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MEMORIAL TRIBUTES



Thomas L. Reynolds, P.P.
Hillsboro VFD



William J. Fleshman, P.P.
Beltsville VFD



Rev. Lewis F. Cole, Jr., MSFA Chief Chaplain
Belair VFC

LINE OF DUTY DEATH



Allan M. Roberts
Baltimore City FD



Rachael Wilson
Baltimore City, FD



Edward Wilburn
Deep Creek VFD

Tribute to the Volunteer Firemen who lost their lives in IRAQ



US Army Specialist Thomas J. Barbieri
Rockville VFD



US Army Sgt. David J. Davis
Lisbon VFD

Dedication

The Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association are proud to dedicate this year's program book to four extremely devoted individuals. They are Tom and Flo Collins, John Hoglund and Ed Preston.



Tom and Flo Collins



John Hoglund



Ed Preston

Tom and Flo Collins

They have been a notable asset to the Association and Ladies Auxiliary for their many years of work in Fire Prevention. Tom has over 60 years in the fire service, with 40 years as a member or Chairman of the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee. Tom has the honor of Chairman Emeritus of the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee and is a member of the Fire Prevention Commission appointed by the Governor. He also serves on the Convention Committee for over 40 years. Tom was inducted in the Maryland State Firemen's Association in 1984. Flo has over 55 years of service with the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She also has served over 30 years with the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Fire Prevention Committee. Flo serves as the Ladies Auxiliary Liaison to the MSFA Convention Steering Committee. Flo was inducted in the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA Hall of Fame in 2004. Tom and Flo as a team have worked very diligently for the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Ladies Association, as well as the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

John W. Hogle

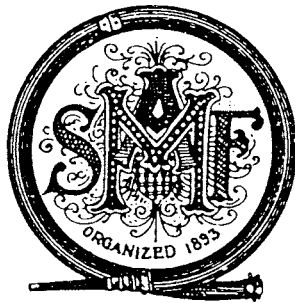
John W. Hogle, Director Emeritus of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, recently retired after 43 years of faithful and diligent service to the fire service. As an instructor for MFRI, he has worked both up front and behind the scenes to gain the valuable support needed to nurture the emergency training and education in the state of Maryland. John is well known and respected nationwide. He has worked closely with the MFRI Board of Advisers and the Maryland State Firemen's Association for many years. He was inducted into the Maryland State Firemen's Association's Hall of Fame in 1989. John's dedicated commitment and untiring support to the Maryland Fire Service is to be commended.

Past President Ed Preston

Past President Ed Preston has been a longtime contributor to the MSFA and the Convention Committee. Ed served as President in 1974-1975. During his term, he was very successful in working to pass legislation that created the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute which succeeded Fire Service Extension and it has become a national model for fire service training. During the same session, legislation was passed to provide the same benefits to volunteers, suffering from heart disease and hypertension, as was provided to career firefighters. Since serving as President, Ed has continued to serve the MSFA and Maryland Fire Service. He has been actively involved in the convention committee many years. Ed can always be seen as the vendors move in for convention, organizing the pajama parade, and working the many events at convention. We always take special effort in providing Ed with the first radio at convention hall. It's the one with no battery, just for Ed. It is with great pride that Ed is included in this dedication for his many years of volunteer service.

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.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS

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Sunday, June 17, 2007

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 201 - 0900 hours

“Becoming a Fire Prevention Ambassador”

Conducted By: MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Erin Drumheller, Miss Fire Prevention First Runner Up Brandy LaPole, and Lori Gallion, Chair Miss Fire Prevention Sub Committee

This workshop will help individuals gain a better understanding of the role of a Fire Prevention spokesperson in the community. This workshop is mandatory for all MSFA Miss Fire Prevention contestants and is highly recommended for their families, fire prevention chairs, and anyone interested in strengthening their fire prevention programs.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 203 - 0900 -1600 hours

“Conducting Safe Live Fire Training Evolutions”

Conducted By: Larry Preston, Manager MFRI Logistical Support and Ron Hassan, Manager MFRI Institute Development

Given lecture and discussion, the student will be able to explain the procedure for conducting a safe live fire training evolution and demonstrate a safe live fire training evolution. This is a six hour program that will be continued in the afternoon. Attendance at all six hours is required for credit. Students must register on-line at www.mfri.org and be a member of a Maryland fire, rescue, or EMS department.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 201 - 1230-1530 hours

“Highway Incident Safety”

Conducted By: Allen W. Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response, Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority, Past Chief Chambersburg Fire Department and Captain Gettysburg FD

The course will review best practices and how to properly operate at the scene of an incident along the roadway so Everyone Goes Home. Topics will include PPE, Vehicle Placement, SOG's, and Case Study reviews.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 202 - 1230-1330 hours

“EMS at the Crossroads”

Conducted By: Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director, MIEMSS

The Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Future of Emergency Care in the U. S. Health System was convened to examine the state of emergency care in the U. S. and to create a vision for the future of emergency care as well as provide suggestions on how to improve that vision. This program will discuss the findings of that report and HOW Maryland stands in regard to that bigger picture.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 202 - 1345-1445 hours

“Appropriately Triaging the Older Patient: Understanding the Changes in the Trauma Decision Tree and Improving Transportation”

Conducted By: Dr. Richard Alcorta, Medical Director MIEMSS

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 202 – 1500-1700 hours

“EMTB Update and Workshop on Spinal Immobilization”

Conducted By: William Seifarth, MS, NREMT-P, Associate Director
Office of Education, Licensure, and Certification MIEMSS

The first section will be a quick overview of the resources and introduction of this first of many, skills projects. The last section will be hand-on for the students. There will be four stations through which you will circulate to discuss and practice how the various skills of spinal immobilization (backboard with hand-on overview of the various strapping techniques); cervical collar and half backboards; pediatrics spinal immobilization (including car seat extrication); and computer lab where you will have the opportunity to use the resources first-hand and ask questions.

Convention Center - East Hall - Room 204 – 12300-1430 hours

“The Path to Certification”

Conducted By: Robert Rose, MFRI Certification Coordinator

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

“Tips on Tip Sheets”

Conducted By: Teresa Crisman, Public Affairs,
Prince George’s County Fire and EMS Department

This program will help people enhance their programs via the creation of their very own style in Tip Sheets towards Fire Prevention. This class will cover the basics about design and layout using simple word programs to generate materials that a department can use as handouts.

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

“Could This Happen in Your Classroom”

Conducted By: Diane May, Instructor Trainer, MFRI

How would you handle the “out of the ordinary” occurrences in your classroom; a fight, domestic altercation. Instructor May has gathered a number of such situations from classes throughout the state. Participants will discuss instructor responsibilities for each of the presented situations. This program is approved by MICRB for three hours of professional development.

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

“Collective Bargaining and the Volunteer Fire Service”

Conducted By: Marcine D. Goodloe, President and Eric N. Bernard, MFS, Executive Director
Montgomery County Volunteer Fire – Rescue Association

How Collective Bargaining and the Volunteer Fire Service can improve the relationship of the fire service and local government and how to get their. Montgomery County, the first in the nation to go through with this process will be used as an example.

Monday, June 18, 2007

Convention Center – Outside North End of Complex – 1300-1600 hours

“Hazardous Materials Decontamination”

Conducted By: MFRI Instructors

THIS WILL BE A LIVE HANDS ON TRAINING EXERCISE

This three (3) hour session includes classroom instruction with practical application in setting up and using decontamination equipment to decon entry personnel. Class is limited to 25 students. Students must provide personal protective equipment (turnout gear) for the class. Students must register on-line at www.mfri.org and be a member of a Maryland fire, rescue, or EMS department.

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

“Summer of 63 Leadership Conference”

Conducted By: Allen W. Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response
Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority

This course will take a look at an out of the box look at some leadership styles and lessons both good and bad that were presented at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in July of 1863, to see what we as leaders and future leaders can learn from these leaders and commanders to better out leadership skills. The class will take a trip back in time to visit, to take a look at some of the prominent leaders of this battle to look at and learn different styles of leadership and there effects.

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

**“Critical Trauma Decisions: Know When to Hold ‘Em, Know When to Fold ‘Em,
And Know When to Run”**

Conducted By: James Radcliffe, EMS Manager R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

Every day EMS providers are faced with Critical Decisions in Patient Care that mean the difference between life or death. This presentation will be a discussion of cases and scenarios to create a greater understanding of all factors impacting good Patient Care.

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

“NFFF Life Safety Initiatives: Everyone Goes Home”

Conducted By: Richard Bowers, NFFF Region Three Advocate

The aim of this program is to reduce significantly the number of line of duty deaths that occur each year. Whether they occur on the fire ground, on the training ground, responding to the call, or what have you, they can be reduced. Each and every responder must keep their eye on safety.

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

“Trauma In The Golden Years: Managing Geriatric Trauma”

Conducted By: Janice Delgiorno, RN, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

Our population is aging and so are we. People are living longer and remaining active longer than they ever have before. Join us as we take a look at the special challenges and considerations in caring for injury in an aging population.

Convention Center – East Hall – Room 206 – 1430-1730 hours

“Technology in the Classroom”

Conducted By: Christine Haber, Instructor Trainer MFRI

Teaching aids are as old as teaching, and range in technology from chalk on slate to modern computers that project computer generated images on screens or transmit them through interactive monitors incorporating the internet, recorded sound, and video. This class will examine the need for teaching aids, how they can assist different learners, and how some of the modern, electronic systems can be used to enhance instruction.

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

“Emergency Vehicle Response Safety”

Conducted By: Michael Young, Director of Training, Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services

We continue to have vehicle accidents involving our own emergency vehicles. Emergency vehicles drivers are serving prison sentences at a higher incidence each year. Are we providing the services we have pledged to the public we serve if we can’t get to the scene in a safe and efficient manner. Topics include: following distances and rate of closure, civilian drivers yielding right-of-way, intersection crossing procedures, red lights, siren use & misuse, and operator awareness.

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Convention Center – Front of the Loading Dock Area – 1030-1200 hours

“Rural Water Supply – Dump Site Tactics and Procedures”

Conducted By: MSFA Rural Water Supply Committee, Chair Douglas Alexander

THIS WILL BE A LIVE HANDS ON TRAINING EXERCISE

The Rural Water Supply Committee of the MSFA will be providing hands on training focusing on dump site tactics and procedures such as drafting from a folding tank, siphon lines from tank to tank, tanker dumping operations, and pumping a supply line from the tanks. An emphasis will be placed on safe operations. Students must provide personal protective equipment (turnout gear) for class.

Convention Center – Outside North End of Complex – 1300-1600 hours

“Auto Extrication”

Conducted By: MFRI Instructors

THIS WILL BE A LIVE HANDS ON TRAINING EXERCISE

This three (3) hour auto extrication program includes classroom instruction with practical application and use of hand and powered tools used for vehicle extrication. Class is limited to 25 students. Students must provide personal protective equipment (turnout gear) for class. Students must register on-line at www.mfri.org and be a member of a Maryland fire, rescue or EMS department.

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

“Windshield Size Up”

Conducted By: Allen W. Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response,
Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority

This class will give the student a good understanding of the importance of a good initial size-up and brief initial report to set the stage for a successful incident. Students will be placed in a vehicle and have slides of various incidents displayed before them and then have to quickly give a windshield size-up and brief initial report. Others will view the same slides to learn from others actions. Safety, Command and Control will be emphasized so Everyone Goes Home.

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

“Preparing for the Unexpected – Planning, Training, and Procuring What You Need to Meet Today’s All Hazard Environments at Campuses and Institutions”

Conducted By: Major Jay Gruber, Assistant Chief of Police and Assistant Director of Public Safety University of Maryland, College Park; Active Member Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

In today’s high threat environment all jurisdictions are preparing for terrorist events. This preparation consists of mitigating threats and responding to incidents. Many jurisdictions have robust infrastructures that can support a large response. Campuses and institutions do not have the infrastructure to support such a response. What can these entities do to prepare for a response, they can plan, train, and procure the resources needed to conduct an all hazards response to emergencies, disasters and crises.

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

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

“The Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting”

Conducted By: Rick Kane, Fire Chief Eden Fire Company Lancaster, PA, South Central Pennsylvania Regional Terrorism Task Force – Type 4 IMT

This program will be an expanded workshop of the morning main floor presentation.

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

“Geriatric Trauma”

Conducted By: Janice Delgiorno, RN, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

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

“Coaching for the Successful Learning”

Conducted By: Ron Bowser, Instructor Trainer MFRI

Coaching is helping others expand and apply their skills, knowledge, and abilities. In others words, having a game plan to help others succeed in learning through guiding, teaching, motivating, and mentoring. As emergency services instructors, we must use coaching skills with out students. This program will define the coaching roles and offer suggestions for becoming a better coach through self assessments, class discussion, and exercises. This presentation is approved by MICRB for three hours of professional development.

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

“Are We Performing Our Functions Correctly?”

Conducted By: Greg De Haven, Vice Chair, MSFA Honor Guard Committee

The workshop is a continuation of the 2006 Honor Guard Workshop where the concentration was on Line of Duty Funerals. Other functions will be covered during this year’s workshop.

MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS

Monday, June 18, 2007 – 1245 hours

Keynote Address

Presented by: Chief Gregory Cade, United State Fire Administrator Elect

Monday, June 18, 2007 – 1245 hours

“Protecting America’s Treasures-Fire at Washington’s Georgetown Library and Eastern Market”

Presented By: Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief, District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department

Washington, DC is home to many historical and valuable pieces of American history, located within buildings having a wide variety of construction designs and protection features. Such landmarks are not unique to one metropolitan area, and are often located within the areas protected by your department. View how one major fire department handled the challenge of protecting and preserving two structures of historical significance from the ravages of a major fire. Join us in welcoming Chief Rubin back to the Maryland area.

Tuesday, June 19, 2007 – 0930 hours

“The Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting – Overview of the Incident Management Team”

*Presented by: Chief Rick Kane, Eden Fire Company, Lancaster PA,
and South Central Pennsylvania Regional Terrorism Task Force*

Mass casualty incidents, particularly those involving special circumstances, pose unique problems to America’s First Responders in many different ways. Not only are responders faced with the responsibility of providing emergency medical care for a number of patients suffering from a myriad of traumatic injuries, but providers are often faced with the stress of dealing with associated tough emotional issues. This program will provide all first responders with the insight to manage difficult emergency incidents through the examination of the issues faced at a recent incident by emergency responders from Lancaster County Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 – 0915 hours

“Taney Village – A Multistory Senior Center Challenge”

Presented by: Chief Charles Handley, Independent Hose Company #1, Frederick, MD

With the increased use of combination fire suppression forces comes unique issues to develop a cooperative and coordinated effort to provide effective emergency services. This program will describe the successful operation of such combined career and volunteer personnel to minimize personal injury and property damage at a fire incident in a multistory building housing elderly residents.

PROGRAM

Of the

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 115th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE *Ocean City, Maryland*

Saturday, June 16, 2007

- 1300 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission - Convention Center-Room 214
1800 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** - Convention Center Main Ball Room
By Invitation Only

Sunday, June 17, 2007

- 0800 Exhibitors Registration - Convention Center - Ground Floor
0930 Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center - Room 208
0930 Honor Guard Contest Registration and Practice - Convention Center - Room 209
1000-1200 Convention Registration - Main Ball Room
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
1000-1200 Free Bus Passes - Lower Level
1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** - Upper Level Rooms 215-217
1200 **HONOR GUARD AND PIPE AND DRUM BANDS DEMONSTRATIONS** -
Convention Center Main Ball Room
1230 Education and Training Seminars - Convention Center - East Hall
1900 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** - Convention Center Main Ballroom
Dress Uniforms Please
2015 Reception - Convention Center - Upper Foyers

Monday, June 18, 2007

- 0700 Registration - Convention Center - Main Ball Room
0730 Musical Selections - Westminster Band - Main Ball Room
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
0800 Free Bus Passes - Lower Level
0830 **CALL TO ORDER - FIRST SESSION** - President Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr.
Convention Center Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
Presentation of Colors - Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands
REMARKS FROM MARTIN O' MALLEY GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND
KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Chief Gregory Cade-U.S. Fire Administrator Elect
0900 Exhibits Open
0945 **AWARDS CEREMONY** -
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award

Hall of Fame Awards
Firefighter of the Year Award
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

1130 **PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON** - Room 209 - By Invitation Only

SECOND SESSION

1230 **CALL TO ORDER** - President Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr.
1235 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
Update on the Maryland Residential Sprinkler Initiative - Douglas Alexander
1245 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION - "Protecting America's Treasures-Fire at Washington's Georgetown Library and Eastern Market"** - Presented By: Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief, District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department
1315 Reading and acceptance of 2006 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
1330. Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
1430 **Education and Training Seminars**
1545 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** - Main Ball Room
1630. Exhibits Close - No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours
1700. **Exhibitors Reception**-Convention Center-Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside - **By Invitation Only**

1930. **MONDAY NIGHT COUNTRY BASH** - Rear of Convention Center
1930 **BASKET BINGO**-Convention Center-Ballroom C (Doors Open at 1830 hours)
2130 **FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THE BAY**- Rear of Convention Center

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

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

THIRD SESSION

0830 **CALL TO ORDER** -President Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr.
0900 Exhibits Open
Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award
Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office - Fire Marshal William Barnard
0930 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION - "The Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting - Overview of the Incident Management Team"**
Presented by: Chief Rick Kane, Eden Fire Company

Report of Association Officers

Report of Standing and Special Committees

National Volunteer Fire Council Update

Legislative Committee Update

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund

Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute – Director Steven T. Edwards

TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. HOGLUND, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, MFRI

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 Dronburg, III

Maryland Department of Homeland Security –

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 Report – Director John Spearman

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ASHWORTH, VICE PRESIDENT UMMS

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 and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

2200 **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** – Main Ball Room

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Convention Center – East Hall – Rooms 201-206

0900 **CALL TO ORDER-FOURTH SESSION**-Newly Elected President

0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communications and Announcements

Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

0915 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION** –

“Taney Village – A Multistory Senior Center Challenge”

Presented by: Chief Charles Handley, Independent Hose Company #1

0950 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

1000 Remarks by Past President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr.

Remarks by Newly Elected Officers

Introduction of Executive Committee

Installation of Assistant Officers

Final Report of Convention Committee

Unfinished Business and New Business

\$10,000. Raffle Drawing

1300. Exhibits Close – No entry after 1245 hours

1301. **GIGANTIC FIREMEN'S PARADE** – Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine

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

1900

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - DOUBLE FEATURE - FREE

Convention Center Main Ball Room

“In The Eyes of Glory - Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial”

and

“Into The Fire”

Thursday, June 21, 2007

0900

Executive Committee Meeting -Convention Center - Room 206

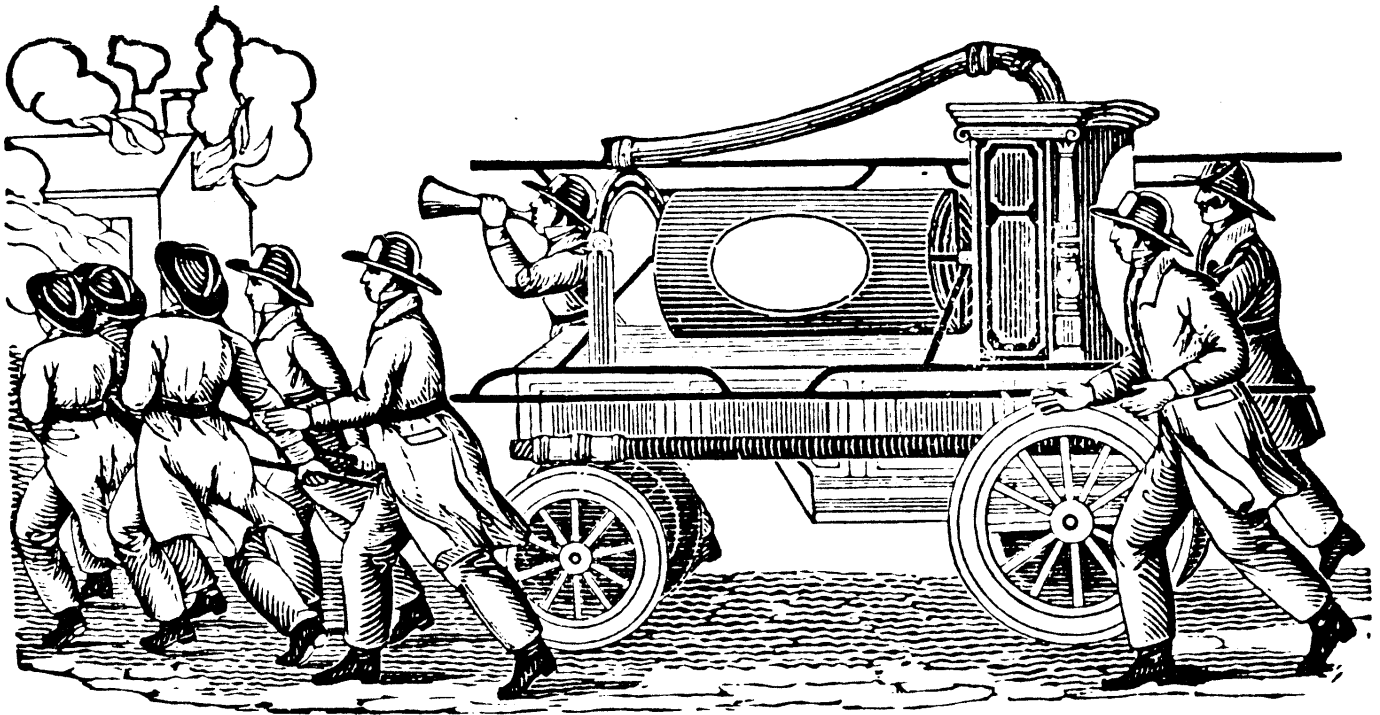
0930

Maryland Fire Prevention Commission Meeting - Room 206

Friday, June 22, 2007

0730

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course





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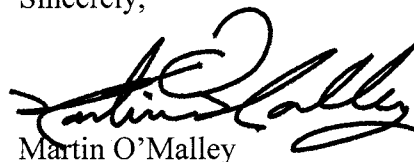
Dear Friends,

Let me take a few minutes to extend my warmest wishes to everyone participating in the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention.

As firefighters and emergency medical responders, you have my utmost respect. Public service is often dangerous and difficult yet quite rewarding. It is a path where your actions truly can make a difference in the lives of others. Day after day, you perform your duties without the public adulation these often quiet acts of heroism warrant. It is difficult to find the words to describe the important work you do for all of our citizens.

It is my sincere wish that your convention serves both an informative and pleasurable experience for you and your families. I wish you many years of safe and gratifying service.

Sincerely,


Martin O'Malley



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Dear Friends,

On the occasion of your annual convention, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members and officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary, for your outstanding service and dedication. Your contributions to the safety and well being of the citizens of Maryland are to be commended.

Your officers have worked diligently on behalf of the Association this year to advance the goal of keeping the Maryland Fire and Rescue Service one of the most highly regarded in the nation. To this end, your convention program is full of educational opportunities and events designed to enhance your ability to serve your neighbors all across our great State. Please take full advantage of these opportunities along with a wide variety of other planned events.

As you convene to celebrate another highly successful year, I want to thank you for the countless hours of dedication you have given to protect our State. I look forward to working with you and I wish you continued success. Have a great convention!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AG Brown'.

Anthony G. Brown

STENY H. HOYER
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June 16, 2007



Dear Friends:

I want to extend my best wishes and heartiest congratulations as you come together for the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

Our nation's volunteer firefighters are among the noblest public servants. Day after day you come to the firehouse and put on your uniforms, willing to risk your own lives to protect the lives and property of your fellow citizens.

The residents of Maryland are fortunate to have the benefit of your service. Every day, you exhibit an unwavering devotion to the well-being of your communities – selflessly giving countless hours to fighting fires, performing rescues, and the hundreds of other responsibilities that come with the uniform.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the thousands of volunteer firefighters throughout the State who give so much to each of our communities. I am proud to be counted among your strongest friends and most ardent supporters.

Wishing you all the best and with warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Greetings from the Mayor

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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.

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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,

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

2007-115TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE BALLOT-2007

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

NOTE: Each Department is entitled to up to five (5) votes.

Each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote.

INSTRUCTIONS – Using the pencil provided fill in the space between the brackets for each vote you wish to cast, for each position. 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.

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**2007-115th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE BALLOT-2007
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

NOTE: Each Department is entitled to up to five (5) votes.

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Bold Underlining – New Wording

{Brackets} – Deleted Wording

Proposal #1 Affects: Constitution and By-Laws Article IX – Corrects the wording and clarifies the relation between the MSFA and the MSFA Foundation.

Article IX, Section 1 – The MSFA Foundation is a {subsidiary} corporate entity {of} related to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Foundation {Board of Directors shall consist of (9) Directors recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee, who shall operate the MSFA Foundation in accordance with its charter and by-laws.} raises funds which provide benefits to the Association. {The initial appointment shall be three (3) directors for a one (1) year term, three (3) directors for a two (2) year term and three (3) directors for a three year term. After the initial appointment, all subsequent appointments of three (3) directors shall be for a three (3) year term.} The Foundation report on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Association.

FOR [] AGAINST []

Proposal #2 Affects: Constitution and By-Laws Article 1, Section 2 and Section 12 – Defines disciplinary actions that may be taken by the Association

Article I, Section 12 – Delete the following paragraph:

{Member Companies and Members of the MSFA shall conduct themselves in an ethical manner and fashion, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or Member, which by its conduct demeans the MSFA, will, upon review by the Executive Committee, be subject to sanctions, including suspension, if appropriate.}

Article I, Section 12 – Insert the following section:

Member companies of the MSFA and members of those companies shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or members of those companies who are accused of misconduct as defined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the MSFA or otherwise violating the Constitution and By-Laws shall be subject to a hearing by the Executive Committee.

Misconduct shall be defined as acting in such a manner and fashion so as to expose the MSFA or the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services to negative publicity and ridicule by failing to act to remedy an event of misconduct by a member (s) of its company.

The Executive Committee shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and By-Laws violations.

The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member.

The local association shall be invited to participate in the formal hearing, when appropriate.

FOR [] AGAINST []

Question Of Intent #1 –

Would you consider a dues increase in the future for the MSFA Member Organizations?

FOR [] AGAINST []

Question Of Intent #2 –

Due to the financial condition and needs of the MSFA, would you support an effort to structure a dues increase based on factors such as department size, call load, and other structured factors.

FOR [] AGAINST []



THANK YOU

**TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF The
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

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**HAVE GAINED A LOT OF
FRIENDSHIPS AND MEMORIES
THROUGHOUT THE PAST FIVE YEARS
THAT WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED**

**Paul R. "Bobby" Balta Jr.
President 2006 - 2007**



Report of the President

Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Other Elected and Appointed Officers, Executive Committee Members, Past Presidents, Members of the Association, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We started this year with the Association Tri Annual Retreat weekend that was held July 28 through 30, 2006 at the Paul Hall School of Seamanship in Piney Point, MD. The attendees got right to work on Friday evening discussing the issues that most affect the operation of the Association. After two hours of debate the following topics were found to be at the top of the list of concerns that the leadership of the Association needed to address:

Communication - TRUMPET and Web Site

Financial Stability – how or where to increase administrative income

Recruitment and Retention – how to attract more and younger members

Three groups were formed and charged to meet on Saturday to discuss these topics and recommend actions for resolution of these concerns. The groups were asked to detail the problems, submit recommended solutions and establish a definitive time line for resolution of the problem. I am pleased to report that most of the suggestions brought out at this retreat were implemented this year. With the introduction of a new and improved TRUMPET and a new Web site format we are able to better inform you of the activities of the MSFA. We are still in our infancy with this revitalization and have experienced a few hiccups but we are moving in a positive direction. For financial stability there have been several additional fund raisers which generated additional income for the Association but we need to continue to looking for additional ways of generating income in order to continue our solvency. For recruitment and retention we have also produced a pamphlet that outlines the benefits associated with being a volunteer first responder and hope this will entice current members to remain and spark interest from potential new members.

In addition there are several initiatives generated at this retreat that will have a beneficial outcome in the future for the MSFA. The Five Year Planning Committee is working hard to formulate new idea's and fine tune plans that were generated during the

Retreat that will benefit the overall good health of the Association. In order for our organization to flourish, we must continue to think of ways to improve on the administrative and operational activities of our members. Ideas and suggestions from the general membership are always welcome.

Legislatively we did very well this year. The three Presidents, the Secretary, and the Chairs of the Legislative Committee met with the Governor to discuss Fire and EMS service issues throughout the State. The Governor was receptive of our concerns and promised support from his office with actions that would improve the delivery of emergency assistance to the citizens of Maryland. His Chief of Staff and Legislative people were responsive to our queries and supportive of legislation favoring emergency services. Through the efforts of our Legislative Committee and you the members of MSFA we were able to maintain our level of funding for another year and broaden the use of our appropriation and relieve some of the financial burden from our general fund. Through the efforts of many people and especially Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, HB785 the Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act passed. The Fire and EMS service is now legally able to use green flashing lights on command vehicles. Through the passing of HB 401 which requires Carbon Monoxide Alarms in newly constructed homes our citizens will be a little safer in the future. A major setback to the EMS community was averted because of the efforts that the membership put into getting HB 1048, a bill that would have done away with the EMS Board and moved MIEMSS under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, defeated. We were unable to get a dedicated funding source Bill through again this year; however, we will not give up on the idea.

The Audit of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) was completed and the report published. Unfortunately some of the issues that were required by the Auditor are causing problems with our being able to complete loans. The moving of the VCAF from the Maryland State Police to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency has also caused some unforeseen problems that can only be solved through Legislation. We were unable to get the changes introduced into this year's Legislative Session but will be working hard to have everything smoothed out and ready for January of 2008. Until then we will be working to find a way to support our companies in need. Past President Lee Sachs deserves special thanks from the entire membership for getting us through the Audit and continuing to meet with MEMA and the Board of Public Works to get us to the point where we can distribute funds to the member departments.

The National Fire Heritage Center is being formed to promote the preservation of the historical written documentation of the U.S. Fire service. The emphasis is on finding a location to house and preserve documents and provide a place that can be used for researching the history of the Fire Service in America. The group is in the process of securing a place near Emmitsburg and could be partnered with a Maryland museum. The following are the charter officers and directors of the foundation: Ronny J. Coleman, President, Dr. Harry E. Hickey, Vice President, James C. "Robbie" Robertson, Secretary, R. Wayne Powell, Treasurer,



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

BENJAMIN L. CARDIN
SENATOR

May 7, 2007




Dear Friends:

I want to extend my warmest welcome to all the members of the Maryland State Fireman's Association attending the 115th Annual Convention and Conference. I also want to commend you for your tireless work in protecting our communities. The citizens of Maryland are grateful for your service.

As first responders, you are on the frontline, protecting our citizens from a possible terrorist attack, hurricane, or fire. I am incredibly proud of your dedication to public service, and I am committed to ensuring that you receive all the resources you need to get the job done.

Best wishes on a successful conference.

Sincerely,


Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

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Bobby Balta, Director, Donald N. Briggs, Director / Resident Agent, Clarence "Chip" Jewell, Director, David White, Director, William D. Killen, CFO, Director. Much of the written history of the Fire Service is being lost due to families discarding what they consider junk and at best articles of no real value. This group is organizing to collect and preserve this information which is the beginning of the standards, training, and history of how we got to where we are today. With the actions of the Emmitsburg Town Commissioners and Mayor, we now have a place to get this worthy project off and running, but it will take some assistance from the MSFA membership.

This has been an exciting year with a lot of activity for the overall benefit of our great Association. I have enjoyed traveling around the state and meeting old friends and making new ones and working with the local association leaders to enhance the image of the fire service. We are entering into a new era where many of the old ways are being challenged and the available time that individuals have to keep up the increasing demands on emergency services is dwindling. The increase in requirements for training and compliance with standards is taking its toll on many of our individual organizations. I am encouraged that through the leadership of our Companies and Departments both Operational and Administrative we are meeting the challenges but the fight to provide the service that is expected is getting tougher. I believe the time is near where we can no longer continue to support frivolous demands from those that abuse the system. We need to start training the public to seek our help only when there is an emergency. EMS is our biggest challenge where the public has gotten used to simply dialing 911 and getting a ride to the hospital. We are noticing a great deal of delays because our Emergency Rooms are full and much of this is because the public believes that if they go to the Hospital via Ambulance they will get treatment quicker. We the members of the First Responder Corp need to start spreading the word among our neighbors and communities that if this continues to escalate at the pace it has been going there will come a time when someone who really needs help will not have it available.

To my Committee Chairpersons I wish to thank you for a great year. We have accomplished much through your efforts. I am proud of the great strides Doug Alexander has made in getting Residential Sprinklers in single family homes in our state. I look at the TRUMPET and feel a sense of accomplishment for the revamped edition. I believe that Amber Reamy, a Freshman Chairperson, deserves a great deal of thanks from all of us for taking on a monumental task and delivering a product that we can be proud of. I have had many compliments on the new Web Site and wish to thank Richard Snader for his involvement in getting it up and running. The Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Danny Davis and Richard Yinger have steered us through one of the most successful Legislative Seasons we have had in a long time. The Ways and Means Committee is continuing to generate funding for the Association and should be recognized for their efforts. The Executive Committee has handled several difficult situations with professionalism and a sense of betterment for the MSFA. The members of the Retreat gave us a lot to work on for the next couple of years and the Five Year Planning Committee is

taking up the charge of further defining changes that can be made to improve the MSFA. The success of an organization depends on the members that are willing to step up and work for the benefit of the whole body and this year the committees have performed well in furthering the enhancement of the MSFA.

I have had the opportunity this past year to work closely with our coalition partners Steve Edwards (MFRI), Bill Barnard (State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS), John Spearman (Shock Trauma), John Droneburg (MEMA), Superintendent Tim Hutchins (MSP), Donald DeVries (EMS Board). Each of these individuals and their Staff provided a great deal of support and knowledge to the MSFA this year and we have proven through our efforts in Annapolis that we can be a force that cannot be ignored. To all of you please accept my personal thanks and the appreciation of the MSFA for your commitment.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association continues to astound us with their talent, dedication, and commitment in serving the citizens of this great State. The State Ladies and their member organizations are truly the backbone of the Fire and EMS service working hard to provide financial and moral support to their departments and the citizens of this great state. I congratulate President Pat Deamond and her officers for a successful year.

A special thank you goes out to the officers and members of the Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department, the Oxford Fire Company, the Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, and the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the MSFA Executive Committee Meetings during my term as President. Our presence was met with courteous, friendly, and helpful Fire and EMS members who went out of their way to make the leadership of the MSFA feel at home. Thank you all for your extra effort in preparing the meals and opening your stations to us for our meetings.

The Officers and Executive Committee members have performed in an outstanding and professional manner this year and I wish to extend my sincerest thanks for your support and dedication to our great organization. To my Vice Presidents Paul and Frank, I extend to you a hardy handshake and wish for your success in steering the MSFA in a positive direction. I pledge to support your efforts to improve the operations of the Maryland Emergency Services System.

There are many individuals that have contributed extraordinary support to me over the past five years. I hesitate to start naming names for fear of leaving someone out but I feel I have to acknowledge the following: My wife Glema, without her support and consent I would not have had a chance to experience this great time in my life. I promise dear, that I will get started on some of the projects that you have suggested I do, however you will have to start fixing dinner again now that I will be home more. Doyle Cox, for organizing and traveling with me throughout the years and guiding me in the right direction; all of the Past Presidents for giving me sound advice and a kick in the seat when I needed it; Bobby Jacobs for his training and guidance when I

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was Second Vice President; Lee Sachs who continues to provide a great service to me and the organization; the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, without whose financial support I could not have served; The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary, whose leaders and members have been behind me all the way and have made me proud to be a member of that great Department.

To you the members I thank you for your friendship, fellowship, and food. I pledge to you that I will continue to attend your meetings and fundraisers and not loose touch with what is happening in the fire service. Don't be surprised if you see a camper in your parking lot or hear a Harley roaring up to your station, it will just be me taking a leisurely tour around the state not a fly-in as I have had to do for the past couple of years.

Recommendations:

Continue to pursue a dedicated source of funding for the Fire, Rescue, and EMS from the state through legislation.

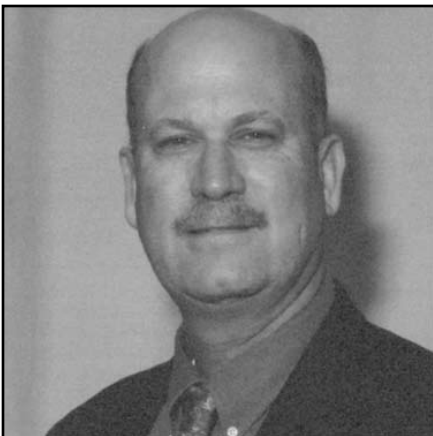
Pursue alternate sources of funding for the Association through independent fundraisers.

Support and enhance the current media for getting information to our members.

Promote the adoption of physicals for our individual members within Departments.

Continue pursuit of residential sprinklers in single family homes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul R. "Bobby" Balta Jr.



***Report of the
1st Vice President***

President Balta, 2nd Vice President Underwood, Officers, Clergy, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, welcome to Ocean City, Maryland.

This past year has been very challenging and rewarding for the MSFA. Before I summarize this year's activities, I must pause to remember those many dedicated members who have passed since our last convention. While it is not possible to mention all of our lost colleagues in this report, I want to mention a few. The MSFA lost two loyal and great pioneers in the passing of Chief George Austin Smith (Oxford VFD) and Captain John L. Perkey, Jr. (Violettsville VFC). The contributions of these two men to their home companies and the volunteer fire service of this state over the last half of a century is invaluable and will be sorely missed. The MSFA family was deeply saddened by the loss of Margaret King (Damascus VFD /Deale VFD / Upper Marlboro VFD), MSFA Past Presidents T.L. Reynolds, 1971-72 (Queen-Anne Hillsboro VFC) and William Fleshman, 1992-93 (Beltsville VFD). Let us also remember longtime MSFA Executive Committee Member Lester Downes (Goodwill VFC). Unfortunately, the Maryland Fire Service suffered a Line of Duty Death when Chief Edward D. Wilburn (Deep Creek Lake VFC) lost his life on December 9, 2006 while responding to his station on an alarm. The thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with not only the families and friends of those mentioned here, but also all of those who have suffered the lost of a loved one this past year.

The MFSFA is grateful to each of you for your contributions in helping us gain accomplishments and successes during this past year. I will report on some of the highlights.

In July 2006, President Balta hosted an MSFA Retreat in Piney Point, Md. The purpose of the retreat was to examine ways of improving the efficiency of the MSFA. Three work groups were established which met, developed and forwarded recommendations to President Balta concerning (1) Membership, (2) Communications and (3) Finance. Based on the recommendations of these work groups, President Balta appointed Past President Lee Sachs to lead the Management Assistant Study Group (MASG) with the purpose of exploring the need for a paid administrative position for the MSFA. At the February 11, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee, the MASG recommended that the MSFA continue to explore this concept.

I support these recommendations and will continue the pursuit of a salaried position for the MSFA. I sincerely feel that a salaried Executive Director is in the best interest of our organization and our future. As this project is a carryover into my term of office, President Balta has authorized me to proceed. This project will be a priority of my administration. I have appointed different members to the MASG study group and renamed the group to Executive Director Work Group. Past President Lee Sachs will continue to serve as Chair. The specific charge of the Work Group is to research, develop and make recommendations to the Officers and Executive Committee about the following items relating to the position of Full Time Salaried - Executive Director of the MSFA:

- Job description
- Salary and benefits package
- Funding sources for the salary and benefits package
- Estimated cost of necessary office equipment and supplies
- Permanent office space



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The Work Group is to have a proposal on these items prior to the September 22, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Another recommendation of the study groups at the July 2006 MSFA Retreat at Piney Point, Md., was a dues increase to our member companies. It is my belief that due to rising costs and other financial factors that an increase is necessary, therefore their recommendations will be pursued. However, before we can propose an increase we need to determine how much of an increase is needed and exactly how that increase should be applied fairly. We will then convey that information to our members. One possible method of application could be a structured increase with the amount possibly based on department size and/or call volume. The Planning Committee and the Constitution and By-laws Committee have drafted language for two questions of intent, which will appear on the June Ballot in Ocean City. This is not a yes or no vote for a dues increase, rather a tool to poll our membership and make them aware of the issue. I have appointed a committee to review the dues structure and make recommendations prior to the September 2007 Executive Committee Meeting. If the Executive Committee approves their recommendations, we will have approximately nine months to travel the state and, by providing detailed information, encourage our membership to vote for an adoption at the June 2008 Convention and Conference.

The MSFA became the subject of a State Legislative Audit late in 2005. Specifically, the State Auditors were examining all aspects of the state funded Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF). That audit was completed in December of 2006 with the MSFA fairing reasonably well. The Auditors recommended some administrative changes in the way in which funds are distributed. The Executive Committee, at their February 2007 meeting, adopted these changes. During the audit, an issue arose regarding the State Law and the authority of the MSFA to hold and distribute state money. This remains an unresolved issue, which we are working very closely with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Board of Public Works to resolve. Thanks go to Lee Sachs, PP, Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer, Fred Cross, Financial Secretary, Susan Shell, Assistant Financial Secretary and Joe Robison, Chair of the VCAF for all of their hard work, time and efforts on this audit.

In August 2006, the MSFA participated in the Summer Conference of the Maryland Association of Counties (MaCo). The MSFA booth placed emphasis in Residential Sprinklers and was well received.

The efforts of the Residential Sprinkler Committee, under the leadership of Doug Alexander (Mt. Airy VFC) have been phenomenal. Since our last Convention and Conference, the Residential Sprinkler Committee has made educational presentations to various municipalities, elected officials and community groups. Due to the committees excellent outreach, the following jurisdictions have adopted Residential Sprinkler legislation: *Frederick County, Frederick City, Charles County, Charlestown, Havre de Grace, LaPlata, Indian Head, Saint Michaels and Perryville with Annapolis, Denton, and North East* close to adopting legislation. I also want to recognize the Office

of the State Fire Marshal for their partnership with the MSFA in promoting and educating the citizens of Maryland in this effort.

Hospital Emergency Department closures continue to be a serious problem in the State. On September 25, 2006, MIEMSS and the Maryland Hospital Association hosted a summit addressing hospital emergency department overcrowding. The target audience was Hospital Executives and Emergency Department managers. At the invitation of Dr. Bass, MSFA was allocated a few seats at the summit. There were many interesting speakers and the bottom line to the whole problem points to a shortage of beds in the hospitals. This shortage has an effect on, and limits what Emergency departments can do. Although it is unlikely to drastically change anytime soon, it is encouraging to learn that some hospitals have taken what they learned at the summit and instituted changes in their facilities to help alleviate the problem. Thank you to Dr. Bass for affording us the opportunity to attend this summit.

On September 26, 2007, all three MSFA Presidents attended the Annual Life Safety Conference held at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Once again, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and the committee are commended for another great Conference. Congratulations to Allen Ryan (Perryville VFC) for receiving the *Life Safety Educator's Award*. During the same time, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard was awarded the "*Person of the Year Award*" from the Society of Fire Protection Association. The Maryland Fire Service and the MSFA are fortunate to have Allen and Bill as a part of our team.

In October 2006, the MSFA once again supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with the Memorial Weekend in Frederick and Emmitsburg. Families of fallen firefighters were greeted as they registered and the MSFA Presidents presented each family with a lithograph of the NFF Memorial and a resolution from the MSFA.

During the past two years, legislation was introduced in Annapolis that would regulate Charitable Gaming and require each county to create a Gaming Commission. This piece of legislation would have had a very negative impact on the fundraising efforts of the volunteer fire and rescue companies throughout the State. The MSFA was successful both years in stopping this legislation from moving forward. In anticipation that it would be reintroduced during the 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, we had a meeting with Delegate Sheila Hixon, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee on July 25, 2006. Our proactive approach was to educate Delegate Hixon about our fundraising efforts and to ensure that the volunteer fire and rescue services would not be included in any future Charitable Gaming legislation. Our efforts proved successful, as this legislation was not re-introduced during the 2007 session.

On October 11, 2006, the MSFA Presidents had a meeting with Governor Ehrlich and his staff. MSFA legislative priorities discussed at this meeting included: additional Senator Ammos Funding, Volunteer Company Assistance Fund monies, Fire Safe Cigarettes and additional funding for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf



Thank You



*The National Fallen
Firefighters Foundation
would like to thank each
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continued support.*



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and Hard of Hearing. The Governor was very receptive to our needs and expressed his utmost appreciation to the MSFA for all that we do for the citizens of Maryland. A follow up meeting was held on October 24, 2006 regarding the funding for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Representatives from the Governor's Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as well as the Governor's Grant's Office were in attendance. They were very cooperative and agreed to assist the MSFA in writing a grant for \$200,000 for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Unfortunately, the grant did not get submitted. Steps are already in place to ensure that we apply in time for the 2007 fall grants.

The 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly convened on January 11, 2007. 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 on February 5, 2007. MSFA was successful this year in getting legislation passed that expands the use of our State Appropriation funds. Passage of the Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act was very significant. Passage of this legislation is an example of the fire service personnel and organizations working together.

On March 9, 2007, the MSFA Presidents, along with Secretary King and the Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, Richard Yinger, met with Governor O'Malley. Subjects discussed included our strong opposition to House Bill 1048, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Consolidation and Streamlining Act of 2007, support for House Bill 785 and Senate Bill 361, Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act, and support for House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 1078, Maryland State Firemen's Association – Use of Appropriations. Governor O'Malley stated that he was unaware of House Bill 1048 but that he would take a look at it and consider our opposition. As it turns out, Governor O'Malley sided with us and his Administration joined us in opposing the bill. Other subjects discussed included our desire to maintain our current level of funding, especially in light of the serious budget deficits projected in the next couple of years. We also took the opportunity to remind the Governor of his pledge to support legislation that would increase the Income Tax Incentive Benefit from \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year. The meeting was very friendly and the Governor pledged to continue working with the MSFA. President Balta extended an invitation to the Governor to attend the Annual Convention and Conference in June. Secretary King followed up with a formal letter inviting the Governor to the June 2007 Convention and Conference.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and long hours put forth by Legislative Committee Chairman, Danny Davis and the Co-Chair Richard Yinger. Many of our members throughout the State have no idea how many hours these folks put in on behalf of the MSFA. Another critical component to our success in Annapolis during the Legislative session is the contribution of the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA. These ladies staff the office and keep things in order during the 90-day session. A special thanks to Glema Balta, Rose Davis, Candy Mitchell, Bobbi McWilliams, Betty Radisch, Marie Soudar and Peggy Webb. Thank you ladies,

we could not function without you.

Retired Chief Jack Frazier (Baltimore City Fire Department) was a tremendous resource to us all during the legislative session and he always put the best interest of the fire service up front. We were deeply saddened by his sudden death on April 6, 2007. Chief Frazier was a dear friend to the MSFA and will be missed by the entire Maryland Fire Service.

During this past year, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with the various allied agencies. I wish to thank John Ashworth, John Spearman and Brenda Fosler-Johnson (Shock Trauma), Bill Barnard (Office of the State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS), Steve Edwards (MFRI), Colonel Thomas P. Hutchins, Majors Jim Hock and AJ McAndrew (MSP) and John Droneburg (MEMA) for all of their assistance and counsel this past year. It was an honor to attend the 2007 Shock Trauma Gala and a *Night for Heroes on April 28, 2007*. Congratulations to John W. Ashworth, III for his Lifetime Achievement Awards in recognition for all that he has done to make Maryland's total EMS System one of the best in the world. Defeat of House Bill 1048 (MIEMSS reorganization) is just one example of everyone working together. I look forward to a continued excellent working relationship. It was an honor to attend the 2007 Shock Trauma Gala and a *Night for Heroes* on April 28, 2007. Congratulations to John W. Ashworth, III for his Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition for all that he has done to make Maryland's total EMS System one of the best in the world.

The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association (BCVFA) has a long tradition of supporting the MSFA and they are congratulated on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

My appreciation goes to those of you who assisted the MSFA by serving as committee chairs and members this past year. I look forward to serving with you in the future. To Chairman Doyle Cox and 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.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to President Balta and 2nd Vice President Underwood for their friendship and efforts this past year.

In closing, I extend to each of you my sincere thanks for your support and cooperation this past 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 good direction and counsel throughout the year. To my home company, the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., I thank you for your support. I am deeply grateful to the 19 member companies of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association, as well as my many friends for their tremendous support, both financially and in-kind.

Summarized below are my activities since being installed as the 1st Vice President on June 20, 2006.



Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

The Ocean City Firefighters Memorial is complete and was dedicated on September 11, 2006. The monument is dedicated to Bravery, Courage, Tradition and Pride. It features a six foot tall sculpted bronze statue of a firefighter upon a black granite base. The four sides of the black granite base commemorate:

- ◆ **September 11, 2001 Survivors and Victims** - A piece of steel from the World Trade Center is also featured on site
- ◆ **Ocean City Firefighters** - Past, Present and Future
- ◆ **Firefighters of the World** - For their devotion and duty
- ◆ **Dignitaries and Members** - The names of those who spent countless hours making this memorial possible



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The Officers and Members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company invite you to visit the Firefighters Memorial and wish you a safe, productive and enjoyable 115th Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City, Maryland

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Meetings	153
Legislative activities	42
Funerals / Memorials	16
Parades	5
Conventions	8
Banquets	20
Hospital visits	3
Other	20

but serious brain damage, multiple broken bones, severe internal injuries and much, much more. In each case, the first people on the scene are us, Fire and EMS personnel, and what we do in the first few minutes means the difference between life and death for these victims.

At the Gala, their stories are told from accident to emergency treatment to rehabilitation to life again. Sometimes it takes many months or even years for the people we first treated to get better.

Listening to these stories, it doesn't take long to figure out how important our job is to this chain of events. We are the first step in someone's life returning to normal. I thank everyone in that chain for what they do everyday to complete that circle of life that we sometimes control.

I would also like to thank everyone for their great support of my Vice Presidency. In the last 12 months I have traveled many miles, met many people, and have attended many events and meetings. It is a great feeling to know that the MSFA and all of its members are so highly regarded throughout the state. I want everyone to know that our opinion counts.

Everywhere I go, people are hungry for information about the Fire Service in Maryland. There are a lot of newly elected officials at state and local levels that are eager to know what we do and how we do it. I am able to answer those questions because you have given me the opportunity to be in this position. It really makes me feel good to be able to help them and I appreciate the input and advice that many of you have offered.

I would like everyone to help me pray for one of our Executive Committee members. As most of you know, Judy Lau has been diagnosed with cancer. She has been a loyal friend of the fire service family for many years. I chose Judy as my Executive Committee Member because of her loyalty and enthusiasm when it comes to the fire service. She has always been there when we needed her and now it is time to help her and her family. I was so happy the day that she accepted the offer to follow me up the line as my Executive person. She never hesitated, just the normal hug and kiss. Please get better "Miss Judy," I look forward to the day when you are well and we can continue together. We all need the excitement and enthusiasm you bring to the fire service.

The big topic for the past three months has been Annapolis. With the budget projections, a new Governor, and many newly elected officials, we didn't do as well as was hoped. The Safe Cigarette Bill was the one mostly promoted and with a lot of work and many hours it finally passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all who worked so very hard. We did manage to get our state allotments so that we can spread the money around where we need to. No one really knows how many hours the Legislative Committee spends every year but it is a lot of work.

The bad news came a few months ago when one of our favorite colleagues passed away. Jack Frazer was a person who always

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008

1. Resolve the issue surrounding administration of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) monies.
2. Pursue hiring of a salaried Executive Director.
3. Strive to achieve the recommendations of July 2006 MSFA Retreat.
4. Get the MSFA Foundation operational.
5. Continue to reduce firefighter injuries and death through support of the NFFF "Everyone goes home" initiative.
6. Promote firefighter Injury Prevention and Wellness.

Best wishes for a successful 115th Convention and Conference.

Fraternally,
Chief Paul H. Sterling, Jr.



Report of the Second Vice President

President Balta, Vice President Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

For me to sit down and write a report is tough, most of the time I end up with a mental block. I was worried about what to write about, but that ended last night when my wife and I went to the annual Shock Trauma Gala.

Each year at the Gala they talk about two people whose bodies have been torn apart in accidents. Not just bangs and bruises,



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Frank Underwood

For

1st Vice President

MSFA



had something to say. Whether it was good or bad he would just spit it out. He knew everyone in Annapolis from the Governor on down. Some say he had the man's cell phone number. He will be missed greatly.

Another sad loss was MSFA Past President, Bill Fleshman. Bill was from my county and I grew up watching him and admiring his leadership abilities. I can remember going to meetings with Bill, Pierce, and Roy at the helm. Beltsville has had a lot of great leaders over the years and it has been an honor to have known all of them. I hope, one day, that I will be someone they would have been proud of.

One of the main things on my agenda this past year has been working closely with the Historical and Archives Committee. Since last November my garage has been full of archive stuff from the Firefighters Room at the University of Maryland. The room has been completely redone with new carpets, ceiling, sheetrock walls, and a complete redesign of the glass display cabinets. When the room was redone, before, a lot of the plaques were lost. This time the University has worked closely with the Committee every step of the way. The room will be ready for meetings of the MSFA once all the plaques are re-hung. The upgrade looks new and refreshed with twice the display area. Good job, well done.

I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the pleasure of attending their fall and spring conferences this year. It is always fun to talk to the ladies and get my hugs. I am looking forward to working with Rose and Lois this next year. To the ladies, I love all of you.

All in all, I have attended many meetings and traveled many miles. It has been a great opportunity to meet many friends of the fire service. There are many groups who look to us for guidance of some sort and it has been a pleasure to serve them during the past twelve months as 2nd Vice President. I am doing my best, and hopefully everyone sees that. If I can help anyone make their stay in the fire service any better, please let me know.

To my wife, Renee, children, Chris and Jennifer, and daughter-in-law Carol, who, despite me being gone a lot of the time, understand my dedication to the fire service, thank you with all of my love.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for giving me the chance to travel around the state, making friends and serving this association. It has been a wonderful year.

Frank J. Underwood
2nd Vice President



Report of the Secretary

President Balta, 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 have attended all meetings of the Executive Committee and many others when it was required or requested during the year. My dedicated assistants have also attended these meetings throughout the year. All correspondence received has been properly handled, and all necessary correspondence and records has been properly taken care of as required by the Association Constitution and By-Laws.

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

June 21, 2006	Ocean City
August 19-20, 2006	Bedford Road VFD
November 4-5, 2006	Oxford FC
February 10-11, 2007	Huntingtown VFD
April 2-22, 2007	Bay District VFD
June 17, 2007	Ocean City

Chairman Doyle Cox has conducted the Executive Committee Meetings in an efficient and very 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.

The cooperation that has been received from First Vice President Sterling, Second Vice President Underwood and all of the officers and committee personnel has been outstanding. It is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Legislative Reception was held in Annapolis, and was well attended and many individuals took advantage of the



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evening to discuss important issues with their legislators.

Our Association membership now consists of 385 member organizations. During the year we accepted into membership the following organizations: The Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association as a regular member, and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association as an Associate Member.

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, distribution and other duties. Special thanks are given to Assistant Secretary Ronald Watkins for his efforts in the areas of distribution, copying, old record updates and other duties. Special thanks are given to Assistant Secretary Jacqueline Olson for her efforts with the Directory, scheduling, coordination, distribution and other duties, all while dealing with her health concerns. Special thanks also goes to Assistant Secretary Eddie Cross for his efforts in the areas of recording, Distribution, mailings and other duties. The Secretary's Office is very fortunate to have these individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them has. 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 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 Fred R. Cross and his assistants. 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.

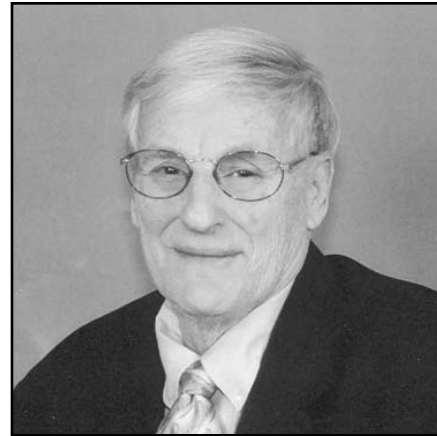
As a personal note, my family and I will forever be grateful to have such friends and the fire service family that have meant so much during this past year while Margaret was ill and continues to be there for me and my family. The Fire Service Family is truly the greatest family in the world. We could not have gotten through this past year without you. Margaret and I were together for 50 years and married for 46. During this whole time, Margaret was so much a part of the work that we together have been able to do for the fire and rescue service. The honors that were bestowed upon Margaret during last years convention and conference were so much appreciated by her, and will forever be a part of our family memories and treasures of her. The memorial tributes in her memory that have been received by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation have been overwhelming and will serve as an everlasting tribute to her and all she did. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have traveled around 23,000 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 me while representing the Association.

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.



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.

This year the MSFA Financial Team was given permission to change the way our financial reports were kept. Treasure Ron Siranki worked many hours in training myself and the other members of the team on the use of Quik Books. This process proved to be very beneficial to the team as it is now possible for the Financial Secretary and the Treasure to work together to verify deposit's.

The MSFA Financial team went through a Maryland State Audit. This proved to be a very time consuming as well as tedious since the state auditors did not understand the way the Volunteer Fire Service in Maryland operates. We owe P.P. Lee Sachs a great big thank you for being the go to person to help to make the auditors understand our process. Many hours were put in by the team and it looks like there will still be many more hours of work before the situation is resolved.

Once again I would like to thank Assistance Financial Secretary



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Amy has been very active in promoting fire safety
throughout our County during her **reign**

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. Susan was very instrumental in getting information to the auditors.

I would also like to thank Jim Riegel, Sr. for his assistance.

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



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 115th Annual Convention sincere best wishes 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 appreciation for their efforts to lead the Association is most generous.

Over the past year the Office of the Treasurer for the Maryland State Firemen's Association has been diligently working to meet the ever challenging financial issues of the MSFA. We continue to see a need to find additional financial streams of sustaining revenue to keep our organizational structure fiscally solvent. It is challenging at times to manage all of the outlays when so much of our very existence is dependent upon the current dues structure of the organization which comes into play near the end of our fiscal year. It is believed by this office and others that this entire system should be deeply examined to determine better ways to meet the financial obligations of our organizational structure.

Since taking over this office, the entire accounting system for the Association has been automated and placed into a non-profit internet based program. This allows many of our leadership

representatives to view our current and past financial conditions when they are available. It has helped with the decision making process of our daily business and with the account reporting and budget actions needed each year. All of the multiple checking and savings accounts operated by the Association in the past have been consolidated into a more functional format. Our annual review by the Accounting Firm has been completed and the organizational 990 has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

During this term of office, the Association has seen additional changes to the Low Interest Loan Fund imposed by the State of Maryland and I can assure you that our leadership is working very hard to address these concerns. In addition, two special meetings of the MSFA Financial Team were held in between our regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meetings. Both meetings were to address funding concerns and fiscal matters relative to the general cash flow of the organization and the Low Interest Loan Fund.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Balta, Vice President's Sterling and Underwood and all of the officers of the MSFA, especially the Secretary, Leonard King and the Financial Secretary Fred Cross for working so diligently with me through my tenure in office. I would also especially wish to thank my Assistant Secretaries; Robert Jacobs, Chris Hyzer, Bobbi Aaron and Gene Curfman for helping me maintain an even keel as we worked through these issues and changes. They have helped make a real difference to a very positive 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 Treasurer while carrying out 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 purpose of this great organization. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

Ronald Siarnicki



Report of the Chaplain

Greetings from the Chaplains' Corps of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it is our prayer that the wisdom and grace of our heavenly Father be witnessed throughout our association.



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That he would guide and direct all the leaders and actions of this association.

As I write this report I am reminded of all the happenings going on all around us, and I wonder why we as humans don't learn from history.

There have been many events this past year in and out of the fire service that could have been avoided, had we been better students of our history. It is said, "When History is ignored, history will repeat itself."

No better place to see the truth in that statement than in the Bible. Over and over again and again you can find the history of God's people as they prosper and then turn away from God. When all is lost and they are desperate they call on God to rescue them from their misery. Then God saves them and they are blessed, and turn away again.

Our country started out with a strong faith in God and our forefathers were reverent to God and our country became prosperous and received many blessings. Not all was perfect, and God never said that we would have a perfect world. Our country was given many blessing that we as a nation could help save the world.

But today, where do we put God in our lives? Many people will tell you that they worked for everything they have, "they earned it." How true the statement. But isn't it God who has given you the ability to earn what you have?

This past year as I conducted and attended many funerals for our fallen brothers and sisters of the fire service I am amazed at the years of dedication these individual put into their companies. The hours spent helping people they knew and did not know. The hours of raising money to be able to buy the equipment they needed. Many of these individuals never took credit or sought recognition for their accomplishments. These individuals realized that God had blessed them with skills and abilities and they knew that God had selected them to use those to help others.

So I ask you, where have you put God in your life? Is he your source of strength, and knowledge? Do you praise him for what he has given you? Do you seek out his guidance and wisdom daily? Do you ask God to watch over you and protect you from harm's way? If you do, God bless you, if you don't start. First ask God for forgiveness for not seeking Him. Then lift up your concerns to him, and listen for a response.

The fire and rescue service could be so much stronger if we would (1) thank God for his blessing, (2) acknowledge that it is he who gives us the skills and abilities to be able to do what we do, (3) treat everyone who God sends to our organizations with respect and love, acknowledging that they are God sent and God has given them the direction to join your organization with skills, knowledge, and abilities to work for the good of your organization.

As stated in the beginning, history will repeat itself. Hopefully,

the days of Godly men and women seeking God's direction will again lead our organizations and everyone would seek and pray to God. As it is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In closing I pray that you would find it in your heart to seek God on a daily basis. Surrendering your life to Him. Acknowledging Him as the giver of all knowledge and abilities. I pray that God will keep you safe and protect you from harm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Long

Report of the Board of Trustees

I wish to recognize Trustees Vice Chair ,John Means, Sectreary Gene Worthington, P.P., Danny Carpenter, Terry Thompson, P.P. for their dedicated and caring assistance. Thru their efforts, we successfully re-wrote the entire Trustees Manual, provided assistance the member Companies within hours of need, and delivered Benefit Checks in person to Surviving Spouses. The Trustee has established a record of service and timely personal assistance to the Officers within hours of the loss of a Department member.

Your trustees have reviewed and increased member Benefits (see minutes from Huntington's meeting), and continue to seek additional funding for our members/benefactors.

Please take time to review our Manual @ www.msfa.org, or to contact any Trustee member for assistance.

I wish also like to personal thank our President, and Vice presidents for their support this past year. We work as a team on your behalf. Above all speaking of Teams, I need to recognize the Executive Committee, who assist this and all Committees on a regional basis...you all are part of this continuing effort.

Above all THANK
YOU for the opportunity to SERVE.

Respectfully,
Stephen V. Hales, Chair

Report of the Executive Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates and Guest of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate President Balta on an outstanding year and to thank him for providing the

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members of this Committee the opportunity to serve this great Association.

Vice President Sterling and Vice President Underwood are to be thanked for their input, advice and support throughout the year.

The members of the Executive Committee are to be commended for their interest and willingness to serve. A considerable number of issues were brought before the committee this year, which some had decisions that were difficult to make, but all decisions were made with the best of interest of the Association and the member companies in mind.

A Special thanks goes to Secretary King for his assistance and advice and his assistants for the professional manner in which they have handled the business of the Secretary's Office.

To the Committee Chairs, you are also to be congratulated on your contribution to the operation of the Association. Many of you are going the extra step in providing up to date reports on a timely manner and working outside of the box to find ways to improve the operations of the Association. I encourage each of the Committee Chairs to continue providing your reports electronically and on a timely manner.

The Executive Committee held six regular meeting this past year. The first starting in Ocean City on Thursday, June 22, 2006. From there were at Bedford Road VFC on August 19 and 20, 2006. Our next meeting was at Oxford VFC on November 4 and 5, 2006. As winter approached us, the next meeting was held at Huntingtown on February 10 and 11, 2007. The next meeting was held at Bay District on April 21 and 22, 2007. We will have completed our last regular meeting in Ocean City, on Sunday, June 17, 2007. A special thanks goes to each and every member of the four department for going out of their way to assist in providing the best of hospitality that was available.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Attorney

To President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Executive Committee Chairman Cox, Executive Committee, Committee Chairman and Delegates

It has again this year been my privilege to serve as the attorney for the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Last year, I participated in the audit of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. That audit remained unfinished and has continued on into President Balta's administration wherein I

continued to participate in various meetings with auditors, officers and government officials which has been ongoing through the present time. There have been ongoing issues with the state governments implementation of the fund through MEMA which has effected settlements and required meetings to determine and review the status of monies intended for loans, how those monies will be disbursed and how they will be repaid. This process has additionally required my involvement in attempting to seek a legislative solution which is likewise ongoing.

I have continued to meet with the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee. While there have been applications approved, the issues have effect the number of settlements I have conducted during this past year. As a result of the current status, there remain several loans approved for which funds have not yet been received by the State Association to enable loans to be funded.

Chaplain Hetz has written a manual for Fire Service Chaplains which he requested I review. My review demonstrated the manual to be a comprehensive and extremely well written work which will be a great benefit for Fire Service Chaplains.

I have been working with the Trustees to review and revise the Trustee's Manual, the process has taken most of the year but is almost complete.

At the request of the Presidents, I have submitted recommended policies for the uniform billing procedures and for crisis intervention teams for consideration or implementation by the Executive Committee and By-Law amendments for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to submit to the Executive Committee to be placed on this years ballot in addition to attending the Constitution and By-Laws Committee meetings.

I have additionally worked with Chairman Bilger in reviewing legislation to have the 2006 Fire Law of Maryland Book published which has now been distributed in CD ROM format. I have consulted with the Presidents on pending legislation.

I have continued to administer the MSFA Affinity Credit Card Program which is now being operated by Bank Of America which acquired MBNA this past fall and has produced almost \$3,000 in income for the Maryland State Firemen's Association during this year. I have aided the Treasurer in collections and other matters.

I continue to prosecute the lawsuit on behalf of the Trustees against Melynda Sue Wilcom to recover monies she received by failing to report her remarriage. The current trial date will be Friday, June 22, 2007 assuming that we are successful in having the suit papers served on her.

I have reviewed and recommended the new contract for the new website host and for a proposal for a partnership with Freestate Mortgage Services.

I have aided the Presidents in providing services to County Associations to aid them in resolving issues effecting the Volunteer Emergency Services in their counties which services



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were provided in fulfillment of the MSFA Mission Statement.

- I have offered articles for the Volunteer Trumpet.
- I have attended all Executive Committee meetings.
- I have attended a meeting of the Directors of the MSFA Foundation.
- I have participated in securing a new long term lease for 17 State Circle.

I have through out this year benefitted from the aid of my assistant Michael Farlow, Esq.

The office of the attorney continues to provide necessary services for the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services and the Maryland State Firemen's Association as and when necessary. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve during this past year. I look forward to the continued opportunity to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association as the attorney or in any capacity to which I might be elected/appointed.

Respectively Submitted,
Roger N. Powell, Attorney

Report of the Awards Committee

President Paul R. 'Bobby' Balta , Jr. elected and appointed officers, delegates and alternates, members and guest of the Maryland state firemen's Association. Greetings on the occasion of our association's 115th annual convention.

The awards committee congratulates you on a very successful year as president, and wishes you the best of luck in the years to come.

The committee discussed a recommendation to send out all rules and dead-lines under one mailing Etc. This project was completed thanks to doyle cox and his computer work.

In the middle of January a copy was distributed to every fire company in the state, With the hope they would put good these to good use. We will know at the awards ceremony on Monday of this year's convention. We wish to thank the president for his support and the opportunity to serve the association.

Respectively Submitted,
Ronald B. Graf

Report of the Budget and Revenue Committee

President Balta, Vice President's Sterling and Underwood,

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 to be a part of this great organization known as the Maryland State Firemen's Association. 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 implemented many changes to the financial accounting practices which will make our operations stronger and more responsive to those we serve.

On July 1, 2006, the MSFA made a bold move to terminate all of the previous accounting systems and practices and implemented a completely new, modern, and innovative accounting system. This system is used not only by the Treasurers Office and Financial Secretaries Office, but also by the Budget and Revenue Committee. The new system allows the "financial team" to work together in the same system instead of separate sets of books and provides the sharing of real time data. The Budget and Revenue Committee provided recommendations this past year which would ease the restrictions on the use of the State of Maryland Appropriations. These recommendations were endorsed by the Executive Committee and introduced into the Legislature. Thanks to the Legislative Committee for following these recommendations and seeing that they were passed.

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 Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The Constitution and By-laws Committee held its annual meeting at Fallston Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with the Planning Committee. As a result of this meeting the following two (2) questions will appear on the ballot at the June 2007 Convention and Conference:

Question One submitted by the Association clarifies the relationship between the Association and the MSFA Foundation.

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Question Two submitted by the Association clarifies and defines disciplinary actions of the Association.

In addition, there are two questions of intent on the ballot:

Question of Intent Number One: Would you consider a dues increase in the future for MSFA Member Companies?

Question of Intent Number Two: Would you support an effort to structure a dues increase based on factors such as department size and call load?

The Committee would like to make our annual request that based upon time restraints defined in the Constitution and Bylaws regarding amendments that any member company of the Association submitting an amendment do so no later than the first week in January of the year that the amendment will appear on the ballot at the June Convention and Conference.

The Committee stands ready to assist the Association or any member company regarding amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Committee wishes to thank the Officers and the Executive Committee for their assistance during the past year and stands ready to assist the incoming officers and committees during the coming year.

Dennis Skinner, Chairman
William Wagner, III Vice Chairman
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Report of the Convention Committee

President Balta, 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 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the M.S.F.A. is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering of the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services and their families.

This past year has found these dedicated individuals putting in many hours planning and developing the weeklong events and activities. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security, Safety, etc. feel confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your communities from this years convention and conference.

The most up-to-date 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 State. Thank you to all members of the Program Committee for your efforts.

Joseph Cooper and the staff that put in many hours taking care of the registration and voting are to be thanked for their efforts.

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. New this year, are some hands on training seminars. Thanks to the members of the Program Committee and to Director Steven Edwards and J. Pinoake Browning at MFRI for their devotion and assistance.

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 question. We owe a "thank you" to all of the exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference. Thanks to Exhibits Chairs Wylie Donaldson and Lee Sachs and their staff for another year of service and dedication.

The Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be more spectacular than ever with the presentation of the colors by representatives from each county, the musical, and other presentations. Thanks to Ron Siarnicki and Tom Mattingly, and others for their work in this area.

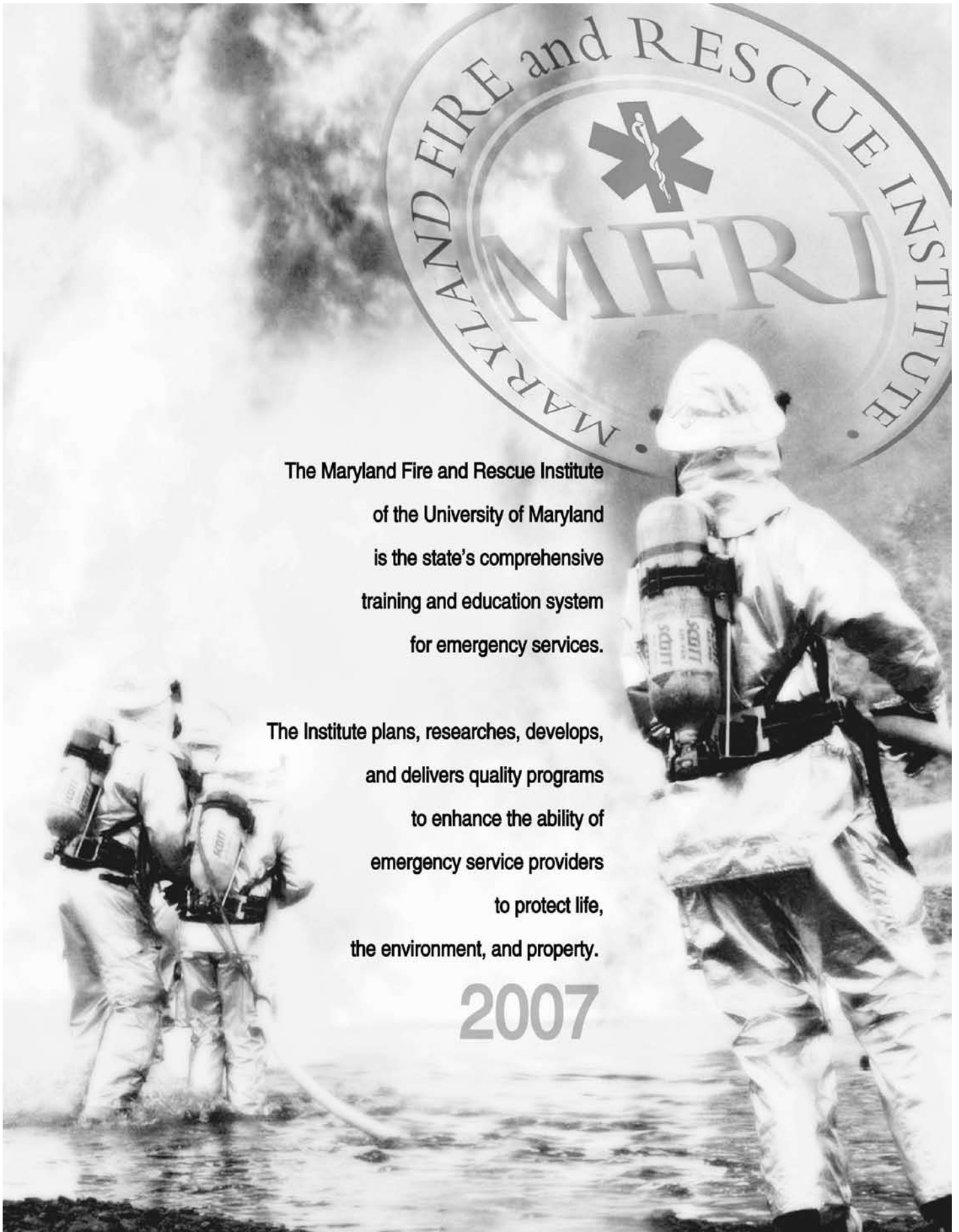
The "Joint Memorial Service" proves to be another moving and most important part of the overall convention and conference. The Chaplain's Office and others are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program.

Each year the Joint Officers Banquet is a very well planned and enjoyed event. This year is another fine example. Thanks to Rose Clark and her group for the dedicated hard work with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the guests. This event has again been held on Saturday evening to allow more individuals additional time during other events of the convention and conference.

The ladies that sell event tickets, offer bus passes and handle the mad rush in the lower foyers are to be thanked for their dedication, long hours and hard work. Thanks you ladies for stepping up to the plate when Margaret could not be there.

The many social events, including: The All You Can Eat Picnic, Country Bash Party, Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, Golf Tournament, etc., require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the individuals for their dedicated work in producing these various events.

The parade requires many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hilderbrand, Eddie Cross, and your staffs



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for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Transportation Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for their long hours and hard work in producing the parade.

Ken Bush and the Program Committee work hard behind the scenes to coordinate and bring you the best possible programs. Carlos Alfaro and the entire audio-visual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events move smoothly. Ed Joiner, thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Eddie Cross, Bill Hawkins, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center and logistics areas for all events during the week.

The Convention Committee extends a special thank you to the Mayor of Ocean City for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year in assisting to make everything happen for a successful convention and conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Council, City Manager, Ocean City Police Department, Ocean City Department of Public Works, Ocean City Department of Transportation, and to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication. We could not put on this convention and conference without the splendid year round cooperation of the officers and entire membership of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company.

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

The Convention Committee would like to thank the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, M.F.R.I., M.I.E.M.S.S., State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Governor's Office for all of the assistance, cooperation, and work in planning and producing our convention and conference.

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 MD DNR Forest Service:

President Balta, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources Secretary John R. Griffin and Forest Service Director / State Forester Steven W. Koehn.

In 2006 the Forest Service celebrated its centennial anniversary marking 100 years of providing wildfire protection for the citizens, communities, and natural resources of our state. In 1906, the first State Forester, Fred Besley commissioned and elite corps of volunteer Forest Wardens that numbered about 650 by 1935 and established a network of forest fire lookout towers that organized forest fire protection in Maryland. These first Forest Wardens coordinated crews to fight and extinguish forest fires, posted fire warning notices, enforced forestry laws, and scheduled observers in the fire towers. Much has changed in the last century, but many of the practices established by the early wardens remain a part of the Wildland Fire Management program today. On October 15, 2006, Maryland Forest Wardens and the Fire Tower network were memorialized with a plaque and dedication ceremony at the Thayerville Forest Fire Lookout Tower on Meadow Mountain in Deep Creek Lake State Park to commemorate the accomplishments and sacrifices of these early forest wardens.

During 2006 the Agency responded to 753 wildfires that burned 6,074 acres. In was a very busy spring fire season with over half of the yearly responses occurring in the month of March. The extremely dry condition prompted the Department to enact a Burning Ban in late March that continued in effect for much of April to reduce the number of fire occurrences. During the year, the Forest Service also dispatched 32 single resource personnel and four twenty-person fire crews to provide assistance on wildfires in Arizona, California, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 41 volunteer fire departments in ten counties receiving \$87,332 in match grant funding with 100% of awarded grants being completed. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$202,166 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection services in their local jurisdictions.

The Dry Hydrant grant program completed its third & fourth round of grants with 57 additional new dry hydrants being installed in 2005-2006. Grant funding of \$68,805 was reimbursed to fire departments for completion of these two rounds of projects. This State Fire Assistance hazard mitigation grant has exceeded its initial project goals and installed 115 dry hydrants statewide since 2003. The final phase of this project is to map all of the dry hydrants and produce a map booklet delineating locations and this will be completed and distributed by the end of 2007.

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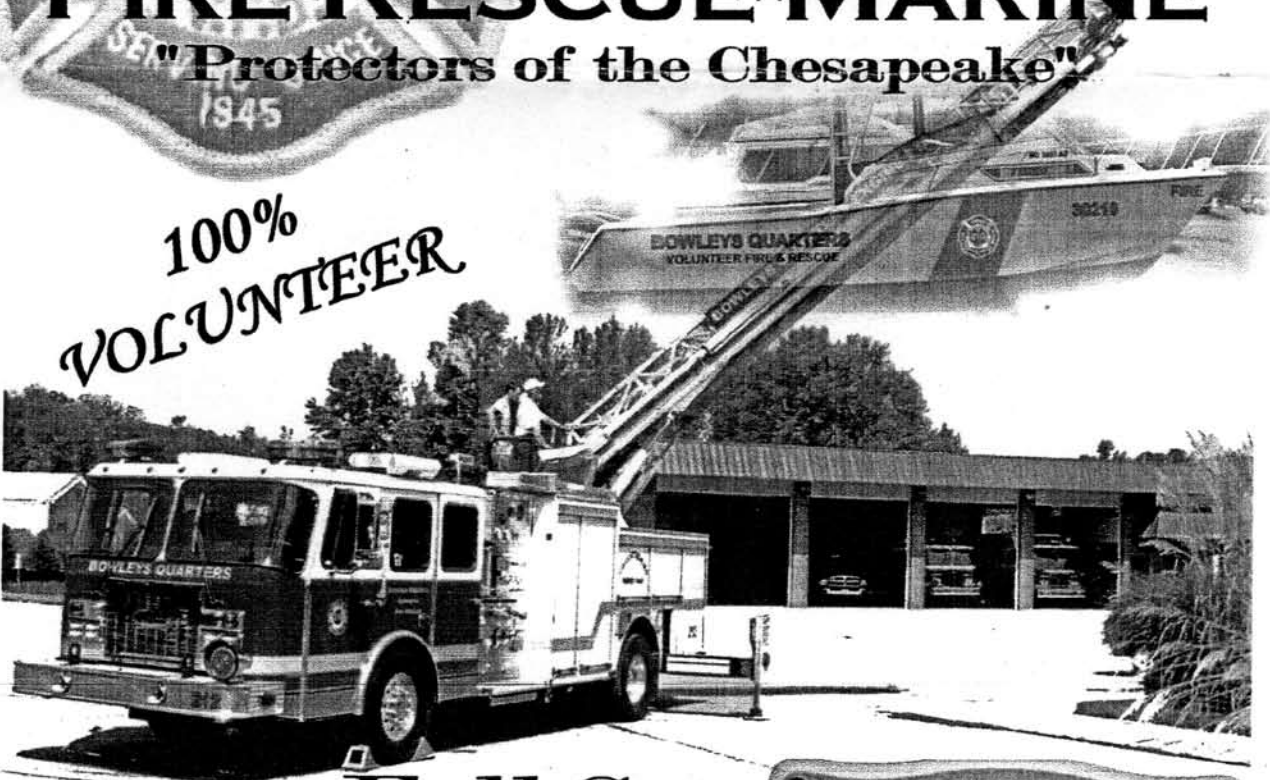
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As the Forest Service begins its second century of service, it values the partnership with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, its member companies, and officers and extends best wishes for a successful and productive 115th MSFA Annual Convention and beyond!

Respectfully Submitted,
Monte R. Mitchell
State Fire Supervisor

Report of the Emergency Apparatus License And Red Light Committee

Good Morning, President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling, Underwood, 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.

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration staff response:

“Simply put, the fire, rescue and EMS services are exempt from the medical requirements with a non-CDL license.”

“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.

Our committee has been working with up-dating the “Red Light Authorization Form”, which will be complete in “DRAFT” for review of the Presidents and Executive before sending to all companies/departments.

We feel that the current legislation authorization the use of red lights on private vehicles should remain as is and we should monitor the operations for compliance.

We worked with Delegate Conway and the fire caucus for the passage of House Bill 1367 “Emergency Vehicles – Green Flashing Lights”, which reads:

“A STATIONARY EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERVING AS A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH OR DISPLAY A FLASHING, BLINKING OR OSCILLATING GREEN LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE TO DESIGNATE THE VEHICLE AS THE COMMAND POST”.

House Bill 1416 “Fire and Emergency Vehicles – Single Registration Plate” didn't make it in time to be heard in committee, so we will proceed with this bill again next year.

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 our committee for any assistance we can provide.

Thank you,

Chair Roger A. Steger, Sr., PP
Vice Chair Daniel J. Stevens
Leonard T. King, Sr., PP,
Daniel Davis, PP,
Richard L. Yinger, PP
William Huttenloch
Eddie Bilger

Report of the Emergency Medical Services Committee

President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr., 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 115th 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 three subcommittees: Advanced Life Support (ALS); Basic Life

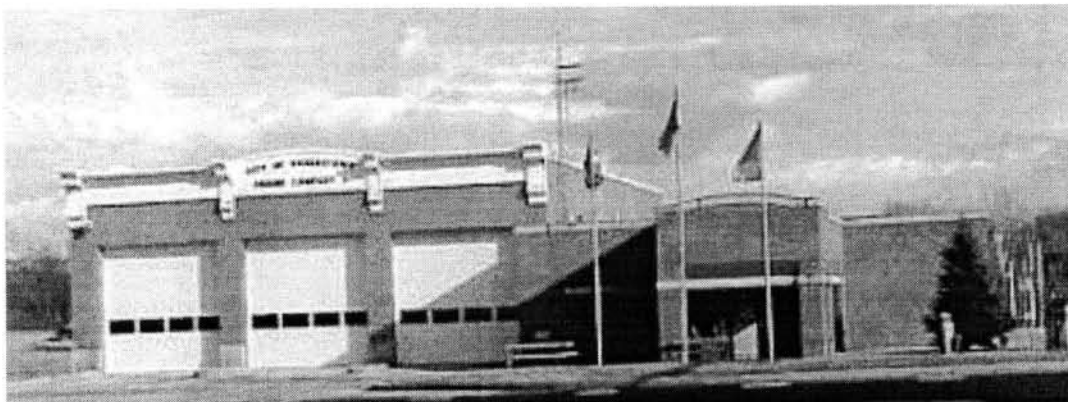
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Support (BLS); and the Hospital Delay Study (HDS) have met five times and have worked diligently on behalf of our great Association. It has been my honor and pleasure to lead this competent and hard working committee.

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8-06-06	Hollywood RS	St. Mary's
10-30-06	Liberty Road VFD	Baltimore
1-07-07	MIEMSS	Baltimore City
3-18-07	Kensington VFD	Montgomery
5-20-07	Potomac Heights VFD	Charles

Goings – On at MIEMSS

In my report to the 114th Annual Convention, I reported that the BLS Committee of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (SEMSAC) was in the process of developing updated Skills Sheets for our EMS Instructors and Providers to be known as the “New Maryland Way”. The goal of this program is to ensure accuracy and promote consistency in skills application. The program focuses on one set of skills annually. The focus for this the first year has been spinal immobilization. A photo shoot was conducted in January '06 from which a series of spinal immobilization skills sheets and a DVD were made for use as references. To unveil the 2006 Skill Sheets a series of instructor workshops were offered throughout the State late this winter. In addition, these sheets will be made available to instructors and students via the MIEMSS website.

At the August, 2006 committee meeting, Dr. Richard Alcorta, M.D., the State EMS Medical Director, distributed copies of Version 5.1 of the “Nursing Home Assessment and Triage Guidelines”. This new version had been updated to address concerns of various State officers and Committee members. The new version contained an Executive Summary that set the tone for the document and offered constructive direction toward using commercial services over public safety. At the August meeting it was decided to allow six months to review the document and to assess the impact of the guidelines with feedback from the MSFA EMS Committee, amongst others. At a meeting held January 7, 2007 at MIEMSS, Dr. Alcorta asked for additional comments on the document. I responded that as presented, the document was no more than a license to steal – for the nursing homes. I noted that in my County, there were principally two types of nursing homes.

- Sanctioned Nursing Homes without accessible, responsible transportation services for their patients – most of the time;
- Unlicensed, understaffed and therefore unregulated private homes with five or less - sometimes critical patients.

The sanctioned nursing homes have requirements for proper staffing which should denote an on-site decision maker. The unlicensed facilities have no-one. The consensus was that without an educational package developed by someone - namely MIEMSS and the Maryland Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the new document was worthless. I informed Dr. Alcorta that without the educational package that MSFA would oppose the use of the document in its present form.

The 2007 Protocol Rollout was held at MIEMSS on August 16, 2006. These new protocols were to be completely implemented by January 1, 2007. The new 2007 Protocols were further clarified in a document distributed by MIEMSS and dated February 14, 2007. There are two parts of the document that are of particular interest to both BLS and ALS providers:

1. Oxygen administration to Stroke Patients – Oxygen administration on page 27 (GPC) when compared to page 117 (Stroke; Neurological Emergencies). (The lower Nasal Cannula oxygen delivery dose is intentional for Stroke patients.)
 - General Patient Care Section states: Administer oxygen at 12-15 lpm NRB to all priority 1 patients (including COPD) and to all priority 2 patients (including COPD) experiencing cardiovascular, respiratory, or neurological compromise.
 - Stroke: Neurological Emergencies. Administer oxygen at 2-6 liters via nasal cannula (unless hypoxic or in respiratory distress).
 - The reason Stroke patients have a lower oxygen concentration administration is that there is concern there will be increased oxygen free radical formation which can cause damage to ischemic or injured brain cells. **Use 2-6 liters via NC for suspected Stroke patients.**
2. AED Total Number of Shocks before Medical Consultation, Pages 76,138 and 182
 - The most important question is when do you make the decision whether to stay at the scene and shock the patient while waiting for ALS or to transport the patient (either for ALS rendezvous or to the hospital emergency department).
 - The key is time determined by whether you are using an old AED device or a new AED device. The “old” AED protocol states three stacked shocks, then one minute of CPR; then an additional three stacked shocks and one minute of CPR; then another three stacked shocks if indicated, resulting in a total of 9 shocks, then the required medical consultation. These actions take between 7 and 10 minutes, usually enough time for ALS to arrive and begin the transition of patient care. But in certain areas of the state where ALS response could be more than 10 minutes, it may be better to transport the patient to an ALS rendezvous point or to the hospital ED. The new AHA guidelines call for single shock sequences that vary, depending on whether the arrest was witnessed or not witnessed (for example, with unwitnessed arrest, you start with 5 cycles of CPR (about 2 minutes) and then start single shocks. Around the third or fourth shock with this “new” AHA sequence, you should be making the decision whether it is better to stay at the scene and shock the patient while waiting for ALS or to transport the patient to an ALS rendezvous point or to the hospital ED.

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As usual most of us thought this year was going to be a ho-hum Legislative Session. However, this year **did and really did** have its moments. One of the bills, HB – 1048 would have moved MIEMSS back under the DHHS as a third tier level of service. When the bill was heard, the fire service came out against the bill. About 40 representatives of the fire and EMS service waited approximately 6 hours for a chance to speak against the bill and as usual we were heard. The bill was soundly defeated in Committee and died in the same Committee. Once again – Thanks to the crew of the Legislative Committee for your usual great job.

Good by and Farewell:

During the meeting of the EMS Committee held at Liberty Road in October, 2006, Pinoake Browning - longtime representative to the Committee from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute announced his retirement from MFRI. Mr. Browning has represented MFRI for several years and his wisdom will be missed by the Committee.

At the conclusion of the March 10, 2007 Committee meeting held in Kensington, Committee Senior Vice Chair Wayne Tome announced that he would not seek reappointment in the coming year. Chair Wills thanked Wayne for his many years of service to the EMS community and to the Committee, including two years as its Chair. Chair Wills reminded all present that Wayne was indeed “BC” that is “Before Charlie”. He also noted that his understanding and wisdom will be missed.

On behalf as Committee Chair I wish Wayne and Penaoke both good luck and farewell, for you both will be missed, especially by me.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Wills, Chair

***Report of the
Federal Legislative Oversight
Committee***

President Balta, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guest to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

A tribute to Congressman Curt Weldon who lost his Congressional district in Pennsylvania was a major event at the 19th Annual Nation Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on March 29. Curt was the founder of the Fire Services Caucus. He was recognized as the number one Congressional fire service leader in Congress and had been very favorable to the Volunteer Fire & EMS Services.

In talking to many volunteer members at the dinner on what's going in their state we can be very proud of what we the MSFA has done for the volunteers in the State of Maryland. We have \$10 million from the Senator Amoss Fund; each qualifying volunteer receives a \$3,500 deduction on their state income tax, just passed the Safe Cigarette bill, the low interest loan program, the injured and benefits fund operated by the Trustees and others programs

that make Maryland one of the top states in the United State on Fire Safety.

A Volunteer Job Protection Act of 2007 (H.R. 1643) was introduced by Congress Rob Andrews (D-N.J.) and co-sponsored by Michael Castle (R.-Del.). The bill would provide up to 14 days of job protection per calendar year. Under the Bill employers would not be required to compensate employees for time missed. The Bill only applies to emergency responders acting in official capacity.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training accepted applications for the FY 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grants until May 4. The Fire Grants will be distributed in phases throughout FY 2007 for approximately \$492.3 million. Maryland has done very well in the pass years and we are looking forward to do better this year.

The Pubic Safety Officers Benefit Act was revised in 2003 to include death benefit to firefighters who die on duty from stroke or heart attach within twenty-four hours or work or training. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 34 claims have been denied, 0 have been approved and about 200 are pending review. The advice to those who have been denied is to APPEAL. Appeal each one immediately.

President George Bush has nominated Chief Gregory B. Cade as Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration at the Department of Homeland Security. He has been already been interviewed by U.S. Senate Committees. Greg is a Maryland product. Greg graduated from the University of Maryland and retired from the Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Danny Davis, Vice Chairman

***Report of the
Fire Fighter of the Year
Committee***

President Balta, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 115th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

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

This year we had a different procedure that we tried. We sent out all of the various awards contest rules in one mailing. This packet was sent to every Member Company of the MSFA in



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best in the world.*

January so that everyone would have plenty of time to review and submit nominations. As of the writing of this report, we have had a very poor response for nominations for the Fire Fighter of the Year Award. We continue to promote this and all of the other awards programs as our Officers and Committee Members travel this State. Many of the Member Companies have a Fire Fighter of the Year person(s) recognized at their annual banquet. Why not submit their name for the honor of being the MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year! The nomination is for the previous year only so it is not held over until the next year.

All nominees will be recognized from the Convention floor and presented with 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 the 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 sincerely thank all of the Committee Members for their continued support. It has been my pleasure to work with them. I would also like to extend thanks to President Balta for the opportunity to serve as 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 2006 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor.

Enjoy your convention and PLEASE NOMINATE for this and all awards contests next year.

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

Report of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book and Technology Committee

President Balta, Past Presidents, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Members and Guest to the 115th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference in Ocean City, Maryland..

I would like to start my report by thanking President Balta for the opportunity to serve this great association and I would also like to thank all the officers for their support.

The committee has worked hard this past year monitoring legislation in Annapolis and publishing a new edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland. The 2006th edition published in two different formats. The first was the standard red book that you are all familiar with and the second format used was a CD Rom.

The committee continues to monitor legislation that is passed in Annapolis to insure that the Fire Laws of Maryland contains the most accurate and up-to-date information on the laws that affect the Emergency Services in Maryland.

Finally, all this fine work could not be possible without the help and support of the committee members. I would like to offer my personal thanks to each member for all their hard work and dedication.

The committee invites all inquires and comments.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

Report from the State Fire Marshal

I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, 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, Paul R. Balta and Patricia Deamond. 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.

Maryland's fire service in partnership with local, state, and federal agencies and organizations along with private industry and citizens across our great state accomplished an amazing feat during 2006. Last year, Maryland recorded the lowest fire death total in State history. Sixty Marylanders died from fire during 2006 – two fewer than the previous low of sixty-two recorded during 1996. This achievement was reached through a concentrated and coordinated effort. As always, the MSFA and your member departments continue to play a critical role making our state a safer place to live work and raise a family.

Local initiatives mandating residential fire sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings continue to spread across Maryland. Communities in Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore have joined the fold and in each instance, local fire departments have led the way urging elected officials to require these vital lifesaving devices. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has worked closely with the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Chaired by Doug Alexander from Mt. Airy, the committee continues to deliver workshops and presentations, educating communities and policy makers concerning the value of residential fire sprinkler protection. As more and more communities adopt similar requirements, we can look forward to even greater success in reducing injury and death from fire across our great state.

Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans are also helping communities reduce the

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risk of injury and death from fire. Although fire deaths during the early part of 2007 are trending higher than the landmark year of 2006, we firmly believe our successes in reducing death and injury from fire will continue.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal followed the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly closely along with the many issues related to the Maryland fire and emergency services. The passage of House Bill 785/ Senate Bill 361 entitled "Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act" is one in which each of you can be most proud. Working together, the Maryland fire service is to be congratulated for everything that was done in support of this vital legislation. We truly believe this legislation, once implemented, will undoubtedly save many lives, both citizens and firefighters!

This past year has seen numerous personnel changes in the Agency. Deputy Chief Joseph C. Flanagan was promoted to Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal and commands Field Operations. Other changes to the Command Staff of the OSFM include the promotion of DSFM's Michael J. Mulligan, John E. Wagner, and Jason M. Mowbray to the rank of Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal.

Deputy State Fire Marshals Brian C. Quick and Michael G. Selvage completed the police academy course of instruction and have assumed regional duties. DSFM Quick is assigned to the Upper Eastern Region and DSFM Selvage is assigned to the Northeast Region. Additionally, DSFM Stephen Hatchett and K-9 Cecilia graduated from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Accelerant Canine Program. They are now in active service throughout the State of Maryland.

Chief Fire Protection Engineer John F. Bender, who served the OSFM with distinction since 1971, announced his retirement late last year. John's service and professionalism has been recognized nationally and his vast experience will be sorely missed. Fortunately, our cadre of Fire Protection Engineers possesses the same degree of dedication and FPE John D. Gentzel has assumed the duties of Acting Chief Fire Protection Engineer, until a promotion can be made.

Three health care inspectors began employment as Special Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals this past year. They have been assigned to cover health care inspections across the entire state. Mr. David Williams is assigned to the Central Healthcare Region and operates out of the Northeast Regional Office in Bel Air. Mr. William Rouston, III is assigned to the Southern Healthcare Region and has office space in the Upper Eastern Regional Office in Easton and Mr. Clayton Myers is assigned to the Western Healthcare Region.

Two Fire Safety Inspectors, Special Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Ms. Karyn Moreland and Mr. William Dobbin, Jr. have begun employment and are assigned to the Southern Regional Office and the METRO Regional Office respectively.

Our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and

administrative personnel continues to perform at an amazing level. The felony closure rate for arson by DSFM's is about 50% higher than the national average. 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.

The updated State Fire Prevention Code became effective on January 1, 2007. Last fall, nearly four hundred code officials were trained in the updated State Fire Prevention Code in partnership with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the National Fire Protection Association. The updated State Fire Prevention Code will help protect our citizens and firefighters from the ravages of fire.

During 2006, the Agency was called upon to perform over 1400 initial fire and explosive investigations. Additionally, over 16,000 fire safety inspections were conducted. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. An increase in plan reviews were completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2006, FPE's conducted nearly 2,500 of these highly technical plan reviews. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we obligate to you, the Maryland Fire Service, our continued support of your mission.

As successful as 2006 was, I anticipate even greater achievements in the months and years ahead. We look forward to working closely with incoming Presidents Paul Sterling, Jr. and Rose Pandolfini. We wish you great success during your terms of office!

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

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 115th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention.

Our committee supports two annual statewide conferences for fire and life safety: Mid Atlantic Fire and Burn Safety Conference, and Life Safety Educator's Seminar.

We continue with our educational placemat project to target audience about fire and life safety issues. Placemats are distributed to senior citizens, churches, family and fast food restaurants through out the state upon request. Thanks to John Spiker and Jane Huffman for their hard work on this project.

Our committee continues to use billboards for life safety messages for "Drive-by" educational opportunities. We target the areas

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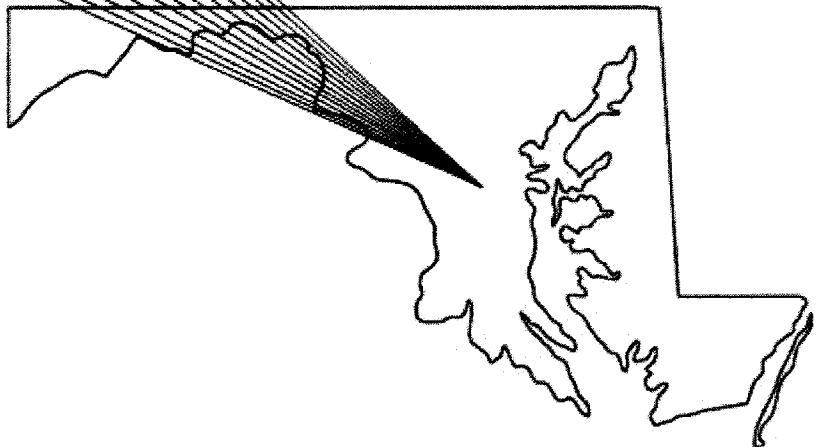
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that have high death or injury due to fires. We have displayed billboards with fire safety messages at Ocean City, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, and Western Maryland. Tom Collins does an outstanding job for the billboard project.

Members of our committee continue to support visual smoke alarms for deaf and hard of hearing. Emmons Horner and Alan Ryan continue doing an outstanding job providing smoke alarms on the Eastern Shore, and Cecil County to the people upon their request.

Risk Watch Program continues to expand through out schools in Maryland due to the efforts of Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Marie Warner-Crosson, Ed and Audrey Thurston. They continue to put a lot of hard work into this project.

Miss Fire Prevention, Erin Drum Heller, and First Runner-up, Brandy LaPole has had an outstanding year promoting fire prevention activities.

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

Our committee looks at various methods to promote fire prevention messages throughout the state. We continue to work very close with the Fire Marshall's Office for information on the number one cause of fire deaths, number one cause of home fires, and what county has most occurrences. We then target these areas with fire prevention/safety messages.

We support the Residential Sprinkler Imitative Committee promoting residential sprinklers on billboards and placemats to counties that has not adopted this program.

□ Special thanks to Bill Barnard and Faron Taylor of the Maryland State Fire Marshall's Office for all your support to the Fire Prevention Committee.

Also thanks to 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., Chair

Report of Miss Fire Prevention

Erin Drumheller-Miss Fire Prevention

Over the course of the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with so many great people as I have traveled around the state with Brandy helping the MSFA and the LAMSFA to spread fire prevention knowledge. This has been a wonderful year to remember. Way back in 2002 when I earned my first title as Junior Miss Manchester, I had no idea what I was actually getting myself into. I soon learned that there was so much to know about fire

prevention and the fire service. This is a closely knit community and it has been an honor to work with all of you in this wonderful journey. I have traveled approximately 5000 miles around the state attending meetings, banquets, open houses, demonstrations, and various other events promoting fire safety and prevention. I've been fortunate to hand out cases of fire prevention literature and information in my travels. It is hard to believe that my year as Miss Fire Prevention is about to end; however, I plan to continue to promote fire safety and prevention throughout my course of schooling and work and I would also like to remain active in the fire prevention committee. I am very excited to pass on the title to the next queens; I know that they will do a wonderful job. Knowing that we have done a good thing throughout this past year has been great, but the people that we've gotten to work with make it so much greater. The MSFA and the LAMSFA have been dreams come true to work with. Even if I didn't know someone, they were willing to lend a hand in any way that they could. I really want to thank the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association for everything that they have done to support me and I could not have done it without the help and support of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department. These guys have been there for me since the beginning and I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with. This organization has become a second family to me. It has been a year I know I'll never forget. Thank you for such a phenomenal experience!

Brandy Lapole-1st runner up

My year as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention First Runner Up has been one of the most amazing lifetime journeys anyone could ever have. When I first decided to become a Miss Fire Prevention in my county I only knew the basics of fire prevention. Having this title has expanded not only my knowledge of fire prevention, but my knowledge on the MSFA as a whole. Since receiving my title in June, I have traveled over 3300 miles across the state so far. I have attended many banquets, open houses, meetings, safety days, parties, and even events that Erin and I organized. The MSFA has been the greatest organization anyone could ask for. They do so many things to help out the people not only in the organization, but the citizens of the state. Every moment and event that I have represented the MSFA has truly been an amazing experience. I know that we have touched many lives and it makes me feel even better to know that my words have made a difference. I can't believe it is almost time to give up my title, but I plan on staying active on the fire prevention committee. I hope to pass all my experiences onto the next queen. I know she will do as much as she can to get the word out to the citizens of our beautiful state. In closing, I would like to thank the MSFA and everyone from Frederick County for everything they have done for me. I couldn't have done it without them. There were so many people who extended their hand out to help. You all have truly been angels to me and I could never thank you enough. I am grateful that I had the opportunity for this experience and I hope that any young lady that has the slightest interest will travel down the same path. I will treasure every moment that I spent as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention First Runner Up. Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime!

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Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates and Guest of the 115th 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 Bay District, 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 were mail or delivered to each member company as well as being placed on the Maryland State Firemen's Association web page, in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for Fifth Year. These individuals should be nominated for the Marburg F. Gates Service Award in recognition of their years of service. There are many members in the departments/companies that have reached this stage of their life. They need to be recognized for their service to the department/company, community, county and the state. 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 18, 2007, 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 put into selecting the individuals for these two awards.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Historical & Archives Committee

The Historical & Archives Committee has had a very productive year. Taking up where the committee left off last year, we were able to begin the inventory of the thousands of pieces of history that is in the MSFA's possession. To date we have inventoried over five hundred pieces of history, dating back to 1854 and as current as 1994. We are estimating that we have inventoried approximately one third of the items in our possession. As you can see, we have many more to go, and this will be an ongoing project for the committee.

The Volunteer Firefighter's Room has finally been renovated. Thanks to Frank Underwood and Bob Seibel of Cape St. Claire VFC for coordinating this effort with the Marriott Corporation. The Committee met at the Volunteer Firefighter's Room to assure the renovated cases were ready to display our history. Approximately sixty items were inventoried at that time and numerous other items from the Maryland fire service were set up for exhibit.

A plan for an MSFA Fire Museum has been an undertaking of committee member, Chip Jewell of Libertytown VFD. He has been very active working with the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners and its Mayor on the Heritage Hall project; that is acquiring space in the old Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company building for museum purposes. On April 16th, 2007, the Board voted unanimously to retain the building for this use and so it looks like we may be finding a home for the history of the MSFA as well as the fire service nationwide. Thank you to Chip for this undertaking.. Your persistence has paid off. Also, many thanks to Charlie Cadle of Rescue Hose Co. #1 Annapolis City for his efforts in coordinating with the Mayor of Annapolis City in an attempt to acquire property for our use there as well.

Thank You to John Spiker of Lake Shore VFC for transporting the tables and chairs, as well as truckloads of history back and forth to the meeting places; and to the Orchard Beach VFD for the use of their hall for many of our meetings.

A special thank you to my committee members who have dedicated themselves to this project, who have attended the meetings regularly, and who have taken an active role on the committee. We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go.

Thank you to Bobbie and Gene Aaron for the use of their personal laptops this year which were used to help with the inventory.

If anyone has any items documented, videoed, or written on the 100th Anniversary re-enactment of the MSFA at Frederick, please contact me so that we can acquire a copy if possible. Our ultimate long-range goal is to produce a documentary on the history of the Maryland Fire Service.

In closing, I would like to thank President Balta for the appointment as chairperson of the Historical and Archives committee. Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Honor Guard Committee

Mr. President and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. In November 2006, the Honor Guard Committee discussed the 2006 Honor Guard Competition at the Annual Convention in June and the lack of participation of Honor Guards. It was noted, that several Honor Guards were unable to participate for various reasons, but hope to participate in 2007.

At the 2006 Honor Guard Competition, only two Honor Guards were able to participate, they were, Howard County and Montgomery County. Howard County won First Place and Montgomery County, Second Place. Captain John Butler, of the Howard County Honor Guard, won the Commander's Award.

The committee was made aware that there had been discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting, as to not having the competition in 2007, due to the lack of participation from the Honor Guards and the small audience in 2006. The small audiences are due to Sunday being a transition day and many people have not arrived in Ocean City by 12:00 hours. Many that have, are attending seminars, or other events.

We felt that 2006 was an off year for the participating Honor Guards and have heard from at least 5 Honor Guards, that hope to participate in 2007. If the Association / Convention and Conference Committee were to cut the competition, we were concerned that some of the Honor Guards would not be able to attend, because their coming to the Convention is based on their participating in the competition. Should this happen, it could effect how we would be able to provide for the "Presentation of the Colors" for the Memorial Service and the Opening Ceremonies, with limited personnel.

The Honor Guard Committee will again assist with personnel for the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening. We are asking any of the Honor Guards that will not be competing to assist with escort duties. Last year, members from the Southern Maryland Honor Guard and Harford County Honor Guard provided the escorts. Vice Chairman Dennis Beard, will oversee the line up of the uniformed personnel to enter together as a "Sea of Blue" for the Memorial Service.

All Honor Guards will be requested to provide personnel on Monday morning for the Opening Ceremony, to Post the County flags. In the past, the winner of the Honor Guard Competition on Sunday, did the Presentation of the Colors for the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning. Should there not be an Honor Guard Competition, the Honor Guard Committee will select a team to handle this for the 2007 Convention.

Vice Chairman DeHaven handed out CD's of the Chaplain's Manual and asked that everyone go over the Funeral Section, especially the parts concerning Honor Guard participation. We

would then send our suggestions, or changes to the Chaplain's Office to be incorporated into their manual.

NOTE: The day after the Honor Guard Committee meeting, the Chairman was informed that the Chaplain's Manual had been approved and was going to print. Chairman Hawley advised Vice Chairman DeHaven and Committee Member Tom Miller of this. At this point it is too late to make any corrections or additions to this manual.

At our committee meeting in January 2007, we discussed the 2007 Honor Guard Competition and how best to present our options to the Convention and Conference Committee for their approval.

Our guest at this meeting, Captain Tyrone DeMent, with the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Honor Guard, suggested that instead of holding the competition this year, that the Honor Guard Committee consider having the Honor Guards perform for evaluators and hold a critique during the Tuesday seminar. Each Honor Guard that participates would receive a participation plaque in place of awards for first, second and third place, etc., which may get more participation from other Honor Guards. On Tuesday, a critique would be part of a learning symposium and members of the MSFA Honor Guard Committee would serve as mentors to assist newer Honor Guards with areas they wish to work on, based on their evaluation.

Each Honor Guard participating would not be required to participate in all four events. Teams could choose to participate in any, or all events.

Vice Chairman DeHaven said he had heard from several teams that had expressed an interest in participating. Everyone felt that the suggestion from Captain DeMent would be the best way to go this year.

Due to Chairman Hawley being out of state, Vice Chairman DeHaven attended a meeting of the Convention Program Committee on 26 January to give a presentation on the committee's proposed changes.

Vice Chairman DeHaven stated that he would send out e-mail and make phone calls to try to obtain commitments for this event.

Another of Captain DeMent's ideas was to form a combined Honor Guard for the MSFA. This team would be made up of members from the various Honor Guards throughout the state. Each team would send one, or two members to train with this MSFA team. The team would train once per month in items such as, Color presentation, casket watch, funeral detail and flag folding. This combined team would be available to be called out to assist with funerals, as well as provide a Colors Team to present the Colors at the Combined Memorial Service and Opening Ceremonies each year at the annual Convention. Each member would wear the uniform from their respective Honor Guard unit.

At the February Executive Committee Meeting, Chairman Hawley after giving his report, was advised that the Convention

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and Conference Committee had accepted the proposal to change from an Honor Guard Competition, to an exhibition and evaluation. Chairman Hawley advised Vice Chairman DeHaven of the approval and gave him the go ahead to proceed with the mailing and notification of his contacts, that this year would be a exhibition and evaluation.

A flier has been sent out announcing the changes and the topic for the Tuesday afternoon seminar.

The changes will be reviewed by the Honor Guard Committee after the 2007 Convention and Conference.

Chairman Hawley was also advised, that the combined Honor Guard would fall under the Honor Guard Committee and the committee could proceed with their plan.

The Honor Guard Committee does not have a meeting scheduled prior to the Convention in June, 2007.

The members of the Honor Guard Committee, wish to thank President Balta for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association during the 2006 – 2007 term.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman
Gregory J. DeHaven, Vice Chairman
Dennis Beard, Vice Chairman

Report of the Incentive Programs Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 115th Annual Convention

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)

The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. The following changes have been received. Baltimore County recipients now receive \$250 a month. Another enhancement to their program was the addition of a \$5000 Burial Benefit. Their next project is to obtain Survivor Benefits. Prince George's County lowered the age to 55 and increased the burial benefit to \$5,000. St. Mary's County has increased benefits for members age 60 to \$200 a month plus \$8 additional per month for each year over 20 years of service. At age 55, the benefits were increased to \$150 plus \$8. Charles County's payments change each year. Their payments are based on CPI, but cannot be increased or decrease by more than four percent in any year. This year their basic payment is \$221 per month with an additional \$8.84 added for each full year of certified service over 25 years. Caroline County's payments increased to \$125 a month paid quarterly.

Washington County has had a program in place since 1998, but

payments did not begin until January 1, 2007. Eligible member are now receiving monthly checks of \$200 plus \$15 for each full year of certified service over 25 years.

As given in other reports, there are still five counties without LOSAP: Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico. Garrett County is working towards a program with hopes one will be in place shortly. The County Commissioners appointed a committee to formulate a LOSAP plan for the County. Terry Spear has been appointed as their Emergency Service Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management. Joe and I met with the committee November 30th at Wisp Resort and are continuing to assist as requested. The Commissioners have allotted nearly \$200,000 to start the program. An interesting point on theirs is in the crediting of points with the placement of more emphasis on operational members.

Allegany County is also in the planning stages of formulating a LOSAP. They are working with VFIS and their County Commissioners have committed to allocating money into the program. Information has been sent to Steve Kesner, Emergency Medical Services Chief, and Cheri Llewellyn, Allegany County Emergency Services and Communications.

The LOSAP Information Manual is being furnished as requested. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the Manual may be kept current. A copy of the latest LOSAP Summary is on page 69.

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

Since this convention report is due prior to the date the reports are received by the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2006 is unavailable. A total of 12,504 qualified in Tax Year 2005, an increase of 78 over 2004.

Some counties changed County Coordinators this year. I have talked with each of them and furnished all of the Legislation (6 Bills), the history of the legislation, a copy of each of the three (3) MSFA-P.2. forms, and the "Most Frequently Asked Questions with Answers." All requests for information were furnished.

We are still working with Jim Hertzler who is the Legislative Administrator for Pennsylvania State Senator Michael A. O'Pake. Pennsylvania is working to implement a program for the volunteers similar to Maryland's. Senate Bill 982 increasing the subtraction to \$4,500 did not get out of committee. The last increase of \$500 was received in 2000.

SUMMARY

As chair 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.

The committee would like to thank President Bobby Balta for our appointments and for his support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve the MSFA another year.

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LOSAP SUMMARY

This chart summarizes the current LOSAP information by County. All information was taken from the latest program that have been furnished this committee.

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)							
COUNTY	AGE	YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE	BASIC PAYMENT PER MONTH	MAXIMUM BENEFITS	SURVIVING SPOUSE	BURIAL BENEFIT	COST OF LIVING
Anne Arundel	50	25	\$250	\$250	\$150	None	None
Baltimore	60	25	\$250	\$250	None	\$5,000	None
Calvert	55	25	\$400 + \$4 (a)	\$500	50%	\$3,000	None
Caroline	65	25	\$125 paid quarterly	None	50%	None	Periodic Review
Carroll	60	25	\$110 + \$7 (a)	None	None	\$4,000	None
Cecil	60	25	\$200 + \$4 (a)	\$300	50%	\$1,000	None
Charles	60	25	\$221 + \$8.84 (a)	None	75%	\$5,000	Based on CPI (c)
	55	25	75% + 75%	None	75%	\$5,000	Based on CPI (c)
Frederick	65	25	\$100 paid quarterly	N/A	None (d)	None	Periodic Review
Harford	60	25	\$300 + \$6 (a)	\$450	50%	\$1,000	None
Howard	50	25	\$200 + \$8 (a)	None	None	None	None
Kent	65	25	(g)	\$150	None	None	None
Montgomery	(e)	25	\$230 + \$11.50 (a)	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
Prince George's	55	25	\$225 + \$4 (a)	None	50%	None	None
Queen Anne's	65	25	(h)	\$150	None	None	None
St. Mary's	60	20	\$200 + \$8 (f)	None	50%	Line of Duty Only	Equal to State
	55	20	\$150 + \$8 (f)	None	50%	Line of Duty Only	Equal to State
Talbot	62	25	\$100	None	None	\$5,000	Periodic Review
Washington	62	25	\$150 + \$8 (f)	\$350	75%	\$4,000	None
Worcester	60	25	(i)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Town of Ocean City and the City of Salisbury have programs.

The Easton Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Michaels Fire Department also have programs.

(a) Per month added for each full year of certified service over 25 years.

(b) Changes yearly based on the Consumer Price Index.

(c) Cannot be increased or decreased by more than 4%.

(d) In the event of death before receiving \$10,000, the surviving beneficiary will receive a partial benefit equal to

(e) Age 55 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003

(f) Per month added for each full year of certified service over 20 years.

(g) \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 5 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

(h) \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 20 years). Must have 12 months of qualifying service after effective date.

(i) Amount equal to the total annual contributions made on behalf of each volunteer plus investment earnings.

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We wish President Balta a very successful convention and the incoming president, Paul Sterling, and officers a successful and productive year.

Incentive Programs Committee

Joan Robison	Stu Carter
Anne Hawkins	C. Douglas Bostian
Joe Cooper	Donald Lee Howard
Patricia A. Bowser	Norma Ann Dempsey

William R. "Skip" Massey

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Caroline	Bill Cooper	Queen's Anne's	Marie McHugh
Carroll	Douglas Bostian	St. Mary's	Joe Cooper
Cecil	Shirley Herring	Somerset	Donald L Howard
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Garrett	Pat Bowser	Worcester	Norm Cathell
Harford	Tom Schaech		

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Robison

Report of the Legislative Committee

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

The 2007 Legislative session started on January 10 and concluded at midnight on April 9. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 1,443 House Bills, 6 House Joint Resolutions, 1036 Senate Bills, and 1 Senate Joint Resolutions, for 2486 Bills. Of these, 67 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The break down of these bills was:

Support 23	Monitor 32
Oppose 2	Local 10

The number of opposed bills may seem low, but several bills were originally opposed however were later amended to support the Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services. Overall, of the 67 bills being watched by the Association 33 passed and 34 failed. A listing of all the bills watched by the Legislative Committee and their outcome can be found on the MSFA Web page (www.msfa.org) under legislation.

HB50 – Budget – Maintain the current funding levels for the MSFA. Bill passed.

HB1078 and SB701 – Public Safety – Maryland State Firemen's Association – Uses of Appropriations – This legislation eases restrictions placed on the Appropriations granted to the MSFA. Both Bills passed.

HB1367 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency Vehicles – Green Flashing Lights – This legislation allows the Fire Service to use green flashing lights on command vehicles. Bill passed.

HB785 – Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act – Legislation would require that cigarettes sold in Maryland must pass a performance standard. In order words the cigarette

would self extinguish if not actively smoked, thus reducing the possibility of fires started by a disregarded cigarettes. Bill passed.

HB671 and SB517 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act – Both bills received unfavorable reports out of committees.

HB401 – Public Safety – Carbon Monoxide Alarms - Bill passed.

HB260 – Maryland Gaming Commission Act of 2007 – Bill failed in House Ways and Means Committee.

HB1048 – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Consolidation and Streamlining Act of 2007 – Legislation would place MIEMSS under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and abolish the EMS Board. Bill failed in the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

HB1233 – Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers – Property Tax Credit - Failed in House Rules Committee

HB17 – Public School Construction – Funding – Video Terminals – Legislation place 5% of "slots" proceeds to the Senator Amoss fund. Bill failed in the House Ways and Means Committee.

I would like to thank all those members that took the time to phone, fax, or e-mail members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. Through your actions we were able to defeat HB1048 and pass HB785. For the hearing on HB1048 we had over forty people testifying in opposition of HB1048. For both the House and Senate hearings for HB785 there were over thirty people testifying in favor of HB785.

We were saddened by the untimely passing of Bureau Chief John "Jack" Frazier, Jr. (ret) of the Baltimore City Fire Department. Jack suffered a massive heart attack on April 4 and passed away on April 6. Jack was a true friend of Maryland's Fire Service, both of the career and volunteers. He was very knowledgeable of the workings of Annapolis and knew where to find the answers. I was honored that he considered me as a friend and I will greatly miss him.

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, Barbara McWilliams, Betty Radish, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Peggy Webb, and Rose Davis. Long time committee member Betty Reamy was unable to work in Annapolis this year due to a serious illness. We greatly missed her. Heartfelt thanks to President Patricia Deamond 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
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Report of the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board

I would like to start by reporting that the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board is about to complete its 27th year of operation. During those 27 years, the Board has had excellent attendance and participation not only from the member organizations, but also from the sponsoring agencies that nurture and support the state emergency services instructors through the certification process. They have all acted in a positive and professional manner. The Board would also like to recognize the University System of Maryland; and especially Director Steven T. Edwards and the staff at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, whose strong support is an invaluable asset to the Board. In April of 2007, the MICRB held its 131st meeting. As of that meeting, there were 618 Certified Level II Emergency Services Instructors, 226 Evaluators, and 21 Instructor Trainers. I have reviewed the actions of the Board during this past year, and list below some of the highlights of our activities:

1. The Board spent a significant portion of the past year reviewing the Certification Standards for Emergency Services Instructors to determine if any revisions are necessary. Input was solicited from instructors, sponsoring agencies, and others. The revised Standards were approved by the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission, and have been forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the final approval process.
2. Work continues on refinement of the MICRB web site. One may access a current list of certified Level II Instructors, Evaluators, and Instructor Trainers, as well as upcoming meeting information, Board membership, a copy of the Standards, and a list of currently approved professional development opportunities. This list is updated as new programs are approved. The Board considers its web site a valuable resource for both Instructors and Sponsors.
3. Considerable energy has been focused on educating the instructors and their sponsoring agencies on the continuing education requirement as outlined in the Standards. The Board continues to address the development of a policy which will clearly outline the criteria for professional development programs. A draft Criteria for Continuing Education Programs was developed and is currently being reviewed by the Board. Once finalized, the document will be disseminated to both instructors and their sponsoring agencies. A significant effort has been made by all jurisdictions to provide ample professional development opportunities for instructors, and throughout the year several new PDI opportunities have been approved. MFRI's on-line PDI program continues to provide instructors with an alternative to traditional classroom and lecture-based PDI.

The Board is always available to assist instructors and their sponsoring agencies in clarifying any issues they may have with the certification process.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Weisgerber, Chairman

Report of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Report

2006 Memorial Weekend

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will take place on October 6-7 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year, 89 fallen firefighters will be honored and their names added to the plaques surrounding the National Fallen Firefighters Monument. This includes: 86 firefighters, 81 male and 5 female, who died in the line of duty in 2006. Three who died in previous years will be honored. Thirty-three states experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2006. Fallen firefighters ranged in age from 19 to 78. Deaths resulted from many causes including vehicular accidents while en route to or returning from emergency calls, heart attacks, training incidents, building collapses, being struck by objects at the incident scene, falls, helicopter crashes, drowning and burns.

In 2006, five multiple fatality incidents accounted for 15 deaths. Two multiple fatality incidents occurred at structural fires while the other three occurred during air operations or while fighting wild fires. Of the firefighters who died in the line-of-duty in 2006, 47 were volunteer firefighters, 36 were career firefighters, and 3 were contract firefighters. Wildland fires, controlled burns and aircraft training/certification for wildland protection accounted for 20 fatalities. New York suffered the nation's greatest number of line-of-duty firefighter deaths in 2006, with 12. California and North Carolina each had eight firefighters die in the line of duty, and New Jersey had five.

Firefighter Fatality Facts

Since 1981, New York State has suffered the highest number of line-of-duty fire deaths. New York has lost 658 firefighters, including those who died in the World Trade Center. Pennsylvania has had 236 deaths, the second largest number nationwide. California, Texas, and Illinois are third, fourth and fifth in order of states with the highest number of firefighter deaths. A total of 3,147 firefighters have died in the line of duty from 1981-2006. On average in 2006, one firefighter died in the line of duty every 101 hours.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park

Work is continuing on the first permanent Memorial Park honoring all fallen firefighters. It features a brick "Walk of Honor" connecting the National Fallen Firefighters Monument and the historic National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel. The Walk now contains more than 5,000 bricks. The Foundation worked with the Sisters of Charity to place a bronze plaque marking the original location of the White House—the first home of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton—in the Walk.

National Monument

Constructed in 1981, the 7-foot stone monument features a sculptured Maltese Cross, the traditional symbol of the fire service. Designated by Congress in 1990 as the official national monument to all fallen firefighters, it is the only national memorial honoring all fallen firefighters – career, volunteer, and contract – at all levels – local, state, and federal. At the base of the Monument, an eternal flame symbolizes the spirit of all firefighters—past, present and future. A wrought iron railing was added to the original stone wall, and a new "Wall of Honor" stone wall encircling the monument was constructed in 2004. This allows space for placement of plaques in future years. The new stone wall is capped with marble that matches that used to make the original altars in the Chapel. A donated bell was placed on one side of the entrance and a trumpet was placed on the other side. Plaques encircling the monument now list the names of the 3,147 men and women of the fire service who have died in service to their communities from 1981-2005. All 50 States, the District of Columbia,

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Puerto Rico, and Guam have fallen firefighters honored at the National Monument. A separate plaque lists the 347 firefighters who died in the World Trade Center.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel

During the early 1800s, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born canonized saint, established the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg. She planned the Chapel as part of one of the country's earliest Catholic women's colleges. In 1997, the site was designated as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and in 1998 it was dedicated in memory of Chief Marvin A. Gibbons, PP, Maryland State Firemen's Association.

A new roof was placed on the Chapel. Renovations to the Chapel's interior, including bringing it up to fire code, installation of an elevator, renovation of the main sanctuary and choir loft, and installation of a sprinkler system were completed in 2006. The renovations also included restoration of the frescoes on the Chapel ceiling and replacement of broken stained glass in the windows. Office space on both sides of the altar was renovated for staff, and the offices of the Foundation were relocated to the Chapel.

Walk of Honor

A walkway of bricks with inscriptions that remember loved ones or say "thank you" connects the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and the National Monument. Special sections in the Walk honor fire departments, fire service organizations, and Foundation sponsors. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; St. Louis, Missouri; Worcester, Massachusetts, and Prince George's County, Maryland have dedicated sections honoring their fallen firefighters. The IAFC and Fireman's Association of Pennsylvania have each purchased one of the four brick nodes available in the Walk. CFSI has purchased a section on the Walk and their bricks will honor their co-chairs and legislators of the year. Progress is being made on a Fire Department of New York section honoring all FDNY line-of-duty death firefighters from 1865 to the present. A special section honoring FDNY firefighters who died in the World Trade Center will also be added in the future.

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Created by Congress in 1992 to support efforts to honor fallen firefighters and provide programs to assist their survivors, the Foundation was chartered in 1993 as a non-profit organization in the State of Maryland. The Foundation offers peer support and grief resources for families; networks for families and departments of fallen firefighter, and training and resources for senior fire service officers for line-of-duty deaths. The 2006 *Taking Care of Our Own* training classes reached 470 senior fire service officers, chaplains and honor guard members. The Chief-to-Chief Network was expanded. A project to establish Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) began with development of a manual and training for team leaders from 10 states. The LAST teams will assist departments and family members when a line-of-duty death occurs. In particular, assistance will be provided in filing of PSOB claims.

In 2004, in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration, the Foundation launched a national initiative to reduce line-of-duty firefighter deaths. A Firefighter Life Safety Summit attended by more than 200 fire service personnel produced 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. In 2006, two mini-summits on Emergency Vehicles and Roadway Safety and Health, Wellness, and Fitness were held. A Firefighter Life Safety Kit was developed and mailed to 30,000 fire departments nationwide. The *Courage To Be Safe* program was presented in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Dakota, California, Oregon and Michigan. A new course that merged *Taking Care of Our Own* with the *Courage to Be Safe* firefighter safety program was developed.

In addition, the Foundation provides scholarships for spouses, children, and stepchildren of fallen firefighters and continues to provide long-

term emotional support for the families of firefighters who died in the World Trade Center. In 2006, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 84 spouses, children, and stepchildren from 28 states. Partnerships with Motorola Foundation, NASFM, MasterGuard and ICMA provided \$219,680 in scholarships. A financial management program for spouses of FDNY 9-11 firefighters continued, and a program for young people called *Investing Pays Off* was introduced.

The first annual Fire Service Survivors Conference was held in Washington, DC. Attendees participated in workshops on the Fire Service Survivors Network, parenting the grieving child, public speaking, financial management, and stress management. Survivors took advantage of the opportunity to visit with their legislators on Capitol Hill and attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner.

The Foundation expanded its Web site with more features and information. Foundation staff and survivors provided information at 10 major fire service conferences. www.firehero.org.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and our Chairman Hal Bruno, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the support and assistance the Maryland State Firemen's Association has provided to the Foundation and the families of fallen firefighters. We greatly value your support and feel that it contributes greatly to the success of our programs. Thank you for all that you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Jon Siarnicki
Executive Director

Report of the Maryland Director to the National Volunteer Fire Council

It is with great pride that I present to our organization the first report of the National Volunteer Fire Council in over three years. President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Distinguished Past Presidents and Officers of this great Association, Delegates and Alternates to the 115th Annual Convention; I am honored to stand before you and state for the record, we are back in the National Volunteer Fire Council and I can assure you, they are well aware of it!

The past year has been a very busy one, indeed, as far as the Director and Alternate from Maryland were concerned. Both gentlemen were extremely busy representing the interests of the MSFA and assisting the headquarters of the NVFC on numerous issues of import, many, affecting legislation on Capitol Hill.

The appointed Alternate from Maryland to the NVFC Board, our Immediate Past President, Lee Sachs was a tremendous help during the past year. He was engaged throughout the year with many topics that should be of great concern to the MSFA. He maintained a constant line of communication with the main office of the NVFC.

Director Seavey attended the Fall Meeting of the NVFC Board in Bend, Oregon. Due to costs involved in cross-country travel, we opted not to send both representatives. Forty-three states were represented at this meeting.

The strategic plan for the NVFC was totally overhauled at this meeting, a process requiring two days of work. The final draft of the strategic plan

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was approved at the Spring Meeting in Arlington, Virginia in March.

A resolution was passed at the Bend meeting, "Whereas the NVFC recognizes the dangers that novelty lighters have to young children, therefore be it resolved the NVFC strongly encourages the Consumer Products Safety Commission to prohibit the importation, sale and distribution of these lighters in the United States."

It was reported that the NVFC is currently offering two courses to any state requesting them on an outreach basis. The Heart Healthy Program and the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Program Courses are both available on request.

In Bend, there was a contentious bid between the Idaho Fire Chiefs and the Idaho Volunteer Firefighters Association over representing the volunteers at the NVFC. The Idaho Chiefs had been the reps. for the past five years, since first joining. Following presentations by both organizations and lengthy debate, the Board voted to accept the application of the Idaho Volunteer Firefighters Association as the exclusive representative organization for the volunteer firefighters in Idaho to the NVFC.

At the Fall Meeting, following the discovery of disturbing news through a survey conducted by the headquarters office, the NVFC voted: *As the NVFC values the Health and Safety of America's volunteer fire and EMS personnel and the well being of their families. Therefore, be it resolved that the NVFC strongly encourage all states to require worker's compensation for their volunteer fire and EMS personnel.*

The NVFC voted at the Fall Meeting to change the title of the Firefighter of the Year Award to that of "Lifetime Achievement Award"!

During the winter, the NVFC headquarters office became quite involved in the discussions over federal credentialing of firefighters and the exclusion of volunteers from that program. With assistance from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, that prohibition was thwarted.

The NVFC created an on-line resource center for assistance with AFG and SAFER grant applications. Department representatives can go to the following link for information: www.nvfc.org/news/2007-afg-safer.html. A great new Junior Firefighters Partnership has started between the NVFC and Spartan Motors Corp. Those departments interested in support from this program should visit either: www.nvfc.org or www.spartanmotors.com for further information.

A new program to honor the local contributions of firehouses to their communities is being sponsored by Circuit City. The program, "FireDog Across America" will provide over \$650,000 to firehouses. Departments seeking more information should visit: www.firedog.com.

Director Seavey and Alternate Sachs attended the Spring Meeting of the NVFC Board, held in Arlington, Virginia the last week of March.

At this meeting, Alternate Sachs motioned: *That the NVFC prepare a white paper setting out the organization's position advocating the right to volunteer.* This motion was passed unanimously and was referred the Advocacy Committee for immediate action and is to be published as soon as approved by that committee.

Of important note, it was revealed by DHS at this meeting that ASSOCIATIONS may now apply for funding through the SAFER Grant for regional recruitment and retention needs.

Also at this meeting, Alternate Sachs motioned: *As a result of poor performance on behalf of the Department of Justice, the NVFC send a communication to all appropriate houses of the legislature and also to the Department of Justice stating our dismay at the improper handling of the PSOB Hometown Heroes Program.* This motion passed unanimously! (It should be noted that the MSFA Executive Committee at their April 2007 meeting, passed a similar motion, but that the communication be sent to the Attorney General and all members of the U.S. Congress from Maryland, as well as media outlets.)

A motion was unanimously passed at the Spring Meeting to have the NVFC develop a white paper reiterating the absolute right for career firefighters to volunteer for their communities on their off-duty hours.

An entire session of the Spring Meeting was set aside to debate and deliberate the final position of the NVFC as it relates to the integration of EMS into the organization. There was a two-hour period of discussion with many points of view brought to light.

Following this well-facilitated discussion, the following motion was passed: *That one (1) seat be provided on the Executive Committee for an individual from a National EMS organization and that the EMS Committee will recommend from which organization that individual will be provided.* Thus, the NVFC has finally decided to embrace EMS and include that part of our service wholly at the highest level of the organization.

Dr. Bill Jenaway offered to provide a Department Safety Officer job description template to any department desiring it upon request. Department's with a need may contact him directly at wjenaway@vfis.com or at 717-741-7902.

It was reported the Ret. Chief Hugh Owens is now the FireCorps Advocate for the State of Maryland. Currently, FireCorps is now in its third year and there are 593 registered programs in 47 states with 8,896 participants.

A motion was passed: *State dues of \$500.00 shall automatically cover the individual membership dues of that State's Director and Alternate to the NVFC Board.*

Another motion passed: *If a fire/rescue department pays for all of its members to have individual memberships, the department shall automatically be provided a free membership.*

Director Seavey brought up the need for the establishment of a



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political action committee (PAC) or research as to the ability to do so, given the tremendous media coverage that was attained by the IAFF on the recent presidential interviews. There was a lengthy debate over the establishment of a PAC and Chairman Stittleburg stated that it would be an action item with a full report at the Fall Meeting.

Alternate Timko (PA) stated that we had not the time to wait for Fall and that he felt we should organize interviews or presentations by the presidential candidates at the Fall Meeting. The Chairman authorized Alternate Timko to work with the office to contact the various candidates, while he verifies legalities.

The NVFC Headquarters lease is expiring in December of 2007 and Executive Director, Heather Schafer stated that they are looking at moving the office "outside of the Beltway"! Just an observation, this could be a great opportunity to partner in office space between the NVFC and a growing MSFA workforce and need for office space. Food for thought?

Finally, with the blessing of incoming President, I shall be switching positions with my colleague, Past President Lee Sachs. I feel that it is in the best interest of serving the Executive Committee for the next year that I be focused on the task at hand. Lee has graciously accepted my request.

It has been an honor representing this great organization as your Director and I look forward to continuing to advocate within the NVFC on our behalf as your Alternate. I would like to thank President Bobby Balta for all of his support during this past year!

Respectfully submitted,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr.

Report of the Planning Committee

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates and Guests to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Planning Committee met five (5) times throughout this past year. The Committee also met once in joint session with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. All members of the Committee were very active in the Committee process and most made all scheduled meetings.

The Committee first reviewed and updated the Maryland State Firemen's Association Operational Plan, which was last updated in 2006. This action took several meetings to complete. The Committee then reviewed all information from the President's Retreat and then added this to the operational plan.

The Committee discussed the finances and possible ways to increase funding to the MSFA. After much discussion, the following motion was made by the Committee:

Motion by Clarence Webb, second by P.P. Joe Robison to support the following two advisory questions on this year's ballot. (This motion/action was reported to the Executive Committee)

Question A: *Due to the financial status of the Association, a dues increase should be considered. Would you support a dues increase at the 2008 Convention and Conference?*

Question B: *Are you in favor of a structured dues system based upon several factors instead of the current dues system?*

Members of the Planning Committee felt that the sooner the advisory questions are on the ballot, the sooner the MSFA Officers will be able to plan for the future. They also felt that getting the facts out to the MSFA membership, so that they understand where the MSFA is financially, the better the dues increase idea will pass.

The Committee would like to thank President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood for attending the meetings and for all of their help and support during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig A. Moe, Chair
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Clarence Webber

Report of the Public Relations and Bulletin Committee

What a year! I cannot believe its convention time already. In the past year, we have had three successful editions of the Volunteer Trumpet including the Convention issue. We have also changed several aspects about the Trumpet, especially the design and content. My committee and I have taken huge steps in getting the Trumpet back on track this year. We have improved the quality of the publication and reduced the cost for the publication for the Association. I could have not done this alone. I want to thank several people for making this year a great success for the Trumpet. First, Bobby! Mr. President I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you and make your ideas for the Trumpet happen. Paul and Frank, I look forward to working with you in the years to come. Ron Watkins, thank you for your guidance and wisdom from your years in my position. The thoughts and ideas have helped tremendously and the pictures too. Marcia Garnice... thank you for being willing to help when no one else would. Jen

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Underwood...your pictures are fabulous I hope that you will continue to work with me and make the Trumpet picture perfect. Richard Smith and Doyle Cox...I can't say it enough, thank you! You have supported me the entire year and I could not have made it through this year with out your support! Last and certainly not least our printing company Heritage Printing and Graphics in Leonardtown. Steve Gass and Jerry Bohle have been wonderful to work with on several levels including the new design and making our publication cost effective for us.

There is one person that I need to thank individually. Mr. Emmons Horner! Emmons if it weren't for you, we wouldn't have a Volunteer Trumpet. Anytime I needed a story, Emmons was there to submit something. He has been a great supporter of the Volunteer Trumpet and I can't thank him enough. Emmons, I hope you continue to support the Volunteer Trumpet as much as you have this year. I thank you for your hard work and dedication; you exhibit what being a Volunteer is all about.

I'm looking forward to next year making the Trumpet bigger and better. Please remember it is a publication for and by the Volunteers of this great state. Take pride in it and if you have anything to submit please do so. My goal this year is to get at least one article published about every county in the state. My committee and I cannot do that alone; we need your help and submissions. Communication is the key! Please communicate with me or my committee and let us know when you have events occurring in your county or station so we can attend and cover the event and write an article. Submit anything that you have to trumpet@msfa.org or contact me directly at areamy@msfa.org. Please help us make the Volunteer Trumpet bigger and better for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber L. Reamy, Chairman

Report of the Residential Sprinkler Committee

The Residential Sprinkler Committee has completed a second very busy year of educating the fire service and citizens of Maryland on residential fire sprinklers. We have assisted many communities and are continuing to assist communities in their quests for obtaining requirements for residential sprinklers in new one and two family dwellings. Our committee has remained very active and enthusiastic throughout the year, meeting bi-monthly in addition to over 50 events involving residential sprinkler education, or the presentations at public hearings or other governmental meetings. We have been invited to educate fire service or governmental personnel in 17 counties and over 20 municipalities across the state. We participated in the Maryland Association of Counties Convention last August. Since the last MSFA Convention, where we did a floor program and a seminar, the number of counties with residential sprinkler requirements has grown to 5, and the number of municipalities to 13. Many other municipalities have been included when counties adopted the requirements, so in actuality close to 75 municipalities now

are covered by residential sprinkler requirements. Prince Georges, Montgomery, Carroll, Frederick, and Charles counties are covered by residential sprinkler requirements. Laurel, Gaithersburg, Rockville, Mt. Airy, Emmitsburg, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Charlestown, Frederick, LaPlata, Indian Head, St. Michaels, and Perryville have taken the initiative to adopt requirements of their own. The Town of Fruitland has a requirement for duplex homes. Several other counties, Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, Talbot and St. Mary's are currently considering requirements for residential sprinklers. The cities of Annapolis, Cambridge, Denton, North East, and Chesapeake City all have requirements for residential sprinklers on the table for consideration. (Some may have adopted by time of publication)

We wish to extend a hearty THANK YOU to State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and his staff for their steadfast support. In particular, I wish to THANK Faron Taylor for his passion and dedication to this effort. We also wish to THANK our partners in this effort, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, The Fire Prevention Committee of the MSFA, Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, and all the individuals that have assisted us this year.

Please get out and learn about residential sprinklers. Let your community leaders know about them and how important they are in saving lives!
Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

Annual Report of the Rural Water Supply Committee

The Rural Water Supply Committee again had a very successful year in assisting with training on rural water supply delivery for fire emergencies. The committee assisted the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department with their tenth annual rural water supply seminar. A two day event was held and very well attended by personnel from five states in attendance. This practical evolution based training was centered on each of the individual components of rural water supply delivery. Fill site set up, dump site set up, and methods of making them efficient were the topics for the first day. A simulated ISO two hour drill was the exercise for the second day. In the ISO drill, over 1750 gallons per minute were averaged for the two hours.

The MSFA Rural Water Supply Committee sponsored the spring drill which was hosted by the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company. This two day event featured a classroom day where many theories were discussed, myths dispelled, and practices and procedures clarified or explained. The second day consisted of a simulated two hour ISO drill which encompassed several different types of fill sites and a dynamic dump site. Again, much practical experience was gained by the participants.

The committee responded to a few inquiries and offered clarification on the rural water supply bill that was passed in last years Legislative Session of the State. This bill took effect on

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October 1, 2006 and allows fire fighters access to any water source for use in an emergency fire or hazardous materials situation without fear of trespass.

We wish to thank all the fire companies that participated in our training this year. We also wish to offer our assistance to any member company in rural water supply delivery, creation of water sources, dry hydrant permitting, tanker design and of course training.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

Report of the Safety Committee

President Balta, Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Your Safety Committee congratulates you on a very successful year as MSFA President; we wish you the utmost luck in the up coming years, where ever it leads you.

I want to take this time to thank the Members of our Safety Committee for their dedication and individual commitment, in traveling every third Sunday of the month to attend our regularly scheduled meetings through out Maryland. These individuals take countless hours out to attend, and support your Safety Committee. This type of support is why our committee is so prestigious with the State Association. A thanks also goes out to the Committee Liaisons who support the Safety Committee on a regular bases, Dan Stevens, Training, Hugh Owens, Maryland Fire Chiefs.

The Safety Committee held regular scheduled meetings every third Sunday of the month through out our Great State of Maryland at various members fire companies. Our concerns lye at Accident incidents with Scene Safety. How can we make our personnel more visible, and less likely to become a statistic. We the Safety Committee are pushing the use of type 4 and 5 safety high visible vest for all riding positions on your apparatus. Type 4 has a zipper down the front, and type 5 is totally Velcro.

Your Safety Committee is preparing for another busy role again at this year's Convention and Conference. We will be seen in our bright red shirts, assisting the Convention Committee in many areas; Sunday equipment staging and set-up, assisting with safety issues during our convention; supporting all other activities such as picnic, beach party, pajama parade, and ensuring safety and welfare of all at Wednesday's President's parade.

Visit with your Safety Committee at our display booth at the Convention next door to Conference and receive a free pocket mask for your safety if or when performing CPR. Please be sure to stop and see the electrical demo that Delmarva power will be having in front of Convention center to fry a hot dog on the electric wires. We will also host three seminars beginning on Sunday at 12:30PM Incident Safety on our Interstates, Monday: Firefighter Safety while operating on the Highway, Tuesday: Command structure, all seminars will be instructed by Allan Baldwin, Safety Supervisor and coordinator for

the Pennsylvania Turnpike Administration. Watch for exact room numbers and times due to changes in scheduling. We hope that you will come to our seminars, and pack the house for these worth wild, educational seminars. Mr. Allan Baldwin is a Rescue Captain with the Gettysburg VFC., and is an Instructor for the Cumberland Valley Volunteers Firemen's Association, which many of us on the Safety Committee belong. We hope that everyone who attends this years MSFA Convention will think safety at all times for themselves, their families, friends, neighbors, and you and me.

Respectfully Submitted
Hobart "Hoby" 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 four years ago. They included new funding streams for our applicants and the continued lobbying for support of the Maryland State Higher Educations 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 2, 2007 at which time the 16 applications received for scholarships for the '07-'08 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 10 students this past year bringing the total, to date, 152 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, Delmarva 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.

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 show exceptional dedication to the stewardship of the funds they distribute.

Finally, I wish to thank President Balta, 1st Vice President Sterling, and 2nd Vice President Underwood 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



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committee both as a member and chairman.

Respectfully submitted:
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

Report of the Standards/NFPA Committee

The committee has been working with the Red Light Committee this year. Hopefully the present law will be understood and followed by all of the companies in the state. We did not have any new companies or inspections this past year. We have been monitoring the changes being presented by the National Fire Protection Association Standards Committee that may have some affect on the fire companies of Maryland. We would like to remind everyone about following through with the present standards that have been approved by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Each standard has been approved for the protection of each firemen. Remember, each Chief is the one who has the responsibilities of the safety of the fire department on and off of the fire scene.

We, the committee, are always available to reinspect your fire department at any time you would like to reevaluate your equipment. We are here to serve you, the members of this Association.

We would like to thank President Balta for our appointment and we are looking forward to serving the Association in the future. My thanks to all of the members who have been available to serve when needed throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Huttenloch, Chairman

Report of the Transportation Committee

The committee's focus this year was to complete the task of updating the data base from the information received from the 2003 recertification process. This undertaking involved many hours of administrative work as well as data entry. However, with the help of committee members we are making progress.

One formal meeting was held in September and another scheduled for February and March. These meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather. There have been several working sessions held during the year as well.

In order to process the tag fee income in a timely manner, County Coordinators were asked to remit the fees collected by them to the committee by the 10th of each month instead of waiting until all certs have been sold. This has worked well this year.

Items of interest discussed during the year were:

- Ideas on how to handle the 2008 recertification process
- Problems with certification forms
- Time-consuming corrections to the data base

Resolutions have been discussed for all three with ideas for the 2008 recertification process still pending.

Information on the E-Z pass issue for Fire and EMS member companies was obtained by contact with Rose Chalk, E-Z Pass Account Manager. She relayed to us that nothing has changed for marked fire or police vehicles. These vehicles will still be granted the same courtesy crossing a toll bridge or road without paying a fee. The Transportation Authority only wishes to identify these units so that a proper accounting of gratis fees can be obtained by her agency. The devise used to do this is called a transponder and can be obtained thru her at a cost of \$5.00. If a member company needs to purchase one, they need to contact her directly at 410-537-1338.

The tag book updates are being placed on the MSFA website quarterly or when the data base is revised.

The numbers of new tags issued this year were 605 according to the fees received for the year. There are 235 MSFA motorcycle tags issued throughout the State of Maryland.

The committee was saddened by the untimely death of Montgomery County Coordinator, Stanley Duvall. Stanley did a great job and solicited fire companies to purchase MSFA tags. He will be missed. Glenn Butts was appointed as County Coordinator for Montgomery County in June 2006.

Dorothy Schultz, Financial Secretary for the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association continues to distribute certs and MVA forms to County Coordinators in her area. This expedites delivery of the forms in that region.

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

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 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 Balta for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

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Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board

President Balta, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guest to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen'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 \$1,435,221. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved 46 loans and 7 grants since being formed in 2000 for a total of \$12,038,824.40.

The former Emergency Trust Fund Board was merged with the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund to create the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. The former Emergency Trust Fund Board since inception approved loans of \$3,323,473.46; Grants of \$6,685,277.11; for a Total of \$10,019,250.57. Therefore the Total Amount of Loans & Grants administrated by the MSFA is \$22,058,074.97.

The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1668 last year, 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 was effective on October 1, 2006. So far we have failed to found out how much money is the VCAF Account. Next fiscal year, FY 2008, Fiscal note is \$3,178,600 of which the MSFA should receive \$1,589,300

Past President Sacks has concluded the audit of all funds of the MSFA received from the State of Maryland with the Office of Legislative Audits. The Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Fred Cross. Attorney Roger Powell and I have also been working with the auditors.

As of April 12, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki advises our balance in the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account was \$2,327,118.40 of which \$737,646 is for loans approved but not completed. This leaves a balance of \$1,589,472.40 for loans. We have five loans pending for approximately \$2.4 million.

The Committee is still accepting loan and grant applications from all companies. All 12 copies of your loan & or grant applications must go though 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary

Report of the Watercraft Committee

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Chairman Cox, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 115th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The Watercraft Committee continues with the work of developing a plan for major flooding incidents in Maryland. Flooding is the number one weather related killer and cause of property damage, and fourteen out of the last sixteen Federally declared disasters in Maryland have been for flooding incidents. All of Maryland is susceptible to flooding, and it is a matter of when, not if, your department will be called out to a flooding/water rescue emergency.

Unfortunately rescuers are at great risk when responding to flood or water rescue calls. Statistically we are four times more likely to die attempting a water rescue than fighting a structural fire. The deficiencies that lead to this include lack of training, lack of proper equipment, lack of understanding of the power of water, and lack of planning. Remember that our only job is to go home after the call. It is the responsibility of each officer and responder to evaluate what role they will play when called out to a water rescue.

To address this issue there has been much work done at the national level to help agencies and responders plan and prepare for water rescues. The leading guidance for the fire service comes in the form of NFPA 1670 and 1006. In NFPA 1670 each AHJ is called upon to determine what level of response they can/will provide. Laid out in similar fashion to the familiar Haz-Mat designations of Awareness, Operations, and Technician they provide the framework each MSFA member company should follow in planning response to water rescues.

The FEMA Resource Typing provides additional, concurrent guidance on equipment and training for a water rescue resource that plans to function at an operational level. Mandated by the National Incident Management System this process is both voluntary and extensive in equipment and training. It is however the gold standard in identification of appropriate resources from fire boats to helicopters to swiftwater/flood rescue teams. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency has begun adaptation of this resource typing in the population of all resources listed for statewide response in WebEOC. Again it is voluntary that an agency meets this level, but if you are going to do the job you may as well do it within an accepted framework.

Finally the National Emergency Responder Credentialing System is hitting the streets. This document can be viewed at www.fema.gov/emergency/nims. It provides "documentation that can authenticate and verify the certification and identity of designated incident managers and responders." This document specifically spells out what is meant by terms such as "boat operator" or "swiftwater/flood rescue technician" in both the NFPA and FEMA documents. Again participation in this system will be voluntary but should be viewed as strong guidance in doing the job correctly.

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The Watercraft Committee will continue working with MEMA and other agencies to develop a response plan that takes into consideration all of the above guidance. We realize that many agencies may have trouble meeting some of the requirements, yet want to continue providing water rescue services. As part of the process we have working groups exploring training and funding needs and resources to address those needs. The committee will provide information on such funding and training as the resources are identified and developed.

Prior to this taking place I would personally urge each department providing water rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable) certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Surface Water Rescue Technician, Fire/Rescue Boat Crew Mate I, II, and Motor Vessel Operator. By having these in place you will be on your way to demonstrating required competencies in the field of water rescue. Information on both programs is available thru MFRI.

I would also encourage departments with any questions related to water rescue contact a member of the Watercraft Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts.

The Committee would like to thank President Balta and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. MEMA staff members Terry Thompson (PP) and Beth Stone have been an invaluable resource in our work this past year again, our heartfelt thanks goes out to both. And MEMA Director Droneburg and Deputy Director Strickland have once again provided the support needed to move forward on such a large endeavor. The Committee

looks forward to continuing its' work with each of you and others in the coming year.

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

Report of the Ways & Means Committee \$10,000 Raffle

President Balta, officers and members of the MSFA and MSFALA. The 2006 raffle, which was conducted from June 2005 through June 2006, yielded a total of \$ 54,701.35. The expenses totaled \$16,050.00, which left a profit of \$38,651.35.

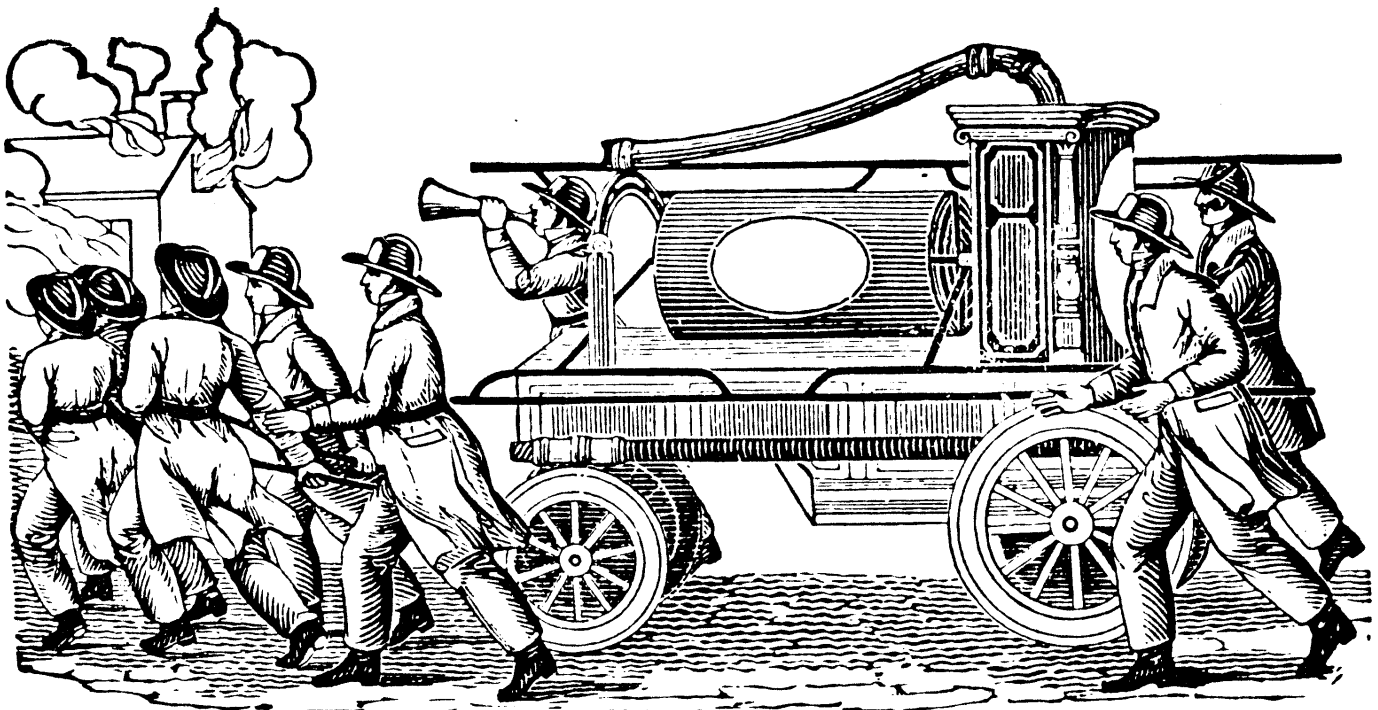
□ Counter sales at the 2006 convention produced \$6,300.00 and the remaining \$48,401.35 was realized by the special events that the committee attended and by the sales returned by the member companies. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$16,341.00. This is the fifth year in a row that Harford has led in sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

Although every county returned money, 40% of the MSFA member companies did not!

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies auxiliaries, and special individuals who have worked very hard to make the raffle a success.

The returns by county were:

Allegany	\$ 2,326.00	Howard	\$ 722.00
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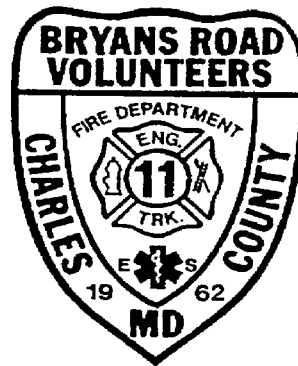
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Baltimore	\$ 2,175.00	Montgomery	\$ 3,535.00
Calvert	\$ 780.00	Prince Georges	\$ 2,724.35
Caroline	\$ 782.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 897.00
Carroll	\$ 2,113.00	Somerset	\$ 545.00
Cecil	\$ 929.00	St Marys	\$ 2,163.00
Charles	\$ 1,502.00	Talbot	\$ 345.00
Dorchester	\$ 946.00	Washington	\$ 880.00
Frederick	\$ 2,213.00	Wicomico	\$ 639.00
Garrett	\$ 725.00	Worcester	\$ 512.00
Harford	\$16,341.00		

7th \$100 Jackie Kiehl
 8th \$100 Jessie Waldrup – Aberdeen, MD

The committee would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank them for their support. Also, many thanks are in order to the MSFA & LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the raffle. Without you, we could not have had such a successful year.

The committee requested and received approval from the Executive Committee to change the price of the 2006-2007 raffle tickets from 6 tickets for \$5.00 to 10 tickets for \$5.00. Our hope was to get a \$5.00 sale vs. a \$1.00 sale, and it seems to have worked. We have distributed over 90,000 tickets to the member companies of the MSFA & MSFALA.

The committee has had a very busy year with attendance at the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland Bar-B-Q Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ocean City Sunfest. We are planning to attend Ocean City Springfest in May. If the weather cooperates, this event will add \$5,000 to our total.

The committee would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, informative, and safe convention.

Respectfully submitted,
 Louis Jonske, Chairman
 Anna Jonske, MSFALA Co-Chairman
 Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

Expenses for 2005-2006 Raffle

\$ 12,500.00	Prizes
\$ 1,500.00	Printing
\$ 2,000.00	OC Sunfest & Springfest fees
\$ 50.00	Raffle license (Worcester Co)
\$ 16,050.00	Total Expenses
\$ 54,701.35	Total Sales
\$ 16,050.00	Total Expenses
\$ 38,651.35	Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2005-2006 Raffle

1 st	\$10,000	Pam Wolford - Cumberland, MD
2 nd	\$1,500	Calvin Crawford - Ashly, WV
3 rd	\$500	Will Reinecke - Fallston, MD
4 th	\$100	Michael Robinson
5 th	\$100	West Side VFC – Nanticoke, MD
6 th	\$100	Hereford EMS – Baltimore Co



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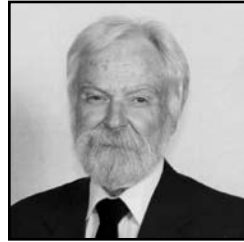
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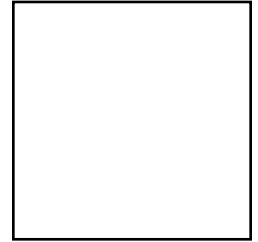
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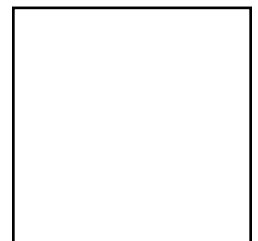
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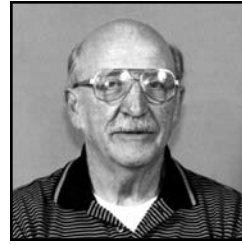
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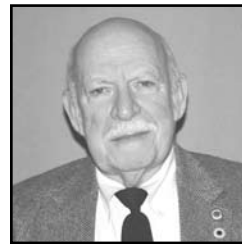
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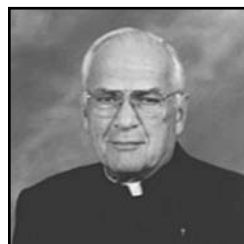
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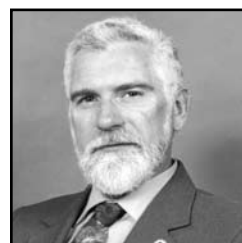
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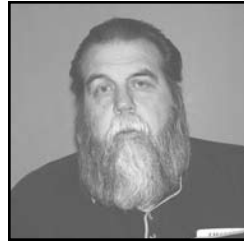


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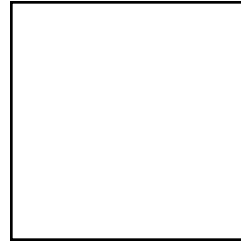
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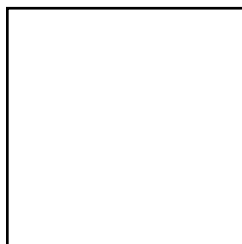
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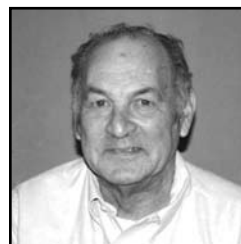
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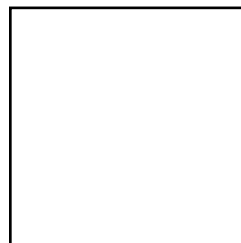
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Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2007

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
10:30 am **Sunday Morning Non Denominational Worship Service**- Upper Level Rooms 215-217
12:00 pm **HONOR GUARD AND PIPE/ DRUM BANDS DEMONSTRATIONS** – 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 18, 2007

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 Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr. – Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard and Drum & Pipe Bands
Remarks from Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland
Keynote Address - Chief Gregory Cade, U.S. Fire Administrator Elect
9:00 am Exhibits Open
9:45 am **AWARDS CEREMONY:**
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Firefighter of the Year Award
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem, Jr. P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards

Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year

FIRST SESSION

- 11:45-12:30 **REGISTRATION**
1:00 pm **CALL TO ORDER** – President-Pat Deamond
Presentation of Colors – Color Bearers Darby Byrd and Barbara Sue Nelson
Invocation by Chaplain Sherry Soper
Pledge to the Flag – President Pat Deamond
Conference Song – Music Chairman Bonnie Kabara
Welcome – Convention Chairman Flo Collins
Greetings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers for 2007 – 2008
Reading of Election Rules by Corresponding Secretary Teresa Crisman
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests
Recognition of MSFA President Paul R. Bobby Balta, Jr.
Report of the Credentials Chairman – Fran Fusco
Approval of the Minutes – Recording Secretary Kathy Knipple
Report of the Treasurer – Past President June Black
Report of the Financial Secretary – Sandi Lutz
AWARDS CEREMONY
 Honey Award – Leonard King PP MSFA
 Jane Todd Award – Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
 Hall of Fame Induction – Chairman Leone Gatton PP
REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
Communication and Bills – Corresponding Secretary Teresa Crisman
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction – Vice Chaplain Carol Hayden
Recess
3:45 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 (Doors open at 6:30)
7:30 pm **MONDAY NIGHT COUNTRY BASH** – Rear of Convention Center
9:30 pm **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** – Rear of the Convention Center Over the Bay

TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2007

SECOND SESSION

- 8:00–8:45 am **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 Pat Deamond
INVOCATION By Chaplain Sherry Soper
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 – Co-Chair Denice Melito and Paula Robinson
 Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund – Co-chairs P.P. Nora Ryan and P.P. Sharon Worthington
 Pins and Badges – Marian Nicholson
 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 Carol Hayden
RECESS
MEETING OF THE 2007-2008 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 20, 2007

THIRD SESSION

- 8:30-9:00 am **Registration**
- 9:15 am **CALL TO ORDER** - President Rose Pandolfini
Invocation - Chaplain
Dismissal of 2006-2007 Committee -
 Except Ads and Patrons, Past President Pat Deamond
OFFICER'S REPORTS
Committee Appointment 2007 - 2008 - President Rose Pandolfini
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 (Convention Hall)

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

7:00 pm **FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - DOUBLE FEATURE - FREE**

Convention Center Main Ball Room

“In the Eyes of Glory - Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial”

and

“Into The Fire”

THURSDAY JUNE 21, 2007

9:00 am M.S.F.A. Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center - Room 206

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007

7:30 am Golf Tournament - Eagles Landing Golf Course

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Pat Deamond
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Report of the President

It has been my pleasure to serve as the 75th President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Where has the time gone? This year has passed so quickly! My Presidency has been a rewarding experience and I have many wonderful memories to cherish.

I truly consider being a State Officer as both a privilege and honor. Our Auxiliary consists of a great membership of ladies. I have been very fortunate to meet and get to know many of them. This year's travels have taken me from my home in the North to virtually every direction of this beautiful state. My sincere THANKS to all for the many invitations I've received. I have attended as many events as possible. For those events I was unable to attend, my fellow officers were sent to represent our organization. All of us have enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality extended wherever we traveled.

To my home Auxiliary and Fire Company of North East, I appreciate and THANK YOU for all your support and generosity. The money both of you gave to help defray my expenses was certainly outstanding and so welcomed. In addition, you gave me the use of our company car and even had it engraved with my name and office. It has been my honor to represent all of you. I hope that I've made North East proud!

To the members of the Harford-Cecil Firemen's Association, Cecil County Firemen's Association and their Ladies Auxiliary, THANK YOU for the support given to me as a state officer. It has been my pleasure to represent all of you.

To my LAMSFA officers, committee chairmen, committee members and auxiliary members, I express sincere THANKS for all of your support, dedication and hard work during my term. We faced some difficult situations. However, by working together as a team, I feel we still accomplished a very successful year. As the officers assume their new positions, I extend best wishes for much success. I will always be available to assist each one of you if needed. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

To all Past Presidents of the LAMSFA, THANKS for your support and guidance. You ladies were only a phone call away and always so willing to provide assistance. I'm looking forward to joining you as a Past President.

To my Past President Janet Pfeiffer and to Page Linda Slicer, I appreciate your encouragement and friendships. Both of you were with me from the beginning as I advanced through the offices of the LAMSFA. To dear friends Past President Nora Ryan and Joanne Irwin, I THANK YOU for all your assistance and support. I could not have reached my goal as President without each of you four ladies. You will always be very special to me!

To MSFA President Bobby Balta and wife Glema, THANK YOU for your friendships and assistance this year. I feel we worked well together and enjoyed ourselves while accomplishing the duties of our offices. I'm so glad to have shared the term of 2006-2007 with President Balta. I have welcomed the friendships of 1st Vice President Sterling and 2nd Vice President Underwood. May you both have much success in the future as you lead the MSFA.

To my husband Terry, and father Amos Lockard, I THANK YOU and truly appreciate everything done for me. My husband supported and encouraged me even after being stricken with a devastating disease. He wanted me to go forward and strive for my goal of becoming LAMSFA President. My father has given me so much support, encouragement and assistance as things at home became increasingly difficult. I love both of you very much and am so very fortunate to call you family.

Finally, my THANKS to God for giving me the faith, strength, and guidance through the difficult times. I feel without him nothing is possible.

May God Bless America and each and every one of us!

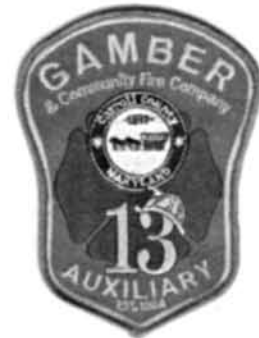
Respectfully,
Pat Deamond



***Best Wishes for a Successful Maryland
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***Congratulate Incoming
President
Rose Pandolfini***



***From the Officers and Members of the
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Report of the Senior Vice President

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Senior Vice President of the LAMSFA. I want to thank everyone for your support and confidence in my abilities to complete the job to which I was elected.

My most sincere thanks to everyone for the many invitations that I have received this past year. It has been a most enjoyable duty to represent this organization at these many events. The hospitality, friendship, and generosity shown to me during my travels across this state are deeply appreciated. I look forward to visiting again with the many friends I have made during my travels.

I was honored to represent President Deamond at several banquets and anniversary celebrations this year. My travels included county meetings as well as meetings for the Convention committee, Constitution and Bylaws, Fire Prevention, Conferences, and MSFA Executive meetings. In addition, there were many Fire Department and Auxiliary banquets that were a pleasure to attend. My travels to these events carried me over 8000 miles around this state.

My sincere gratitude to the Gamber Fire Department and Auxiliary and all of the Carroll County Auxiliaries for their continued support of my efforts. To my Past Presidents, Mary Alice Lare and June Black - Thank you for your guidance and support. To my husband Peter and my children Diane and Jonathan, thank you for your assistance and support of my endeavors. I love all of you.

I would like to extend my congratulations to President Deamond and President Balta for a wonderful and exciting year. To the incoming officers may you have a very productive year and enjoy the outstanding camaraderie of each other as well as the friendships you make along the way. I look forward to working with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Pandolfini



Report of the Junior Vice President

I am honored to have served as Junior Vice President over this past year. I count it a great privilege to be able to represent the LAMSFA as I've fulfilled the responsibilities of my office. While crisscrossing this great state, I have met many dedicated and hard working people; and I've enjoyed their fellowship, friendship and hospitality. Thank you to each person, to each auxiliary and to each fire company for allowing me to be a part of your meetings, events and celebrations. Congratulations on your successes.

Across the year, I have attended the LAMSFA Fall and Spring Conferences and Executive meetings; MSFA Executive meetings, Fire Prevention, Convention, Safety, and By-Laws committee meetings, in addition to many county auxiliary meetings, auxiliary and fire department banquets, and county conventions. I also attended Memorial services for deceased members.

The Junior Vice President serves as Membership Chairman for the LAMSFA. I am pleased to advise that we have had two new Auxiliaries join the LAMSFA this year. Welcome to The Auxiliary to the Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department and the Showell Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

I wish to extend congratulations to LAMSFA President Pat Deamond and to MSFA President Bobby Balta for their successes this year. To the incoming LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and MSFA President Paul Sterling, I am looking forward to working with you as we move into the year ahead.

There are some people who are always there for you: I would like to say a special thanks to my auxiliary, Beltsville, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for their encouragement, guidance and support.

To my husband, Harry, thank you for always being there, encouraging and supporting me in so many ways. To my sister, Peggy Zembower, who has also served as my Past President, thank you for your wisdom and insight, your understanding and support: you have helped me in so many ways. Thanks to my fellow officers, I've enjoyed our comradeship as we've traveled the many miles: you have made them interesting, enjoyable and sometimes funny. Thank you for your friendship and good times we've shared.

To all the incoming officers for 2007-2008, as we look to the year



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2006-2007



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the incoming officers to the LA-MSFA and the*

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ahead, I wish all the best for a successful and productive year as we join together to work for this great association. I look forward to continuing serving with you and the LAMSFA in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Hetz
Junior Vice President 2006 - 2007



Report of the LAMSFA Chaplain

President Deamond, Officers and Member Auxiliaries:
I was much honored to have served as LAMSFA Chaplain this year. Our member Auxiliaries have once again lost many of our loved ones in our Auxiliary Families. They may have passed, but their memories will go on forever. As you attend the Memorial Service on Sunday evening, take a few moments to pay your respects silently when viewing their picture and reading their name.

I have sent many cards, expressions of flowers and monetary donations in memory of loved ones. I would like to take this chance to thank all my fellow LAMSFA Officers for their support this year.

I have had the honor and would like to Thank MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long and his Chaplain Corp for allowing me to work with them on many occasions. They are and continue to be a wonderful support to all. If any of you ever need their support, please do not hesitate to call upon them. They will be there for you.

The following is a list of our deceased members by County:

Allegany County

Phyllis Fazenbaker – Barton Hose Co #1 Aux
Namoi M Frost – Bedford Rd VFD Aux
Mable I Chaney – Bowling Green VFD Aux
Joyce B. Crawford – Bowling Green VFD Aux
Thelma M Rhodes – Corriganville VFC Aux
Elizabeth B Duckworth – Cresaptown VFD Aux
Elnora R F Nicholas – Cresaptown VFD Aux
Karen S DeVore – Eilerslie VFC Aux
Gwendolyn L Pryor – LaVale VFD Aux
Mary M Kice – Mount Savage VFC #1 Aux

Ruth E Bender – Oldtown VFD Aux
Dawn R McDonald – Oldtown VFD Aux
Patsy Y Linkens – Shaft VFD Aux
Alma E Miller – Shaft VFC Aux

Anne Arundel

Margaret E. King – Deale VFD & Rescue Sqd Aux

Baltimore County

L Charlotte Purcell – Pikesville VFC LA

Carroll County

Edith Baker – Auxiliary to Mt Airy VFC
Eunice Holmes – Auxiliary to Mt Airy VFC
Elsie B Arbaugh – Auxiliary to Hampstead VFC
Dorothy E Hale – Auxiliary to Hampstead VFC
Julia M Miller – Auxiliary to Hampstead VFC
Leah A Peregoy – Auxiliaty to Hampstead VFC
Margaret C Lutz – Manchester Ladies Auxiliary
Shirley Clem – Taneytown FC Ladies Aux
Rosanne Dinterman – Taneytown FC Ladies Aux
Cathy Jenkins – Taneytown FC Ladies Aux
Charlotte Ruth Myers – Pleasant Valley Aux. to the Pleasant Valley VFC
Hattie M Coleman – Lineboro Ladies Auxiliary
Susanna Elizabeth Black – Union Bridge Ladies Auxiliary
Corine Bohn – Union Bridge Ladies Auxiliary
Mary E Smith – New Windsor Ladies Auxiliary
Mary E Haines – Harney VFC Ladies Auxiliary
John Leo Davis – Gamber Auxiliary
Helen Bohr – Winfield Ladies Auxiliary
Kathleen Haight – Winfield Ladies Auxiliary

Cecil County

Virginia R Jones – Ladies Auxiliary Com. FC of Rising Sun
Elsie L Benjamin – North East Fire Co Ladies Aux
Rebecca Swanson – Ladies Aux Singerly Fire Co
Mabel J Cassidy – Ladies Aux Singerly Fire Co
Ruth P “Tunie” Wright – Ladies Aux. Charlestown Fire Co.
Grace Heffner – Ladies Aux. Charlestown Fire Co

Charles County

Julia B Kiedaisch – Indian Head VFD & Rescue Sqd LA

Frederick County

Ruth Green – Lewistown VFC Auxiliary
Ralph L Martin – Lewistown VFC Auxiliary
Betty V Martin – Lewistown VFC Auxiliary
Wilton Smith Jr – Lewistown VFC Auxiliary
Pauline J Biddinger – Ladies Aux Woodsboro VFC
Betty S Crum – Ladies Aux Woodsboro VFC
Betty V Martin – Ladies Aux Woodsboro VFC
Kenneth S Houck, Sr – Ladies Aux Woodsboro VFC

Garrett County

Mary K Simpson – Bittering VFD Aux
Pauline M Lewis – Deep Creek VFD Aux
Coranny A Clatterbock – Deep Creek VFD Aux
Genevieve V J Railey – Eastern Garrett Cty V.F. R. Dept Aux

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Donna Deener
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Peggy Derrick
Bonnie Duley
Angela Fowler*

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Jennifer McGillin
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Winnie Ouellette
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Ardythe Peters
Dot Sauer
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Cleda L Baker – Grantsville Vol Fire Dept Aux
Genevieve C Swauger – Grantsville Vol Fire Dept Aux
Vera E Merrill – Grantsville Vol Fire Dept Aux

Hartford County

Virgie I Beck – Joppa Magnolia VFC Ladies Auxiliary

Montgomery County

Margaret E. King – Damascus VFD LA
Oscar Ely – Hyattstown VFD
Alice AL Byrne – Sandy Spring VFD

Prince Georges County

Dorothy Phelps – Landover Hills VFD LA
Martha Cain – Kentland VFD LA
Marcia Waples – Boulevard Heights VFD LA
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Washington County

Virginia “Sis” Anderson – Western Enterprise
Patsy Cosgrove – Western Enterprise
William Shaffer – Western Enterprise
Robert J McElroy Jr – Western Enterprise

Wicomico County

Dorothy B Ellis – Sharptown Fire Dept LA

Respectfully submitted
Sherry Soper

**Report of the
Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund**

Officers, Past Presidents, Members and Guests of the LAMSFA & MSFA;

It is an honor and a privilege on behalf of the Bessie Marshall Committee to report that the Bessie Marshall Fund has had a very successful year because of the efforts of the member ladies auxiliaries and various departments supporting our fund raising activities. With your generous support we have been able to pay 48 cases as of 4-15-07 and we anticipate more cases prior to your reading this report. THIS IS ONLY ACCOMPLISHED BY YOUR GENEROSITY and it is so heart warming to know that our fire service family all across this state makes a special effort to care for and assist their fellow volunteer fire and emergency services personnel when they are in need the most. The number of volunteers across this state needing assistance continues to grow and the LAMSFA takes great pride in providing assistance through this fund.

The following is a break down by county of the 48 cases paid, totaling \$36,000.00.

Anne Arundel	1	Harford	8
Allegany	5	Kent	1
Baltimore	3	Montgomery	1
Caroline	3	St. Mary’s	1
Carroll	8	Talbot	1
Cecil	4	Washington	4
Charles	1	Wicomico	2
Frederick	4	Worcester	1

We are pleased to date to have raised funds in the amount of \$42,592.90. The lottery continues to be our largest fund raiser and we have received \$12,759.00 to date on this activity. We have received \$11,910.00 in auxiliary donations, \$5,050.00 in fire department donations \$6,510.00 in individual donations and \$520.00 in memorial donations. As I write this report we our sponsoring a Longaberger basket raffle and to date have sold \$2,970.00 in ticket sales with all baskets being donated. The balance of our money has been raised through various other conference raffles.

A special thank-you must go to the Harford County Ladies Auxiliary who raised \$8,000.00 by hosting a bull and oyster roast with all proceeds going to the Bessie Marshall Fund. Ruth Ann Poole and Anna Jonske co-chaired this event and everyone involved worked extremely hard to make it the success it was. The Harford County Ladies Auxiliary and Departments worked together to make this a great event and we thank everyone who helped or supported in anyway. We encourage other counties to consider holding some form of fund raiser to help the fund.

THANK-YOU just does not seem adequate to say to all the member Auxiliaries and Departments who have for years continued to generously donate to the Bessie Marshall Fund. We know there are many demands on your financial resources and we truly appreciate that you consider the Bessie Marshall Fund a priority. We hope we can continue to count on your help in the future.

It has been a real honor and pleasure for us to have served as Co-Chairs of this Committee and we thank President Patricia Deamond for the confidence she had in us to perform the task. We want to congratulate her on a wonderful year and tell her how proud of her we are and how much we treasure our friendship. We also want to thank everyone who worked on our committee. God’s blessings to all the volunteers and auxiliary members across this state and may you all enjoy good health and be safe as you serve your communities.

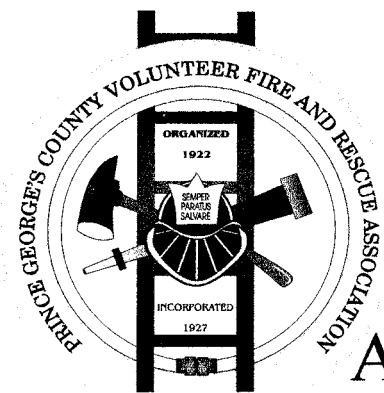
Sincerely,
Nora Ryan-Chairman
Sharon Worthington Co-Chairman

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**Report of the
Hall of Fame Committee**

To: President Patricia Deamond, Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 75th Annual Convention of the LA-MSFA:

The members of the Hall of Fame Committee wish to thank President Deamond for their appointment to the committee this year.

The Hall of Fame Award was established in 2001, by President Nora Ryan. The purpose of the Award is to recognize the distinguished service of individuals for their dedication and support of the LA-MSFA. These individuals are the ones who work behind the scenes, on the many committees, promoting the projects of the LA-MSFA.

The guidelines and the rules for nomination for the Hall of Fame Award were available at the Fall and Spring Conferences and they were also included in the February mailing that was sent by the Corresponding Secretary.

Because the members of the Hall of Fame Committee live in so many different areas throughout the State of Maryland and several would have many miles to travel, the committee members have chosen not to meet throughout the year. Any communication that was necessary with the members during the year was done either by e-mail, telephone, or U.S. Mail.

The committee has held 50/50 Raffles at the Fall and Spring Conferences and plans to do the same during the Annual Convention. The proceeds from these raffles are used to defray the expenses of the Hall of Fame Awards and the balance is put in the General Fund of the LA-MSFA.

As this report goes to press, the deadline for nominations is near and few nominations have been received. We sincerely hope that many nominations will be received in the next few days. If your nominee did not receive the Hall of Fame Award this year, please review the rules to be sure the individual meets the criteria and if they do, please submit their name for consideration again next year.

A meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee will be held at the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Operations office in Landover Hills, MD in May for the purpose of selecting the recipients of this year's Hall of Fame Award.

On behalf of the committee, thank you to everyone who has supported the Hall of Fame Committee.

I also want to say a special thank you to all the members of the committee for accepting the appointment, working at the raffle table, and attending the selection meeting. I enjoy working with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Leone S. Gatton, Chairman

**Report of the
Income Tax Subtraction
Modification Committee**

Reference: Maryland State "Income Tax – Subtraction Modification benefit for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

1,070 auxiliary members qualified for the 2006 Maryland State Income Tax Subtraction.. Listed below is a chart showing the counties and the number of members who qualified.

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Qualified ITS 2006</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Allegheny	66	Norma Clark
Anne Arundel	42	Patti Kidwell
Baltimore	25	Martha Spangler
Calvert	41	Peg Richardson
Caroline	34	Deana Bell
Carroll	103	Pat Spangler
Cecil	51	Doris Lloyd
Charles	63	Carol Flint
Dorchester	4	Mary A Dulin
Frederick	6	Debbie Perkins
Garrett	20	Karen Dishhong
Harford	14*	Donita A. Dietz
Howard	**	Patty Thompson
Kent	29	Darlene Neal
Montgomery	77	Peggy A. Webb
Prince George's	156	Ann Marie McGill
Queen Anne	29	Debra Shelton
Somerset	11	Mary F. Whitelock
St. Mary's	132	Bonnie Quade
Talbot	28	Mary A. Dulin
Washington		LOSAP Program
Wicomico	107	Kimberly Figgs
Worcester	32	Joanne Smith

* One Auxiliary report not submitted by date of this report

** County Report not submitted by date of this report.

A special thank you to all of the Auxiliary and County Point System Coordinators who maintain the records and for the support of all fire and rescue companies and the Maryland State Firemen's Association who support and make this program successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie G. Shultz

*Congratulations Pat on a job well done
As President of the LAM SFA!*



We are very proud of you!

*Love,
Terry and Dad*

Report of the Legislative Committee

2007 General Assembly Session

President Deamond, officers, and members, it has been a great honor to serve on the Ladies' Auxiliary's Legislative Committee. 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. Six of us have traveled over 7,000 miles (three of our members are carpooling) and have registered 685 hours this year. We have truly missed Betty Reamy this year because of her illness. We cannot match her outstanding ability as a legislative reader.

We have screened 2,495 House and Senate Bills, including 16 Joint Resolutions. There were 68 bills concerning, or could possibly concern, the fire and emergency service which were tracked. We also maintain the legislative files.

We assembled and distributed eleven *Legislative Bulletins*. The weekly distribution of the *Bulletin* includes 34 which are hand delivered or mailed, and the remaining 210 sent via e-mail. We have divided our Committee assignments among our members. Some of these responsibilities include tracking all visitors and members' visits, mileage and total time spent on legislative business in Annapolis; maintaining the MSFA Legislative budget records; legislative reading and highlighting

all items that could be of concern, and maintenance of the files. We prepared correspondence required to forward the Fire Laws discs, the invitations to the Legislative Reception, and the end of the session letters of appreciation to the Governor and other State officials, including the 141 Delegates and 47 Senators. We also handled the registration table at the Legislative Reception and helped to hand deliver correspondence to the elected officials. And, as every job description states, performed other duties as required. We truly work as a team.

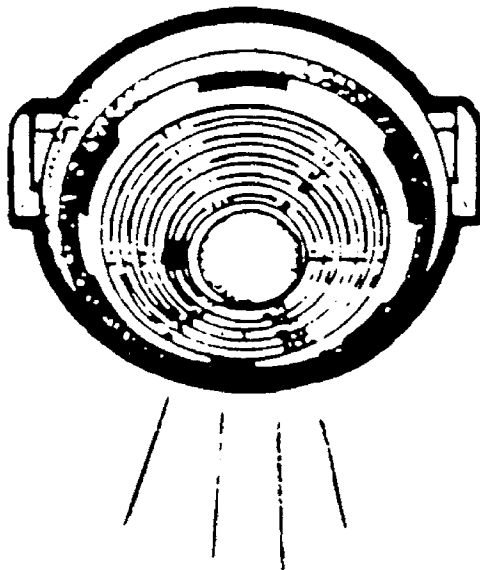
We want to thank the many members of the LAMSFA who joined our team this year by taking time to notify their elected legislative representatives to support the *Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act*, which has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

We extend special thanks to Chair Danny Davis and Vice Chair Richard Yinger, for their guidance and leadership. Their ability to find humor even when they are working under many pressures is a valuable lesson for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Co-chairs, Peggy Webb and Rose Davis
Marie Soutar,
Candy Mitchell,
Betty Reamy,
Betty Radisch,
Barbara McWilliams

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We would like to express our appreciation to the businesses that submitted ads for this year's program book. We encourage you to support our vendors at the convention and the Ocean City businesses that advertised in this book.

The program book committee would like to congratulate the Officers of the Association and the Ladies Auxiliary for a successful year.

We would like to thank the Officers for allowing us the opportunity to prepare this 115th Convention Program Book.

The results of this year's book are attributed to the cooperation we have received from the Association. Our thanks to all.

My personal thanks to every member of the program book committee.

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Danny Carpenter
Elaine Huttenloch
Danny Davis
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Sincerely - Tommy Mattingly, Chairman



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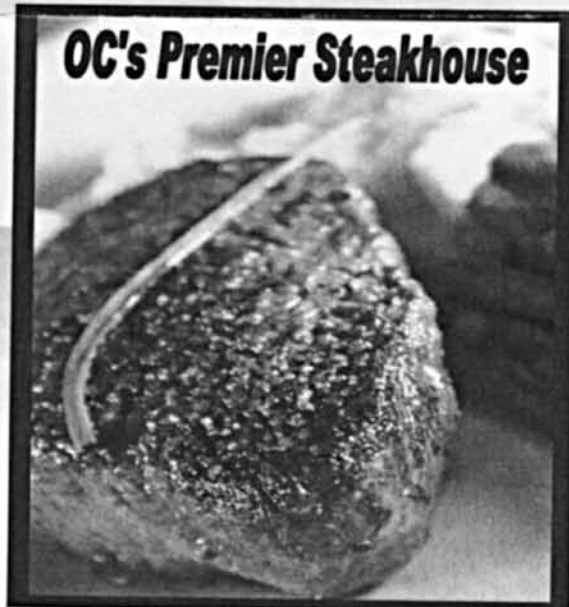
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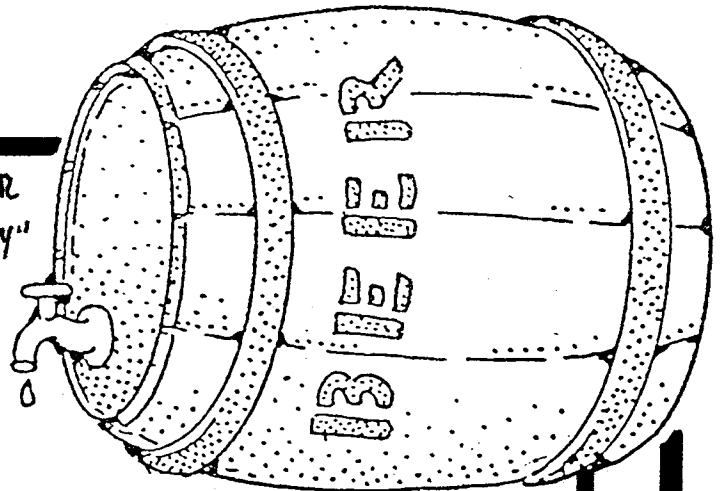


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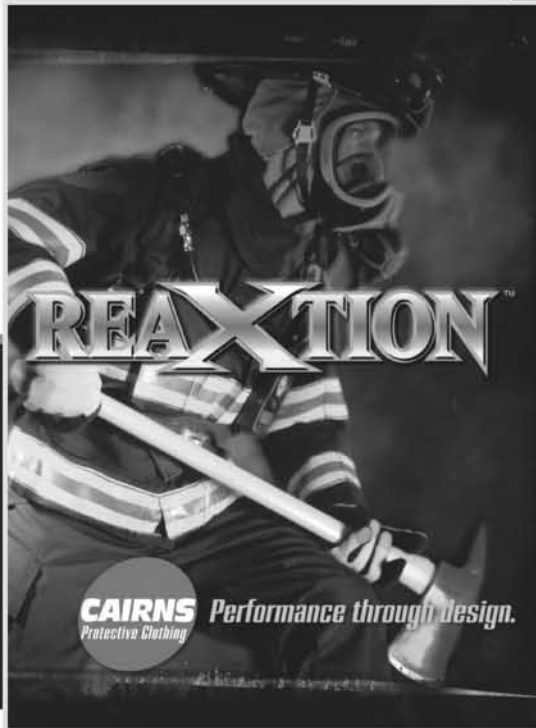
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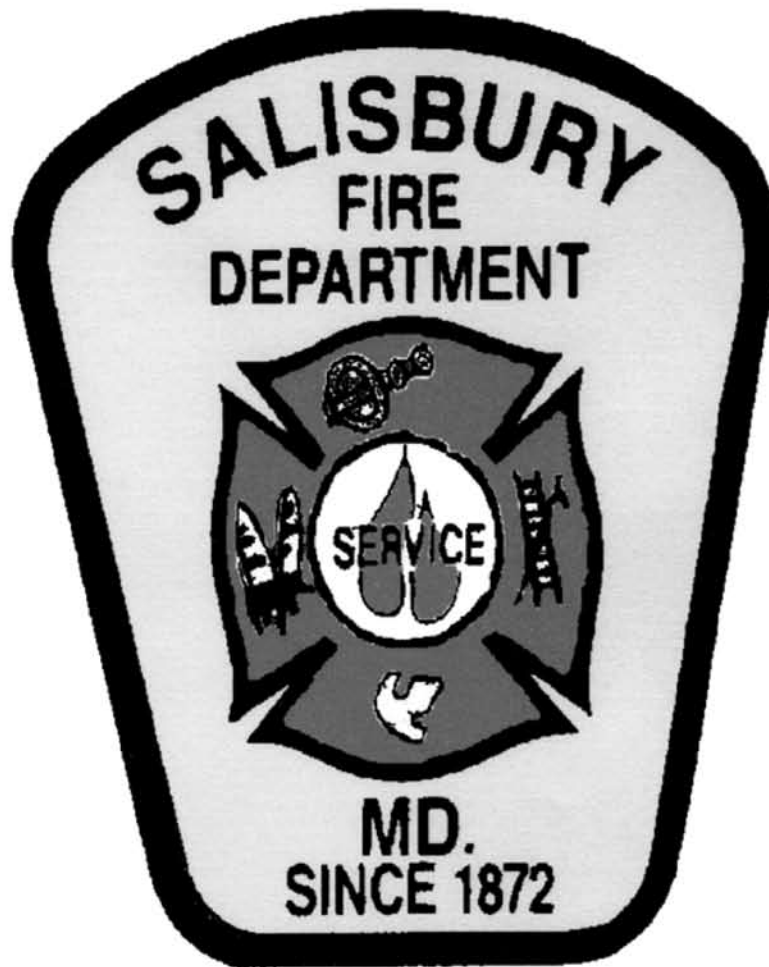
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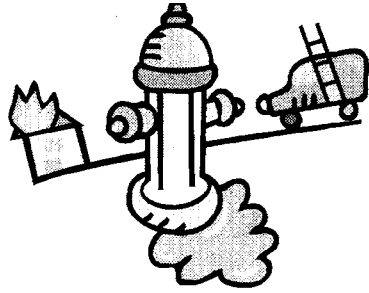
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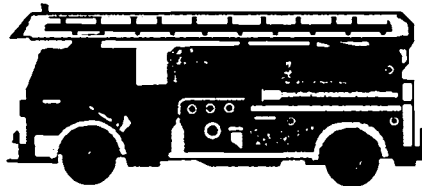
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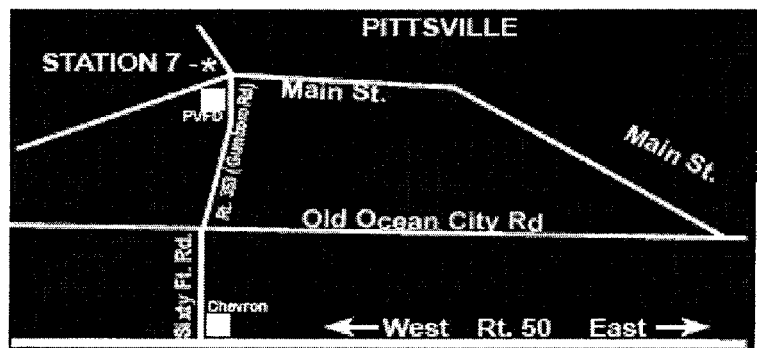
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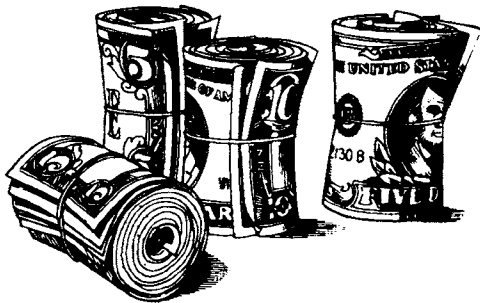


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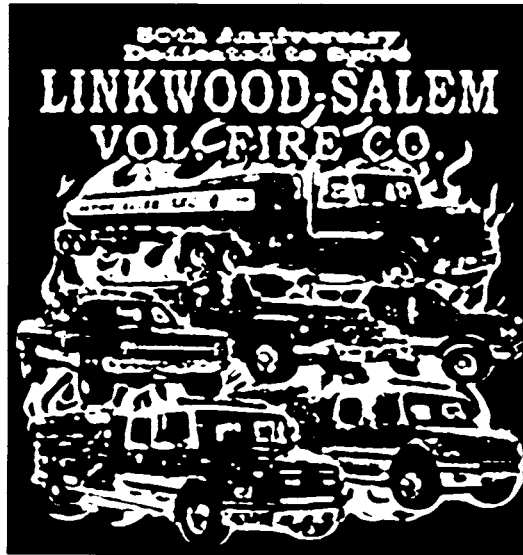
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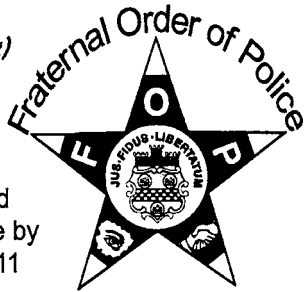
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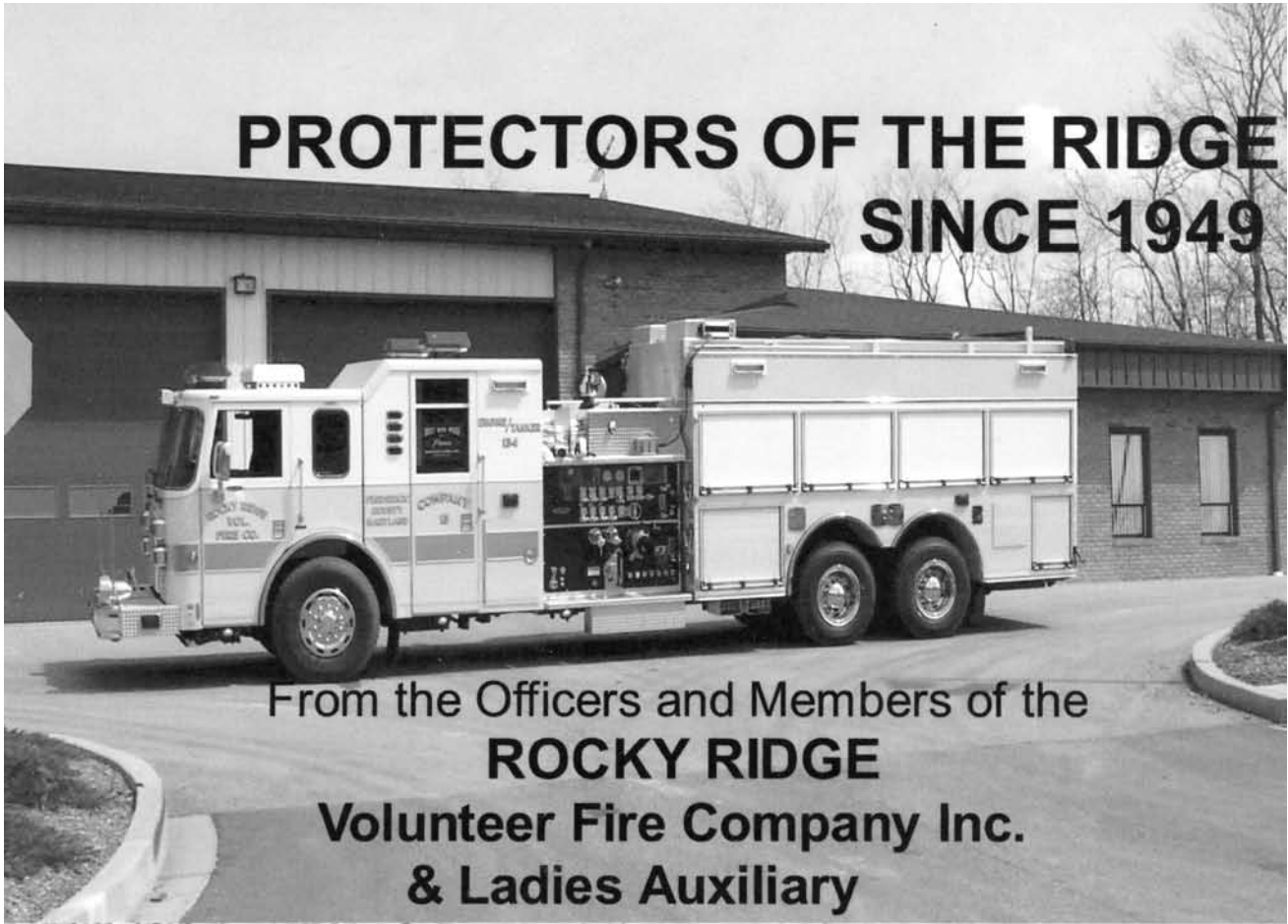
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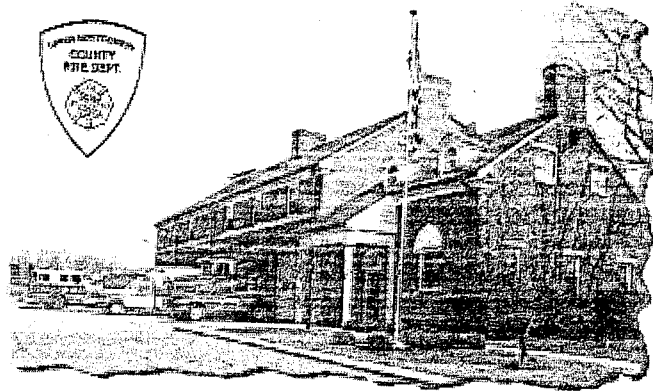
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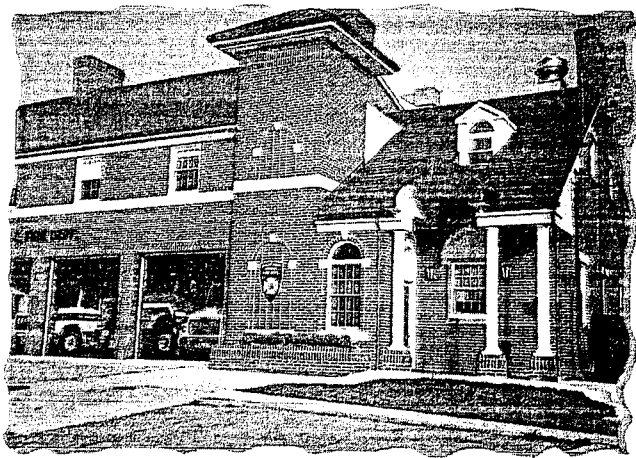
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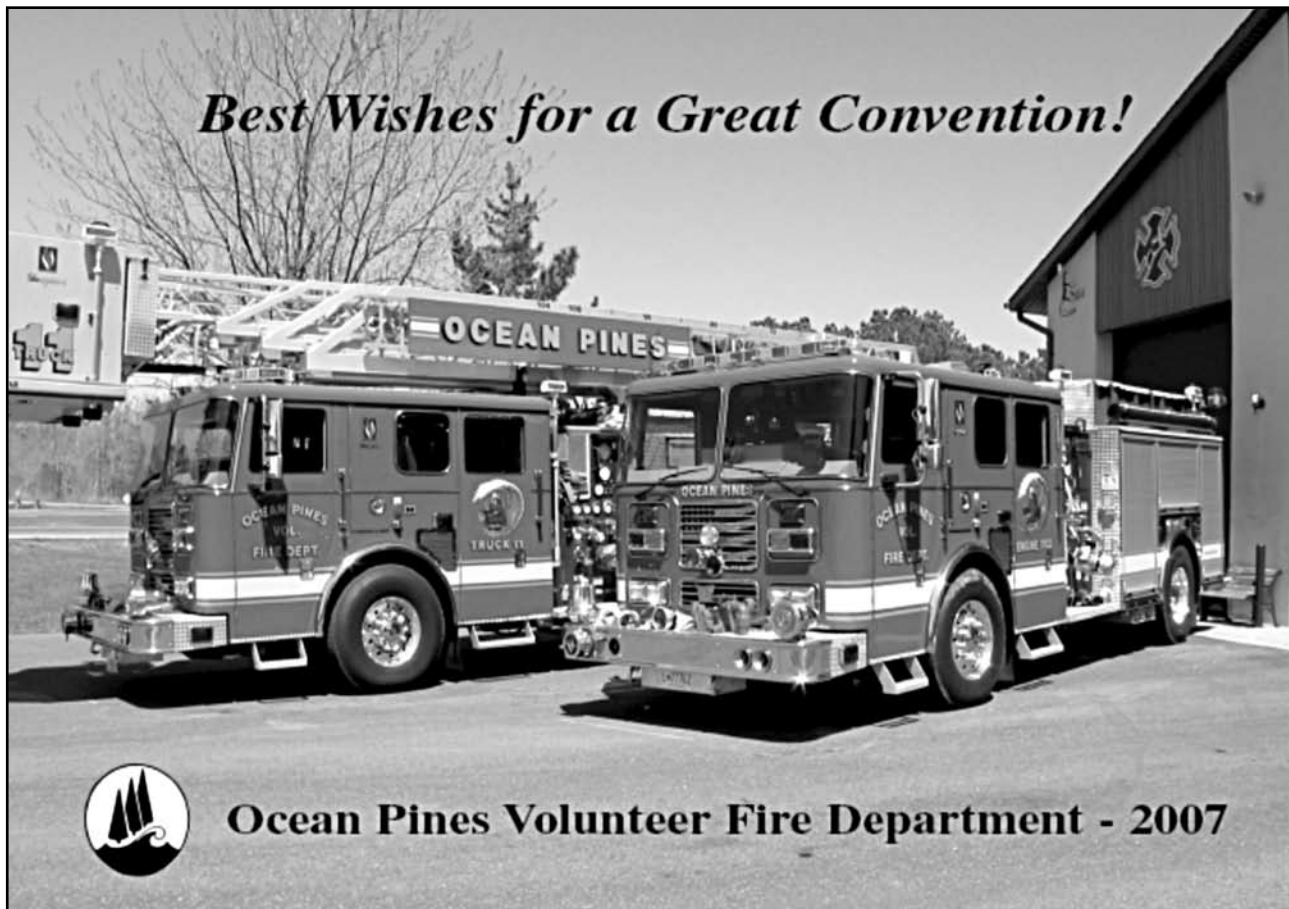
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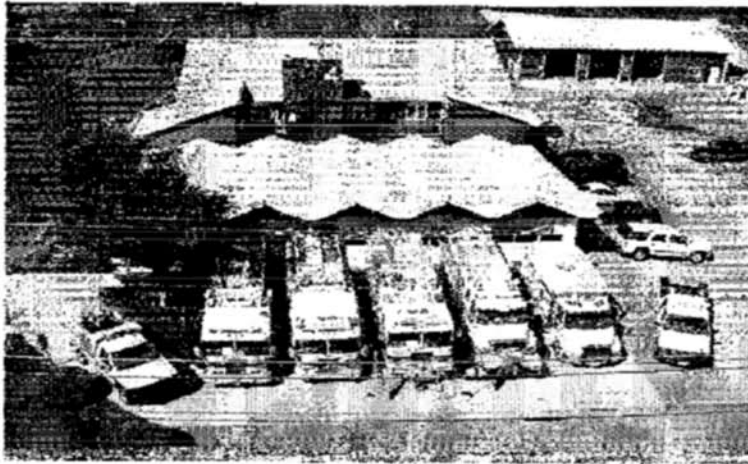
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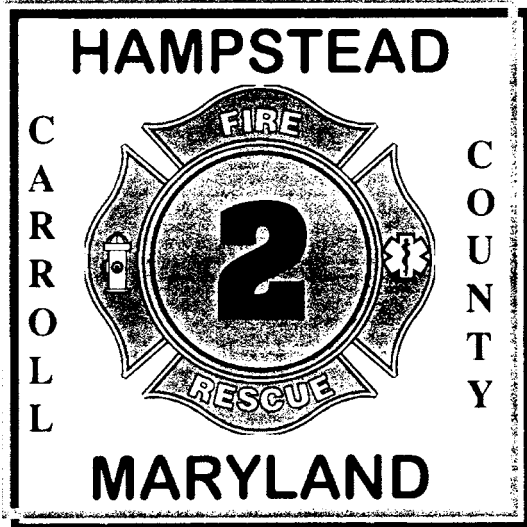
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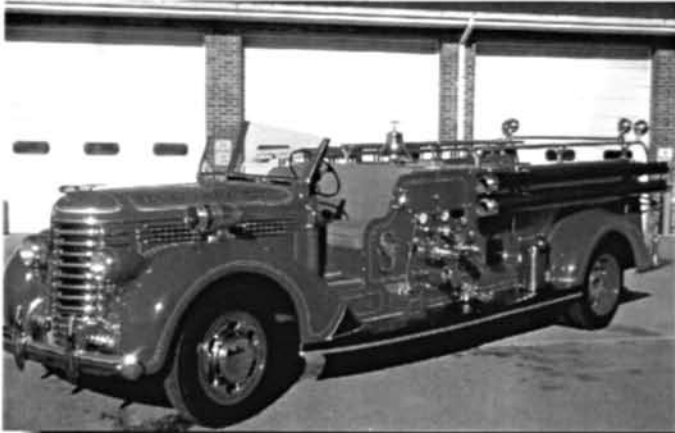
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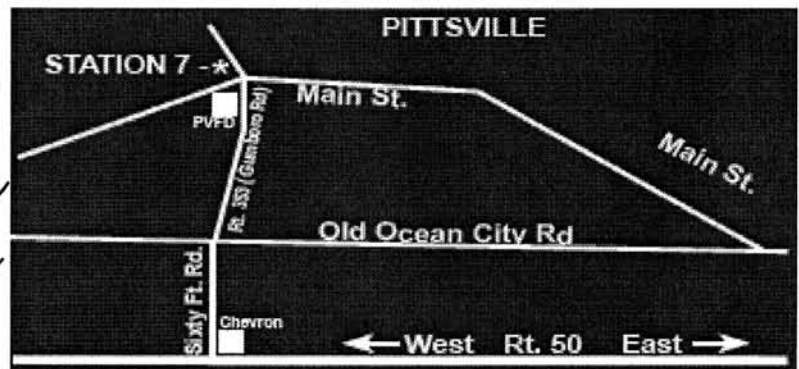
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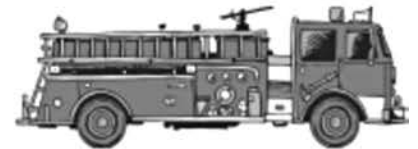
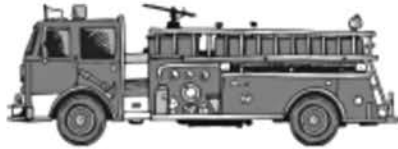
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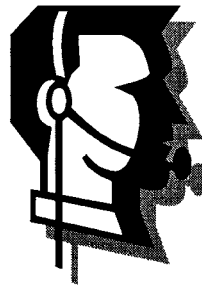
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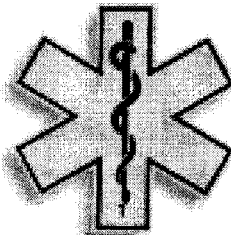
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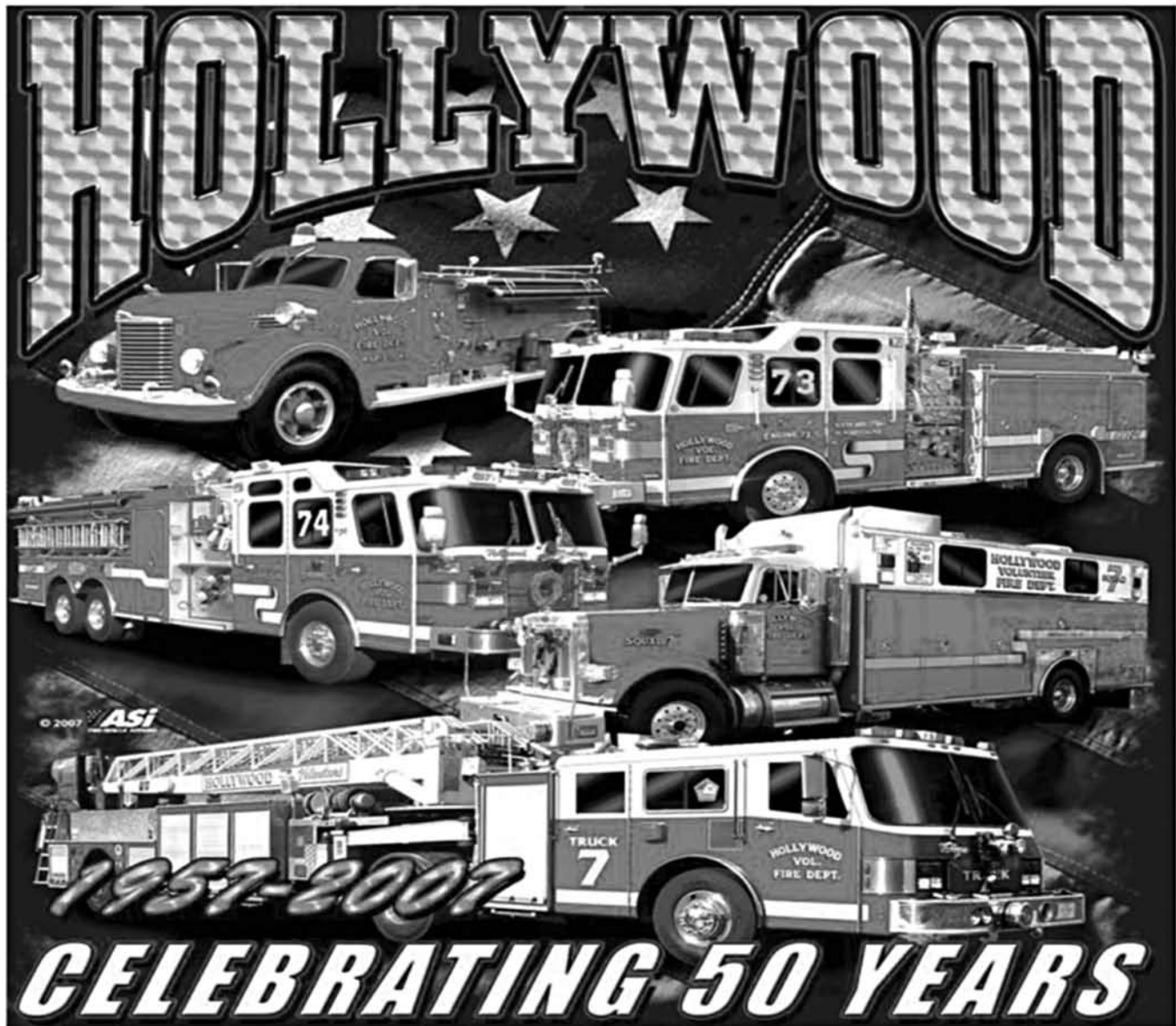
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Successful
Convention”***



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**The New Windsor Fire Department and Auxiliary
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**HAVE A GREAT TIME
AT THE CONVENTION !!!**

**115th Annual Convention Parade
Ocean City, Maryland**

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 - - - 1300 hours

The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 20th 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.

--- 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 Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Adult Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Third Best Appearing Adult Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy

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Fourth Best Appearing Adult Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Honorable Mention Adult Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Third Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Fourth Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Honorable Mention Junior Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Third Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Fourth Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention	Trophy
Honorable Mention Little Miss Fire Prevention	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
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

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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
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
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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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PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!

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 1630 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**

**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 RULES

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
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus
5. Throwing of any type material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress
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 performance of a few!

**FREE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED, TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE PARADE PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS,
IN THE REAR OF THE CONVENTION CENTER**

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

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