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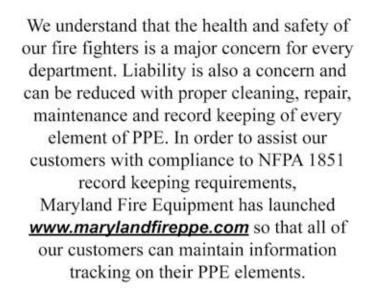
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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE



Howard Springer MSFA Past President 1958-59



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Ron Graf' MSFA Executive Committee Past Chairman 1961-62



Judy Lau MSFA Executive Committee Vice Chairman 2007-08

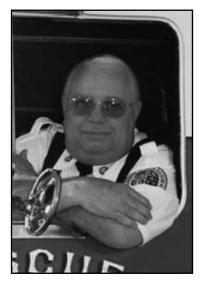
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FF Jarrett A. Dixon Baltimore County Fire Dept. & Liberty Road Vol. Fire Dept.



FF Donald Hubbel Baltimore City Fire Dept. & Bel Air Vol. Fire Co.

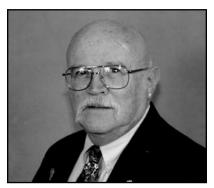


Capt. William Bell, Jr. Wheaton Vol. Rescue Squad

Dedication



Ron Graf



Jack Gouty

It is with great pride and honor that the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association dedicate this convention program book to the memory of these wonderful people.

Ron Graf, Jack Gouty, and Judy Lau

Three forceful people that humbly dedicated over 150 years of volunteerism. Their commitment, courage and sacrifice given over these many years have been given with the Associations always first. Their continued service will be greatly missed. We are very proud to have these leaders as members of our Associations. They, always with a smile, were first in line to give their all to whatever was requested. Our Associations thank their families for allowing them to serve in such a great capacity.



Judy Lau

Tribute to Leonard T. King, Sr.



Leonard King

With great pride, the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association provides this recognition to Chief Leonard T. King Sr. for his lifelong dedication to the nation's fire service. From his years as a young boy in Damascus, his desire to serve his fellow man has been demonstrated each and every day. He is well known and respected throughout the State and Country for his leadership and progressive approach to the ever changing fire service that we know today. On a state level, he is well known as an instructor, administrator and innovator. The Maryland State Firemen's Association has been fortunate to have Leonard as it's Past President, Secretary, and most importantly as the Chairman of the MSFA Convention. With the untimely death of Past President Marvin Gibbons, Leonard was asked to take over the convention committee responsibilities. Without hesitation, he accepted the challenge, organized the committee and our convention went off without a hitch. Since that time he has continued to manage what is the largest convention held in Ocean City and our most difficult and time consuming committee involving hundreds of our members with the goal of providing our membership the best conference and training opportunities. The experience of our convention is focused on providing something for all, young and old, recruit or veteran and fire or EMS. Most important is that the entire family has the opportunity to enjoy our convention. With Leonard's decision to step down so that he can focus on his health issues, we know that he will be there as an advisor to the association sharing his many years of knowledge when called upon. Congratulations to Leonard for being elected as Chairman Emeritus of the Convention Committee and Secretary Emeritus at the Executive Committee meeting on April 12, 2008. The entire membership would like to thank you for vour fifty years of dedicated service to Maryland's fire service and we wish you God's speed in your recovery.

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A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Fireman's Association and Ladies Auxiliary in Ocean City.

Public safety is the greatest responsibility that we have in State government, and we rely on first responders throughout Maryland to protect our families and maintain our quality of life. The work our firefighters do every single day makes everything else possible. We are so fortunate to have such an incredible network of dedicated individuals that put their lives on the line for the safety of our loved ones.

We are eternally grateful for your service and dedication to the people of the State of Maryland, and wish you nothing but the best at this year's convention.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor

PROGRAM - 116th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, June 14, 2008

1330	Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission - Convention Center-Room 214
1800	JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET - Convention Center Main Ball Room - By Invitation Only

SUNDAY, June 15, 2008

- 0800 Exhibitors Registration Convention Center Ground Floor
- 0930 Executive Committee Meeting Convention Center Room 208
- 1000-1200 Convention Registration Main Ball Room
- 1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales Ground Floor Foyer
- 1000-1200 Free Bus Passes Lower Level
- 1000-1700 Education and Training Seminars Convention Center East Hall
- 1030 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE Upper Level Rooms 215-217
- Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the entire Family
- 11:00-14:00 FLEA MARKET Rear of Convention Center Free Admission
- Fire and EMS Memorabilia will be on display for sale.
- 1900 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE Convention Center Main Ballroom Dress Uniforms Please
- 2015 **Reception** Convention Center Upper Foyers

MONDAY, June 16, 2008

- 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

FIRST SESSION

- 0830 CALL TO ORDER - President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. Convention Center Main Ball Room OPENING CEREMONIES Presentation of Colors - Upper Country of Ding Bands
 - Presentation of Colors Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands Remarks from Governor of Maryland - Martin O' Malley
 - Remarks from United States Senator Barbara Mikulski
 - Remarks from United States Fire Administrator Greg Cade
- 0900 Exhibits Open
- 0945 JOINT AWARDS CEREMONY -
 - Gladhill-Thompson Award
 - Colburn Cup Award Hall of Fame Awards
 - Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
 - Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
 - Honey Award
 - 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 **Presentation** - Chief J. West Thompson, Goodwill Fire Company, Centreville, Maryland
- Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
- 1145 PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON Room 209 By Invitation Only

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April 30, 2008

A MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ANTHONY G. BROWN

Dear Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland!

To the members of the MSFA, I offer appreciation for the sacrifice you have made to the people of Maryland as volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical service personnel. I also give my thanks for the commitment to public service you have given to our state. Safety is a building block of strong communities, and I am confident that your efforts to make Marylanders safe are a key component in making Maryland one of the greatest states in our nation.

As volunteers, you demonstrate a rare selflessness that serves as an example to our state and nation. Whether you are rescuing those in need, extinguishing fires, supporting fellow first responders, or responding to disasters, the contribution of your time and effort is a priceless commodity for communities across our state. Your professionalism also deserves recognition, as the quality of your performance is evident in your past and present work.

On behalf of all Marylanders, I again thank you for your service and wish you a successful conference and convention. May this 116th year be followed by many, many more years of service to the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Anthony G. Brown

SECOND SESSION

1230	CALL TO ORDER- President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.
1245	Recognition of Guests and Organizations
1250	Presentation – MIQUOTES, MSFA Membership Benefits Program
	Update on the Maryland Residential Sprinkler Initiative – Douglas Alexander
1310	SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION – Fire Team USA
	Vickie Pritchett Project Manager for Fire Team USA
	Associate Director of Public Fire Protection of the National Fire Sprinkler Association.
	Chief Shane Ray Fire Chief, Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department - Pleasant View, TN
	"Fire Team USA is about bringing resources to your department to help you enhance the Fire
	Protection that your community offers. Creating partnerships in the community and working
	with all stakeholders is important to improving the public policy on Fire Protection"
1330	Reading and acceptance of 2007 Convention and Conference Minutes
1000	Report of the Credentials Committee
1345	Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
1040	Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
1400	Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Education and Training Seminars
1430	
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
1830	BASKET BINGO-Convention Center-Ballroom C (Doors Open at 1730 hours)
	Admission includes 6 face cards for 20 games and one door prize ticket. Food will be available for sale
1930	MONDAY NIGHT LUAU – Rear of Convention Center - Admission by ticket
	The luau includes Live DJ, Pipe and Drum Bands Performances, Food, Free Gifts and Dancing.
	Menu - Whole Roasted Pig with barbecue sauces available, Sweet & Sour Barbecue Chicken, Hawaiian
	Fried Rice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit Salad, Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Much Much More.
2130	FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THE BAY- Rear of Convention Center
	TUESDAY, June 17, 2008
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 H. Sterling, Jr.
	Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award
	Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office – Fire Marshal William Barnard
0900	Exhibits Open
0930	SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION - An Examination of the Charleston,
	South Carolina Sofa Super Store Fire - J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer, NFFF, IAFC
	Peter Piringer, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information Officer – Montgomery
	County Fire and Rescue Service. "On June 18, 2007, the Charleston, SC Fire Department suffered
	the tragic loss of nine firefighters in the Sofa Super Store Fire. This presentation describes the
	incident that occurred and the lessons that should be taken from it to prevent future tragedies."
	Report of Association Officers
	Report of Standing and Special Committees

Barbara A. Mikulski

United States Senator June 14, 2008

Mr. Paul Sterling, Jr., President Maryland State Firemen's Association 17 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1904

Dear Mr. Sterling & Friends:

Greetings to the members and guests of the Maryland State Fireman's Association and Ladies Auxiliary on the occasion of your 116th Annual Convention. I wish I could be there with all of my good friends from around the state to celebrate and enjoy the company of good colleagues.

I want to thank you for what you do everyday to make our communities safer. You are the first responders who protect our homes and communities. I'm grateful for the sacrifices you make every day, because when you report for duty, you never know what you emergency you will be facing.

That's why I fight every year for the equipment, training, and staffing you deserve through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP). I know how important this funding is to Maryland firefighters and residents – often it's the difference between life and death. I believe that the federal government has a responsibility to protect our protectors by providing you with the equipment and gear you need to do your job safer and smarter.

I am pleased to note that since 2001, the State of Maryland has been awarded in excess of \$60.5M from the AFGP. This year alone, 59 grants totally over \$9M have been awarded to Maryland Fire Companies and Departments for essential equipment and critical training.

Thank you for inviting me to share this important and special event with you. I look forward to continuing our work together to make American safer, stronger and smarter.

Best wishes for a wonderful week.

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Barbara A. Mikulski United States Senator

	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
1030	Maryland Fire Prevention Commission Meeting – Room TBD
	Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute – Director Steven T. Edwards
	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 Agency – Director Richard Muth
	Maryland Department of Homeland Security
	Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service – Monty Mitchell, State Fire Supervisor
	Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems – Dr. Robert Bass, Director
	R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report – Director John Spearman
	Report of the Election Judges
1230-1530	ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC - Outside Rear of Convention Center
	Games, DJ, Free Giveaways, Food, Music and Entertainment for the entire family. Admission by ticket
	Menu - Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Cucumber
	and Onion Salad, Pepsi, Beer, Ice Cream, Watermelon and much, much more.
1400	Education and Training Seminars
1400	HONOR GUARD CHALLENGE & WORKSHOP - EAST HALL – ROOM 215
	The Challenge and Workshop will target hands on experience and How to start an Honor Guard Team.
1630	Exhibits Close
1830	JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Main Ball Room
	Reception and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers
2200	PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Main Ball Room
	WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2008
0730	PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center – East Hall – Rooms 201-206 Admission by Ticket.
	Guest Speaker: Lt. Tommy Neiman, Firefighter/Paramedic St. Lucie Fire District, Ft. Pierce, Florida
	Menu includes a complete all you can eat Country Breakfast Buffet.
	FOURTH SESSION
0900	
0900	CALL TO ORDER- Newly Elected President Exhibits Open
0300	Reading of Communications and Announcements
	Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
0915	SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION
	A Few Seconds Makes All the Difference – Seatbelts: Don't Rely on Luck to Bring You Home
	Chief James McClelland, Volunteer Operations Chief, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department
	"Approximately 25% of firefighter fatalities are the result of apparatus accidents. The Prince George's
	County Fire/EMS Department has developed a program to change that trend. Death or injury of
	personnel because they were not wearing seatbelts is unacceptable. Taking the time to buckle up makes
	all the difference."
0950	Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary
1000	Remarks by Past President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.
	Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
	Introduction of Executive Committee



June 14, 2008

Dear Friends:

I want to extend my warmest welcome to all the members of the Maryland State Fireman's Association attending the 116th 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 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. Our nation and our State owe you our gratitude and appreciation.

Best wishes on a successful convention.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin

Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator

Installation of Assistant Officers Final Report of Convention Committee

1030	SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION –Fire on Ocean City's Boardwalk Deputy Fire Chief David Cropper, Ocean City Vol. Fire Company and Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office		
	"On Sunday, March 30, fire destroyed a large building at the South end of one of Maryland's biggest		
	tourist attractions. This presentation will describe the fire department operations used to control and		
	contain this massive fire, and some of the conditions and levels of protection that served to permit fire		
	spread, hinder fire department tactics; as well as to limit the spread of fire to adjacent properties."		
1100	Unfinished Business and New Business		
	\$10,000. Raffle Drawing		
1300	Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours.		
1300	GIGANTIC FIREMEN'S PARADE – Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine		
	Registration and Parade line at the Inlet Parking Lot.		
1730	Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Rear of Convention Center		
	THURSDAY, June 19, 2008		
0900	Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center - Room 206		

FRIDAY, June 20, 2008

0730	GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course
	Great Prizes and Great Golf Course, (No Coolers Allowed)

MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS

<u>Monday, June 16, 2008</u>

Presentation by: Vickie Pritchett Project Manager for Fire Team USA, Associate Director of Public Fire Protection of the National Fire Sprinkler Association and Chief Shane Ray, Fire Chief, Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department - Pleasant View, TN

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Presentation by: J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer, NFFF, IAFC and Peter Piringer, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information Officer, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Presentation by: Chief James McClelland, Volunteer Operations Chief, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department Presentation by: Deputy Chief David Cropper, Ocean City Vol. Fire Company and Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office STENY H. HOYER MAJORITY LEADER 6th District, MaryLand



Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-6502

June 14, 2008

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you as you gather for the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the thousands of volunteer firefighters who give so much to communities throughout our State. It is because of your dedication and unwavering commitment to service that Maryland remains a leader in the Fire Service. And, it is because of your professionalism and leadership that we, as Marylanders, can take great comfort in knowing that we will be in good hands at those unfortunate times when you are called to assist us.

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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Maryland State Firemen's' Association Educational Conference

SUNDAY, June 15, 2008

LIVE HANDS ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES

(Bring Your Protective Gear) Automobile Extrication – 1230 pm - Convention Center Front Parking Lot

Room 201 1000-1200 **"MISS FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE WORKSHOP"** This workshop is for contestants and prospective contestants to 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.

Room 201 1230-1700 "WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU!!!!"

Allen W. Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response, Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority, Past Chief, Chambersburg Fire Dept. Assistant Chief, Gettysburg Fire Dept. Watch Out Behind You is the operations level training product of over two years work gathering best practices and highway incident scene safety materials from North American and Europe. The course was designed to be a hand off course for those with Instructor I skills in public safety. Instructor notes are included as part of the program package. This course was developed with the support of our partners the United States Fire Administration/FEMA/DHS, Department of Justice and several transportation related agencies. It was produced in response to the overwhelm ing demands for an operational level course on highway incident scene safety. Students attending this session will be able to review and participate in the course so they may deliver it in their own departments.

Room 202 1230-1400 "EMS IN THE UK"

Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director, MIEMSS

During a recent trip to the United Kingdom, Dr. Bass had a chance to observe the delivery of British EMS care. Hear how they provide emergency medical services on "the other side of the pond" and how Maryland measures up!

Room 202 1415-1530 **"POWERS OF OBSERVATION: ARE YOU A SURVIVOR?"** Dr. Richard Alcorta, Medical Director, MIEMSS A challenge will be issued to you to apply your powers of observation and problem solving to manage multiple medical and traumatic patients that are not commonly encountered by EMS providers. This session will be presented in a competitive two-team process with active audience

Room 203 1100-1200 **"LAMSFA: MD. INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION INCENTIVE"** Margie Schultz, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary

This workshop will clarify and update members of ladies auxiliaries how they can benefit from the Maryland Income Tax Reduction Program

Room 203 1230-1300 **"PREPARING FOR THE EMERGENCY" Margie Schultz, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary** In this day and age of increasingly large natura needs to be prepared to be self sufficient for a

In this day and age of increasingly large natural disaster, and man made disasters, everyone needs to be prepared to be self sufficient for a period of time, from a couple days to longer periods. This program will provide strategies for preparing you and your family to face a disaster of some length, and how you can assist members of your community to also be prepared.

Room 203 1345-1700 "Recruitment and Retention"

$\label{eq:conducted} \textbf{Conducted by MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee}$

<u>Part One</u>

Fire/Rescue/EMS departments attempting to recruit volunteers are challenged with tedious processes including: tracking of contacts, and interview and clearance processes. <u>Salesforce.com</u>, a web-based volunteer recruitment automation program, acts as an excellent tool for fire/rescue departments with limited time/resources for demanding recruitment requirements. This award winning software management solution will be demonstrated. Attendees will learn how to gain access to <u>salesforce.com</u> at NO cost to their department.

Part Two

This class will provide guidance and information on the purpose, negotiations, and resulting benefits of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association's contract with Montgomery County Government. This contract is the first in the nation and awaiting County Council approval for the second negotiated contract. Presenters will be Marcine D. Goodloe, President, MCVFRA and Eric Bernard, Executive Director, MCVFRA.

Room 204 1230-1530 EMS SKILLS WORKSHOP: "LOWER EXTREMITY INJURIES" Presented by MIEMSS Faculty

This workshop will allow the EMS provider and instructor an opportunity to "brush-up" on lower extremity injuries management. The session will go over assessment techniques, as well as offer opportunities to practice splinting, immobilizing, and traction techniques.

Room 205 1230-1430 "FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION

Lieutenant Sean Egan, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department Executive Office of the Fire Chief, Emergency Service Unit

DCFD critical infrastructure plan to support successful fire suppression and regional interoperability. This presentation will discuss elements of the District of Columbia's new critical infrastructure ten year plan, at an approximate cost of 100 million dollars, which have been developed to ensure full operability of water supply and hydrant operations within the District of Columbia. Under this plan, the District of Columbia Fire Department has recently created a new support division to evaluate, test and manage the operability of both below ground (Water Mains) and above ground (Hydrants) assets. This division supports the operation of DCFD field crews for twice yearly hydrant location verification and inspection for maintenance and repair as well as flow testing for banding of all hydrants for immediate on-scene recognition of GPM by first responders to improve fire ground operations. The presentation will also discuss the plans' operations to change all hydrants (over 10,000 city wide) with National Standard Thread (NST) to ensure regional interoperability and the ensuing effect on surrounding regional fire departments.

Room 205 1500 - 1700 "TIME TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES!"

Mark Youngs, Youngs and Assoc., Certified Financial Planners, Merrill Lynch, Annapolis Two fun filled hours jam packed with training about how your finances work. This educational program is designed to help you come to terms with what works best for you. If you are not sure you are getting the best advice, the best return, the right investments, or the right planning then this is for you. Make those savings work as hard as you do.

Room 206 1230-1545 "PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS: HOW AND WHY?" George Morgan, MFRI Instructor

Description of a grade: An inadequate report of an inaccurate judgment by a biased and variable judge of the extent to which a student has attained an undefined level of mastery of an unknown proportion of an indefinite material. This lesson session focuses on the purpose of performance assessments and shows participants how to develop performance assessment tasks. In addition to explaining what performance assessment is, this professional development instruction provides a model to guide emergency service instructors of all disciplines in developing performance assessments that provide meaningful feedback concerning student learning to the students, guest instructors, and assigned student organizational assigned mentors.

	MARYL	AND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION
Room 215	1230-1700	"FIRE ON THE BOARDWALK" David Cropper, Deputy Chief, Ocean City Fire Department Josh Bunting, Deputy Fire Marshal, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office On Sunday March 30, fire destroyed a large building at the South end of one of Maryland's biggest tourist attractions. This presentation will describe the fire department operations used to control and contain this massive fire, and some of the conditions and levels of protection that served to permit fire spread, hinder fire department tactics; as well as to limit the spread of fire to adjacent properties.
Room 217	1230-1700	"TABLE TOP EXERCISES" Joel Woods, MFRI Field Instructor Leon Fleming, MFRI Field Instructor Edward Hobbs, MFRI Faculty, Special Programs These tabletop exercises utilizing fire, rescue, EMS and trench scenarios will provide the student with an appreciation of the Incident Management System as they work their way through each scenario. Additional scenarios on Monday and Tuesday.
		MONDAY, June 16, 2008
Room 201 initial	1430-1630	"WINDSHIELD SIZE UP" Allen W. Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response, Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority, Past Chief, Chambersburg Fire Dept., Assistant Chief, Gettysburg Fire Dept. This class is designed to give the student a good understanding of the importance of a good
		size-up and brief initial report to set the stage for a successful incident. A review of these
concepts		will help reinforce the objectives. Additionally, students will 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 Every One Goes Home.
Room 202	1430-1630	EMS SKILLS WORKSHOP: "LOWER EXTREMITY INJURIES" Presented by MIEMSS Faculty This workshop will allow the EMS provider and instructor an opportunity to "brush-up" on lower extremity injuries management. The session will go over assessment techniques, as well as offer opportunities to practice splinting, immobilizing, and traction techniques.
Room 203	1430-1630	"HISTORIC TRAUMA CASES" Suzanne Sherwood, RN, MS., Shock Trauma Ms. Sherwood has been a nurse in the Trauma Resuscitation Unit at Shock Trauma and instructor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing for many years. Ms. Sherwood is a Nationally recognized speaker and has traveled around the world speaking about injury and critical care nursing. During this lecture the participants will examine several famous deaths in history to see how given what we know now they might survive today. This lecture will be fun and informative.
Room 204	1430-1630	"MIQUOTES, MSFA MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAM" Alan Anderson, National Accounts, miQUOTES David Dragovich, Avon Dixon Agency, LLC Ted Bosse, Voluntary Benefits Systems, Inc. miQUOTES operates as a personalized website for the MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION as a membership benefit program related to an array of insurance products. Creating a viable insurance alternative for the MSFA Membership through a structured communication program. The goal of miQUOTES is to bring MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION members competitive insurance options that are not addressed by core employee benefits and that are convenient and affordable.

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Room 205	1430-1630	"BIG FIRES, SMALL TOWNS" Chief Oley Griffith, First Hose Company of Boonsboro Chief William Ball, Williamsport Fire and EMS Department This program will provide a brief overview of the Feb 22, 2008 fire in the town of Boonsboro involving multi-jurisdictional issues and factors relative to interoperability. Provided through the presentation will be an array of lessons learned from this incident and other major fires that have occurred in small towns throughout the State of Maryland.
Room 206	1430-1730	"DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKERS" Ron Bowser, MFRI Instructor Trainer One of the primary goals of education is to enable students to think critically. In other words, we want them to be able to reason, make judgments and decisions, and solve problems. What are the components of critical thinking? Can you teach higher-order thinking skills? This session will discuss these topics and provide practical suggestions to improve critical thinking skills.
Room 215	1430-1630	"CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA SOFA SUPER STORE FIRE" J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer, NFFF, IAFC Peter Piringer, Director of Community Outreach, Public Information Officer, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service On June 18, 2007, the Charleston, SC Fire Department suffered the tragic loss of nine firefighters in the Sofa Super Store Fire. This presentation describes the incident that occurred and the lessons that should be taken from it to prevent future tragedies.
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		<i>TUESDAY, June 17, 2008</i>
Room 201	1400-1600	"PANDEMIC INFLUENZA TRANSPORT DECISIONS" Richard L Alcorta, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., State EMS Medical Director, M. I. E. M. S. S. Barry Contee, EMT-P, Associate Region V Administrator, M. I. E. M. S. S. During a worldwide Pandemic Influenza every effort must be made to reserve health and medical resources for the most critical patients with a good chance of survival. Become part of the statewide Pandemic Influenza exercise as you learn what EMS plans to do to help keep the hospitals available. Dr Richard Alcorta will present a draft Pan Flu Transport Decision Protocol. Several patient descriptions will be presented, and participants will use a survey tool to identify if, when, and how those patients should be transported. Help steer how EMS prepares for the next Pandemic Influenza.
Room 202	1400-1600	"DIVE RELATED EMERGENCIES" Cliff Boehm, MD, Shock Trauma Dr. Boehm is a Master Diver and anesthesiologist. During this presentation Dr. Boehm will explore the many injuries and illnesses that can occur as a result of diving as well as the other risks associated with these emergencies. Dive related emergencies can sometimes be mistaken for other illnesses or emergencies. During this talk participants will learn to sharpen their assessment skills to notice these emergencies
Room 203	1400-1600	 "FIRE TEAM USA" Vickie Pritchett Project Manager, Fire Team USA, Associate Director of Public Fire Protection, National Fire Sprinkler Association. Chief Shane Ray, Fire Chief, Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Dept Pleasant View, TN "Fire Team USA" is about bringing resources to your department to help you enhance the Fire Protection that your community offers. Creating partnerships in the community and working with all stakeholders is important to improving the public policy on Fire Protection.

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Room 205 1400-1800	"Patient and Provider Safety in Ambulances" Dr. Nadine Levick, MND, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Objective Safety This presentation will delve into all aspects of safe patient transport, looking at crash worthiness of transport vehicles, practices in the patient compartment, and so forth. To quote from her web site, "Considerable effort has been given, both nationally and internationally, to the clinical aspects of the delivery of pre-hospital care and patient transport, but there has been minimal attention from an integrated patient, provider or public's perspective on the non-clinical dimensions. For example, preliminary data show the areas of both highest risk and least available scientific information in the pre-hospital safety field to be the transportation aspects of pre-hospital care, and patient handling in the EMS environment. Furthermore, relative to other commercial or passenger transport modes, EMS transport has unique safety risks that are beyond any other transportation modes. Few other transport modes require active work, of any type, let alone of a critical nature, in the back of a moving vehicle."
Room 206 1400-1700	"Three "R's" of Teaching and Learning: Rubrics, Revision and Remembering" Gloria Bizjak, MFRI Instructor Trainer Instructors must remain up-to-date with teaching and learning methods, tools that enable objective assessment, and techniques that enable student success. This program will examine three important "R's" of teaching and learning: First, the purpose and usefulness of rubrics; second, the revision of the traditional Bloom's taxonomy; and lastly, a review of memory. Though these topics may sound familiar, this program will tie together their use and significance in teaching methodology
Room 215 1400 " H	Conor Guard Challenge and Workshop" Frank Hawley, Susquehanna Hose Company, Assistant Chief Greg DeHaven, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service Captain Tyrone DeMent, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service Participating teams will draw to determine which skill they will participate in. The challenge is walking in a room they have never had the opportunity to practice in and demonstrate their ability to adapt. The second half will be a workshop for all attending and teams to get hands on experience.
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The Officers and Committee Chairman would like to thank all the Member Companies and Associates for their continued support to the success of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Because of your efforts, we continue to be a successful organization.



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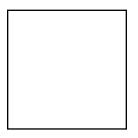
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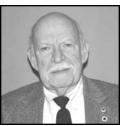
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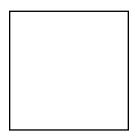
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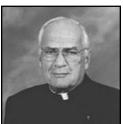
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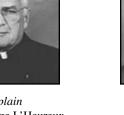
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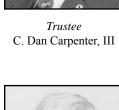
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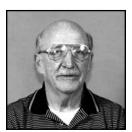




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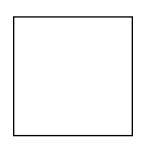
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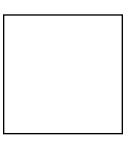
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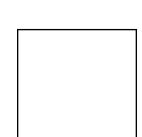
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This is an acknowledgment to our "Team Member Ron Graf" who will be truly missed. Ron was one of our original members of the Program Book Committee when reorganized in 1991. He was a tremendous asset, with his experience, in providing a high quality program book for the Annual MSFA Convention. We have lost a vital member of our team. During the years, Ron could be seen standing at his cutting board preparing ads for the annual publication, at times for as long as 20+ hours straight. His keen eye for detail and understanding of the printing process was invaluable to the team. We are going to miss his wit and humor but most importantly, his presence.

My personal thanks to every member of the team for their continued dedication to the production of the program book.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1st Vice President Underwood, 2nd Vice President Powell, Chairman Seavey, Officers, Clergy, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Welcome to Ocean City, Maryland. Once again, a heartfelt thanks to Mayor Rick Meehan and the Town of Ocean City, Dave Swift and the Convention Center staff, as well as to President Jay Jester, Fire Chief Chris Larmore and the officers and members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for their hospitality and support.

This past year has been very challenging 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 three loyal and great pioneers in the passing of Chief Ronald B. Graf (Earleigh Heights), Chief John W. "Jack" Gouty (Jessup) and Judy Lau (Laurel). The contributions of these three members to their home companies and the volunteer fire service of this state over the many years are invaluable and will be sorely missed. The MSFA family was deeply saddened by the loss of senior Past President, Chief Howard B. Springer 1957-58 (Susquehanna Hose) and LAMSFA Past President Mary Alice Lare 1959-1960 (Hampstead Auxiliary). Unfortunately, the Maryland Fire Service suffered three-line of duty deaths this past year; Captain William A. Bell, Jr. (Wheaton), Firefighter Jarrett A. Dixon (Baltimore County) and Captain Donald W. Hubbel (Baltimore City) The thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with each of these families and their friends.

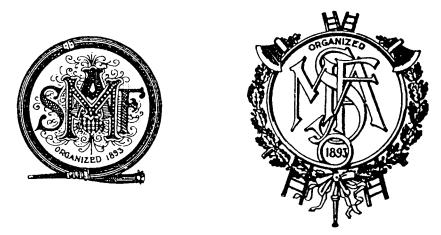
I would like to summarize my activities during the past year. In an effort to promote our legislative agenda and budget, and to strengthen the MSFA partnership with our EMSOF partners, other public safety organizations and our elected officials, the three Presidents and the Legislative Committee leadership conducted meetings with the following agencies and individuals. I would like to acknowledge the efforts and participation of Vice Presidents Underwood and Powell, as well as Legislative Committee Chair C. Daniel Davis, and Legislative Vice Chairs Joseph R. Robison and Douglas C. Alexander and Executive Committee Vice Chair Craig Moe. The meetings went very well and strengthened the relationship that we enjoy with our EMSOF partners and elected officials.

June 26, 2007	Shock Trauma dinner meeting with PHI (Express CareTransport)
July 31, 2007	Director Steven T. Edwards, MFRI
August 6, 2007	Colonel Terrence B. Sheridan,
5 /	Secretary, Dept. of Md. State Police
August 8, 2007	Sean Malone, Deputy Legislative
.	Officer, Office of the Governor
August 24, 2007	Senate President Mike Miller
August 27, 2007	Dr. Robert R. Bass and MIEMSS
-	Leadership
August 29, 2007	Director John M. Droneburg and
	MEMA Leadership
Sept. 6, 2007	State Emergency Medical Services
	Advisory Council
Sept. 10, 2007	David S. Bliden, Executive Director,
	Md. Association of Counties
Sept. 11, 2007	State Emergency Medical Services
	Board
Sept. 11, 2007	T. Eloise Foster, Secretary, Md.
	Dept. of Budget and Management
Sept. 18, 2007	John Spearman – R Adams Cowley
	Shock Trauma Center
October 1, 2007	Maryland State Comptroller Peter
	Franchot
October 9, 2008	House Speaker Michael Busch
January 3, 2008	Governor

On August 3, 2007, a large delegation from the MSFA traveled to Winchester, Virginia to attend the President's Council Meeting of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. At the invitation of the MSFA, representatives from MIEMSS (Clay Stamp), MFRI (Pat Marlett), R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (Brenda Folser-Johnson), MEMA (Director John Droneburg), Office of the State Fire Marshal (Bill Barnard) and Maryland State Police – Aviation Division (Major AJ McAndrew and Captain Dan Cornwell) joined us at this meeting. In addition to MSFA, each one of our State partners made a brief report on activities within their respective organizations. I would like to recognize and thank our partners for participating with us in

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 offert - 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 botter 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.

Winchester, as well as from MSFA who were there to lend their support. The Maryland emergency services made a great showing. A delegation from the MSFA also attended the Delaware State Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention in Dover, DE on September 14, 2007. I would like to thank Out of State Coordinators Bob Cumberland and Gene Worthington for their efforts on both events.

On August 4, 2008, I had the honor and privilege to participate in the dedication of the new Baltimore City Fire Boat, "John R. Frazier," dedicated in memory of MSFA longtime friend Commander John R. "Jack" Frazier

On August 16, 2007, MSFA hosted a booth at the Summer Conference of MACO, where we promoted Residential Sprinklers. Special thanks goes to Dennis Beard for his efforts in upgrading our display board. Thanks to Ron Siarnicki and the NFFF for donating the panels for the display board. Recognition also goes to Dan and Rose Davis, Jackie Olson, Roger Steger and Miss Fire Prevention Runner-up Ashtin Jackson, all who helped to staff the booth.

On August 12,2007 the Presidents met with the MSFA Legislative Committee and Regional Coordinators in Centreville, Maryland to present and discuss the proposed 2008 Legislative Agenda and FY 2008 Budget. This was a very productive meeting with nearly all regions represented.

The Maryland Fire and Rescue Education Training Commission (MFRETC) met on September 12, 2007 to consider recommendations of the Minimum Standards Sub-committee. One of the recommendations of the sub-committee was to adopt the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 1403 Standard for Live Fire Training Evolutions as a <u>Code of Maryland Regulation</u> under the Education Article of the Annotated Code. The MSFA opposed this proposal and the MSFA leadership and Training Committee have worked hard to educate our member companies and make them aware of the need to follow the NFPA 1403 standard when conducting a live fire burn training exercise. The MSFA Training Committee has prepared a set of guidelines and that document will be distributed at the Convention and Conference.

On September 25, 2007 the three 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.

In October 2007 the MSFA again supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with the Memorial Weekend in Frederick and Emmitsburg.

On October 23, 2007, Governor and Mrs. Martin O'Malley hosted a reception for the MSFA leadership at the Governor's Mansion in Annapolis. This was a very enjoyable evening, which afforded us the opportunity to speak with Governor O'Malley about the MSFA and our legislative and budget needs in the coming year. I had the opportunity to present the Governor with a Black eyed Susan pin. The Governor announced that he has appointed Deputy Secretary of State Brian Moe as his liaison to the fire and rescue service. As a career firefighter and State Delegate, Brian brings a wealth of knowledge and has been a tremendous help to the MSFA this past year.

The Governor called a Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly on October 29, 2007 The MSFA was very active and present during the session and we testified on several bills. I would like to thank those County Associations and member companies who took time to contact your elected officials in support of an amendment to include the MSFA in HB3 and SB 3. My thanks to those County Associations and member companies who contacted their elected officials in opposition to HB 14, State Lottery Agency - Tip Jar Games - Exclusive Authority.

LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and I hosted the 2007 Holiday Party at the GoodwillVFC in Centreville on Sunday December 16, 2007.

During December, I worked with Treasurer Siarnicki and Secretary King to develop a handout card promoting an increase in the MSFA Membership dues. I would like to thank Jenni McClelland, from Chief Ron Siarnicki's staff at the NFFF for her efforts in the design of the handout.

Since June 2007, the Officers and Executive Committee members have been traveling the State, answering questions and providing information to our members about the critical financial needs we are facing and why their approval and support is needed for the proposed due's increase at this year's Convention and Conference.

Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association



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During December, in an ongoing effort to market the MSFA and improve communications, I extended an invitation to the leadership of each County Association (through their Executive Committee representative) to meet and discuss MSFA activities and future plans. Meetings were held with the leadership from Anne Arundel, Allegany-Garrett, Baltimore, Carroll, Dorchester, Eastern Shore VFA and Howard Counties. These meetings were very productive.

The MSFA Presidents and Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chairs met with Governor O'Malley on January 3, 2008 to review our budgetary and legislative goals for 2008. Legislative Vice-Chair Doug Alexander was able to provide the Governor with an overview and update on the MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee initiative. We also took this opportunity to make the Governor aware of our continued issues and displeasure with the administration and management of the VCAF.

On February 11, 2008, the MSFA Leadership, along with Joe Robison, Chair of the VCAF met with the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, as well as representatives from MEMA, GAD and the Office of the Comptroller regarding issues with the administration and management of the VCAF. Secretary Foster made it clear that the Governor had directed her to resolve the issues and reconcile the account working balance. The meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes and some issues were resolved, including total funding for the loans and grants approved by the BPW on January 2, 2008.

January 21,2008 we hosted the 2008 MSFA Legislative Reception at the Senate Office Building. Considering that this was a holiday, we had a very good turn out. Guests included Senate President Mike Miller and Governor O'Malley, as well as many other legislators from around the state. At this event, the Governor announced his intention to fund all MSFA programs, and the proposed Executive Director position.

On January 23, 2008, I attended the MIEMSS – EMS Operations, EMS Educators and EMS Medical Director's Summit at Howard County Training Academy. The main focus was discussion of the National Education Standards (Draft 2.0) and the National scope of Practice Levels. Representatives from the MSFA expressed our concern regarding a proposed increase in the EMT-B Course hours of instruction. The proposed changes would increase the hours from 131 hours to somewhere between 166 and 200 hours. The proposed increase in hours of instruction would severely impact the availability of volunteers to enroll in classes and could have a negative impact on our ability to retain active volunteer EMS providers. We will continue to monitor this matter through our EMS Committee and MIEMSS.

On January 23, 2008, at the invitation of Governor O'Malley, I had the honor and privilege of attending the 2008 State of the State Address and luncheon at the Governor's Mansion.

On February 1, 2008, I participated in a press conference at MSP- Aviation Division at Martins Airport where Governor O'Malley announced state funding for 3 new state of the art helicopters for the MSP Aviation Division in the FY 09 Budget.

On March 31, 2008, FYI, Governor O'Malley submitted his supplemental operating budget.

Line Item D50H01.06 added \$274,950 as a Special Fund appropriation from the EMSOF to fund the MSFA Executive Director and associated operating expenses. House Bill 1622, introduced by Delegate Norman Conway, received a unanimous favorable report in the GOC sub-committee. On April 5, 2008, the bill stalled in the HGO Committee, after an amendment was introduced that eliminated the Executive Director and associated costs. This was done behind closed doors and without the knowledge of the MSFA. Another provision of this bill authorized \$252,000 in funding to the MSFA Appropriations and Widows and Orphans Fund; however the funding was contingent on passage of the bill. Despite the hard work and efforts of Delegate Conway, DBM Secretary T. Eloise Foster, Deputy Secretary of State Brian Moe and others, the bill failed to move out of the HGO Committee. Because the bill did not get voted on, it failed. As a result, the MSFA funding for our Appropriations and Widows and Orphans will be reduced by approximately 50 % in the FY 09 Budget. As of this writing, the MSFA leadership is working with Delegate Conway, DBM and the Governor to try and resolve this matter and restore the funding. As to the Executive Director, I appreciate the hard work of the Chairman Lee Sachs and members of the EDWG during the past year. We will continue to pursue a source of funding to move this project forward.

Through the efforts of the Grants Committee, we



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reviewed and submitted the application for the AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The application, by the Grants Committee promotes 3 separate programs. We still await the results of this application. Through the efforts of the Grants Committee and MFRI, conducted several Grant Writing Seminars were offered this past year. My thanks go to Beth Stone, Chris St. John and David Lewis for their efforts.

As a follow-up to discussion held at the December Executive Committee meeting, I called a meeting of the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary and the Executive Committee Chairs on January 19, 2008 to discuss and review the current budget of the MSFA. As a result of that meeting, several recommendations regarding reductions to our budget and our financial operations were made and adopted by the Executive Committee at the February meeting at New Windsor. Two significant cost saving recommendations were the elimination of the 4th MSFA vehicle currently assigned to the Office of the Secretary and to **not** purchase a new vehicle in 2008.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and long hours put fourth by the Legislative Committee Chairman, Danny Davis and the Co-Chairs Joseph R. Robison and Douglas C. Alexander. 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 Rose Davis, Candy Mitchell, Bobbi McWilliams, Betty Radisch, Marie Soudar and Peggy Webb, thank you ladies. We could not function without you.

This year we implemented a new column in the Trumpet. I would like to thank members of the Executive Committee for their contributions to the latest publication of the Trumpet. The addition of the "*Around the State*" section provides our members notice of happenings in the other counties and regions of the state.

I an effort to improve communications and further market the MSFA, the Public Information Committee (PIO), under the leadership of Chairman Mike Kelley, have created a new program. Entitled **MSFA Flashover, News and Information**, the Committee has created a series of taped sessions of interviews on information of interest to our member companies and citizens. These productions will distributed to the counties, through the various county and city Public Information Offices, as well as public TV. They will also be available at the Convention and Conference.

During the past year, through the efforts of the Historic and Archives Committee, we have conducted interviews of 4 long time members. This was completed in an effort to permanently capture their experiences and history in the Maryland fire service.

The Office of the Attorney has secured a new 20-year lease for the property at 17 State Circle. The new lease contains a provision that requires repair of the exterior brickwork. The Executive Committee authorized me to sign the lease at the February Executive Committee meeting. Repairs to the exterior of the building should now be complete. Thanks to MSFA Attorney Mike Fawlow and 17 State Circle Committee Chair Chuck Austin for their efforts.

The efforts of the Residential Sprinkler Committee, under the leadership of Doug Alexander (Mt. Airy VFC) continue to be phenomenal. During the past year, the educational presentation of the Residential Sprinkler Committee to various municipalities, elected officials and community groups has resulted in the adoption of Residential Sprinkler legislation in 79 of 157 municipalities, and 7 Counties. Since June 2007, residential sprinkler ordinances have been adopted in Talbot and Saint Mary's Counties, as well as in towns, including Denton, Annapolis, North East, Easton and Ridgley. Recognition and thanks also goes to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for their partnership with the MSFA in promoting and education the citizens of Maryland.

During this past year, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with our various allied agencies. I wish to thank John Ashworth, John Spearman and Brenda Fosler-Johnson, Mark Wasserman and Jim Radcliffe (R. Adams Shock Trauma Center), Bill Barnard and Jane Edwards (Office of the State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass, Pat Gainer, Lisa Meyers and Monty MaGee (MIEMMS,) Steve Edwards and Pat Marlett (MFRI), Colonel Terence Sheridan, Major AJ McAndrew and Captain Dan Cornwell (MSP) and John Droneburg and Terry Thompson (MEMA). I



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truly appreciate their assistance and support of the MSFA during the past year. The MSFA looks forward to a continued excellent working relationship with each of these agencies and the great people.

I offer my congratulations to John Spiker (Lake Shore), member of the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee, for his recent selection as the Maryland State Council's Knights of Columbus *Firefighter of the Year.* John was formally recognized at the Council's Annual Meeting on March 9, 2008 in Germantown, Maryland.

I am also pleased to recognize and congratulate Dr. Robert R. Bass, Director of MIEMSS, who was recognized by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) on October 9, 2007 in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Bass received the **Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award** for his significant contributions to the development or promotion of emergency medical services.

Congratulations also go to the President Mike Newnam, Chief Drew Jensen and the officers and members of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., as they celebrate 200 years of service. On Sunday April 5, 2008, I had the privilege of attending the dedication of a new piece of apparatus. Engine 68, was dedicated to the EVFD and the Town of Easton. In addition, the new fire station on the east end of town was dedicated to long time member and past Mayor Gene Butler. The Headquarters Station was dedicated to the late member and Mayor Henry H. Purdy. Mayor Purdy served the EVFD and the MSFA with honor and distinction for many years.

During the past year, we welcomed the Lloyds Volunteer Fire Company (Dorchester County) into the membership of the MSFA. We also welcomed the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company of Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania as an Associate Member of the MSFA.

My sincere appreciation to those of you who assisted the MSFA by serving as committee chairs and committee members this past year, I look forward to your continued service in the future. To Chairman James P. Seavey, Vice Chair Craig Moe, and members of the Executive Committee, thanks 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 1st Vice President Frank J. Underwood and 2nd Vice Resident Roger N. Powell for their friendship and efforts this past year. I would be remiss if I did recognize the efforts of Past President Philip M. Hurlock who was appointed Acting Secretary in February. I also appreciate the efforts of the Acting Secretaries, for their assistance and dedication to duty.

As I close, I would like to thank each of you for your support and cooperation this past year. The kindness and hospitality shown to me as I travel this state is genuinely appreciated. I want to thank the many MSFA friends who have provided me with advice and counsel over the past four years. Special thanks to Past President Joseph R. Robison, who gave me my start when he appointed me to the MSFA Executive Committee in 1989. To my home company, the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., I thank you for your support. I am also grateful to President Marcine D. Goodloe and the 19 member companies of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association and the Montgomery County Fire-Rescue Services for their tremendous support, both financially and in-kind.

Summarized below is a summary of my activities since being installed as President on June 22, 2007

Meetings	201
Legislative activities	70
Funerals / Memorials	16
Parades	5
Conventions	5
Banquets	40
Hospital visits	11
Other	40

RECOMMENDATIOS FOR 2008-2009

Continue to seek resolution-surrounding administration of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) monies.

Continue to pursue funding for a salaried Executive Director.

Continue to pursue state funding for Physicals for all volunteers.

Continue to get the MSFA Foundation functional.

Aggressively pursue additional sources of funding to operate the organization.



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Best wishes for a successful 116^{th} Convention and Conference.

Fraternally, Chief Paul H. Sterling, Jr. President



REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

President Sterling, 2nd Vice President Powell, Executive Committee Members, Past Presidents, Ladies Auxiliary and Members of the Association.

A lot has happened over the past year. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Executive Vice Chair Judy Lau as our convention was coming to a close last year.

A couple of years ago, when I decided to run for Second Vice President, Judy and I talked for many hours about what the future of the volunteer fire service would be, and what needed to be done over what would be my term. Judy was always so helpful. I asked her to be my executive committee person because of her knowledge of the workings in Annapolis. She jumped right in with "Yes, I'll be happy to!" The first year started out great, she was there and we spent many an hour discussing what our plans were going to be over the next two years. Then February hit and she called me and told me about her cancer. It seemed as if the bottom had fallen out of her life, but with her positive attitude she said not to worry all would be well. All through her treatments she kept that good attitude and she said she would be in Ocean City for the Convention. Each time we talked, her hopes were up.

I left for the convention on Thursday and was kept abreast of her status. Day for day she went downhill. Monday would have been a good day for her. The Hall of Fame award was most deserving for such a wonderful person. I thank those people who ran the award back to her before she died. I often think of her and her dedication to the fire service, men's and women's. I would like to thank Craig Moe for jumping in with his knowledge and background of Annapolis to serve as my Executive Vice Chairman. This past year he has served me well.

Since the June 2007convention I have been on the move almost non-stop. I have been to numerous meetings, conventions, funerals, awards banquets, luncheons, audits, association meetings, Miss Fire Prevention contests, etc. Everywhere I traveled to everyone has shown me that our fire family is the greatest family in the world. My thanks to one and all for their support and kindness as I traveled around this state representing the association.

This year I have enjoyed working with the Archives Committee on the Volunteer Firefighter Room. One of my pet projects was to see the final re-do completed and it turned out great! The committee has started doing videos of the past history of the association through interviews. Many people have also called and donated things from our past to display in the new cabinets. It is amazing to see so much of our history assembled in one room. Please check it out if you are in College Park!

My wife and I, along with several other MSFA members, had the honor of going to the Governor's House for a reception with the Governor and his wife. Everyone had a wonderful time, while still letting him know what we wanted to accomplish during the regular session in January. He was very polite while we talked (cornered) him with our needs. My wife and I felt honored to represent the MSFA at such a special event. Some weeks later, your presidents were honored to go to Baltimore for a speech by the governor announcing that money would be budgeted for three new helicopters. This proves that working together with our partners, we get things accomplished.

The next honor I had was attending the National Fallen Firefighters Weekend. The three days and nights in Emmitsburg are a heart warming experience that every firefighter should experience at least once in their life. To meet the families of the fallen firefighters, speak with them, hear their stories, and listen to what effect the deaths have had on their lives, is heart wrenching. This year was especially



June 14, 2008

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The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland Medical Center, appreciate our long-standing relationships with the Maryland State Firemen's Association. They have been years in the making and remain critical to maintaining and strengthening this system for future generations.

We salute President Paul Sterling, Jr., First Vice President, Frank Underwood and Second Vice President, Roger Powell, for your vision and leadership. We also salute James Seavey, Sr. Chair and the entire Executive Committee for its strong consistent leadership and support of the EMS system.

It is with great anticipation that we look to the future with you as our partners in remaining the finest EMS and trauma system in the world. Our best wishes to each of you for a great conference.

Sincerely,

John H. Speaman

John H. Spearman Vice President R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

moving for my family and me, as a lot of the deaths were younger people with small children. I get tears in my eyes when I think of those families who are suddenly without a spouse, and are left wondering what the future will bring for them.

One bright side of the weekend came on Sunday, when President Bush delivered a moving speech and then gave all of the family members a hug. That is something that I am sure they will always remember. I was so impressed with everything that was going on during those three busy days. Everyone was working together: giving rides, passing out information, and greeting the families. When we are under pressure, we seem to work at our best. We are a part of a national family of firefighters and that weekend is the best example of that family.

A big shock a few weeks later was learning that Leonard King had suffered a stroke. It still baffles me how life can change so fast and how our bodies are so fragile. During my visits I've been happy to see so many of you visiting him as well. I've watched his face light up with joy when his friends and family enter the room, and as we all know that's half the cure. I've also seen how much he enjoys his cards and letters, so keep them coming. Leonard, I will see you at the beach.

After that, more tragedy struck and we lost both Jack Gouty and Ron Graf to strokes. They were much loved members of the association and will be sorely missed. My family and I send our heartfelt love and prayers to their families. They were wonderful men and their passing was much too soon.

There were also many good things that happened during this past year. On a happier note, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Easton Volunteer Fire Department on their 200th anniversary. I had the honor of attending the dedication of their two stations and their new pumper. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the parade, which had a great community turnout. To the membership of Easton, may this milestone celebration be something everyone will remember for years to come. It is not often you hear of any organization lasting 200 years. You should be proud.

Personally, I was proud to receive a Life Membership in February from my home company, the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company. My family and friends were on hand for this moving occasion. I also hold a Life Membership from the Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department, which I joined at the age of sixteen.

I want to emphasize to everyone that the MSFA committee meetings that I have attended this past year have been very important to me. They have kept me in touch with everything that is happening within our organization and have allowed me to set my priorities for my presidential year. For those reasons, I made it a point to attend as many meetings as possible. Keep up the good work committee members; you are all doing a great job!

On a recent note, as many of you have probably heard by now, the closing session in Annapolis was not a good day for the association. Our Appropriation Funds were cut in a way we never thought would happen. We will have to spend the next year setting our funding priorities and trying to re-gain lost ground. Politics are tough, as we found out the hard way. Never count your money until it's in the till.

Ocean City is quickly approaching and I am looking forward to the MSFA presidential election. For the past 4 years I have steadily prepared myself to lead the MSFA: I have established my committees, built up a long and solid list of supporters and most importantly, I have listened carefully and learned.

I have also established my Executive Committee meeting locations. I am grateful to each and every member who offered their fire houses and hospitality for these meetings. So that everyone can make their plans, the dates/locations for the coming year are as follows:

August 23-24	@ Branchville	(2008)
December 6-7	@ Pittsville	(2008)
February 21-22	@ Smithsburg	(2009)
April 25-26	@ Chestertown	(2009)

In addition, I will be firming up my Executive Committee appointments over the next few weeks. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who served on the committee during the past year.

I have put a great deal of thought into the appointments that I will make, and I look forward to working with the entire Executive Committee during this coming year. I have important goals for the MSFA and I need supporters who will work closely with me in reaching those goals.





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My number one goal is to make certain that the MSFA remains a strong, well respected, and <u>united</u> organization.

Looking to the future, Frank J. Underwood 1st VP MSFA



REPORT OF THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

President Sterling, 1st Vice President Underwood, other elected and appointed officers, Executive Committee Members, Past Presidents, Committee Chairman, Members of the Association, and guests.

This past year has been a year of challenges. Unquestionably, the Office of the 2nd Vice President is one spent learning. For me, that was true, but that was only part of the challenges.

President Sterling was faced with completing an ambitious agenda begun by Presidents Sachs and Balta including continuing to pursue the completion of the bringing of the issue of the Executive Director to conclusion, continuing the sprinkler initiative, continuing to deal with the communication issues, continuing to deal with financial issues including matters relating to our budget, pursue revenue sources and resources, and pursuing the dues increase initiative passed by the Delegates at the last convention. In addition, President Sterling has continued to perform the duties of his office by maintaining a relationship with our EMSOF partners-MEIMSS, MFRI, Shock Trauma, and State Police Aviation, and attending meetings with these partners and of other organizations collaterally related to or associated with the Maryland State Firemen's Association throughout the year. President Sterling has permitted me to attend and participate in all meetings associated with the pursuit of the initiatives and with continuing and maintaining a relationship with our partners and other agencies.

Additionally, I have to the greatest extent possible and as time has permitted attended meetings of County Associations and meetings of MSFA Committees throughout the year where I have as necessary reported on the activities of the Presidents and developments associated with proceedings of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee and other Maryland State Firemen's Association Committees.

In pursuing the Executive Director initiative together with President Sterling and 1st Vice President Underwood, we have met with our EMSOF partners, presented our position, and requested and received their support in our pursuit of funding for the office from the Governor. In that regard, I attended meetings with President Sterling and 1st Vice President Underwood and Legislative Committee Co-Chairs, and Past Presidents Davis and Robison with the Governor and the Office of Budget and Management resulting in the Governor's agreement to fund the office and to continue funding at the current level for Trustees. 508, Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, and our Operations Fund notwithstanding the "budget crunch". At the time of the submission of this report, the funding issues remain pending.

At our Legislative Reception, the Governor announced to all present that he was in fact going to fund our budget requests including that of the Executive Director. Additionally, the Governor included President Sterling, 1st Vice President Underwood and me in a Press Conference Reception to announce the funding of the cost of replacing the helicopter fleet for the Maryland State Police Aviation Division.

I have participated in Legislative matters in Annapolis and have as an when requested testified either in support of or in opposition to proposed legislation as befitted the interest of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

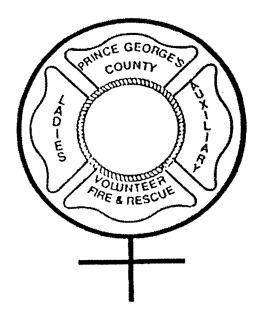
Additionally, I have participated in ongoing meetings associated with issues related to access of monies to enable the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to make loans and grants some of which have been at MEMA some of which have been with the Governor and his staff and some of which have been with the Secretary of Budget, Eloise Foster. I was appointed to and participate in a MFRETC Committee to formulate guidelines to implement NFPA 1403-live burns in acquired structures.

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The performance of the duties I have addressed in the afore going have been challenging, fulfilling and at times frustrating however notwithstanding, to have been enabled to participate and at the same time to learn has been satisfying in the knowledge that I have continued in some small way to maintain the stature and credibility of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and to continue to participate in the delivery of services and benefits to our constituent membership.

Unfortunately, during this year, there have been losses and illnesses which have impacted the Maryland State Firemen's Association not the least of which has been the stroke suffered by Secretary/ Convention Committee Chairman/Past President Leonard King, and deaths of Past President Howard Springer and Association President/Committee Chair Ron Graff and Jack Goudy all of which have taken a toll as we have continued to pursue our goals and responsibilities.

As I have traveled throughout the state, I have been received support and warm receptions without exception which needless to say represents an acknowledgment of some degree of success in fulfillment of my duties and responsibilities.

During my years of service as attorney for the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I formulated some opinions and beliefs regarding needs I perceived were unfulfilled in the Emergency Services and which I felt were important initiatives to pursue as part of The Maryland State Firemen's Association's mission. President Sterling and 1st Vice President Underwood have permitted me to pursue these initiatives and to begin exploration of the viability of these initiatives by permitting me to appoint workgroups for which I am most grateful.

As I review this year, and without meaning to belittle any individual who has contributed toward my realizing success during this past year, there are certain individuals without whose support, dedication and advice I would not have been able to even come close to having done and accomplished that which I have done and accomplished and those are Lee Sachs, Don Mooney, Fred Cross, Gene Worthington, Joe Robison, Richard Yinger, Bernie Smith, Ron Siarnicki and Leonard King.

Past President Sachs has been my constant traveling companion, mentor and advisor and has dedicated

himself and his knowledge and experience to me in a manner and to an extent that it is hard to define and for which to say thank you is woefully lacking and inadequate and without whose companionship, mentoring, advice, and accessibility I surely would not have been able to learn all that I have learned and to perform the duties that I have been able to perform. I have enjoyed traveling across the length and breath of the state with President Sterling and 1st Vice President Underwood who have taken the time to teach me and advise me on the duties of office for which I am also most grateful.

I want to thank Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association for its ongoing support and Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company for its ongoing support. It goes without saying that without the support of your company and County it is unlikely that the journey could even have been begun moreover continued.

I have attended and reported to each of the Executive Committee meeting, on my activities, the meetings I have attended and the services I have performed which are a matter of record and so I will not here take the time to repeat those beyond saying that those reports are likely available on the website.

No leader is any better than the organization he leads. I am proud to have taken the first step towards leading the Maryland State Firemen's Association and proud to have contributed to the tradition of excellent leadership the Maryland State Firemen's Association has represented. The continuity of the role of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in leading the Maryland Emergency Services is the very reason for its existence and the importance of continuing the tradition of excellence and leadership continues to motivate me.

I thank all for the opportunity to serve and look forward to continuing my service. Remember, everyone goes home.

Respectfully, Roger N. Powell MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

President Sterling, Vice President's Underwood and Powell, Officers and Members of this Great Organization, I am pleased to provide my Annual Report of the Secretaries Office. It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served during the past year as Secretary and perform the duties and responsibilities that are required of the Office. Unfortunately, during my term, I suffered a stroke and have had to rely on a number of people to support my requirements and I personally want to thank everyone for their support and dedication. This is what the Maryland Fire Service is all about, working together and supporting one another in both good times and bad and without this commitment from so many people, my job would have been that much more difficult. I cannot express enough my sincere appreciation for your understanding.

Members of the Secretaries Office have attended all of the Executive Committee Meetings and other functions that required our assistance. All items of correspondence received through the Secretaries Office has been properly handled and all necessary paperwork and records have been handled in an efficient manner, as required by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association.

I would like to recognize President Paul Sterling for his leadership abilities during the past year and for his continued efforts for improvement in the Emergency Services in the State of Maryland. His prior background experience in both the Fire Service and Law Enforcement have been a benefit in dealing with the many issues that each President has had to face during their term of Office.

President Sterling scheduled Executive Committee Meetings at the following locations and dates listed below and all correspondence and business from those meetings was transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon. June 20th, 2007 Ocean City (Convention Center)

September 22nd and 23rd, 2007 Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. (Montgomery County)

December 1st and 2nd, 2007 Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. (Worcester County)

February 16th and 17th, 2008 New Windsor Fire & Hose Co.(Carroll County)

April 12th and 13th, 2008 Solomon's Vol. Rescue Squad and Fire Dept. (Calvert County)

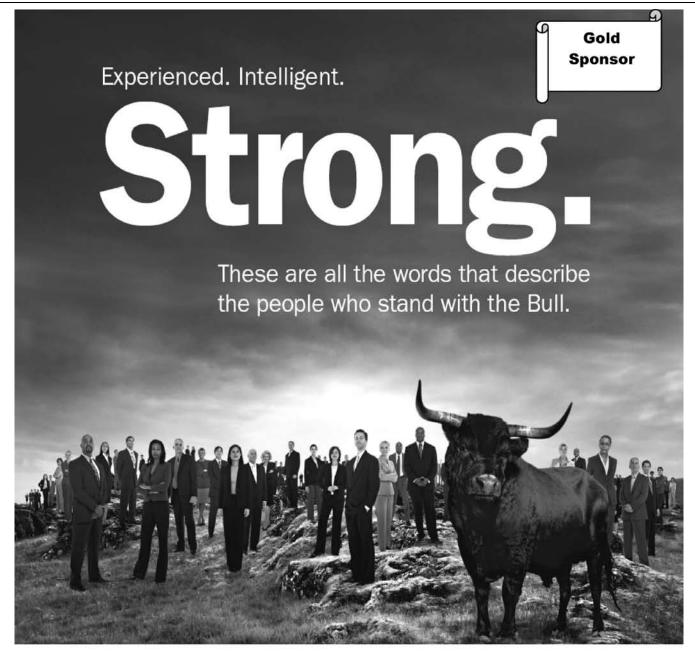
June 15th, 2008 Ocean City (Convention Center)

I would like to recognize Executive Committee Chair, Chief James Seavey for the productive and efficient meetings that were held throughout the year and for the professionalism that he displayed in running the meetings. As in previous years, many hard decisions have to be made sometimes for the betterment of the Emergency Services and I felt that Chairman Seavey handled these in both a competent and effective manner. I would also like to recognize Executive Committee Co-Chair Craig Moe for his leadership skills as well and assisting with the meeting productivity.

I would like to express a sincere thanks to the Assistant Secretaries for stepping up to the plate in my absence.

Their commitment to this office has been truly remarkable and I cannot thank them enough for their assistance. I would like to recognize Assistant Secretary Joe Cooper for his many hours of recording, transcribing and preparing the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings. This is an awesome task and one that is very much appreciated by myself, as well as the Association Membership.

A personal thanks goes out to Assistant Secretary Jackie Olson for her many hours of commitment and dedication to the Office of Secretary. This is an individual that goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that all functions, activities, reports, etc., are taken care of for each meeting and also assisting the President with activities that are sometimes planned for the weekend's of the Executive Committee. Her assistance is invaluable to this Office and very much appreciated.



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Would also like to thank Assistant Secretary Ron Watkins for his preparing of the reports for each of the meetings and for being available to make the necessary copies that are sometimes needed by a particular Committee or Officer.

His role is very important as well to our office. And last but not least a special Thank You to Eddie Cross for always being there for whatever needs to be done over these many years.

The Secretaries Office is very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals that provide a vital service to this Association and without their willingness and hard work, my job would have been that much harder to accomplish. My sincere appreciation goes out to them.

A special thanks goes out to many individuals of this Association that have contributed with special projects, during the Executive Committee Meetings and the Annual Convention/Conference, as well as other times that have been needed.

It would be extremely difficult for me to remember everyone and I would like to just say THANKS for your help.

The cooperation and support of both the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretaries Office has been greatly appreciated and working with these individuals has helped to provide a vital link in the overall operations in the administrative aspects of this Association. Unless you deal with the daily activities and responsibilities of the various Office's of this Association, many individuals do not realize the commitment and time that is required to perform the necessary duties to keep our Association running smoothly. Their dedication cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

One of the many services that are provided to the membership of this Association that has proved to be a tremendous communications tool, is the electronic mail and notification system, that is currently in place. Even though it sometimes brings sad news with a death or an illness, it has become a vital tool to communicate the news, meetings, events and the various services that are available through our Association. If you are not participating in this program and have a desire to be included, go to the MSFA.org website and click on the member mailing list to subscribe. This website as well as the many functions that help our Association to make notifications has been coordinated through our Data Systems Committee under the capable leadership of Richard Snader. His service has been invaluable, as well as those of Barry Johnson and Lew Harvey, as well as the other Committee Members and the members of the Public Safety Network Committee. All of these individuals assist in providing us with the latest technology that our society has grown accustomed to. How we got along in prior years seems hard to understand, but we made the grade and still got the job accomplished.

During the recent Executive Committee Meeting in April in Calvert County, the Executive Committee Members voted and approved the following memberships into the MSFA - From the Lloyd's Volunteer Fire Company in Dorchester County, they were voted in as Active Membership and the Citizens Vol. Fire Company of Fawn Grove Pennsylvania was voted in as an Associate Member. We welcome both of these organizations and are proud to have them as members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Recognition to these two companies will be made at the Convention in Ocean City. We still currently have an application pending from the Grasonville EMS Department in Queen Anne's County that we are waiting on some final paperwork, that hopefully will be completed by convention time.

In February, I met with the MSFA Officers and discussed my role within this Association and my limits in being able to complete all of the necessary tasks, even with the support of the Assistant Secretaries and agreed to step aside and take a less active role and concentrate on my health issues. With this thought in mind, I concurred with the Officers that Phil Hurlock would be appointed the Acting Secretary until the Convention in June. I greatly appreciate Phil taking over some of the responsibilities and thank him for his assistance, during the past couple months. In assisting with this transition, I would personally like to thank my Daughter Kelli for her continued support and assistance as well, in helping me to continue on with the role and responsibility of my job. Her assistance was very much appreciated and she doesn't even belong to a Fire or EMS Company!!!

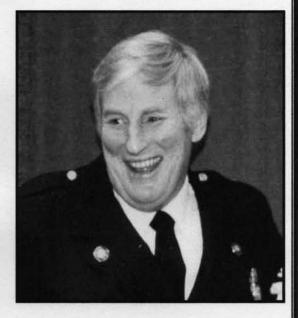
Recently, after meeting with some of the Officers of this Association as well as other very close friends of mine, it was probably in my best interest to step down from the position of Secretary at the completion



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Guard and Color Bearer, Vice-Chaplain and Safety Committee Member, Maryland State Firemen's Association

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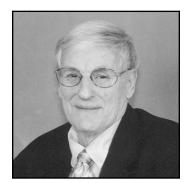
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of my term of Office in June. This was a very difficult decision to make, but I make this decision in the best interest of my health concerns and those of the State Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role that I have played and given my best in following in the footsteps of my predecessor's. After making this decision, which was not easy, I was honored by the Executive Committee of this Association to be given the title of "Secretary Emeritus". I am truly grateful for this recognition and for the outstanding support that I have received over the years. THANK YOU.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve the VOLUNTEER Emergency Services Personnel in this Association and thanks to everyone for their assistance and support over the many years. Your help will not be forgotten.

Yours in the Fire Service, Leonard T. King, Sr., PP, Secretary Emeritus Philip M. Hurlock, PP, Secretary



REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

This has been a very busy year for the MSFA financial team. The responsible for the monies for the Volunteer Assistance Trust Fund was turned over to MEMA, which caused various problems with the amount of money that was available to be loaned. After many meetings with the officers of the MSFA a lot of the problems have been resolved, but the are still some issues that need to be resolved. P.P Lee Sachs needs a special thank you for all of his assistance in helping to resolve these issues . We are still working with MEMA to resolve all issues.

This was also the year that the State of Maryland decided to audit the Volunteer Assistance Trust Fund. There were many meetings between the auditors and the officers of the MSFA. There were recommendations made by both sides, at this time most have been implicated. I would like to thank Treasure Ronald Siarnicki and the rest of the MSFA Financial Team for their assistance and the many hours of work and time that has been put into the effort in getting any and all problems resolved.

Assistance Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer has been a tremendous help to me this year. Chris to over recording the loan payments for the VALF, and did a outstanding job for me. Once again thanks Chris.

I would like to thank the officers and members of the MSFA for their support and assistance over the last year.

George A. (Fred) Cross, Jr. Financial Secretary MSFA



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

The Office of the Treasurer for the Maryland State Firemen's Association would like to extend to all in attendance at the 116th Annual Convention a sincere best wish for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. And as we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, let us not forget the long hours and many miles our officers have expended all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

For the past twelve months, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Treasurer for our Association. This experience has been very rewarding to me and has been significantly challenging as well. During that time, we have been faced with many critical issues and yet as an organization we were able to overcome them in an exemplary fashion. Throughout this ordeal, the leadership of this association and the Financial Team has worked to assist the organization



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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Become part of Ocean City, Maryland history through our buy-a-brick program

Contributions of \$100 will provide for a 4" x 8" brick which will be laser engraved with your name or personal message of up to 3 lines of 20 characters (Including spaces, punctuation, dashes and ampersands)

Hurry, only a limited number of bricks are still available!

The monument is located on the boardwalk at North Division Street across from the boardwalk arch.

For more information or to get your buy-a-brick form visit our website at **www.OCVFC.com** or pick one up from the information box located at the monument site

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 116th Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City, Maryland in making significant improvements into how we have conducted our financial affairs in relation to so many previous years and from here on out.

We have addressed the issues of financial shortcomings by adopting budget reduction measures this year and through our efforts to enhance the spending capabilities of our State of Maryland Appropriation's funds. Also, with the joint support of the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee we have been able to tighten our budget allocations to ensure solid organizational fiscal effectiveness. Issues relative to the Low Interest Loan Funds have been addressed with the State Government and the Legislature, along with the findings of the state audit last year. The Financial team will continue to work on addressing such matters to ensure that our membership receive every financial opportunity they might be entitled to. Looking to the future will continue to bring new challenges and with constructive efforts such as the proposed dues increase, our association will be able to maintain a solid fiscal balance and foundation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Sterling, Vice President's Underwood and Powell and all of the officers of the Association especially Secretary King, Interim Secretary Hurlock, Financial Secretary Fred Cross, his assistance Chris Hyzer, and Past President Lee Sachs for working so diligently with me though my tenure in office. I would also especially like to thank my Assistant Treasurers; Robert Jacobs and Bobbi Aaron for helping me maintain a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility as we worked thorough these issues and changes. They have helped make a real difference to the end result and for that I am deeply grateful.

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

Ronald Siarnicki, Treasurer



REPORT OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

<u>1 Corinthians 12</u> 4-There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5-There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6-There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Service, a word that describes everything we do in the fire, rescue, ems, and auxiliary.

Those of you that have heard me at one of the many funerals this past year know that I like to talk about "gifts" and "service". I am a firm believer that each person that God has created was created for a specific purpose. And for that purpose God has gifted us with the skills, knowledge, abilities, and power to perform.

We can do nothing on our own. No matter how hard you try on your own you will not succeed unless God himself wants you to. Everything you do you should do it to honor God, since he is the one who give you what you need to do whatever you are doing.

There is a running joke that says, "there will always be prayer in school as long as there are test." We in the fire service should follow that saying. We should start each day asking God for strength, guidance, wisdom, and protection. So when that pager goes off or the siren sounds, we will be ready for whatever is thrown at us, and it will give you a level of comfort knowing that God is right there beside you.

This past year, we lost some very active members of this association throughout the state. As you attend the memorial service and see your family member or friend memorialized, rejoice in the love and friendships you had with them while they were here on earth. Carry on in their traditions, serving those in need.

This year we have a special speaker for our prayer breakfast. Tommy Neiman author of *Sirens of the Cross*, he is a career firefighter/paramedic with the

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JUNE 2008 - 2009 Saint Lucie County Fire Department in Fort Pierce, Florida. I am sure you will enjoy his message so please join us.

Keep praying, serving, rejoicing in everything you do.

Ezra 3:11

11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD...

Rev. John F. Long, Jr. Chief Chaplain

REPORT OF THE MSFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This year will provide unexpected challenges for your Trustees. By now you have learned of the position of this past session of the General Assembly. Your Trustees will work with this new obstacle and move forward in hopes of restoring monies rightly due our surviving spouses.

Please take a moment and check your Convention Package for Trustee Litature. We sincerely hope this information is of use to your Department and Leadership. Also I would like to direct your attention to our improved web site. This site is a part of the MSFA site and will be very useful if you require and assistance, or to contact your Trustees.

We are saddened to report a Line of Duty Death this past year. William A. Bell of Wheaton Rescue Squad. Please keep Mr. Bell's family in your thoughts and Prayers.

I also will report increases in Benefits prior to this year's Legislative session. The Death benefit increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000, the monthly Death benefit increases from \$400 to \$450, and we increased the Disability benefit from \$400 to \$500 per month.

I would like to recognize Trustees Vice Chair John Means, Sr., Secretary, P.P. Gene Worthington, P.P Terry E. Thompson, and Danny Carpenter. These Trustees are available as myself for your service needs. Thank for the opportunity to serve.

Stephen V. Hales, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I am honored to present the Annual Report of your Executive Committee for the 2007-2008 Convention Year.

It was with a heavy heart that I took over the reigns of the Executive Committee, as I was counting upon the sound advice and council from close friend and Vice Chair, Judy Lau (Prince George's) and it was not to be. Sadly the day before the Executive Committee was to be sworn in, Miss Judy succumbed to cancer, just hours after having been inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame. She was installed at Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for this year, posthumously and a chair was left for her at every meeting.

Your Executive Committee was extremely active during the past twelve months and acted decisively on a number of very controversial and difficult issues. However, I am pleased to state that when the meetings were adjourned, each and every vote cast was done so in the best interest of the future of this great organization and the benefit of its members. Each county should be very proud of their representatives this past year. As for new members, we welcomed aboard: Ralph Thompson (Talbot/Dorchester), Herman "Buddy Schweers (Cecil/Harford), G. Dale Fishack (Frederick/Washington) and R. Bobby Balta (Past President).

Our meetings were held at the following locations: September 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} at the Damascus VFD, December 1^{st} and 2^{nd} at the Ocean City VFC, February 16^{th} and 17^{th} at the New Windsor VFD, April 12^{th} and 13^{th} at the Solomons VRS&FD and June 15^{th} at the Ocean City Convention Center. Thank you to each of our host departments!

During the year, your Executive Committee held two teleconferences to discuss items of an emergent nature that were time-critical. These teleconferences proved extremely beneficial to the swift disposition of some key issues facing the leadership of the MSFA.

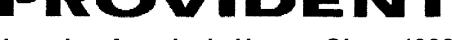
Also, the Executive Committee was called into Executive Session at the New Windsor meeting and again at the Solomons meeting. The first session was to discuss issues financial in nature and the second session was to discuss a personnel issue.

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In cooperation with the Office of the Secretary and the Data Systems Chair, it was decided to attempt the cut-off for receipt of reports from Committees one week prior to the Executive Committee Meeting this year. It started out on a rough note, but with encouragement from Secretary King, by the second meeting it was working quite well! If a Committee did not submit their report by the cut-off date, they would not be allowed to report until the end of the meeting. This was an effort to allow the Members of the Executive Committee a better opportunity to read and digest the reports prior to the actual meeting.

Just as the Committee began to settle into a good productive rhythm, our world was rocked by the sudden illness of our Association Secretary, Leonard King! This would prove more challenging than most would understand. I must, however, praise the amazing efforts of the Assistant Secretaries, coupled with the eventual appointment of Acting Secretary Phil Hurlock. These folks worked tirelessly to keep our Association functioning at 100% and deserve utmost praise for that tremendous feat!

Major issues that were addressed by the Executive Committee included the approval of the Report of the Executive Director Work Group and decision to move forward with implementation of the recommendations. This was a major decision for our organization that took a great amount of time and consideration, coupled with great debate prior to a unanimous effort to move forth.

After a lengthy presentation by the Dues Increase Work Group, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to have a Constitution and Bylaws Amendment drafted for a vote at the Convention to raise the dues by \$75.00 to a total of \$200.00 per member company. Of the \$200.00 dues, \$20.00 would continue to be earmarked for the Scholarship Fund.

Also addressed during the year was the need to have a new lithograph generated for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The Association will remain a partner with the lithographs and will continue to hand them out to the survivors at the Fallen Firefighters Weekend Ceremony.

President Sterling had convened a meeting of the Finance Team, in consideration of the dire financial condition of the organization. At the February meeting, the Team presented a host of recommendations to the Executive Committee. Many of these recommendations called for a new approach to managing the Association. Following extensive review of the recommendations and lengthy debate, most were accepted and are already being implemented.

One of the Finance Team's recommendations acted on immediately was to eliminate the fourth MSFA Vehicle, assigned to the Office of the Secretary. This was done at the April meeting and the vehicle went to the highest bidder. Further the Executive Committee opted not to purchase a vehicle in 2008 and to keep the remaining three autos.

The Executive Committee also approved a Presidents Vehicle Use Policy as presented by the Presidents Vehicle Committee for all future users of these vehicles. It is an operational policy governing the use of these vehicles and instructions regarding maintenance and damage, should it occur, to them.

The Executive Committee opted to eliminate the Reception hosted at the Congressional Fire Services Dinner, thus cutting a \$6,500 line item for our budget. It was just one of many difficult decisions that had to be made in the interest of better financial stewardship for our Association.

Certainly our Association has benefitted greatly over the past several decades from the professional services provided by Leonard King, serving in two extremely critical positions. With this in mind, at our April meeting, the Executive Committee voted to bestow upon Leonard King the titles of Secretary Emeritus and Convention Chair Emeritus of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Many items of legislative and legal interest were adopted by your Executive Committee, certainly too many to mention here. However, to name just a few: a position paper was drafted on the Association's stand on residential sprinklers, opposition to mandatory ambulance program inspections, a position letter on Department of Natural Resources Fire Position losses over a ten-year period and the impact on state fire suppression forces and supporting communications interoperability. Again, this is just a small sample of the many items discussed and voted through your Executive Committee.

At the April Meeting of the Committee, the Training

Forestville Volunteer Fire Department with over 77 years of Service

Ladies Auxiliary with over 57 years of Service

Fire Department President Mark Worth

Chief Bobby Wilhite Ladies Auxiliary President Margie Morris



The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary Extend Congratulations to Frank Underwood Incoming MSFA President and Lois Hetz, Incoming LAMSFA President for a Most Successful Year.

Bingo every Sunday Afternoon Doors Open at 2:00 pm Early Birds Start at 3:00 pm

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Committee presented new guidelines to assist departments with NFPA 1403 Compliance during Live Acquired Structural Training. This was reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee to be published for our Member companies.

Also at the April Meeting, the Risk Management Chair, Clarence Jewell offered that all volunteer personnel should have on file at their station a designation of beneficiary form for use in case of a Line of Duty Death. This will assist greatly for the survivors and prevent major complications in determining who is to receive any local, state or federal benefits.

I was quite saddened, but at the same time humbled to have the honor of delivering the eulogy for my dear friend, Chief John "Jack" Gouty of the Jessup VFD, at his memorial service on March 8, 2008. The loss is so very palpable, when we lose someone, such as Jack, who was such a valuable member of the Convention and Safety Committees of the MSFA and a critical link to the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association.

A major advance for the Executive Committee was the issuance of laptop computers to all Committee Members that were without one. This has proved critical for a host of reasons, all dealing with more rapid and effective communication amongst the Committee Members and also between the Members and the other Committee Chairs and Association Officers. This was a major step forward. Special praise is due Richard Snader and the members of the Data Systems Committee for all of their support and effort in this regard.

In the coming year there are several initiatives that were started that should definitely be pursued to completion:

- 1. The submission of Reports to the Executive Committee within a time frame that allows for ample review prior to the meeting is of great value and should be strengthened.
- 2. The continuation of reforming the finances is essential to the future of the Association. However, we must temper that with the need to provide services to our membership.
- 3. The use of information technology for Committees and Meetings should be expanded and used to the fullest. The MSFA has made great progress but must make the next leap forward into the efficient use of technology.
- 4. Finally, the implementation of an Executive

Director is past due. When one looks at the workload that faced this organization just this past year alone, it is obvious that such a move is not only prudent, it is critical. All of our EMSOF partners, along with the Governor even recognize the absolute need for such a position to assist in the day to day affairs of such a large and expansive organization.

The dedicated work and tireless efforts of the "behind-the-scenes" folks, such as Bill and Elaine Huttenloch and the members of the Public Address Committee, along with Jackie Olson, Ronnie Watkins and others, in setting up at our quarterly meeting locations is beyond description. I offer my heartfelt, thanks!

Lastly, to Paul Sterling, our President for allowing me the honor of serving our membership in this capacity, I humbly thank you and shall forever be in your debt for having such faith in me. If I was able to be at least half of the Chair you had hoped for, than I can pass on the gavel to my dear friend and mentor, Craig Moe with my head held high.

Respectfully submitted,

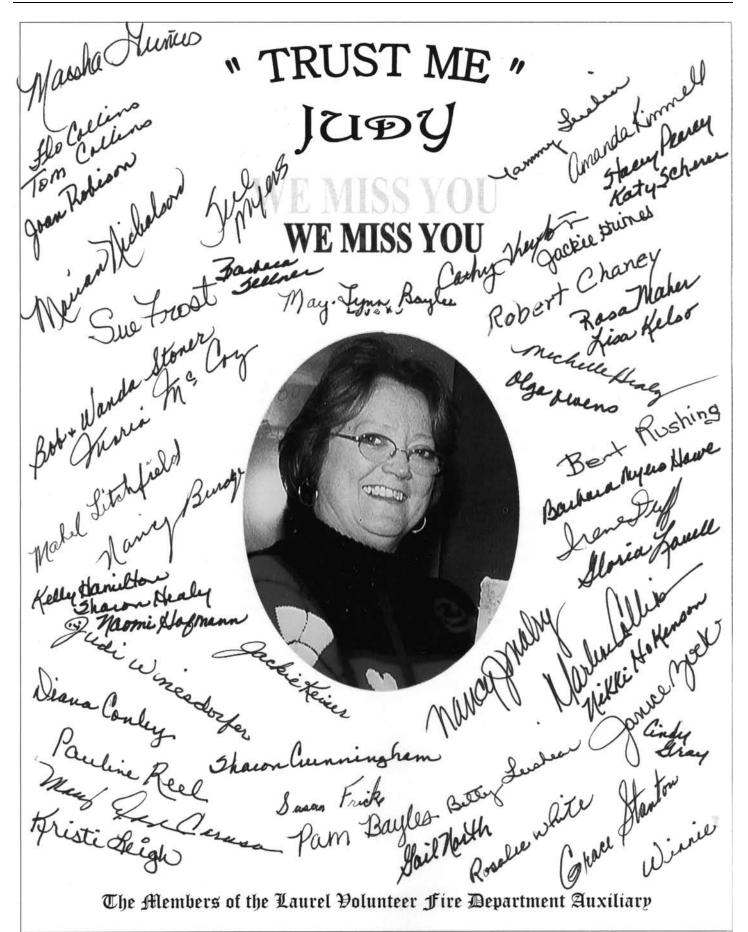
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr. Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

Through the commitment, efforts and hard work of many caring people, the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA is being provided for the betterment of our association, its membership, their families and the State of Maryland's Fire and Rescue Service as a whole.

As with anything in our lives the only constant element we can expect to have occur is change and with the Convention Committee there is no exception to that fact. A lot of significant changes have occurred this year and the one that has had the biggest impact on this association was the retirement of our long time convention chairman, Past President Leonard T. King, Sr. Leonard has done an amazing job of chairing the committee that has put this conference



together for years and with him stepping down this year, a reshuffling of the deck had to occur. This annual event would not be of the caliber, quality or professional level that it is without the personal attention to detail he provided with caring leadership and wisdom. Past President King truly catapulted this convention beyond any of the expectations of our leadership or membership. For that we will be eternally grateful for all he did. In recognition of his years of service, the Executive Committee, at the April Meeting in Solomons, Maryland, bestowed him the grand honor of Chairman Emeritus for our Convention and Conference Committee. A title he truly deserves and one that I will always respect and appreciate as I take over the reins of this functional group who each year tries to make our trek to Ocean City a little bit better than the year before. My only hope is that I can uphold the traditions and degree of excellence that has been provided before my tenure as the Convention Chair. I will be depending upon all of you to get that accomplished. With that said, if anyone is interested in taking a more active role with the convention, feel free to make that known to myself or any of our officers. Any help you can give is always appreciated.

Since last year's event, the Steering Committee, the various working groups such as; Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security, Safety, etc., have been hard at work preparing for our week at the ocean. We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year's Convention and Conference.

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 team for the extra special attention to details they provide with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the guests and Richard Brooks for serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

The "Joint Memorial Service" has always proven to be a most memorable experience for all in attendance and one of the more important parts of the overall convention and conference. The Chaplain's Office, along with Elaine Huttenloch and other team members are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program.

Joe Cooper, Rick Hemphill and the registration

team have put in many hours taking care of all the credentials listings, delegate check-ins and of course the voting activities and are to be thanked for their efforts.

The most up-to-date informational programs will be featured on the main convention floor to allow you to build on your knowledge, skills and abilities for the betterment of our State's emergency services. Special thanks go out to the Program Committee under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of J. Pinoake Browning and to Director Steven Edwards at MFRI for their devotion and assistance.

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will provide a fitting tribute to all who serve and especially our state's first responders. Our theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors by representatives from each county in the state and the special video presentation we have planned. Thanks to Past President Tom Mattingly, Johnnie Roth and others on their team for the work completed in this area, especially the talented members of our convention go-team and special operations crew. Without these hard-working and committed team members the audio-visual, program support, logistics and back stage needs of the convention would never get off the ground. They truly are a major component of the backbone of this conference crew.

Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, along with the entire delegation from his office, the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, the Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue Department, MFRI, MIEMMS, Shock Trauma, Governor's Office and all the individual volunteer departments who work behind the scene all week to help make your experience here at the beach enjoyable, a hearty thank you is given.

Individuals such as 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. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD for all she does year long and especially keeping

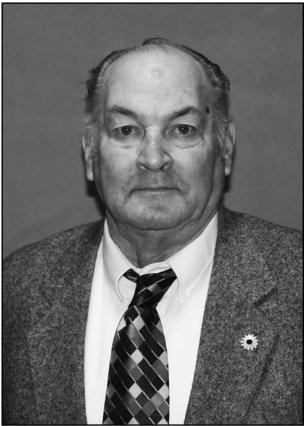


The family of

William "Bill" Huttenloch

Would like you to share in his Celebration of his 50th year in the Fire Service to the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department

> We love you very much! Elaine, Ginny, Bobby, Jennifer Dottie, Steve, Zachery and Seth



the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

Each year the display of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services becomes larger and larger. With this expanded display you will be able to visit more suppliers during the week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet the technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions. We owe a big "thank you" to all of the exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference. Thanks to Exhibit Chairs Wylie Donaldson and Past President Lee Sachs and their team for another year of great exhibitors.

For all the ladies and gentleman that sell the event tickets, offer bus passes, handle the mad rush in the lower foyers and provide information and guidance to conference attendees, my personal thanks for a job well done often under very trying times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your constant deliveries of those friendly smiles are greatly appreciated.

Again, this year we are planning an array of social events, including: The All You Can Eat Picnic, Monday Night Luau Party, Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, 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. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross and Assistant Secretary Jackie Olsen for another great Golf Outing this year, great job guys.

The parade requires many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hildebrand, Eddie Cross, and your entire team for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Transportation Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Town Government including the Mayor, Town Manager and Town Council for all they do to make it the biggest and best parade throughout the State of Maryland.

In addition, 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 Convention and Conference Center management and staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication they demonstrate all during the planning process for our annual event. 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, as well.

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

Respectfully Submitted; Ronald J. Siarnicki Convention Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

President Sterling, 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 116th 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 week long events and activities. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities,Logistics,Security,Safety,etc.feelconfident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your communities from this year's 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.

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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 after the passing of my wife Margaret.

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

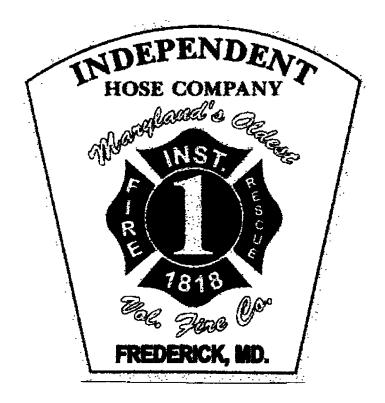
Ken Bush and the Program Committee work hard behind the scenes to coordinate and bring you the best possible programs. Carlos Alfaro and the entire audio-visual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events move smoothly. Ed Joiner, 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.

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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. April 12th, 2008 after suffering a stroke I've made a very difficult decision to retire and not seek another term as your Secretary I also decided to retire as your convention chair person I did this in the best interest of my health and the state association at this meeting after my announcement a emotion was unanimously to honor me with the titles of Secretary Emeritus and Convention Chair Emeritus. This year marks my 50th year in the Maryland fire services and these titles and the total friendships will never be able to be replaced. I would like to thank all of the individuals who have assisted over the many years of my efforts to work within the Maryland fire service I would like to thank my daughter Kelly for helping in the secretary office and the convention

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REPORT OF THE BRAC COMMITTEE

I discussed with John Dulina, MSFA Executive Committee, a meeting with Wyett Colclasure, Aberdeen Army Alliance president to update him on the NERTC project.

At the request of Senator Roy Dyson, I briefed the joint Senate and House committee meeting on BRAC and its implication to the region in December 2007. I addressed encroachment as a specific topic but discussed in private the NERTC project as a public safety issue.

Conclusions

- a. Lt. Governor Brown chairs the Subcabnet on BRAC for the State of Maryland.
- b. Congressman Ruppersberger and Senator Mikulski and Carden can be most important in this process.
- c. Need interface with State Representatives and Senators in the impacted areas.
- d. Need interface with the County Executive or County Commissioners in the impacted areas.

e. MFRI Director Steve Edwards has a plan to upgrade the NERTC.

Recommendations

MSFA needs to contact Lt. Governor's Office on issues that we believe are most important for the fire and EMS organization in the impacted areas.

- a. Need interface and dialog with Congressman Ruppersberger's office and Senator Mikulski and Carden's offices on our Fire and EMS issues.
- b. Need interface with State Representatives and Senators in the impacted areas on our Fire and EMS issues.
- c. Need interface with the County Executive or County Commissioners in the impacted areas on our Fire and EMS issues.
- d. MSFA will need to coordinate with MFRI Director Steve Edwards on the NERTC and put pressure on the University of Maryland to fund this upgrade.

Submitted by Keith Fairfax, Chair

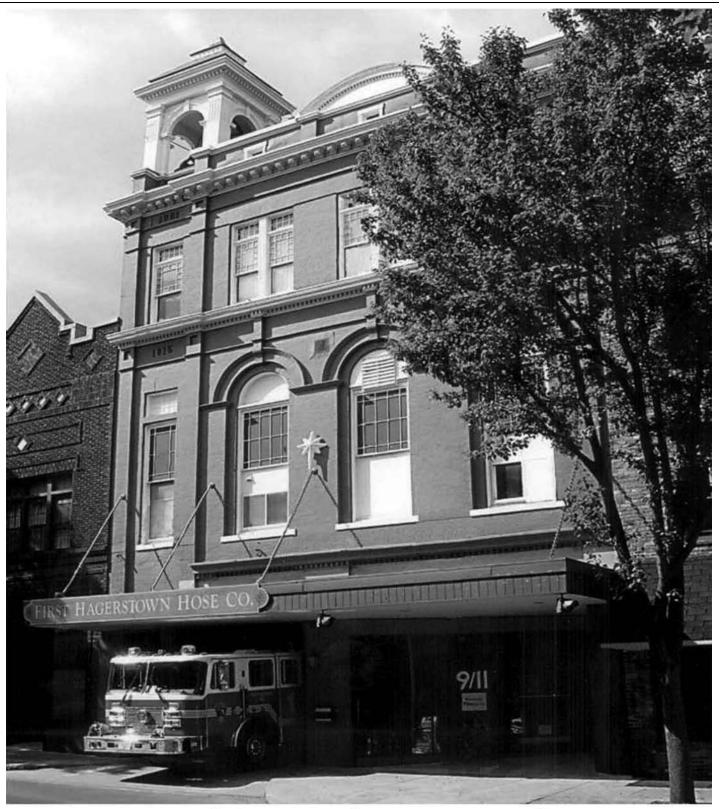
REPORT FROM THE MARYLAND DNR FOREST SERVICE

PresidentSterling,Officers,PastPresidents,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.

During 2007 the Agency responded to 622 wildfires that burned 5,102 acres. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning, Equipment, and Arson. July brought drought conditions to the state with an unusual spike in wildfire activity for the month with 117 responses, the highest occurrence month for the year. The Forest Service also conducted 32 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 652 acres. Assistance was also provided nationally with the dispatch of four twenty-person fire crews on wildfires in California, Idaho, Nevada, and Montana. Additionally one Type 6 Engine (Brush Truck) assisted in Georgia and 21 single resource fire personnel assisted on wildfires throughout the Western US.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 33 volunteer fire departments in seven counties receiving \$80,787 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$177,550 in projects with the 50/50 match

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Compliments of First Hagerstown Hose Company 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD www.engineone.org funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wildland protective equipment, upgrades to communications equipment, and other small tool purchases such as chain saws and fire hose.

The Forest Service also completed equipment upgrades in 2007 with the replacement of three Type 6 Engines (Brush Trucks), one each in Western, Southern, and Eastern regions of the state. The Agency also acquired three Type 4 Engines. The Heavy Brush units are 2008 International 7400 Extended Cab trucks with a 1000 gallon CET skid units with a Class A foam system and dual booster reels. These units will also tow a 20 Ton trailer for transport of Tractor Plows (Fire Dozers). The units are stationed at Green Ridge, Cedarville, and Church Creek. One John Deere 450J Tractor Plow unit was also replaced and stationed at Church Creek. The new unit is the first environmental cab Tractor Plow in the fleet. This will greatly increase the protection and safety of the operator on wildfire incidents.

The Agency appreciates the partnership with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and its member companies in the protection of our communities from wildfires. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 116th MSFA Annual Convention!

Respectfully Submitted,

Monte R. Mitchell State Fire Supervisor

REPORT OF THE DUES INCREASE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Members and guest to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The MSFA Dues Increase Research Committee met at the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday, August 30, 2007 with the following members present: Committee Chairman Joe Robison, Secretary Leonard King, Assistance Financial Secretary Bob Jacobs, Executive Committee members Ben Kurtz & Bill Hildebrand, Past President Roger Steger, Sr., 1st Vice President Frank Underwood, and 2nd Vice President Roger Powell. President Paul Sterling was called away to a family emergency.

The Committee reviewed County and Regional Association and neighboring states dues. A chart

was provided that outlined proposed increases and the amount of funding generated by each proposal.

A major discussion was held on the benefits provided by the MSFA and how best to portray these benefits to its members. It was agreed that a two sided pamphlet be prepared by Ben Kurtz, Bill Hildebrand and Past President Bob Jacobs.

The MSFA Executive Committee at it's meeting in Damascus on September 23, 2007approved a proposed dues increase from the present \$125 to \$200 effective in the 2009 dues.

The By-laws Committee has written the proposed change for the 2008 Convention and will be on this year's ballot.

Joseph R. Robison Chairman

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE ISSUES COMMITTEE

Good morning, President Sterling, Vice Presidents Underwood, Powell, Chair Seavey and Executive Board. I sent an email to Maryland Transportation Authority Chair John D. Porcari and asked him to review my report to President Sterling along with a few more questions. I asked him to address my concerns by email/letter and/or schedule a meeting with him and his staff. I received a letter from him and a call from Executive Secretary Ronald L. Freeland reference to scheduling a meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 2:00 PM in the Bay Bridge Office Complex.

Chief Dan Stevens and I attended the meeting on Thursday, March 13th at the Bay Bridge Office with Director of Facility Operations Randy Brown who advised us that Executive Secretary Freeland was unable to attend, as he was called to a meeting reference to legislation.

We continued our meeting and discussed the following:

1. E-Z Pass operations for fire, rescue and EMS vehicles, at this time the Transportation Authority is working on revising their policy on business accounts, which we feel may address our concerns. We will review this new policy and discuss our concerns when received.

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- 2. Emergency responses using any toll facilities across the State of Maryland are asked to proceed thru an E-Z Pass lanes after slowing and proceed with caution, the system will take your picture, after reviewing by stuff if they can determine you are on an emergency they will not process, if you receive a letter in the mail, please get a copy of your run sheet (doesn't need to be patient information) showing times and scene and medical facility location, then contact the office of the E-Z Pass Administrator (410-537-1309) reference to faxing information, they will process after receiving, as they will allow you to passage without paying a toll.
- 3. Non-emergency authorized travel thru Maryland Toll facilities, The Trust Agreement for the Maryland Transportation Authority authorizes the Maryland Transportation Authority to allow "MARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLES" toll free passage after stopping and stating company/ department name, county location and unit number (Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County, utility 780).
- 4. E-Z Pass accounts can be set-up following standard procedures as any person, which will allow a paid toll passage on any E-Z Pass system on the entire network system.

I would like to thank Director Brown for his time meeting to discuss our concerns and look forward to following-up after reviewing their new policy on Business accounts operations.

Please feel free to contact our committee or myself if we can assist with your concerns reference to emergency vehicle or licensing operations.

Sincerely, Roger A. Steger, Sr. Chair

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

President Paul Sterling, Elected and Appointed Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) – Greeting on the occasion of our Association's 116th Annual Convention. This past year has again been fast paced and has again witnessed unprecedented growth of our State's Emergency Medical Services. During this past year the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee and its two subcommittees: Advanced life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) have met three times and the committee has participated in the MIEMSS sponsored EMS Operations, EMS Educator and EMS Medical Director Summit. It has been my honor and privilege to have led this very competent and diligent working committee.

Date	Meeting Location & Type	County
7-25-07	Hollywood, EMS Committee	St. Mary's
11-4-07	Liberty Road, EMS Committee	Baltimore
1-23-08	EMS Operations, Summit	Howard
4-16-08	Abingdon, EMS Committee	Harford

GOINGS ON - AT MIEMSS - NEW SKILLS SHEETS

In my report to last year's convention, I reported that the BLS Committee of the State Emergency Medical 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 the new program was to insure accuracy and to promote consistency in skills application. The program focuses on injuries affecting one body area annually. The 2006 Skills Sheets and a DVD used for instructor's references (Focusing on Back Injuries) were so successful that a second set of Skill Sheets and a DVD were shot during the past winter at MIEMSS. I have seen the proofs of this activity and may I say. "I am really impressed".

The 2007 set of skills sheets and DVD revolves around Injuries to the Lower Extremities. I have seen the proof set and like the original set of Back Injury slides the pictures are excellently done and reflect several ways of treating the different injuries. With the completion of the second set of slides, pictures and the DVD; my congratulations go to Bill Seifarth and his crew at MIEMSS for their excellent work. These too will soon become a valuable asset to the state's many EMS providers.

MIEMSS CALLS EMS SUMMIT:

The Maryland EMS Summit more properly titled the EMS Operations, EMS Educator and EMS Medical Director Summit, hosted by MIEMSS, was held at the Howard County Fire Training Center on January 23, 2008andwasattendedbytheMarylandStateFiremen's Association three presidents plus myself, Chair of EMS Committee and Joan Williams and Marianne Warehime, Chairs of the Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support Subcommittees, respectively.

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Bingo starts the first Sat. after Labor Day and stops last Sat. in June for the summer Bingo every Sat. Doors open at 5:00pm Special Bingo begins at 6:30 Bingo begins at 7:00pm Also attending were training representatives of every major jurisdiction and associated training academy as well as representatives of approximately ninety percent of the smaller jurisdictions. I honestly don't believe anyone left the meeting disappointed.

After introductions by Dr. Robert Bass and Dr. Richard Alcorta; Bill Seifarth, the replacement for Andy Trohanis and the newly appointed Director of Certification and Education at MIEMSS took the podium to explain the EMS Educational Programs recently conceived by the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This followed by approximately two weeks another conference, sponsored by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, where the principle speaker was Debbie Cason. M's Cason is the principle investigator for develop-ment of the EMS Education Standards for DOT. Both programs complimented each other and were quite effective.

Bill Seifarth's presentation started with an overview of the new Program. The programs will be competency based and will include patient contact time at all educational levels of EMT and above. The major news was that all education programs will be required to be nationally accredited by the end of 2012.

The existing *First Responder* program will now be called the *Emergency Medical* Responder and is expected to be utilized primarily by law enforcement.

The existing EMT-B program conceived in 1995, grew out of the old EMT-A program, will be replaced by a new **EMT** program and is expected to be 150 to 180 hours in length. The new program will include some Hazardous Material and NIMS training. It will also include 5 emergency calls and 10 patient assessments.

Finally, the new **EMT** program will include a return of the Anatomy, Physiology, Terminology and Pathophysiology training removed in 1995. The Maryland Educators recommend the use of human simulators for some of the patient assessments. This may be discussed later.

The National EMS Educational Standards and Scope of Practice have an Advanced EMT (AEMT) which is supposedly similar to the **EMT – Intermediate** but is significantly below our Maryland CRT (EMT-I 99). There was a discussion about the **AEMT** which is proposed to be 200 hours in addition to the new EMT (150 – 200 hours). The AEMT has the following skills and medications above the EMT: Start IVs, Combitube and administration of Albuteral and Altrovent , Glucagon, NTG, Dextrose 50% and Narcan.

The EMT-Paramedic educational standards will remain basically unchanged except that the educational institutions /programs will need to be nationally accredited by the end of 2012 and will require the oversight of a *degreed person*.

The floor was then opened for discussion on these proposed Educational Standards starting with the *Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)*. The *EMR* program is under utilized by the State's fire service. The *EMR Program* was felt by the attendees to be similar to the current program and will probably still be used by law enforcement with very little recertification.

The hours were the main topic of discussion under the new **EMT** program. Most people questioned the inclusion of Hazardous Materials and NIMS Training since MFRI presently provides both programs under its existing training cadre. Most of the educators did agree that Anatomy, Physiology, Terminology and Pathophysiology (additional curricula) should return to the program. In my position as MSFA EMS Committee Chair, I did propose that we clean up the extra hours in the existing EMT-B training program before adding any additional hours. By cleaning the program up, I have proposed to Dr. Bass and the BLS committee of SEMSAC that the time spent sending persons home early at the end of class, be consolidated and used during the inclusion of the additional curricula. Drs. Bass and Alcorta both seem to be open to this idea. Once this is done, then we could look at additional hours, if needed, but only after this is done. I honestly believe we can accomplish this with only the addition of a possible few hours, if any.

Few persons even wanted to discuss the proposed AEMT curricula, but on a show of hands, just about every one wanted to retain the CRT-I program as Maryland's intermediate ALS program.

Mike Robinson and the representatives of Howard County's Training Program then proposed the AEMT program could be adopted as an ALS Assist Program where the Counties presently use EMT-Bs as drivers





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for their ALS providers. This seemed to be accepted by those present. More information and discussion will ensue over the next year.

Leaving the existing EMT-P Program as it presently exists seemed to sit very well with those present. After the discussion the session adjourned.

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE:

One of the first charges President Sterling gave to my Committee at the beginning of this year was to develop lesson plans, outlines and goals for incidents located on limited access highways. The ultimate goal was to develop lesson plans for classes for everyone involved with incidents on limited access highways as well as any highway or other road in Maryland.

After some checking with various contacts at MIEMSS and MFRI, I discovered a similar project being developed through MFRI by a group headed by Wayne Coburn. Wayne welcomed me as representative of the MSFA EMS Committee and noted that he would be glad to have us work with his group on this project. The ultimate goal is a safer response by all respond to accidents on our highways. The program has been located and I have had the pleasure of attending two working sessions.

<u> MIEMSS Response -</u>

The program is titled "Roadway Incident safety for Emergency Responders" and is taught by Program champion/advocate - Mr. Jack Sullivan of Richmond, Virginia. The Program is targeted for Firefighters, EMS Responders, Police Officers, Tow Truck Operators, State/County highway Personnel and any other parties, who could possibly be working at an incident scene along one of our State's highways.

The class that I attended was presented under a grant and presented throughout all five MIEMSS Regions. The class that I attended was held in Branchville was attended by thirty-three personnel mostly from fire / EMS departments in the southern Maryland area. Although the class was well attended, I do not believe the class rooster reflected the President's expectations, especially in the attendance realm. This we will have to work on in the future.

<u>MFRI Response –</u>

On Thursday, April 10, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending a Multi-Agency Training Committee held at the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) at Baltimore Washington Airport. I attended as a guest of Wayne Coburn . Wayne and the MDOT group are taking a different approach to the highway safety training. They want Mr. Sullivan to "Train the Trainer" by training existing pre-qualified MFRI Instructors to conduct the classes, the classes will probably last approximately six hours.

Right now MDOT and MFRI believe that Mr. Sullivan is probably approaching overload in his teaching and with the demand for classes escalating, the demand will be extremely high, most in the area of one day classes and Company drills. Therefore, they are looking forward to working with MDOT. We can assist this group by asking law enforcement participation as well as any outside interests in our classes. There will be more to follow, I'm sure.

EMS BLS COMMITTEE SETS GOAL FOR THE 2009 MSFA CONVENTION:

During the EMS Committee meeting of April 6, 2008, the Chair asked the Basic Life Support (BLS) Committee to prepare a convention Contest for our BLS providers. Committee Chair Joan Williams accepted the request and promised that during the 2009 MSFA Convention, her committee would sponsor a BLS Skills Competition complete *Problem, Rules* and *Awards.* The contest was announced at this time so that it could be announced from the floor during the 2008 Convention and would be in place next year. In announcing the competition, the chair also announced that as soon as the BLS Competition was up and running, an ALS Competition would be next. More to follow!

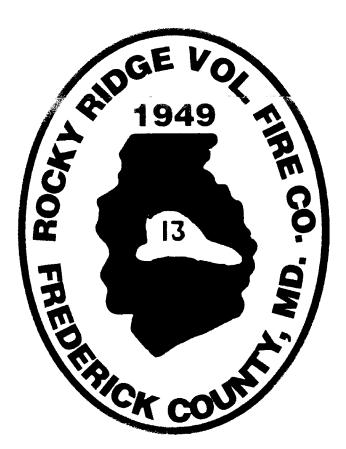
Respectfully submitted; Charles W. Wills, Chair

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORK GROUP

Much has happened since my last report to you, in early February, but, at the time of the preparation of this Report, mandated by the schedule, we are still not certain of the nature of what we will actually tell you at the Executive Committee meeting – I will be supplementing this document in the process of giving my report there. It appears, at this moment (on March 29) that all of the technical legislative and executive branch needs we have, to be able to implement the program that was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee at its September meeting, are in place and will be consummated to our benefit.

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As to funding, our Grants Committee has not been able to identify any source from which we could obtain funding for the position on the terms previously discussed and approved, and we believe we will have the necessary funds from EMSOF, assuming legislative and Governor O'Malley's approval. Delegate Norm Conway has again worked very hard for us, and the Governor has promised us his concurrence, and we are grateful to both of them as well as the many other legislators who have supported our quest and assisted us over the many stumbling blocks that appeared.

Assuming we are on schedule, we expect that the Job Announcement will have been released by the time I'm actually giving this report. Applications are due by the end of April. We will work very hard to have three recommendations to President Sterling before the end of May, and he expects to make his announcement of the identification of our new Executive Director on or about June 1.

Again because of deadlines, it is unlikely that the final report of this Committee will be available for inclusion in the Convention Program Book, and I will ask President Sterling for an opportunity to make that presentation to the Convention either by a separate writing or from the podium.

My thanks are again extended to every member of the Committee, all of whom have been active participants in the process from the inception, as well as our President and two Vice-Presidents, who

have similarly been very much involved and have offered wisdom and understanding to our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted, Lee N. Sachs, Chair

REPORT OF THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Federal Legislation in the 110th Congress to Monitor 07-08 **Current Legislation on Action List Updated April 23, 2008**

1. H.R. 2160: Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007 5/3/2007--Introduced.

Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow sponsors of certain deferred compensation plans to elect to include length of service award plans for bona fide volunteers providing fire fighting and prevention services, emergency medical services, ambulance services, and emergency rescue services.

Directs the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations exempting a length of service award program from treatment as an employee pension benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Federal LOSAP Bill; Don't Pay Tax Until You Are Paid

There are five co-sponsors including Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-8). On July 20th, an identical bill, S-1840, was introduced in the US Senate with two co-sponsors.

The National Volunteer Fire Council LOSAP Committee is in its seventh year of existence. Legislation amending Internal Revenue Code Section 457 is at a critical crossroads. The problem at the moment is that there are not have enough cosponsors in the House or Senate to move these bills out of committee.

<u>Last Action</u>: Jul 17, 2007: House Education and Labor: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

On April 2, the National Advisory Committee (NAC) for the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) adopted a resolution offered by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) supporting the Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act (VESRRA). The NAC is made up of more than 40 organizations representing various interests within the fire and emergency services community. VESRRA (H.R. 2160/S. 1840) would simplify the taxation of length of service award programs (LOSAPs), pension-like plans for volunteer emergency responders, making it easier for departments to administer plans and for individuals to receive benefits

Related Bills: S. 1840

2. S. 1840: Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007

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7/20/2007--Introduced.

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3. H.R. 606: Volunteer Emergency Responder Fair Mileage Act of 2007

1/22/2007–Introduced.

Volunteer Emergency Responder Fair Mileage Act of 2007 – Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) exclude from the gross income of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders reimbursements of automobile operating expenses incurred for the benefit of a volunteer fire department; and (2) allow such volunteers to deduct such automobile operating expenses using the higher business mileage rate instead of the standard rate.

4. H.R. 1351: Firefighters Special Operation Task Force Act

3/6/2007–Introduced.

Firefighters Special Operation Task Force Act – Amends the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration to award up to 100 grants for task forces (two or more fire services that collectively consist of at least 50 firefighting personnel, operating under a cooperative agreement to coordinate incident response) each fiscal year for: (1) salary and benefits to hire firefighting personnel; (2) training; (3) equipment or support systems; (4) communications between task force members and a local police department or hospital or with any other appropriate governmental or private sector entity; and (5) compatibility and interoperability of training and equipment.

Requires the Administrator to give priority to task forces serving geographic areas that have a high population density or that are located within 50 miles of: (1) a nuclear power facility; (2) a large facility that produces, treats, or refines chemicals or petroleum products; (3) a business district of national significance; or (4) a location with one or more critical infrastructures.

Requires grantees to obtain non-federal matching funds of at least 55% of the amount awarded by the Administrator for each fiscal year.

5. H.R. 1643: Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Job Protection Act

3/22/2007--Introduced.

Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Job Protection Act - Prohibits any employee from being terminated, demoted, or discriminated against in the terms or conditions of employment because the employee is absent or late as a result of serving as a volunteer firefighter or providing volunteer emergency medical services as part of a response to an emergency or major disaster. Excludes absences for which the employee: (1) is absent for more than 14 days per calendar year; (2) responds to an emergency or major disaster without being official deployed in accordance with a coordinator national deployment system; or (3) fails to provide written verification within a reasonable period of time.

Allows employers to: (1) reduce the employee's regular pay for such time as the employee is absent; and (2) require the employee to provide written verification from the supervising Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), state, or local official that such employee responded in an official capacity at a specified time and date.

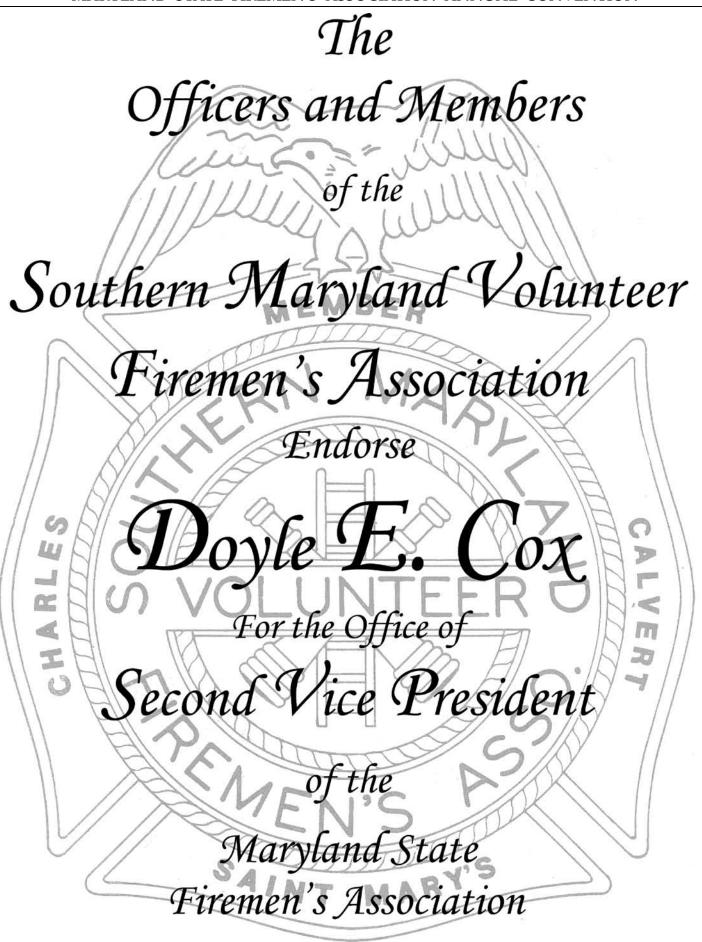
Requires such an employee to make a reasonable effort to notify his or her employer that he or she may be absent or late.

Gives such an employee a private cause of action for discrimination which violates this Act.

H.R. 943: Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act of 2007 - HEART Act (H.R. 3997) H.R. 3648: Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007 - Final

2/8/2007—Introduced by Rep. John Larson. Currently 154 co-sponsors. All Maryland representatives have signed on EXCEPT Cong. Bartlett, Cong. Hoyer and Cong. Sarbanes.

Related Bills: S. 1466



Latest Major Action: 11/6/2007 passed the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax (HEART) Act (H.R. 3997) which excludes from taxable income all property tax benefits and up to \$360 per year of any other benefit paid to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel by state and local units of government.

12/20/2007 Signed by President - Became Public Law No: 110-142

Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act of 2007 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income and to exempt from social security, unemployment taxes, and withholding of tax requirements rebates of real or personal property taxes or any other benefit provided by a State or local government to a member of a volunteer emergency response organization providing firefighting or emergency medical services.

FINAL: Allows members of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization (i.e., an organization that provides firefighting and emergency medical services) an exclusion from gross income for state and local tax benefits and for certain payments for services. Terminates such exclusion after 2010.

 S. 1466: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders from income and employment taxes and wage withholding.
 FINAL: UPDATE 12-28-07

5/23/2007—Introduced by Senator Dodd. Currently there are only 5 co-sponsors neither of Maryland's 2 senators are a co-sponsor.

Latest Major Action:

12/20/2007 Signed by President - Became Public Law No: 110-142

Related Bills: H.R.943/ HR 3997 / HR 3648 - Final

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income rebates of state or local real or personal property taxes or any other benefit provided by a state or local government to volunteer firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical responders. Exempts such rebates and benefits from employment and unemployment taxes and from withholding of tax requirements.

8. S. 1873: Improving Emergency Medical Care and Response Act of 2007

7/25/2007—Introduced by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. Currently 3 co-sponsors

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish demonstration programs on regionalized systems for emergency care, to support emergency medicine research, and for other purposes.

9. H.R. 3173: Improving Emergency Medical Care and Response Act of 2007

7/25/2007-Introduced

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish demonstration programs on regionalized systems for emergency care, to support emergency medicine research, and for other purposes.

10. H.R. 3303: Public Safety Tax Cut Act 8/1/2007--Introduced.

Public Safety Tax Cut Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) allow full-time police officers or firefighters a tax credit of \$1,000; and (2) exclude from the gross income of volunteer police officers or firefighters certain public services benefits received from a state or local government agency.

11. H.R. 211: Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2007 1/4/2007--Introduced.

Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award a grant to each state to carry out a program for making available throughout that state the 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services. Requires a participating state to ensure that at least 50% of the resources of the program funded by the grant will be derived from other sources. Requires a state seeking a grant to carry out its activities through a lead entity to be known as a 2-1-1 Collaborative.

Requires grant amounts to be used solely to make available to a state 2-1-1 telephone service for community information and referral on human services to all citizens of that state with phone access, including telephone connections between families and individuals seeking services and the service providers.

Requires grant recipients to: (1) abide by the Key Standards for 2-1-1 Centers; and (2) collaborate with human service organizations to provide an



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exhaustive database of services with which to provide information or referral to individuals utilizing the 2-1-1 service.

H.R. 1020: Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Enhancement and Authorization Act of 2007 2/13/2007--Introduced.

2/13/2007--Introduced.

Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Enhancement and Authorization Act of 2007 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to carry out an Urban Areas Security Initiative Grants Program, under which the Secretary may make grants: (1) to purchase equipment, conduct exercises, and provide training and technical assistance to state and local first responders and for facilities to provide training or assistance to responders; and (2) to

provide reimbursement for specified expenses if 100 or more personnel in the relevant jurisdiction are dedicated exclusively to counter terrorism and intelligence activities.

Directs the Secretary to make such grants: (1) generally in accordance with the procedures, terms, and conditions under which grants were made under the program in FY2005; and (2) based solely on a quantitative assessment of the risk of a terrorist attack on high-threat, high-density urban areas that considers the threat of a terrorist attack to particular assets and the vulnerability of particular assets to, and the consequences of, such an attack.

Directs the Secretary, upon finding any problem in a grant application, to notify the applicant and provide an opportunity to correct it before making a grant. Makes: (1) fund allocations and grant approvals by the Secretary subject to modification by the President; and (2) provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act regarding the state and local domestic preparedness support grant program inapplicable.

13. H.R. 1247: 9/11 Comprehensive Health Benefits Act of 2007

2/28/2007--Introduced.

9/11 Comprehensive Health Benefits Act of 2007 -Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare-based eligibility and benefits for individuals with a 9/11 disasterconnected health condition.

Prohibits a workers' compensation law or plan from

discriminating against an individual by virtue of the individual's entitlement to such benefits.

Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an individual regarding hiring, advancement, compensation, or other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment by virtue of the individual's entitlement to such benefits.

Makes Medicare the primary payor for 9/11-related coverage.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a consortium to conduct and coordinate screening, monitoring, treatment, and diagnostic research on the 9/11 disaster-connected health conditions.

14. H.R. 1891: Ready, Willing, and Able Act 4/17/2007--Introduced.

Ready, Willing, and Able Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting jointly, to establish a working group to assist their respective departments to: (1) promote the development of disaster plans that will protect the maximum number of citizens; (2) help state and local officials provide the necessary means and infrastructure for the American public to volunteer to assume a direct and influential role in community-based disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation planning efforts; and (3) develop standards to measure the success of a community's level of direct, participatory disaster planning efforts.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise the requirements for a state application for a grant to improve state, local, and hospital preparedness for and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. Requires the application to include an assurance that the state will take specific steps to comply with any recommendations of the working group.

15. H.R. 1638: James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act 3/22/2007--Introduced.

James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to extend and expand arrangements with certain medical providers and the New York City Fire Department





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for monitoring and other services for those exposed to airborne toxins from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in New York City (9/11 attacks). Expands the categories of individuals to be covered by such arrangements and provides for a nationwide network of health care providers for treating victims residing outside the New York City area.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct or support research on the diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental health conditions related to the 9/11 attacks. Authorizes the Secretary to establish similar research programs for victims of the attack at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Directs the Secretary to convene a 9/11 Health Emergency Coordinating Council to discuss, examine, and formulate recommendations with respect to the adequacy and coordination of: (1) care and compensation for victims of the 9/11attacks; and (2) federal tracking of the monitoring of, and treatment for, individuals affected by such attacks.

Amends the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act to provide, under certain circumstances, for an extension for filing claims under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

Directs the Secretary to extend and expand arrangements with New York City that provide for the World Trade Center Health Registry.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the mental health needs of individuals affected by the 9/11 attacks.

16. H.R. 980: Public Safety Employer - Employee Cooperation Act of 2007

2/12/2007—Introduced by Rep. Kildee. Has 280 cosponsors

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2007 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Related Bills: S. 2123

Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 - Provides collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by states or local governments.

Directs the Federal Labor Relations Authority

(Authority) to determine whether state law provides specified rights and responsibilities for public safety officers, including: (1) granting public safety employees the right to form and join a labor organization which excludes management and supervisory employees, and which is, or seeks to be, recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for such employees; and (2) requiring public safety employers to recognize and agree to bargain with the employees' labor organization.

Requires the Authority to issue regulations establishing rights and responsibilities for public safety employers and employees in states that do not substantially provide for such public safety employee rights and responsibilities. Directs the Authority, in such cases, to: (1) determine the appropriateness of units for labor organization representation; (2) supervise or conduct elections to determine whether a labor organization has been selected as an exclusive representative by a voting majority of the employees in an appropriate unit; (3) resolve issues relating to the duty to bargain in good faith; (4) conduct hearings and resolve complaints of unfair labor practices; and (5) resolve exceptions to arbitrator's awards. Grants a public safety employer, employee, or labor organization the right to seek enforcement of such Authority regulations and authority through appropriate state courts.

Prohibits public safety employers, employees, and labor organizations from engaging in lockouts or strikes.

Provides that existing collective bargaining units and agreements shall not be invalidated by this Act.

This bill has been passed in the House. The bill now goes on to be voted on in the Senate.

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Jul 17, 2007 12:32 PM <u>H R 980 Public Safety</u> Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (under suspension of the rules) *Passed 314-97, 20 not voting

17. S. 2123: Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007

10/1/2007—Introduced by Senator Gregg. Has 21 co-sponsors.

Latest Major Action: 10/1/2007 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,

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A bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

18. H.R. 2669: College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 7/20/2007--Passed Senate amended.

Appropriates \$20.16 billion dollars authorized for Pell Grants for the fiscal years 2008-2017 and increases student Pell Grant award eligibility by \$200 each award year during the 2008-10 academic years, \$300 in 2010-2011, and \$500 in 2011-2012 and each subsequent academic year (Title I (sec. 101 (b))).

-Increases the maximum Pell Grant award to \$7,600 for the 2008-09 academic year, \$8,600 for 2009-10, \$9,600 for 2010-11, \$10,600 for 2011-12, and \$11,600 for 2012-13 (Title I (sec. 101 (b))).

-Repeals existing tuition sensitivity provisions, which reduce Pell Grant eligibility for students attending lower-cost schools (Title I (sec. 101 (d))).

-Reduces interest rates on Stafford and other federally backed loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over the period from 2008-2013 (Title I (sec. 111 (a))).

-Increases aggregate limits on federally insured loans from \$23,000 to \$30,500 for undergraduate students and from \$65,500 to \$73,000 for graduate and professional students (Title I (sec. 112 (b))).

-Reduces the percentage of student loans guaranteed by the federal student loan insurance program from 98 percent to 95 percent (Title I (sec. 115 (a))).

-Lowers the loan guaranty agency collection fee from 23 percent to 16 percent of funds collected from loan defaults (Title I (sec. 116)).

-Increases the loan origination fee from 0.5 percent to 1 percent of principal on loans made after October 1, 2007 (Title I (sec. 118)).

-Provides for \$5,000 in loan forgiveness over a period of five years for those employed in areas of national need, including early childhood educators, nurses, librarians, foreign language specialists, highly qualified teachers in bilingual education or in

low-income schools, child welfare workers, speechlanguage pathologists, those engaged in national service, school counselors, and public sector employees (Title I (sec. 131)).

-Releases public servants from federal loan obligations after 120 payments over ten years of repayment (Title I (sec. 132)).

-Limits monthly payments on loans to 15 percent of the amount by which the borrower's adjusted gross income exceeds 150% of the poverty line (Title I (sec. 133)).

-Provides for complete loan for giveness for those who have experienced a period of economic hardship lasting over twenty years (Title I (sec. 133))

-Appropriates \$60 million for the fiscal years 2008-2012 to institutions that have less than average annual tuition increases or guaranteed tuition to be used for additional grants from the schools for students who are also eligible for Pell grants (Title II (sec. 202)).

19. S. 2123: College Cost Reduction Act of 2007

7/20/2007--Passed Senate amended.

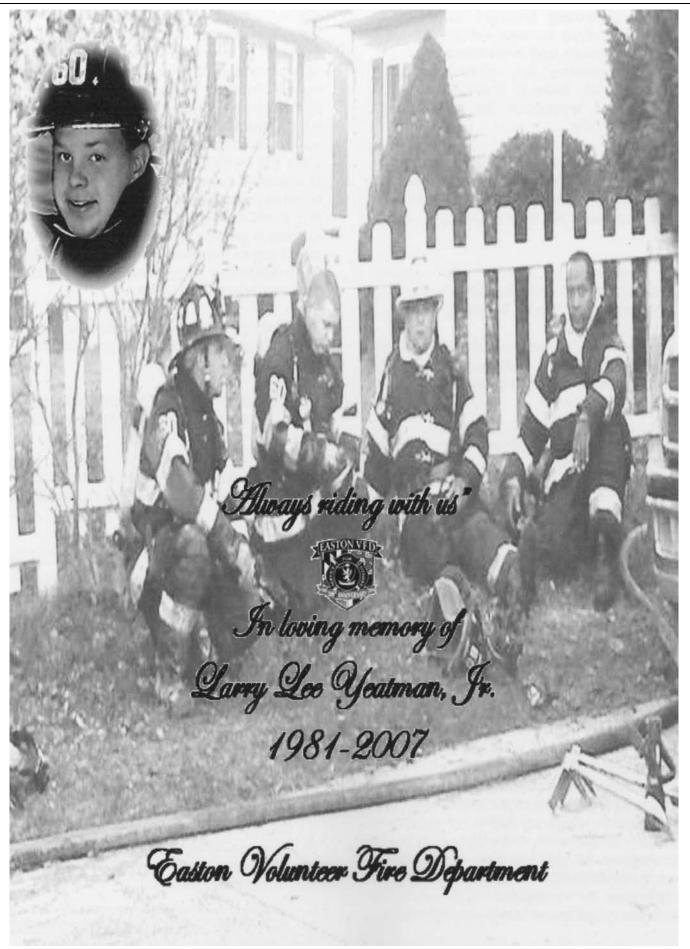
Last Action: Sep 27, 2007: Became Public Law No: 110-84.

Respectfully Submitted Eric N. Bernard, Chair C. Daniel Davis, Vice Chair

REPORT FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Terrence B. Sheridan, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your outgoing Presidents, Paul H. Sterling, Jr. and Rose Pandolfini. Your terms of office have been amazingly productive and your service is one the entire 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.

Unfortunately, 2007 brought us a significant increase in fire deaths, in particular during the first half of the year. During the first six months alone, fifty-



nine Marylanders died from fire only one short of the record low of sixty fire deaths recorded in all of 2006. With your help during the second half of 2007, the number of fire deaths decreased considerably. Still, at the end of 2007, ninety-three lives were lost to hostile fires, the highest number of fire deaths in a single year since 2001 and the

highest number of residential fire deaths in more than a decade.

The MSFA and its member departments continue to play a critical role making Maryland a safer place to live work and raise a family.

Iurge you to continue your fire prevention activities by advocating fire sprinklers in new home construction, the maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans in every home. These actions do have a positive impact on your communities. These efforts go a long way to reduce the risk of injury and death from fire. Even though the number of fire deaths in Maryland was much higher in 2007; the trend for 2008, has been positive with 15 fire deaths recorded in the first three months of 2008, one-half the number of 2007.

Although local initiatives mandating residential fire sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings have slowed somewhat in the past year; with your help, we continue to make progress. In Maryland today, over half of the municipalities require newly constructed one and two family dwellings to be equipped with residential fire sprinklers, either by their own local ordnance or by a county-wide requirement. If your community does not have residential fire sprinkler requirements, it is important for you to lead the way by urging your local elected officials to require these lifesaving devices.

The OSFM continues working in partnership with the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Chaired by Doug Alexander, the Committee continues to deliver workshops and presentations, educating communities and policy makers about the value of residential fire sprinkler protection. Together, we are continuing our work with national organizations, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, to see that residential fire sprinkler requirements are made part of future model building codes. As a reminder, the "Fire Safe Cigarette" legislation you worked with us so diligently to pass during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly becomes effective on July 1, 2008. House Bill 785/ Senate Bill 361 the "Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act" is one piece of legislation all of us can be very proud of. We truly believe this legislation, once fully implemented, will save lives of both citizens and firefighters.

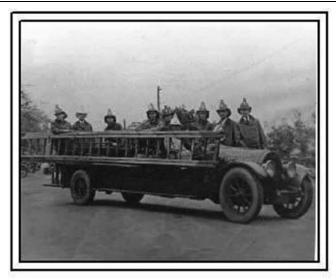
During the past year, the OSFM has undergone an extraordinary number of personnel changes, impacting operations of the entire Agency. Two areas significantly impacted were the OSFM Bomb Squad and OSFM Headquarters.

The Bomb Squad lost two critical staff members; one bomb technician and the administrative position. Both positions were eventually filled; but not without causing some service gaps.

The administrative staff in Headquarters suffered the loss of three key staff members. Deputy State Fire Marshal Faron Taylor our long-time Communications Director and Public Education Officer and Deputy State Fire Marshal Rick Kosko our Special Projects and Information Technology Specialist both retired from the Agency last summer. Deputy Chief Jack Wagner, the Assistant to the Chief Deputy, was promoted and reassigned as the Commander of the Upper Eastern Shore Regional Office. The critical responsibilities associated with these positions continue to be temporarily assigned to other staff members in our Regional Offices. Filling these administrative positions is vital to the continued success of the Agency.

Many of you have probably noticed a number of new faces responding to your calls for assistance from the OSFM. As I mentioned before, the staffing changes in the Agency are too numerous to mention. The services provided by the dedicated group of individuals who moved on will most definitely be missed. However, we have been fortunate to promote and bring on-board several staff members that are just as dedicated to providing superior services to your members and the citizens of Maryland.

As an example, John D. (Dennis) Gentzel was promoted to Chief Fire Protection Engineer replacing John F. Bender, who served the OSFM with distinction since 1971. Dennis has continued John's tradition of excellence and professionalism that our





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entire cadre of Fire Protection Engineers is known for and possesses the same degree of dedication.

Even with numerous staffing changes, our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at amazing levels. The felony closure rate for arson by our Deputy State Fire Marshal's continues to be 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. OSFM staff members continue to serve with distinction on many Technical Committees for Codes and Standards for the National Fire Protection Association and the International Code Council.

During 2007, the OSFM was called upon to perform nearly 1,200 initial fire and explosive investigations. Additionally, over 16,000 fire safety inspections were conducted. This level of performance is outstanding when you consider the staffing changes the Agency experienced during the past year.

Staffing issues also impacted the number of plan reviews completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2007, our Fire Protection Engineers conducted just over 2,100 of these highly technical plan reviews. Fortunately, we have filled our vacant Fire Protection Engineer position with another outstanding individual, Rick Arvin. Since Rick started we have made great progress in reducing plan review backlogs. 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.

During 2007, the OSFM for the first time was able to institute a statewide investigative reporting system by combining regional reporting onto a central server. This system now permits any Deputy State Fire Marshal to submit a supplemental report on any case statewide, irrespective of their assigned region.

The OSFM began the process of reporting regional activity on a monthly basis, with monthly reports being generated in a timely matter. The new reporting process gives an overview of Agency activity by region by and individual. The new reporting process allows anyone in the Agency to know the current status of a staff member's activity to include number of inspections, number of investigations, and case closure rate. This reporting process, which was instituted as part of StateStat, has given the Agency the ability to analyze productivity and service demands in order to allocate resources in a more effective manner.

Working in partnership with the MSFA, we anticipate even greater achievements in the months and years ahead. We look forward to working with your incoming Presidents Frank J. Underwood and Lois Hetz. We wish you both much success during your term of office!

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Vice President Underwood and Powell, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, and guess.

This year our committee has worked close together with M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, State Fire Marshall's Office and Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee.

We continue to support the Mid-Atlantic Fire and Safety Conference held in September and Life Safety Educator's Seminar held in the spring.

Peggy Webb, Emmons Horner, and Allen Ryan continue distribution of Visual Smoke Alarms for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

John Spiker, Jane Huffman and Tom Collins continue to work on Fire Prevention and Life Safety messages for placemats, posters, and billboards. Placemats are available upon request.

Theresa Ann Crisman, Audrey and Ed Thurston, Marie Warner-Crosson, and Cynthia Wright-Johnson are doing an outstanding job on the Risk-Watch Program. This program is set up for private or public schools. If anyone would like to know more about this program, they can contact anyone on our committee.

Miss Fire Prevention, Brittany Myers, and First Runnerup, Ashtin Jackson, have both had an outstanding year promoting fire prevention, and life safety activities. Congratulations for a job well done.



VFIS would like to thank the following agencies for partnering with us in support of Fire Prevention in the state of Maryland.

Weidey & Associates, Inc., Baltimore County Gosnell Insurance, Inc., Baltimore County Insurance Incorporated, Caroline County Crothers Insurance Agencies, Cecil County V.W. Brown Insurance Services, Howard County Reeves Insurance Agency, St. Mary's County Barnes-Bollinger Insurance Services, Carroll County

L&W Insurance, Kent County Pennoyer Insurance, Queen Annes County Landmark Insurance, Somerset County The Creelman Agency, Charles County



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Kristi Gable, and her sub-committee have worked hard this year up dating our current Miss Fire Prevention Program, and some new ideas that will be coming out this year.

Again, I would like to thank M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Prevention Committee, and William Barnard , State Fire Marshal for all your support and your attendance at all of our meetings.

I would like to thank all of the M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention Committee members for your support and hard work that you do in promoting fire prevention and life safety through out this year.

This year our Committee is asking for all companies voting in Ocean City to support our request to change our name from M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention Committee to M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee. This requires a by law change to be voted on in Ocean City.

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

REPORT OF THE MISS FIRE PREVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE

This has been a very busy and exciting year for the Miss Fire Prevention Sub-Committee. We have been working hard to re-energize the program and bring new opportunities. Following recommendations from President Sterling, the entire committee has worked hard to implement changes.

One of our biggest tasks this year has been to organize a Junior Miss MSFA Fire Prevention for the 2009 convention. The hope of the committee and leadership of the MSFA is that this contest will attract young ladies at an early age and keep them interested and involved in the fire service for years to come. Thank you to all who have contributed ideas and participated in our surveys of ideas. The Junior Miss MSFA program will officially be unveiled as part of the 2008 convention and all the details will be available on the MSFA website by July 1, 2008. We are very excited to offer young ladies around the state this incredible opportunity and hope to have a fantastic inaugural year.

Of course our primary task was to continue the

excellent tradition of the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention contest in 2008. This year we have worked on promoting the Miss Fire Prevention to new areas of the state and hope to see some counties participating for the first time. Our Miss Fire Prevention ambassadors, Brittany Myers and Ashtin Jackson, have worked very hard this year and we congratulate them on their success. We are positive that our excellent tradition of providing the MSFA with superior Miss Fire Prevention ambassadors will continue in 2008 and 2009.

A big thank you goes out to everyone across the state for continuing to support the Miss Fire Prevention program and we look forward to another great year.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristi Gable MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Chair

REPORT OF MISS FIRE PREVENTION

It is hard to believe that my journey as Miss Fire Prevention for the Maryland State Firemen's Association is quickly coming to an end. It has been a busy year balancing fire prevention, playing sports and being a senior honor roll student in high school, but I have enjoyed every minute.

When first crowned Little Miss Fire Prevention for Chesapeake City I would have never guessed I would be where I am today. I had aspired to become Miss MSFA and this past summer I was given the opportunity to spread my knowledge and learn more then I could have imagined. Through this great organization I have had countless opportunities to reach out and educate the community with my fire prevention knowledge. This past year has been filled with countless unforgettable experiences and I am grateful for the opportunity. So far I have had the opportunity to attend 58 events and travel over 3,000 miles and my calendar continues to fill for the final two months. I have visited numerous places across the great state of Maryland attending parades, banquets, open houses, meetings and seminars. I have enjoyed meeting all the wonderful people that are dedicated to serving the community and educating people of all ages in fire safety.

I would like to thank my parents and family for all the support they have given me while traveling across the state. Without them I would have not been



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successful in educating the community. I would also like to thank the officers of MSFA, LAMSFA and the various people around the state who have supported me and helped make my reign as Miss MSFA a success.

As I enter the final months as Miss Fire Prevention MSFA I hope to continue reaching out to the community. I wish all the future Miss Fire Preventions the best of luck as they set out to educate members of our community and save lives. Remember education equals prevention.

Brittany Myers MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

REPORT OF THE FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 116th 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.

Again this year we took the same approach as last year. We sent out all of the various awards contest rules in one mailing. This packet was sent to every Member Company of the MSFA 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 Sterling 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 2007 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor.

Enjoy your convention and <u>PLEASE NOMINATE</u> for this and all awards contests next year. Good Luck!

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee and Delegates to the 116th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. In preparation and anticipation of the 2008 Edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland, the Fire Laws Book Committee reviewed legislation passed doing the 2006 through 2008 legislative session in Annapolis and is preparing correspondence with the publisher regarding the content of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book based on new and amended legislation.

The committee will also be working on reviewing the content of the current edition to insure the 2008 edition will be accurate and complete. The committee invites all inquires and comments.

Respectfully Submitted; Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FIRE AND EMS CAREER TECH COMMITTEE

The High School Career Tech Committee continued to monitor the programs around the state and offer assistance when asked. The Committee looks for trends that may identify strengths and/or weaknesses in the various programs. We have a standing offer to assist any county that wants to start a program.

A problem that developed during the past couple of years and seems to be getting worse is the failure rate

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THE BALTIMORE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION PROUDLY SUPPORTS ITS ATTORNEY



FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMENS ASSOCIATION of the EMT classes. Many counties have a 50 percent or higher failure rate. We have not identified any common thread, but continue to discuss the problem with the various counties. Some counties, including Carroll have not experienced the problem and we are looking at their program as well as the counties that have a problem. We will continue to focus on this challenge during the coming year.

We traveled to Hampton Roads, Virginia, at the invitation of the Chief's Office. We met with the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief and the Training Captain with reference to their program and how it compares to the programs in Maryland. We were very impressed with their program, which runs three years and leads to an opportunity for employment with the Department. They questioned us reference the programs in Maryland and suggested we offer a seminar to other Departments in Virginia on the cadet programs.

The unique feature of the Maryland program, and one of the main strengths is the freedom the counties have to tailor their programs to work in the individual county environment to meet their needs

We will continue to monitor the programs throughout the state and we stand ready to assist in any way that we can. We encourage County representatives to communicate issues and challenges to us. It may be that we have seen the issue in another program somewhere in the state and can provide some guidance.

We also encourage all counties with programs to intensify their recruitment efforts. These programs are one of the best recruitment tools the volunteer fire and EMS service has. We believe recruitment is the key to a successful high school cadet program. The counties that invest time at this stage of the program and aggressively recruit have very successful programs.

We stand ready to advise and assist any county that wants to start a program.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Stevens, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MSFA HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES CONVENTION BOOK REPORT

The Historical & Archives Committee has been very busy. We started our year with a meeting at the newly renovated Volunteer Firefighter's Room at College Park. Thanks to our dedicated members of the committee, we were able to inventory, polish, and replace the items in the glass display cases, making additional space for the Maryland Firefighter's Memorial paraphernalia

The inventory continued at the storage facility with the committee documenting approximately 600 pieces of history. The list of inventoried items has been sent to Richard Snader for placement on the MSFA website.

This year we obtained an additional unit at the storage facility on Ft. Smallwood Road to store the MSFA records in addition to the MSFA history. Once again, thank you to those members who assisted in the transfer of items from the original unit.

At the request of President Sterling, the focal point of the committee this year was to capture the history of the Maryland fire service through the eyes of our veteran firefighters across the State. Thanks to Carlos Alfaro, we were able to begin this project. We have currently interviewed two of our seasoned firefighters; "Doc" Wilson of Gaithersburg – Washington Grove VFD and Joe Robison of Laurel VFD and have plans to interview J. West Thompson of Goodwill VFD. We hope to have these videos available for viewing at Convention.

Please visit the Historical & Archives booth at Convention, as we will have copies of inventoried historical photographs for purchase. Thank you to John Spiker for undertaking this task.

A brief meeting was held with members of the Heritage Hall Corporation Group on the progress of our committee and the hopes to eventually display a video history of the Maryland fire service in their museum spaces in Emmitsburg.

This year has been a challenging year, th family and health-wise, for many of our committee members, but they continued to be as supportive as possible despite their tribulations. As committee chairperson, I would like to thank all of my committee members

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for their support this year and I wish those members who have been "under the weather" prayers for a speedy recovery.

Respectfully, Hugh Owens Jr., Chairperson

REPORT OF THE HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE

Mr. President and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Honor Guard Committee met on Saturday, 17 November 2007, at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy. Members present were, Chairman Hawley, Vice Chairs DeHaven and Beard, committee member David Kline and President Sterling.

A short discussion on the 2007 Convention was held. For the most part all felt that things went well and the use of a combined Color Guard worked well for the Joint Memorial Service and the Opening Ceremonies. The seminar that was held on Tuesday also went very well.

Looking to the 2008 Convention, we discussed the suggestions sent to the committee by committee member Tyrone DeMent, who was unable to attend our meeting.

Suggestion #1, was to look into the possibility of changing the day and or time for the Honor Guard Demonstration. It was brought up that we had looked into this a year or two ago and due to the Main Hall being used, we could not do this. It was then brought up, to make the Tuesday seminar into a Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop. This would be a hands on workshop and each Honor Guard Team would, instead of drawing for what position they would perform, the teams would draw for what element they would have to perform. By moving to this type of workshop, we would be able to free up the Main Hall on Sunday, when the Honor Guard Demonstration would have been held. The Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop could be held in rooms 214 and 215 on Tuesday. President Sterling agreed this would be a good change for the Honor Guards. It was requested that the Chairman contact Mr. Pinoake Browning, to secure the rooms for this seminar as soon as this date. Chairman Hawley called Mr. Browning as soon as he arrived home from the committee meeting to request the room. We were aware that we would have to take our changes to the Convention Committee

and that the rooms requested were not available until the afternoon. The Chairman will discuss these with the proper personnel at the Executive Committee meeting in Ocean City to resolve any questions, or problems.

Suggestion #2, was to see if it would be possible to do a Flag Folding at the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening. After a short discussion on how best to do this, because the Memorial Service is very long. It was suggested to contact Chief Chaplain Long, to ask if it would be possible to do a flag folding during the Joint Memorial Service. A team of Honor Guard personnel, would be ready and just prior to the bagpipes playing Amazing Grace, would position themselves with the unfolded flag. At the start of the bagpipes playing, a spotlight would be turned on the team with the open flag. As Amazing Grace is played, the team would fold the flag and exit. This would not add to the time for the Joint Memorial Service. The Chairman will discuss this possibility with Chief Chaplain Long at the Executive Committee meeting in Ocean City. At the meeting of the Executive Committee in Ocean City in December, Chairman Hawley discussed the flag fold with Chief Chaplain Long, who approved of the flag fold as described.

Suggestion #3 was about holding some type of fund-raising activity to help support a "Combined" Honor Guard Team for the MSFA. President Sterling advised he would have to look into how and if this could be done. Nothing has been suggested as of this report.

For the past several years, this committee has worked toward a combined Color Guard Team for the MSFA. Part of that has been that, when a Color Guard has been requested and some Honor Guards are not able to send a full team, they are combined with others, to allow everyone to participate. Along these lines, we plan to have a form available at the workshop, to allow those interested in participating to fill out a information form. This is just a small step, toward the ultimate goal of a MSFA Combined Team. This team is not something that will happen overnight.

While discussing the possibility of a MSFA Combined Color Guard, President Sterling asked the committee to consider designing a flag for the MSFA that would be carried by this Color Guard. Several design ideas have been submitted and we will submit the ideas to the MSFA for selection.

MSFA PRESIDENT PAUL STERLING

CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

INCOMING MSFA PRESIDENT

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN THE

COMING YEAR

FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Vice Chairman DeHaven attended the Convention Steering Committee meeting on 23 January, to present our committee's plan for our changes for the 2008 Convention.

Vice Chairman DeHaven advised Chairman Hawley via a telephone call, that the presentation was well received by the Convention Steering Committee and that all aspects presented were acceptable to that committee.

For the 2008 Convention and Conference, the Honor Guard Committee will disband the Sunday afternoon Honor Guard Competition / Demonstration. In it's place the Honor Guard Committee will hold a Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop on Tuesday afternoon.

Vice Chairman DeHaven has sent out the flyer to show the Honor Guard Challenge and Workshop being held on Tuesday afternoon and a copy was forwarded to Chief Siarnicki to be included in the Convention and Conference packet.

Chairman Hawley will oversee Honor Guard personnel in providing escorts for the families at the Sunday evening Joint Memorial Service. Vice Chairman Beard will oversee the lining up of the Sea of Blue. Chairman Hawley will also oversee the Honor Guard personnel for the folding of the flag during Amazing Grace. As of the February meeting of the Executive Committee, the Harford County Honor Guard has offered to do the flag fold.

For the Opening Ceremony, Chairman Hawley will again assist Vice Chairman Beard with the line up of Honor Guard personnel to carry and Post the County Flags and make sure the personnel from the various Associations that will carry the U.S. and Maryland Colors / Flags are properly lined up. Vice Chairman Beard will make sure the above personnel move out at the proper time as in the past.

The Tuesday afternoon Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop will be under the direction of Vice Chairman De Haven, with the Honor Guard Committee assisting as needed.

The members of the Honor Guard Committee, felt that no other meetings of our committee would be needed prior to the Convention and Conference. Any business that would need our attention would be handles via a conference call to the members.

The Honor Guard Committee chairs and members, wish to thank President Sterling for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association during the 2007 – 2008 term.

Respectfully submitted, J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 116th 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 since our last report. Baltimore County recipients now receive \$260 a month, an increase of \$10. Caroline County recipients now receive \$135 a month, an increase of \$10. Carroll County had an increase of \$15 a month plus \$1 for each additional year of certified service over 25 years. Their basic monthly payment is now \$125 plus \$8 for each additional year. Their burial benefit increased \$1000 and is now \$5000. Cecil County increased their monthly payments \$10 to \$135 a month. This will become effective July 1, 2008. Montgomery County made major changes to their program. They now have a three-tier program. At age 50 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any age with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003, recipients will receive \$230 plus \$11.50 for each additional year of certified service. At age 60 with 15 years of service, the monthly payment is \$138 plus \$9.20 additional. At age 65 with 10 years of service, the monthly payment is \$92 a month plus \$9.20 additional. Their burial benefit was increased \$2,500 to \$5,000. Talbot County had a \$50 increase. Their basic monthly payment is now \$150. 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. The latest LOSAP Summary Chart follows.

<u> Tax Incentive Program (TIP)</u>

Since this convention report is due prior to the date the reports are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers



for Tax Year 2007 is unavailable. A total of 12,709 qualified in Tax Year 2006, an increase of 201 over 2005. Eight counties showed a decrease and 15 showed an increase in qualifying volunteers.

There has been a lot of confusion this year with the 36 months in the last 10 years. We have received many emails and calls that the Legislation had changed and that Administrative Release No. 29 now exempts members with 25 years of service from qualifying with the 36 months in the last 10 years. Nothing has changed in the legislation as far as gualifying. To qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2007 (that is a member must have a minimum of 50 points and that those points must be earned in at least two categories) and have at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member with 25 or more years of qualifying service need not to have been active in 2007; however, the member must still qualify with at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member who has served 25 years or more as an active volunteer does not receive the TIP based on this status alone. Copies of the Legislation and Administrative Release No. 29 are online.

A County brought to our attention that Maryland's new Social Security Number (SSN) Privacy Act became effective January 1, 2006. The Act prohibits, among other things, the public posting of an individual's SSN for public display. The Act is also directed at normally private actions that may become "public" through a breach of security. Transmitting an individual's SSN by mail, facsimile, or over the Internet is also prohibited. However, there are some exceptions to the Act, including the use of an individual's SSN if required by State or Federal law. The Legislation (law) requires that SSN's be furnished to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, along with other information. In 1995, when we were holding training sessions around the State, some said they would not furnish their SSN. Mr. Riley talked with the Comptroller's office and was told that to qualify the MSFA must have SSN as stated in the Legislation. The County would like to have something in writing from the Comptroller's office because some do not want to furnish numbers. The officers and legislative chair and co-chairs believe that as long as the Legislation requires SSN and the Act states there are exceptions, there is no need for something in writing. I talked to Mrs. Daniels; a supervisor in the Comptroller's Office who reaffirmed that in order to qualify the SSN must be furnished as stated in the Legislation.

If a member does not want to furnish SSN, then the subtraction cannot be taken.

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. I especially thank Stu Carter, a long-time member of this committee who has agreed to keep the committee's website current.

The committee would like to thank President Paul Sterling for our appointments and for his support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve the MSFA another year. We congratulate President Sterling on a very productive year. We wish him a successful convention and the incoming president, Frank Underwood, and officers a successful and productive year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Incentive Programs Committee

Patricia A. Bowser
Donald Lee Howard
Stuart W. Carter
Donald M. Phillips

County Point System Coordinators

Allegany	Cheri Llewellyn
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THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION SEND THEIR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO

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AND BEST WISHES TO INCOMING MSFA PRESIDENT FRANK UNDERWOOD AND TO ALL THE INCOMING MSFA AND LA-MSFA OFFICERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AHEAD WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT DOYLE COX For

MSFA 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

This year has been a very busy year for the Legislative Committee. The year started with a Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly. This session started on October 29, 2007 and concluded on November 19, 2007. There were 60 House Bills and 34 Senate Bills introduced during this Special Session. Of these the MSFA was watching seven. The main bills the MSFA was involved with was SB3/HB3 - Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminals. We were attempting to amended these bills to give 5% of the video lottery terminals income to the MSFA for disbursement to the 23 Counties and Baltimore City. We were not successful in this endeavor.

The 2008 Legislative session started on January 9 and concluded at midnight on April 7. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 1,625 House Bills, 5 House Joint Resolutions, 1,012 Senate Bills, and 5 Senate Joint Resolutions, for 2,647 Bills. Of these, 81 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The break down of these bills was:

> Support: 24 Oppose: 9 Monitor: 23 Local: 25

The number of opposed bills may seem low. Several bills that were originally opposed were later amended to support the Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services. Overall, of the 81 bills, being watched by the Association 31 passed and 50 failed. A complete listing of all the bills and their status is contained on the MSFA web page (www.msfa.org) under the legislative committee.

SB 150 – Bond bill - contained funding for the Northeast Regional Training Center and funding for the updates to the Maryland Fire , Rescue Fallen firefighters Memorial. Bill passed.

HB 131, HB 1263, and HB 255 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act – These bills were the "move over" legislation that the MSFA has been trying to pass for the past several years. Sadly to say all bills failed in committee. HB 1473 and SB 860 – Forest and Park Wardens - Responsibilities – These bills were amended to allow Forestry to respond to wild land fires when requested. Both passed.

HB 94 – Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland – Failed in House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 573 – Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers Property Tax Credit - Passed

HB 556 and SB 522 – EMS Board Membership – Bills would add a civilian State Police Helicopter Pilot and a member at large to the EMS Board. Both bills failed

SB 381 – Special Taxing Districts – Residential Property - Prohibition – Failed in Committee.

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

HB 1 – Environment – Brominated Flame Retardants – Decabrominated Diphenyl Either -Prohibition – Bill failed in Senate Committee.

SB 570 – EMS – Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program – Bill passed

HB 1622 – MSFA – Uses of Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund – Bill would allow the use of "left over" money from the old Emergency Assistance Fund to fund the MSFA's Appropriations and the Trustee's Fund. Bill would also allow the use of money from the MEMSOF to fund the MSFA Executive Director position. This bill was amended and failed in the closing hours of the General Assembly.

SB 801 – Transportation – Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund – Transport by Privately Owned Helicopter – Bill would allow up to \$150,000 to be used to pay privately owned helicopters for transports from "on the scene" emergency transports. Bill failed in House Committee.

The Committee especially thanks the following for their efforts on behalf of the MSFA: Senator Thomas

LOSAP SUMMARY

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

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* Effective 7-01-08

4/15/2008

Middleton, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator Larry Haines, Senator Barry Glassman, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, and Delegate Paul Stull. Thanks are extended to the Fire Caucus and the other Delegates and Senators who supported us throughout the year. Special thanks are extended to Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff, Deputy Secretary of State Brian Moe, and Bill Barnard for their support this year.

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

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 28th year of operation. During those 28 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 2008, the MICRB held its 135th meeting. As of that meeting, there were 673 Certified State Emergency Services Instructors, 256 Evaluators, and 18 Instructor Trainers. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Ocean City Convention Center, in conjunction with the MSFA Convention.

I have reviewed the actions of the Board during this past year, and list below some of the highlights of our activities:

- 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 the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and became effective in October 2007. Although available on line via the MICRB's website, the Board has agreed to print a limited number of hard copies for distribution to the sponsoring agencies.
- Work continues on refinement of the MICRB website. One may access a current list of certified State Emergency Services 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.
- 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.



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We regret that we can not attend the 2008 116th Annual Convention due to a scheduling conflict with our Global Field Summit meeting. In lieu of our absence we will be donating two (2) LIFEPAK 500 AED Trainers to the MSFA. The MSFA can utilize these training devices in any way you prefer.

Again, thank you to the MSFA members for their continued support.

Respectfully,

Brian Webster, President Physio-Control, Inc.

CC: Jim Springer Becky Michaelangelo Will Oldham Dave Jones Joe Bichler Bart Arnold Mark Temprine Dan Norquist George Buchanan Criteria for Continuing Education Programs was developed and finalized, and is being 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 MEMA FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP

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

It was my pleasure to again serve as chairperson of the MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group. The MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group along with representatives from MFRI, Maryland Fire Chiefs and the METRO Fire Chiefs of Maryland are responsible for coordinating the activities of the Emergency Services Function 4 (ESF4) Fire Console at the State Emergency Operations Center (MEMA) during partial or full activation. This may include Fire, as well as work specifically with hazardous materials, emergency medical services, and search and rescue operations.

During the past year, this group participated in many weather related, state-wide conference calls that included all Maryland state agencies, all 23 counties and Baltimore City Local Emergency Managers as well as the four National Weather Stations that cover the state(Sterling and Wakefield, Va., Mt. Holly, N.J. and Pittsburg, Pa.,). On several of these occasions multiple phone calls were handled.

The Fire Desk was also activated for exercises at Calvert Cliffs and Peach Bottom nuclear energy sites. Some of these events had on site evaluators from Federal agencies observing our operations. New this year, MEMA started conducting monthly exercises where we were able to participate from our home/work computer without having to travel to Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

I want to offer special thanks to Director John Droneburg, Deputy Director Russell Strickland and their outstanding staff for their courtesy and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely Dennis E. Beard, Chair

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

Greetings, to the officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association the following update on our activities during 2007 are offered for your review. Best wishes for an outstanding conference and convention.

2008 Memorial Weekend

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will take place on October 4-5 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year, 110 fallen firefighters will be honored and their names added to the plaques surrounding the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. This includes: 102 firefighters, 98 male and 4 female, who died in the line of duty in 2007 and eight who died in previous years. Twentynine states and the District of Columbia experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2007. 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, electrocution, falls, explosion, helicopter crashes, drowning and burns.

In 2007, six multiple fatality incidents accounted for 19 deaths. Four multiple fatality incidents occurred at structural fires; one was a tanker rollover, and the other was a propane explosion. Of the firefighters who died in the line-of-duty in 2007,56 were volunteer firefighters, 45 were career firefighters, and one was a contract pilot. Wildland fires, a helicopter crash and training/certification for wildland protection accounted for three fatalities. South Carolina suffered the Nation's greatest number of line-of-duty firefighter deaths in 2007, with ten. North Carolina



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and Pennsylvania each had eight firefighters die in the line of duty, and New York had seven.

Firefighter Fatality Facts

Since 1981, New York State has suffered the highest number of line-of-duty fire deaths. New York has lost 665 firefighters, including those who died in the World Trade Center. Pennsylvania has had 246 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 3,257 firefighters have died in the line of duty from 1981-2007. On average in 2007, one firefighter died in the line of duty every 86 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 6,710 inscribed bricks and 16 logo bricks.

In November, a statue honoring the firefighters who died in the World Trade Center in 2001, "To Lift A Nation," was added to the Park. The sculpture captures the image of the photo taken by Bergen Record photographer Thomas E. Franklin. Three bronze firefighters, standing three times lifesize raise the American flag in honor of all of the firefighters lost at ground zero and as a symbol of hope to those left behind.

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 1981-2006. All 50 States, the District of Columbia, 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.

Oak display cabinets have been added to the foyer of the Chapel and inside the sanctuary

One shelving unit was filled with historical items by the Daughters of Charity. Built-in bench seating overlooking the Park and the Memorial provides a place for visitors to rest.

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 Firemen'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 be added to the plaza surrounding the new 9/11 statue.

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

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and departments of fallen firefighter, and training and resources for senior fire service officers for line-of-duty deaths. The 2007 *Taking Care of Our Own* training classes reached 633 senior fire service officers in 36 states. The Chief-to-Chief Network was expanded. Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) to assist departments and family members when a lineof-duty death occurs were established and trained for 44 states. One of LAST's primary objectives is to help with the filing of paperwork for Federal, state and local benefits. In 2007, LAST responses were coordinated for 76 departments and families of fallen firefighters in 28 states and the District of Columbia.

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. In 2007, the second National Firefighter Life Safety Summit in Novato, CA, and a mini-summit on "Prevention" in Washington, DC were held. Advocates in 44 states to promote the program across the country were recruited. "White Papers" on each of the 16 Initiatives were prepared. Volume 2 of the Firefighter Life Safety Resource was developed and distributed to 30,000 fire departments nationwide. A college curriculum was produced through a partnership with Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education. The Courage to Be Safe program was delivered in 24 states with more than 2,000 attendees. The combined "Courage to Be Safe/ Taking Care of Our Own" course was delivered five times in three different states

A cross country "Whistle Stop Tour" designed to promote the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives and fire prevention was conducted. The tour bus displayed the 3,147 names of fallen firefighters honored at the National Memorial. The Tour stopped at 20 cities and attracted an audience of thousands.

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 2007, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 75 spouses, children,andstepchildrenfrom26states.Partnerships with Motorola Foundation, NASFM, MasterGuard, ICMA and American LaFrance provided \$191,650 in scholarships. A financial management program for spouses of FDNY 9-11 firefighters continued.

The second annual Fire Service Survivors Conference was held in Washington, DC. Attendees participated in workshops on the Fire Service Survivors Network, communication, relationships, 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.

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 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL DELEGATES 2007-2008

At the request of Executive Committee Chair Jim Seavey, President Sterling designated PP Lee Sachs as the Maryland Delegate and Chairman Seavey as the Alternate to the NVFC this year, thus reversing the roles the two of them had held over the two preceding years. As a matter of fact, the two of us have worked as a team from the inception, and continue to do so.

The NVFC, just after our 2007 Convention, in conjunction with the US Fire Administration, released an in-depth guide on two of the biggest challenges facing the volunteer fire and emergency service – retention and recruitment. Called Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services: Challenges and Solutions (Second Edition)", the document gives significant guidance to all of us on those very prominent topics. It can be downloaded

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Also, together with Spartan Motors, the NVFC created the National Junior Firefighter Program, allowing young people the opportunity to learn about their local fire, rescue and EMS organizations in a safe, controlled, educational and fun environment. It also provides an invaluable recruitment pipeline to departments, and positive social interaction for youth within the program and the community. In the late winter NVFC announced ten \$5,000 scholarships to junior firefighters nationwide who demonstrate commitment and dedication to their local programs; the home Company of each winner will also receive a substantial cash grant.

Other important NVFC initiatives during the year:

- Met several times with IAFC people to discuss areas of possible collaboration.
- Took a number of different actions to effect improvement in the handling of Hometown Heroes' Act claims by the Bureau of Justice Administration, and significantly contributed to changes mandated by President Bush resulting in much more favorable treatment, as intended by Congress, and many successful applications.
- Participated in a digital radio best practices meeting.
- Ran Healthy Firefighters booths at our Convention as well as at the Firehouse Expo, and continue to do so all around the country.
- Moved their offices to a new location in the Greenbelt area, which, in addition to the cost savings that generated, put them much closer to us, and put us in a position to respond quickly to their requests, which are not infrequent, for Board members for testimony and other shortnotice needs.
- Restructured its legislative priorities to move, to first place, the advocacy of an appropriate level of continued funding of the Fire Act and SAFER Grant programs.
- Strengthened its recognition of EMS issues as an integral aspect of the needs of the volunteer fire service; added an EMS-specific representative to its Board of Directors and pledged to negotiate relationships with one or more national EMS-focused organizations.
- Endorsed a national move-over policy and encouraged all states to adopt legislation implementing it.
- Worked tirelessly, along with other national organizations, to create and pursue support

among U.S. Senators to the passage of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act, which is now law.

• Continued to promote and expand its Heart Healthy and Fire Corps programs.

Your NVFC reps have accomplished the following:

- 1. Worked with Secretary King to send letters to a dozen or so legislators urging their help in getting the Bureau of Justice Assistance, an arm of the federal Department of Justice, to expedite the handling of claims under the Hometown Heroes amendment to the PSOBA. As previously reported, the record of the Bureau in its handling of those claims was appalling.
- 2. Assisted the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in working with claimant families to try to accelerate the handling of their Hometown Heroes claims; two of the six cases we handled were approved, and two more appear to be on the track for success.
- 3. Received, reviewed and commented on a report issued by the National Academy of Public Administrators on the Fire Grant Program. The Report says that FEMA should direct its attention and money to prepare for large-scale disaster events, rather than helping communities prepare for response to non-major local events, even if terrorism related. That doesn't make sense, and the NVFC agreed with our commentary and is advocating our position in its work on that matter together with other national fire service organizations.
- 4. Arranged via NVFC to host Japanese and Swedish firefighters during their upcoming visit to meet with USFA Administrator Cade.
- 5. Attended the Fall Board Meeting, in Rhode Island, at which we actively contributed to the work of the Advocacy Committee (Mr. Seavey) and the Finance Committee (Mr. Sachs) as well as the proceedings of the Board, having made several Motions, which were passed, relating to issues important to the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS service in Maryland and nationwide.
- 6. Attended (Mr. Seavey) the Spring Board Meeting, in D.C., and participated in the various Committee and Board deliberations, the specifics of which will have been reported to the MSFA Executive Committee.









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Maryland has a very prominent place in the Board of Directors of the NVFC. We are recognized, respected and encouraged to continue our input which, along with the other leading advocates on the Board, has helped to advance the NVFC to a new level of accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted Lee N. Sachs James P. Seavey, Sr.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF ADVISORS TO THE MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE

President Paul Sterling, Elected and Appointed Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) – Greetings on the occasion of our great Association's 115th Annual Convention. This has been a quiet but eventful year, both for the Institute and for the Board. To Director Steve Edwards and the Institute, we say "Great job – good and faithful servant".

During the 2006-2007 academic year the MFRI Board of Advisors decided to meet twice a year instead of the old schedule of four times a year. This year the Board of Advisors met in June of 2007, just the week before the Convention and during December - our annual meeting with Dr. Mote. Since I am predominately an EMS Provider, I will address the EMS issues at MFRI. During the Board's December meeting, we were honored to have Dr. Mote as our quest. He addressed the Board by expressing his admiration for MFRI and the Board and by expressing his confidence in the work being accomplished by Director Edwards and his staff. MFRI. Board Chair Bob Cumberland responded with his concurrence with Dr. Mote's remarks concerning MFRI.

EMS Officer's Course:

Director Edwards recently announced that work on the EMS Officers' Course has begun again in earnest with the hiring of a new Curriculum Development Person, whose first job will be to develop the new class. A new text book has been located (no textbook was one of the existing problems) and is being reviewed for use. I understand the new text requires some editing. Director. Edwards noted that the new class should be rolled out during the fallwinter of 2008-2009. We eagerly await its arrival.

MFRI Participates in the MD EMS Summit:

MFRI was an active participant in the EMS Operations, EMS Educator and EMS Medical Director Summit hosted by MIEMSS on January 23, 2008 at the Howard County Training Center.

For the past thirty-eight (38) years MIEMSS and MFRI have always partnered curriculum development for our state's EMS Providers. In 1970, when the first EMT-A classes were taught, the curriculum used was a joint production of MFRI and MIEMSS, utilizing the American Academy of Surgeons text. The first offering was sixty (60) hours in length and as instructors we were required to use local doctors for the classes including instruction in Anatomy and Physiology. The classes were updated in 1973-1974 to seventy-two (72) hours and the requirement for the local doctors was dropped. The next major re-write of the EMT classes occurred in the mid 1980s as a group of instructors spent a winter at MFRI again rewriting the EMT class. That development included representatives of MFRI, MIEMSS, EMS Committee of MSFA and the Maryland Ambulance Association. That development concluded in a class of 100 hours duration. The last major re-write of an EMT class occurred in 1995, when a group of instructors again met and developed the new DOT mandated EMT-B curriculum. The new class called "The EMT-B" deleted most of the Anatomy, Physiology, some Terminology and Pathophysiology – which was one of the biggest mistakes ever made in this State. Again within the next two years, a group of instructors will again assemble under the guidance of both MFRI and MIEMSS to develop a new curriculum entitled EMT for the use of our states new EMS basic providers. Now you say - "Why the history lesson?" The history lesson is provide a written history of the development of our state's basis EMS program and to show once and for all that the EMS program is a product of both MFRI and MIEMSS. MFRI has usually taken the lead, but the curriculum has always been jointly developed. In this state we have a unique system of Curriculum/Test development. MFRI is by far the largest provider of EMT classes and MIEMSS is basically the testing arm of the state.

EMT Refresher (12 hours of Didactic Education) GOES ON LINE:

During the April 2008 meeting of the EMS Committee, Wayne Coburn announced that MFRI has entered into a contract that will allow EMS BLS providers to take the 12 hours of didactics of the 24 hour EMT





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Refresher course on line. The program will have a time limit for completion and each person will be given a specific entry number into the educational system - matching the number will be a specific set of quiz questions to be answered. Each set of quiz questions will be different and will be drawn from a pool of 1000 questions. The 12 hours of didactics when completed and passed, added to a 12 hour skills class will allow providers to meet the requirements for a 24 hour Refresher Program. The new class is expected to be pilot tested this fall with full implementation to follow. The new class will follow the EVOC and HazMat class format.

Respectfully submitted: Charles W. Wills

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTS VEHICLE COMMITTEE

The Presidents Vehicle Committee had a very busy year. After presenting the new car at Convention, the old car was sold. There were several problems with the car and a lengthy process took place to get them worked out. Due to these issues, a new set of procedures and polices were adopted for the care and feeding of the fleet. These were finalized by the Executive Committee, and are now in force. We didn't purchase a new car for the 08-09 year, but did reduce the fleet to 3 cars. The 4th car was sold at the April meeting in Solomon's Island. The Committee wishes to thank the Presidents and the Executive Committee for their help and guidance this year. This will be my last year as Chairman, and I wish the new committee "Good Luck."

For the Committee, David C. "Rusty" Leftwich, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Public Information Committee has met several times this past year, in an effort help President Paul Sterling with his goal of trying to make the member companies and the public aware of the things that the Maryland State Firemen's Association does for them. The Committee determined that using a video format may help get the word out to departments throughout the State in a way that would allow members to take their own time at their own stations to watch and learn. Working with Committee member Jim Collins, we were able to secure the use of the audio-visual studio at the Laurel Municipal Center. This professional studio set-up has allowed us to plan and produce two tapes thus far, with plans for at least two more in the can by Convention. These will be available for viewing at Ocean City, and later distributed on a State-wide basis. The team that operates the studio has been superlative in assisting us, teaching us how to use the equipment and mostly doing much of the studio work for us. Their professionalism and skill have been the key to getting the work done in a very short time.

The Committee will also be getting press releases out to the newspapers and news outlets throughout the State highlighting the upcoming Convention. As in the past, the information Table will be manned during the Convention at the entrance to the Convention Center, helping attendees to find out what is going on and where Convention activities are being held.

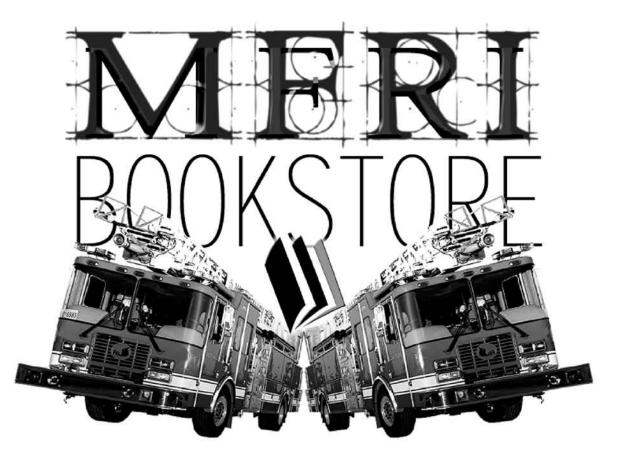
We would like to thank President Sterling for working with us throughout the year, helping provide guidance and assisting in the taping. Thanks to all the officers for their input throughout the year. We appreciate the opportunity to help in Association in any way.

Respectfully submitted, A. Michael Kelley, Chairman James Collins Ronald E. Watkins Doug Watson

REPORT OF THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

The Recruitment and Retention Committee has been working on several projects for this year. The 1-800-FIRE-LINE is once again being review. We are looking at possible bill boards and other advertisements to try to secure applicants. Additionally, we are looking at new answering systems and other possible marketing.

We are also going to start working on update the manual that was created with new and pertinent information. That Recruitment and Retention Manual can be accessed on the MSFA web site and contains valuable information and suggestions. Items such as information on benefits, retention and recruitment hints will be provided. PROVIDING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY THE LATEST IN FIRE AND RESCUE TEXT BOOKS, STUDY GUIDES, MANUALS, VIDEOS, AND OTHER LEARNING AIDS AND REFERENCES.



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We will be promoting a web-based, software program (www.salesforce.com) system that can be utilized to assist departments in tracking, not only their new members, but by providing documented information on their training process, other member date and would serve as a communications system for members. Committee Member Gam Wijetunge of the Wheaton VRS, will be presenting this program at the MSFA June Conference and Convention. John Denver will be giving a report on a unique and proven test to help identify applicants interest and capabilities. This test is self-applied, not time consuming, inexpensive and with proven results

Thanks to members Bill Wagner, John Denver, Jim Brown, Eric Bernard, A, Mike Kelley, Brendan Burke, David Lewis, Gamunu Wijetunge, David and Marcia Garnice for the help.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcine D. Goodloe, Chair

REPORT OF THE RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER COMMITTEE

The Residential Sprinkler Committee continued to work throughout the year in educating the citizens and fire service of Maryland on the virtues of residential sprinklers. There are currently requirements for residential sprinklers in all new homes in six counties, and 79 of 157 municipalities in the state. One additional county has adopted a requirement for residential sprinklers in new homes in the areas covered by water systems. There are several areas within the state that are working toward requirements for residential sprinklers in new one and two family homes. These efforts are ongoing by the local fire service in these areas. Our committee is providing support whenever asked or invited to assist.

We wish to thank our partners in this effort, the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office, Maryland Fire Chief's Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, and the many county fire service associations that have assisted around the state with our mission.

One important accomplishment this year was the adoption of a Position Paper on Residential Sprinklers by the MSFA. This clearly defines our feelings on residential sprinklers and how important we feel that they are to the safety of our citizens and firefighters. We appreciate the support of the officers and Executive Committee of the MSFA for their support, and recognition of the importance of this life saving concept.

Our committee suffered the loss of Ron Graf during this year. Ron was a true believer in residential sprinklers. His solid support and hard work showed just how important he thought residential sprinklers were. We will miss his presence.

Our committee was able to stay well within the budget confines again this year. We realize that out treasury is not in as good a shape as we would wish, so we have attempted to find funds from other areas to support our efforts. So far, we have kept within our means.

In conclusion, some of our committee members have been working very hard for three years now and would like a break. We would certainly welcome any folks willing to learn the program and prepare themselves to attend meetings and hearings around the state. We have much work left to do. We are determined to continue our efforts.

We will be successful. Respectfully Submitted, Doug Alexander, Chair

REPORT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In the past year, the Risk Management Committee has provided input on several projects and guidance and information as needed by the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

At the request of the Office of the Treasurer, the Risk Management Committee assisted in a review of the insurance program, insurance invoices, and property coverage requirements. As a result of this request, a review is being conducted of the coverage required for the leased building at 17 State Circle.

The committee provided several companies information regarding various insurance related questions and coverage for junior memberships. In cooperation with the Office of the Attorney and Office of the Treasurer, the Risk Management Committee reviewed a potential membership insurance plan. The plan information was presented to the Executive

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Committee at the April meeting and is being developed for presentation at the June convention.

The Risk Management Committee would like to thank President Sterling for the opportunity to serve our membership.

Sincerely, Clarence E. (Chip) Jewell, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RISK WATCH SUB-COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates and Guest to the 116th Annual Convention to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. This past year the Risk Watch Sub-Committee has been very hard at work continuing the message of Risk Watch and the eight areas of injury prevention to ensure that children are kept safe from unintentional injuries. The committee has worked with and helped re-establish many Risk Watch Communities through out the state. This committee cannot thank enough the MSFA Presidents and the Executive Board in supporting this most worthy cause of ensuring that the Residents and Citizens of the State of Maryland be afforded this great opportunity that of Risk Watch.

In 2007, the Maryland RISK WATCH team had displays or informational handouts at: October Pyramid EMS conference in Solomons, October ENA Barbara Proctor conference in Laurel, September PRMC Trauma Conference in Ocean City, September MidAtlantic Life Safety Conference in Howard County, June MSFA Fire Convention in Ocean City, April EMS Care / ENA by the Bay 2007 joint conference at MITGAS, March Public Education and Life Safety conference at MFRI, March Miltenberger Trauma & EMS Conference at Rocky Gap, and January Winterfest EMS Conference on Tilghman. An estimated 4000 professionals were spoken to, provided materials or participated in a workshop that included Risk Watch materials during 2007. An unknown number of participants say the displays and visited the website to down load information.

Maryland RISK WATCH plans for 2008 include active participation in the March 8 2008 – Public Education & Life Safety Conference, September 23, 2008 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference; four Safe Kids Maryland quarterly meetings, and ongoing collaboration with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee. NFPA at the national level continues to work on the development of an interactive website for children with disabilities. The first meeting was February 14-16th in California – beta testing is schedule for late 2007. They are very interested in Maryland's program with Special Education Centers.

The national Public Education division of NFPA will focus on Ready for Risk Watch in 2008 and integrate Risk Watch trainings into their World Congress.

March was POISON PREVENTION Week (March 16-22, 2008) with Poison safety training's in Sliver Spring for both Maryland and DC Risk Watch and Safe Kids coalitions by the Maryland and DC Poison Centers. Maryland Poison Center presented "Growth & Development – how children get into things" lecture at the Safe Kids meeting on March 4th – materials from this presentation were available at the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee meeting on March 30th.

April included National Playground Safety Week (April 21-25, 2008 with information at www. playgroundsafety.org) and National Safe Kids Week (April 26- May 4, 2008 with information at www. safekids.org).

May will included a joint EMS for Children and American Trauma Society awareness campaign -Plan A-Head: Prevention and Detection of Mild TBI in Children. Campaign materials should be posted soon at www.amtrauma.org.

June – Risk Watch Injury Prevention and Risk Watch Preparing for Disasters interactive display will be at the MSFA Convention with educational materials for families and children. A brief description of Risk Watch and resources will again be presented to the contestant in the Fire Prevention Ambassadors workshop on Sunday.

The national Public Education division of NFPA will focus on Ready for Risk Watch in 2008 and integrate Risk Watch training into their World Congress. The NFPA Educator of the Year nominations should be returned to NFPA by the end of April 2008 (they extended their deadline)

There are 11 communities working with Risk Watch materials at this time:

CarrollCounty:RiskWatchInjuryPreventionatWinfield Elementary School and starting at Linton Springs ES



Doug Alexander

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Cecil County continues to work on identifying a pilot school or after school program

Cecil County Emergency Services joined the Risk Watch Team in February 2008 – NEW Community

Frederick County has resource for interested after school programs

Howard County has an After School Program with the Department of Park & Recreation

Johns Hopkins Children's Center – Pediatric ED & Child Life use Risk Watch with families on safety education

Montgomery County Fire & Rescue: public, private and home schools; library programs; Risk Watch Recess; Child Care Centers; programs in hospitals. Each library & fire station has the curriculum.

Prince George's Special Education Centers – 4 schools (1 new school in 2008)

Prince George's County Fire Association has a full Risk Watch & Risky Business Kit available

Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department has expanded their program with Day Care programs and continuing "Risk Watch Friday" in after school programs

Rock Hall VFD is interested in restarting Risk Watch activities this spring (had a summer camp program in the early 2000's)

Calvert County has an after school program looking into incorporating Risk Watch with

St. Leonard VFD this spring and expanding in the fall. – NEW Community.

Curriculum and Risky Business Boxes will be made available to new communities as new coalitions are developed. The training kit for new communities remains available through the MIEMSS EMS for Children and Region V office partnership.

Again the committee wishes to thank everyone that has taken part in Risk Watch this past year. This committee is here to serve the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. There are several people that at this time I wish to thank. First off I would like to thank two very special people, Cyndy Wright-Johnson and Marie Warner Crossen of MIEMSS for their untiring support toward Risk Watch. If it were not for Cyndy and Marie this committee would not be what it is today. The support shown is never tiring, they are constantly working toward the message of Risk Watch and ensuring that the children of this state are always safe. I would feel remised if I did not thank Mr. Robert Collins and Mr. Tom Collins for supporting this program and for allowing me to work towards the messages of Risk Watch. These are the two finest gentlemen anyone can find. Their support towards fire prevention for this state is top notch.

Again I wish to thank President Sterling for allowing myself and the committee to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention – Risk Watch Sub-Committee.

Respectfully submitted Teresa A Crisman, Chair MD Risk Watch Champion Management Team Cyndy Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS EMS for Children Program

REPORT OF THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

The Rural Water Supply Committee has had a very successful year. We have assisted with two drills and two seminars in the state including a very well attended seminar at last year's convention. Drills were held in Winfield, Carroll County in the Fall of 2007, and in Baden in Prince George's County in the Spring of 2008. Both of these drills were well attended and many tried and true concepts were practiced as well as many innovative concepts tested. We have received many compliments, and many ideas and suggestions for future drills.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances out of our control, there will be no interactive seminar at the convention this year. Due to unspecified concerns of the convention center staff, we were asked not to hold our seminar at the convention center this year. We hope to get the concerns worked out, whatever they may be, so that we can provide you with another interactive seminar on site in 2009.

Our committee has remained pretty much the same for the past several years. We certainly would like to get interested folks to take an active role in the committee to give some others a break. If you just

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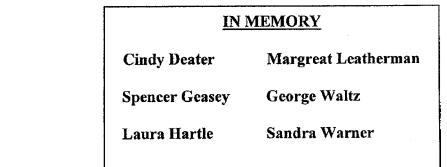
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wish to say you are on the committee, save your effort as we have no room for namesakes only. But if you wish to get out and participate in planning, setting up, and conducting training exercises and drills, please contact the president and ask to be placed on this committee.

We especially want to recognize and thank Vice Chair Greg Dods, Mark Davis, and Buddy Sutton for their enthusiastic participation again this year. We also wish to thank the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department, the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, and the Baden Volunteer Fire Company for their assistance and efforts in holding the drills this year. These companies did an outstanding job as hosts for the exercises.

> Respectfully Submitted, Doug Alexander, Chair

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Safety Committee continues to serve the State of Maryland through our membership. We would like to congratulate the Officers and members for another successful year, under the direction of MSFA President Sterling.

We want to pause for a moment and pay tribute to our, your Past MSFA Safety Committee Vice-Chairman Jack Gouty, who was taken from us by the good Lord to do his work up above. Jack was a dedicated part of our group, our family who served you proud, during monthly meetings and working to place apparatus, during set-up at your regularly scheduled convention each year. Jack wore many hats, in many organizations through out our great Sate of Maryland, we all knew the real reason for the hats though, his shinny head that reflected the sun at times. He was a very bubbly, entertaining, fast moving individual, with a sort of gruff like voice but we loved that aspect of him. He was definitely part of our prestigious committee from, the late 1990's till 2008. Jack served as Vice Chairman to the Safety Committee from 2003 thru 2007. He will surly be missed by all who knew him, and enjoyed working with him.

As Chairman, I would like to thank the Members of our Safety Committee once again for their dedication and individual commitment, in traveling every third Sunday of the month to attend our regularly scheduled meetings throughout Maryland at member's fire companies. Committee members drive hundreds of miles and spend countless hours of their own time and money to attend, and support your Safety Committee each month. This type of support is why our committee is considered one of the most visible and moving with our Association. Thanks are also in order for our Committee Liaisons who support your Safety Committee at our meetings regularly, Dan & Bobbi Stevens, Training, Hugh Owens Maryland Fire Chief's.

You're Safety Committee held regularly scheduled meetings on every third Sunday of the month through out the State of Maryland at various members' fire companies, except for the months, of December and January. This years continuing concern was the over whelming headaches over NFPA 1403, how to proceed with live burn evolutions for fire companies, around the State. Safety Committee and Training Committees were dealt the task by your Executive Committee to come up with a simplified set of guide lines to follow for all fire company's wishing to hold live burn evolution for their home fire company's. To the combined efforts of those individuals, on both the safety and training committees a big thanks from all of us for the work that went into this live burn quide. We hope to present this work book to all fire companies at our convention this June at Ocean City. Incidents with Scene Safety is still a big concern for all of us, so this year the Safety Committee will be sporting our ansi type 4 safety high visibility vest that we purchased for each of our members to wear while on an emergency incident for our own personal safety. Now that the law is about to take effect be sure that vests are big enough to go over turnout gear, and that all riding positions has a vest available. Shop around for the best pricing; be sure they qualify as Ansi type 4 with zipper down the front, or type 5, fully Velcro, all points vest. A tri-fold issue will be given out to inform everyone of safety issues that have been presented to us over this past year, to educate all of our fire department family in safety concerns, wellness, physicals, etc. that effect us in the way we live, work, and play.

Your MSFA Safety Committee is promoting The Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award, presented to a safety conches individual, submitted by a Fire Chief or President of a Maryland fire company. Yearly there are so many deserving individuals through out our State that deserved to be recognized up on stage, the only draw back is their name isn't submitted by you.



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Your Safety Committee is ready for our usual role during this years Convention, assisting the Convention Committee in many areas; Sunday equipment staging and set-up, assisting with all those safety issues during the convention. Supporting all other activities like the picnic, beach party, pajama parade, basket bingo, and the Presidents Parade on Wednesday to ensure the safety and welfare of all involved, along the parade route.

Seminars; Safety Committee stile, to learn, to enjoy, to marvel at. We have set up three educational seminars this year to provide you with proven facts and past history of safety issues that may impact you as well as your company. Sunday; Watch Out Behind You!!!! Monday; Windshield Size-Up!!!! Tuesday; Ambulance Crash Survivability!!!! Our first of two speakers will be Mr. Allen W. Baldwin, Manager of Operations and Incident Response Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Our second speaker will be Nadine Levick, she will do her presentation on Tuesday afternoon. We hope that everyone will attend our special seminar presentations this year; they should and will all be a reel HOOT. We would like you to stop by our booth and say hi to all our committee members, during your visit in the Convention Center. Our friends from Delmarva power safety division will have their electric demo on hands for your viewing.

Our fire department family and friends need to remember to think safety while attending our 2008 MSFA Convention. Think safety, when on the beach, think safety, when crossing the street, think safety, when driving the streets, think safety, don't drink and drive, think safety so we can enjoy one another's company and go home alive. Thanks to a wonderful bunch of individuals, whom I've had the distinct pleasure to know and learn from as your Chairman, we are the ones who think safety.

Respectfully Submitted, Hobart "Hoby" B. Howell Jr., Chairman

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Maryland State Fireman's Association Scholarship Committee continued this year with supporting as many students as possible. The committee with the assistance of funding from Delmarva Power, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Josephine Heimer, Bill Olsen, and several Past Presidents of the MSFA supported 9 students for the '07-'08 school year. The total amount awarded this past year was in the amount of \$26,000.00

This brings the total to 143 students that have been supported over the years by the scholarship committee. All of which are members of the Maryland Fire Service. This is an outstanding dedication of not only our partners, but the MSFA Scholarship Committee and the MSFA.

This year has brought about a small change to the scholarship committee with the creation of the MSFA Foundation. The scholarship funds are now administered by the foundation. This change however has brought forward a welcoming ability to enlist more corporate sponsorships since we are now able to show our 501C-3 tax status. This will be a new challenge and goal for the up coming year.

The committee is also proud to announce that last years the MSFA golf tournament raised funds for support of a student. The committee will be selecting one of our 12 applicants for support by the MSFA golf tournament funds at our annual meeting in May for the upcoming '08-'09 school year.

Finally, I wish to thank President Sterling, 1st Vice President Underwood and 2nd Vice President Powell for allowing me to serve again as the chair of this committee. I also would like to thank each and every member of the committee for your outstanding dedication and hard work this past year.

Respectfully submitted: G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS/NFPA COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guest of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference meeting. It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as the Chairman of this CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT PAUL STERLING JR. FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

BEST WISHES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR TO INCOMING PRESIDENT FRANK UNDERWOOD AND ALL THE OFFICERS OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



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This year we have reviewed all changes presented to the NFPA/Standards Committee at their annual meetings. One of the most important issues this year has been the use of seat belts and the helmet use in the cab of the engine. All members are encouraged to wear their seatbelts at all times while on the equipment. Also it is recommendation that no one wear their helmets in new fire trucks that are manufacture with the new safety seats. Fire helmets are not designed for crash protection and they will interfere with the protection provided by the head rest. REMEMBER you must still wear your helmet in the present equipment at all times.

This past year we inspected one new fire department for membership. The Lloyds Volunteer Fire Company from Dorchester County. They had previously been a member and dropped out. Now we are happy to report they are back. The have meet all of the standards required by the MSFA Standards and we forwarded their application to the Executive Board with out approval for membership. I would like to thank the 8 members of the committee who came over to the eastern shore to do the inspection on a short notice.

I have fielded several questions from various parts of the state. Remember that the MSFA Standards are the minium standards required. Your county may have additional standards but to belong to the State Association, you have to meet the MSFA Standards Part of the By-lays which can be found in the MSFA Procedure book issued each year. We are watching some technical changes to the fire fighting standards which will be voted on this year. As soon as they are pasted we will alert the membership of the changes. At any time please feel free to call me on any standard question that you might have. I will be glad to work with any County Association or company for up dates. This is your committee here to serve you.

I would like to thank all of the members of the committee for your participation and cooperation this year. I would also like to thank the office of the secretary for assisting us in acquiring the application for the new fire company.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Huttenloch, Chairman

REPORT OF THE STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For the last several years, the State Interoperability Executive Committee has been meeting review communications interoperability needs and concerns. This committee was also tasked with coordinating the PSIC Grant and coordinating the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the statewide 700mhz radio system.

President Sterling requested the MSFA be included in the committee to represent the volunteer fire service and member companies. It has been my honor and pleasure to participate on behalf of the MSFA.

By late spring of 2008, it is anticipated the RFP for the statewide system will be released. This system is intended to provide an opportunity for all counties to participate at a local level and dramatically improve interoperability throughout the State of Maryland. The system design will provide for at least a basic level of in building portable coverage in most areas.

This radio system provides a unique opportunity to improve communications between local jurisdictions, state agencies and local jurisdictions and, to some degree, interstate communications potential. This important state initiative is a dramatic step in state/local cooperation. This system will be a potential benefit to the volunteer fire and rescue service. We need to continue our direct involvement as the committee continues to expand in scope and responsibility.

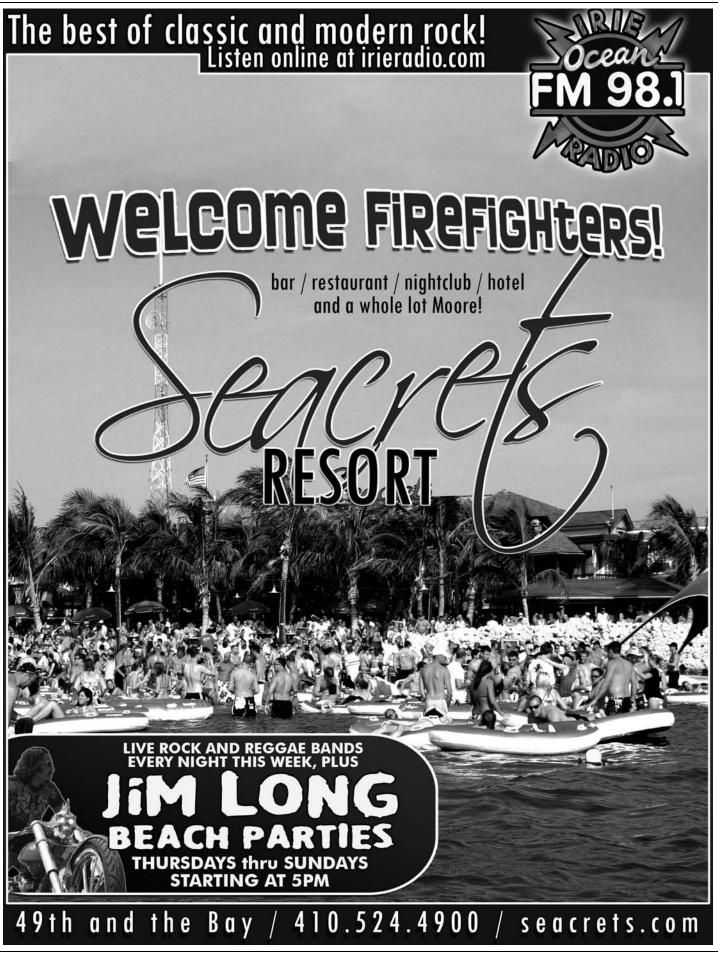
Respectfully,

Clarence E. (Chip) Jewell, Representative

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Officers, Member Companies and Guests. The MSFA Statistical Committee had three meetings scheduled and all three were canceled due to other MSFA business. In December a program was put together, and a new form and format for reporting was created and approved.

While the Committee has attempted to have all reports returned, we still have some that are



outstanding. I would like to thank the companies for taking the time to fill out and return the forms.

For the coming year, I would like to address some changes I'd like to see made to the form.

I would like to thank President Paul Sterling for appointing me to Chair this Committee. It has been my pleasure to serve this Association.

Respectfully submitted, Calvin Stack, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

The Surplus Property Acquisition Committee is pleased to report that we have been able to assist several Volunteer Fire Departments across the State this year. A major effort was the Tools and Equipment provided to the Lakes and Straits VFD to allow them to place a Pumper in service. We continue to seek donations of Small Tools, Hose, Fittings, Nozzles, Etc. - Anything that can be used on a Fire/Rescue vehicle. The Committee maintains a forty foot Box Trailer at the Cedarville State Forest for storage of donated items. We would like to express our thanks to Monte Mitchell and John Fisher of the DNR Forest Service for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted, H. Edward Woods, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This year President Sterling charged the training committee with several important goals:

- 1. Education and compliance with the required NIMS training.
- 2. Educating MSFA Companies about NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training Evolutions.
- 3. Fire Fighter safety during live training evolutions at acquired structures.

Several meetings were held during the year at MFRI in

College Park, the Carroll County Training Academy, and at the Southern Maryland Regional Training Center in LaPlata and were attended by many MSFA officers, liaisons, and committee members.

It was determined that the committee needed to appoint members to be regional representatives regarding training issues and especially the NIMS and Live Fire Training issues. Six regional representatives volunteered and were set up similar to the MFRI regional base and were assigned for feedback and concerns. It was determined that the NIMS training have and are being followed by member companies from around the state. The committee will continue to monitor and advise changes as they come forth. Most of the committee's time was spent on the NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training in Acquired Structures. It was determined that in order to be beneficial and representative of the MSFA Companies that a MSFA Live Fire Training Guideline needed to be established by the Training Committee and approved by the MSFA Safety Committee, the Md Fire-Rescue Education & Training Commission, and the MSFA Executive Board. A task force was established to look at existing guidelines from Maryland jurisdictions regarding acquired structures for live training and safety: parts of those were formulated into the MSFA Live Fire Training Guideline. Included in the guideline is a copy of the NFPA 1403 regulation regarding Acquired Structures. It was also emphasized that this is merely a guideline to help member companies and that local departments and their policies and procedures certainly take president.

The determination of Instructor qualifications and Safety Officer is still to be determined. This document was presented to all MSFA partners and the MSFA Executive Board for any changes and corrections and the final version was submitted and approved at the MSFA Executive Board Meeting April 12, 2008 in Solomon's, Maryland.

Much time and effort went into the establishment of this document and took up most of the committee's time for the year. Copies of the committee minutes and the MSFA Live Fire Training Guideline can be found on line in the Training Section of the MSFA website and hard copies are included in the MSFA Convention Packets.

Finally, this has been a growing year for us as the new Co-Chairmen of the Training Committee. We would

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Dates to Remember: October 11, 2008 ~ Historic Walk September 26, 2009 ~ Banquet/Gala October 10, 2009 ~ Parade like to thank all of the members of the committee, partner agencies, and Maryland Counties for their time and dedication in the important task of assisting all MSFA Companies making Maryland the leader in Fire and Rescue Services. It is our hope that our actions will have made a safer training environment for all fire and rescue members.

Respectfully submitted, Johnie F. Roth, Jr. Co-Chairman Daniel "Skip" Mahan Co-Chairman

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The committee's focus this year was to prepare for the 2008 Recertification of company members that have MSFA logo license plates. The fee is the same as it was in 2003, \$5.00.

Several meetings and numerous working sessions were held to prepare the data base for the printing of the recertification forms. All changes and new tag information received from MVA were entered and the data base updated to reflect this work.

With the enhancements to the MSFA website, the Transportation Chair can now place information on the Committee's site. A form has been developed which is the "Change of Affiliation" form that can be used by members who change company affiliation and keep their MSFA logo plates. Also, we are requesting that companies provide the name of their "Company Tag Coordinator" by e-mail or use the form from the webpage. With these things in place, we hope it will help with the recertification process.

In February 2008, the Recertification process began. Seven (7) County Coordinators were sent a Recertification package with detailed instructions. The packages will be sent out by County in alphabetical order. In April, the next eight (8) County Coordinators were sent packages and this with continue throughout the remainder of 2008 until all County Coordinators have received their forms. There are currently 29 County Coordinators representing 23 Counties within the State of Maryland. The County Coordinators have the responsibility to distribute, collect and verify the forms before sending them back to the committee.

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

There were over 600 new tags issued this year. This number remains to be consistent with prior years. There are currently over 12,000 tags in the data base.

There were several new County Coordinators appointed this year. They are as listed:

Baltimore County (South) – Roy Hamilton Carroll County – C. Daniel Green Sr. Montgomery (B) – Johnnie Roth Jr. Talbot – John Hanes

Glenn Butts and William Cooper Sr. were appointed to serve on the committee this year as well and we welcome them.

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, Dorothy Schultz and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint for the work done this year and the MVA Representative, Larue Sauer. It was a very busy year and the pace will continue as the recertification forms are received back from member companies.

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

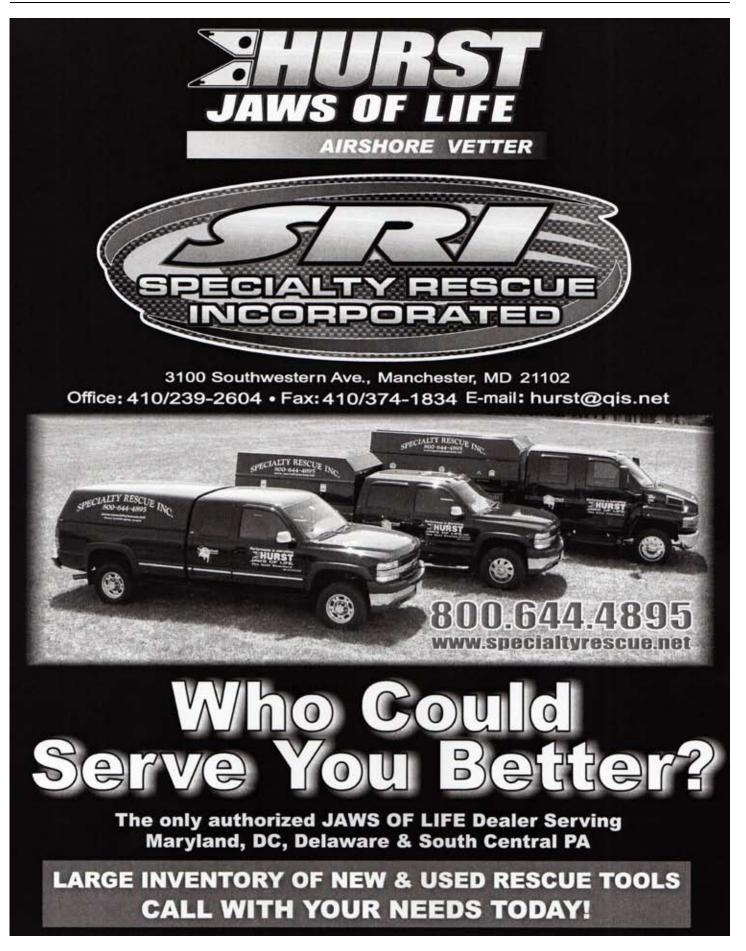
Respectfully submitted, Thomas L Flint II, Chairman

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD

President Sterling, Past President, Officers, Delegates, Members and guest to the 116th 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, 2007-08, for a total of \$1,370,753. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved 51 loans and 8 grants since being formed in 2000 for a total of \$12,038,824.40.

Since 1982, the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board and the MSFA Emergency Assistance Trust Fund Board has approved grants for \$8,457,247.12 and loans for a \$16,213,153.46 for a grand total of \$24,670,400.58.



As of March 31, 2008, MSFA Treasurer Ron Siarnicki advises our balance in the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account was \$279,810.74 and MEMA has a balance of \$418,549 for a total balance available of \$598,359.74.

We have five loans pending for approximately \$1.9 million.

The Committee is still accepting loan and grant application from all companies. All 12 copies of your loan and 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 Sterling, Vice Presidents Underwood and Powell, Chairman Seavey, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 116th 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.

I would personally urge each department providing waterrescueservicestopursueMarylandFireService 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 all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

Departments should also be wary of who is providing the training with an eye on does it meet established standards and will the training stand up in court. Ultimately departments want both of these, not only for those reasons but to also ensure quality programming that will keep your responders alive and save citizens in peril. By pursuing training that meets the requirements for either MFSPQB or Pro Board certification you can be assured that quality, defensible, and safe instruction is received.

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. It is the hope of the water rescue committee to provide a static resource on the MSFA website and to provide a regular yearly program focusing on basic awareness for first responders and officers, and in the water product displays, at the MSFA Annual Convention. Unfortunately we were unable to realize these goals this year, but we will move forward with this plan in the coming year.



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The Committee would like to thank President Sterling and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. MSFA officers and MEMA staff members Terry Thompson (PP), John Dulina, and Beth Stone have been an invaluable resource in our work this past year, our heartfelt thanks goes out to each of you. 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

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA,

In the 2006-2007 selling years, your \$10,000 raffle produced total sales of \$46,900. Hard work and long hours by everyone involved produced a profit of \$29,756 for your association. The total sales record to date is \$58,504 and thanks to all of you we hope to beat that record this year.

The Ways & Means Committee would like to express our deepest thanks to all the county coordinators, member companies, auxiliaries, and everyone who helped to accomplish this feat.

We are now, as always, gearing up for the Ocean City Springfest which will be held earlier than normal this year from May 1 thru May 4. If the weather cooperates, we should do very well at this affair. To date, we have a total of 110,000 chances in the hands of the volunteer fire companies and auxiliaries throughout the state. To date, the members and ladies have returned a total of \$14,393 in sales. The men have turned in \$11,160 and the ladies have a total of \$3,233. Harford, for the fifth year in a row, is leading the way with a total returned of \$10,920.

The following is a breakdown of the sales for 2006-2007:

\$32,363	Company Sales		
\$ 8,428	Auxiliary Sales		
<u>\$ 6,109</u>	Counter Sales at Convention		
\$46,900	Total Sales		
Expenses for 2006-2007 were as follows:			

\$12,500	Prize Payouts
\$ 2,619	Ticket Printing
\$ 2,000	Sunfest & Springfest Fees
<u>\$25</u>	Worcester County for license
\$17,144	Total Expenses
\$46,900	Total Sales
<u>-\$17,144</u>	Total Expenses
\$29,756	Total Profit

The following is a list of winners of the 2006-2007 raffle (Note: Four of the winners were either fire companies or fire company members marked by an*)

\$10,000* Matt Andrulewicz, Perryville, MD

- \$ 1,500 Alan Jenkins, Hagerstown, MD
- \$ 500 James Mann*, Jarrettsville, MD
- \$ 100 Bob Brown
- \$ 100 Dorothy Baker
- \$ 100 C. Barnhart*, Taneytown, MD
- \$ 100 Cresaptown VFC*
- \$ 100 C. Bruce*, Earleigh Heights VFC

Congratulations to all of our winners, especially Matt Andrulewicz, James Mann, Cresaptown VFC and C. Bruce who are all volunteer fire companies or associated with a fire company.

County returns for the 2006-2007 raffle are listed below. This includes both company and auxiliary returns. They totaled \$40,791. Although each county had returns, many companies did not participate.

\$ 1,492 Allegany	\$ 512	Howard	
\$ 2,485 Anne Arundel	\$ 647	Kent	
\$ 1,298 Baltimore	\$ 2,782	Montgomery	
\$ 659 Calvert	\$ 1,948	Prince Georges	
\$ 300 Caroline	\$ 812	Queen Annes	
\$1,621 Carroll	\$ 211	Somerset	
\$ 1,272 Cecil	\$ 1,055	St Mary's	
\$ 852 Charles	\$ 299	Talbot	
\$ 314 Dorchester	\$ 633	Washington	
\$2,495 Frederick	\$ 301	Wicomico	
\$ 393 Garrett	\$ 431	Worcester	
\$17,979 Harford			

Please note that Harford County was again the leader in returns. We would like to challenge anyone to take the lead. Many thanks to the MSFA and LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the 2006-2007 raffle. Without you we could not have had such a successful year.

Thanks again, Louis Jonske, Chairman

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2008–116th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE BALLOT–2008 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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

INSTRUCTIONS – Using the pencil provided fill in the space between the brackets for each vote you wish to cast, FOR or AGAINST, for each proposal or candidate. Each paper ballot will count as one (1) vote.

<u>Bold Underlining – New Wording</u> {Brackets} – Deleted Wording FOR [] AGAINST []

MSFA Ballot Amendments 2008

<u>New wording is indicated by underlining</u> Wording to be deleted is indicated by [Brackets].

Question 1 increases the annual dues from One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) to Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00)

Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 2- Each company desiring to hold membership in this Association shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars (\$ 5.00). Each active company shall pay to the Financial Secretary on or before the first of April in each year the sum of [One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$ 125.00)] <u>Two</u> <u>hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) as annual dues</u> or in the case of new members, a pro rata amount for the current year (payable with the initiation fee), said sum constituting dues for the current year.

Question 2 transfers the Scholarship Fund from the Association to the MSFA Foundation.

Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 2- [Twenty dollars (\$ 20.00) of the annual dues shall be deposited in a Special Account to be known as the Scholarship Account and to be used for payment of necessary expenses to be approved by the Executive Committee as provided by Article K of the bylaws.] <u>Twenty dollars (\$ 20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.</u>

Article I, Section 4, Paragraph 2- [Twenty dollars (\$ 20.00) of the annual dues shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the existing Special Account known as the Scholarship Account.] <u>Twenty dollars (\$ 20.00)</u> of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

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Question 3 requires that the Executive Committee approve any new awards prior to them being awarded.

Article IV, Section 16, Add the following paragraph- <u>The Executive Committee shall review and</u> approve the creation and/or presentation of any new awards based upon the review and recommendations of the Awards Committee.

Question 4 removes the Surplus Property Acquisition Committee and adds the Planning Committee to the Standing Committees.

Article V, Section 1- [Surplus Property Acquisition Committee- At least four (4) members, all to be appointed annually.] <u>Planning Committee- At least (5) members, all to be appointed annually.</u>

Question 5 clarifies the disciplinary process for misconduct under Article I, Section 12.

Article I, Section 12, Paragraph 3, 4, 5- Upon a Member Company or member(s) of a company violating this provision, the Executive Committee shall direct the MSFA Secretary to notify the company, in writing, of the specifics of the misconduct and request a representative of the company to appear before the Executive Committee at a specific time and place.

The Executive Committee in executive closed session shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and Bylaws violation. 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.]

Question 6 changes the name of the Fire Prevention Committee.

Article V, Section 1- Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee-At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.



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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 14,2008

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

- 8:00
 Exhibitors Registration Convention Center Ground Floor

 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 Lower Level

 10:00-12:00
 Exhibitors Registration Main Ball Room
- 10:00-5:00 Education and Training Seminars Convention Center East Hall
- 10:30 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE Upper Level Rooms 215-217
- Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the entire Family 11:00-2:00 **FLEA MARKET** - Rear of Convention Center - Free Admission
- Fire and EMS Memorabilia will be on display for sale.
- 7:00 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** Convention Center Main Ballroom Dress Uniforms
- 8:15 **Reception** Convention Center Upper Foyers

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

- 7:30 Musical Selections Westminster Band Main Ball Room
- 8:00 Convention Events Tickets Sales Ground Floor Foyer
- 8:00 Free Bus Passes Lower Level

FIRST SESSION

8:30 CALL TO ORDER - President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. - Convention Center Main Ball Room **OPENING CEREMONIES** Presentation of Colors - Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands Remarks from Governor of Maryland - Martin O' Malley Remarks from United States Senator - Barbara Mikulski Remarks from United States Fire Administrator - Greg Cade 9:00 **Exhibits** Open 9:45 **JOINT AWARDS CEREMONY -**Gladhill-Thompson Award Colburn Cup Award Hall of Fame Awards Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award Honey Award 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

Presentation - Chief J. West Thompson, Goodwill Fire Company, Centreville, Maryland 11:30

FIRST SESSION

11:45-12:30 REGISTRATION

11.10-12.00	
1:00	CALL TO ORDER – President - Rose Pandolfini
	Presentation of Colors – Color Bearers Vivian Morgan and Nancy Jones
	Invocation by Chaplain Ann Price-Davis
	Pledge to the Flag – President Rose Pandolfini
	Conference Song – Music Chairman Terri Heinicke
	Welcome – Convention Chairman Flo Collins
	Greetings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
	Nomination of Officers for 2008 – 2009
	Reading of Election Rules by Corresponding Secretary Carol Hayden
	Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
	Recognition of Guests
	Recognition of MSFA President Paul Sterling Jr.
	Report of the Credentials Chairman – Fran Fusco
	Approval of the Minutes – Recording Secretary Sandi Lutz
	Report of the Treasurer – Past President Teresa Crisman
	Report of the Financial Secretary – Sherry Soper
	AWARDS CEREMONY
	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 Carol Hayden
	Unfinished Business
	Door Prize Drawings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
	Benediction – Chaplain Ann Price-Davis
	Recess
3:45	MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Main Ballroom
4:30	Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 4:15 hours
5:00	EXHIBITORS RECEPTION – Convention Center-Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside
	By Invitation Only
6:30	BASKET BINCO Convention Conter Ballycom C (Dears Open at 5/20 hours)
0:30	BASKET BINGO –Convention Center–Ballroom C (Doors Open at 5:30 hours)
	Admission includes 6 face cards for 20 games and one door prize ticket. Food will be
	available for sale.
7:30	MONDAY NIGHT LUAU – Rear of Convention Center
	The luau includes Live DJ, Pipe and Drum Bands Performances, Food, Fun, Free Gifts and
	Dancing for all Ages. Admission by ticket.
	Menu - Whole Roasted Pig with barbecue sauces available, Sweet & Sour Barbecue Chicken,
	Hawaiian Fried Rice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit Salad, Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Much Much More
9:30	FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THE BAY– Rear of Convention Center

TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2008 SECOND SESSION

8:00–8:45	REGISTRATION BALLOTING – For Election of Officer (Only the Person with the Chairman of the Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast			
9:00	the vote. No Auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's Badge) CALL TO ORDER – President Rose Pandolfini INVOCATION By Chaplain Ann Price-Davis RECOGNITION OF GUESTS			
	REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION – Chairman Marcia Garnice			
	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. Patricia Deamond and P.P. Sharon			
Worthington				
J. J.	Pins and Badges – Marian Nicholson			
	Safety - Becky Wathen			
	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 – Chaplain Ann Price-Davis			
	RECESS			
	MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 OFFICERS, PAST PRESIDENTS AND PAGES			
	IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM			
1230-3:30	ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC – Outside Rear of Convention Center			
	Games, DJ, Free Giveaways, Food, Music and Entertainment for the entire family.			
	Menu - Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad,			
	Cucumber and Onion Salad, Pepsi, Beer, Ice Cream, Watermelon and much, much more.			
	Admission by ticket			
2:00	HONOR GUARD CHALLENGE & WORKSHOP - EAST HALL – ROOM 215			
	The Challenge and Workshop will target hands on experience and How to start an Honor			
	Guard Team.			
4:30	Exhibits Close			
6:30	JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Main Ball Room			
	Reception and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers			
10:00	PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Main Ball Room			

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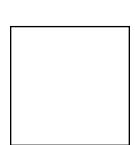
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Conference Chairman Joan Cumberland



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It has been an immense pleasure to have served as the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. After the many years it has taken to reach the office of President, it is difficult to believe that my time serving you has come to an end. I have tried my best to fulfill the duties of this and every office I held. I hope I lived up to your expectations as an officer of this organization. As I contemplate this past year I wish to express my most sincere gratitude to everyone for the friendship and thoughtfulness given me. My travels have taken me thousands of miles across this great state where new friends were made and the best hospitality was given. Thank you for all the consideration you have shown my officers and me. I have thoroughly enjoyed living my dream as President of the LAMSFA.

Thank you also for the many invitations sent my way. I have enjoyed traveling to new places and learning about each community. I have been privileged to attend many banquets and meetings and I have been honored to install the auxiliary officers when requested. Inevitably, with the numerous invitations received, there were some conflicting events. My officers were gracious to represent the Auxiliary when there was more than one event to attend on the same night. I want to thank each and every officer for her assistance on these occasions.

To my fellow officers, thank you for the hard work you have accomplished this year. I have enjoyed working with you and especially traveling with you. The many trips we made together will always be special to me. Working with you has been a great experience. Best wishes for success in your new office.

To MSFA President Paul Sterling and Vice Presidents Frank Underwood and Roger Powell, thank you for your support and camaraderie during the year and for allowing the LAMSFA Officers to attend the Executive Meetings. Paul, it has been difficult with our different schedules to meet at times but things worked out and we got the jobs done.

To my Past Presidents Mary Alice Lare (I'm sure you're looking over me) and June Black - Thank you for the many years of support, guidance, and friendship. Both of you were mentors and an inspiration for me. You were there when questions arose and help needed. May I be of such guidance and inspiration to others. I also want to thank all the Past Presidents of the LAMSFA for their help. Over the years I have prodded one or another of you with questions, which you graciously answered.

To the Gamber & Community Fire Company and Auxiliary, my thanks will never be enough for the support given to me as I rose through the chairs. You understood and forgave my numerous absences from events and meetings. You agreed to host my Spring Conference, and with your hard work and organization, made me very proud to be a part of this Company. To Belle Stickles, thank you for believing in me. With a gentle push you started me on a road of learning that ended with many happy memories. Thank you all.

To Conference Co-chairs Dorothy Rue and Joan Cumberland, thank you for all your handwork, determination, perseverance and patience with such an overwhelming task. Both of you did a wonderful job during the year to make the conferences successful.

To all Auxiliaries to the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association – you were terrific! Thank you for your overwhelming support and assistance during the year. I will always remember your generous and loving nature, which was shown when you were asked to aide with the conferences.

To my husband Peter, and children Diane and Jonathan. Thank you for all your support, help, understanding, and forgiveness. The past couple of years have been difficult with schedules, but you allowed me to pursue my dream! Now I will be home to assist you with your dreams.

I cannot fathom leaving the many friends I have made across this state that I have come to know and love. You have given me many treasured mementoes, which adorn my yard as well as my home. If I can be of any assistance to any of you please call me, and I

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will gladly assist you. Friends are forever, and I will never forget any of my friends.

Rose Pandolfini



REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

I am honored to have served as Senior Vice President over this past year. It has been 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.

During the past 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.

As Senior Vice President I served as Constitution and Bylaws Chairman. The committee has proposed seven new changes to the Constitution this year. I would like to thank the Committee members for their contributions and support.

I wish to extend congratulations to LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and to MSFA President Paul Sterling for their successes this year. To the incoming MSFA President Frank Underwood, 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 and Fire Department 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 going with me to the banquets and for always being there, encouraging and supporting me all the time. To my sister, Peggy Zembower, who has also served as my Past President, thank you for your wisdom, insight and your understanding: you have helped and supported me in so many ways. Thanks to my fellow officers, I have had several chauffeurs this year and have rode with a great group of people. As we have traveled the many miles you have made them interesting, and enjoyable. Thank you for your friendship and good times we've shared.

To all the incoming officers for 2008-2009, as we look to the year ahead, I wish all the best for a successful and productive year as we join together to work for this great Auxiliary. I look forward to continuing serving with you and the LAMSFA in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Hetz

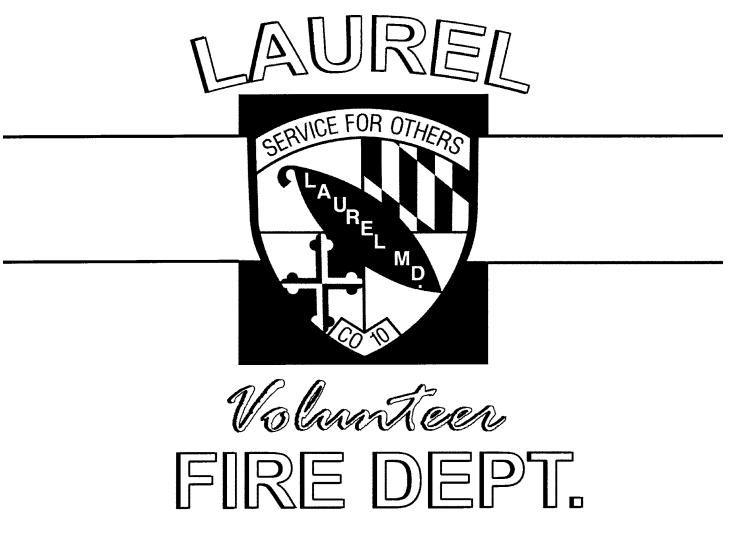


REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Junior Vice President of the LAMSFA this past year. I want to thank everyone for the support they have given me this past year.

My sincere thanks for all of the invitations that I have received this past year, it has been a privilege to represent this great organization at these many events. The hospitality, friendship and generosity shown to me during my travels are deeply appreciated.

I was honored to represent President Pandolfini at several banquets this year. My travels included fall and spring conferences, county meetings, convention committees, constitution and bylaws, and MSFA executive meetings.



In loving memory of our members who passed away in 2007 William "Pop" Stone and Judy Lau

Vic Whipple President Richard Blankenship Sr.Nancy BurdgeFire ChiefAuxiliary President

Please join us for our 3rd Annual Bull Roast on July 19, 2007 at the Laurel American Leigon, Post 60. Tickets and information available at www.LaurelVFD.org The Junior Vice President serves as Membership Chairman and I had the privilege of visiting with the ladies auxiliary of Allen Volunteer Fire Company in Allen, MD.

I wish to extend congratulations to LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and MSFA President Paul Sterling for their successes this year. To incoming LAMSFA President Lois Hetz and MSFA President Frank Underwood, best wishes for a successful year.

I want to thank the Junior Fire Company No. 2, Inc. and auxiliary for their support this past year. The Frederick County Ladies Auxiliary also for their support. To my past president, Betty Grabenstein, thanks for your support and guidance, and to my page Brenda Harrison, for her support, guidance and being my travel companion this past year.

To the incoming officers for 2008-2009 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.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Knipple



REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It has been a pleasure to serve as Recording Secretary for the LAMSFA. President Rose Pandolfini asked me to represent her and the LAMSFA at many banquets this year. I had the honor of installing the Ladies Auxiliaries officers at these banquets, thank you ladies for the nice hospitality and enjoyable evenings. And thank you to President Pandolfini for allowing me this honor. There is nothing like traveling the state of Maryland, meeting and making friends. No matter where you go the Auxiliaries are happy you came. And while traveling I have the opportunity to share moments with my fellow officers and really get to know each of them. I look forward to many more enjoyable adventures with them. This year I have traveled over 3,000 miles.

Respectfully, Sandi T. Lutz



REPORT OF THE VICE CHAPLAIN/CHAPLAIN

President Pandolfini, Officers, Committee Chairs, and Member Auxiliaries,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2007-2008 Vice Chaplain/Chaplain. This year has brought both sadness and joy as I have seen prayers at work and people recover from their sickness or injury and I have participated in memorial services to honor those that departed. I have sent numerous get well, sympathy, thinking of you cards, and expressions of care and concern as well as donations to Bessie Marshall in memory of out departed. In addition I have visited with the sick and prepared memorial resolutions for our dearly departed members.

Thank you to the MSFA Chaplain Corps for their knowledge and friendship. Chief Chaplain John Long and Rev. Harry Hetz have been especially helpful and supportive of the Ladies Auxiliary. Know that you can always call on one of us and we will be there to support you, your family, and your Auxiliary in your time of need.

This year has been a tough for the organization. LAMSFA Past President Mary Alice Lare passed on in August. Sickness throughout the year has affected so many in the LAMSFA/MSFA family but together our thoughts and prayers for one another have guided us through those tough times.

Please continue to offer love, support, and friendship each and every day to all that you encounter and be mindful of all the blessings you have.

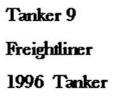


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Engine 92 1992 E-One Pumper

Ambulance 90 2005 Ford





Ambulance 9 1996 E-One

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Allegany County

Thelma K. Cusler, Barton Hose Company No. 1 Aux. Virginia L. Elliott, Bedford Roads Vol. Fire Co Aux. Maza Thompson, Bowling Green Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Virginia Helmick, Flintstone Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Judy Ann Rice, La Vale Vol. Fire Dept Aux. Mary E. Fair, Midland Fire Co. No 1 Aux. Alphrasine M. Metts, Midland Fire Co. No 1 Aux. Marguerite C. Rayner, Midland Fire Co. No 1 Aux. Carrie B. Shryock, Oldtown Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. Beatrice K. McFarland, Shaft Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Anne Arundel County

Audrey Ruths, Lake Shore Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Baltimore County

Cora B. Horner, Boring Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Virginia Lee Kesler, Butler Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Paul Wilhelm, Sr., Glyndon Vol. Fire Dept Aux. Ruth Brown, Glyndon Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. Virginia M. Pruett, Hereford Vol. Fire Co. Aux. LaRue Stump, Rockaway Beach Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Mary Kessler, Wise Avenue Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Calvert County

Augustabelle Miller, St. Leonard V. F. D. & R. S . Aux.

Caroline County

Marie T. Trice, Denton Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Carroll County

Lee Griffee, Gamber and Community Fire Co. Aux. Mary Alice Lare, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose

Co. No. 1 Aux., LAMSFA Past President Mary Shaffer, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co.

- Mary Shaffer, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 Aux.
- Kathryn Sieverts, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 Aux.
- Ethel Utz, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 Aux.
- Mary Walter, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 Aux.

JulianBoller, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

- Dorothy Grimes, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.
- Sterrett Holmes, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Margaret Wright, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Jane Leister, Pleasant Valley Community FC Aux.

Frances Chronister, Reese & Community VFC Aux.

Hilda Ely, Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Dept Aux.

Frances Hemler, Taneytown Vol. FC No. 1 Aux.

Marie Ott, Taneytown Vol. Fire Co. No. 1 Aux. Gerald " Dick" Graham, Union Bridge FC Aux.

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Sylvia I. Hipkins, Urbana Vol. Fire Co. Aux.
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Garrett County

Maxine E. Legeer, Bittinger Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Nagml Delinger, Bloomington Fire Co. Aux. Alma A. Weilmer, Gorman Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

<u>Harford County</u>

Ruth T. Breidenbaugh, Jarrettsville Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Frances W. Craig, Level Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Howard County

Bessie Shipley, Ellicott City Vol. Firemen's Assoc. Aux. Gladys E. Slade, West Friendship Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Kent County

Ada Kennedy, Kennedyville Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Anna Wallace, Kennedyville Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Frances L. Jones, Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux.

Montgomery County

Hazel E. Burke, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.
Miriam H. Duvall, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept Aux.
Esther M. Hilton, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept Aux.
Charlotte W. Owens, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.
Janet E. Runkles, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept Aux.
Marion A. Heltzel, Silver Spring Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.
Celesta Sharlene West, Upper Montgomery VFD Aux.

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No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary Alice Alma Geis, Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept Aux.

Judy A. Lau, Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept Aux.

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<u>St. Mary's County</u>

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Respectfully Submitted

Ann F. Price-Davis





REPORT OF THE BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND

Officers, Past Presidents, and Members 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.

We have paid 50 cases as of 4-18-08 for a total of \$36,000.00 and anticipate more prior to your reading this report. Being able to assist so many when they are sick and in need of help is only accomplished BY YOUR GENEROSITY!

It is very heart warming to know that our "Fire Service Family" all across this great state makes a special effort to care for and assist their fellow volunteer fire and emergency services personnel when they need help the most. The LAMSFA takes great pride in being able to administer this benefit fund and wants it to continue well into the future.

All of us know how hard it is to continue to raise money. The fund will continue to need your donations, memorial remembrances, and support of the various raffles we hold to meet the demand placed upon it. Each year, the number of cases varies so it is important to keep this fund financially stable. Throughout this year and last, we have suggested to all the membership of the LAMSFA and MSFA that they consider budgeting a yearly donation to the fund. This would greatly assist in the raising of funds necessary to pay the cases we receive each year.

A special thank-you needs to be given to the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary for the special fund- raiser they had for the benefit of the Bessie Marshall Fund, and to the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association for their yearly donation from each company in their Association. For a number of years their Association has collected this donation from each company along with their Association dues, and then remits a substantial check to the Bessie Marshall Fund on their behalf. These companies also continue to purchase the lottery tickets and participate in the other fundraisers. We would also like to acknowledge Susan Derlunas for donating a handmade afghan which we were able to raffle. Thank-you again for your special efforts and we encourage other companies and county organizations to hold special activities to help raise funds if they can!

As of the writing of this report we have raised \$33,596.00 As you can see, this is below the amount we have paid in cases, so please support the fund at Convention to help raise these additional funds. The following is a breakdown of the 50 cases paid so Best Wishes to the Maryland State Firemen's Association on a Successful 116th Convention & Conference

Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association

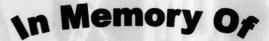
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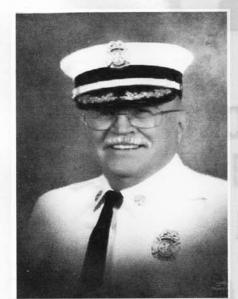
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Anne Arundel Alarmers Association





Chief John "Jack" W. Gouty



Chief Ronald B. Graf

far this year by county.						
Allegany	3	Kent	1			
Anne Arundel	8	Montgomery	1			
Caroline	5	Prince George's	4			
Carroll	9	Queen Anne's	1			
Cecil	5	St. Mary's	1			
Charles	2	Talbot	2			
Frederick	2	Washington	1			
Harford	4	Wicomico	1			

We would like to ask all of you to continue to keep all those persons who have had to ask for assistance this year from the Bessie Marshall Fund in your prayers. Many of them have life threatening illnesses and continue with treatments and disabilities that affect them everyday. The support of their "Fire Service Family" means a lot to them.

These folks have volunteered to help others as a member of the fire & emergency services network in our state and now they could use our help and prayers.

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

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge all those who worked on our committee with a special thank-you! Thanks to Ruth Martin, Vella Smith, Carroll Linkins, Chris Cornes, Mary Gallagher, Juanita Colwell, Viola Thompson, (now deceased) Susan Derlunas, Barbara McWilliams, Gerry Perry, Mildred McLaughlin, Janet Barnes, Joanne Irwin, Carol Bair, and Carolyn Boston. We appreciate all you did!

It has been a real honor and pleasure for us to have served as Co-Chairs of this great Committee and we thank President Rose Pandolfini for having the confidence in us to perform the task. God's blessings to all the volunteers and auxiliary members across this state and may you enjoy good health and be safe as you serve your communities.

To quote someone near and dear to us (the late Senator Robert Hooper) "You are never so tall, as when you bend down to help someone." Let's all remember this, so the Bessie Marshall Fund can continue to assist the many who are in need. Sincerely, Sharon Worthington Co-Chair Patricia Deamond Co-Chair

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Pandolfini, 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 90–day General Assembly Session which began on Janaury 9 and adjourned on April 7,2008. We want to extend special thanks to MSFA Legislative Committee Chair Daniel Davis and his vice chairs Joseph R.Robison and Doug Alexander for their guidance and leadership.

We were deeply saddened to learn of Betty Reamy's passing. She served as a dedicated member of this Committee from 1993-2007. We miss her good humor and outstanding editorial skills.

Our Committee members, Carene Housenfluck, Marie Soutar, Candy Mitchell, Betty Radisch, Barbara McWilliams, and Peggy Webb have screened 1,627 House Bills and 1,014 Senate Bills. Of these, there were 80 bills concerning, or could possibly concern, the fire and emergency service submitted this year that were monitored by our MSFA Legislative Committee.

There were 13 Legislative Bulletins written this year, in addition to Chairman Davis' Final 2008 Legislative Bulletin dated April 11. The LAMSFA Committee members proofread and combine the sections of the Bulletin, including the introductory letter, the listing of upcoming hearings, profiles of all of the Bills being monitored, and the actions recommended by the Legislative Committee. The weekly distribution of the Bulletin includes 26 hand delivered or mailed, and over 200 e-mailed by Chairman Davis.

We have divided our Committee assignments among our members. Some of these respon-sibilities 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 prepare the invitations to the Legislative MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

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To obtain a more complete prospective of the value of the services performed by the Maryland State Firemen's Legislative Committee, we suggest that you read the MSFA Legislative Committee's report in this Convention Program Book. It is truly a privilege to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Co-chair, Peggy Webb Co-chair, Carene Housenfluck Marie Soutar Candy Mitchell Rose Davis Betty Radisch Barbara McWilliams

REPORT OF THE INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

There is a total of 1,121 auxiliary members qualified for the 2007 Maryland State Income Tax Subtraction. The chart below shows the counties and the number of qualifying members:

66 Norma Clark
45 Patti Kidwell
35 Martha Spangler
41 Peg Richardson
29 Deana Bell
110 Pat Spangler
51 Doris Lloyd
55 Carol Flint
4 Mary A. Dulin
6 Debbie Perkins
16 Karen Dishong
30 Donita A. Dietz
22 Patty Thompson
21 Darlene Neal
77 Peggy A. Webb
157 Ann Marie McGill
28 Debra Shelton
8 Mary F. Whitelock
139 Bonnie Quade
27 Mary A. Dulin
Losap Program
117 Kimberly Figgs
37 Joanne Smith-Wagner
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A special thank you to all of the Auxiliary members, Auxiliary and County Point System Coordinators in support of their fire and rescue companies and to the Maryland State Firemen's Association for their support in making this program a success.

Respectfully submitted, Margie G. Shultz, Chair MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulates the Officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA on a Successful Year!

New Units added to the fleet during the past year.



Squad 3 Rescue Engine 123 2007 American LaFrance Heavy Rescue 2007 American LaFrance 1500GPM Rescue Pumper

Best Wishes for a safe and successful Convention!

The Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Supports Doyle Cox for 2nd Vice President

Best Wishes to the MSFA and LAMSFA for a successful year in 2008/09.

Ladies Auxiliary Proposed By-law changes submitted to the By-law Committee were read at Spring Conference, March 29, 2008.

Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 5.

<u>As it now reads:</u>

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

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

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The purpose of this change is that this was included under the election rules and it is better suited in this section. Note: if you vote for the election rule change you need to vote for this change also.

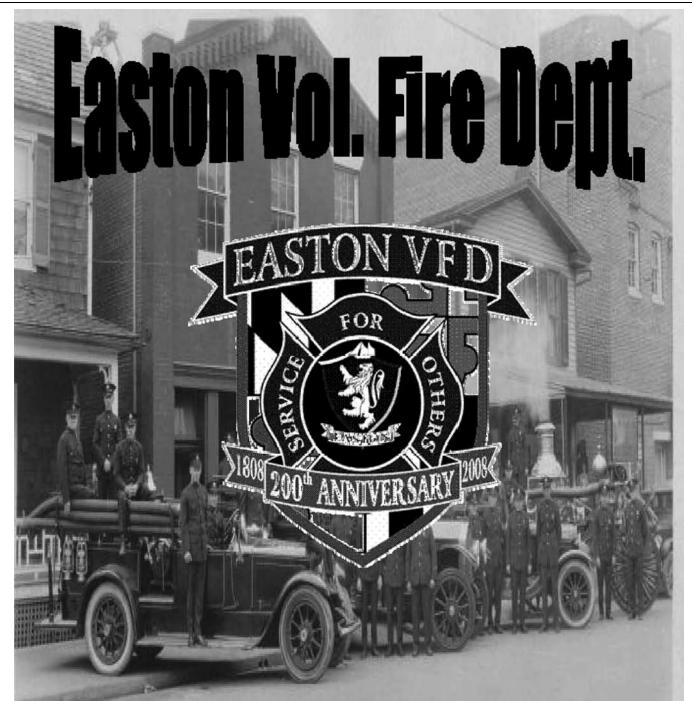
Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 6

<u>As it now reads:</u>

Election rules as indicated below will govern the election of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

- 1. Polls are to open from 8:00 8:45 a.m.
- 2. The Guard shall be at her/his station while the polls are open.
- 3. The Auxiliary is to be divided into at least four (4) sections at the Registration Desk to accommodate roll call and election.
- 4. To avoid duplicate registration there shall be a Chairman of Delegates Badge of a different color which must be worn by the person picking up the ballot and registering for the delegates.
- 5. No ballots are to be removed from the meeting room.
- 6. Mark a vote in number only, zero (0) through five (5). A vote must be cast for each office even through there is only one (1) person running for office.

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- 7. Immediately after voting the ballot shall be placed in the ballot box. Ballots are not to be removed from the ballot box until voting is officially completed, at which time the teller shall verify with the Credential Committee the number of auxiliaries voting and the number of ballots returned. The judge and tellers will then retire to a specified room and start the count immediately.
- 8. Only those auxiliaries voting on the first ballot are eligible for any revote.
- 9. Prior to the second ballot, the name of the candidate to be deleted shall be announced and the Chairman of Delegates or a designated person, from each eligible auxiliary shall pick up a ballot from the appropriate Credential Table.
- 10. The meeting shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 11. These instructions shall be read at the first session of convention, appear on a separate page of the Spring Conference Minutes, and Article VI, Section 5, shall be included on the nomination blanks that go to the auxiliaries.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

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- 3. The Auxiliary is to be divided into at least four (4) sections at the Registration Desk to accommodate roll call and election.
- 4. To avoid duplicate registration there shall be a Chairman of Delegates Badge of a different color which must be worn by the person picking up the ballots and registering for the delegates. **Past Presidents who are not voting as a delegate shall receive their ballot from the Credential Chairman**.
- 5. No ballots are to be removed from the meeting room.
- 6. At Spring Conference the Judge of Elections shall present the proposed election procedures for the annual convention. The Auxiliaries and Past Presidents shall review and affirm or make any changes to the procedures they deem necessary for convention.
- 7. Only those auxiliaries **and Past Presidents** voting on the first ballot are eligible for any revote.
- 8. Prior to the second ballot, the name of the candidate to be deleted shall be announced and the Chairman of Delegates or a designated person with the Chairman of Delegates Badge from each eligible auxiliary shall pick up a ballot from the appropriate Credential Table. Eligible Past Presidents shall pick up a ballot from the Credential Chairman.
- 9. The meeting shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 10. The approved procedures shall be read at the first session of convention and appear on a separate page of the Spring Conference Minutes. , and Article VI, Section 5, shall be included on the nomination blanks that go to the auxiliaries.

Number 4: the purpose for this change is to set up a procedure for the Past Presidents to cast a ballot if they are not doing so as a delegate.

Number 6: the purpose of this change is to allow the election by voting machines, or other future technology, without further by-laws changes.

Number 7: the change is to allow the Past Presidents who are voting on the first ballot to vote on a second ballot.

Number 8: this change is to clarify that the designated person must have the Chairman of Delegates Badge and where Past Presidents voting pick up their ballot.

Number 10: this change is to match the wording in number 6. The last sentence will be moved to Article VI Section 5.

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Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 7

<u>As it now reads:</u>

Section 7. Installation of officers shall be held at a designated session of convention. The immediate Past President shall be the Installing Officer. She/he shall receive a working fund of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per convention.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

Installation of officers shall be held at a designated session of convention. The immediate Past President shall be the Installing Officer. She/he shall receive two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per convention to defray installation expenses.

The reason for this change is that a working fund implies the money can be replenished. The money for the installation is a onetime payment.

Article VIII Duties of Officers, Section 4.

<u>As it now reads:</u>

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for that purpose, a complete and permanent record of proceedings of all meetings of the Auxiliary and Execute Committee. She/he shall prepare a mailing list of member auxiliaries (periodically forwarding changes to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to officers and committee chairman): mail to each member auxiliary, officers, Past Presidents before November 1st and June 1st, condensed minutes of Fall and spring conferences, respectively, including motions, amendments to Constitution and Bylaws, and financial reports; make an annual report to the Auxiliary and such other reports as the President and Executive Committee may require; and mail credential sheets to each auxiliary by February 1st of each year. She/he shall prepare a roll of the active auxiliaries and deliver this roll together with the credentials of the delegates and alternates to the Credential Committee Chairman by June 1st. She/he shall receive a working fund of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage, and telephone, and receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. The outgoing Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and delivery of the procedure books to the current Recording Secretary at Fall Conference for distribution and mailing immediately to all auxiliaries and Past Presidents not present at Fall Conference. She/he shall coordinate the February 1st mailing with the Corresponding Secretary.

Change to read (changes in **bold**)

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The reason for the change is that the date for Fall Conference has been moved to ninety to one hundred and thirty days after the annual Convention. The current bylaws requirement can put a hardship on the secretary to have the Fall Conference minutes done by the original date of November 1.

Congratulations to Presidents

Paul H. Sterling, Jr.

and

Rose Pandolfini

For a very successful year

and

Best Wishes to Incoming Presidents

Frank J. Underwood

and

Lois Hetz



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

Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 7

As it now reads:

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

Change to read: Remove the word (scranton)

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The purpose of the change is to allow for any ballot not just the scantron ballot.

Article IX Standing Committees, Section 2

<u>As it now reads:</u>

The Auditing Committee shall be comprised of four (4) Past Presidents, one appointed as chairman, appointed annually by the President, to audit the Financial Records of the President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and the Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman. All books shall be audited twice yearly, the first audit in January, report to be given at Spring Conference and the second audit to be done the first of July, with report to be given at Fall Conference. In addition an interim audit to be May 31st to be given at Convention. Officers named shall attend the audits at the designated time and place. Reports will be given at Spring Conference and Convention and copy of the report shall be submitted to the above named Officers and the Recording Secretary.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

The Auditing Committee shall be comprised of four (4) Past Presidents, one appointed as chairman, appointed annually by the President, to audit the Financial Records of the President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and the Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman. All books shall be audited **three times yearly**. **The first audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Fall Conference, report to be given at the Fall Conference. The second audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Spring Conference, report to be given at Spring Conference. The third audit to be after May 31st and prior to the Annual Convention, report to be given at Convention. Officers named shall attend the audits at the designated time and place. A copy of the report shall be submitted to the above named Officers and the Recording Secretary.**

Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

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The reason for the change is that any problems that are occurring can be caught early and we can take care of them before we are faced with months of trying to audit the books. This past year the books were audited in July. We only had the bank statement from the month of June. We were able to make sure the new officers were on track, but it was three months till the Fall Conference and it was evident, from the reports that there was a problem. As a result we had to hold an additional audit in November. The committee has discussed having an informal meeting with the financial officers, if necessary, in July to see if they need any guidance.

Article IX – Standing Committees; Section 13

<u>As it now reads:</u>

Section 13. The Judge and Tellers committee shall count all votes. The Judge shall be responsible for the ballots.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

Section 13. The Judge and Tellers committee shall count all votes. The Judge shall be responsible for the ballots **and for presenting the proposed election procedures at Spring Conference.**

The purpose for this change is to have the Judges duties to correspond with the changes made in Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, section 6-election rule number 6.

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING

The Chief Judge shall read the following instructions:

- 1. Each Chairman of Delegates shall pick-up from the Credentials the envelope containing all five (5) ballots
- 2. The Chairman of Delegates will fill out all five (5) ballots and return them in the envelope to the judges.

The Chief Judge shall appoint two (2) tellers to receive the ballot envelope. The tellers shall call out the name of the auxiliary voting to the credential committee.

The tellers shall open the envelope and hand the ballots to the teller or designated person running the voting machine.

If the ballot is rejected, the Chief Judge shall place that ballot into the ballot box until all ballots have been put through the voting machine.

The Chief Judge shall receive a total of votes cast from the voting machine. She shall than remove the uncounted ballots from the ballot box and have each teller verify the vote casted by visual reviewing the ballot. A total shall be added to the total taken from the voting machine for a total vote cast. All ballots after they have been cast and counted, shall be placed in one envelope until the body orders the ballots to be destroyed.

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Respectfully Submitted, Alvera Miller, Chief Election Judge

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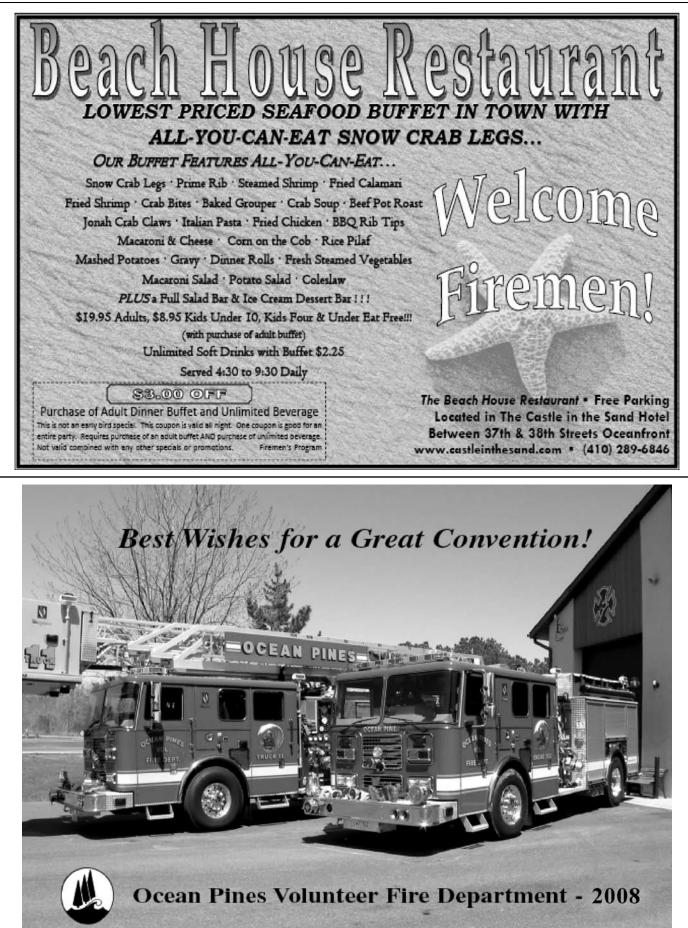
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Mr. Underwood has served the residents of the City of College Park as a long standing member of Branchville, Company 11, including leadership positions on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer. He continues to support City of College Park employee safety training as an instructor in first aid, fire prevention and fire extinguisher training.

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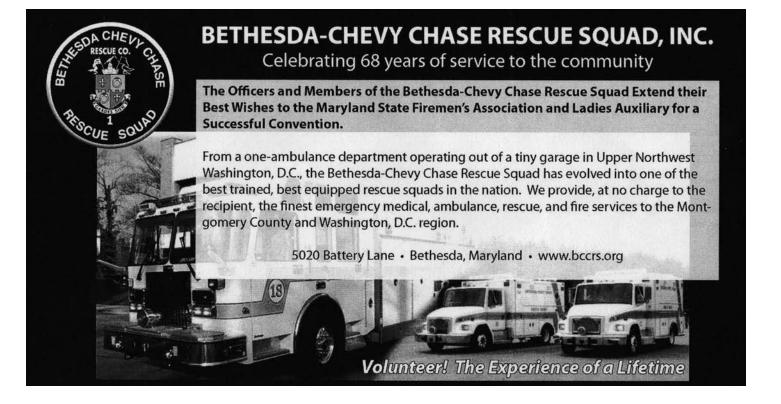
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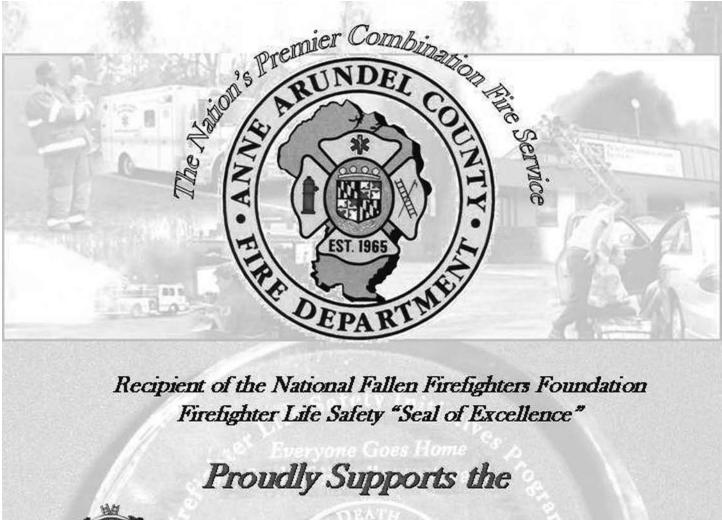
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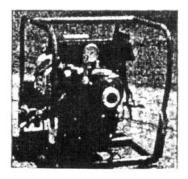
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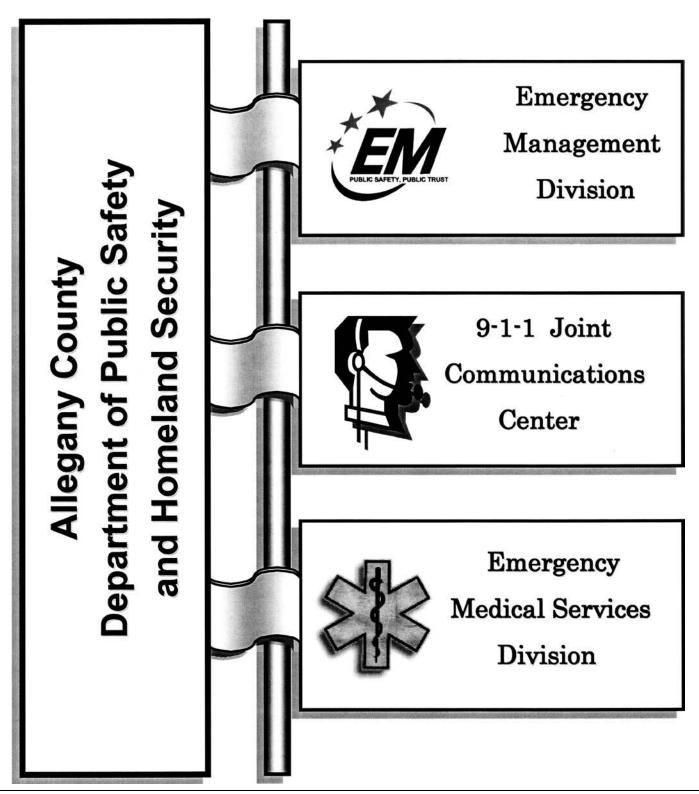
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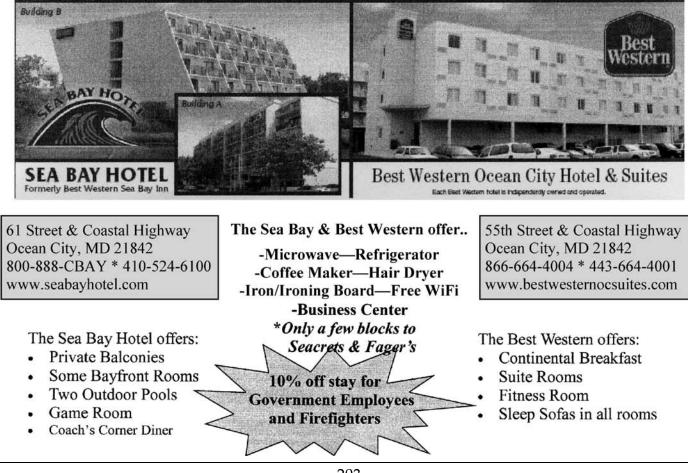
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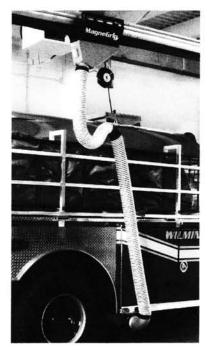
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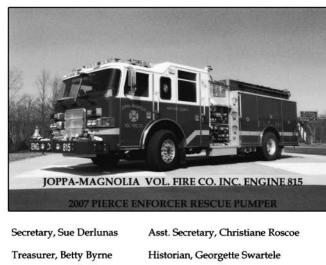
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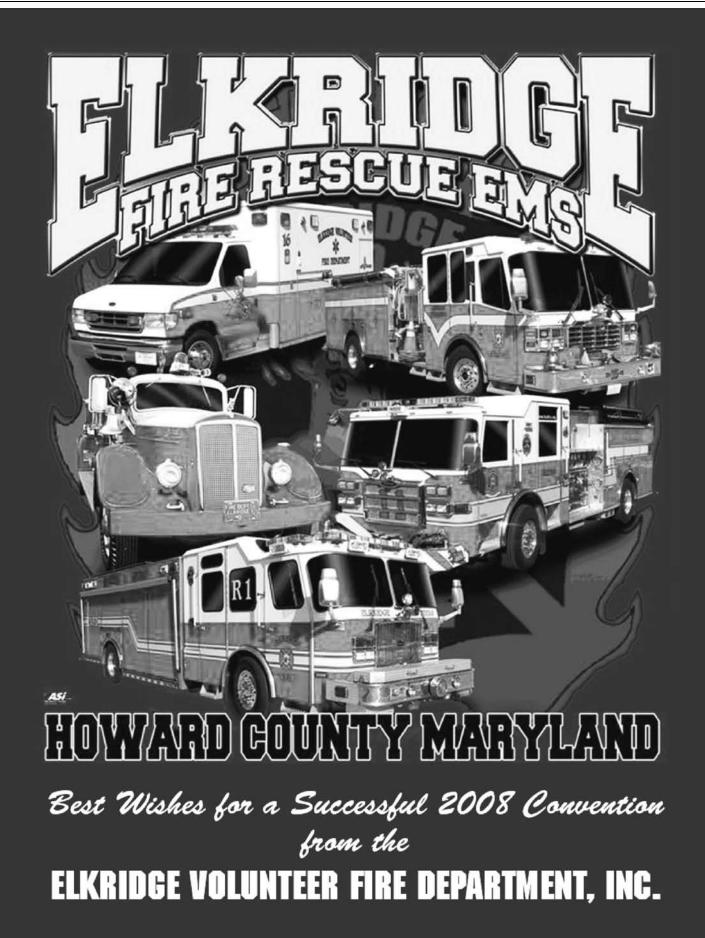


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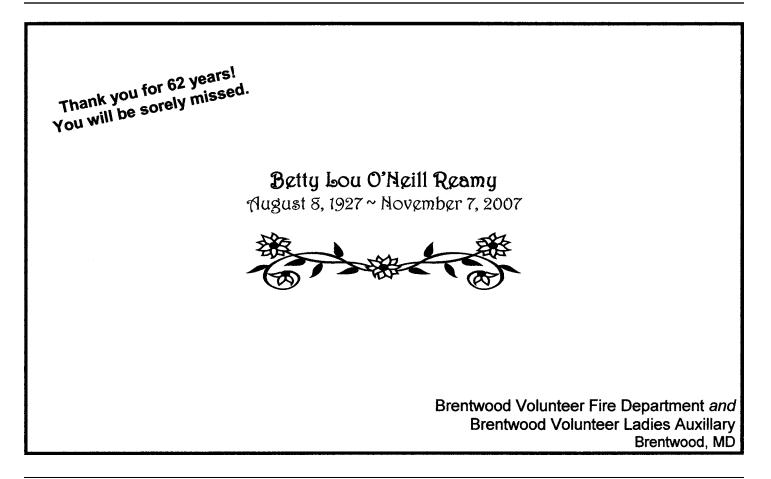
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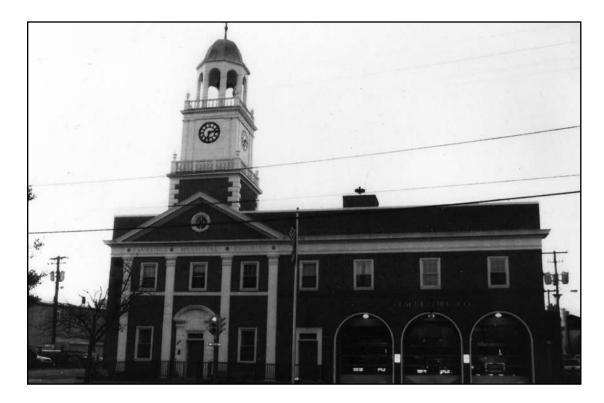


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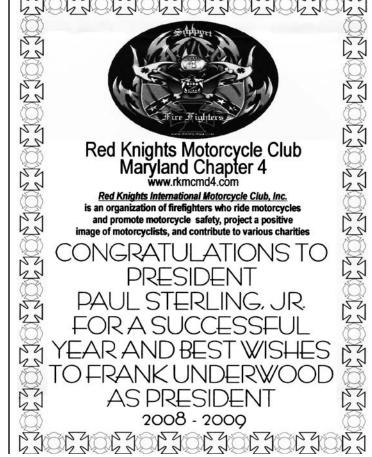


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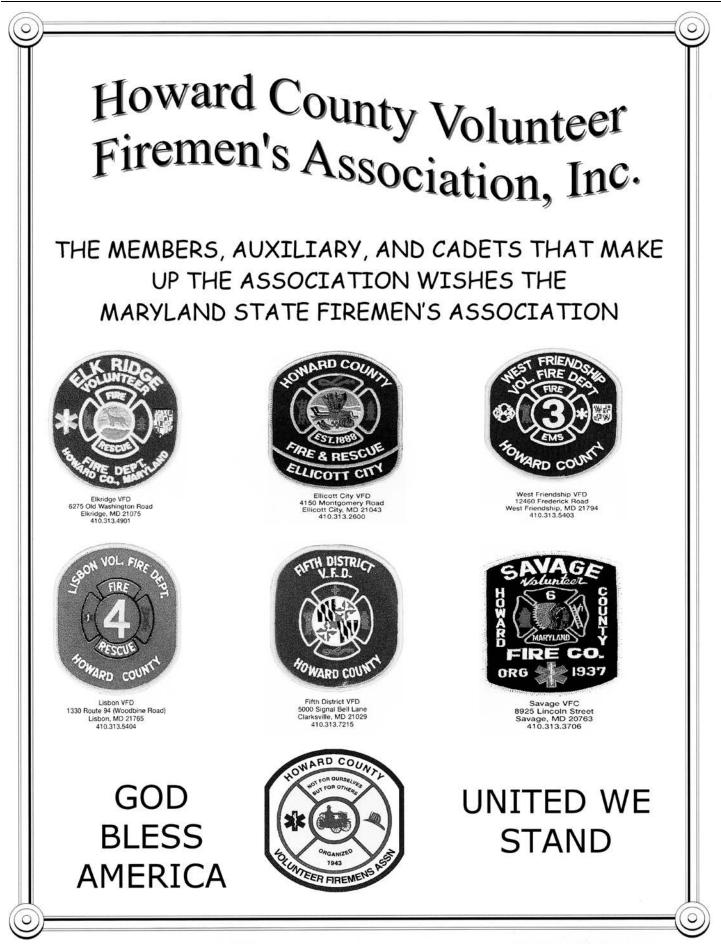
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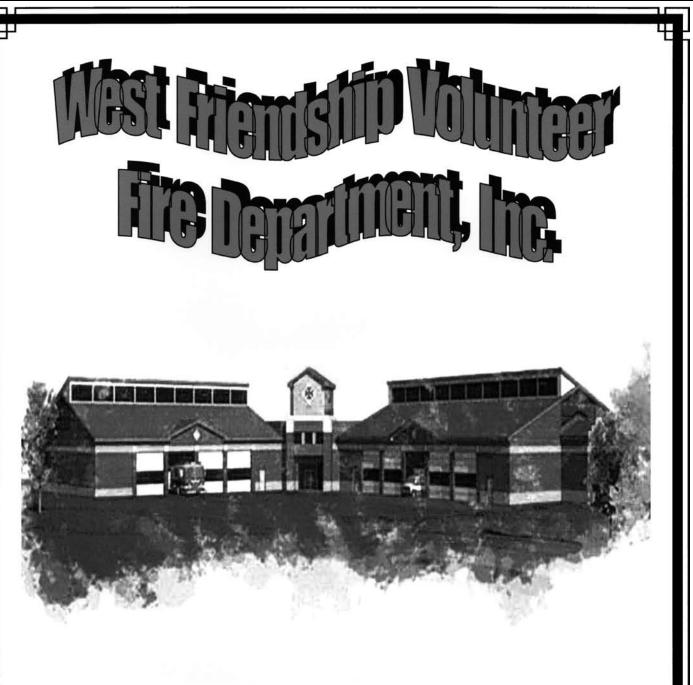
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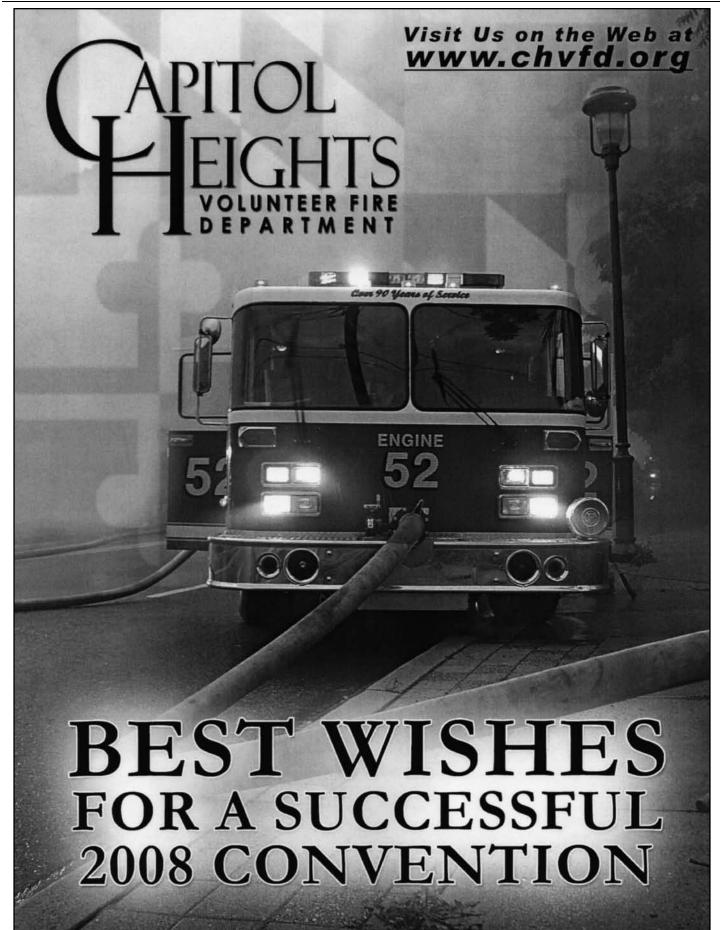






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To MSFA President Sterling and LAMSFA President Pandolphi we wish to applaud you and your officers for a job well done.

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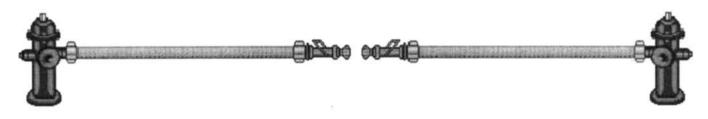
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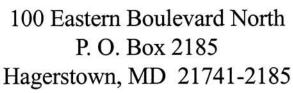
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Maryland Company Making The Best Appearance	Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Maryland Company Making The Second Best Appearance	Trophy
President's Award	Trophy
Company Coming The Longest Distance	Trophy
Company Coming The Second Longest Distance	Trophy
Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Trophy
Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Trophy
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Company With Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel	Trophy
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Best Drum and Bugle Corps	\$200.oo
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
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Best Appearing Adult Miss Fire Prevention	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
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Aerial Truck Or Elevated Platform Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Squad Truck Making The Best Appearance 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 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
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Second Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
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Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older)	Trophy Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Apparatus Over Twenty Years Old (in service)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Fire Service Color Guard Making The Best Appearance	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Third Place	Trophy
Honorable Mention	Trophy
Best Appearing Adult, Non Fire Service Color Guard	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot (Dalmation, Etc.)	Trophy
Second Place	Trophy
Hard Luck Award	Trophy
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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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