee display booth on the second level next to the convention auditorium, and pick up some free safety related materials. This year once again we will have pocket masks as one of our promotions for stopping by and saying hi to one of our members and receiving a little education about safety.

The Safety Committee will be sponsoring four seminars at this year's convention. The first seminar Sunday June 18th @ 12:30 room 205 "Highway scene safety for the first responders. Second & Third seminars Monday June 19th both @ 2:30 room 201 Air bag Safety program and demo. Room 205 2:30 June 19th Interstate Fire Suppression how safe are you. Fourth seminar Tuesday June 20th @ 3:15 in room 201 Chain saw safety, do you know everything about a chain saw, so it won't cut you. We hope that you make plans to attend these educational programs and walk away with information that may keep you safe during your life.

Respectfully submitted
Hobart B. Howell Jr., Chairman

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Scholarship Committee continued to improve this year on the revisions that were put in place nearly three years ago. They included new funding streams for our applicants and the continued lobbying for support of the Maryland State Higher Education's tuition reimbursement for all who serve as active members of a State of Maryland fire and rescue department regardless of their resident status.

The committee continued this year with the standard of meeting four times a year with our final meeting of the year scheduled for May 4, 2006 at which time the 14 applications received for scholarships for the '06-'07 school year will be reviewed and selected for awards. The committee continued to use the

conference call format this year as they have in the past as this has allowed for greater participation from the members of the committee and provided the committee an avenue to accomplish more of its objectives.

Scholarships were awarded to 18 students this past year bringing the total, to date, 134 students who are members of the Maryland Fire Service. This is an outstanding accomplishment for both this association and the scholarship committee members.

Funding for the awarded scholarships this past year came from the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Nextel, Conectiv Power, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Josephine Heimer, and several in the names of the Past Presidents of the association.

The committee is also proud to announce that at the meeting on May 4, 2006 we will, for the first time, be selecting a recipient for a scholarship honoring our Chairman Emeritus Bill Olsen. Bill has been an outstanding and dedicated member and past chairman of this committee. It will be a true honor to be part of this awarding as Bill has served as a mentor and great friend over the years that I was a recipient of the scholarships from the association and later a committee member and Chairman.

As Chair, I would like to recognize the outstanding efforts that have been put forth this past year. Since the time I began serving on the Scholarship Committee each and every member has shown exceptional dedication to the stewardship of the funds they distribute.

The committee has been busy this past year ensuring that each of our supported students had a successful educational experience and planned for the future by soliciting for new funding options. I would like to thank my vice-chairman, Ron Siarnicki for all his support and advice as I took over the Chairmanship this past year. Ron left a large set of shoes to fill and without his assistance I wouldn't have been able to prosper as Chairman.

Finally, I wish to thank President Sachs, 1st Vice President Balta, and 2nd Vice President Sterling for having the confidence in me to serve as Chairman. I hope that I have led the committee as they have wished and it has met their expectation. My dedication has always been to support our students in whatever capacity needed. I hope I have demonstrated my dedication and commitment to this committee both as a member and chairman.

Respectfully submitted:
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

Report of the Special Activities Committee

The Special Activities Committee has been very busy. Lots of excitement will be happening around the booth this year. We will have some new items, raffle and give aways as well as our standard items. Sizes ranging from small to 5X in special items. Children's items available this year. The fire truck and ambulance



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Respectfully Submitted
Margaret Gouty, Chairman

*Report of the
Statistical Committee*

President Sachs, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Members, and Guest to the 114th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference.

I would like to begin my report by thanking President Sachs and the other Officers for their support this past year and the opportunity to serve as a committee chair. The experience has been very rewarding.

I would also like to thank all the members of my committee and all the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work, support and dedication this past year. They are the ones who make sure the member companies submit their statistical reports to the committee in a timely manner.

In 2005 my committee, with the help of Chairman Richard Snader developed and released a new Statistical form. This new form can be located on the MSFA Web-Site and will require less of your time to complete. Once you have completed filling out the form you can easily submit it online. We hope these steps will make your experience a more favorable one and will encourage more people to fill out the forms and submit them to the committee.

Please take a minute or two and visit the MSFA web-site, fill out the new form and submit it to my committee. The time you take will be well spent and all of us in Maryland who provide Emergency Services will be able to benefit from your actions.

Thank you, Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

*Report of the
Standards/NFPA*

Officers, Delegates and Members, the Standards NFPA committee has reviewed all changes submitted in the NFPA standards which may effect our standards for the fire departments for the state of Maryland. At this time, there is nothing being offered in changes that will effect us.

Different standards have been submitted by requests from the National Homeland Security. As of this report, we do not know whether they will be accepted or not. We are keeping a close

eye on the NFPA committee returns. Further information/changes will forwarded when received.

The committee held one meeting at the request of President Sachs. We were to address the Red Lights on Chief's personal cars. We referred the law to the executive committee to be a standard incorporated into our bylaws. After much discussion by the Presidents and Executive Committee, a motion was made and 2nd and passed that the President appoint a special committee to review all complaints, requirements and the rules of the Maryland State Law. The information we gathered was forwarded to the Special Committee appointed by the President.

It has been the pleasure of the members of this committee to serve this Association. I would like to thank the President for my appointment.

Respectfully submitted.
Bill Huttenloch, Chairman

*Report of the
Surplus Property*

The surplus property committee has received and re-issued hose, breathing apparatus, and turnout gear to departments in Maryland, West Virginia, Georgia and Pennsylvania. The committee has recently received a letter from the Embassy of the Argentine Republic. They are asking for assistance for their Volunteer Firefighters. They have one station which covers a very large area. They are equipped with two fire trucks which are not in very good working condition.

The Surplus Committee has taken on the challenge to assist the volunteers firefighters in another country. If any company has any items which they can donate, please contact a member of the Surplus Committee. Argentina is in great need for turnout gear, which was their main request along with fire trucks.

Respectfully submitted.
Skip Massey, Chairperson

*Report of the
Transportation Committee*

The committee's focus this year was to revise the procedure manual and complete the task of placing the tag book information on the MSFA website.

The procedure manual was finalized in February. It will be placed on CD disks for those coordinators that have a computer and paper copies will be furnished to the others. The procedure manual has been placed on the MSFA website under the heading "Transportation Committee". It can be downloaded from the website as well and viewed by members that may need additional information in order to obtain MSFA logo tags.

The tag book was also placed on the MSFA website in November. It will be updated quarterly as new data is entered.

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There was one formal meeting for members and County coordinators and several working meetings for the committee members.

This year there were several questions on obtaining MSFA logo tags for leased vehicles from members. The MVA requires that the name of the lessee (member) must appear on the registration in order to obtain the logo tags. The leasing company may or may not allow this for various reasons.

Dorothy Schultz, Financial Secretary for the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association has volunteered to distribute certs and MVA forms to County coordinators in her area. This will expedite delivery of the forms in that region.

The number of new tags this year was approximately 750 according to the fees received for the year. This is an increase of 150 tags over last year.

Rose Pandolfini, the LAMSFA Junior Vice President was assigned by President Mc Williams to assist the committee with data entry information. With her assistance, the committee has become somewhat current with the new tag holders information in the database. This has provided the opportunity for other committee members to concentrate on changes pending from the 2003 recertification of member companies.

The committee was saddened by the death of Edwin King, the County coordinator for Calvert County. Ed was a fine gentleman and did a great job as County coordinator. Several other coordinators retired and moved leaving their positions vacant. They were replaced by the following individuals:

Baltimore County South – Roy Hamilton
Carroll County-Leon Fleming
Calvert County-Herbert Dowell

The committee continues to utilize the MSFA website to share information with member departments and committee members.

The ADC Map Company did not donate the two sets of Maryland County map books for the MSFA and the LAMSFA Presidents as in past years. Since they were not donated there will not be any maps given out. The items were eliminated from the Transportation budget in order to control unnecessary expenditures.

I would like to thank all committee members and County coordinators for their support and efforts this year. Special thanks to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Rose Pandolfini, Dorothy Schultz and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint for the extra work done this year and the MVA Representative, Larue Sauer. It is a collective effort from all that makes a successful committee.

I wish to extend my thanks to President Sachs for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

*Report of the
Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board*

President Sachs, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 114th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland StateFiremen's Association.

The MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved loans and grants to assist five member companies this year for a total of \$2,506,735.00. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved 44 loans and 7 grants since being formed in 2000 for a total of \$11,301,601.40.

The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1515, clarifying the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund program. The bill finally passed but the Senate reintroduced language that requires request for loans must request funds from their local county first. This is concern but should not hinder the program. The approved changes to the program will require additional changes to the Program Guidelines and the Application process.

The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1668, State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund and Volunteer Company Assistance Fund - Moving Violations - Surcharges. The House and Senate passed the bill but the original charge of \$50 was reduced to \$7.50 of which half, \$3.75 will go to the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the other half will to the Maryland State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund. The MSFA fund is capped at \$20 million and after that, all funds go to the MSP Helicopter Replacement Fund. The bill is effective date is October 1, 2006.

House Bill 1668 for the first years, FY 2007, Fiscal Note was \$2,384,000.00 of which \$328,900.00 will go to the District Court System for computer modifications. This will leave \$2,055,100.00 of which the MSFA will receive half \$1,027,550.00. The second year, FY 2008, Fiscal note is \$3,178,600.00 of which the MSFA should receive \$1,589,300.00. The Committee would like to thanks all those who worked to secure this funding and especially Delegates Norman Conway.

President Sacks and I attended a meeting in Baltimore on Monday, February 27 at the Office of Legislative Audits and were informed that the State of Maryland was going to audit all funds of the MSFA that are received from the State. The Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Fred Cross and Attorney Roger Powell have been working with the auditors.

Secretary Dan Stevens has taken to Annapolis the required reports for the Board of Public Works and the Legislative Auditors.

As of April 16, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki advises our balance in the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account was \$578,920.00.15 of which \$166,370.00 is for loans approved but not completed. This leaves a balance of \$412,550.15 for loans. There is \$312,213.41 available in the VCAF Account for loans or grants.



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Therefore as of this date we have grand total of \$724,763.56 available.

We have five loans pending for approximately \$2.8 million. The Committee is still accepting loan and grant applications from all companies. All 12 copies of your loan & or grant applications must go through your county representative and be in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee 30 days before the pending meeting of the Committee. Note that the state law changes requires each company must apply to their local county government for a loan or grant before being submitted to the VCAF Committee.

The VCAF Board next meeting is on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the Maugansville-Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company at 7:00 pm.

Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Daniel J. Stevens, Secretary

Report of the Watercraft Committee

The committee has worked hard over the past year to address the challenges of the FEMA resource typing with a major emphasis on developing a swiftwater/flood response plan for statewide use. It has been a focus of this committee over the past three years to better prepare the state for a proper rescue response to major swiftwater/flooding incidents such as Hurricane Isabel. With the push by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to complete the FEMA resource typing, including swiftwater/flood resources, this focus has grown and has been addressed in the following manners.

Several meetings were held at MEMA with various stakeholder agencies to discuss this issue and begin building an understanding of each stakeholder's needs. This led to the organization of a statewide Swiftwater/Flood Rescue Summit that was held on January 5, 2006 at MEMA. 28 stakeholder agencies attended the summit to hear presentations by Watercraft Committee members. Follow-up meetings were held in March and May to further work on developing smaller workgroups, goals and objectives, and group operating guidelines. The functional framework of this group will follow the model currently in use by the Maryland State Hazardous Materials Association. Workgroups identified and set up within this structure include: Command to address policy and agreements; Training to explore delivery, development, standardization issues; Logistics to assist with any equipment needs; and Funding to support the Logistics and Training groups. The end product of this effort will be the correct identification of those resources that meet the FEMA resource typing for swiftwater/flood and further development of those, and new, resources to maintain readiness as a resource.

Listing as a resource for deployment is voluntary for each agency, however all water rescue resources will benefit in areas such as funding streams identified and increased training opportunities from the issues uncovered and addressed by this process.

Chairman Todd Johnson and Vice Chairman Mike Berna also participated in the Governor's Office of Homeland Security process to address other FEMA resource typing statewide in October. They provided input to the Emergency Management Functional Working Group on issues related to water rescue. As a result of their involvement the MSFA standard for Open Water Rescue Boat was put in place as the minimum type resource for the FEMA Open Water Rescue Unit and the Maryland swiftwater/flood typing will be used for Inland Rescue Boats. They also provided input on rescue helicopter typing, especially in regards to the needs in the water rescue arena.

Out of both of the above discussions came the need for a resource to assist local incident commanders and emergency managers during large flooding events. FEMA provides a resource typing for a Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) Team. This resource is composed of a flood subject matter expert, a team leader, and a logistical/communications/operations support person. This three person team would respond to an area experiencing a major flooding event, either requested by local IC or dispatched from MEMA, and provide support to the IC/EM in assessing both overall impact of the event and determining State and/or Federal immediate response requirements. This team would not assume any control or command of an incident; they merely serve as advisors to the local command structure. The Watercraft Committee brought this need before the MSFA Executive Committee in November and received approval of the concept for MEMA to proceed with developing this resource.

For any of the above planning issues to become fully developed and operate well the input of as many stakeholders as possible is needed. The Watercraft Committee welcomes the participation of any interested agency in Maryland to join us in these efforts. Members of the Watercraft Committee also are attending regional meetings, such as the Potomac River Rescue Association and the Mid Chesapeake Maritime Emergency Response Group, in an effort to obtain participation or input.

The Committee would like to thank the support of President Sachs, Vice-Presidents Balta and Sterling, and the Executive Committee for assistance received in the past year. Also much of what we have accomplished over this year would not have been possible without the support of MEMA. Many thanks need to be given to Director Droneburg, Deputy Director Strickland, and PP Terry Thompson and his staff at MEMA for their individual contributions to these efforts. The Committee looks forward to continuing this relationship over the next year as we move forward with our plans.

Submitted for the Service by:
Todd "Scuba" Johnson, Chair

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*Report of the
Ways & Means Committee*

County returns for the 2004-2005 Raffle, which include M.S.F.A. and L.A.M.S.F.A, totaled \$51,795.00. The returns by County were:

President Sachs, Officers, Delegates and Members of the M.S.F.A., in the 2004-2005 selling years your \$10,000 Raffle produced a total sales of \$58,504.00. The hard work by everyone produced another record year. We beat our best year of \$53,821 by \$4,683.00. The money raised from this raffle is used to support your association.

Allegany	\$ 2,164.00	Howard	\$ 564.00
Anne Arundel	\$ 2,889.00	Kent	\$1,004.00
Baltimore	\$ 2,375.00	Montgomery	\$3,389.00
Calvert	\$ 1,578.00	Prince Georges	\$2,243.00
Caroline	\$ 557.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 782.00
Carroll	\$ 2,225.00	Somerset	\$ 727.00
Cecil	\$ 1,027.00	St.Mary's	\$2,363.00
Charles	\$ 1,248.00	Talbot	\$ 532.00
Dorchester	\$ 729.00	Washington	\$1,005.00
Frederick	\$ 2,014.00	Wicomico	\$ 762.00
Garrett	\$ 770.00	Worcester	\$ 529.00
Harford	\$20,319.00		

The committee would like to thank all the county co-coordinators, member companies, Ladies Auxiliaries and everyone who helped to set another record.

Please note that Harford County was the leader again this year. Many thanks to M.S.F.A and L.A.M.S.F.A. officers and members who helped with the 2004-2005 Raffle. Without you we could not have had such a successful year.

We are gearing up for the Ocean City Springfest, which will be May 4,5,6, & 7 again this year. With four days of good weather we should see another record set this year. To date we have a total of 85,000 chances in the hands of the volunteer fire companies and Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the state and there have been \$14,386 in sales returned. The Volunteer fire companies have turned in \$10,447.00 and the Ladies Auxiliaries have a total of \$3,939. Harford County is the Leader so far again this year with a total of \$7,746.00.

Thank you,
Lou Jonske, Chairman M.S.F.A.
Anna Jonske, Chairman L.A.M.S.F.A.

The Following is a breakdown of sales for 2004-2005:

All County Sales	\$38,763.00
Ladies Auxiliaries	\$13,032.00
Counter Sales O.C. Convention	<u>\$ 6,709.00</u>
Total Sales	\$58,504.00

*114th Annual M S F A Convention Parade
Ocean City, Maryland
Wednesday, June 21, 2006 - 1300 hours*

Expenses for 2004-2005 were:

For prizes	\$12,500.00
For printing of chances	\$ 1,500.00
For fees at Ocean City Sunfest & Springfest	\$ 1,700.00
Gambling licenses Wicomico & Harford Counties	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$15,750.00

The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 21st starting promptly at 1300 hours, rain or shine. To be judged for prizes, apparatus must have been placed in service for emergency response in its home jurisdiction before coming to Ocean City, and must be equipped. Apparatus will be judged on appearance, cleanliness, neatness, and uniformity of the personnel. No sirens or horns at any time. Absolutely no drinking of any alcoholic beverage. No discharging of water or other agents. No unbecoming behavior. No drilling or performing at the judges reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress at all times. All awards are for units in the line of parade. Actual numbers and types of trophies in certain categories may change due to number and types of entrants at day of parade. There will be two judges reviewing stands. Violations of any of the rules and regulations will result in disqualification and possible removal of the unit from the line of parade.

Total Sales _____	\$58,504.00
Total Expenses _____	<u>\$15,750.00</u>
Total Profit for 2004-2005	\$42,754.00

The following is a list of parade trophies and awards that will be awarded after the parade at the Convention Hall. Also attached are the parade rules. There will be Parade Monitors that will be monitoring the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that

The following is a summary of last year's winners:

1 st Dean A. Struve, Bel Air, Md	\$10,000.00
2 nd Ridgely V.F.D.	\$ 1,500.00
3 rd Mary Ridgemore, Darlington, Md	\$ 500.00
4 th Brian Cooper	\$ 100.00
5 th Paulette Mathias, Rocky Ridge, Md	\$ 100.00
6 th Girdletree V.F.D. Girdletree, Md	\$ 100.00
7 th Lori Rake	\$ 100.00
8 th Dana Zahn, Laurel, Delaware	\$ 100.00

Congratulation to the lucky winners, especially Ridgely and Girdletree.

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---TROPHIES AND AWARDS---

Maryland Company Making The Best Appearance	Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Maryland Company Making The Second Best Appearance	Trophy
President's Award	Trophy
Company Coming The Longest Distance	Trophy
Company Coming The Second Longest Distance	Trophy
Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Trophy
Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Trophy
Company With Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel	Trophy
Best Senior Band	\$500.00
Second Best Senior Band	\$250.00
Best High School Band	\$500.00
Second Best High School Band	\$250.00
Third Best High School Band	\$200.00
Best Junior High School Band	\$300.00
Second Best Junior High School Band	\$250.00
Third Best Junior High School Band	\$200.00
Best Drum and Bugle Corps	\$200.00
Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes	Trophy
Second Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes	Trophy
Majorettes Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Majorettes Making The Second Best Appearance	Trophy
Majorettes Making The Third Best Appearance	Trophy
Majorettes Making The Fourth Best Appearance	Trophy
Majorettes Making The Fifth Best Appearance	Trophy
Majorettes Making The Sixth Best Appearance	Trophy
Best Comic Entry	Trophy
Second Best Comic Entry	Trophy
Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform	Trophy
Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance	Trophy
Best Fire Prevention Entry	Governor's Trophy
Second Best Fire Prevention Entry	Trophy
Third Best Fire Prevention Entry	Trophy
Fourth Best Fire Prevention Entry	Trophy
Fifth Best Fire Prevention Entry	Trophy
Sixth Best Fire Prevention Entry	Trophy
Best Appearing Adult Queen	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Adult Queen	Trophy
Third Best Appearing Adult Queen	Trophy
Fourth Best Appearing Adult Queen	Trophy
Honorable Mention Adult Queen	Trophy
Honorable Mention Adult Queen	Trophy
Best Appearing Junior Queen	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Junior Queen	Trophy
Third Best Appearing Junior Queen	Trophy
Fourth Best Appearing Junior Queen	Trophy
Honorable Mention Junior Queen	Trophy
Honorable Mention Junior Queen	Trophy
Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief	Trophy
Honorable Mention Junior Fire Chief	Trophy
Honorable Mention Junior Fire Chief	Trophy
Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company	Trophy
Fire Engines - 1500 GPM and Over Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy

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Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
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Fire Engines - 1250 GPM and Over Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
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Fire Engines - 1000 GPM and Over Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
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Fire Engines - 750 GPM and Under Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Pumper-Tanker	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Rescue Pumper	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Tanker Making the Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Brush Truck Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Aerial Truck or Elevated Platform Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Squad Truck Making the Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Ambulance Making the Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
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Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit (Canteen, Forestry, Haz. Mat., Etc.)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy

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Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Best Appearing Company from Delaware	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Company from Virginia	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older)	Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Apparatus over Twenty Years Old (in service)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Fire Service Color Guard Making the Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Best Appearing Adult, Non Fire Service Color Guard	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot (Dalmation, Etc.)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Hard Luck Award	Trophy
Judges Award	Trophy
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ATTENTION PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!

**Parade Line-Up Will Be First Come First In Line
Unless Your Jurisdiction Comes In As A Group
After Forming Together Before The Route 50 Bridge**

Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1730 hours, (or as close to this time as possible) in the rear of the Convention Center. The Convention Committee will provide free hot dogs, soda, and other light food for all parade participants starting at 1700 hours in the rear of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation, and to ensure a safe trip home

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION
FROM YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

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PARADE RULES

To **ALL** Participants in the Maryland State Firemen's Association's Convention Parade. Parade Monitors will be monitoring the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

1. Public drinking
2. Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus or vehicles
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus or vehicles
5. Throwing of any type material from apparatus or vehicle
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus or containers
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress at all times
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Personnel on apparatus in an unsafe position or over crowded positions
11. Excessive non uniform personnel on apparatus
12. Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
13. Operation of any vehicle in a unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelts or other safety devices are provided they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All "Jake Breaks" or like equipment will be turned off during the entire parade route.

Let's **ALL** try to cooperate by abiding by the above rules so that we may **ALL** have a good time, make a positive impression on the public we serve, and have a parade we can **ALL BE PROUD OF** - NOT one to be ashamed of because of the actions of a few!
The same good behavior is expected during and after the awards presentations.

All parade participants are invited to attend the trophy presentations in the rear of the Convention Center after the parade has ended. Sodas and other light food will be provided **FREE** to all parade participants.

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention Committee

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Official Sample MSFA Voting Ballot

To all Active Member Organizations and Past Presidents the following is a sample copy of the Official voting ballot notification and clarification. Voting for 2006 at the 114th Annual Convention and Conference will take place starting at 0800 hours on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, in the Main Ballroom of the Convention Center. Voting will remain open for two (2) hours.

Each active member organization is entitled to, up to five (5) votes and each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote. Currently most candidates are running un-opposed, however, there are two (2) individuals running for the one (1) Trustee position, and five (5) Constitution and By-Laws Proposals. Should a second ballot be necessary, it will be announced from the podium giving complete details and times.

The attached sample ballot is what will appear on the actual official paper ballot. The actual official paper ballot will be the same as in the past, utilizing the scan-tron paper form which allows for processing and automatic counting of all ballots.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2006 – 114th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE BALLOT – 2006 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

NOTE: Each Department is entitled to up to five (5) votes. Each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote.

NOTE: [Bracketed wording] indicates deleted wording. Underlined wording indicates added wording

INSTRUCTIONS – Using the pencil provided fill in the space between the brackets for each vote you wish to cast, FOR or AGAINST, for each proposal or candidate. Each paper ballot will count as one (1) vote. You are reminded that each department is entitled to up to five (5) votes and each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

PRESIDENT - - -	<u>PAUL R. "BOBBY" BALTA, JR.</u>	[]
	_____	[]
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - - -	<u>PAUL H. STERLING, JR.</u>	[]
	_____	[]
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - - -	<u>FRANK J. UNDERWOOD</u>	[]
	_____	[]
SECRETARY - - -	<u>LEONARD T. KING, SR., P.P.</u>	[]
	_____	[]
FINANCIAL SECRETARY - - -	<u>GEORGE A. "FRED" CROSS, JR. P.P.</u>	[]
	_____	[]
TREASURER - - -	<u>RONALD J. SIARNICKI</u>	[]
	_____	[]
CHAPLAIN - - -	<u>REV. JOHN F. LONG, JR.</u>	[]
	_____	[]

TRUSTEE - - - There is one (1) Trustee position to be filled. No more than five (5) votes for any one candidate.

<u>C. DANIEL CARPENTER, III</u>	[]
<u>JAMES J. SNYDER, JR.</u>	[]

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Proposal #1 – Submitted by the Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company proposes to amend Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution and calls for the election of the Trustees by districts. **FOR – [] AGAINST – []**

NOTE: The complete wording, as appears below, will not appear on the official printed ballot.

One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees. Each Trustee would represent one (1) of the five (5) districts as defined in this section and would have to be from an active member company in that district.

The districts are defined as follows:

District 1 - Allegany, Garrett, Washington, and Frederick County

District 2 – Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, and Baltimore County

District 3 - Harford, Cecil, Queen Anne's, Kent County, and Talbot County

District 4 - Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester, Dorchester, and Caroline County

District 5 - Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel County

This amendment will be effective with the election at the Convention and Conference held in June 2007. However, should any vacancy occur prior to the 2007 Convention and Conference it shall be filled in accordance with Article I V, Section 16, of this Constitution and By-laws.

Proposal #2 - Submitted by the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department amends Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution and deletes the requirement that a member of the Association can serve on only two (2) Standing Committees or one (1) Special Committee. **FOR – [] AGAINST – []**

NOTE: The complete wording, as appears below, will not appear on the official printed ballot.

The Standing Committees shall be appointed annually by the President, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. [No member shall serve on more than two (2) Standing Committees and one (1) Special Committee, except in the case of a committee the constituency of which is determined by the MSFA Constitution and By-laws.]

Proposal #3 - Submitted by the Association, amends Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution and changes the length of term of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary and requires they be elected in alternate years. This change was recommended by an external auditor during a financial review of the Association. **FOR – [] AGAINST – []**

NOTE: The complete wording, as appears below, will not appear on the official printed ballot.

The President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, [Financial Secretary, Treasurer] and Chief Chaplain shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees.

The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall be elected in alternate years, so that their terms of office do not end in the same year. This initial transition to alternating years will result in the Treasurer being elected for a two (2) year term and the Financial Secretary being elected to a one (1) year term at the June 2007 Convention and Conference. The Financial Secretary will then be elected for a full two (2) year term at the June 2008 Convention and Conference.

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Proposal #4 - Submitted by the Association, amends Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and renames the Auditing Committee. This change was recommended by an external auditor during a financial review of the Association.

FOR - [] AGAINST - []

NOTE: The complete wording, as appears below, will not appear on the official printed ballot.

The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

[Auditing] Financial Review Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Proposal #5 - Submitted by the Association, amends Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and combines the Historical & Archives Committee with the Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee. FOR - [] AGAINST - []

NOTE: The complete wording, as appears below, will not appear on the official printed ballot.

The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

Historical, [&] Archives & Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee- At least [five (5)] seven (7) members all to be appointed annually.

[Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee- Delete this paragraph in its entirety]

Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws Of the Maryland State Firemen's Association June 2006 Convention and Conference

[Brackets Indicate Deleted Text]

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Question 1 submitted by the Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company amends Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution and calls for the election of the Trustees by District.

One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees. Each Trustee would represent one (1) of the five (5) districts as defined in this section and would have to be from an active member company in that district.

The districts are defined as follows:

District One: Allegany County, Garrett County, Washington County, Frederick County

District Two: Carroll County, Howard County, Montgomery County, Baltimore County

District Three: Harford County, Cecil County, Queen Anne's County, Kent County, Talbot County

District Four: Wicomico County, Somerset County, Worcester County, Dorchester County, Caroline County

District Five: Calvert County, Charles County, St. Mary's County, Prince George's County, Anne Arundel County

This amendment will be effective with the election at the Convention and Conference held in June 2007. However, should any vacancy occur prior to the 2007 Convention and Conference it shall be filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 16, of this Constitution and By-laws.

Best wishes for a Successful Convention



**From the Officers and
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Question Two submitted by the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department amends Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution and deletes the requirement that a member of the Association can serve on only two (2) Standing Committees or one (1) Special Committee.

The Standing Committees shall be appointed annually by the President, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. [No member shall serve on more than two (2) Standing Committees and one (1) Special Committee, except in the case of a committee the constituency of which is determined by the MSFA Constitution and By-laws.]

Question Three submitted by the Association amends Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution and changes the length of term of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary and requires they be elected in alternate years. This change was recommended by an external auditor during a financial review of the Association.

The President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, [Financial Secretary, Treasurer] and Chief Chaplain shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees.

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Question Four submitted by the Association amends Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and renames the Auditing Committee. This change was recommended by an external auditor during a financial review of the Association.

The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:
[Auditing] Financial Review Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Question Five submitted by the Association amends Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and combines the Historical & Archives Committee with the Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee.

The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:
Historical, [&] Archives & Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee- At least [five (5)] seven (7) members all to be appointed annually.

[Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee- Delete this paragraph in its entirety]

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Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad
Second District Volunteer Fire Department and rescue Squad
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Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad
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St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
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of the
Leonardtown
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
and its AUXILIARY**

**EXTEND BEST WISHES TO THE
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for a successful 2006 conversion

**Congratulations
Bobbie McWilliams
President, LAMSFA
We are very proud of you**

**Congratulations
Bobby Balta
President, MSFA
Have a great year**

PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY
of the
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006

6:00 pm Joint Officers Banquet – Main Ball Room – By Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2006

8:00 am Exhibitors Registration – Ground Floor Exhibit Areas
9:30 am Honor Guard Contest Registration and Practice – Room 209
10:00-12:00 **Convention Registration** - Main Ball Room
10:00-12:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
10:00-12:00 Free Bus Passes – Ground Floor Foyer
11:00-12:00 Training - Income Tax Incentive “Are you there yet?” - Room 202
12:00 pm **HONOR GUARD CONTEST** – Main Ball Room
12:30 pm Education and Training Seminars – East Hall
7:00 pm **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Main Ballroom – Dress Uniforms Please
8:15 pm Reception – Convention Center – Upper Foyers

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

7:30 am Musical Selections - Westminster Band - Main Ball Room
8:00 am Convention Events Tickets Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
8:00 am Free Bus Passes – Ground Floor Foyer
8:30 am **CALL TO ORDER** – First Session – President Lee Sachs – Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard Contest Winners
9:00 am Exhibits Open

FIRST SESSION

11:45-12:30 **REGISTRATION**
1:00 pm **CALL TO ORDER** – President-Bobbie McWilliams
Presentation of Colors – Color Bearers Anne Price-Davis and Darby Byrd
Invocation by Chaplain Teresa Crisman
Pledge to the Flag – President Bobbie McWilliams
Conference Song – Music Chairman Susan Derlumas
Welcome – Convention Chairman Flo Collins
Greetings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers for 2006 – 2007

FIRST SESSION

Reading of Election Rules by Corresponding Secretary Sandi Lutz

Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents

Recognition of Guests

Recognition of MSFA President Lee Sachs

Report of the Credentials Chairman – Fran Fusco

Approval of the Minutes – Recording Secretary Lois Hetz

Report of the Treasurer – Kathy Knipple

Report of the Financial Secretary – Maureen Walker

AWARDS CEREMONY

Honey Award – Leonard King PP MSFA

Jane Todd Award – Perryville Ladies Auxiliary

Hall of Fame Induction – Leone Gatton PP Chairman

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Communication and Bills – Corresponding Secretary Sandi Lutz

Unfinished Business

Door Prize Drawings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Benediction – Vice Chaplain Sherry Soper

Recess

3:00 pm **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Main Ballroom

4:30 pm Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 4:15 hours

5:00 pm **EXHIBITORS RECEPTION** – Convention Center-Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside

By Invitation Only

6:00 pm **BASKET BINGO** – Convention Center, Ballroom C

7:30 pm **MONDAY NIGHT BEACH PARTY** – Rear of Convention Center

9:30 pm **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** – Rear of the Convention Center Over the Bay

TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2006

SECOND SESSION

8:00–8:45 REGISTRATION

BALLOTING – For Election of Officer

(Only the Person with the Chairman of the Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No Auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's Badge)

9:00 am **CALL TO ORDER** – President Bobbie McWilliams

INVOCATION By Chaplain Teresa Crisman

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

9:30-10:00am **BALLOTING** for Proposed Amendments

(Only the Person with the Chairman of the Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No Auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's Badge)

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION – Chairman Jane Huffman

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE – Chairman PP Alvera Miller

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ads and Patrons – Juanita Colwell

Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund – Co-chairs Joyce Thorne and Betty Radisch

Pins and Badges – Marion Nicholson

TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2006

SECOND SESSION

Safety – Nancy Jones

Ways and Means – Gloria Schaeffer and Kim Thomas

Hall of Fame – Leone Gatton

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS – Chairman Fran Fusco

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

BENEDICTION – Vice Chaplain Sherry Soper

RECESS

MEETING OF THE 2006-2007 OFFICERS, PAST PRESIDENTS AND PAGES
IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM

12:30–3:30 **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** – Outside Rear of Convention Center
(Admission by ticket ONLY)

4:30 pm Exhibits Close – No entry to exhibit areas after 4:15 hours

6:30 pm **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Main Ball Room

8:30 pm **JOINT RECEPTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS** – Upper Foyers

10:00 pm **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** – Main Ball Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006

THIRD SESSION

8:30-9:00 am Registration

9:15 am **CALL TO ORDER** - President Patricia Deamond

Invocation - Chaplain

Dismissal of 2005-2006 Committee -

Except Ads and Patrons, Past President Bobbie McWilliams

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Committee Appointment 2006 - 2007 - President Patricia Deamond

New Business

Good of the Order

Door Prize - Ocean City Auxiliary

Adjourn Convention Meeting

Benediction - Vice Chaplain

Retirement of Colors

11:30 am Past President Luncheon - by Invitation Only

1:00 pm Exhibits Close – No entry after 1245 hours

1:00 pm **FIREMEN'S PARADE** – Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine

5:00 pm Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center South Parking Lot

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2006

7:30 am Golf Tournament - Eagles Landing Golf Course

CONGRATULATIONS MOM

On a successful year as President of the LAMSPA



As your husband and family, we are all so proud of your dedication and accomplishment. We love you lots and are glad to have you back with us.

Love, George, Gail, Georgie, Lynn, Carol, Philip, Lissa, Brian, Lindsay, Sean, Michael, Emily and Donnie, Tommy and Kathleen.



*Report of the
President*

As my year winds down I have such mixed feelings. The thoughts of more time at home but on the other hand, the thoughts of missing all the meetings, dinners and good times really make me sad. What a great organization we have in the LAMSFA and MSFA. All the great things they have accomplished and strove for make me so proud to be such a part of the wheels that make it turn. To install the different auxiliaries has been such an honor and a privilege. To install my own granddaughter Miss Em as President of the Junior Ladies of the Seventh District. Events do come full circle. My travels have been over 14,000 miles of representing the LAMSFA. Your hospitality and friendship will be remembered and you will always be dear to me.

To My Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary of the Seventh District, Thank you for all your hard work to help make the money you so generously gave me to help make my job easier. For the use of the department vehicle. All I needed to do was ask and you all tried to make it happen. I hope I have made you all proud and helped put the Seventh District (St. Mary's County) on the map. To my Auxiliary for the work you put into the conference and soliciting the necessary ads that made us tops in our procedure book three years in a row.

To Hollywood Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Seventh District Rescue Squad for all your work on the conference and the open house. Such dear friends you all are to me.

The Southern Maryland Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary has been a part of my life since 1961. Thanks for always supporting me.

To the LAMSFA officers, you ladies have been super. We have worked well together as a team. I couldn't have done my job without each and everyone of you. You had confidence in me and helped make us have a very successful year. Our goal has been unity and I think we have shown that. I will always be there for each and everyone of you if I am needed. May each of you have the success in your job that you deserve.

To all the PP's and members of the LAMSFA, thanks for your support.

To my co-partner President Lee Sach, I can't say enough about this Gentleman. He is indeed a Gentlemen's Gentleman. Any suggestion that I ever had Lee would say "whatever you want. I'm sure that you can handle it." I think we were a good team. He has been an outstanding leader of the MSFA. To 1st Vice President Balta and 2nd Vice President Sterling, I wish you all the best. Your leadership will continue to make this a great Association.

I can't leave out my traveling companions, Joyce Thorne and Betty Radisch. They have both been great friends and advisers to me. Assisting me with my speeches and giving me nothing but confidence in myself. Besides that we had great fun getting lost on the back roads and sometimes we even got to our destination early enough to shop. Thank you girls!

Last but never least, my family. For all the rearranging of family birthdays, parties, etc. to fit around my schedule. Always giving me encouragement that I could do the job and do it right. Thanks to my children, Gail, Georgie, Lynn and Carol; in-laws too; my grandchildren, Philip, Lissa, Lindsay, Brian, Sean, Michael, and Miss Em who never fail to tell me how proud they are of what I have accomplished. My favorite fellow George who tells me everyday what a good job I've done. This has been my dream and you all have helped me to fulfill it.

Thank you!
Bobbie McWilliams



*Report of the
Senior Vice President*

I am proud to serve as Senior Vice President of the LAMSFA. It has been a dream come true for me to represent our great organization as an officer. I truly feel it is both a privilege and honor to be elected to the offices of our State Auxiliary.

Many thanks to all the State Auxiliaries and Fire Companies for their invitations I received this past year. I appreciate each and every one attending as many events as possible. As I have traveled this beautiful state, I've been welcomed and greeted with kindness and warm hospitality. Most of all, I have been given the opportunity to meet and get to know so many wonderful people.

*From the Ashes of a Stable, the North East Fire
Company, Inc. was formed.*

1922-2006

**84 years of dedicated service to the community of
North East, Maryland**



**Best Wishes to Patricia Deamond in her 2006-2007 reign
as the LAMSFA President!**

**Stephen Piatelli
Chief**

**Otis Isaacs, Jr.
President**

**Congratulations to Patricia Deamond on a successful
year as Vice President of the LAMSFA!**

**Congrats also to our own Ladies Auxiliary of the North
East Fire Company on their 77th Anniversary!!!**

**From the Officers and Members of the North East Fire
Company, Inc.**

I have represented President Barbara McWilliams at banquets, installations, and anniversary celebrations. In addition, I have attended the following: the ground breaking ceremony for the Maryland Fire-Rescue Service Memorial, MSFA's Executive, Fire Prevention and Convention Committee meetings; auxiliary and fire department banquets, Miss Fire Prevention contests, county meetings and Conferences. Miles traveled this year totaled approximately 6,000 miles.

I am very grateful and appreciate the continued support of my home Auxiliary and Fire Company of North East, Cecil County's Firemen's Association, their Ladies Auxiliary, and the Harford-Cecil Firemen's Association. It is my honor and pleasure to represent all of you.

To my Past President Janet Pfeiffer and Page Linda Slicer, I appreciate your encouragement and friendships. Many thanks to dear friends Past President Nora Ryan and Joanne Irwin for your assistance and support.

To my husband Terry, and father, Amos Lockard, your continued unselfish love, support and encouragement have made it possible for me to continue my dream and goal.

Finally, thanks to God for giving me faith, strength, and carrying me through those difficult and trying times. I truly saw your footprints.

I extend congratulations to MSFA President Lee Sachs and LAMSFA President Barbara McWilliams on a great and successful year. To incoming MSFA President Bobby Balta and wife Glema, I have welcomed your friendships and look forward to this next year. I'm confident that the unity and working relationship between our two associations will become even stronger during our terms as Presidents of the MSFA and LAMSFA.

To the incoming officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA for 2006-2007, may we have a safe, successful and productive year. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia L. Deamond



*Report of the
Junior Vice President*

It has been a pleasure serving as the Junior Vice President of the LAMSFA. My most sincere thanks to everyone for the many invitations sent to me. I have attended as many events as possible over the past year and had the honor of installing several new auxiliary officers. Your friendship, hospitality, and generosity have made my travels throughout the state very enjoyable. The events include the MSFA Executive Committee meetings, LAMSFA Conferences, Fire Prevention, Convention, By-law, and Transportation committee meetings, memorials, auxiliary county meetings, auxiliary and fire department banquets and county conventions. I also want to extend my thanks to the Gamber Auxiliary and the Carroll County Auxiliary for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Pandolfini



*Report of the
Chaplain*

It has been a great pleasure to serve as your 2005-2006 Chaplain to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This past year I have been able to travel many miles and have been able to see friends new and old, and bear witness to the many dedicated hours that we as an auxiliary give to our departments, community and the great volunteer spirit that we all have. Our mission though it is simple, the dedication that is shown by each of you is very outstanding. I have always said that this auxiliary and the many member auxiliary's that make up the LAMSFA is one of the best in the world. And I am very proud to be an officer and member of such a fine group of people.

***Best Wishes for a Successful Maryland
State Firemen's Association
Convention
2006***



***Congratulate Incoming
Senior Vice-President
Rose Pandolfini***



***From the Officers and Members of the
Gamber & Community Fire Company***

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President***

***Dennis Brothers
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This office brings joys and sometimes sadness, this past year we lost one of our past presidents, Loretta Hall of Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary. To the family and friends and to the officers and members of the Cabin John Park Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary I extend to you all with a deep heart that I am truly sorry for this. Mrs. Hall was a very special person to so many of us. She will be sorely missed.

I would also like to extend to Past President Joyce Thorne my heart felt sympathy on the passing of Mr. Paul. When I was little, we used to go to the house and I would spend hours with you and your family and Mr. Paul always made sure that I had what ever I wanted. Sitting on your back porch we would play with the boys and he would watch over us as if we were his own kids and the guidance that you and Mr. Paul gave me I will never forget. I know that he is watching over all of us right now and will especially be watching come September during the convention and when it's hook up time.

I would like to thank the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Ladies Auxiliary on the continued support that you have shown to me.

Listed below are the names of the 125 2005 Deceased Ladies Auxiliary Members, May their spirit always be with us and as they lead us to our next steps we take. Please never forget their memory, their laugh and their love of the auxiliary.

The following members from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary of Montgomery County were accidentally omitted during the printing of the Chaplains report last year. At this time I would like to include them this year report. They are: Sarah V. Dantz, Frances N. Davis, Mary A. Hobbs and Elizabeth Wacker

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Ann Crisman
Chaplain LAMSFA 2005-2006

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Baltimore Pike VFC Aux. - Laverne C. Ruppert
Barton Hose Co. #1 - Phillis J. Fazenbaker
Bedford Road VFD Aux. - Cecelia B. Newcomb
Bedford Road VFD Aux. - Dorthy A. Wilson
Corriganville VF C Aux. - Charlotte M. Burley
Corriganville VFC Aux. - Geneva E. Geiger
Ellerslie VFC Aux. - Caroline M. Simkins
Goodwill VFC Aux. - Ann E. Nightingale
LaVale VFD Aux. - Mary F. Roberts
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Midland Fire Co. # 1 Aux. - Elizabeth M. Kelley
Midland Fire Co. # 1 Aux. - Anges V. Meyers
Mount Savage VFC #1 Aux. - Ruffie G. Hott
Mount Savage VFC #1 Aux. - Sarah A. Werner
Oldtown VFD Aux. - Annie E. Dixon
Oldtown VFD Aux. - Mary M. McDonald
Potomac Fire Co. #2 Aux. - Leoma M. Davisson

Anne Arundel

LA to the Jessup VFD Inc. - Vincent Sherry A
LA to the Odenton VFC - Ruth I. Lyon
LA to the Odenton VFC - Betty Kemp
LA to the Odenton VFC - Janet Ecman
Lake Shore VFC Aux. - Nellie L. Whitney

Calvert

Solomons 3rd Alarm Aux. - Mabel M. Winegardner
Solomons 3rd Alarm Aux. - Malinda A. Hancock

Caroline

Denton VFC Aux. - Elsie Schlagel

Carroll

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- Gladys J. Foster
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- Betty R. Kemp
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- Rhoda P. Shilke
Aux. to the Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. #6
- Eisie J. Slonaker
Aux. to the Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. #7
- Hazel M. Spahr
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Harney Ladies Aux. - Marguerite Six
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Lineboro Aux. to the Lineboro Fire Co. - Vaughn C. Thurman
LA to the Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co.#1
- Emma L. Ogg
- Goldie Sanders

Aux. to the Mount Airy VFC - Ethel E. Harrison
New Windsor Aux. - Lillian G. Coe
New Windsor Aux. - Betty Hooper
New Windsor Aux. - Marianne Kreimer
New Windsor Aux. - Edna Parrish
Aux. to the Sykesville Freedom District FD
- Gail E. Greenwood Anzalone
- Polly Spencer

Taneytown VFC #1 Ladies Aux. - Lorraine Dupel
Taneytown VFC #1 Ladies Aux. - Laura Mills
Taneytown VFC #1 Ladies Aux. - Marguerite Six

Cecil

Community Fire Co of Perryville LA - Lillian F. Sinclair
Community Fire Co of Perryville LA - Elva Singleton
Northeast Fire Company Ladies Aux. - Lizzetta L. Rhudy
LA Singerly Fire Co. - Florence Smith
LA Singerly Fire Co. - Ruth Moore
LA Singerly Fire Co. - Patricia A. Ellis

Charles

LA to the Benedict VFD - Dorothy Summers
LA to the Benedict VFD - Margaret DeMarr
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Waldorf VFD & EMS Assoc. Ladies Aux - Lillian A. Clark

Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association, Inc.

Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

*Serving the Glenn Dale Fire Association
and the Community
Since 1946*

Membership:

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<i>Sharon Becraft</i>	<i>Helen Lindsey</i>
<i>John Benjamin</i>	<i>Sandi Lutz</i>
<i>Kathy Benjamin</i>	<i>Jennifer McGillin</i>
<i>Marie Benjamin</i>	<i>Karen McGillin</i>
<i>Shirley Brumbaugh</i>	<i>Alice Moore</i>
<i>Lois Carlson</i>	<i>Carolyn Moore</i>
<i>Brenda Clark</i>	<i>Kathy Moran</i>
<i>Dorothy Decker</i>	<i>Winnie Ouellette</i>
<i>Donna Deener</i>	<i>Ardy Peters</i>
<i>George Deener</i>	<i>Dot Sauer</i>
<i>Peggy Derrick</i>	<i>Pat Seaton</i>
<i>Cindy Dimate</i>	<i>Dinah Sosebee</i>
<i>Bonnie Duley</i>	<i>Ruth Waters</i>
<i>Angela Fowler</i>	<i>Patty Wilson</i>



MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Frederick

Aux. of the Junior Fire Co. #2 - Bernhardt "Bernie" Brust
 Aux. of the Junior Fire Co. #2 - Catherine Blumenauer
 Aux. of the Junior Fire Co. #2 - Ruth Hopkins
 Lewistown Aux. - Mary Jo Gardiner
 LA Middletown VFC - Mary L. Rice
 LA Middletown VFC - Jane C. G. Michael
 New Market Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Eleanor C. Boyer
 New Market Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Frances C. Ridgley
 New Market Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Mary Wood
 LA to the Woodsboro VFC - Lamana A. Smith
 LA to the Woodsboro VFC - Ethel V. Cutshall

Garrett

Deep Creek VFD Aux. - Beradine I. Long
 Deep Creek VFD Aux. - Alice Smith
 Eastern Garrett Cty Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept. Aux.
 - Geneva V. Railey
 - Dorothy A. Lotz
 - Virgie C. McKenzie

Grantsville VFD Aux. - B. Leota Murray

Kitzmiller VFD Aux. - Bessie M. Murray

Harford

Jarrettsville VFC Ladies Aux. - Lauria M. Vocke
 Level VFC Inc. Ladies Aux. - Mabel L. DuBree
 Susquehanna Hose Co. Ladies Aux. - Alma L. Price

Howard

LA Lisbon Vol. Fire Co. - Joyce Lowery
 LA Lisbon Vol. Fire Co. - Eleanor Frizzell
 Aux. to Howard Cty Fire & Rescue - Emma Howes
 Aux. to Howard Cty Fire & Rescue - Peggy Wilkerson
 West Friendship VFD Aux. - Edith M. Gunther

Kent

Chestertown VFC Aux. - Betty Blackiston
 Chestertown VFC Aux. - Claude Joyner
 Chestertown VFC Aux. - Albert Williams

Montgomery

Burtonsville VFD Aux. - Louise E. Dell
 Cabin John Park VFD. Ladies Aux. - Loretta Hall
 LA of the Hyattstown VFD - Frances "Naomi" Sweet
 LA of the Hyattstown VFD - Betty E. Ward Knight
 LA of the Hyattstown VFD - Lillian Giesler
 LA of the Hyattstown VFD - Lewis A. "Abe" Cross Sr.

Prince George's

Baden VFD Aux. - Josephine Thomas
 Brentwood VFD Ladies Aux. - Raffie Corrado
 Capitol Heights VFC #1 Aux. - Barbara J. Przekop
 LA of the Cottage City Fire Co. - Agnes M. Scott
 Glenn Dale Fire Assoc. Aux. - June Sosebee
 Glenn Dale Fire Assoc. Aux. - Viola S. Thomas
 Glenn Dale Fire Assoc. Aux. - Shirley P. Gattton
 Greenbelt VFD & Rescue Sqd. LA - Betty Wynkoop
 Hillside VFD - Dorothy M. Spence
 Hillside VFD - Alice Morris
 Aux. To the Laurel VFD - Myrtle Graeul
 Riverdale Heights VFD & Res. Sqd. - Myrtle Siedling
 West Lanham Hills VFD - Amanda Moore
 West Lanham Hills VFD - Wilma Smith

Queen Anne's

Sudlersville Fire Co. Aux. - April M. Lister

St. Mary's

Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Elizabeth A. Abell
 Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Elaine M. Sanger
 Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Mary E. Lillian Miedlinski
 Second District VFD & Res. Sqd. Aux. - Anna D. Mattingly

Washington

Ladies Aux. to the Fairplay VFD - Edna Mae Dayton
 Smithsburg VFC Aux. - Elizabeth Ginn
 Smithsburg VFC Aux. - Julia Hayes
 Smithsburg VFC Aux. - Studie Winders
 Smithsburg VFC Aux. - Norma Yellott
 Smithsburg VFC Aux. - Dorothy Hessong

Wicomico

Ladies Aux. to the Sharpstown VFD - Virgie T. Richardson

Worcester

Ocean City VFC Ladies Aux. - Sharon "Sherry" Lewis

Report of the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund

Officers, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. It is our privilege to report to you as Co-Chairmen of the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund Committee.

Due to the generous support of the members of both associations, we are able to report the following receipts as of May 1, 2006.

Lottery	\$ 11,330.00
Auxiliary Donations	4,550.00
Fire Department Donations	3,700.00
Memorial Donations	1,845.00
Individual Donations	1,025.00
Conference Raffles	610.00
Convention Raffles	861.00
Picture Raffles	193.00
Sale of Susan Pins	375.00
Miscellaneous	320.00

President Bobbie McWilliams has issued vouchers for fifty (53) cases totaling \$39,450.00 in the following counties:

Allegany County	10	Queen Anne	3
Anne Arundel	2	Prince George's	2
Baltimore	2	Somerset	1
Caroline	2	St. Mary's	3
Cecil	3	Talbot	1
Charles	4	Washington	11
Frederick	2	Wicomico	1
Harford	2	Worcester	2
Kent	2		

Thanks to President McWilliams for allowing us to chair this committee. Special thanks to our committee members for their dedication and willingness to do whatever has been asked of them. We greatly appreciate the support and cooperation of MSFA President Sachs, his officers, members of the Executive Board, and the members of the individual companies of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliaries.

Congratulations to Presidents

Lee Sachs

And

Barbara McWilliams

For a very successful year

And

Best Wishes to Incoming Presidents

Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr.

And

Patricia Deamond



From the
Officers and Members
of the
Bryans Road
Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad
and
Ladies Auxiliary

It is through the support of everyone that this committee is able to continue to assist the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce A. Thorne, Chairman
Betty Radisch, Co-Chairman

*Report of the
Legislative Committee*

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the Ladies' Auxiliary's Legislative Committee. Our committee members are Rose Davis, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Betty Radisch and Betty Reamy and I. Our responsibility is to manage many of the administrative duties of the MSFA's Legislative Office located at 17 State Circle in Annapolis during the State of Maryland's General Assembly Session beginning in January and ending in April of each year. The six of us have traveled 9,063 miles and made 98 visits in order to work 657 hours at 17 State Circle this year.

We truly worked as a team. We have divided our administrative duties so that each member has specific duties in addition to day-to-day responsibilities. We have written an Administrative Standard Operating Procedure for our office staff to use as a working tool during the General Assembly Session. Since there are changes in procedures each year, it will be the responsibility of future Committee members to keep this SOP Current.

We prepared the correspondence required for the Legislative Reception, and also worked at the Reception. We prepared correspondence to cancel the Emergency Services Display because of construction; and, the end of the Session letter of appreciation to the Governor and other State officials, including the 141 delegates and 47 senators. We hand delivered the end of Session letters to each senator and delegate's office.

We screened 1,749 House Bills, 10 House Joint Resolutions, 1,107 Senate Bills, and 16 Senate Joint Resolutions. We assembled twelve Legislative Bulletins — 28 copies were mailed, and 180 copies were sent electronically each week. I sincerely thank MSFA Legislative Committee Chair Danny Davis for his patience in teaching me how to assemble the Legislative Bulletin in a most efficient format.

We extend special thanks to Chair Danny Davis, Vice Chair Richard Yinger, President Lee Sachs, Vice President Balta and Vice President Sterling for their caring support and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Webb, Chair
Rose Davis,
Candy Mitchell
Betty Radisch,
Betty Reamy
Marie Soutar

*Report of the
Fire Prevention Committee*

A "Thank You" to President Bobbie McWilliams for my appointment as Fire Prevention Chairperson this past year. Also, thank you for the appointment of the many dedicated members to this committee.

As in years past, this committee has proven to be a very active one. One of the main duties of the Fire Prevention Committee is to encourage and promote a program of fire prevention amongst the auxiliaries. Although it is difficult to reach out to everyone, we had 37 auxiliaries and members that participated in our special project ~ Creating a Fire Prevention Brochure. It was a very difficult task for the judges to choose three winners from the entries and our goal was to reproduce and distribute the winning brochures in the upcoming months. To date, we have made a profit of over \$1,300.00 at our conferences and special raffles and we hope to double that by the end of convention. These funds will assist us in reproducing the winning brochures.

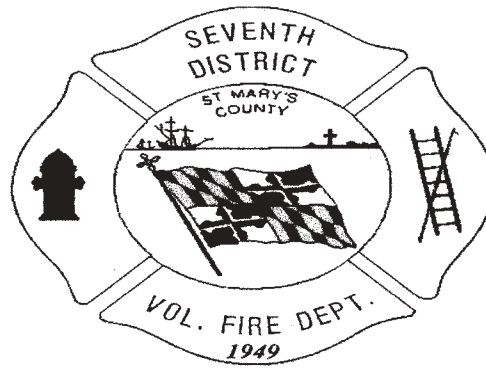
We were also presented with three nominations for the Silver Spring Award and two entries for the Jane Todd Award, which is sponsored by the Perryville Ladies Auxiliary. Again, it was difficult for the judges to choose a winner as all of the entries merited honors. I would like to encourage leaders of all of our fire companies and auxiliaries to look closely at the personnel that are actively working on your fire prevention committees. Please acknowledge their good work by submitting their names for the state awards.

It takes someone special to have the enthusiasm to go into the community, coordinate events, and promote fire safety. It also takes a special leader to acknowledge their good work! Hopefully, next year we will have double or triple the amount of nominees! Congratulations to all of the auxiliaries and members who participated.

Another duty of the fire prevention committee is to provide our members with literature and hopefully educate as we do so. We provided everyone with an enormous amount of literature, brochures, and activity sheets that were reproducible for Open Houses and other events. We have had many requests for the age-appropriate activity sheets for distribution at many local daycares.

I have researched CPSC on a regular basis for any recall notices relating to fire hazards and have reported them at fire prevention meetings, and conferences, and have started the "Recall Book" for browsing the notices.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Collins, Chairperson of the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee for including the LAMSFA committee in all of his committee's endeavors and encouraging our input at the joint meetings. Thank



*The Officers and Members of the
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary*

Offer our congratulations to

Barbara McWilliams on A Great Job

As President to the

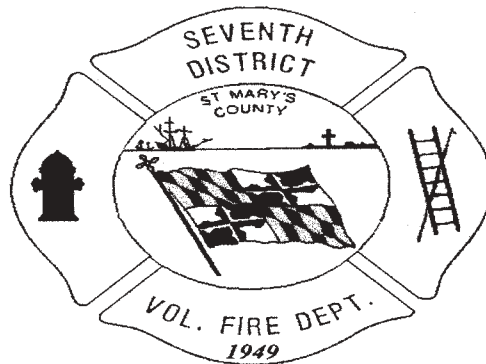
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We also extend our best wishes to all of

the incoming officers to the LA-MSFA and the

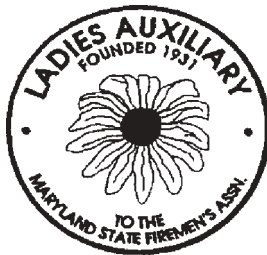
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you to my friend, Amy Baysinger of Columbia for donating the crocheted afghan and for cross-stitching the antique fire engine for our annual raffle. Also thank you to Richard Yinger for graciously framing the cross-stitched picture for the committee.

A special "thank you" to my committee members. Without these ladies and gents, I would not be able to comfortably chair this committee, as my family obligations have grown. They each know what their jobs are and jump right to it without hesitation. Many of us have been together for the past 10 years and some are brand new. But all are very special people and many good friendships have been formed. Hopefully we will all be working together again next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Huffman, Chairperson



*History of the
Ladies' Auxiliary President's Pin*

Past President Virginia Lee Chenoweth, who served LAMSFA 1936-1937, held this organization dear to her heart. She was delighted at the interest shown by members in the little gold helmet. Her father, captain Daniel L. Holden, Jr., was very proud of the little hat given to him by the Baltimore City Chief Engineer for his cooperation as a volunteer with the paid departments of Baltimore City. He was then a member of West Forest Park Volunteers, a company he helped to organize and endow. The company was annexed later by Baltimore City.

This token was presented to the Auxiliary in Captain Holden's memory by Virginia's sister, Mrs. Carl W. Markham, at the Hospital Ball held at the old Rennert Hotel in 1935. That was beginning of the present Hospital Fund. Older members would never forget it as she was Hospital Chairman and received that hat for the Auxiliary President.

At that time, it was requested that each President wear the little helmet with the hope it would be an inspiration to them as it was badge of valor well earned. In 1994, the helmet pin was retired due to its delicate condition. It is in a shadow box along with a set of retired officers' pins. This box is passed onto each President for display as a reminder of the honor of serving the Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen's Association.

**Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland
State Firemen's Association
Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes**

The proposed change is in **bold print** and the proposed deletions are [bracketed and underlined]

Submitted by: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee

ARTICLE II – Dues and Other Monies

Section 1. Dues of twenty-five (\$25.00) shall be paid annually for the current year (July 1 – June 30) by Fall Conference. Any auxiliary whose dues have not been paid by Fall Conference will be notified by certified return receipt requested mail. If dues are not paid by December 31st of the current year the Auxiliary will be automatically dropped from membership. Any auxiliary joining after December 31st shall pay dues of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50). Any auxiliary whose membership has lapsed on December 31st for the current year must pay the full current dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)] to be reinstated and to be members in good standing.

Section 1. Dues of **thirty dollars (\$30.00)** shall be paid annually for the current year (July 1 – June 30) by Fall Conference. Any auxiliary whose dues have not been paid by Fall Conference will be notified by certified return receipt requested mail. If dues are not paid by December 31st of the current year the Auxiliary will be automatically dropped from membership. Any auxiliary joining after December 31st shall pay dues of **fifteen dollars (\$15.00)**. Any auxiliary whose membership has lapsed on December 31st for the current year must pay the full current dues of **thirty dollars (\$30.00)** to be reinstated and to be members in good standing.

**Compliments of the
Manchester Volunteer Fire Department Inc.
And Ladies Auxiliary
Box 416
Manchester, Md. 21102**

Offices for the Year 2006

Administrative

President – Richard A. Dell
1st V. Pres. – David Marshall
2nd V. Pres. – Douglas Wheeler
Treasurer – Ralph Dull
Asst. Treasurer – Steve Miller
Recording Secretary – Anna Marshall
Asst. Recording Secretary – Elwin Wagner
Financial Secretary – Carolyn Gleespen
Asst. Financial Secretary – Kathy Rhodes
Chaplain – Thomas Barnes
Asst. Chaplain – Terri Lankford
Delegates to CCVFA – Ralph Dull & Malcolm Helwig

Board of Directors

David Marshall	Kathy Rhodes
Doug Wheeler	Brian Graf
Wade miracle	Glenn Harris
Clyde Kreitzer	

Ladies Auxiliary

President – Linda Black
V. Pres. – Pat Kreitzer
Financial Secretary – Jean Ogg
Recording Secretary – June Black
Treasurer – Lisa Nightingale
Chaplain – Helen Eppley
Historian – Helen Miller

Suppression

Chief – Donald Nott Jr.
1st Asst. Chief – Chris Homigan
2nd Asst. Chief – Scott Hahn
Captain – Chuck Gouker
1st Lieutenant – **Wayne Van Dommelen**
2nd Lieutenant – Jim Mullaly

EMS

Captain – Malcolm Helwig
1st Lieutenant – Alex Perricone
2nd Lieutenant – Danny Bloskey
3rd Lieutenant – Tony O'ttomano

Congratulates to President Lee Sachs and all the committees for a very successful year and looking forward for another successful year under the leadership of Bobby Balta Jr.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Submitted by: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee

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Submitted by: Mary Alice Lare, Hampstead Auxiliary

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Section 1 b. All Past Presidents shall be entitled to one (1) vote and participate in the proceedings of the annual convention and all meetings. A Past President cannot cast a ballot as both a Past President and a delegate.

Submitted by: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee

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Submitted by: West Lanham Hills Auxiliary

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. Nomination of officers shall be opened at the Spring Conference by reading of nomination forms by the Corresponding Secretary and closed at the first session of the annual convention after nominations from the floor have been accepted. Election of officers shall be held at the third session of convention.

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Submitted by: Mary Alice Lare, Hampstead Auxiliary

ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Election of Officers

Section 2. A majority of the votes of the auxiliaries present and voting shall be required to elect. Each active auxiliary is entitled to five (5) votes **and all Past Presidents shall have one (1) vote.** Voting shall be by ballot.

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Submitted by: West Lanham Hills Auxiliary

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 5. Any member of an auxiliary which maintains active membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association shall be entitled to candidacy for office provided a nomination form, signed by the secretary and president of her/his auxiliary for said office is submitted. Candidate must be present, or submit a logical reason for absence in writing, at the first session of convention or her/his name will be crossed from the ballot. A letter of endorsement shall accompany the nomination form for a first time candidate. No auxiliary is entitled to more than one (1) elective office. All officers shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year. The President cannot succeed herself/himself. A candidate for the presidency must have served as Junior or Senior Vice President in the Auxiliary. All officers shall take the oath of office. An officer who is deemed derelict in the performance of her/his duties by the Executive Committee, shall appear before said committee to answer the charges of her/his dereliction. If the committee, by a majority vote of those present and voting, finds the charges valid after the hearing, s/he shall be removed from office.

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Submitted by: West Lanham Hills Auxiliary

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 4. The President shall appoint one (1) judge and four (4) tellers. After all ballots have been cast, the judge and tellers shall retire to a private room to count the votes. The judges shall report the count to the convention body.

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Section 6. Election rules as indicated below will govern the elections of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

6. Mark a vote in number only, zero (0) through five (5). A vote must be cast for each office even though there is only one (1) person running for office.

6 Each auxiliary eligible to vote will receive five (5) ballots in order to cast up to five (5) votes for each office. Only one (1) vote for each office may be cast on each ballot. To cast a vote, with a No. 2 pencil, completely fill in the box on the ballot line number that corresponds to your choice on the printed list of candidates. To cast a zero (0) or NO vote, leave the box blank. Any ballot that does not scan due to incorrect markings will be thrown out.

Submitted by: West Lanham Hills Auxiliary

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

7. Immediately after voting, the ballot shall be placed in the ballot box. Ballots are not to be removed from the ballot box until voting is officially completed, at which time the tellers shall verify with the Credential Committee the number of auxiliaries voting and the number of ballots returned. The judge and tellers will then retire to a specified room and start the count immediately.

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**The Officers and Members
of the
Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad
and Auxiliary
extend their Congratulations
to Barbara (Bobbie) McWilliams
for serving a successful year as
President LA-MSFA
and Best Wishes to
Paul (Bobby) Balta
for much success as you begin your
journey as President MSFA**



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Submitted by: Peggy A. Webb, Hyattstown Auxiliary

ARTICLE VII – Officers and Committees

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Submitted by: Elaine Huttenloch, Forestville Auxiliary

ARTICLE VII - Officers and Committees

Section 2 a. The standing committees shall be Ads and Patrons, Auditing, Bessie Marshal Benefit, Conference, Constitution and Bylaws, Convention, County Organizers and Sick, Credentials, Executive, Exhibits, Fire Prevention, Incentive Programs, Judge and Tellers, Legislative/17 State Circle, Membership, Music, Pages, Parliamentarian, Pins and Badges, Public Relations, Public Safety, Mary Smith Purdum Scholarship, Sick, Ways and Means and \$10,00.00 Raffle. All committees should have at least three (3) members, with the exception of the Parliamentarian, unless otherwise specified.

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Submitted by: West Lanham Auxiliary

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Section 4. No individual accounts of any type are to be opened up by any Committee Chairman without prior approval of the body. If and when a new committee is established, it will be listed in Article IX , Section 24. Funds from all committees are to be turned in to the Financial Secretary at least monthly.

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Submitted by: Peggy A. Webb, Hyattstown Auxiliary

ARTICLE VIII – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all conferences and convention meetings; be an ex officio member of all committees; appoint committees (standing and special committees to be appointed within thirty (30) days of installation); sign all orders on the Treasurer for payment of bills; countersign checks; make a report at annual convention and perform such other duties as may be required. She/he shall not approve payment of bills for special activities without the approval of the body. She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to postage, telephone, and travel and receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. She/he shall present a condensed report of her/his work to the Maryland State Firemen's Association at convention. In the event of a vacancy occurring in an elected office, the President shall appoint within thirty (30) days a past President to fill and serve the unexpired term, subject to approval of the Executive Committee, except for the offices of President and Chaplain, whose duties are the automatically assumed by Vice President and the Vice Chaplain.

Congratulations
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PANDOLFINI
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Best Wishes from your
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Submitted by: Peggy A. Webb, Hyattstown Auxiliary

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Section 12. The Color Bearer receiving the highest number of votes shall advance and retire the American Flag at each meeting. The Color Bearer receiving the lesser number of votes shall advance and retire the Maryland Flag at each meeting.

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Submitted by: West Lanham Hills Auxiliary

ARTICLE VIII – Duties of Officers

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive all communications and answer same; mail a sample ballot of all proposed amendments 30 days prior to the opening of annual convention and other correspondence requested by the President; send all changes of address to officers and committee chairmen; be responsible for the printing and distribution of nomination blanks to member auxiliaries by February 1st and make a report of same at the Spring Conference; be responsible for printing ballots at convention for the election of officers and proposed amendments; and make a report at the annual convention . Immediately following each convention she/he shall send any Past President who could not attend convention an acknowledgement note. She/he shall receive a working fund of fifty dollars (\$50.00). She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage and telephone, and receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. She/he shall coordinate the February 1st mailing with the Recording Secretary.

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Submitted by: Peggy A. Webb, Hyattstown Auxiliary

ARTICLE IX – Standing Committees

Section 9. The Exhibits Committee shall prepare committee identification signs for conferences and convention, and any other related materials requested by the President.

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New Section 11

Section 11. Hall of Fame Committee shall be responsible for the selection of members to the Hall of Fame. They shall provide copies of the rules to the Corresponding Secretary for the February 1st mailing to all auxiliaries. The chairman shall receive a working fund of \$75.00. He/She must submit a financial report to the Financial Secretary at the annual convention with a copy to the Recording Secretary. The committee shall consist of a chairman, and at least three (3) other members.

Change the numbering of all the other sections. All sections currently numbered 11 thru 29 shall be renumbered 12 thru 30.

Submitted by: West Lanham Hills Auxiliary

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Submitted by: Mary Alice Lare, Hampstead Auxiliary

BYLAWS

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Submitted by: Mary Alice Lare, Hampstead Auxiliary

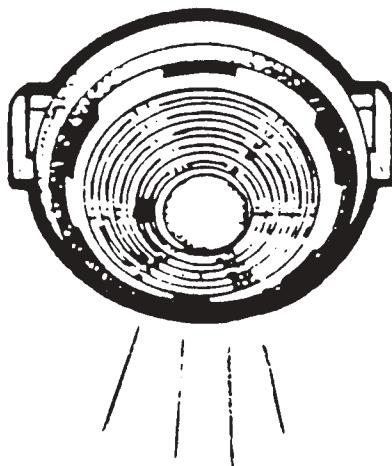
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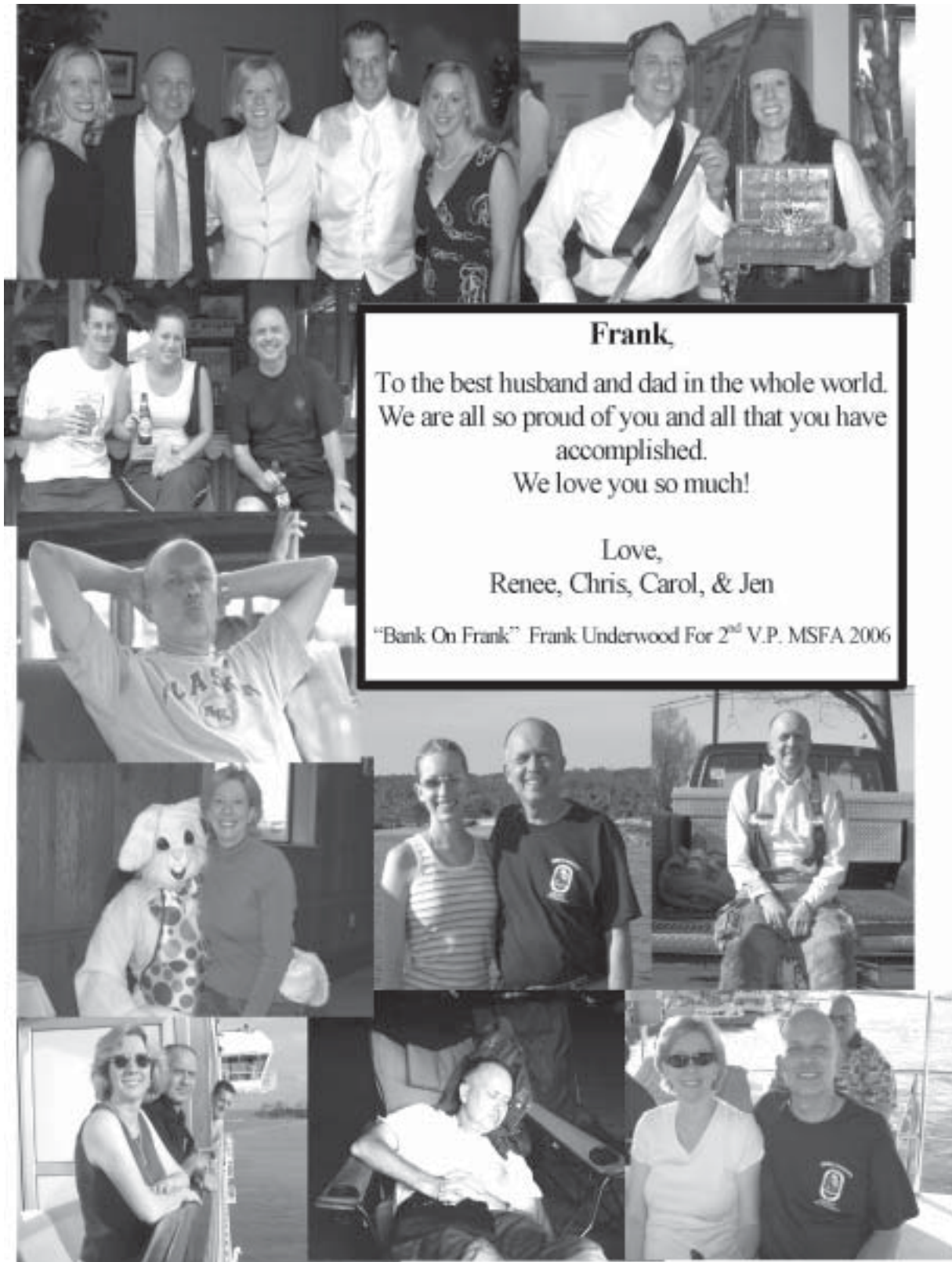
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Section 9. The Bylaws may be amended by written ballot a annual convention by a vote of two-thirds of delegates **and Past Presidents** and voting: provided the amendment or revision has been submitted in writing to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee sixty (60) days prior to said meeting, and has been submitted to all member auxiliaries thirty (30) days prior to convention by the Corresponding Secretary.

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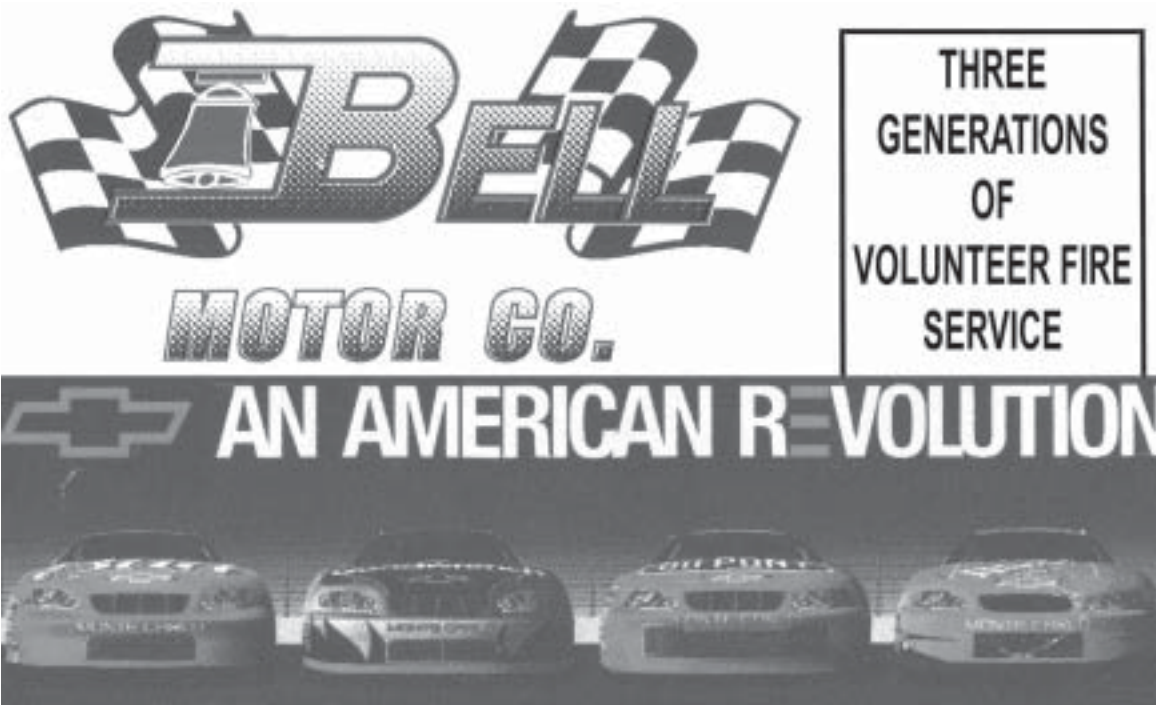
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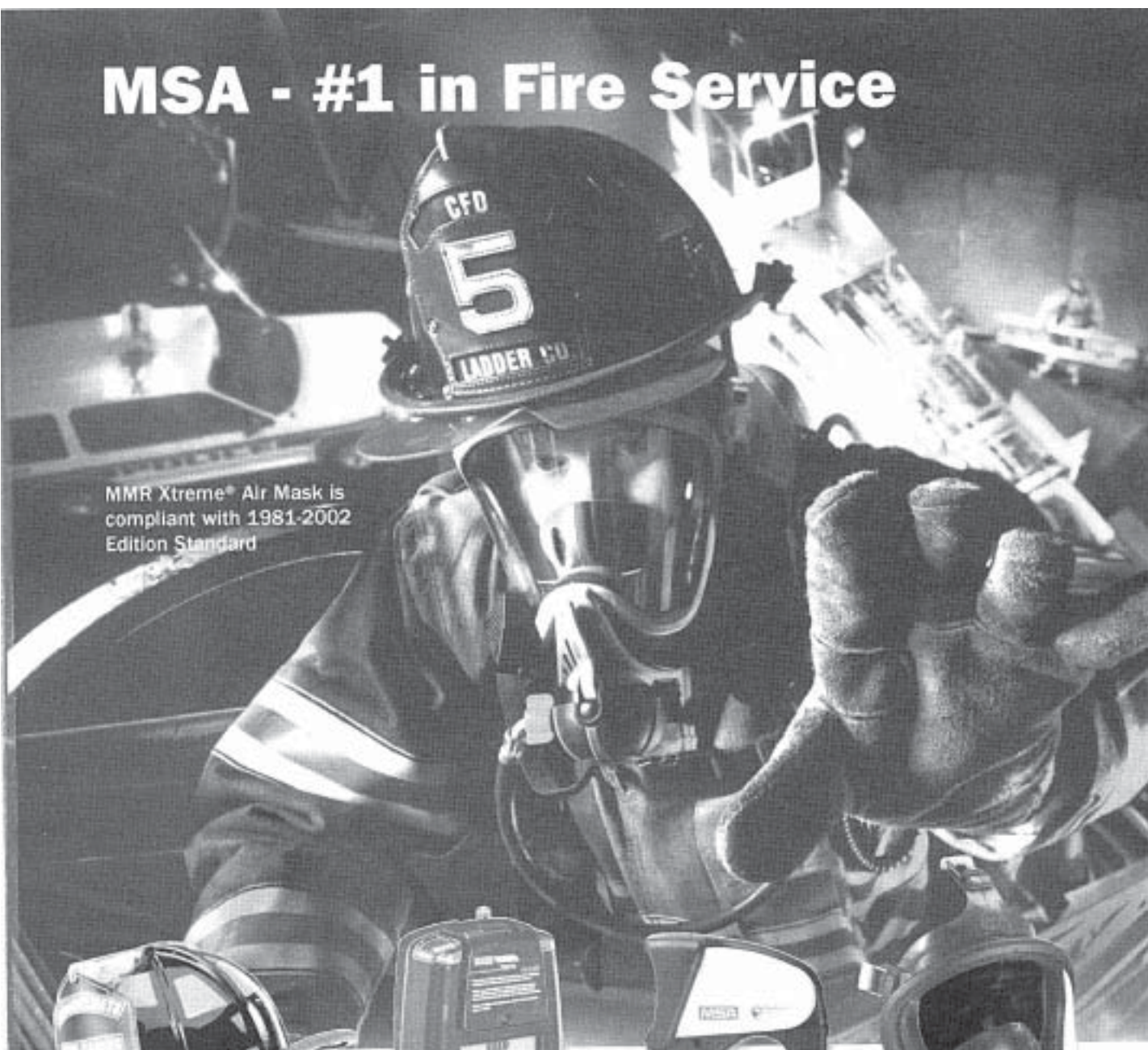
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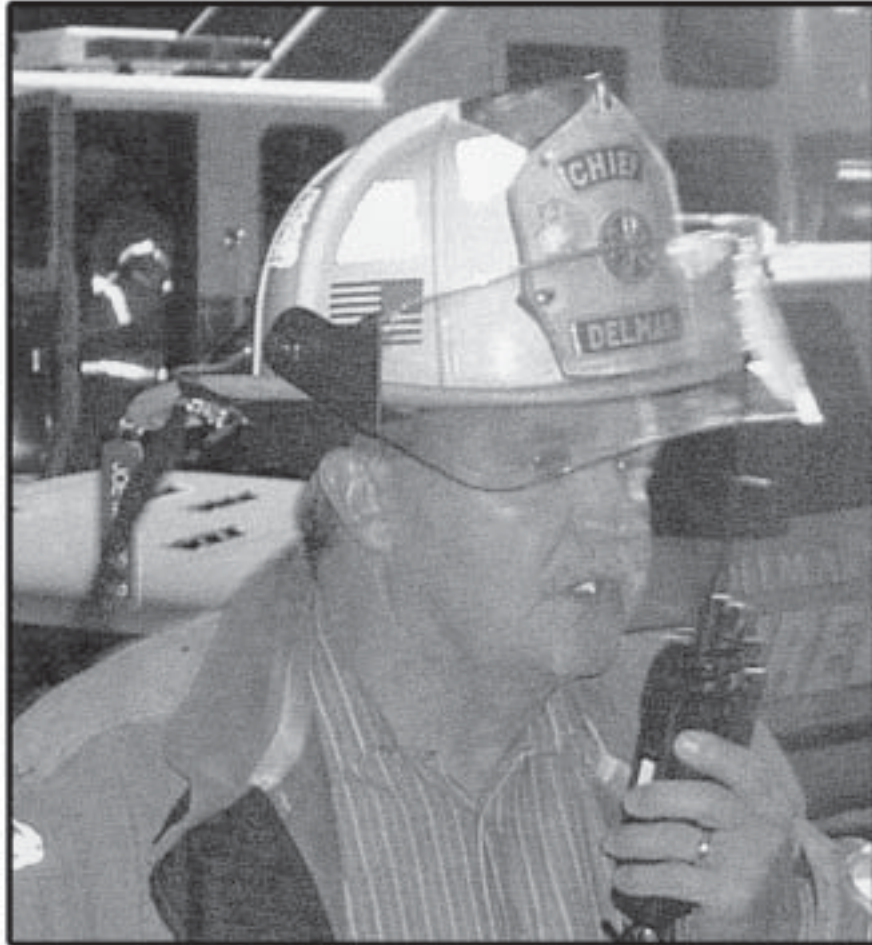
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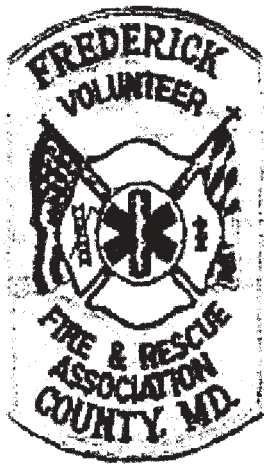
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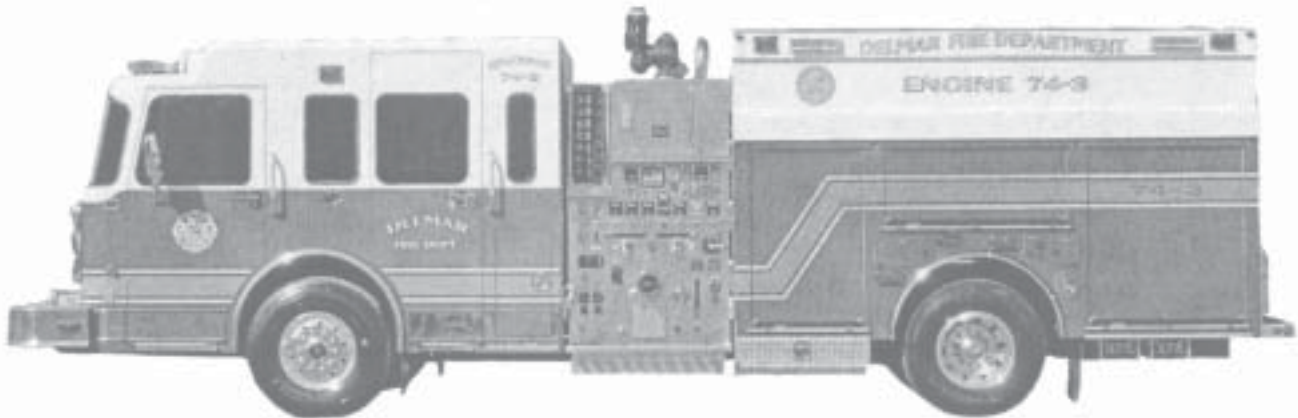
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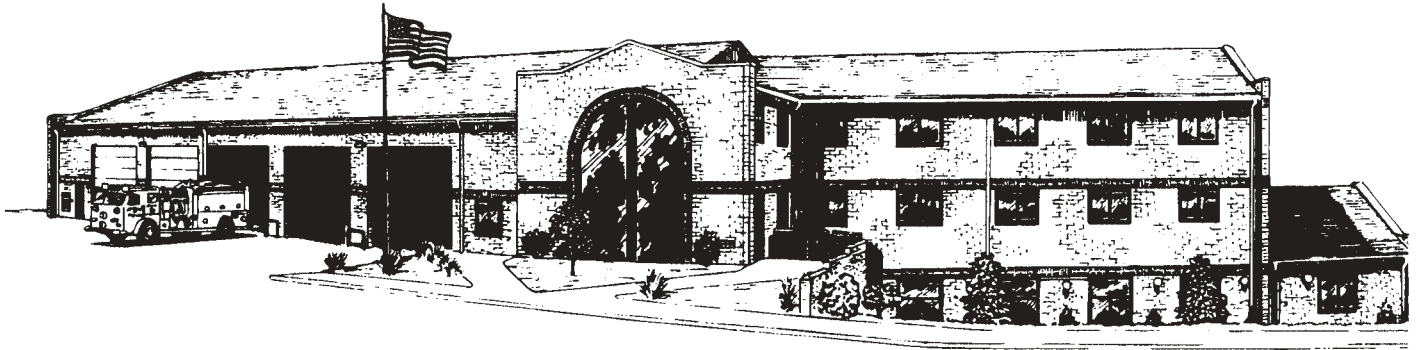
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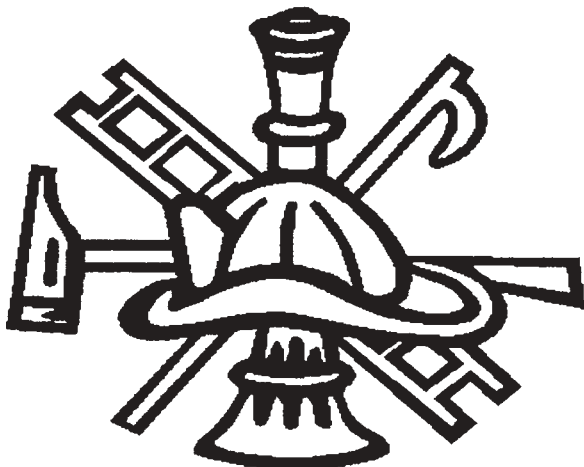
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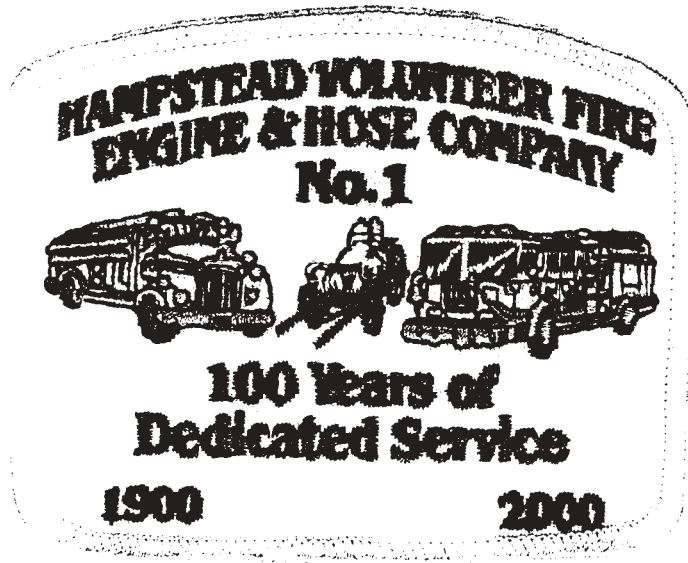
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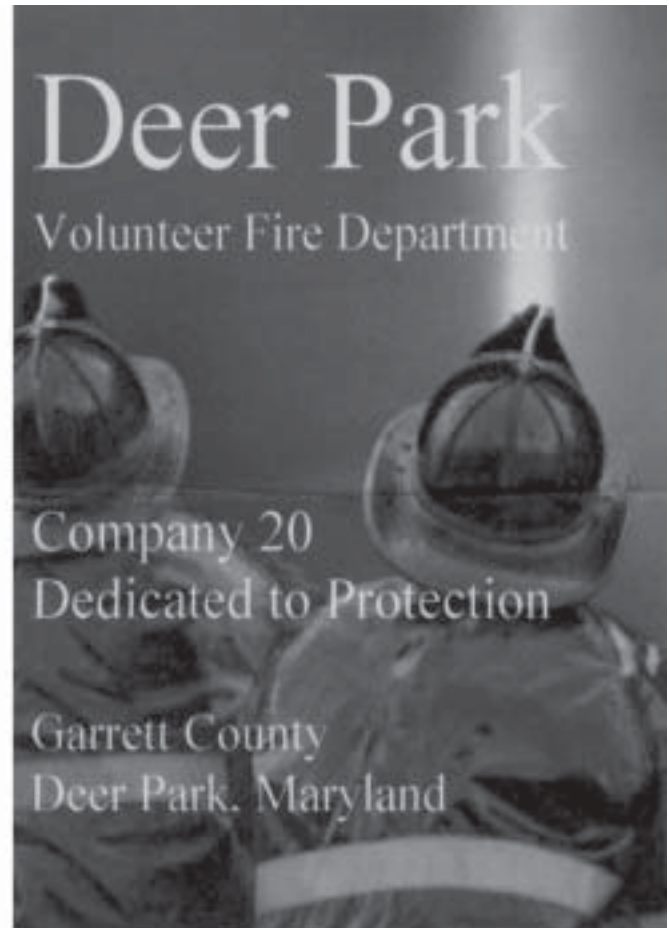
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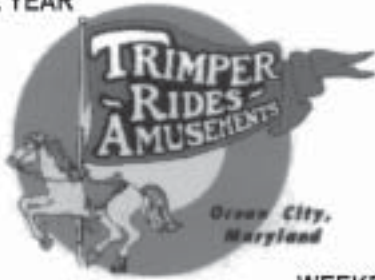
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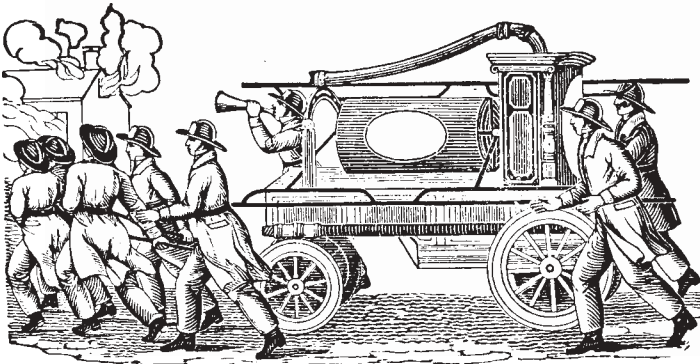
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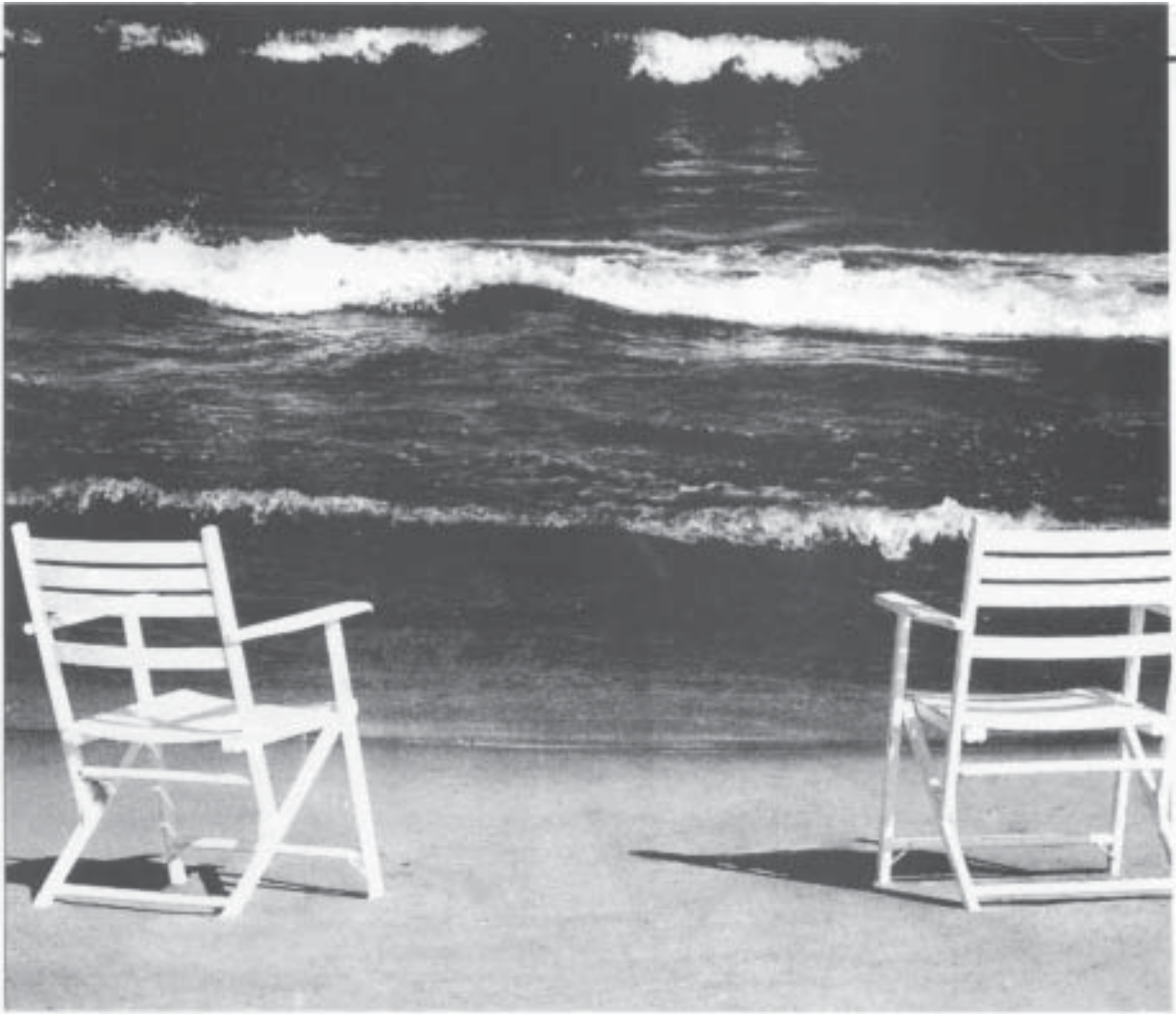
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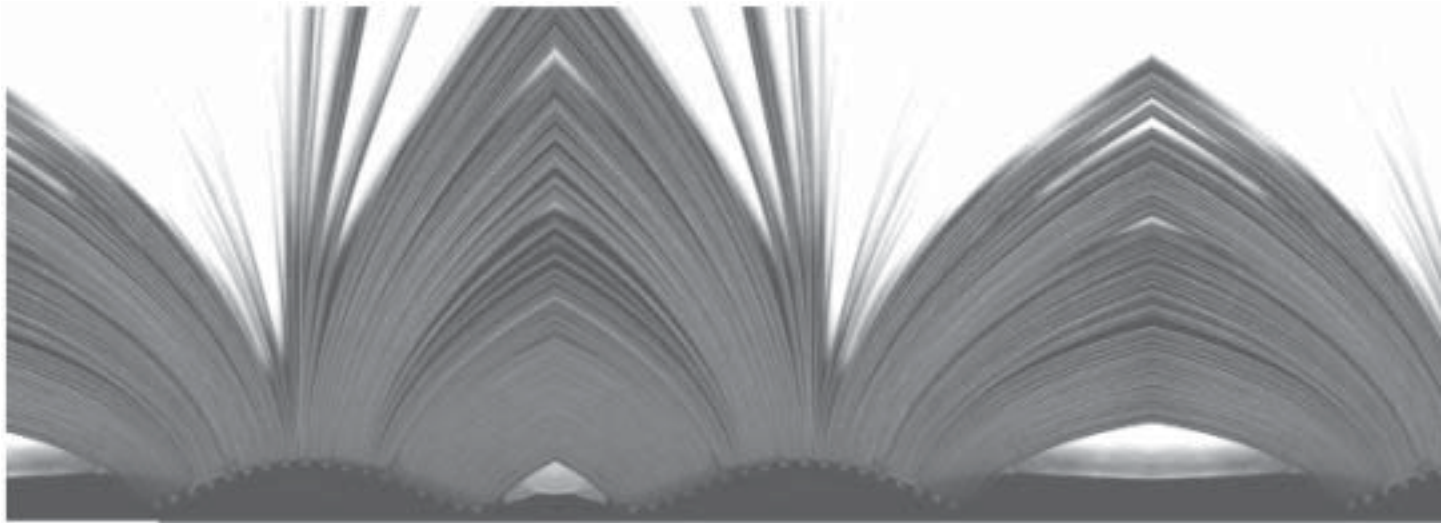


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