

GREETINGS FROM THE

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## 121<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

**JOHN DENVER**  
PRESIDENT MSFA

**SHERRY SOPER**  
PRESIDENT LAMSFA



**JUNE 15-20, 2013 | OCEAN CITY, MD**



# VERY FEW THINGS CAN SURVIVE AN INFERNO.

## OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.

The flames build. The smoke gets thicker and more intense by the second. People are fleeing. And what do you do? You push forward ready to do battle. It goes against every natural human instinct. But then again, firefighters are a different breed. For your infinite courage and selfless dedication, we salute you. But more importantly, we're going to do everything we can to protect you. We're MSA. And we equip firefighters with the most advanced thermal imaging cameras, helmets, air masks and gas detection devices available. Coincidentally, we're somewhat of a different breed ourselves. You see, we're a safety innovations company that's been on a relentless crusade to protect lives for more than 90 years. Today we protect firefighters, soldiers, construction, iron and steel workers, oil riggers, utility workers, miners, consumers and hundreds more. Wherever there are workers who need to be protected, we will be there.



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# MSFA Program Book Dedication

## Lee N. Sachs, Past President

### 1938 - 2012



*It has been said that organizations can only survive through the collective service of the many and often only for the betterment of the whole. Above all, there must exist within that organization a “sense of spirit” – a captive understanding by individuals of what it means “to do the right thing”. Yet in order for any organization to grow and prosper, there must be individuals with the perseverance and talents to build structures specifically aimed towards success. When it comes to the organization of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), one individual has met that test of time. Lee N. Sachs was a man who dedicated his life to the service of others and always found the time to provide support and assistance to everyone along the way. He was a man who was committed to “doing the right thing” for the right reasons at the right time.*

*Lee served with the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department for 37 years and remained active with the company until his passing on December 19, 2012. He served in many positions with the department and with his county and state association. He was a Past President of Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department, Baltimore County Volunteer Fire Association and with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Lee was involved with many committees within the MSFA, which included; Convention Steering, Emergency Medical Services, Finance Team, MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group, Planning, Past Presidents, Residential Sprinkler Incentive, Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, Maryland Memorial and the National Volunteer Fire Council. Lee has been many things to many organizations and to each he has always been a wealth of knowledge and boundless source of energy.*

*When we lose a friend without the opportunity to tell them of the impact they had on our lives and the lives of so many others, it is truly an injustice. But, in this situation, both Lee and all of us knew that he has, in fact, impacted upon so many of our lives and in a very positive venue. For that we dedicate this Program Book for the 121st Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to his memory. He may be gone from our presence, but he will never be forgotten for he was a true gentleman in every sense of the word.*



# Line of Duty Tribute



**Gene Kirchner**

*Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department*



**James Fitzgerald, Sr.**

*Vigilant Hose Volunteer Fire Department*

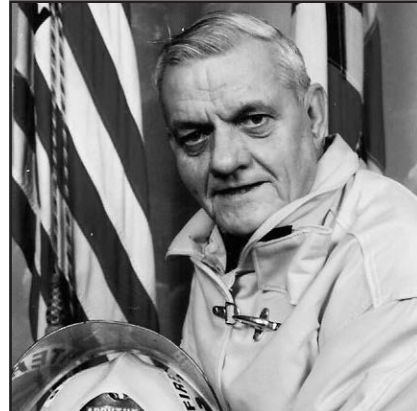


# Memorial Tribute



**Lee N. Sachs**

Past President MSFA 2005-2006  
*Pikesville Volunteer Fire Dept.*



**Edwin F. Preston**

Past President MSFA 1974-1975  
*Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept.*



**Barbara "Bobbie" McWilliams**

Past President LAMSFA 2005-2006  
*Seventh District VFD Ladies Auxiliary*



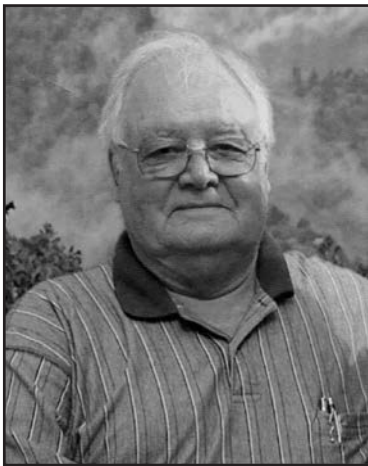
# Memorial Tribute



**Rev. David L. Coblentz**  
Chaplain, MSFA  
*Middletown Volunteer Fire Company*



**William A. Hawkins**  
Past Assistant Secretary  
*Jessup Volunteer Fire Dept.*



**Hartwood Cornell, Jr.**  
Executive Committee Chairman 1994-95  
*Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Dept.*



**Margaret Woltz**  
Chairman Emeritus, Scholarship  
*Chillum Adelphi VFD Ladies Auxiliary*



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MARYLAND

Richard W. Meehan  
*Mayor*



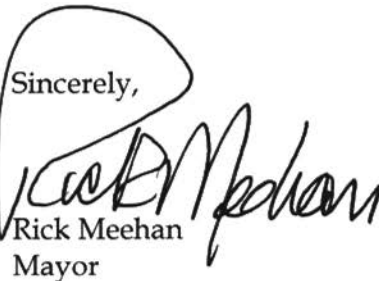
Welcome to Ocean City!

Greetings from the Mayor

Ocean City, Maryland welcomes you to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center for the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. On behalf of the citizens of Ocean City and the City Council, we are very pleased to be your host and we thank you for choosing Ocean City as the site of your convention.

We greatly appreciate the exemplary service you provide to your respective communities. We are grateful for your commitment, and recognize the sacrifice and support given by your family and friends that enable you to provide this invaluable service.

During your visit with us, we hope you will enjoy our beautiful beaches and world-famous Boardwalk, along with our wonderful shops, restaurants and gracious hospitality. We wish you a successful convention and an enjoyable stay with your family and friends in Ocean City.

Sincerely,  
  
Rick Meehan  
Mayor

Ocean City, MD



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*A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY*

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 121st Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention in Ocean City.

For well over a century, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has dedicated themselves to serving and supporting the volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical service personnel who serve and protect the people of Maryland. By coming together to conduct education and training seminars, and to honor your deserving members, you are continuing the great service your organization provides to Maryland.

The O'Malley-Brown Administration is committed to supporting the men and women who make great sacrifices to protect our neighbors during times of need. In 2012, we were proud to support the passage of the Workers' Compensation Medical Presumptions and Study bill that requires a study of the types of cancer and other diseases to which firefighters and others in the line of duty are most vulnerable. With your help, we will continue to support our volunteer emergency response personnel.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to the people of Maryland and best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely,

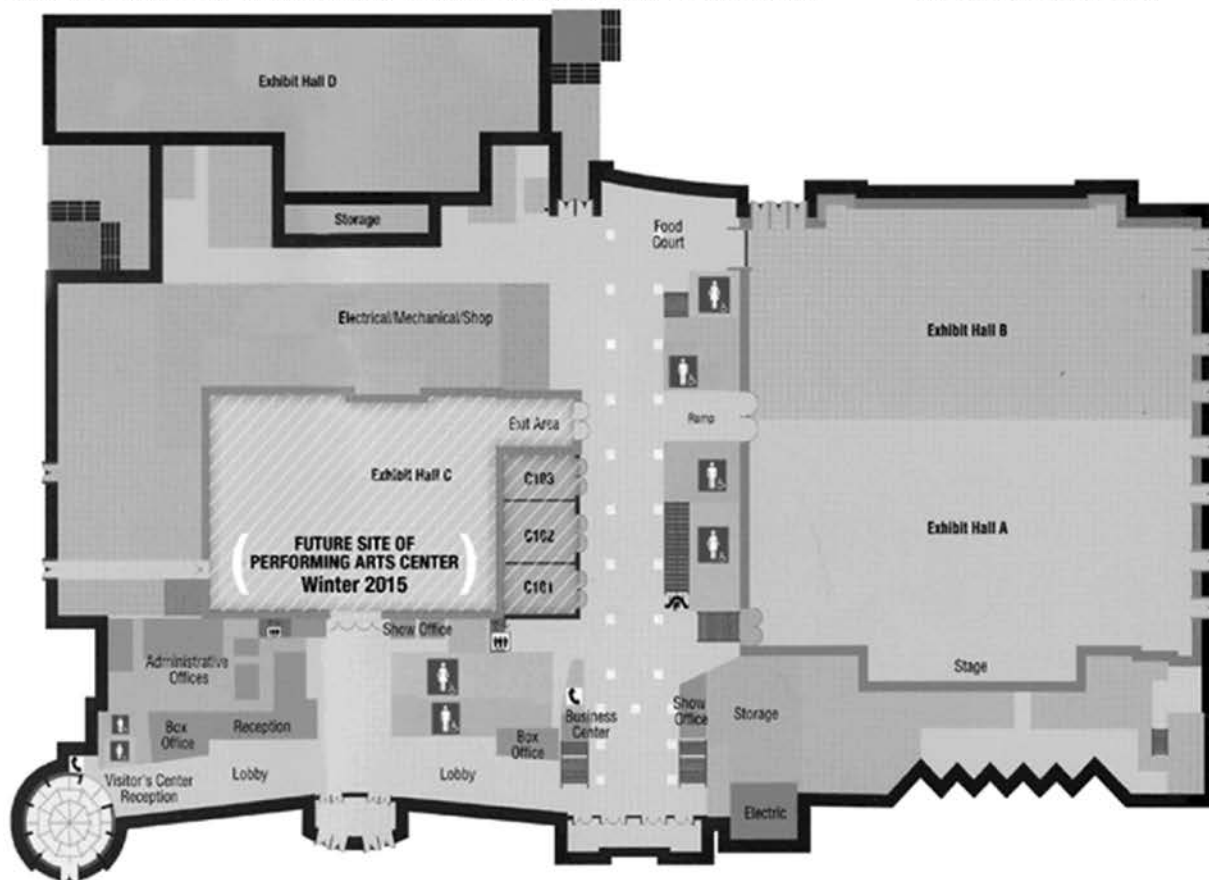
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley".

Governor

# Welcome to the Ocean City Convention Center 2013 MSFA Convention Floor Layout

Location	Events	Events
Exhibit Hall A	Apparatus Exhibits	Vendor Exhibits
Exhibit Hall B	Apparatus Exhibits	Vendor Exhibits
Exhibit Hall C	Hands On Training Registration	State Agency Exhibits
Exhibit Hall C	Parade Trophy Display	Free Bus Passes
Exhibit Hall D	MSFA Ticket Sales	MSFA \$10,000.00 Raffle
Exhibit Hall D	MSFA Store	Vendor Exhibits
South East Lobby	MFRI Booth	MIEMSS Booth
Main Entrance Lobby	MSFA Exhibitor Registration	MSFA Information Booth
Main Entrance Lobby	Maryland Memorial Booth	
North East Loading Dock	Hands On Training	Sponsor Showcase
Bay Side West Patio	Hands On Training	
Front Parking Lot, East Side	Apparatus Displays	Vendor Showcase
Rooms C101, C102, C103	Training Seminars	Educational Sessions

## Roland E. Powell Convention Center -- First Floor



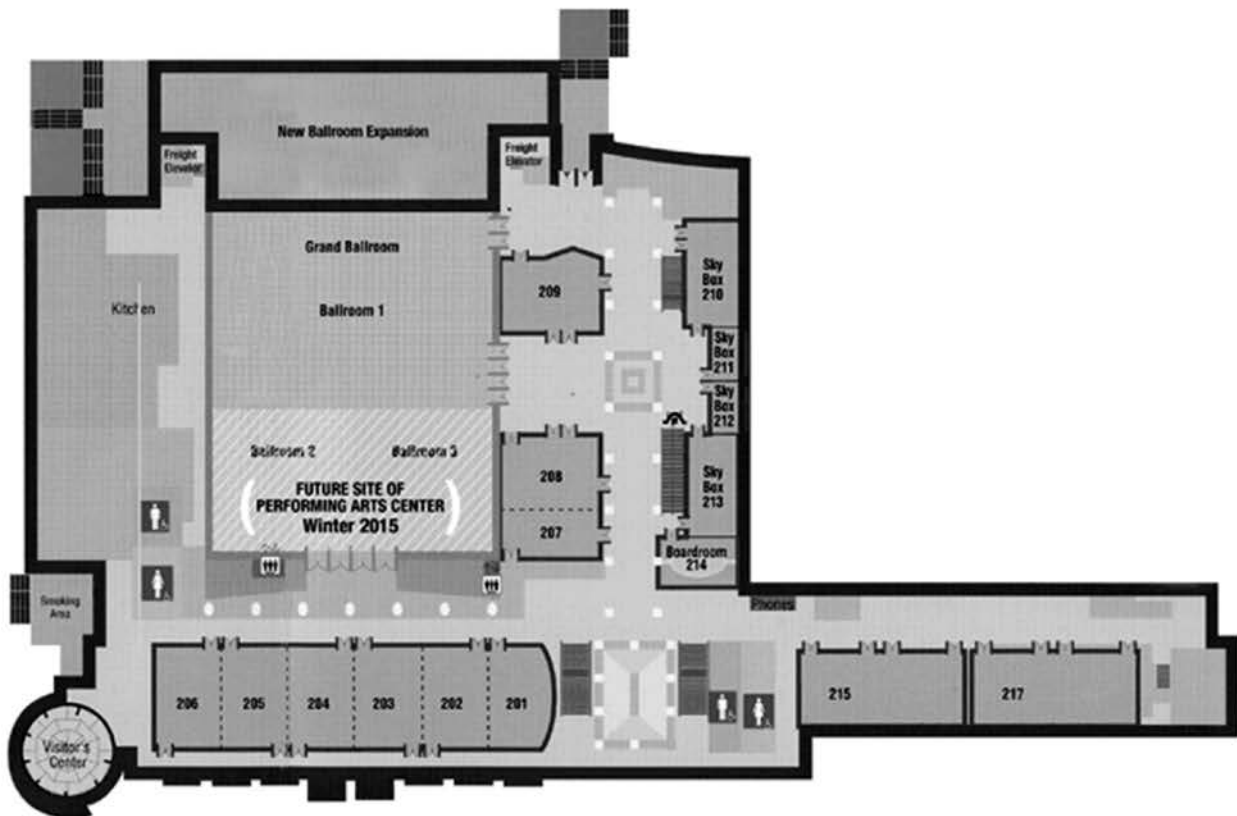
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# Welcome to the Ocean City Convention Center 2013 MSFA Convention Floor Layout

Location	Events	Events
Ball Room 1 with Expansion	Memorial Service	Opening Ceremonies
Ball Room 1 with Expansion	MSFA Business Meetings	Installation of Officers
Ball Room 1 with Expansion	Pajama Parade	Convention Registration
Ball Room 1 with Expansion	Committee Exhibits	
Ball Rooms 2 and 3	Presidents Banquet	Bag Bingo
Ball Rooms 2 and 3	Tuesday Lunch Buffet	Prayer Breakfast
Rooms 201, 207, 208, 215, 217	Training Seminars	Educational Sessions
Rooms 202-205	LAMSFA Meeting Space	LAMSFA Committee Tables
Rooms 202-205	Sunday Executive Committee	Thursday Executive Committee
Room 209	Educational Sessions	Past President's Lunches
Rooms 210, 211, 212, 213, 214	Sponsor Skyboxes	Sponsor Showcase
Mezzanine Room 201	MFRETC Meeting	Educational Sessions
Mezzanine Room 201	Miss Fire Prevention Interviews	
Mezzanine Room 202 & 203	Convention Show Office	MSFA Command Post
Mezzanine Room 204	Training Seminars	Educational Sessions

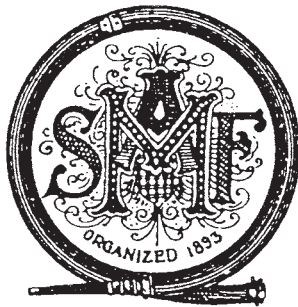
## Roland E. Powell Convention Center -- Second Floor



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## THE SEAL OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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



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

### "MEANING OF THE MSFA LOGO"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**121st ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM**  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013**

0900 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level  
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Board Room  
1330 **Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission** – Convention Center  
1800 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** By Invitation Only

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013**

0730 Hands-On Registration – Convention Center “C” Hall  
0800 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level  
0800-2000 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops  
0800-1600 Hands on Training  
0900-1500 MSFA Store Open  
0900-1700 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center  
0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor’s Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level  
0930 **Executive Committee Meeting** – Convention Center East Hall  
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer  
1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center Ballroom’s 2 & 3  
1100 **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** – Convention Center  
1400 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Convention Center East Hall  
1700 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Main Ballroom

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

0700 Registration - Convention Center Main Ball Room  
0730 Hands-On Registration - Convention Center “C” Hall  
0800-1500 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops  
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer  
0800-1600 Hands on Training  
0830 **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room  
**OPENING CEREMONIES**  
0900 Exhibits Open  
0900-1600 MSFA Store Open  
0910 **Keynote Speaker Presentation - “The Power of Five” - Vickie Taylor**  
Behavioral Health Consultant, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, MD  
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**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

- 0945 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents  
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
- 1000 **LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA MEETING** – Convention Center East Hall  
1000 Reading and acceptance of 2012 Convention and Conference Minutes  
Report of the Credentials Committee  
Report of Association Officers  
Report of Standing and Special Committees  
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund  
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee  
National Volunteer Fire Council Update
- 1045 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention  
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
- 1230 **CALL TO ORDER - SECOND SESSION**  
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission  
Maryland Instructor's Certification Board  
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
- 1245 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION - "Preparing for the Perfect Storm"**  
**Robert R. Maynes**, Deputy Assistant Chief, FDNY Chief of Planning and Strategy, Fire Department City of New York, Brooklyn, NY  
*This presentation will provide a review of the catastrophic impact of Super Storm Sandy on sections of New York City, including the devastating fire in the Breezy Point area of Queens, by the Queens Borough Commander, at the time of the storm. This session will also highlight the strategy and planning to address future disasters of this magnitude using a variety of lessons learned from over 15 past incidents, including the FDNY IMT response to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.*  
  
Maryland Emergency Management Agency  
Maryland Department of Homeland Security  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
- 1315 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION - "Fire Dynamics in Structures"**  
**Daniel Madrzykowski**, Fire Protection Engineer, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD  
*Over the past several decades, the firefighter's working environment has seen some drastic changes. Firefighter fatalities and injuries on the fireground continue at rates that are increasing while the number of fire incidents decrease, making it more critical than ever for firefighters to understand how they can best control a structure fire. This presentation will review data and videos from fire experiments in structures to demonstrate the impact of ventilation on fire growth; and review the impact of building construction and exterior suppression on structure fires; comparing study results with actual case studies of LODD and fireground injuries.*



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**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

- 1340 Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office  
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute  
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems  
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report
- 1430 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center
- 1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours
- 1830 **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**
- 1930 **COACH BAG BINGO** – Convention Center (Doors Open at 1830 hours)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013**

- 0730 Hands-On Registration - Convention Center "C" Hall
- 0800-1700 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops
- 0800 **VOTING** – Convention Center - (Open for two hours)
- 0800-1600 Hands on Training
- 0830 **CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room  
**AWARDS CEREMONY**  
Gladhill-Thompson Award  
Colburn Cup Award  
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award  
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award  
Hall of Fame Awards  
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award  
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award  
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award  
Firefighter of the Year Award  
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
- 0900 Exhibits Open
- 0900-1500 MSFA Store Open
- 1000 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION -"From Tragedy to Triumph: Lessons Learned from the Charleston 9" - David Griffin**, Doctoral Candidate, F.O., Driver Training Coordinator/ Instructor, The City of Charleston Fire Department, Charleston, SC  
*On June 18, 2007, the City of Charleston Fire Department lost nine firefighters in a warehouse fire. Learn from the Engineer of the first arriving engine at that fire how this experience has changed the department and the national fire service. The presenter will utilize scientific research from various studies, as well as his Doctoral work to express how an organizational crisis can stem from this type of tragedy, and how the theories of organizational learning and sense-making can be used to mitigate organizational crisis.*

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013**

Zembower Fire Service Training Award  
Scholarship Awards  
Family Appreciation Award  
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award  
Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award  
Legislative Committee Update

**SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530 **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** – Convention Center  
1630 Exhibits Close

1630 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Convention Center Main Ballroom  
1800-2100 OC FOOLS Block Party, 45<sup>th</sup> Street Bay Side, Benefits Fallen Firefighters

2100 Fireworks on the Beach – Boardwalk at the Inlet

2130 **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** – Convention Center Main Ball Room

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**

0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Convention Center Ballroom 2 & 3

0800-1230 Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops

0800-1200 MSFA Store Open

0900 **CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room

0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communications and Announcements

Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0930 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION - “*The Impacts and Recovery from Super Storm***

***Sandy*” - Robert Sinnott**, Past Chief, Silverton Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, Toms River, NJ

*Super Storm Sandy was the deadliest and most destructive tropical cyclone of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, as well as the second-costliest hurricane in United States history. Classified as the eighteenth named storm, tenth hurricane and second major hurricane of the year, Sandy was a Category 2 storm off the coast of the Northeastern United States. The storm became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record (as measured by diameter, with winds spanning 1,100 miles). Preliminary estimates assess damage at nearly \$75 billion, a total surpassed only by Hurricane Katrina. Learn from the Past Chief of one of the many volunteer fire departments which were severely impacted by the effects of this storm, not only directly on fire department operations, but on the lifestyle and ability to provide for the community, particularly fire department families; and the continuing struggle to return community services and life in general to the levels known before the storm.*

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**

- 1000      Remarks by Past President  
            Remarks by Newly Elected Officers  
            Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee  
            Installation of Assistant Officers
- 1030      **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION - “Run-Hide-Fight; Personal Choices During Active Shooter Incidents” - Keith Runk**, First Sergeant, Maryland State Police, Pikesville, MD  
*From Newtown, CN to Webster, NY; a number of recent active shooter incidents have had direct impact on the fire and EMS service community. This presentation will include an overview of recent active shooter incidents and discuss a number of dynamics associated with this type of emergency, including the means to identify different characteristics of these calls for service. The importance of having a strategic policy in place, access to emergency kits, the use of appropriate levels of force, lock down verses evacuation strategies, and other training issues will be reviewed. In addition, the presentation will also review the necessary cooperative efforts between law enforcement authorities, emergency service providers, and the public in general in order to provide expected services and actions from each of these involved groups, and to successfully mitigate incidents of this nature.*
- 1050      Final Report of Convention Committee  
            Unfinished Business and New Business  
            \$10,000.00 Raffle Drawing
- 1200      Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours
- 1300      **MSFA PARADE – Baltimore Avenue, Line-up at Inlet Parking Lot**  
**Special Note – Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue.**
- 1730      Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013**

- 0900      Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center East Hall  
1000 -1800      **MSFA Family Day at Splash Mountain Water Park, Jolly Rodgers Amusement Park**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013**

- 0730      **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course**  
1000 -1800      **MSFA Family Day at Splash Mountain Water Park, Jolly Rodgers Amusement Park**



# MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS

## Keynote Speaker - Monday, June 17, 2013

### ***“The Power of Five” - Vickie Taylor***

Behavioral Health Consultant, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, MD.

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Deputy Assistant Chief, FDNY Chief of Planning and Strategy, Fire Dept. City of New York, Brooklyn, NY.

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## Main Program Presentations - Tuesday, June 18, 2013

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Doctoral Candidate, F.O., Driver Training Coordinator/Instructor, The City of Charleston FD, Charleston, SC.

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## Main Program Presentations - Wednesday, June 19, 2013

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Past Chief, Silverton Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, Toms River, NJ.

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The Convention Committee has spent considerable time locating educational presentations that are interesting, knowledgeable and relevant to the delivery of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services here in the State of Maryland. These topics represent some of the most current issues that are facing our statewide emergency services delivery system. Please take the time to participate in these outstanding learning experiences.

## **EXPANDED PROGRAM THIS YEAR 2013 Hands-On Training**

### **MFRI Sponsored Hands-On Training**

*Sunday, June 16, 2013*

#### **Grain Engulfment Training - Time: 0900 – 1600**

This six hour classroom and practical program is intended to educate students on the dangers of and the techniques of removing victims from a grain engulfment. This includes the basic causes of engulfment and entrapments and how to prevent them. Practical work includes: knot tying and use, rescue equipment identification and use, retaining walls and coffer dams use, cutting bins and auger do's and don'ts, bin and confined space entry.

**Prerequisite:** Firefighter I.

Class is limited to twenty-five (25) students.

Student must provide their own PPE to include: hardhat, coveralls, steel toed shoes, gloves, eye protection and clothing that will cause little loss to the student. This class will be held at: Berlin Fire Company, 214 N. Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811.

*Directions and additional information will be forwarded to registered students prior to the class start date. If you have any questions, please call 410-758-2112. Register for these classes at: [www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/seminars.cgi](http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/seminars.cgi)*

**This year, the Convention Committee has partnered with the Ocean City "FOOLS" to provide enhancements to your training opportunities. More class sessions, more topics and national instructors.**

### **FOOLS Sponsored Training - Course Descriptions**

*Sunday, June 16, 2013*

#### **AM HOT Classes 08:00-12:00**

##### **Engine Company Operations**

Lieutenant Ray McCormick (FDNY) – Urban Firefighter

This class will concentrate on operational fundamentals such as proper hose stretching techniques, efficiently laying out your attack line, developing a proper pre-entry checklist, and reading the building. Attendees will also train on standpipe operations, loss of water, rope stretches, flow path hazards, moving the big line effectively and multiple room fire attack. Join us for an extremely informative, skill sharpening session.

##### **Bridging the Gap between EMS & Athletic Trainers (Sports Medicine Providers)**

Fire Fighter/Paramedic's Kimberly Tull, Ben Waples, Christina Vickers, Ocean City Fire Department

This course covers hot topics in Sports Medicine that EMS Providers should be aware of – especially if they cover local sporting events. There is new legislation in Maryland regarding concussion and heat illness. Participants will receive an update on new equipment and participate in Hands-On practical exercises covering removal techniques and tools that may be required for proper patient care. Continuing Education Credits are granted.



## **FOOLS Sponsored Training - Course Descriptions**

*Sunday, June 16, 2013*  
**PM HOT Classes 13:00-16:00**

### **Forcible Entry**

Fire Fighter Robert "R.J." James (Frederick County Fire Rescue) Capitol Fire Training

The Forcible Entry presentation is designed to teach the basic firefighter the main principles and understanding of forcible entry. Tools and tactics have been around for years, gaining entry and different ways to attack locks and doors is ever so changing. This presentation is designed to show new ways and techniques of going around and through the lock. (This presentation includes pictures and videos showing the most up to date techniques & tactics). The hands-on portion of this class is designed to show the necessary steps to gaining entry quickly and efficiently.

### **Advanced Auto Extrication**

Captain Aaron Heller (Hamilton Twp. NJ Fire District #9) On Scene Training Associates

This course is designed to provide personnel with Advanced Vehicle Extrication Techniques in an extensive day of hands-on evolutions that will consist of stabilization and extrication of vehicles on their roofs, sides, underride and over-ride evolutions, tunneling, 3rd door evolutions, and multiple advanced scenarios.

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### **Basement Fires**

Captain James McClelland (PGFD) Fireground Tactics & Solutions

Basement fires are one of the toughest types of structural fires that firefighters and fire officer handle. Many firefighters and fire officers throughout the United States have been seriously injured or even killed on basement fires because of improper size-up and lack of understanding strategies and tactics for such fires. Departments have had significant basement fires that have gone bad that have led to deteriorating fireground conditions and even firefighters being injured or killed. In this lecture/hands-on training program we will take a look at basement fire strategies and tactics. We will look at the current Basement Fire Standard Operating Procedures, as well as looking at past basement fire incidents to look at lessons learned.

**PM HOT Classes 13:00-16:00**

### **Engine Company: Getting the most out of Pre-Connected Hand Lines**

Lt. Keith "Nemo" Niemann & Fire Fighter Mark Misek (Wichita Fire Department) Wichita Metro Area FOOLS  
As times move on and apparatus design changes, many departments, for better or worse, are moving away from static loaded hand lines and moving to pre-connected lines. These pre-connected hand lines can be mounted as cross-lays, or off the rear of the apparatus but the mission remains the same, to quickly deploy a working line and manage the remaining line so that fire attack can take place. This four hour class will go over different methods of loading the pre-connects and the advantages/disadvantages to each. Other tips and tricks will be shown to assist in deployment of hand lines from a pre-connected hose bed to save time and minimize layout errors. Students will get to load and deploy the lines in multiple stations and, hopefully, take back new information and methods to their respective departments.

## **FOOLS Sponsored Training - Course Descriptions**

***Monday, June 17, 2013***  
**PM HOT Classes 13:00-16:00**

### **Advanced Forcible Entry**

Battalion Chief Nick Martin (Columbia Fire Department, SC) Traditions Training

This program will not only give students a variety of hands-on skills to defeat various forcible entry challenges, but it will also give them background knowledge on the construction, components, and installation of these items. This will allow students to exploit the weaknesses and come up with “on the fly” solutions to the endless variety of commercial and homemade forcible entry devices. Students will learn hands-on techniques by defeat real locks and security components.

***Tuesday, June 18, 2013***  
**AM HOT Classes 08:00-12:00**

### **Man vs. Machinery**

Lt. Mark Gregory (FDNY) – PL Vulcan Fire Training Concepts

The objectives of the program are to provide members of Fire & EMS with the skills to manage incidents involving extrication of patients from various types of machinery. This is a highly specialized skill set and caring for victims/patients entrapped in machinery requires providers to be trained in specific treatment modalities and possible complications. The core objective of this class is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively care for and extricate a patient from a piece of machinery. Continuing Education Credits are granted.

**ALL DAY HOT Classes 08:00-16:00**

### **Front Seat Ready, Part 1 and Part 2**

Captain James McClelland (PGFD) Fireground Tactics & Solutions

The fire service as we know it is forever changing. Today's fireground is presenting more challenges and dangers than ever before. The ranks of experienced fire officers are diminishing, forcing young inexperienced firefighters to move up and assume the leadership roles. Many fire departments put a firefighter in the position of authority to make fireground decisions with little or no training. With these changes our firefighters and officers are not gaining the valuable skills needed to be successful fire officers. Ask yourself, are you “front seat ready”? There are many classes that say they provide the skills and expertise to making good fire officers but with our course we will make you “front seat ready.” In this part of our Fire Officer's Development Training Series, our most experienced instructors will go over some of the fundamental skills through our interactive training program. This program will help to improve upon the fire officers and firefighters abilities to make initial incident decisions and develop the must have skills to be successful at making the right decisions from the front seat.

**PM HOT Classes 13:00-16:00**

### **Truck Company Ground Ladder & Search Tactics**

Lt. Scott Klienschmidt (Wichita Fire Department) Wichita Metro Area FOOLS

This four hour hands-on class will take the participant through basic ladder operations and considerations when operating at a multi-story dwelling fire. The participant will then transition into VES operations and considerations when applying this tactic in conjunction with other fireground activates. Lastly, the participant will review traditional search tactics including the “reverse” VES interior search technique.

Transportation to the practical areas will be provided courtesy of the Convention Committee.  
To Register Visit: <http://www.wcvfr.org/msfatrain.htm>. All information is on the MSFA Home Page.

## Maryland State Firemen's Association

### 2013 Summer Education and Training Seminars

*Ocean City, Maryland - June 16 – 17, 2013*

*Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 12:30 PM*

#### **ROOM -100 - The Power of Five**

Vickie Taylor, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, their loved ones are left with unique challenges as they begin to rebuild their lives. This workshop will examine some of the resources and means which are available to survivors to find support, comfort, and resources they need to deal with the immediate and long-term consequences of the emotional and psychological feelings created by the serious injury or loss of a close friend, co-worker, or loved one, as well as the changes which are possible to create memories that will last a lifetime. Ms. Taylor specializes in providing training, counseling, and support services to public safety personnel and their families and to organizations across the country. She has authored many papers, brochures, and articles on grief as it relates to public safety officers. Vickie is regarded as a national expert in this field.

#### **ROOM -201 - Professional Development For Instructors**

*(3 hours PDI credit for MICRB Instructors)*

TBD , Instructor-Trainer, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

#### **ROOM -207 - Emergency Medical Services in the 21st Century**

Dr. Robert Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director

What is in the future for EMS? How will EMS providers be, what care will they provide, and what role will they play in the health care system? Dr. Bass will attempt to answer these questions and more and will provide for group discussion.

#### **ROOM -208 - You've Been Elected Company President, Now What?**

Mr. David Lewis, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, MSFA Past President

Leading a volunteer corporation comes with a great deal of responsibility for managing the facilities, equipment, and membership. This seminar will discuss the responsibilities that come with being elected as a Company President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other administrative officer. We will discuss your role as the company leader in making your company successful. Topics include successful leadership techniques, financial responsibilities, working with outside organizations, and volunteer recruitment and retention. This seminar is a preview for a new Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) course, *Volunteer Company Organization and Administration*, which will be offered starting the fall semester.

#### **ROOM -215 - Volunteer Company Assistance Fund**

Craig Harmon MSFA, VCAF Committee,

Catherine Kelly, MD Military Department, Office of the Adjutant General

Are you aware that through the Maryland State Firemen's Association there is a Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) that is intended to ensure adequate fire protection and rescue services in the State of Maryland? This program funded by the State Government provides loans and grants or both to assist departments in the purchase or refurbishing of firefighting, ambulance and rescue motorized equipment. It can also be utilized to assist in financing the construction costs to upgrade or replace facilities needed to store such equipment. This presentation will provide attendees with an overview of the Program and will provide useful information on how to apply and successfully secure these funds.



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*Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 12:30 PM*

## **ROOM -217 - Simulation Training**

Mr. Mike Kernan, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

Mr. John McNeece, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

Practice size-up, communications, initial tactical decisions, and Incident Command using the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute's Mobile Sim Lab. Using the latest simulation software, students will confront realistic scenarios that will allow them to practice the skills necessary for today's fire officer. Learn the lessons in a safe, supportive environment before encountering them in the real world. The class is appropriate for those of any level of experience. *Space is limited, so please register early.*

*Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 2:15 PM*

## **ROOM -100 - R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center**

Speaker to be announced

## **ROOM -207 - MIEMSS**

Dr. Richard Alcorta, Medical Director, MIEMSS

## **ROOM -215 - Dust Explosion Hazards**

Mat Chibbaro, P.E. CSP, Fire Protection Engineer

Every year, a number of emergency responders are injured, and sometimes killed, while operating at facilities with combustible dusts. When responders have adequate information and training on the explosibility of combustible dust and the conditions present in the facility, incidents are more likely to be handled safely and effectively. Everyone is safer when plant and emergency personnel share information involving combustible dusts, develop safe procedures to handle incidents, and train together. This presentation provides the framework necessary to gather the appropriate information and translate it into safe operating procedures.

*Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 4:00 PM*

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## **ROOM -201 - Fire Station Design**

Mr. Rob Manns, AIA, Principal Architect Manns-Woodward Studios

Fire stations are expensive and long-term investments that are made to ensure the well-being of both our firefighters and communities. They must be efficient, comfortable, flexible enough to meet future demands and durable enough to withstand some of the most extreme abuse. This session will cover the critical issues associated with successfully completing your future fire station construction project.

## **ROOM -207 - AEDS: the Power To save A Life**

Jon Marsiglia, Chesapeake AED Services

Chesapeake AED Services will educate on the importance of AED (Automated External Defibrillator) programs and how placing these machines in public places will directly result in more lives saved. We'll talk about cardiac arrest, what is an AED, what is public access defibrillation, the laws and liability of having a program, and what to look for when starting a program. Access Defibrillation is growing, placing more AEDs in public places, producing more AED/CPR trained responders, and furthering Chesapeake AED Service's mission to arm the public with the power to save lives.

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## 2013 Summer Education and Training Seminars

*Sunday, June 16, 2013 - 4:00 PM*

### **ROOM -208 - Protocol Review**

Rae Olivera, MIEMSS

### **ROOM -215 - Pediatric Puzzlers**

Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MSN, RNS, EMSC Program Director @ MIEMSS

Pediatric EMS calls require both rapid assessment and careful treatment decisions. Come put the puzzle pieces together to solve the mystery of common and uncommon pediatric medical cases. This session will highlight tips and tricks used to perform pediatric assessment to help navigate the various protocols, treatment, and transport decisions providers must make. Each participant will have a keypad to participate in the decisions for each child's care. MIEMSS EMS for Children's faculty will highlight evidence based practice that drives protocols, guidelines and care.

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*Monday, June 17, 2013 - 1:30 PM*

### **ROOM -100 - From Tragedy To Triumph: Lessons Learned From The Charleston 9**

David Griffin, Doctoral Candidate, City of Charleston Fire Department

On June 18, 2007, the City of Charleston Fire Department lost nine firefighters in a warehouse fire. The engineer of the first arriving engine at that fire, Mr. Griffin, expresses how this experience has changed the department and the national fire service. The presenter will utilize scientific research from various studies, as well as his Doctoral work to express how an organizational crisis can stem from this type of tragedy, and how the theories of organizational learning and sense-making can be used to mitigate organizational crises.

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### **ROOM -207 Knowing Your First Due**

Chief Allen Baldwin, Gettysburg FD

Understanding the importance of knowing your first due area. What to know? How do I get to know it better? What tools are out there to help me? What do I do with the knowledge? What happens when I don't know my First Due? Make sure you and your department is prepared!

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## 2013 Summer Education and Training Seminars

*Monday, June 17, 2013 - 1:30 PM*

### **ROOM -208 Families Need to Be Prepared**

Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MSN, RNS, EMSC Program Director @ MIEMSS, Risk Watch

Each year storms come up the Atlantic coast and over the Mountains that disrupt the daily lives of children, youth and their families. A less well known life safety curriculum from Risk Watch focuses Natural Disasters. Pre-K through middle school lessons provides specific activities to preparing children of all ages (and the adults in their family) for dealing with disasters before, during and after. Come join the MSFA Risk Watch team in a hands-on workshop and gather ideas for your stations community outreach activities.

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### **ROOM -217 Fire Alarms Short Course**

Keith Lippincott, Fire Engineering Program, UMCP

*Monday, June 17, 2013 - 3:15 PM*

### **ROOM- 100 Fire Dynamics in Structures**

Dan Madzykowski, Fire Protection Engineer, NIST

Over the past several decades, the firefighter's working environment has seen some drastic changes. Firefighter fatalities and injuries on the fireground continue at rates that are increasing while the number of fire incidents decrease, making it more critical than ever for firefighters to understand how they can best control a structure fire. This presentation will review data and videos from fire experiments in structures to demonstrate the impact of ventilation on fire growth; and review the impact of building construction and exterior suppression on structure fires; comparing study results with actual case studies of LODD and fireground injuries.

### **ROOM -201 - How the United States Postal Service can help your Volunteer Fire Department Grow - United States Postal Service Every Door Direct Mail Seminar**

Lee Ann Geist, Business Development Specialist for Baltimore

Patsy Cannon, Mailing Solutions Specialist

What if your company could experience the benefits of Direct Mail without buying or maintaining mailing lists? What if you could get more of the public to attend your events? What if you could promote yourself in nearby neighborhoods to increase awareness and support? Now you can, easier than ever, thanks to Every Door Direct Mail. Learn about the 2 versions: 1.) Retail: no permit needed, smaller mailings, induction at Post Office retail window 2.) BMEU: use your permit, volume mailings, induction at your local Bulk Mail Entry Unit.



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*Monday, June 17, 2013 - 3:15 PM*

### **ROOM -207 - Store, Mall and Mercantile Operations – Are you ready?**

Chief Allen Baldwin, Gettysburg FD

A look at some of the uniqueness of fighting fires in these types of occupancies and how departments can better prepare themselves to meet these challenges. Suppression Techniques, Preplanning, Command Operations, Search and Rescue Operations, Firefighter Safety and Survival, Fire Suppression System, Detection and Ventilation and Salvage Operations will be discussed and evaluated as related to mercantile occupancies— the general store to the strip mall, to the covered mall, to the big box store.

### **ROOM -208 - Tips for Writing A Successful Grant Proposal**

Dave Lewis, Past President, MSFA, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

Each year, Fire and EMS companies from across the country benefit from grant funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to help purchase necessary equipment and apparatus to meet their mission requirements. Since 2001, over \$119 million in grant funding has been awarded to Maryland fire and EMS companies through the AFG program. Come learn what you need to do to apply for these grant funds. Hear from the members of *Team Maryland* how they help departments across Maryland each year and how they can help you improve your company's grant application to achieve a better chance of success.

### **ROOM -215 - Preparing for the Perfect Storm**

Deputy Assistant Chief Robert R. Maynes, FDNY Chief of Planning and Strategy

Fire Department City of New York, Brooklyn, NY

This presentation will provide a review the catastrophic impact of Super Storm Sandy on sections of New York City, including the devastating fire in the Breezy Point area of Queens, by the Queens Borough Commander, at the time of the storm. This session will also highlight the strategy and planning to address future disasters of this magnitude using a variety of lessons learned from over 15 past incidents, including the FDNY IMT response to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

### **ROOM -217 - Your Fire and Rescue Department and Politics. Are You in Touch With Your Community Needs?**

John McNece, MFRI Special Programs, Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department

This seminar is an overview at providing chief officers and/or administrative officers in the fire and rescue service with ways to succeed and work within the local, county and state level political system to achieve positive results for their department. It will give the attendee insight into better ways to relate and speak to citizens and others to gain support and understanding of their organizational needs relating to their department operations. The seminar identifies successful tools needed to address the challenge necessary to bring about change, and how a department's culture can build success. The course is directed at persons who hold officer or leadership positions in the fire and rescue agencies.



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**A MESSAGE FROM  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ANTHONY G. BROWN**

June 2013

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 Maryland State Firemen's Association Annual Convention in Ocean City.

Since 1893, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has been serving the citizens of Maryland by providing a strong platform and support system for some of the State's hardest workers. As volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel, each of you have the opportunity to change a life and make a positive impact on your community each and every day you go to work.

Brave individuals like you keep our families safe so that we may continue to live, work and play in a secure Maryland. As our citizens go about their everyday lives, they are able to do so with the peace of mind that comes from knowing you are standing by 24 hours a day, ready to protect their homes, their schools and their businesses. Your dedication is commendable and your dependability remains a key component in making Maryland one of the most prosperous states in the nation.

We realize that the wellbeing of our communities is dependent upon the health and safety of our men and women in public safety. That's why we remain committed to ensuring the best protections and resources for the brave Marylanders who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe, and we value your partnership in these efforts.

Thus, on behalf of all Marylanders, I thank you all for your extraordinary service to Maryland and send my best wishes for a safe and fun summer.

Sincerely,

Anthony G. Brown

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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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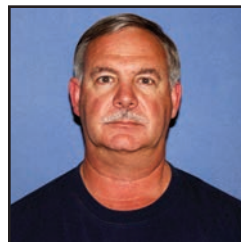
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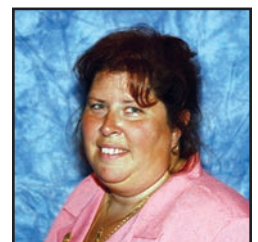
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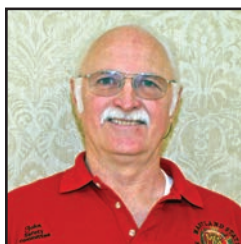
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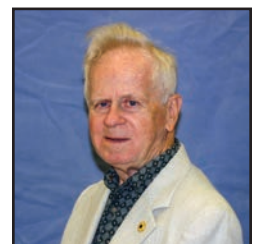
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*From my family to the MSFA family,  
Thanks for your hard work, help,  
advice, and support, but most of all,  
for your friendship!*



John Denver

President

2012-2013



## *Report of the President*

First Vice President Olson, Second Vice President Keller, officers, members, and guests. It has been an honor to serve as President of this great organization. I can't thank you enough for the confidence that you've shown in me. I sincerely hope that I have lived up to that responsibility.

Sadly, since last year's convention, we have lost several members of the MSFA family. LAMSFA Past President Bobbie McWilliams, MSFA Past President Ed Preston, MSFA Past President Lee Sachs, and Chaplain Rev. Dave Coblentz have all passed away in the last year. We will miss each of these individuals, and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families, friends, and departments.

On a happier note, several members of our association have received awards. In June, the MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee was honored with the 2012 Community Safety Award by the Partnership for a Safer Maryland. State Fire Marshal Barnard received the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and NFPA Home Fire Sprinkler Initiative Bringing Safety Home Award. Treasurer Ron Siarnicki received the Everett E. Hudiberg Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the training of our nation's firefighters. It has also been announced Ron will be honored with the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award at the Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington, DC next month. Congratulations to each of the award winners, these awards are well deserved.

At the end of July, we had our three year planning retreat. Working with the Planning Committee, we identified three areas of focus for the retreat. Those areas were Recruitment and Retention, Marketing, and Communications. Three groups were asked to develop a three year plan for each area of focus, identify milestones, due dates, and responsible parties. To ensure adherence to the plan, the Planning Committee was asked to oversee the plan and report on progress. The report was approved in October, and all three committees reported in April that they met their six month goals. The Marketing Committee has developed brochures, posters and pull up banners. The Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to develop an online "toolbox" of resources for member companies. The print version of the Volunteer Trumpet has been reestablished and several editions have been printed.

In late July, we also met with General Adkins to discuss the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF). One of the issues identified was the length of time it took for member companies

to receive the funds. The Department of the Military, the VCAF Committee, and the MSFA Treasurer's Office have been working together to streamline the loan process.

One of the reasons that the MSFA is successful is our close working relationships with our partner agencies. When we met with MFRI last summer we requested that MFRI develop training programs for Administrative Officers. Director Edwards agreed and some of that will be rolled out during this convention. MFRI, along with several MSFA Committees, recently also hosted the Beyond Helmets and Hoses class.

The Legislative Session ended on April 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful session for the MSFA. I would like to thank Legislative Committee Chair Doyle Cox and Vice Chair Richard Smith. They both put in many, many hours at 17 State Circle. Another group I would like to thank are the many partner agencies that work with us to support fire safety legislation. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who came to Annapolis, or who contacted their legislator, to support legislation important to the fire service.

The most critical issue for us this year was the impending insolvency of the Maryland Emergency Services Operating Fund (EMSOF). Failure of EMSOF would have had a severe impact on the entire EMS system in Maryland. While the MSFA supported the needs of our partner organizations, an increase in the Amoss Fund was especially important for us. The Amoss Fund was set at \$10 million in 1999. Due to cost increases, the purchasing power of that \$10 million has eroded significantly since 1999. Legislation was passed that included a \$5 million increase in the Amoss Fund, raising it from \$10 million to \$15 million. The increase will be phased in over a three year period beginning in FY 2015.

Other legislation passed included a bill which establishes minimum distribution requirements for Amoss Fund money received by the counties. This bill also creates a workgroup to make recommendations on other distribution issues. The Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program was changed to a scholarship program. A bill was passed which will require that smoke alarms with replaceable batteries be replaced with sealed smoke alarms powered by a ten year non-replaceable battery and equipped with a hush button. Another bill of interest to the fire service will require that 911 Center fees be included on prepaid cell phone cards.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, help, advice, and support but most of all for their friendship. While there are way too many people to name individually, I do need to specifically thank First Vice President Olson and Second Vice President Keller, and wish them continued success. I would also like to thank LAMSFA President Soper and congratulate her on her successful year. Ben Kurtz did a terrific job as the Executive Chair, and I will forever be in his debt. All of the Past Presidents were very helpful, especially Past Presidents Steve Cox, Gene Worthington, and Phil Hurlock. A special thank



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI  
MARYLAND

June 17, 2013

Mr. John Denver  
President  
Maryland State Firemen's Association

Dear Friends:

Greetings to the members and guests of the Maryland State Fireman's Association on the occasion of your 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference. Thank you for the kind invitation to share this uplifting event with all of my good friends from the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS departments around the State.

Congratulations to all those receiving awards and recognition during this conference. You have worked long and hard to earn the respect and admiration of your peers. Enjoy the spotlight you so richly deserve.

Friends, I want to thank you for what you do every day 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. As volunteers, I know you balance work and family with the extraordinary commitment you make to the fire service. I want you to know that I will always be on your side.

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. 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 (AFG). I am proud to report that since 2001, over \$125 million has been awarded from the AFG to Fire and EMS departments in Maryland. You deserve the best equipment and training to successfully execute your perilous duties.

Thank you for inviting me to share this important and special event with you. I look forward to continuing our work together to make Maryland safer, stronger and smarter. Best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara A. Mikulski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator



also goes to all of the MSFA officers, committee chairs, and committee members.

In addition, I would like to thank Flintstone, Kent Island and Walkersville for hosting Executive Committee Meetings.

Lastly, I thank Singerly Fire Company and Singerly Ladies Auxiliary for all of their support including hosting the Christmas Party and the Executive Committee Meeting. The North East Volunteer Fire Company, Cecil County Firemen's Association, and the Harford-Cecil Firemen's Association will also forever have my gratitude.

Sincerely,  
John Denver



## *Report of the First Vice President*

President Denver, Second Vice President Keller, Chairman Kurtz, Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, and Guests of the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association 121<sup>st</sup> Convention and Conference. These past two years have been a learning experience for me as I travel throughout the State it is again so clear to me that we all have one common goal and that is to provide the best service to our community, whether saving lives, protecting property or just being an integral part of their community. We will do what it takes to get the job done and fight to keep what we need to keep providing this service as well as to survive. I thank all of you, for what you do on a day to day basis and for your support during these past two years, it is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you and for you this upcoming year.

Please remember those many dedicated members who have passed in the last year and my condolences to each family member and their home company. The MSFA lost two loyal pioneers in the passing of Past President Ed Preston (Arbutus) and Past President Lee Sachs (Pikesville). The contributions of these two men to their home companies and the volunteer fire service of this state over the last half of a century is invaluable and will be sorely missed. The MSFA family was deeply saddened recently by the loss of Ladies Auxiliary Past President Bobbi McWilliams, as well as the loss of Assistant Chaplain David Coblenz, Past Asst Secretary William Hawkins and Mr. Hartwood Cornell, Past Executive Committee Chair. The thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with not only the families and friends of those mentioned here, but also all of those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year.

Also, let's not forget all those affected by Super Storm Sandy, the Marathon bombings and to our fallen firefighters who lost their lives in West, Texas – Kevin, Morris, Joey, Ken, Cyrus, Douglas, Robert, Perry, Jerry and Cody. Also, I would like to wish a speedy recovery to Ryan Emmons (West Lanham Hills VFD) and Gene Kirchner (Reisterstown VFC) and for all our brothers and sisters who were not mentioned and are dealing with health issues.

Congratulations to John Denver on your tenure as President and thanks for your friendship and guidance over these past two years. I would also like to congratulate David Keller and look forward to working with him as he assumes the office of Vice President. My appreciation is also extended to the Past Presidents of this great association for your support, fellowship and assistance this past year. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary President Sherry Soper, Carol Hayden and Ann Price-Davis, officers and members of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, for your assistance and for always being there to help and support our organization, while working hard to support your home companies and counties as well.

As I reflect over this past year, many events come to mind; we hosted an MSFA Retreat at the National Fire Academy in July and put together three work groups concerning (1) Recruitment & Retention, (2) Communications and (3) Marketing. Each group established goals for the next 24 months and as of our last Planning Meeting was on track for the 6 – 12 month accomplishments. I would personally like to thank the Planning Committee, chaired by Tom Diem and Vice Chairman Roger Steger for overseeing these committees and for working and supporting me as I work towards my goals for next year. In August we participated in the Maryland Association of Counties (MaCo). The MSFA booth placed emphasis on Marketing and awareness of our organization. In September, all three MSFA Presidents attended the Annual Life Safety Conference held at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Once again, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and the committee are commended for another great Conference. Congratulations to Teresa Ann Crisman, LA MSFA PP (Greenbelt VFC) for receiving the *Life Safety Educator's Award*. We also attended the Maryland Fire and Rescue Gala and enjoyed a day of hospitality at Dover for the NASCAR race. We once again supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with the Memorial Weekend in Frederick and Emmitsburg. Families of fallen firefighters were greeted as they registered and the MSFA Presidents presented each family with a lithograph of the NFF Memorial and a resolution from the MSFA. In November of this year the MSFA President along with members of the Ferndale VFC and Olson Wire Products delivered needed donations to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Company who was affected by Sandy earlier in the month. They were very appreciative and I hope you get a chance to attend the seminar that Silverton VFC Past Chief Bob Sinnott will be doing at the convention as well as his presentation on Wednesday at the convention. He and the members and the ladies auxiliary stepped up to help their community, whether it be shelter, food, rescue or just a place to see a familiar face, they defined the words volunteer fire company. We were also able to go back in December to host their annual





June 15, 2013

Dear Friends:


I want to extend my warmest welcome to all the members of the Maryland State Fireman's Association attending the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City. I also want to commend you for your tireless work protecting Maryland communities. The citizens of Maryland are grateful for your service.

From fires and natural disasters to car accidents and preparing for possible terrorist attacks, fire and rescue teams are always on the front lines, keeping our families and our neighborhoods safe from harm. All of us owe our first responders and public safety personnel a debt of gratitude for your courage and professionalism. The public depends on public safety personnel at times of crisis and I want to thank you for your hard work, dedication and sacrifice.

As a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Finance, I am committed to ensuring that our first responders have the equipment and training they need to do their job safely and effectively. I am extremely proud of your dedication to public service and I join your colleagues in celebrating your hard work.

Best wishes on a successful convention.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator

Christmas party for over 200 children in their neighborhood, I was humbled to be able to coordinate and participate in this event. I want to thank the Ferndale VFC, Woodland Beach VFC, the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters, The Prince George's County VFA Ladies Auxiliary and many others for your generous donations to help make this a successful event for their community. A job well done to you the MSFA family for bring donations of canned goods to the annual Holiday Party, those donations were delivered to Crisfield residents and I thank the United Communities VFC for letting us tag along on their delivery of Christmas dinners for the 25 families affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Thank you to the Legislative Committee, and our partner agencies for accomplishing the passing of the 508 bill, 911 bill and for obtaining money in the MEMSOF budget. Thanks for your hard work, long hours and dedication to these issues.

On a personal note, I and very fortunate to have so many great individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them have to help me carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position, thank you for your continued support and assistance during these past years. To Lee, my BFF, I miss you and will take what you have taught me and will do the best I can to lead this great organization as successfully as those who have gone before me.

To my family, Jay, Tyler, Mom, Jo and Ashley, my friends and my extended family of Ferndale a big **THANK YOU** for your continued support, well wishes, thoughts, prayers and encouraging words that make me know that anything is possible and I can accomplish my goal. To my dad, who is not with us but I know is watching over me, he never got the chance to know how I followed in his foot steps of public safety, he served as a police officer when I was young and it took me a while to realize how great giving back to your community, county or state feels, I never got a chance to say "Thank You" for showing me how giving back to others and your community is a great thing and I am blessed to have the ability to do so, thanks Mom and Dad.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and I look forward to another challenging and exciting year as I move to the next leadership position, President elect of this great organization. On behalf of the MSFA members, I have traveled over 25, 000 miles and over 500 activities/events since being elected in June.

Yours in service,  
Jacqueline Olson  
First Vice President



## *Report of the Second Vice President*

President Denver, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Olson, Chairman Kurtz, Officers, Members and Guest of the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association 121<sup>st</sup> Convention and Conference it has been a pleasure working with you over the past year.

I wish I could thank and mention each person individually who has supported me during my year as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President however the number is too great. The overwhelming generosity, guidance and hospitality as I have traveled around the State has been more than I could have asked or wished for. I must give an extra special thank you to my wife, Vicky, and son, David, the Citizens Truck Company, Charlie Albrecht, Junior Fire Company and Frederick County for their continued support and dedication.

President Denver I need to thank you for your leadership and guidance as I was learning my role as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Congratulations on a successful year. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Olson thank you for the knowledge you shared with me and I look forward to working with you next year.

With their support I have had the opportunity to experience many new things that will assist me in my goal to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Over the past year I have participated in the MSFA Retreat and the legislative process. Both of these experiences showed me the political and systemic processes which I have an even greater appreciation for after this year. I also had the privilege of representing the MSFA at Company Banquets, Conventions of neighboring States and ground breaking ceremonies for new fire houses. All of these allowed for building partnerships and sharing ideas at the local and state levels.

My time traveling was often spent with the 2012 LAMSFA President, Sherry Soper. I want to thank her for her support and, even more, to congratulate her on a successful year in office and on holding two very successful Conferences this year.

I want to offer Best Wishes to the incoming LAMSFA President, Carol Hayden. In addition, I want to extend my Congratulations and support for the upcoming year to her and all of her Officers. The excitement and joy of my first year in office did not go without sorrow. The MSFA/LAMSFA lost several exceptional members this past year that will forever leave a void for the MSFA and for those who knew them. My condolences to their families and friends.





# Singerly Fire Co. & The Ladies Auxiliary

Elkton, MD

Congratulate

## John J. Denver

on a successful year as

# Maryland State Firemen's Association *President - 2012-2013*



Best Wishes to Cecil County's  
**Robyn Hahn**  
Candidate for  
*2nd Vice President*



As I look back over this past year I realize just how much I have learned and just how much I will continue to learn. It has been my pleasure and honor to service as the MSFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Now as I begin to focus on the upcoming year I hope to further my knowledge, extend my partnerships and build on the foundation that was laid by the exemplary Past Presidents of the MSFA.

David Keller  
Second Vice President

## *Report of the Secretary*

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guest.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Secretary. The members of the Secretaries Office have attended all of the Executive Committee that were scheduled by the President. The Executive Committee Meetings were held at the following locations and dates listed below, with all correspondence and business from those meetings was duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

June 21, 2012	Ocean City, Convention Center
August 25 - 26, 2012	Singerly Fire Company, Cecil Cty
October 27 - 28, 2012	Flintstone Vol. Fire Co., Garrett Cty
February 23 - 24, 2013	Kent Island VFD, Queen Anne's Cty.
April 20 - 21, 2013	Walkersville VFC, Frederick Cty
June 16, 2013	Ocean City, Convention Center

I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Assistant Secretary Nancy Scott for her efforts in the area of recording, transcribing the minutes. On June 21st of last year, she stepped into a position and did an outstanding job without any prior training. Special thanks also to Assistant Secretaries Shirley Copado, Tom Scott and Rick Hemphill for taking care of the additional responsibilities of the Secretary Office. Each of you are doing an exceptional job for the association. Each of these individuals has dedicated countless hours in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office to which they were appointed. To the many other individuals that have stepped up and assisted when needed through the year, without your assistance, the office would not have been able to provide the service that was requested.

This year some changes were made in the Secretary's Office, one being the electronically filling of your 2013 Credentials Form. The form was revised and only information that is not collected through other means is requested.

Our Association membership now consists of 385 members organizations. The membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association now consists of: 368 Active fire, rescue, ambulance and ALS departments; 15 Associate members; and 2 Sustaining members.

Thank to all for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doyle E. Cox, P.P., Secretary  
Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary Emeritus  
Joseph A. Cooper, Assistant Secretary Emeritus  
Shirley Copado, Assistant Secretary  
Rick Hemphill, Assistant Secretary  
Nancy Scott, Assistant Secretary  
Thomas W. Scott, III, Assistant Secretary

## *Report of the Finance Team*

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. On behalf of the Finance Team for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), representing the Office of the Financial Secretary, Office of the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, we would like to extend to all in attendance at the 121st Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. As we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, the Finance Team would like to thank our elected officers, President Denver, Vice President's Olson and Keller for their continued support and assistance as we have worked through the financial concerns of this organization. They have worked many long hours and traveled numerous miles 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.

The MSFA Financial Team has continued their efforts to have a solid financial stature of the organization in place and will continue to do so in the years to come. We were faced with some adversity this year when we lost one of our team and a very good friend to all of us: Past President and Assistant Treasurer Lee N. Sachs. Lee was a vital part of the team and helped get the financial status of the MSFA back on track when we were facing some of our most difficult times. His efforts and council will be missed, but most of all he will never be forgotten. With the passing of Lee, the team needed to rebuild our structure and with that, Wylie Donaldson was appointed to the position of Assistant Treasurer and serves as the liaison to the Maryland Military Department. During the past couple of months, Wylie has hit the ground running and is working hard to ensure the VCAF program keeps moving forward. As a team, we will continue to work on addressing every organizational fiscal issue we face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to all of us.

For the past twelve months, the Finance Team has worked very hard to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of managing the finances of this association. As elected and appointed officers, we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the organization and assist in its growth. While growth is critical to our survivability as an organization, the challenge of ensuring the financial stability of the MSFA must be on the forefront of our efforts and work products. Our efforts this year also have

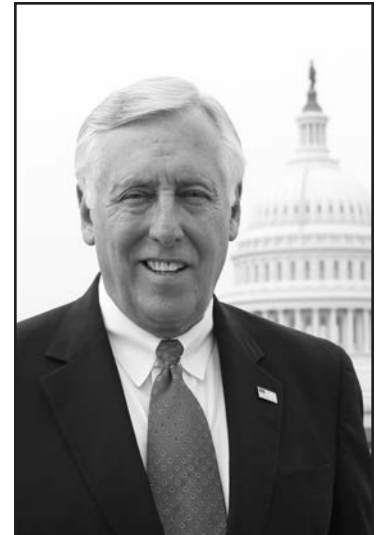


STENY H. HOYER  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6502

April 27, 2013



Dear Friends:

While I regret I could not join you at the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary, I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all that you do as you come together to engage in education and training opportunities that will strengthen volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS operations in our state.

In communities here in Maryland and throughout our country, firefighters and first responders put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities. In the wake of recent tragedies, such as those in Boston, MA, and in West, TX, we are reminded of the heroism and courage of firefighters and other personnel who rush toward danger and risk their lives to keep us safe. We ought to do all that we can to thank these heroes and ensure they have the resources needed to do their jobs safely and effectively.

As co-chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I'm proud to work with my colleagues to sure you have those resources as you undertake your mission, and I join with all Marylanders in thanking you for all that you do to protect our families, our homes, and our businesses.

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

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER

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included working with the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA as they convert their records and reporting system to come in line with that of the MSFA. Through the use of newly acquired technology this effort is well underway.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Mike Faust, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer's; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross and Wylie Donaldson and, Budget and Past President Chair Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Benjamin W. Kurtz, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta and Past President Gene Worthington are all committed to maintaining a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility in this office. Each has helped make a real difference to the end result and for that, we can all be grateful. Additionally, it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Trustees whose charge it is to support the families of our lost and injured brothers and sisters. The Trustees have worked hard to bring additional resources to the forefront for our families and assisting them is both rewarding and the right thing to do. As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Ben Kurtz, always supported our efforts and helped to manage the financial affairs of our organization. We would not be where we are today without their help, guidance and support.

We look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great Association. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The MSFA Finance Team

## *Report of the Chief Chaplain*

Greetings from the Chaplains' Corps of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it is our prayer that the wisdom and grace of our heavenly Father be witnessed throughout our association. That he would guide and direct all the leaders and actions of this association.

As I write this report I am reminded of all the many people who are no longer with us. Some of these folks contributed some, and some contributed greatly to the success of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue services here in Maryland. I personally miss some of those folks who have been a great support of the MSFA Chaplain Corps.

May their families find peace and comfort from their grief.

I would like to recognize a few people who work so hard to put together the Chaplain events at the convention. As has been the custom our Sunday morning worship service is put together

by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart, with the help of Ellen Martin (organist), Dave Miller (trumpet), and Sandy Miller for putting the bulletin together. Working hard for us every year on the Memorial Service are Chaplain Harry Hetz, Elaine Huttenloch, our MIESS partners Jim Brown, and Brian Slack for putting the power point together, and Gail Koster who assembles the memorial book, along with the stage crew and the pipe and drum corps.

We enjoy a special relationship with R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. That relationship has proven to be a great asset to the families and members of the Maryland Fire and Rescue services. I want to acknowledge Jaime Huggins (EMS Coordinator), who no matter what time of the day or night, she always answers her phone when I call and helps me and the families of our members who are taken there for treatment.

### *Psalm 121*

A song of ascents. <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; <sup>4</sup> indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand; <sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; <sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Sometimes we don't acknowledge where our skills and abilities come from. Daily we need to take time in our day to remember to thank God for giving us the will and abilities to help save a life or some property. God is Great.

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

Rev. John F. Long, Jr.  
Chief Chaplain

## *Report of the MSFA Board of Trustees*

President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty one (31) widows/widowers, four (4) dependent children, eight (8) Line-of-Duty-injury and one (1) Line-of-Duty-Death claims.



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We are saddened to report a Line-of-Duty Death this past year. Please keep the James E. Fitzgerald family in your thought and prayers.

The Trustees did increase benefits again this year. Benefits were increased for widows/widowers from \$550.00 to \$600.00 per month (effective 7/12), benefits for dependent children from \$450.00 to \$500.00 per month (effective 7/12). Education for dependent children is now \$4,000.00 per year. The Line-of-Duty-Death benefit was raised from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 (effective 7/12), and the Line-of-Duty Disability benefit from \$550.00 to \$600.00 per month (effective 7/12).

Please remember to visit the [www.msfa.org](http://www.msfa.org) web site and look under the Board of Trustees for the updated manual with all the forms and procedures you will need to file a claim.

Lastly, I would like to thank Vice Chair C. Dan Carpenter, III, Secretary Gene Worthington, PP, Terry Thompson, PP and Doug Alexander your very dedicated Trustees for their service. Thanks, for the opportunity to serve the volunteer fire service of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen V. Hales, Chair

## *Report of the Executive Committee*

President Denver, Officers, Delegates and Guests to the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I would like to thank President Denver for the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee had a very busy and successful 2012-2013 year.

The Committee's first action item in Ocean City was to approve the 2012-2013 operating budget, prepared by the Budget & Revenue Committee. The committee also approved the Task Force Report of the Survival of Volunteer Firefighters. The MSFA Retreat, which is held every 3 years was held in late July of 2012 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The members invited to the retreat we placed in work groups with topics as Recruitment & Retention, Communications and Marketing. At the August meeting at Singerly in Elkton, the committee approved the report of the MSFA Retreat recommendations. The committee also approved the Marketing Committee's flyers, banners to promote the MSFA. The Executive Committee also approved a new recording system for the Secretary to not record, but transcribed the minutes electronically. A Trailer was approved for the Public Address committee to transport their equipment. The October meeting in Flintstone, shortened by the income Super Storm Sandy approaching Maryland, the committee approved the advertising the sale of the surplus MSFA trailer. In the February meeting,

at Kent Island the committee approved the Future Committee recommendations. The committee approved the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund board's recommendations on loans and grants for our volunteer fire companies/departments throughout the state of Maryland. Due to the untimely death of Lee Sach, PP, and Assistant Treasurer, the Committee approved Wylie Donaldson for the vacant Assistant Treasurer position.

Members of the Executive Committee had the opportunity to meet five different location in this great state. In addition the Executive Committee has a few telephone conference calls to conduct and approve business items.

June 21, 2012	Ocean City
August 25-26, 2012	Singerly FC (Elkton)
October 27-28, 2012	Flintstone VFC
February 23-24, 2013	Kent Island VFD
April 20-21, 2013	Walkersville VFC
June 16, 2013	Ocean City

I would like to thank all committee chairpersons, allied agencies for their cooperation. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their time, guidance and support throughout the year. A special thanks goes to Vice-Chairman Dennis Skinner and Secretary Doyle Cox for your assistance and advice.

I want to wish Vice-Chairman Dennis Skinner the best of luck in June as you assume the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee.

Finally, congratulations to President Jackie Olson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Dave Keller and the newly elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

Respectfully submitted;  
Benjamin W. Kurtz, Chairman  
Dennis Skinner, Vice-Chairman  
MSFA Executive Committee

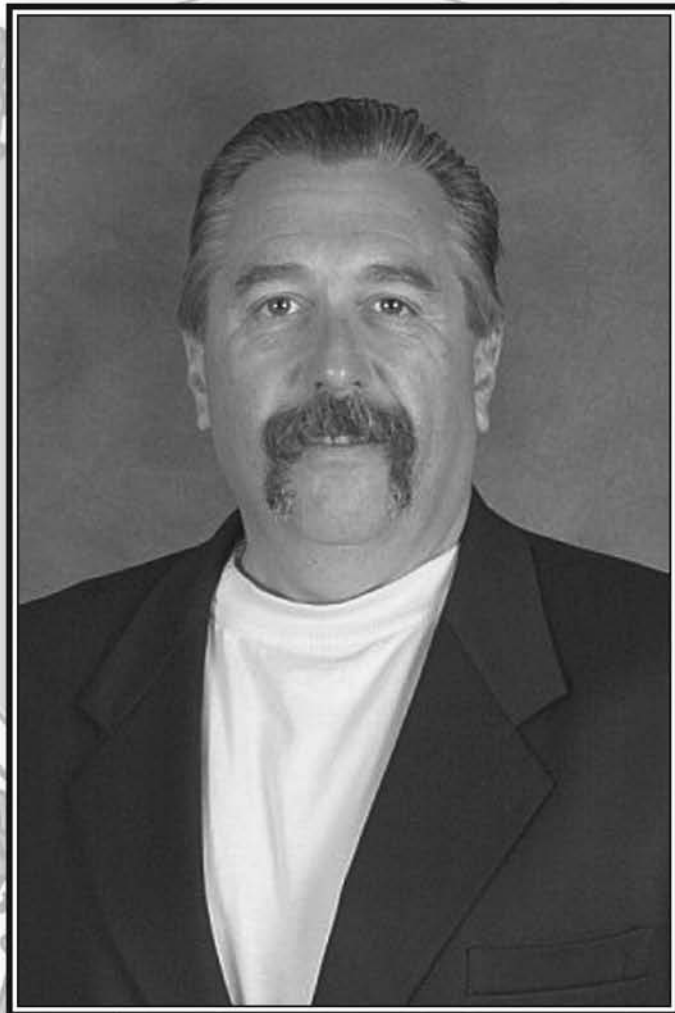
Charles Abrecht	John Guntow, Jr.
Joel McCrea	Daniel Stevens
Mark Bilger	William Hildebrand
James Seavey, Sr.	David Lewis, P.P.
Rodney Bowser	Lee Lutz
Richard Smith	

## *Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee*

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee met on January 5, 2013 at the Fallston Volunteer Fire Company. As a result of that meeting one amendment regarding standards was developed and presented to the Executive Committee at the February meeting at Kent Island.



The United Communities Volunteer Fire Department  
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**Ron Siarnicki**  
*for MSFA Treasurer*



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The amendment was approved to be placed upon the ballot at the June Convention and Conference. The EMS Committee had a concern over wording in the amendment and requested the Executive Committee to modify the wording or remove the amendment from the ballot.

The Executive Committee at their April meeting decided to remove the amendment from the ballot since there was not enough time to modify the wording and still met the constitutional deadline for distribution of amendments.

There will be no amendments on the ballot at the 2013 Convention and Conference.

Since I will be taking over the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee following the Convention and Conference I will no longer be the Chairman of this Committee. I would like to thank the Association, the Officers, and the Executive Committee members for their support during my term as Chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Skinner, Chairman  
John R. Keyser, Sr. Vice Chairman  
Michael W. Farlow, Esq. MSFA Attorney  
Robert Allen Steven J. Scheinin, Esq.  
George Hardee Barbara Steiner  
Donald Howard William J. Wagner, III  
Donald Knauer H. Edward Woods, Sr

## *Report of the Convention Committee*

President Denver, Vice-President's Olson and Keller, Ladies Auxiliary President Soper, Vice-President's Hayden and Price-Davis, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary, I am pleased to report that again this year there has been an extraordinary effort put forth by many individuals to provide to you and our membership the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA.

We continue to make changes within the Convention Committee and the convention event as a whole. Convention center construction has been completed and the new Exhibit Hall "D" and the main ballroom are great enhancements to the structure. The committee made numerous visits to Ocean City during the construction process and with the help of the Mayor, Convention Center Manager and the Town of Ocean City we have been able to ensure our needs were met with this project. I would like to take a moment at this time to thank my predecessor Chairman Emeritus and Past President Leonard King for all he did to bring our convention to what it is today and how he managed previous construction projects at the Convention Center. His leadership helped make the Convention what it is today.

Since last year's event, the Steering Committee has been hard at work to plan events for this year's convention. During the year, we lost one of our own with the passing of Past President and Convention Co-Chairman Lee N. Sachs. Lee worked hard to handle many aspects of the convention and his presence in the lower foyer of the convention center all week will truly be missed. Our condolences go out to his family, friends and his department - as he was very special to all of us. Past President Danny Davis has assumed his duties on the Steering Committee and he joins the many others who make us this outstanding team; Susan Taylor, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration, (Vice-Chair Past President Doyle Cox); Exhibits, (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger); Finance, (Co-Chair Past President Robert Jacobs, Vice-Chair Past President Fred Cross); Production, (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand); and Program, (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz). We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year's Convention and Conference experience.

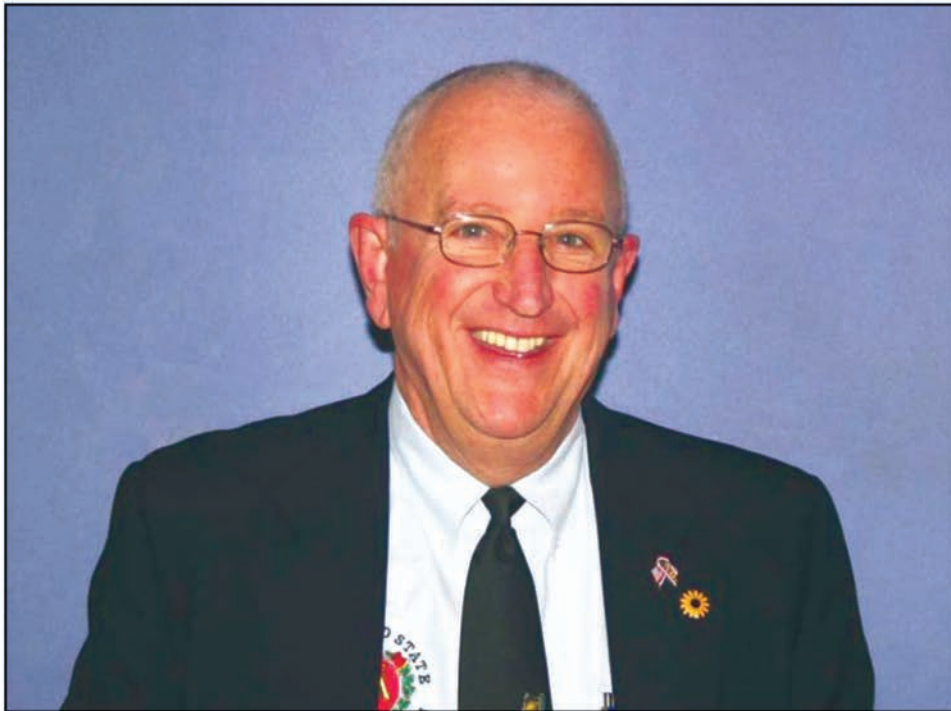
As has occurred in the past, behind the scenes there is a group of special individuals who work on the production of the convention program book every year. They solicit the ads, layout the reports and ensure that the information being provided through this document is accurate and very professionally composed. They often times go unnoticed and I want to thank each of them personally for all they do. Leading the group is Past President Tommy Mattingly who has been working on the book since 1992, along with Dennie Mattingly, Danny Carpenter, Elaine Huttenloch, Ginny Wilhite, Past President Danny Davis, Rose Davis and Past President Fred Cross. In addition, helping is the Leonardtown VFD who provides their facilities for the book layout, the staff of The Printing Press and Shirley Copado. Thanks guys for a job well done.

Each year the Joint Officers Banquet starts our convention activities as a very well planned out and enjoyable event. This year is another fine example. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Darlene and Steve Woodhurst, and Tim Clark) for their extra attention to details provided with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the banquet guests, Elaine Huttenloch and Audrey Thurston for the banquet program presentations and Richard Brooks for serving as the Master of Ceremonies. This year the Banquet will be supported by the Town of Ocean City, we thank them for that.

Miss Fire Prevention Contest interviews will occur on Sunday morning and the actual contest is Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. The location of the contest will be in the East Hall and our appreciation goes out to Sherry and Amanda Soper along with Tom Collins for making this work. Special thanks to Frank Underwood and Clark and Rosie Beall for pulling together the annual Convention Flea Market. The location will again be



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## **Lee N. Sachs**

**1938 – 2012**



in the Sunset Room which is located on the North Side of the Convention Center and will start at 11:00 a.m.

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 activities. Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain's Office, along with Elaine Huttenloch and other team members are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program. Again, this year you will see that the start time for the event is 5:00 p.m. with an intention to allow more family time that evening after the service.

Secretary Doyle Cox, Rick Hemphill and Skip Menzies and the entire 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. This process will be relocated to the rear of the new Main Ballroom and should provide for more room and amenities to service our membership.

The Program Development Team has been working tirelessly to ensure that some of the most up-to-date informational topics will be featured in the numerous seminars and main program presentations at the convention this year. Scheduled seminars will only occur on Sunday and Monday afternoons. Please take some time to review the schedule to ensure you do not miss any learning opportunities. A special thanks goes out to the Program Team, under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, Jim Hern and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard along with Jim Brown and Dr. Bass at MIEMSS for their devotion and assistance.

The Hands-On Components of this year's convention have been expanded greatly. The MSFA has formed a training alliance with the Ocean City FOOLS and, as a result, have been able to schedule three full days of Hands-On training with instructors from around the United States. These classes are being brought to you by the Convention Committee in hopes of expanding the member benefits for attending the convention. This will be a great opportunity to be exposed to new ideas and concepts, so please bring your turn-out gear and participate in the learning experiences.

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be a most fitting tribute to all who serve the State of Maryland and especially our entire first responder community. Our continued theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors accompanied with special video presentations. Thanks to Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, Tom Mattingly, Johnnie Roth, Paul Sterling 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. In addition, a special thanks to the Maryland Fire & Rescue

Services Pipes & Drums and all the Honor Guard members coordinated by Dennis Beard, who continue to bring a high level of ceremony to our events. They make the program that much more special.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, a keynote presentation will occur followed by the first general business session to include special recognition activities, the presentation of reports and nomination of officers. The second session that day will include reports from our partner state organizations and a special program presentation mid-day. Monday afternoon will conclude with more partner reports. Do not forget about the Coach Bag Bingo Monday Night since Matt Heard, Doyle Cox and Jackie Olson has been working hard to make it an excellent event. Bingo will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary will begin their business session on Monday afternoon beginning at 12:00 noon and the location of their meeting will remain the same this year. East Hall has proved to be an excellent location for the ladies activities for the entire convention term. It has been a real pleasure working with their planning team and with Flo Collins who has led their efforts for many years. All of the food service events will again be in Ballroom 2 and 3, like last year.

We will again be offering the special Family Activities on Monday night at The Jolly Roger Amusement Park, located at 34<sup>th</sup> Street. The event will feature food, entertainment and open access to the park for our membership. Come out and enjoy the amusement rides, play a round or two of miniature golf and hit the go-cart tracks all for one very low special MSFA price. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Evelyn Graf and Past President Doyle Cox and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A buffet lunch will again be served at the Convention Center, inside Ballroom 2 and 3.

A time change is in place for the Joint Installation of Officers which will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday night. This earlier start is intended to allow more time for the newly installed officers to be with their family and friends to celebrate their new roles with the Association before returning to the convention center for the Pajama Parade which will start at 9:30 p.m.

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 Department of Fire and Rescue Services, the Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue Department, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, MFRI, MIEMMS, Shock Trauma, Governor's Office and all the individual volunteer departments and associations who work behind the scene all week to help make your experience here at the beach enjoyable, a hearty thank you is given.



*Congratulations on a successful year  
as President of the MSFA*

*2012-2013*

*From The Denver Family*

Individuals such as Chris May and the audio-visual team put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events run smoothly and deserve a special note of gratitude. Jeff Thompson; thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, John Spiker, Jen Wilbanks, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Jim Brown, Hobey Howell, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, John Guntow, Bruce Bouch, Matt Tobia, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Charlie Phillips, Chris and Lisa Tona, AJ Papa, Leigh Papa, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, J. Franklin Harvey, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, John Guntow, Steven Scheinin, Past President's Worthington, Preston, Yinger, Cumberland and Underwood, Ladies Past President Teresa Crisman, Ladies Past President Fran Crisman, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, back stage and logistics areas for all events during the week. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

Each year in the Exhibit Halls, the displays of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services proves to continue to be very beneficial to our membership and even with the down turn in the economy, we have been able to bring some new vendors to display their goods and services. Through our convention, you will be able to visit more suppliers and equipment dealers during this one week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet their technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions, just by visiting the exhibit booth area. We owe a big "thank you" to all of the exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference and a special thanks to Exhibit Chair Wylie Donaldson, who has stepped in to fill the role that Lee performed in years past and to his team who are helping to ensure another year of great exhibitions.

For all the folks who 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 delivery of those friendly smiles is greatly appreciated. That team includes Dennie Mattingly, Sandy Jacobs, Pat Cross, JoAnne Robison, Rose Davis, Chris Yinger, and Nancy Cox.

Again this year, in a joint effort, several events, activities and ceremonies will be conducted jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA. My personal thanks go out to Flo Collins for coordinating our joint ventures and for serving as the official liaison between our two organizations. Best Wishes to President Soper and her entire leadership team as they conduct their events this week.

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring needed revenue streams

in support of our programs and activities. My personal thanks to Sandi Lutz and her team; who have managed the Special Activities Booth. A special thanks to Lou and Anna Jonske, along with Mitch and Darlene Vocke and their great crew, for the tireless effort put forth all year long managing the \$10,000.00 Raffle program.

Again, this year we are planning an array of social, networking and ceremonial events that include the Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony, Past President Lunches, Ocean City based block parties and others. Thanks to all who make them possible for their dedicated work in producing these various events. A special thanks to all of our corporate sponsors and the Town of Ocean City for sponsoring many of our events. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross, First Vice President Jackie Olson, Chuck Austin, Past President Tom Mattingly, Past President Steve and Nancy Cox and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing. Good job guys.

In cooperation with the Town of Ocean City, the parade route will be the same as last year, starting at 16th Street on Baltimore Avenue and ending at 30th Street. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hildebrand, Paul Sterling, Bruce Surette and your entire team for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Town Transportation Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Town Government including the Mayor and Town Council for all they do to make it the biggest and best parade throughout the State of Maryland. We continue to look for ways to improve our parade activities and will work to ensure your experience is the best.

Finally, the Convention Committee extends a special thanks to Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year, ensuring that everything he can help with is successful in support of the convention and conference. Many thanks to the entire Town Council who helped in many ways over the years to assist us and to every single town employee who has contributed in some way – we really do appreciate your efforts. Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center, under the leadership of Mr. Larry Noccolino, and his wonderful team that includes; Reatta Tate, Regina Brittingham, Amanda Evans, Centerplate and the entire Convention Center Staff. Their assistance, cooperation and dedication make the difference during the planning process and throughout our annual event.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Chairman and working with a great team of individuals on the Convention Committee. We are already talking about things we would like to do next year to make the convention even better. Looking forward to seeing you in Ocean City.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Ronald J. Siarnicki  
Convention Chairman



CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF MSFA PRESIDENT



**JACKIE OLSON**  
FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
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*THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT  
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
YOU AND FOR YOU THIS UPCOMING YEAR*

## *Report of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee*

We would first like to thank President Denver for his support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee has worked very hard to keep current on the trends and demands for prevention efforts to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and its member companies. We look forward to working with President Olson and President Keller in support of their respective years.

This past year this committee had a true leader in the efforts of Fire Prevention and Life Safety step down as the chair. To Chairman Emeritus Collins I wish to thank you for hard work and dedication to the state and the efforts of fire prevention. Your leadership has allowed this committee to strive to the best that it can be. The efforts that you have placed before us have given us the insight and need to advance the message of prevention. AND we cannot be more grateful for this. Thank you is not enough but we wish to say it again and again. THANK YOU for everything you do in the efforts of making this state safe.

This past year we have worked with several of the county associations on helping implement a tip sheet program specific to certain action items for their own programs. We look forward to helping any association or department in the development of information for any related topic that they need support on. The committee is always ready to assist when called upon.

The committee supported efforts of the State Fire Marshal in the Code Change and Update on bringing 10 year long life smoke alarms to the state. The committee attended the hearings and supported written testimony in the efforts to help make the needed change to this code. It is with great pride that we are pleased that the state will be changing the Smoke Alarm Code to start the phase out program of all 9 volt battery operated smoke alarms from store shelves and bringing compliant having a 10 year long lasting battery to the store shelves. We commend the Fire Marshal's Office on a great job this year in Annapolis.

BUT it is with bittersweet knowing that Fire Marshal Bill Barnard has chosen to step down and retire after July of 2013. FMB you are a great leader and true gentleman that you have given your life to ensuring that Fire Prevention and Life Safety are at the states forefront. Your work will lead to many lives saved. The committee kindly thanks you for always being there for us when we needed the support and we were very happy to extend to you the committees support when you called upon us. THANK YOU is not enough and I wish we had more for you but for now we cannot say THANK YOU enough. God Speed to your next adventure.

To the sub-committees I must thank you for all of your hard

work and dedication to the programs we work on. Each program is unique to the issue and it is a great resource and tool that can be used to help support the messages we work so tiredly on. Mr. Tom, Mr. Bob, Fire Marshal Bill, Mike, Dave, Mellissa, Mr. Ed, Jennifer, Butch, Pinoake, Lori, Donald, David, Marcia, Emmons, Mr. Jim, James, Heather, William, Sharon, Debbie, Kristi, Allan, Marlene, John, Kay, Bruce, Jane, Steve, Mellissa, Amanda, Robyn, Nora, Sherry, Bridget, Stacy, Solveig, Donna, Tammy, Kim, Holley, Ms. Audry, Marie and Cyndy.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for all that you do in the efforts. Your work is very important and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee.

Stacy and Solveig I want to wish you the very best for an outstanding year that you have given as the Queens to Fire Prevention. You both did a great job and your travels and efforts are greatly appreciated.

To President Soper and Chairman Jane Huffman and to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association thank you for your continued support and efforts also in spreading the word of prevention to the state. The committee thanks you all for attending our meetings and taking a vested interest in the spreading of Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

Each of us has a very valued interest in Fire Prevention and Life Safety. This committee is at its ready to support the needs of the members of this state. We have many valuable tools to support a department's needs when it comes to implementing programs. Please contact any of us when your department needs the many items that we are proud to support you with. We are only a phone call away.

Respectfully,  
Teresa Ann Crisman, Chairman

## *Report of the Risk Watch Subcommittee*

President Denver, Delegates, Alternates and Invited Guest on behalf of the Risk Watch subcommittee and the local community teams we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support of the work of the Risk Watch program. For the past ten years, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has provided both monetary and personnel support that has enabled the teams to educate children and their families on injury prevention. Activities occur year round in the local communities through schools, after school programs, day cares and educational programs within Fire and Rescue stations. At the MSFA Convention the static display has expanded into interactive stations.

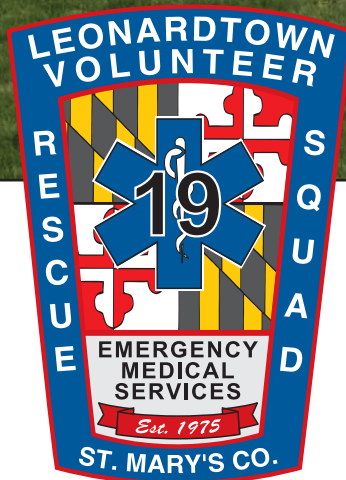
**MSFA Convention** includes Fire & Injury Prevention interactive stations for the entire family and provides information to four

# Leonardtwn Volunteer Rescue Squad 1975 and Auxiliary 2013



*Dean Gass  
President*

*Amy Smith  
Chief*



*Congratulation to the new officers and thank you to the outgoing officers for a job well done.*



different audiences. The stations objectives are:

1. To provide young children and school age children hands-on education experiences to be safer in their homes & communities through both psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high risk injuries.
2. To provide young life safety advocates (tweens, teens and young adults) with a mentored experience and specific lesson plans to work with younger children and their families.
3. To empower parents and care providers with knowledge on both the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their home and community (infants through seniors).
4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based upon evidence based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, Fire & Rescue services.

Again this year the Risk Watch team served as many adults seeking new information, tools and resources on teaching fire & injury prevention as we reached children and families. The response from the youth and young adults increased significantly this year providing the mentors with the ability to rotate these volunteers through a number of different risk areas and provide coaching. Cecil County DES, Johns Hopkins Children's Center Pediatric ED, MIEMSS EMS for Children's Program, Silver Spring VFD Life Safety Unit all participated throughout the convention.

Three new displays were piloted at the convention and based upon feedback have been finalized and produced for Risk Watch and Safe Kids programs in geographically balanced areas. The Maryland Poison Center is the lead advisory on the new Poison Display and gathered input from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. At the 2012 MSFA Convention the interactive displays included the following:

- In An Emergency – Dial 9-1-1, don't play around (9-1-1 magnets were be available to each family)
- Is it Hot? Or Not? Play It Safe – Burn awareness game for younger children, written materials for families
- Is It Safe? Or Not? Play it Safe- Poison awareness game for younger children, new 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Maryland Poison Center material for families.
- Get out and Stay Out – Fire safety table top house and "map" for younger children, EDITH plan for families
- Champions Prepare and Play Safe – Safe Kids & CDC sports safety display with family checklist and concussion assessment tools along with correct fitting of a helmet
- Visit in the Ambulance – virtual ambulance with stretcher and EMT equipment to prepare children for the environment inside an ambulance
- Understanding Aging: Its Not Child's Play – sensory tools to demonstrate the changes that occur in the normal aging process and assessment tools for home safety

Safe Kids Maryland was awarded a Sports Safety Grant for the second year and the expand display was available along with information on how to order the display materials FREE on

concussions from the Center for Disease Control. Innovative Concepts partnered with the Risk Watch subcommittee to design and produce new displays based upon feedback from last year.

After the 2012 Convention the Risk Watch Team posted an online feedback survey to gather information from families on the interactive stations. Planning for the 2013 Convention activities were based upon feedback from families, committee members and those who participated in teaching the young adults.

**Risk Watch Activities 2012-2013 Year:**

Risk Watch programs continue in many counties both in classrooms and in after school programs. Activities have included:

- August outreach to school and day care programs with focus on Bus and Pedestrian Safety
- September 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 EMS for Children Annual Injury Prevention Forum – Poison Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and presentation on the history of poison control.
- Safe Kids Maryland September 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 meeting @ Carroll County Health Department with focus on Tween and Teen driving and occupant safety programs
- September included Child Passenger Safety Week and Seat Check Saturday 9/22/2012
- September included Disaster Preparedness training across the state
- Buckle Up display at the MidAtlantic Life Safety Conference in September 2012
- October Fire prevention activities took place across the state
- November focus was on correct use of car restraints and car seats
- Maryland Safe Kids coalition met on December 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 @ Montgomery County Fire and Rescue with a focus on Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances including skills demonstration
- December issue of EMS News provided information on Toy Safety
- Safe Kids Maryland March 2013 meeting @ MIEMSS with a focus on pediatric falls and window safety and joint meeting with Child Passenger Safety Board
- Poison prevention and Medication Safety activities took place across the state in March
- March 23, 2013 Public Educator and Life Safety seminar theme is Myth Busters and included new technology that allows for audience response within each presentation, live sprinkler trailer demonstration and presentation from National Weather Service
- April information included Window Safety Week with PSA to be filmed with the pediatric trauma centers in early May
- April – October will again be the national "Where's Baby" campaign from NHTSA and Safe Kids – also known as NEVERY Leaver Your Child Alone in a Car - Campaigns to prevent heat stroke from hyperthermia when children are alone in a car. Safe Kids & Weather Service Special Focus: **ACT** – Avoid, Create Reminders, Take Action
- May will focus on Bike Safety and over Memorial Day

# *Hollywood VFD Congratulates the Incoming SMVFA Officers*

## *Remembering the Past*



## *Planning for the Future*



Weekend will kick off the boating safety season.

- May 22 2013 is EMS for Children's Day and MIEMSS will award the Right Care When it Counts award to children nominated by many of our Risk Watch teams.

**Risk Watch Communities** currently active in schools, after school and community events include:

**Carroll County:** Winfield & Linton Springs Elementary Schools

**Cecil County** Department of Emergency Services –Safe Kids Maryland chapter continues planning for early summer safety events and is building a team of CPS technicians

**Kent Island Fire Department** – continues with their school system's staged integration of Risk Watch into elementary schools

**Montgomery County Fire & Rescue:** continues to work with public, private and home schools; they are distributing the education standards document to new teachers and programs. Silver Spring VFD is expanding their team of life safety volunteers and working to establish a CPS fitting station along with senior adult outreach teams.

**Prince George's Early Childhood Education Centers** has expanded to Tanglewood Center providing the school with teacher and classroom activities. Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center is hosting a Risk Watch celebration on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, an annual thank you to the Risk Watch volunteers.

**Risk Watch resources continue to be used in community programs in:**

- Frederick County
- Howard County Park & Recreation
- Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore City
- Prince George's County Association
- Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department
- Rock Hall in Kent County
- St. Leonard in Calvert County
- Tilghman Island in Talbot County
- Garrett County with in the Safe Kids Chapter

The MSFA Risk Watch subcommittee members are revisiting the Disaster Preparedness curriculum from NFPA and the online resources from MEMA and FEMA and plan an August Training for all companies interested in offering community education to children, youth and families. Please stop by the 2013 Convention Risk Watch & Safe Kids interactive displays for a preview and sign up to receive information about the training workshop. Risk Watch Injury Prevention curriculum and Risky Business Boxes are available to new communities as new coalitions are developed. The teacher training kit for new communities remains available through the MIEMSS EMS for Children Program office. Please contact the subcommittee by email at [riskwatch@msfa.org](mailto:riskwatch@msfa.org) for more information.

Respectfully submitted  
Maryland Risk Watch Community  
Cynthia Wright Johnson MSN RN

## *Report of the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention*

The following is my yearly report from June 17, 2012 to April 20, 2013 as to the events I have attended.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/miles</u>
June 17-23, 2012	MSFA Conv. And Conference, Ocean City, MD	<b>340 Miles</b>
June 17, 2012	Miss Fire Prevention Contest Memorial Service	
June 18, 2012	Basket Bingo Family Night and Jolly Rogers	
June 19, 2012	Awards Ceremony Picnic Joint Installation of Officers Carroll County Hospitality House Pajama Parade	
June 20, 2012	Prayer Breakfast \$10,000 Raffle Drawing MSFA Parade Parade Awards	
June 21, 2012	MSFA Executive Committee Meeting	
June 22, 2012	MSFA Golf Tournament	
June 23, 2012	Sykesville Carnival	<b>5 Miles</b>
June 24, 2012	Sykesville, VFD Winfield Car Show Winfield VFD	<b>10 Miles</b>
June 26, 2012	Miss Winfield Contestant Meeting, Winfield VFD	<b>10 Miles</b>
June 27, 2012	Carroll County Fire Prevention Meeting, Training Bldg.	<b>31 Miles</b>
July 1, 2012	Fire Prevention Birthday Party, Winfield Community	<b>15 Miles</b>
July 1, 2012	Miss Winfield Contestant Workshop, Winfield VFD	<b>10 Miles</b>
July 2, 2012	Carroll County Monthly Meeting, County Gov't Bldg.	<b>24 Miles</b>
July 2, 2012	Miss Manchester Contest Manchester VFD	<b>20 Miles</b>
July 3, 2012	Winfield Monthly Mtg. Winfield VFD	<b>10 Miles</b>
July 5, 2012	Manchester Carnival Manchester VFD	<b>46 Miles</b>
July 5, 2012	Walkersville Parade Walkersville VFD	<b>70 Miles</b>
July 6, 2012	Harney Carnival Harney VFD	<b>62 Miles</b>
July 8, 2012	MSFA Fire Prev. Mtg. Good Will VFD	<b>160 Miles</b>
July 9, 2012	Miss Winfield Contest Winfield VFD	<b>10 Miles</b>
July 10, 2012	Winfield Parade Winfield VFD	<b>10 Miles</b>
July 12, 2012	WTTR Radio Interview CC Training Center	<b>31 Miles</b>



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/miles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/miles</u>
July 12, 2012	Winfield Carnival Buffet Dinner, Winfield VFD	10 Miles	January 26, 2013	Westminster Banquet Westminster VFD	28 Miles
July 13, 2012	Winfield Carnival and Fireworks, Winfield VFD	10 Miles	February 10, 2013	MSFA Fire Prevention Mtg. Laurel VFD	102 Miles
July 14, 2012	Damascus Day Damascus VFD	43 Miles	February 23, 2013	Deep Creek Dunk Deep Creek Lake	330 Miles
July 16, 2012	Winfield Fire Dept Fundraiser, Greene Turtle Westminister	26 Miles	February 24, 2013	Executive Committee Mtg. Kent Island VFD	136 Miles
July 19, 2012	Frederick County Mtg. Jefferson VFD	86 Miles	March 2, 2013	Carroll County Meeting County Gov't Building	24 Miles
August 1, 2012	Winfield Monthly Mtg. Winfield VFD	10 Miles	March 6, 2013	Winfield Monthly Meeting Winfield VFD	28 Miles
August 2, 2012	Libertytown Parade Libertytown, MD	60 Miles	April 3, 2013	Winfield Monthly Mtg. Winfield VFD	28 Miles
August 6, 2012	Carroll Cty. Monthly Mtg. County Gov't Building	24 Miles	April 6, 2013	LAMSFA Spring Conf. Level VFD	140 Miles
August 13, 2012	Miss Hampstead Contest Hampstead VFD	38 Miles	April 7, 2013	MSFA Fire Prevention Mtg. Chesapeake City VFD	180 Miles
August 15, 2012	Rocky Ridge Parade Rocky Ridge VFD	74 Miles	April 9, 2013	Winfield Ladies Spring Banquet, Winfield VFD	28 Miles
August 18, 2012	Hampstead Parade Hampstead, MD	38 Miles	April 19, 2013	Level Basket Bingo Level VFD	140 Miles
August 25, 2012	MSFA Executive Committee Mtg., Singerly VFD	160 Miles	April 20, 2013	MSFA Executive Committee Meeting, Walkersville VFD	54 Miles
August 28, 2012	Winfield Fire Dept Fundraiser, Greene Turtle Westminister	26 Miles	<b>Total Events:</b> 73	<b>Total Miles:</b> 3,364	
September 8, 2012	Winfield 50K Raffle Winfield VFD	10 Miles	Respectfully Submitted, Stacie Jaret MSFA Miss Fire Prevention		
September 16, 2012	Miss Carroll County Workshop, Cty. Training Center	31 Miles	<i>Report from the State Fire Marshal</i>		
September 30, 2012	Miss Carroll Co. Contest Hampstead VFD	38 Miles			
October 1, 2012	CCVESA Monthly Mtg. County Gov't Building	24 Miles	I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Marcus L. Brown, 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 Association Presidents, John Denver and Sherry Soper. Your terms of office have been very productive and your service to your members is one your entire Association should be very proud of. It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.		
October 7, 2012	National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, Emmitsburg, MD	76 Miles	In 2012, there were 44 fires that resulted in 53 deaths in 12 Maryland counties and Baltimore City, a new record low. Those totals represent a 21 percent decline from the 67 deaths reported in 2011 and 21 percent decrease in the number of fatal fires reported, 56.		
October 7, 2012	Miss Frederick Cty Contest Walkersville VFD	70 Miles	Twelve fire deaths in eight fires in Baltimore City represent a significant 29 percent drop from the 17 fire deaths in 13 fatal fires reported during 2011, as well as, a 38 percent decline in the number of fatal fires compared to the previous year.		
October 21, 2012	MSFA Fire Prevention Meeting, Winfield VFD	28 Miles	In Baltimore County, the seven deaths in six fires during 2012 reflect a 30 percent decline from the 10 deaths in as many fires during that time in 2011. Ten people lost their lives in nine fires in Prince George's County during 2012, which was 37 percent less than the 16 fire deaths reported in 2011. Anne Arundel		
October 21, 2012	Westminster Open House Westminster VFD	28 Miles			
November 3, 2012	Winfield Bingo Winfield VFD	28 Miles			
November 7, 2012	Winfield Monthly Meeting Winfield VFD	10 Miles			
November 18, 2012	Winfield Open House Winfield VFD	28 Miles			
December 2, 2012	Winfield Breakfast with Santa, Winfield VFD	28 Miles			
December 3, 2012	Carroll County Meeting County Gov't Building	24 Miles			
December 5, 2012	Winfield Monthly Mtg Winfield VFD	28 Miles			
December 9, 2012	MSFA Christmas Party Singerly VFD	174 Miles			
January 2, 2013	Winfield Monthly Mtg. Winfield VFD	28 Miles			
January 7, 2013	Carroll County Mtg. County Gov't Building	24 Miles			

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County reported seven deaths in as many fires during 2012, sadly revealing a dramatic increase over the one death reported during 2011.

Consistent with most previous years, more fire deaths occurred in the late night and early morning hours than at other times of the day, and the hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. proved to be the most deadly eight-hour period in 2012. The 20 fatal fires that started during those eight hours resulted in 26 deaths accounting for almost 50 percent of the 53 fire deaths for the year, compared to 2011 when 27 fatal fires led to 35 deaths accounting for 62 percent of the 67 fire deaths that year. Three of the five multiple-death fires occurred during those hours in 2012.

In 2012, as in many other years, most fire deaths occurred in residential structures, including 32 deaths in one and two family dwellings, nine victims of apartment fires, and two victims of mobile home fires. Residential fires accounted for 81 percent of the fire deaths in 2012, compared to 79 percent in 2011, and 86 percent in 2010.

Unfortunately, 2013 has not been so kind. During the first quarter of 2013, twenty-nine Marylanders have lost their lives to the ravages of uncontrolled fire when compared to 18 fire deaths recorded in the first quarter of 2012, an increase of 61 percent. Baltimore City and Prince George's County have been particularly hard hit with very significant increases in fire deaths. I applaud the fire service leaders in every local jurisdiction for continuing efforts to reduce fire deaths and injuries.

Congratulations to all local jurisdictions that experienced a decrease in fire deaths last year. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a critical role in promoting fire and life safety to help make our State safer from the devastating effects of fire.

Following a comprehensive review and adoption by the State Fire Prevention Commission, the updated and amended State Fire Prevention Code using the 2012 editions of NFPA 1 (Fire Code) and NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code) became effective January 1, 2013.

This year, the legislative session in Annapolis began on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Once again, the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group (MFSLWG) held weekly meetings at the Annapolis City, Taylor Avenue Fire Station to discuss numerous legislative issues. Many thanks are offered to Annapolis City Fire Chief David Stokes for hosting the MFSLWG and a very special thank you to MSFA Past President Phil Hurlock of MIEMSS for his leadership, guidance and for his willingness to chair these important weekly legislative exchange sessions. The legislative session wrapped up on Monday, April 8, 2013. Additionally, I would like to recognize the untiring efforts of Senator Barry Glassman and Delegate James Malone for their leadership on fire and EMS issues and for co-chairing the Fire and EMS Caucus.

Just like the MSFA legislative team, the OSFM followed the 2013 session of the Maryland General Assembly with an eye towards protecting the many items of interest impacting citizens of Maryland and the fire and emergency services. I want to thank

the MSFA leadership for their continued support in working on a number of important legislative issues. The MSFA leadership has always operated by the guiding principle of protecting Maryland's citizens as its highest priority.

The OSFM and the MSFA effectively joined forces to successfully address updates to Maryland's outdated smoke alarms laws. Through the hard work and diligence of many fire service professionals, Senate Bill 969 and House Bill 1413, sponsored by Senator Barry Glassman and Delegate Jim Malone, passed both the Senate and the House with unanimous votes.

The original Maryland smoke alarm (then smoke detector) law took effect in 1975 with significant changes made to the law in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1988, 1989 and 1990. Before this year's legislative changes, the 38 year-old law had become piecemealed and antiquated. It was difficult to follow, understand and enforce.

Just as with everything else, smoke alarm technology has continued evolving and improving leaving the previous Maryland smoke alarm law incompatible with adopted fire and building codes. The Maryland Smoke Alarm Technology Task Force spent nearly two years reviewing smoke alarm technologies and the present model code requirements before recommending updates to the smoke alarm law, which are now clear, concise and up to date. A key element of the new law requires the use of sealed long-life battery smoke alarms with a built-in hush / silence feature and a requirement for a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level when certain triggers are reached.

As State Fire Marshal, I have always promoted the partnerships our agencies share with local, State, and private industry in helping us gather more resources, disseminate more information and accomplish more tasks in the name of fire and life safety. For the 11th consecutive year, Delmarva Power's Emergency Services Partnership Program donated residential smoke alarms to the OSFM for distribution throughout Maryland's Eastern Shore. This year we received 600 smoke alarms, which have a long life sealed batteries. The Delmarva Power also donated 40 special needs smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing.

By working with partners like Delmarva Power, PEPCO and others, we are able to increase resources and extend our reach into the community to those people who need the most help. The public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power have enabled the distribution of over 17,000 smoke alarms, 1,000 special needs alarming devices and 1,650 carbon monoxide alarms. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries.

In 2012, the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 53rd Anniversary and the title of the program held on September 26, 2012, was "Caring for Your Community and Yourself." The morning address, "The Power of Five" was provided by Vickie Taylor of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This premier educational conference began in August of 1959 when then Governor J. Millard Tawes asked then MSFA Chairman, Howard Springer to serve as Chairman of the Governor's State-Wide Conference on Fire Prevention.

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Every year the OSFM experiences some staffing changes. Regretfully this year, the OSFM experienced the unexpected loss of Wayne Anthony "Tony" Altomonte on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. He was a Fire Safety Inspector with the OSFM for eight years in the Metro Regional Office and an active member of the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County. His service and experience are greatly missed. Program Manager Jane Edwards who many MSFA officers worked with in Annapolis for the past several years left her post in November. Deputy State Fire Marshal Kirby Travers stepped up to take on her legislative duties in Annapolis and did an outstanding job.

In 2012, the OSFM brought on board one Deputy State Fire Marshal and two Fire Safety Inspectors. Also, we were able to fill a much needed Administrative Aide position at the Upper Eastern Regional Office in Easton.

In 2012, the OSFM conducted 716 fire investigations. The criminal case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 38% which is twice the national average of 19%. OSFM staff members completed 16,186 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is an outstanding example of the level of commitment to the safety of the citizens of Maryland. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed 1,685 construction and fire protection system plans. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property.

The OSFM works in partnership with a number of law enforcement agencies across the State as well. A joint investigation by the OSFM, Maryland State Police, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Frederick County Fire Investigation Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives brought to a successful conclusion a serial arson case that began on March 17, 2013 involving 34 fires in Washington County and eight fires in Frederick County. Eight suspects were charged for their involvement with setting multiple fires involving everything from trash containers to vehicles to barns. The cooperative efforts of each of these outstanding public safety agencies was instrumental in closing this significant case.

During the continuing difficult financial times, the perseverance and overall commitment of the OSFM staff continues second to none. With tough financial challenges, come opportunities. The ongoing economic downturn has forced us to rethink current practices in order to position our agency for what the future may hold. We look ahead to finding potential opportunities in the upcoming year and with your continued support; move both the Agency and ever important fire service issues forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a very clear picture of its mission and will continue to confront the challenges that lie ahead. The citizens of the State of Maryland deserve the best service that can be provided. The staff of the OSFM looks forward to working closely with incoming Presidents, Jacqueline Olson and Sandi Lutz. We wish them great success and during their term in office.

This completes my final report to you as the Maryland State Fire Marshal. I will be retiring on July 1, 2013. Over the past twelve years, it has been a real pleasure working with all of the members of MSFA and your many fine leaders. Together, we

have achieved much success while working on numerous fire and life safety issues including, residential fire sprinklers, fire-safe cigarettes and smoke alarms. Most importantly, working together we have seen fire deaths in Maryland continue to decline, reaching a record low in 2012. Thank you for all of your support and stay safe!

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

## *Report of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book Committee*

President Denver, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. My committee has been working for the past two years on developing, printing and distributing the 2012 edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland. The newest edition contains all the information from the previous edition along with various pieces of new and amended legislation that was passed by the State Legislature in Annapolis and signed into law by Governor Martin O'Malley.

My committee is currently working on reviewing the legislation that was recently passed during the 2013 legislative session in Annapolis to determine what needs to be included in the 2014 edition.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

## *Report of the Hall of Fame Committee*

President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 121st Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the Hall of Fame Committee received twenty eight (28) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and thirty six (36) nominations for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award were mailed or delivered to each member company as well as being placed on the Maryland State Firemen's Association web page, in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members





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that have been with a department/company for fifty years (50) or longer. These individuals should be nominated for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award in recognition of their years of service. There are many members in the departments/companies that have reached this stage of life. They need to be recognized for their service to the department/company, community, county and the state. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame or be selected to receive the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award, these are among the highest awards presented by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Remember that nominations are not held over from year to year. If your nominee does not get selected, please submit the individuals name again next year before April 15.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will be given during the presentation of awards on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, during the awards ceremonies.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

### *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.

The high failure rate among the Career Tech students in EMT and other classes continues to be a nagging problem. We are concerned about this and we are looking for ways to improve the pass rate. The new EMT program has not helped with this.

It will be increasingly important that students be assigned to the Fire/EMS programs with regard for their ability and probably more important – their desire and drive to be EMTs and Firefighters. This will make it imperative that the fire and EMS service be actively involved in the recruitment process and that the program coordinators maintain close contact with the high school guidance staffs.

The challenge of incorporating the additional hours of the new

165-hour EMT program into the school year was done in several different ways. Some areas opted for the 55 hour EMR in lieu of the 165 hour EMT Class, some jurisdictions split the programs and have an EMS track and a separate Fire track, some areas dropped classes to free up time for the EMT class and some counties were able to fit the program in the time allocated.

During the past couples of years we have seen several counties suspend the cadet programs for a variety of reasons. The most common reason seems to be the lack of students. We believe a renewed effort by the fire service in these counties to recruit students may solve this problem. Most of the affected counties have the population base that should support a viable program if they aggressively recruit.

The rebirth of the program in Prince Georges County is finishing its first year. The pilot program at Flowers High School and Station 806 appears to have been successful with a few glitches. We have met with the coordinators of the program a few times during the year and assisted as we could.

We would like to thank Director Edwards and the staff at MFRI for their continued support of the programs around the state. MFRI and the regional training centers make these programs possible and the Volunteer Fire and EMS Service needs to express appreciation for the support.

We will continue to monitor the programs throughout the state and 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 can be one of the best recruitment tools the volunteer fire and EMS service has. We believe recruitment is a major component to achieving a successful high school cadet program. The counties that invest time and energy 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 or revitalize a program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Stevens, Chairman

### *Report of the Incentives Programs Committee*

President Denver, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 121st Annual Convention.

#### **LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the



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counties for any changes in their respective programs. All changes received since our last convention were made and the LOSAP Summary Chart was updated.

In 2006, the Garrett County Commissioners appointed a committee to formulate a LOSAP for the County. Joe and I met with the committee on November 30, 2006, at the Wisp Resort. Joe is a budget and numbers person, I am not, so he explained the various county funding methods. I gave them a copy of the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet and we discussed the various county programs. Their program will go into effect July 1, 2013. There will then be three counties, Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico, without a LOSAP. This committee has offered assistance to these companies.

No requests for the LOSAP Information Manual were received this past year. All requests for the LOSAP Summary Chart were filled. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Chart may be kept current. The LOSAP Summary Chart follows this report.

#### **TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)**

Since this convention report is due prior to the date the qualifying members are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2012 is unavailable. A total of 13,454 volunteers qualified in Tax Year 2011. In 2010, 13,349 volunteers qualified.

Each year, there is confusion with the 36 months in the last 10 years for 25-year members. No changes have been made in the legislation. That is to qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2011 (that is a member must have a minimum of 50 points and 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 have been active in 2011; 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. Everyone must have 36 months in the last 10 years. All 25 years does for a member is that member does not have to qualify in the tax year. Please make sure you are not certifying members who do not qualify. That is in violation of the law and the State can impose a penalty. Additional information may be found on the Comptroller's website, [www.marylandtaxes.com-accessMaryland](http://www.marylandtaxes.com-accessMaryland), Income Tax Administrative Release No. 29, dated September 2009, or any of the Senate and House bills. This should clear up any questions you may have or any member of this committee is available to assist you.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

As chairman of the Incentive Programs Committee, I wish to express my thanks to the committee members, the county coordinators, and the company tax incentive coordinators for their hard work, assistance, and support over the years.

The committee would like to thank President John Denver 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 Denver on a very successful year and know he will have a successful and productive convention. We offer our congratulations to incoming president, Jacqueline Olson, and all of the newly elected officers. We wish them a successful and productive year and offer our assistance to them.

Even though I believe I am back among the living and am finally doing better health-wise, I believe I should no longer serve as chairman of this committee. I have enjoyed the years of service to the MSFA and would like to stay on this committee. I particularly liked interacting with the many people I have met. For the first few years, the Incentives Programs Committee did a lot of traveling around the state to company and county meetings. Since then, most of our assistance has been over the telephone or e-mail.

I was appointed to serve on the LOSAP Committee in 1987 by President Bob Cumberland. In 1993, President Phil Hurlock appointed me as Chairman of the LOSAP Committee. In 1996, the name was changed to include the Income Tax Subtraction Program. President Steve Cox appointed me Chairman of the newly formed Incentives Programs Committee, the position I have held since that time. I love you. God Bless You and God Bless the USA.

#### **Incentive Programs Committee**

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**Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)**

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

COUNTY	AGE	YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE	BASIC PAYMENT PER MONTH	MAXIMUM BENEFITS	SURVIVING SPOUSE	BURIAL BENEFIT	COST OF LIVING
Allegany	60	10	\$70 + \$5 <sup>(i)</sup>	\$105	None	None	None
Anne Arundel	50	25	\$250	\$250	\$150	None	None
Baltimore	60	25	\$265	\$265	None	\$5,000	None
Calvert	55	25	\$400 + \$4 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$500	50%	\$6,000	None
Caroline	65	25	\$135 paid quarterly	None	50%	None	Periodic Review
Carroll	60	25	\$125 + \$8 <sup>(a)</sup>	None	None	\$5,000	None
Cecil	55	25	\$300 + \$6	\$600	50%	\$1,000	None
Charles	60	25	\$300 + \$10	None	75%	\$5,000	Based on CPI <sup>(c)</sup>
	55	25	75% + 75%	None	75%	\$5,000	Based on CPI <sup>(c)</sup>
Frederick	65	25	\$200 paid quarterly	N/A	None <sup>(d)</sup>	None <sup>(d)</sup>	Periodic Review
Harford	55	25	\$300 + \$6 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$450	50%	\$5,000	None
Howard	50	25	\$250 + \$10 <sup>(a)</sup>	None	None	None	None
Kent	65	25	<sup>(g)</sup>	\$150	None	None	None
	<sup>(e)</sup>	25	\$230 + \$11.50 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
	60	15	\$138 + \$9.20 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
Montgomery	65	10	\$92 + \$9.20 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
	55	25	\$225 + \$4 <sup>(a)</sup>	None	50%	\$5,000	Equal to career fire fighters
Queen Anne's	65	25	<sup>(h)</sup>	\$150	None	None	None
St. Mary's	60	20	\$200 + \$8 <sup>(f)</sup>	None	50%	Line of Duty Only	Equal to State
	55	20	\$150 + \$8 <sup>(f)</sup>	None	50%	Line of Duty Only	Equal to State
Talbot	62	25	\$175	None	None	\$5,000	Periodic Review
Washington	62	25		\$350	75%	Line of Duty Only	None
Worcester	60	25	<sup>(i)</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

- <sup>(a)</sup> per month added for each full year of certified service over 25 years
- <sup>(b)</sup> changes yearly based on the Consumer Price Index
- <sup>(c)</sup> cannot be increased or decreased by more than 4%
- <sup>(d)</sup> in the event of death before receiving \$15,000 in monthly payments, the the member's designated beneficiary will receive a partial benefit equal to the difference between payments received and a minimum award of \$15,000
- <sup>(e)</sup> age 55 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any age with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003
- <sup>(f)</sup> per month added for each full year of certified service over 20 years
- <sup>(g)</sup> \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 5 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.
- <sup>(h)</sup> \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 25 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.
- <sup>(i)</sup> amount equal to the total annual contributions made on behalf of each volunteer plus investment earnings
- <sup>(j)</sup> per month added for each additional year of certified service (maximum 15 years). Must have 10 years of certified service after effective date - January 1, 2009.
- <sup>(k)</sup> per year added for each full year of certified service over 25 years





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## *Report of the Legislative Committee*

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guest. The 2013 Legislative session started on January 9th and ended at midnight on April 8th. During the ninety days, there were a total of 2,610 bills submitted by our legislators this year. Of these bills, 42 were monitored for any potential impact on the Fire, Rescue or Emergency Medical Service.

A parcel list of the bills that were introduced in the House and Senate that will have a effect on the Fire, Rescue and EMS service:

### **HB100 and SB125 Fiscal Year 2014 Budget - Passed**

- The bills contained the funds for the MSFA Appropriations, Widows and Orphans Fund, Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the Senator Amoss (508) Fund.

### **HB778 and SB899 Local Government - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds Distribution - Passed**

- These bills will ensure that the Maryland Counties distribute at least 51% of the Amoss (508) funds to the local Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Departments. An amendment was placed on these bills that requires a workgroup be established to study the laws and policies related to the distribution of money to volunteer and career companies. The workgroup shall submit a final report on its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2013. The Committee and Presidents held several meetings with legislators and their staff on this bill. Without those meetings, it is felt that the bills would have failed.

**HB1413 and SB969 - Public Safety - Fire Protection and Prevention - Residential Smoke Alarms - Passed** - Special Thanks to State Fire Marshal William Barnard and his staff in getting these bills passed.

**SB745 - Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Systems - Prepaid Service - Collection of Surcharge - Bill passed.**

**SB1054 and HB1515 - Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013 - This is better known as the Gas Tax Bill - Bills Passed** - This bill contained the Five Million increase for the Amoss Fund (508). The additional funds of 1.5 million will start in FY2015, 3.3 million in FY2016 and the full 5 million in FY2017.

**SB587 - Higher Education - Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship - Bill Passed.** This bill will replace the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services tuition reimbursement program. Special thanks to Senator Garagiola and his staff for working with us on this bill.

There were several other bills that passed which will also have an effect on the Fire, Rescue and EMS. To review all bills that were passed or defeated in the 2013 Maryland Legislative Session, go to Maryland General Assembly and you can get a full report on all bills for the 2013 Session.

The annual MSFA Legislative reception was held on January 22nd. The event was well attended by members of the House and Senate. Special thanks goes to Sharon Worthington for all of the hard work in preparing and serving the food. Thanks also goes to the ladies that assisted in setting up as well as assisting with the serving the food. Thanks also go to James Towers and Ed Mullikin of Easton VFD for serving the refreshment.

To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, your support was second to none, under the leadership of LA-MSFA Legislative Committee Chairperson Carene Housenfluck. Carene, you and your committee did an outstanding job. We are proud to have Carene, Marian Nicholson, Elaine Huttenloch, Jane Huffman and Teresa Ann Crisman as part of the team.

The Committee offers special thanks to the following for their efforts of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Senator Barry Glassman, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator James Mathias, Senator Rob Garagiola, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, Delegate John Bohanan. To the members of the Fire Caucus, we extend a special thanks for your support and all of the Delegates and Senators for your continue support of the fire service. Thanks are also extended to the Metro Chiefs, Maryland Fire Chiefs, Mike Rund (career firefighters), State Fire Marshal William Barnard, MIEMSS, MFRI, Shock Trauma, MSP Aviation for their help and support. Special thanks are also extended to Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff for their support this year.

To the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association a tremendous thanks for your support for contacting your Senator and Delegate when requested to seek their support on various bills during the session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doyle E. Cox, Chairman  
Richard Smith, Vice Chairman

## *Report of the Marketing Committee*

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson & Keller, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Guests and the MSFA Membership. The Marketing Committee has been continuing its work by expanding on our main ideas and plans that have been developed to market the Maryland State Firemen's Association to the membership of the State by getting



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any and all information and resources available from the MSFA to our Company Members. Through the extra efforts of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jackie Olson and Vice Chair Mike Faust, we have developed and printed out Tri-Fold Flyers, 250 Large Posters and have also received several 6 foot tall Pull-Ups with the MSFA Information printed on them to use as a visual during Association and Company Visits, Classes for the Member Companies and Convention use, just to name a few. We have also developed a couple of Power Point Presentations to use in getting our message out the Member Companies. These presentations can be held anywhere from 10 minutes up to a full 2 hour class to show Department Personnel about the many resources available to them and how to access these resources.

The Committee has also met the first set of goals that were established at the MSFA Retreat that was held this year at the National Fire Academy. Chairman Buddy Schweers and Vice Chairman Mike Faust had attended the Retreat representing the Marketing Committee.

The Marketing Committee has also been very busy working closely with the California Casualty Insurance Company on how to promote the best way to incorporate their association with the MSFA into our Marketing Plans. The California Casualty Company is also a Gold Sponsor for our MSFA Convention again this year. We have been meeting with their representatives at the Executive Committee Meetings and coordinated some of the other meetings that they have been attending with various County Associations.

We have also been contacted by the Nissan VIP Program and the Hyundai Circle Program to be involved with the MSFA to assist with Members in possibly receive discounts from these dealers. We are contacting MSFA Attorney Mike Farlow with procedures on how to go about this program and to see if their involvement is possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Herman N. Schweers, Jr, Chairman,  
Vice-Chair Mike Faust                      Dennis Beard,  
Clarence "Chip" Jewell,                      Eileen Edelin,  
Paul Tinsley,                                      Debbie Perry,  
James Kohl,                                        Courtney McHenry  
Angela Cowan.

*Report of the  
Maryland Fire Rescue Services  
Memorial Foundation*

The Foundation is sad to announce the LODD of Mr. James Fitzgerald. We will be honoring him at the annual ceremony on June 2. Our prayers are with his family. Also the Foundation bears a heavy heart with the passing of our charter member Lee Sachs. Lee had been the Foundation attorney since its

inception. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We will be adding Lee's name to the memorial plaque in the Circle of Remembrance.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of over 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. We have signed a contract with McGregor's of Havre de Grace for the GALA on September 28, 2013, to be held at the Minter Hall in Perryville for a second year. We need your support as always to make this event a success. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition.

We have upgraded the lighting at the flagpoles to LED type and will be installing new pathway lighting later this summer.

Again, this year we will have our booth at convention, stop by and visit. We will be having some fundraisers throughout Ocean City during convention week, please participate with your patronage, additional info will be available at the booth. The Foundation always recognizes the organizations that make up our group. Their commitment and dedication continues with outstanding support. We also would like to recognize our state elected officials who also continue to support the Foundation.

We will be holding our annual ceremony on June 2 to honor all those who have given the ultimate over the years. Retired Chief Rod and his committee have been working diligently to make this a memorable event for all. Please join us in honoring our brave.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling memorial replicas, bricks, pictures and DVD's. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. Again, stop by our booth for a first hand look at our items. And yes, we want to thank those that regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings and chair the various committees. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Worthington, Chairman

*Report of the  
National Fallen Firefighters  
Foundation*

President Denver, Vice President's Olson and Keller, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2012 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Annual Report. I hope it is useful to the association and the fire service community as a whole to highlight our activities this past year

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and moreover to strengthen the relationship that exists between our two organizations. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff we wish you a most successful annual conference and convention.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation was created by Congress in 1992 with the mission to honor fallen firefighters and assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives. Since its inception, the Foundation has developed many programs to fulfill this mandate.

The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland. Donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations fund many of the Foundation's programs. In 2012, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation continued programs to carry out our Congressional mandate: *"To honor and remember the nation's fallen firefighters, provide assistance to their families and coworkers, and work to prevent firefighter injury and fatalities."*

### **Survivor Programs**

The **Fire Service Survivors Network** is a group of dedicated family members who volunteer to provide peer support and help the Foundation with projects throughout the year and during the Memorial Weekend. In 2012, Network members sent 3,360 Remembrance cards to families to let them know that their firefighter is not forgotten. *"It's been almost six years since Randy left us, but the NFFF never has."*

The NFFF provided assistance with transportation and provided lodging and meals for the families of 85 firefighters who were honored during the **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend**. More than 6,000 attended the Memorial Service which was broadcast and streamed live. *"We were very pleased and thankful with the Memorial Weekend activities. Although we shared tears for our loved one, we were deeply honored and grateful that his life and departure were not in vain. The activities and tribute were all spectacular."*

The **Hal Bruno Camp for Children of Fallen Firefighters**, a weekend bereavement camp, provided an opportunity for 31 children to network with other children who had experienced the death of a firefighter parent and helped them gain skills to cope with their loss. *"It was fun once we got there. I thought 'Healing Circles' was going to be stupid and boring, but that was one of my favorite things at camp."*

The **Sarbanes Scholarship Program** gives spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of fallen firefighters the opportunity to pursue their personal, educational and career goals. With assistance from the Motorola Foundation, ICMA-RC, and Global Health & Safety, more than \$234,000 in scholarships was awarded to 82 recipients. *"When our daughter left high school and started college you reminded me of the scholarship she was now eligible for. She watched the mail for weeks looking for some word that she had been chosen. I wish you could have seen*

*her when the letter came; she ran, jumped and screamed. The whole community must have heard her."*

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Fire Service Survivors Conference** was attended by 230 survivors and members of the fire service. Attendees were able to network, attend life skills workshops and sessions on coping with grief. *"This week has meant more to me than I'm able to express! Making me speechless is quite an accomplishment! If you haven't made contact with other survivors—please do! It's life changing!"*

The Foundation provided **resources** for survivors, including 400 grief brochures, a quarterly newsletter, and *The Journey*, a bi-monthly publication with articles written by survivors and sent to more than 4,000 family members. *"I just want to express my deepest thank you for what your organization stands for in helping us to remember that we are not forgotten, nor will our loved ones ever be forgotten. Every newsletter is an absolute 'GODSEND,' and I can't thank you enough! It connects us with others who are trying to put one foot in front of the other. Although we stumble and fall, we always know that others are out there and this is what they are dealing with."*

### **Fire Service Programs**

**Taking Care of Our Own®** training helped 287 fire service officers in five states prepare for a line-of-duty death, including information on how to make notification to the family. During each class a fire chief who has experienced a line-of-duty death and a fire service survivor share their stories. *"It is comforting to know there are resources out there in the event of a tragedy, and thank you for sharing your personal experiences."*

The **Local Assistance State Teams (LAST)** are fire service volunteers trained by the Foundation to assist departments and families when a firefighter dies. Services can include operational support to the community, planning of the funeral, obtaining behavioral health counseling for family and department members and preparing local, state and Federal benefit claims, including the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB). Five trainings were attended by 123 fire service members, and LAST assisted with 76 firefighter fatalities, 14 EMS fatalities, and 5 law enforcement fatalities. *"Great class! I feel I have a better understanding. While new to the team, it was a great learning experience."*

The **Vulnerability Assessment Project** is an online tool for fire departments to assess their weaknesses and areas that make them vulnerable for firefighter injuries and deaths. The building phase of the project, including an online survey tool, was completed. The next phase of the project is software development.

The **Everyone Goes Home® State Advocates and training coordinators** continued efforts to implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives in fire departments across the country. Several regional and State training programs now include the Courage to Be Safe course.

A new **Firehero Learning Network** is being developed to bring



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critical training in safety, operations, and community relations to all firefighters and fire officers in the country.

A four-year effort resulted in development of a **Stress First Aid** program in support of Firefighter Life Safety Initiative #13: "Firefighters and their families must have access to counseling and psychological support."

Firefighters have been the victims of violence when responding to incidents. In 2012, a summit was held to determine actions needed by fire departments to prepare for **responses to violent incidents**. Coordination between fire departments and law enforcement must be strengthened. In some cases, administrative changes need to be made at communication centers to alert firefighters to previous violent incidents at locations to which they are responding.

The Foundation worked with FDNY to complete the video, "**Still Working So Everyone Goes Home**," highlighting the efforts of FDNY since the devastating attacks on 9/11. A video was also completed with Chicago Fire focusing on firefighter health, fire behavior and the use of Personal Protective Equipment.

I am pleased to submit this annual report and encourage all of you to consider getting involved with one or more of our programs. The Board and Staff of the Foundation appreciate all of the support we have received from the Maryland Fire Service and hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 4, 5 and 6, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ronald Jon Siarnicki  
Executive Director

## *Report of the National Volunteer Fire Council*

2012 was a great year of progress for the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and both of your representatives, Past President Lee Sachs (Director) and Chief Jimmy Seavey, Sr. (Alternate) were heavily engaged in much of the progressive work of the Council.

Director Sachs, a charter member of the EMS Section, now three years old, was of great aide in assuring the in just this short span of time, the NVFC has become the "go to" Organization for discussion or review of EMS issues by most of our Federal agencies. This feat is incredible, when just five years ago a majority of the Directors on the NVFC Board were of the opinion that the Council should not involve itself in EMS concerns or allow EMS Organizations to join the group responsible for representing volunteer fire and rescue interests in our Nation!

Additionally, with positions on the Finance and Audit Committees, Director Sachs has been a great contributor towards the implementation of conservative spending and appropriate program cuts that allowed the NVFC to remain safely within an

extremely positive financial posture, even through the period of recession!

Alternate Director Seavey continued working feverishly on the Volunteer Advocacy Committee in dealing with the continued spread of "two-hatter" harassment by various affiliates of the International Association of Firefighters across the country. This year, states never before affected, became hot beds of activity, with local governments entering into the disturbing trend. A number of recently bargained Collective Bargaining Agreements, signed by government officials, prohibit the off-duty volunteering by employed fire rescue personnel. Conversely, some local municipalities took issue with the prohibition, when it was realized that their volunteer fire rescue department would essentially be wiped out. The Volunteer Advocacy Committee, with the assistance of the NVFC's Director of Government Affairs, Dave Finger, began to investigate whether or not the "offending" jurisdictions had been awarded any Federal SAFER Grants that were currently active; as there is language in the SAFER application guidelines prohibiting the discrimination against career personnel, who volunteer during their off-duty hours. The Council was successful in identifying several local governments, who were in violation of the SAFER guidelines and this information was presented to officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Both, Directors Sachs and Seavey worked with the Government Affairs Director, Finger, to push for enhanced protection of volunteer first responders through the implementation of new Federal legislation. These Bills were gaining tremendous support before the Congress entered into the period of inactivity due to the Sequester and all will now need to be reintroduced in the new Congress.

Your Directors to the NVFC were euphoric to have the unanimous support of the MSFA Leadership, Finance Team and Executive Committee towards the marketing of the "All State Membership" Program in Maryland. Currently, five states have increased their membership within the NVFC using this Program by several thousand percent and are flourishing. At the first Executive Committee meeting of the Convention Year, your Finance Team agreed to budget monies for the next three years to defray one-half of the cost per MSFA member to join the NVFC through this great program. The benefits are wonderful for our members, including a \$10,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy for each member. Your team was pursuing the initial marketing of this program, when Director Sachs became ill and a meeting never materialized prior to his passing.

The spring of this year, President John Denver appointed Past President, David Lewis to join me in representing our State Association on the NVFC. He and I have met several times with Dave being a very eager Alternate Director with a tremendous thirst to get involved in representing the MSFA to this great Organization. At his request, we reviewed NVFC and its structure, operating procedures and the involvement of the MSFA Directors over the last seven years, since our return as a Member Association of the Council. We are looking forward to



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servng together in representing your best interests, along with those of the volunteer service across this great Nation!

Now, Dave and I look forward to representing all of the member companies of the MSFA in the coming year with vigor and commitment in the continued forward progression of the NVFC. Our first objective in the coming months will be to continue work on the "All State Membership" Program and rolling out the marketing of this great opportunity to all member companies in the MSFA. Additionally, we will continue to work closely with the Government Affairs office of the NVFC to assist in preparation and support of Federal legislative that affords further protection to our volunteer first responders. If either of us can answer any questions that MSFA members might have or be of assistance with any issues that you believe are within the scope of the NVFC as a national Organization representing our personnel, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time!

Finally, this report would not be complete without acknowledging the vision and persistence of the late Past President Lee Sachs in forging our return into the National Volunteer Fire Council during his term as President of the MSFA in 2005. Lee was very clear on our need to be involved on a national level, as well as the fact that upon our return, we would put forth a strong agenda, in working with the other NVFC represented states in working towards more vocal support of the volunteer fire, rescue and now, EMS services across our country. It was an honor and a privilege to serve alongside Lee and to have been mentored by him over the past seven years in service to each of you.

Respectfully,  
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., MD Director – NVFC  
Past President David Lewis, MD Alternate Director - NVFC

## *Report of the Public Address Committee*

It has been a great pleasure to serve under President John Denver this past year as the chairman of the Public Address Committee. The committee and I have had a very successful year making several improvements to the portable audio system. Although the system has been streamlined to be very portable and quickly set up, it had been a small burden to load up, transport, and set up due to the large amount of gear required to run 18 wireless microphones. This was very time consuming and required lots of labor and was usually up to one person to load and unload from storage.

After reviewing our resources, the Public Address Committee was afforded a great opportunity to purchase a small aluminum trailer to house and transport the audio gear. This was made possible by the strong support of the Executive Board and through cooperation of neighboring committees who no longer had use for an existing trailer. A new 5'x10' NEO aluminum trailer was purchased and the existing trailer was auctioned through a sealed bid which offset the new trailer purchase price by 100%!

Along with the trailer purchase, new gear boxes and a hand truck were also purchased to facilitate quick set-up and worry free storage. Just like a rescue truck, everything has its place in a case and is easily deployable. Set up time is now less than 30 minutes from unloading to fully functional. We are also working to finalize a storage system inside the trailer to secure the equipment and spare parts to make it better organized.

I would like to say "Thank You" to the committee members and anyone else who has helped throughout the past year helping set-up and tear down. I sincerely appreciate the hospitality of the meeting hosting companies. Their support allows us to have successful meetings and create new friendships.

In closing, I also want to thank the Executive Committee Members, both past and present, for their continued help and support. We look forward to another successful year!

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Davis, Chairman

## *Report of the Public Relations Committee*

The Public Relations Committee of the MSFA consists of three Sub-Committees – Public Information Group, chaired by Frank Underwood, Marketing, chaired by "Buddy" Schweers, and the Volunteer Trumpet, chaired by Mike Dixon. Amber Leizear was the initial Chairperson, but having recently become a mother, she asked to be taken off that position in July.

The Public Information Group has functioned well throughout the year, with Frank making sure that any requests for information were routed to the proper source. The committee dispatched releases to various media connections in regard to the previous Convention, and in doing so again this year as this is written. Photos of the Convention were provided to the Data Systems Committee for insertion onto the MSFA Web Site, and onto our Facebook page.

Buddy Schweers has met with his sub-committee several times. They have been working on ways we can better promote the MSFA and the programs we provide and support.

Mike Dixon took over the editorship of the Volunteer Trumpet in mid-August, and has done a very good job of "learning the ropes" and publishing several issues of the Trumpet this year. The latest one should be available at the Convention. Anyone that has information about happenings in the Maryland fire service is encouraged to send it along to Mike for possible inclusion in the Trumpet.

We recently concluded a task of re-doing the pictures of the volunteer fire stations in Maryland for use during the Memorial program at the Convention in June. Many new additions and

# **Paid or Volunteer, It's What We Do, I Wish You Really Knew"**

Adapted from an unknown: By Marc Bashoor, Fire Chief, Prince George's County MD Fire/EMS

"I wish for just once, you could experience the acrid smell of burning insulation, the foul taste of soot-filled mucus, the eeriness of being un-able to see your hand in front of your face – or a host of the other panic-inducing sensations my brethren and I have had to learn to instinctively overcome and control, as we blindly search a smoke-filled bedroom for a trapped child at three in the morning, our palms and knees burning as we crawl, the floor sagging under our weight from the kitchen ablaze beneath us....with only eerie silence filling the audible void that we so desperately wish could have been filled with the wail of a smoke alarm. It's what we do.

I wish you would just once have to cope with a wife's horror at six in the morning as I check her husband of forty years for a pulse and find none...my crew starts CPR right away, wishing we could bring him back, but knowing intuitively it is probably too late....yet doing all we can because his wife and family deserve to know everything possible is being done to try to save his life. It's what we do.

I wish you could stand beside me just one time in the emergency room as a doctor pronounces the infant my crew has been pouring 110% of their skills into saving for the past 30 minutes. A child who we know will never say the words, "I love you Mommy" again.

I wish you could read my thoughts as we extricate an intoxicated teenager from the remains of her automobile, wondering "Where are her parents?" Wondering what will her family's reaction be when they answer that doorbell an hour from now to find a police officer at the door. It's what we do.

I wish you could comprehend what it feels like to have a child tugging at your arm and asking, "Is my mommy gonna be okay?" Not being able to look in his eyes, not knowing how to



answer his plea. I wish just one time in your life have to comfort a life-long friend who just saw his buddy having CPR performed on him as the Medic Unit pulls away. It's what we do.

I wish for just one moment you could feel the frustration I experience sitting in the officer's seat, my driver slamming hard on the brake pedal, my arm tugging the air horn, as someone fails to yield the right-of-way....knowing full well that should they ever need us, the first words out of their mouth will likely be, "What took you so long?"

I wish for just one time you could know how it feels to walk in the house and greet my family, not looking forward to explaining that I almost didn't make it back from the last call. It's what we do.

I wish you could experience just a tiny portion of the physical, emotional and mental pain this

body has had to overcome...or the skipped meals...or the lost sleep...or missed social engagements....or just a fraction of the horrible and needless tragedy these eyes have seen. It's what we do.

Hearing all of this, I know you are probably wondering if I am crazy for choosing this as my life's calling...however, for just one moment, I wish you could also experience the camaraderie of my station...or the brotherhood of my crew...or the emotional reward from saving a life...or the personal satisfaction we gain from preserving someone's property, and the unbelievable rush of being able to bring calm to chaos.

Unfortunately, unless you have lived the life we live every day, you will never completely understand or appreciate who we are, or that indeed...

***"Paid or Volunteer,  
by the grace of God, It's What We Do,  
I Wish You Really Knew."***



construction had made many of the older pictures obsolete. These pictures may also be used with news items of interest during the year.

We are encouraged to see more and more of our departments using the electronic media (E-mail, facebook, etc) to advertise their activities. Please remember that when you post an ad, put the whole name of your organization in the ad instead of just the initials. This makes it a whole lot easier to find you!

I would like to thank President John Denver for allowing us to continue to serve our Association. If anyone has need of our services, our addresses are in the program book and on the MSFA Web site. ([www.msfa.org](http://www.msfa.org)).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Watkins, Chairman  
Herman "Buddy" Schweers, Vice-Chairman

### *Report of the Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Committee*

President Denver, Vice President's Olson and Keller, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, and Delegates and Alternates to the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. The Recruitment & Retention Committee has worked very hard this past year on the items that we established as our priorities and goals as part of the President's Retreat. The committee is right on schedule with our commitment to the 3-year plan.

#### **"Tools for the Toolbox":**

We currently have many items entered into the drawers of the Toolbox and are preparing for the rollout during this years convention. The R & R committee will update the information regularly. We will be looking for additional items from all of the members of the MSFA. The Toolbox will contain resources that the departments can use to help run their departments.

#### **Beyond Hoses and Helmets Seminar:**

In its continuation to provide training opportunities for the leadership of the local fire & rescue departments, held in cooperation with IAFC/VCOS and VFIS, the Recruitment & Retention committee presented "Beyond Hoses & Helmets". The committee selected the following as our topics of concern:

1. Team Building
2. Communications
3. Marketing & Branding
4. Principle of Negotiation
5. Managing Change

#### **MSFA 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference**

As part of the 121<sup>st</sup> MSFA Convention the Committee will present with Past President Dave Lewis during the MFRI "Leadership

Seminar" to Roll out and introduce the "Tools for the Toolbox".

The Recruitment & Retention Committee would especially like to thank the following individuals for their tremendous efforts to assist this committee on behalf of the MSFA: President Denver, Jim Brown – MIEMSS Liaison, Past President David Lewis, Vice President Jackie Olson, Joel McCrea – Planning Committee Liaison, and Barry Johnson.

As Chairman, I would like to thank a special group of this committee for their dedication and determination: Vice-Chair Troy Odendhal, Wayne Powell, William "Bill" Wagner III, Julie Casey, without their help we would not have met our goals.

Sincerely,  
Joseph S. Chornock, Chair  
Troy Odendhal, Vice Chair

### *Report of the Scholarship Committee*

This year the scholarship committee continued with the mentoring program that was developed three years ago and also works with the newly revised process of applications. I am pleased to report that all worked well.

The statistics for the 2012-13 school years.

Total students supported.....	7
Amount of money distributed .....	\$23,500.00
Schools that our students are attending.....	
University of Maryland Baltimore Campus	
University of Maryland College Park	
University of Maryland University College	

I would be remised if I didn't take this opportunity to thank all of our supports: MSFA member companies, MSFA Foundation, Ms. Heimer, Bill Olsen, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, and Connective Power. Without their support this committee couldn't provide support at the level demonstrated above.

I also would like to thank each and every committee member for their dedication and support of the students.

Finally, I wish to thank President Denver, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Olsen, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Keller for having the confidence in me to serve as Chairman. I wish to thank each member of the committee for there outstanding work this year.

Respectfully Submitted:  
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman



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Convention!***

***From the  
Underwood Family***



## *Report of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Committee*

SAR response; type and credential those resources based on NIMS; and serve as the contact for mobilization of those resources when requested outside of normal mutual aid requests.

President Denver, Vice Presidents Olson and Keller, Chairman Kurtz, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Watercraft Committee and Emergency Support Function/Resource Typing and Credentialing Workgroup were merged in 2010 and a new Search and Rescue Committee was formed by then President Cox. This Committee has continued to work on issues carried over from the previous committees. Please refer to the bulleted information below for the details of these matters.

### **SAR Committee plan and goals:**

- Combined Watercraft Committee and ESF/RTC Workgroup to provide task recognition to the work of member companies providing SAR and the MSFA role in that work; i.e. other organizations use the SAR term and have had difficult time identifying the role of the "Watercraft Committee" at various meetings.
- Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.
- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA.
- Monitor the field of technical SAR and work on positioning the MSFA and member companies to respond to any changes in a way that promotes the work of the MSFA.
- Serve as the MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) and attend the annual NASAR Conference as funding allows.
- Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues,
- Specifically serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF-9 matters including:
  - o Providing subject matter experts as required in the ESF-9 annex to the State EOP.
  - o Staffing the SEOC when required/requested.
  - o Developing and maintaining a roster of MSFA member companies that provide technical

The following work has taken place this year to address the goals listed above:

- Provided support and coordination of MSFA member company SAR assets for MEMA during the following ESF-9 activations:
- Chair Todd Johnson was contacted by Erica Carlson to report to the SEOC on June 1, 2012 and assist with coordination of ESF-9 functions following severe weather in Harford County. I arrived at approximately 1930 hours and remained on duty until 2400 hours coordinating reports from a SAR field observer and rostering collapse and water rescue assets. Rostered assets were not needed. **Hurricane Sandy:** Chairman Johnson began receiving communications from MEMA on Friday 10/26/13 and was requested to report to the SEOC for Hurricane Sandy planning and staffing. I attended an ESF-9 briefing and planning meeting 1700-2100 Sunday 10/28/13 and returned to serve in the SEOC from 1030 Monday 10/29/13 to 1530 Tuesday 10/30/13. In addition to maintaining general SAR situational awareness and participating in planning issues MSFA was specifically tasked with developing a Large Animal Rescue resource plan with Maryland Department of Agriculture and assisting Crisfield Unified Command with allocating resources for their SAR operation on 10/30/13. Despite the fact that 20 water rescue teams were identified as available in local jurisdictions out of state teams were called in due to the uncertainty of local needs. The ESF-9 group demobilized on Tuesday after the SAR threat had diminished.
- The MSFA ESF-9 Resource List has been published. Hard copy is at the MEMA Fire Desk, electronic copies provided to MEMA ESF-9 rep, the SEOC Managers, and SAR committee members. It is also available on the MSFA website under the SAR Committee. It should be noted by all that this is a dynamic document and updates/changes will be made. There are still some resources that need to provide information and contact with these providers continues in attempt to achieve this. I again want to emphasize that we want to hear from any SAR resource that a member company operates that may meet the NIMS Typing requirements. Even a Type III or Type IV resource is valuable to have in the resource matrix. Committee members can assist you with review of the NIMS Typing and compliance planning as needed.
- The SAR Committee met to discuss the previously reported gaps analysis of MFRI training and requisite training for SAR job descriptions under NIMS. The committee would like to have MFRI serve in the role as a broker for organizations requiring SAR training over and

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above the NFPA standard but meeting the NIMS requisite training. Essentially this would mean that MFRI would maintain a list of vetted vendors and broker specific training as requested. Over the course of brokering these courses MFRI would have the opportunity to identify where the demands are and possibly develop in-house instructor cadre. The SAR Committee would serve a role in this development by assisting MFRI with identifying and contacting vendors, such as NASAR, that would be able to deliver the training and participating in meetings to develop the brokering system. Chairman Johnson met with MFRETC at the invitation of Lynn Gilroy to state our concerns of gaps in MFRI SAR training and requisite knowledge and skills needed to both meet any NIMS requirements and to perform safely and efficiently in the field. Following my presentation Dan Stevens, as Chair of the MFRETC Minimum Standards sub-committee, was tasked to work with the group. The committee has developed a preliminary list of gaps in the various SAR disciplines based on NIMS job descriptions. There is currently a test case in progress between MFRI and a local jurisdiction to deliver a swiftwater/flood boat operators course. The committee decided to await the outcome and then build on the process developed there to allow an across the board process to have MFRI, or another agency with greater capacity (i.e. MD Department of Agriculture for technical animal rescue training), begin brokering vendors and classes to meet the identified gaps.

- Finalization of the ESF-9 document was tasked by MEMA to Major Scott Wayne of MSP Special Operations Command. A meeting was held with Maj. Wayne on November 15, 2012 to address MSFA concerns. The document had been re-worked and MSFA/MFCA is now listed as Subject Matter Experts instead of a Support Organization as we were in the last document. However we have the same responsibilities as a Support Organization, the only difference is Support Organizations have their own assets and SME do not. I am very comfortable with the document and the discussions I have had with both Maj. Wayne and MEMA staff in that MSFA will continue to play the same role we have recently as evidenced by the Hurricane Sandy participation. There were still some additional changes to be made by Maj. Wayne concerning wording about other assets before the document is complete and ESF-9 stakeholders will be meeting in May 2013 to finalize wording.
- The committee completed two line-by-line reviews of the MSFA Standard Operating Procedures for Watercraft (SOP No. E005) and a draft revision was sent on to the Standards Committee. The committee looked at revisions on the basis of actual field practices, other required standards, and in a way to be as inclusive as possible while meeting those requirements.

I would again personally urge each department providing technical search and/or rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable)

certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Structural Collapse Technical Rescuer, Rope Technical Rescuer, Surface Water Technical Rescuer, Vehicle and Machinery Technical Rescuer, Confined Space Technical Rescuer, Trench Technical Rescuer, 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 SAR response. Information on all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

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

The Committee would like to thank President Denver and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. 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 Standard and NFPA Review Committee*

For the past year, it has been my honor to serve as the Chair of the MSFA Standards and NFPA Review Committee. This Committee plays a critical role in the review and adoption of standards which directly impact the safety and survivability of firefighters and first responders throughout the State.

The prevailing issue to this Committee continued to be the review of the current MSFA Bylaws to recommend any necessary revisions to existing MSFA standards requirements. The Bylaws revisions proposed by this Committee were forwarded to the EMS Committee, as a number of revisions had a direct impact on the delivery of EMS services by member companies of this Association. Following that review, a consensus of all revisions was accepted by both Committees and this version was forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for placement of a final version onto the Ballot for consideration of the MSFA membership at the 2013 Annual Convention and Conference.

In cooperation with the liaisons from the MSFA Office of the Parliamentarian, MSFA EMS Committee and MSFA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, a recommended draft for Article D of the MSFA Bylaws was reviewed and approved by the Standards Committee. That draft incorporated the modifications to Sections

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Charlotte, Bernie, Alan, and Ira**

3, 4, 5, and 6 as proposed by the MSFA EMS Committee. In addition, the Standards Committee recommended modification to Section 1 of the Bylaws to address training requirements for marine vessel operations.

Upon approval of a final form of any modifications to the Bylaws, the Standards Committee will then review these changes to commence a review of the current Standard Operation Guidelines as adopted by the Executive Committee, and prepare recommendations to those Guidelines to coordinate with any MSFA revisions and to more closely reflect currently accepted operating practices and nationally recognized standards for safety. The MSFA Standards Committee agreed to reserve any further actions regarding modifications to the Guidelines to insure agreement with changes made, if any, to the MSFA Bylaws regarding this subject.

The Standards Committee now plans to continue the process of revising the MSFA Standard Operating Guidelines regarding apparatus standards. It was decided to begin this process by assigning different sections of these SOGs to Task Groups of Committee Members for initial review and recommendation of each SOG Section for approval by the entire Standards Committee. In addition, a request has been sent to other MSFA Committees, including the Rural Water Supply Committee, EMS Committee, and Water Craft Committee to lend special expertise on proposed revisions to pertinent MSFA SOGs. It was noted that the final reports should be reserved pending the approval of the proposed changes to Article D of the Bylaws by the MSFA Membership, and prepared for submission to the MSFA Executive Committee at a future meeting of that Committee. All members of the MSFA Standards Committee were encouraged to participate in the review of these SOGs.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. The goal of this Committee is to continue the review and revision of current MSFA SOGs for Fire apparatus and EMS vehicles to coordinate these SOGs with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While the recommended SOGs will attempt to comply with the current NFPA Standards as much as possible, it is understood that many local conditions will require modification to the National standard in order to provide an adequate level of cost effective services. All of these issues will be considered as a part of the MSFA Standards Committee review and recommendation of proposed regulations, with the prime consideration for the safety of the emergency responders of this State and the citizens that they are committed to protect. It is my personal commitment to continue the fine efforts and tradition of this Committee that has been long established. If anyone has any questions or comments that they wish to bring before the Standards Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Bush, Chair

## *Report of the Training Committee Report*

President Denver, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Olson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Keller, Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This years Training Committee continued to build on joint relationships with other committees within the Maryland State Firemen's Association including the Safety Committee, the Rural Water Supply Committee, the EMS Committee, and the Recruitment and Retention Committee.

During the year our committee bonded in unified training issues with the Training Committee of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association with many positive results. It is hoped that all our partner committees will be able to jointly offer training opportunities beneficial to all member companies.

Although the MSFA 10 year Training Plan was updated and completed recently the committee was requested to continue to update goals met and evaluate continued progress very little feedback has been received except from a couple of our partners.

The new 165 hour EMT Basic was implemented July 1, 2012 and all early data indicates that it is moving along with slight glitches here and there. The program is being watched carefully with the concerns raised earlier by the member companies.

At the urging of the MSFA Officers and member companies a request was put into MFRI for this year for Training Classes to be designed for our growing Administrative Member population. PP Dave Lewis has taken on that assignment and is in the process of designing a seminar as well as training modules to address the needs of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This will give those leaders as well as potentially future leaders the tools necessary to do their jobs whether it be on how to conduct a meeting, formulating a budget, and successful note taking. It is hoped that this won't be a one time offering but will be available for regional distribution.

This year the MSFA Training Chairman attended most of the monthly meetings with the President Denver throughout the state for the Council of the Academies, the MFRI Board of Advisors, and MRETEC where we have a seat at the table and where valuable training information is disseminated and obtained. This year the Training Committee continued to put out as many Training Announcements as it received on its portion of MSFA website and continues to encourage MSFA Partners and Member Companies to submit announcements to its chairman.

Chairman Roth, and Vice-Chairman Lynott distributed a thank you gift of a portfolio to the 175 participants and instructors, (purchased by both the MSFA and Maryland Fire Chief's Association Training Committees) promoting the "Unity through Training" theme that was adopted by the two organizations at the Maryland Weekend held at the National Firefighter Academy in January 2013.

The Chairman of the MSFA Training Committee made a special



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effort to visit as many MSFA County Association meetings to encourage member companies in submitting entries in this years Zembower Training Awards program. For the last three years only a few companies have taken the time to submit entries for these awards. At the time that this report is submitted before the convention it is unknown how many companies have made submissions for 2013.

The MSFA Training Committee met 5 times since the last convention at the following locations:

College Park, Maryland July 12, 2012  
Ellicott City, Maryland September 9, 2012  
Westminster, Maryland November 18, 2012  
Centreville, Maryland January 13, 2013  
Takoma Park, Maryland April 28, 2013

As the Chairman for the last several years I will be stepping down to pursue other areas within the MSFA and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Past Presidents of the MSFA for their faith and confidence placed in me of this vital committee, the member companies for their hospitality shown us at our meetings all across the state, the committee members for their time and dedication, our partner liaisons, and finally the officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you one and all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johnie F. Roth, Jr. Chairman

## *Report of the Transportation Committee*

The focus this year has been the preparation of the tag data-base for the 2013 recertification of member companies. The MVA provided the committee with a copy of the active MSFA tags in the State of Maryland as of August, 2013. The committee has spent many hours comparing the MVA data-base to ours. This was time consuming but should provide the member companies with a more accurate recertification print-out.

The recertification print-out of member companies was started in February 2013 and will be completed by June 2013. The following counties have been sent: St. Mary's, Charles, Kent, Princess Anne, Cecil, Caroline, Howard, Calvert, Baltimore, Wicomico, Howard, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Somerset Talbot, and Washington. We are now receiving some of the completed print-outs along with the company's recertification fees.

The recertification is a requirement for member companies that are part of the MSFA and have MSFA logo tags. This happens every five (5) years. The individual that has the MSFA tag is required to pay \$5.00 to the MSFA. This will insure that the member is in good standing and still has the tag. If a company no

longer has MSFA logo tags, we need to know that by a letter from the President of that company. This would meet the requirement and those members that no longer possess the tags would be deleted from our data base. However, it is very important that the information provided in the letter is accurate, because MVA will be notified to flag the tag. This means when the tag renewal comes up, the member would receive a letter from MVA stating that their tag cannot be renewed.

The number of active tags is now approximately 7,300. There were approximately 350 new tag requests this year. This number is down from last year.

There was one new Coordinator appointed this year. The Calvert County Coordinator, Herbert Dowell, was replaced by Thomas Scott who is a member of Prince Frederick VFD. His contact information will be listed in the new MSFA directory. I extend sincere thanks to Mr. Dowell for his many years of service to Calvert County and the MSFA Transportation Committee.

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. I wish to extend a special thank you to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, Past President Underwood and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, for the work done this year.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

## *Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board*

President Denver, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board held four meetings this past year. There were two loans; one grant and one combination loan/grant approved totaling \$895,374.92. There is one pending meeting to be held on May 19, 2013 with at least one application to be reviewed, possibly two.

It is important to note that all applications must be "complete" and be in the hands of the secretary 30 days prior to a scheduled meeting. This is due to the new requests and requirements now imposed by the DMIL and the BPW's.

The Board has been attempting to narrow the time from approval to settlement. It is hoped to compress this time down to 45 days or less, once the project is acquired or completed. We'd like to thank those who have worked on developing and presenting

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this overview to the VCAF Board and the Executive Committee. We continue to accept loan and grant applications from all companies. All 14 copies of a loan and/or grant application must go through the county representative and be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board for distribution to all Board members.

As of April 07, 2013, there's approximately \$12 million available to loan.

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and colleague; for his generosity of the time contributed to the VCAF Loan program by Mr. Lee Sachs, Esq. His support and assistance was invaluable to the workings of this board and will not be forgotten.

We'd like to welcome Mr. Wylie Donaldson and Ms. Catherine Kelly for assuming the duties of the Assistant Treasurer and Liaison to the Dept. of the Military.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eugene Curfman, Chairman  
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary

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

President Denver, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2012 raffle, which was conducted from June 2011 through June 2012, yielded a total of \$56,279.00. The expenses totaled \$24,055.00 which left a profit of \$32,224.00.

Counter sales at the 2012 convention produced \$6,842.00 and the remaining \$49,437.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold \$11,314 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$20,589.00. This is the tenth year in a row that Harford has led in sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

Although every county returned money, 157 out of 369 (43%) MSFA member companies did not! The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did **not** return money:

Allegany	38%	Howard	17%
Anne Arundel	40%	Kent	57%
Baltimore	46%	Montgomery	32%
Calvert	14%	Prince Georges	55%
Caroline	71%	Queen Anne's	22%
Carrroll	21%	Somerset	33%
Cecil	11%	St Marys	36%
Charles	50%	Talbot	43%
Dorchester	63%	Washington	44%
Frederick	39%	Wicomico	79%
Garrett	31%	Worcester	73%
Harford	23%		

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

### The returns by county were:

Allegany	\$ 2,631.00	Howard	\$ 787.00
Anne Arundel	\$ 3,643.00	Kent	\$ 246.00
Baltimore	\$ 2,196.00	Montgomery	\$ 2,861.00
Calvert	\$ 1,100.00	Prince Georges	\$ 1,976.00
Caroline	\$ 300.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 875.00
Carrroll	\$ 1,425.00	Somerset	\$ 546.00
Cecil	\$ 1,650.00	St Marys	\$ 1,354.00
Charles	\$ 1,842.00	Talbot	\$ 338.00
Dorchester	\$ 431.00	Washington	\$ 1,567.00
Frederick	\$ 1,612.00	Wicomico	\$ 300.00
Garrett	\$ 913.00	Worcester	\$ 255.00
Harford	\$20,589.00		

### Expenses for 2011-2012 Raffle

\$ 16,800.00	Prize Money
\$ 4,250.00	Printing
\$ 1,990.00	OC Sunfest & Springfest fees
\$ 65.00	Darlington Apple Fest
\$ 25.00	Raffle license (Worcester Co)
\$ 175.00	Maryland BBQ Bash
\$ 750.00	Tent Rentals
<b>\$ 24,055.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>

\$ 56,279.00	Total Sales
<u>\$ 24,055.00</u>	Total Expenses
<b>\$ 32,224.00</b>	<b>Total Profit</b>

### Prize Winners for 2011-2012 Raffle

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$10,000	Pat Walsh - Hunt Valley, MD
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$2,500	Potomac Fire Company - Westernport, MD
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1,500	Lauren Kidd - Hydes, MD
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000	Guy Geisel - Denton, MD
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$750	Diane R-Love - Montgomery Village, MD
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$500	Richard Allen - Anne Arundel, MD
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$250	Ken Wilson - Del Ray, FL
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Reese Vol Fire Co - Westminster, MD
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Danielle Rodrigue - Glen Burnie, MD
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	Debbie & John Shockey - Lonaconing, MD

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

The committee has had a very busy year with the 2012-2013 raffle. We have attended the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland BBQ Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ocean City's Sunfest and Springfest. The committee would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, informative, and safe conference and convention.

*The officers and Members of Bay District Volunteer  
Fire Department offer our Congratulations  
and support to the incoming President Jackie Olson*



*Congratulations Joe Cooper  
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Respectfully submitted  
Louis Jonske, Chairman  
Anna Jonske, LAMSFA Co-Chairman  
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

## *Report of the Wills For Heroes Committee*

Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairmen, Delegates and Guests: It has been my honor once again to have served President Denver and The Maryland State Firemen's Association as chairman of The Wills For Heroes Committee.

The Wills For Heroes Committee is charged with providing wills for qualified members of our member companies. The "package" of forms to be completed to submit to the committee to have a Last Will and Testament written without any cost or obligation is available on the MSFA website ([msfa.org](http://msfa.org)). The procedure is to download the forms and instructions and then to mail the "completed" package to a committee member to have the will written in accordance with the information you supply. Once written, the completed Last Will and Testament will be mailed back to you. to sign in accordance with the instructions. The MSFA will not retain any of the documents which you submit to have the "will" written. This service is but another of the benefits available to you as one of the many, many benefits that The MSFA provides to our member companies. We recommend that county associations consider setting up a day for their member companies to have our committee come to your county to have your "wills" written as a group project

Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
For the committee,

Respectfully,  
Roger N. Powell, Esq., PP, Chairman  
Committee Members  
C. Daniel Davis, PP,  
Franklin Roth  
Gayle Moreland  
Michael Farlow, Esq.

## *Report of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee*

President Denver, Vice President Olson and Keller, officers, and members of the Association. The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning committee has met twice thus far and discussed the planning of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Along with those meetings, I have had the opportunity to discuss offline with a number of members of the association.

Our first meeting involved brought together a group of interested representatives from across the state and people very interested in preparing for an appropriate celebration. We have reviewed the plans and success of the centennial celebration held in Frederick looking at the planning, implementation, logistics, budget and attendance. Members reviewed these areas and open discussion, along with committee member recommendations, were placed on the table. Suggestions and plans for a meeting with the Frederick County Fire/ Rescue Association and representatives of the County and local city officials were discussed. Those arrangements were made and those meeting took place. Thanks to Bob Jacobs, Chip Jewell, Richard Yinger and Dewey Forman for arranging these meeting and attending. As we left the first meeting, we were of the opinion that we would repeat the format of the centennial celebration and our efforts were in that direction.

During the second meeting, we began to review data from the centennial and discuss budget requirements for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. We reviewed availability of facilities for hosting the event, timing of celebration as it relates to the annual convention, attendance at centennial and budget. We discussed developing a purpose and theme during the meeting, how we could reach the largest segment of our membership in order to recognize the history, dedication and success of the association. As this meeting progressed, the conversation shifted to holding several events during the year culminating with a special program at Ocean City in June. The events during the year would be offered to the organizing members of the association, they would be planned in cooperation with the association from proposals submitted to the MSFA planning committee. The association would provide funding to assist the host and the selected locations would be in conjunction with the regular MSFA Executive Committee meetings for the year 2017. The host, in their proposal, could opt to have a grand ball and/or banquet, parades, competitions, educational programs, music events, historical re-enactments or other ideas they may submit.

The budget committee has proposed a funding level for the celebration that will be presented to the Executive committee for approval. The expectation is that request for proposals will be sent to the original member companies in the summer of 2014, reviewed and interviews during the fall. Recommendations by the planning committee will then be suggested to the President and Executive Committee. If the proposals are not sufficient to meet the needs of the association, companies may be selected outside of the originating member companies.

I would like to thank the members of the planning committee for their participation and suggestions. I hope that as we move forward an appropriate 125<sup>th</sup> celebration schedule can be developed and enjoyed by our general membership during a full year of activity and events for our member companies.

Respectfully,  
Thomas Mattingly, Chairman



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MICRB Liaison: Barbara Knippenburg  
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Chair: Daniel J. Stevens  
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G. Dale Fishack, Jr.  
Susan Grote  
Richard Smith  
Russell Strickland  
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Robert Frances  
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Chair: Thomas L. Flint II (13)  
Vice Chair: William A. Frazier (13)  
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Frank Underwood, PP  
LAMSFA Liaison: Carol Flint  
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Anne Arundel "A" - Laura Woods  
Anne Arundel "B" - Jacqueline M. Olson  
Baltimore A - West - Edward C. Schultz  
Baltimore B - North - Robert J. Schott  
Baltimore C - East - William Pearson, Jr.  
Baltimore D - South - Charles Deavers  
Calvert - Herbert Dowell  
Caroline - William C. Cooper, Sr.  
Carroll - C. Daniel Green  
Cecil - Donald L. Briscoe  
Charles - Charles W. Wills  
Dorchester - Ronnie Reynolds  
Frederick - Joyce I. Vincent  
Garrett - Rodney W. Bowser  
Harford - Sharon Worthington  
Howard - Patty Thompson  
Kent - Henrietta Maloney  
Montgomery "B" - Johnie F. Roth, Jr.  
Prince George's A - Frank Underwood, PP  
Prince George's B - Ann McGill  
Queen Anne's - Butch Britton, Jr.  
Somerset - Van B. Muir, Jr.  
St. Mary's - John O. Gattson, Sr.  
Talbot - John Hanes



Washington - Graham Snow  
Wicomico/Worcester - Roger A. Steger, Sr., PP  
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Chair: Eugene Curfman  
Carroll/Howard (13)  
Attorney Michael J. Farlow, Esq.  
Joseph Robison, PP - Prince George's (14)  
L. Jason Baer - Frederick/Washington (14)  
Darren Long - Montgomery (14)  
John O' Gattton Sr. - Cal/Chas/St Mary's (13)  
Craig Harman - Anne Arundel (15)  
Peter Lott - Caroline/Kent/Q.A. (14)  
David L. McQuay - Dorchester/Talbot (15)  
William B. Lay, Sr. - Cecil/Harford (13)  
Patricia A. Bowser - All/Garrett (15)  
Joseph Antoszewski - Baltimore (13)  
Steven White-Som/Wic/Worc (15)  
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Chair: Louis J. Jonske  
Vice Chair: John W. Means, Sr.  
Vice Chair: Mitch Vocke  
Jim Bair  
John Byrne  
Betty Byrne  
Chris Cornes  
Jeffrey Geiman  
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Jean Means  
Herman "Buddy" Schweers  
Luanne Schweers  
Donald Shoemaker  
Richard Smith  
James J. Snyder, Jr.  
Calvin S. Stack, Jr.  
Charles Stewart  
George Twomley  
Nola Twomley  
Donald Galbreath  
LAMSFA Liaison: Anna Jonske

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Vice Chair: Richard Yinger, PP  
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F. R. "Bob" Seibel  
Paul H. Sterling, Jr., PP  
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Peggy Zembower  
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Vice Chair: Jay Tucker  
Rev. David Coblentz  
Tom Diem  
Chris Hyzer  
Susan Mott  
Richard Smith  
Donna Struntz  
Marianne Warehime  
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Chair: Roger N. Powell, Esq., PP  
Rev. David Coblentz  
C. Daniel Davis, PP  
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Gayle Moreland  
Franklin D. Roth, Jr.  
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Vice President: Robert Ringle  
Treasurer: Dennis Beard  
Secretary: Sharon Owen  
Jim Brown  
Doyle Cox, PP  
C. Daniel Davis, PP  
Rod Devilbliss  
Cathy Hedrick  
Les Hedrick  
John Hoglund  
Nancy Hoglund  
Carene Housenfluck  
John Hurley  
John Maher  
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Peg Mooney  
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Robert Small  
Richard Smith  
John C. Spiker, Sr.  
Matt Tobia  
Bridget Weishaar  
LAMSFA Liaison: Joyce Thorne  
LAMSFA Liaison: Betty Radisch  
Special Liaison: Ronald J. Siarnicki  
Special Liaison: William E. Barnard  
**NFFF - Maryland Local Assistance State Team (LAST)**  
State Coordinator: Michael Pfaltzgraff  
Volunteer Representatives:  
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Debbie Haydon  
William Hildebrand  
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**Craft Show— Nov 17**

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*In Loving Memory of a friend to all.....*



*Lee N. Sachs*

*May He Rest In Peace*

**PROGRAM**  
**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE**  
**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**Ocean City, Maryland**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013**

- 9:00 AM Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level  
12:00 PM Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Board Room  
1:30 PM **Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission** – Convention Center
- 6:00 PM **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** By Invitation Only

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013**

- 7:30 AM Hands-On Registration – Convention Center “C” Hall  
8:00 AM Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level  
8:00AM -4:00 PM Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops  
8:00 AM-4:00 PM Hands on Training  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM MSFA Store Open in Exhibit Hall D  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center
- 9:00 AM-11:30 PM **Miss Fire Prevention Interviews** – Governor’s Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level  
9:30 AM **Executive Committee Meeting** – Convention Center East Hall
- 10:00-12:00 **LADIES AUXILIARY EARLY REGISTRATION** - Outside Convention Center Hall East  
10:00-12:00 **Convention Events Ticket Sales** - Convention Center Exhibit Hall D
- 10:30 AM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center Ballroom’s 2 & 3
- 11:00 AM **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** – Convention Center
- 2:00 PM **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Convention Center East Hall
- 5:00 PM **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Main Ballroom

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM **Courtesy Shuttles from Bus Stops**  
8:00 AM **Convention Events Tickets Sales** – Convention Center Exhibit Hall D
- 8:30 AM **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room  
**OPENING CEREMONIES**
- 9:00 AM **Exhibits Open**  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM **MSFA Store Open**



**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE  
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Ocean City, Maryland**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

9:10 AM **Keynote Speaker Presentation - "The Power of Five" - Vickie Taylor**  
Behavioral Health Consultant, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Emmitsburg, MD

*After the Keynote Speaker has presented his program the LAMSFA will be  
excused and will then meet in the East Hall.*

**FIRST SESSION**

11:00 AM-11:45 AM **REGISTRATION**

12:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER** - President Sherry Soper  
**Presentation of Colors - Color Bearers:** Malea Daughton and Brenda Harrison  
**Invocation** by Chaplain - Marcia Roth  
**Pledge to the Flag** - President Sherry Soper  
**Conference Song** Music Chair - Susan Derlumas  
**Welcome Convention** Chair - Flo Collins  
**Greetings** Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary  
**Nomination of Officers** 2013 - 2014  
**Reading of Election Rules** - Corresponding Secretary Nancy Jones  
**Recognition** of LAMSFA Past Presidents  
**Recognition of Guest**  
**Recognition of MSFA President** - John Denver  
**Report of the Credentials Chair** - Fran Fusco  
**Approval of the Minutes** - Recording Secretary Darby Byrd  
**Report of the Treasurer** - Barbara Sue Nelson  
**Report of the Financial Secretary** - Vivian Morgan Boyd

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Jane Todd Award** - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary  
**Hall of Fame Induction** - Chairman Leone Gatton  
**Honey Award** - Past president Leonard King - Treasurer Ron Siarnicki

**REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**COMMUNICATION AND BILLS** - Corresponding Secretary Nancy Jones

**Unfinished Business**

**Door Prize Drawings** - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

**Benediction** - Vice Chaplain Lori Denbow

**Recess**

4:30 PM **Exhibits Closes** - No entry after 4:15pm

6:30 PM **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**

7:30 PM **COACH BAG BINGO** - Convention Center (Doors Open at 6:30 hours)

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**TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2013**

**SECOND SESSION**

- 8:00 AM-8:45 AM **REGISTRATION AND BALLOTING** - Only the person with the Chairman of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's badge.
- 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER** - President Sherry Soper  
**Invocation** - Chaplain Marcia Roth  
**Recognition of Guests**  
**Report of the Fire Prevention** - Chair Jane Huffman  
**Report of the Election Committee** - Chair Past President Leone Gatton  
**FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
**Ads and Patrons**- Chair Denice Melito, Paula Robison  
**Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund** - Chair Past President Elaine Huttenloch  
**Pins and Badges** - Chair Marian Nicholson  
**Safety** - Chair Past President Nora Ryan  
**Ways and Means** - Chair Gloria Schaeffer and Kim Thomas  
**Hall of Fame** - Chair Past President Leone Gatton  
**Report of Credentials** - Chair Fran Fusco  
**Benediction** - Vice Chaplain Lori Dembow  
**Recess**  
Meeting of the 2013-2014 Officers, Past Presidents and Pages in the front of the Ladies Meeting room with Installing Officer Past President Teresa Crisman
- 12:30 PM -3:30 PM **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** -Convention Center Ballroom 2 & 3  
4:30 PM **Exhibits Close.**
- 4:30 PM **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** - Mail Ball Room  
Presentation by Newly Elected Officers- Upper Foyers
- 6:00 PM-9:00PM **OC FOOLS Block Party**, 45<sup>th</sup>. Street Bay Side, Benefits Fallen Firefighters  
9:00 PM **Fireworks on the Beach** - Boardwalk at the Inlet
- 9:30 PM **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** - Main Ball Room

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, 2013**

**THIRD SESSION**

- 7:30 AM **PRAYER BREAKFAST**- Convention Center-Ballroom's 2 and 3
- 8:30 AM-9:00 AM **Registration**

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE  
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**WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, 2013**

**THIRD SESSION**

- 9:15 AM           **CALL TO ORDER** - President –Carol Hayden  
**Invocation** - Chaplain Lori Denbow  
**Dismissal 2012-2013 Committees** - Except Ads/ Patrons - Past President – Sherry Soper  
**OFFICERS REPORTS**  
**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** - President Carol Hayden  
**New Business**  
**Good of the Order**  
**Door Prizes** - Ocean City Auxiliary  
**Adjourn Convention Meeting**  
**Benediction** Vice Chaplain – Donna Strutz  
**Retirement of Colors**  
**Past Presidents Luncheon**- by Invitation only
- 1:00 PM           **Exhibits Close**- No entry after 12:45
- 1:00 PM           **FIREMEN'S PARADE-DOWNTOWN OCEAN CITY-RAIN OR SHINE –**  
Please remember that the parade route is between 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Street on Baltimore Avenue
- 5:30 PM           **Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies**- Convention Center

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013**

- 9:00 AM           **Executive Committee Meeting** – Convention Center East Hall  
10:00 AM -6:00 PM **MSFA Family Day** at Splash Mountain Water Park, Jolly Rodgers Amusement Park

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013**

- 7:30 AM           **GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Eagles Landing Golf Course  
10:00 AM -6:00 PM **MSFA Family Day** at Splash Mountain Water Park, Jolly Rodgers Amusement Park





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Sherry Soper



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Carol Hayden



*Junior Vice President*  
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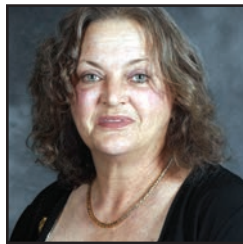
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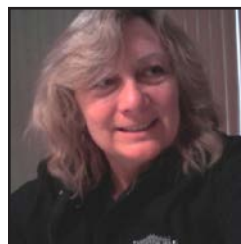
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*Guard*  
Becky Wathen



*Color Bearer*  
Malea Daughton



*Color Bearer*  
Brenda Harrison



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Ruth Martin



*Conference Chairman*  
Jean Main



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Susan Britton

Congratulations to outgoing 2012  
Maryland State Firemen's Association  
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Ladies Auxiliary Member

**Sherry Soper**





### *Report of the President*

It has truly been my honor to serve as the 2012-2013 President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year has flown by. It seems like only yesterday that I began this journey to achieve the goal of President. It has been a most rewarding experience. The memories and friendships I have made along the way of the past 13 years is one I will cherish forever.

Serving as a State Officer is truly a privilege and honor. The LAMSFA and its member auxiliaries are a wonderful, hard working organization. In my travels I have gotten to know many of them and they have become like family to me. My sincere THANKS to all for the invitations I have received and the courtesies shown to me along the way.

To all the Officers I have served with along the way, THANK YOU so much for the memories. To my current Officers, I could not have asked for a better group of dedicated women to have behind me. You have preformed your offices with dedication and devotion to the fullest, and I THANK YOU for all you have done this year.

To all my LAMSFA Committee Chairman and Committee members, THANK YOU so very much for all your hard work and dedication during my term. Your efforts truly show that you are a TEAM, and Together Everyone Achieves More, and you did just that!

To the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Ladies Auxiliary and the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as my Auxiliary of Woodsboro, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your support. It has been my honor to represent you.

As incoming President Carol Hayden and her officers come into her year as President, I wish them much success and my sincere best wishes. I am only a phone call away if I can be of any assistance to any of you,

To all the Past Presidents of the LAMSFA, THANKS to all of you for your words of wisdom, guidance, and support over the past 13 years. You will never know how much each and everyone of you mean to me. I am very much looking forward to becoming a member of the Past Presidents Club.

To my Past President Joyce Thorne. You have always been there

for me and I truly appreciate it. Your guidance has gotten me to where I am today, and I hope I have done you proud. Thank you for the phone calls I have had to make to you and the "talks" we have had over the past years. You will always be special to me.

To MSFA President John Denver and wife Anna Marie, THANK YOU for your friendships and assistance this year. I feel we have worked very well together this year. It was, I feel a wonderful experience for both of us. I wish all the incoming MSFA Officers the best for 2013-2014. Under the leadership of 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jackie Olson and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dave Keller, III I feel the MSFA will be in good hands.

There are special people who are always there for you at any time when you need them, and I would like to THANK my dear friends, Ruth Martin and Jean Main, Conference Chairman and Co-Chairman for two great Conferences this year. You two did an outstanding job and I THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. Your hard work and dedication to me as well as the LAMSFA and your home Auxiliaries of Woodsboro and Lewistown have shown what dedication you have to the LAMSFA and your home departments.

Thank you to the Auxiliaries and Members of Woodsboro and Level for the wonderful job you did in hosting my two conferences this year.

To my family, daughter Amanda, brother Chuck, nephews Eric and Chad, thank you for your support and I love you all very much.

Finally, my THANKS to my parents, Charles F. and Thelma K. Handley for giving me the spirit of being a volunteer and always being with me at all times. Even though they have passed, I have always felt that they have been with me. Their spirit of "giving back" is something they gave to me and will always keep with me.

Thank you to all of YOU, and I love each and every one of you very much.

Respectfully,  
Sharon E. "Sherry" Soper  
LAMSFA President  
2012-2013





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**LA~MSFA Historian**  
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### *Report of the Senior Vice President*

This year I proudly served as Sr. Vice President to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (LAMSFA) for the year 2012-2013.

As Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Committee and I are working on the proposed By-Law changes for the year which will be presented at the 2013 Convention of the MSFA.

I attended many banquets and represented the LAMSFA and also attended them in place of Sherry Soper, LAMSFA President and enjoyed all of the festivities each time. I want to thank all of the auxiliaries for their invitations to their banquets, installation, meetings and parades. I traveled throughout the State of Maryland and met so many nice people, old and young.

I would like to thank my Past President Peggy Zembower, the members of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary, the members of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary and my Mom and Dad for all of their support during this year. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendships.

I want to congratulate Presidents Sherry Soper and John Denver for a great year. I am also looking forward in working with Jackie Olson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the MSFA.

To my fellow Officers, thank you for your support and friendships and let us have a successful year and I look forward to working with each of you.

Respectfully,

Carol Hayden  
LAMSFA Sr. Vice President



### *Report of the Junior Vice President*

Serving the LAMSFA and MSFA as Junior Vice President for the year 2012-2013 has been an honor and privilege. I have attended numerous banquets, memorial services, meetings, parades, and also judged fire prevention. Thank you for the opportunity to travel the state and get to know you and your fire community better.

In my role as Jr. Vice President I am also Membership Chair. I am actively working with three auxiliaries in order to have them join the LAMSFA.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Firemen's Association, Catherine Price (mother & LAMSFA Safety Committee Member), Paul H. Price (father), Leone Gattion (LAMSFA Past President), and Mike Davis (husband & MSFA Public Address Chair) for their support and guidance through the year.

President Soper and President Denver have been a pleasure to work with this year. I look forward to working with incoming Presidents Hayden and Olsen as well as my partner in Fire Service, President Keller. To the 2013-2014 Officers of the LAMSFA and MSFA I look forward to working with you for a successful and productive year. If you need me I am only a phone call away.

Thank you to the LAMSFA and MSFA family for all your well wishes, cards, and gifts honoring the birth of our son, Asa Quentin. He joined the family on February 3, 2013 and attended his first MSFA meeting February 21-23 at Kent Island and LAMSFA meeting at Level on April 6<sup>th</sup>. So we hope that we have a future firefighter in the making.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann F. Price-Davis



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- \* RECIPIENT MCVFRA HALL OF FAME
- \* RECIPIENT GOCA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



## *Report of the Recording Secretary*

It has been my honor to serve the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association as the Recording Secretary for 2012-2013.

I would like to congratulate President Sherry Soper on a successful year and thank her for allowing me to represent her and the association at several banquets this past year.

I would like to thank my home department of Dentsville Volunteer Emergency Medical Services and Auxiliary, Inc., the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, my Past President Eloise Healey, my page and daughter Kate Byrd, my mother Guelda Farrall and my heart and soul Kevin. Without each of you I could not have traveled this path!

Finally, to my fellow officers, thank you for your friendships and support during the past year. Each one of you has truly become a part of my extended family and for that I am grateful. I look forward to another successful year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Darby Byrd

## *Report of the Chaplain*

I want to say what a pleasure it has been to be LAMSFA Chaplain this year. I have enjoyed traveling around the state and being able to guide our organization spiritually. I have also had the opportunity to step up and pray for other organizations in our fire and rescue service.

The preparing of the Joint Memorial Service for Convention is not an easy task and I went into this project with great trepidation. I want to thank all of those who helped me this year with this job. First off, Nancy Jones, for giving me the support I needed to get through and for being so gracious. I want to thank Rev. Harry Hetz for all of his guidance and help, I could not have gotten through this year without him.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me throughout this and past years as I have moved up the chairs in this organization. First off, my family: my husband Johnie and my son Eric for being there for me as support and travel companions.

I want to thank the members of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for their support and belief in me. Thank you to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary for being there for me. And last, but not least, my Past President Pat Deamond, you are a true inspiration.

May we all be lifted by the spirit of our God as we go through our life's journey. May he be there for us in our times of need and lead us safely through this life.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Roth, Chaplain

### **Memorial Special Tributes**

Margaret H. Woltz, Chillum-Adelphi VFD Aux.  
Margaret H. Woltz, Ladies Aux. of the Bladensburg VFD  
Margaret H. Woltz, College Park VFD Ladies Aux.  
Barbara "Bobbie" McWilliams, 7<sup>th</sup> District VFD Aux.

### **Allegany**

Lucila A. Swain, Baltimore Pike VFC Aux.  
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Mary E. Snider, Barton Hose CO No. 1 Aux.  
Eiza M. Hamilton, Bowling Green VFD Ladies Aux.  
May Robison, Bowling Green VFD Ladies Aux.  
Sandra J. Boor, Corriganville VFC Aux.  
Helen V. Mason, Cresaptown VFD Aux.  
Wilma G. Lantz, District 16 VFD Aux.  
Leona F. McClellan, Ladies Auxiliary to the La Vale VFD  
AnnLee M. Femi, Shaft VFD Aux.

### **Anne Arundel**

Ethel Louisa Wood Nutwell, Deale VF& RD Ladies Aux.  
Mary Eleanora Nutwell, Deale VF & RD Ladies Aux.  
Mary Phibbons, West Annapolis Vol. Fire & Improvement Company Aux.

### **Baltimore**

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### **Calvert**

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### **Caroline**

Louise D. Singer, Denton VFC Aux.

### **Carroll**

Helen Adams, Aux. to Hampstead VFC  
Kathryn Dom, Aux. to the Harney VFC  
Ethel Long, Aux. to the Harney VFC  
Pauline Folk, Aux. to Linesboro VFC  
Virginia Robbins, Aux. to Linesboro VFC  
Wanda Warner, Aux. to Linesboro VFC  
Harold M. "Mac" Molesworth, The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC  
Nancy L. Adler, The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC  
Isabelle H. Windsor, The Aux. to the Mt. Airy VFC  
Evelyn G. Culler, New Windsor VFC #1 Aux.  
Theda Dyer Dayhoff, New Windsor VFC #1 Aux.  
Ruth S. Keefer, Union Bridge VFC Ladies Aux.  
Gertie Spurrier, Union Bridge VFC Ladies Aux.  
Hilda Barnes Haugh, LA to the Winfield & Community VFD

### **Cecil**

Shirley L. England, Community FC of Rising Sun  
E. Rosemary Culley, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA.  
Belva Lee, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA  
Sarah Peterson, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder CO No#1 of Elkton LA  
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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY ..... Jennifer Huntington  
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*Tribute to Past President  
Barbara McWilliams*



**Charles**

Audrey Robertson, Bel Alton VFD Aux.  
Mary Lillian Cole, Indian Head VFD & RS Aux.  
Audrey Robertson, Indian Head VFD & RS Aux.

**Dorchester**

None

**Frederick**

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Lucy M. Smith, Middletown VFC Aux.  
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None

**Kent**

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Sharon Hickman, Rock Hall VFC & Aux.

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Margaret H. Woltz, College Park VFD Aux.  
Barbara A. Facini, Forestville VFD No.One Aux.  
Mary Marcus, Greenbelt VFD Ladies Aux.  
Jackie Greenway, Oxon Hill VFD Ladies Aux.

**Queen Anne's**

Mabel Davis, Crumpton VFD Aux.  
Kathrine A. Thompson, Goodwill VFC Ladies Aux.

**Somerset**

None

**St. Mary's**

Mary A. Burroughs, Auxiliary of the Leonardtown VFD  
Jeanne M. Cross, Auxiliary . of the Leonardtown VFD  
Cynthia K. Adams, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.  
Mary P. Burroughs, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.

**Talbot**

Frances H. Shortall, Cordova Vol. Firemen's Association LA

**Washington**

Dorothy G. Stouffer, Leitersburg FC Aux.

**Wicomico**

None

**Worcester**

Charlotte Rusher, Ocean City VFD Aux.

At the request of Chaplain Kathie Lohrnan, who was unable to attend Barbara McWilliam Memorial Service health issues. Past President Leone Gattion offered the following words on behalf of the Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

As a poet once wrote;

At times like this, we are helpless..  
It is only God who can speak the words  
That will calm the sea, still the wind, and ease the pain  
So lean on Him and you will never walk alone.  
On the wings of death and sorrow,  
God sends us new hope for tomorrow.  
And in His mercy and His grace,  
He gives us strength to bravely face  
The lonely days that stretch ahead,  
And to understand that our loved one is not dead,  
But only sleeping out of our sight.  
And that one day, we'll meet again, in that land where there  
is no night.

In 1995, after some persuasion by a few friends, Bobbie decided it was time for her to extend her wings a little further with her fire service family. I think I remember Bobbie saying George was a little hesitant about the adventure at first. Prior to this she had served as a member on some committees and in 1994 she served as a Page. During the 1995 annual convention of the LA-MSFA, Bobbie ran for the office of Color Bearer and was elected to that office. During the next ten years, she held the offices of Color Bearer, Historian, Vice Chaplain, Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Junior Vice President, and Sr, Vice President, In June 2005, she was elected to the office of President of the LA-MSFA and became the second individual from St. Mary's County to serve in that capacity.

During her many years of involvement with the LA-MSFA, Bobbie served on the Audit, Bessie Marshall, Constitution and By-laws, County Organizer, Legislative, Membership, Public



# THE KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Extends Best Wishes to the  
Maryland State Firemen's Association  
for a successful 121<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

And Proudly Supports  
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For President  
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**Marcine D. Goodloe, Auxiliary President**



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Relations, Publicity, and Sick committees. However, the one committee that was most special to Bobbie was the Bessie Marshall Committee, She was always looking for ways to financially help the sick and injured Fire Fighters in our State through the Bessie Marshall Committee.

In June 2006, at the end of Bobbie's term of office as President, she was initiated into the LA-MSFA Past President's Club, In June 2012 she was elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the PP Club and was currently holding that position.

Bobbie will be missed by all of her friends in the Fire and Emergency Services Community.

And now I would like to share with you another poem by Helen Sterner Rice entitled A Word of Understanding:

May peace and understanding, give you strength  
and courage, too.  
And may the hours and days ahead, hold a new hope  
for you.  
For the sorrow that is yours today, will pass away,  
and then,  
You'll find the sun of happiness will shine for you again,

The Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association wishes to extend our sincerest condolences to Bobbie's husband, George, to her children, George, Gall, Lynn, Carol and their spouses, her grandchildren and her extended family as well as to the members of the Seventh District Fire Department and Auxiliary as well as her many friends. May she rest in peace.

### *Report of the Fire Prevention Committee*

On behalf of the members of the LAMSFA Fire Prevention Committee, I would like to thank President Soper for our appointment and friendship.. I personally would like to thank my entire committee for their work and dedication this past year.

Our fire prevention project this year was a paper SCHOOL FOLDER with fire prevention messages created on both sides. At Spring Conference, we had 46 entries submitted from the state auxiliaries and its members. These entries were taken to the Baltimore City Fire Department Fire Prevention Office for judging. Thank you to Inspector Kevin Williams of the Baltimore City Fire Department for his help with this project.

We were extremely happy to acquire 4 nominees for the Jane Todd Award and 3 submissions for the Silver Spring Award. The numbers are growing and we thank the leaders who submitted their members for these awards.

Our raffles included a 25% - 15% - 10% Money Raffle, Ravens Raffle, and a 9-1-1 Picture Raffle. Thank you to Malea Daughton for donating the 9-1-1 picture to us and to John Spiker for obtaining items for our Ravens raffle, to include the set of Ravens tickets to a home game! Also a big thank you to Malea Daughton and Gracie Mothershead for their wonderful help in selling raffle tickets for the committee over the years!

Thank you to MSFA Fire Prevention Chairperson Teresa Crisman for including the ladies auxiliary in all of the MSFA meetings and for the sharing of fire prevention information. The fire prevention meetings are a wonderful source of information and I encourage all of you to sign up for this committee.

I would like everyone to keep two very special committee members in their thoughts and prayers. These ladies were very dedicated to the committee for many years, but are having some health issues as of late. We hope they return to us soon. Hugs and prayers for a quick return to Gracie Mothershead and Kathy Causey. We would also like to extend Best Wishes to Marcia & Dave Garnice on their move to Phoenix, Arizona.

In closing, I would like to thank Rose Pandolfini for her help in writing the Siren Silencer. Great job Rose!

Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2013-2014.

Jane Huffman, Chairperson

### *Report of the Seventeen State Circle Committee*

I would like to thank President Sherry Soper for the appointment as chairman of the Seventeen State Circle Committee. I have enjoyed working with committee members Jane Huffman, Marian Nicholson, Teresa Crisman and Elaine Huttenloch. Our team reviewed 1075 Senate bills and 1535 House bills seeking to identify any proposed legislation that might affect the interests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Of those bills submitted, the MSFA identified 107 bills to track their progress through the State legislature. The State Circle Committee closely monitored 42 bills of specific interest to the MSFA.

I would also like to express my appreciation the MSFA Seventeen State Circle Chairmen Doyle Cox and Richard Smith for all their help. We enjoyed working with them and hope to have the opportunity to do so again. In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the committee members for their devotion and hard work.

Best wishes for a successful convention.  
Carene Housenfluck, Chairman

*THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AND AUXILIARY  
IN LOVING MEMORY*



*BARBARA G. "BOBBIE" MCWILLIAMS*



## *Report of the Bessie Marshall Fund*

Officers, Members and Guests, it has been a very busy year for the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund this year. As of this report we have paid 49 cases for a total of \$40,350.00. It is because of your continued support of this committee we have been able to meet this goal. My thanks to each of you for your donations and support of all of the raffles. To the "Special" auxiliaries who have held additional fund raising events I can only say **"THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU!"**

The special funds that were turned in at the convention last year have been very instrumental in keeping the fund solvent. My thanks to Sherrie Schrama from the Forestville Ladies Auxiliary for the donation of 31 Longaberger baskets to use for raffles. Also a very special thank you to Pa. Past President Mr. Steele for his many donations to be used for the raffles. This year he has donated a hand made fire truck for your table top.

A special thanks goes to MSFA Past President Frank Underwood. Last year he donated 100 Susan Pins and again this convention he has donated another 100. This is a really great savings of over

\$500.00. Thanks Frank!

My special thanks to the committee members who have been there for every raffle at the conferences and convention. I am sorry to report that we lost two very special members of our committee. P.P. Bobbie McWilliams and Carroll Linkins were very dedicated to the Bessie Marshall Committee for many years and they will be surely missed.

Finally I would like to thank my daughter Ginny Wilhite. She has been printing our tickets for all of our raffles which save us a lot of money for printing.

To President Sherry Soper, Thank you for my appointment. I have enjoyed serving as your Chairman.

Ladies this committee gives you a very rewarding feeling when you are able to help so many firemen who are sick and down and out. I share this feeling with all of you for this is your committee and you have always made it a success. My thanks again to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Huttenloch, Chairman

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Mary Farinholt

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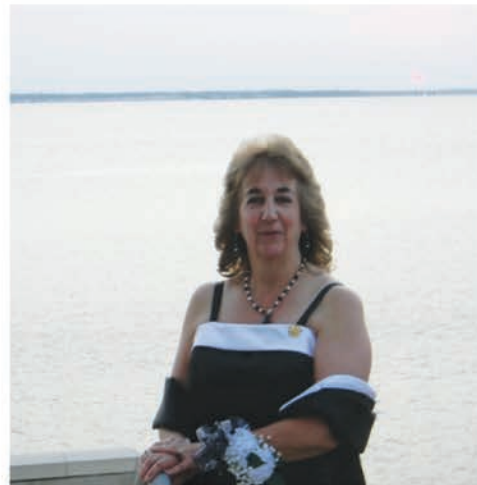
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The Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate Barbara Sue Nelson on her year as Treasurer and wish her luck in her continued journey in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association



In Loving Memory of  
Sergeant Kyle A. Hecker  
1983-2012

We extend our best wishes to all of the Officer's of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary for another successful year.

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# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Terri Heinicke

## EXHIBITS

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Flo Collins

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Leone Gatton

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## Calvert

Peg Richardson

## Caroline

Deanna Bell

## Carroll

Pat Spangler

## Cecil

Doris Lloyd

## Charles

Carol Flint

## Dorchester

Mary Dulin

## Frederick

Debbie Perkins

## Garrett

Pat Bowser

## Harford

Donna Dietz

## Howard

Patti Thompson

## Kent

Shirley Crater

## Montgomery

Flo Bladen

## Prince George's

Carroll Linkins

## Queen Anne's

Debbie Shelton

## Saint Mary's

Becky Wathen

## Somerset

Mary Francis Whitelock

## TALBOT

Mary Dulin

## Washington

**\*\*Not participating \*\***

## Wicomico

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Teresa Ann Crisman

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

*to*

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OFFICERS**

*from*

**SILVER HILL  
AUXILIARY**

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
121st Annual Convention Parade - Ocean City, MD  
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - - - 1300 hours**

The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, starting promptly at 1300 hours, rain or shine. Line-up will continue to be at the inlet parking lot. The actual Parade Route will start at 16th Street and run to 33rd Street on Baltimore Avenue. To be judged for prizes, apparatus must have been placed in service for emergency response in its home jurisdiction before coming to Ocean City, and must be equipped. Apparatus will be judged on appearance, cleanliness, neatness, and uniformity of the personnel. No sirens or horns at any time. Absolutely no drinking of any alcoholic beverage. No discharging of water or other agents. No unbecoming behavior. No drilling or performing at the judges reviewing stands or that does not maintain forward progress at all times. All awards are for units in the line of parade. Actual numbers and types of trophies in certain categories may change due to number and types of entrants at day of parade. There will be two judges reviewing stands. Violations of any of the rules and regulations will result in disqualification and possible removal of the unit from the line of parade. The Convention Committee has adjusted the previous Trophies and Awards List. Changes have been made to the awards that have been given in the past. This will be the first year for use of these new award categories.

**2013 TROPHIES AND AWARD LISTING**

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance -- Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award	Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance President's Award	Brush Unit - Making Best Appearing Second Best Appearance
Company Coming Longest Distance	Third Best Appearance
Company Coming Second Longest Distance	Honorable Mention (3)
Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance Second Best Appearance
Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Third Best Appearance Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)	Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel	Squad Truck Making Best Appearance
Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance	Second Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance	Third Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance	Ambulance Making Best Appearance
Honorable Mention (7)	Second Best Appearance
Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance	Third Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance	Honorable Mention (5)
Third Best Appearance	Emergency Services Special Unit Making Best Appearance (Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.)
Honorable Mention (7)	Second Best Appearance
Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance	Third Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance	Honorable Mention (5)
Third Best Appearance	Best Appearing Company from Delaware
Honorable Mention (3)	Second Best Appearing
Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance	Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania
Second Best Appearance	Second Best Appearing
Third Best Appearance	Best Appearing Company from Virginia
Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)	Second Best Appearing
Second Best Appearance	Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (Over 25 Years Old In Service)
Third Best Appearance	Second Best Appearance
Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)	Third Best Appearance

Honorable Mention (2)	Third Best Appearing
Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (25 years or older not in service)	Fourth Best Appearing
Second Best Appearing	Honorable Mention (2)
Third Appearing	Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Honorable Mention (2)	Second Best Appearing
Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance (25 years or older)	Third Best Appearing
Second Best Appearing	Fourth Best Appearing
Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform	Honorable Mention (2)
Second Best Appearing	Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance
Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance	Second Best Appearing
Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance	Third Best Appearing
Second Best Appearing	Fourth Best Appearing
Third Best Appearing	Honorable Mention (2)
Honorable Mention (1)	Best Appearing Junior Or Cadet Company
Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance	Second Best Appearing
Second Best Appearing	Best Drum And Bugle Corp
Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance - Governors Award	Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance	Majorettes Making Best Appearance
Fire Prevention Entry Making Third Best Appearance	Second Best Appearing
Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance	Third Best Appearing
Second Best Appearing	Fourth Best Appearing
Third Best Appearing	Pom Pom Squad Making Best Appearance
Fourth Best Appearing	Second Best Appearing
Honorable Mention (2)	Comic Entry Making Best Appearance
Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance	Mascot Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearing	Second Best Appearance
	Hard Luck Award
	Judges Awards (10)

### **PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!**

**Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1700 hours, (or as close to this time as possible), in Exhibit Hall "C" 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 front parking lot of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation and to ensure a safe trip home.**

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# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION PARADE RULES

## **All Participants in the Maryland State Firemen's Association 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 with the approval of Parade Marshal. Parade monitors have the authorization to advise and correct any immediate safety concern in a professional matter and advise the Parade Marshal. The Parade Marshal or his designee will be the only person that can remove or disqualification a unit from parade. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that:

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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 standing and/or riding in the jump seat or rear step areas shall be cautious and stay alert for quick stops or actions
11. Driver's should use caution and stay alert of their personnel and people along the parade route
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 an unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelt's or other safety devices are provided by the manufacturer then they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All "Jake Brakes" or like equipment shall be used in proper manner or turned off during parade, as "hot riding" is unsafe and will not be tolerated.
16. Fire Prevention Queens and/or other representatives riding on the roof/top of apparatus and/or hose bed, shall be in a safe position sitting directly on the roof/top or hose bed, not on a chair or other device.

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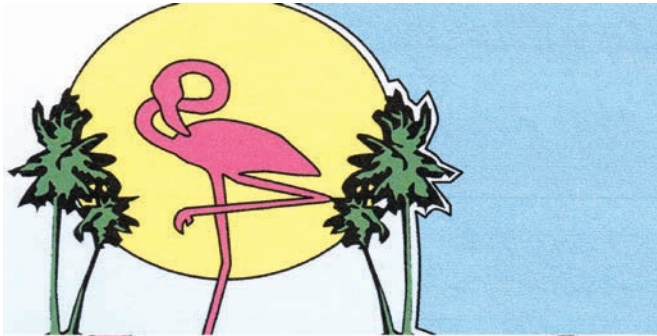
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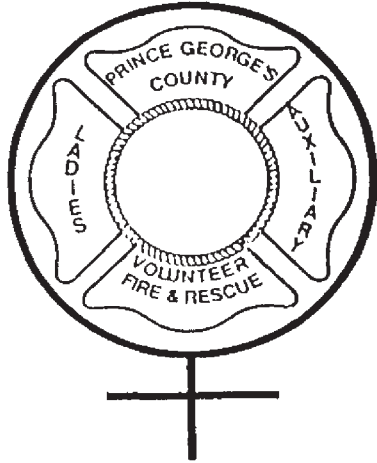
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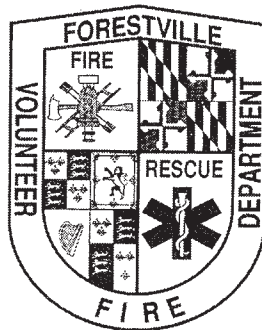
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*Lee N. Sachs, Attorney and Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; Past President of The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association and Past President of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, passed away on December 19, 2012 following a brief illness.*



*Edwin F. Preston, Past President of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company, who served as Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, died on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, following a long illness.*



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**A big thank you to MSFA President, John Denver for a job  
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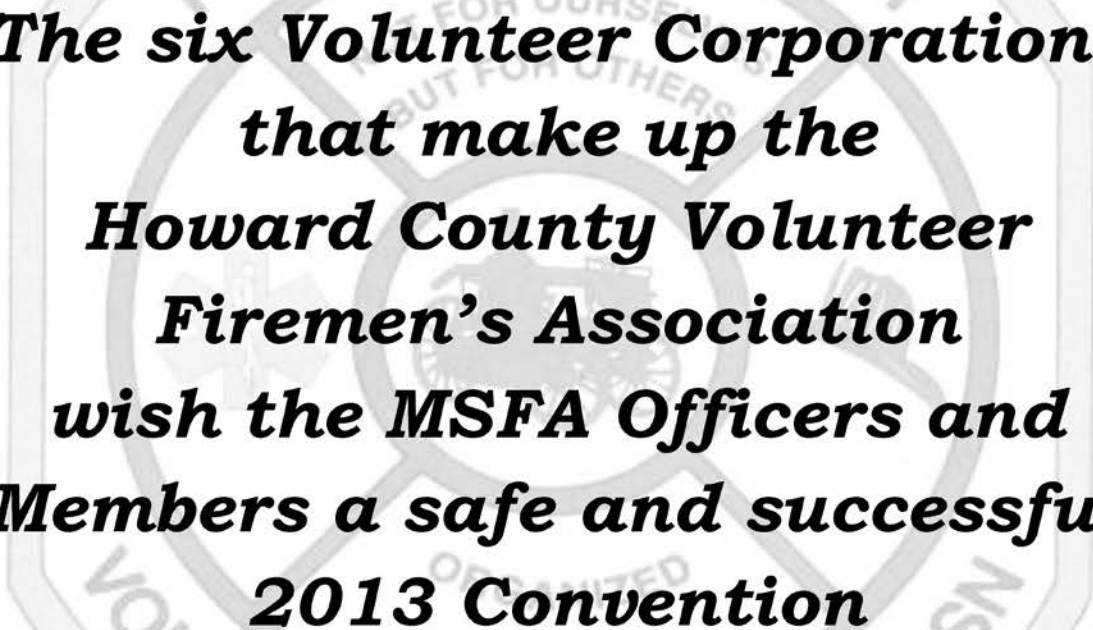
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		1 <sup>st</sup> Engineer 22	Jeremy Hemming
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The Officers and Members  
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Wish to congratulate Outgoing President John Denver  
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and

Best Wishes in the coming year to Incoming President Jackie Olson  
and all the Officers of the  
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Lieutenant	Nathan Bowie
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Alumni Association

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Successful Convention







## Best Wishes for a Successful Convention from the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company and Auxiliary

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Financial Secretary	David Brown
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Captain	Nick Thompson
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Robert Kemp
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Jared Brown
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant	Paul Wilhelm
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EMS 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Zack Zaykoski



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Financial Secretary	Treasa Markle
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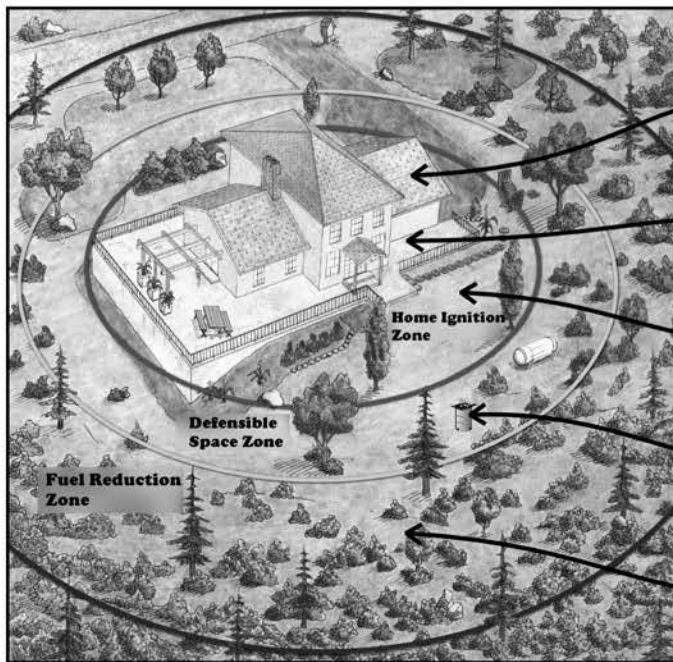
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**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

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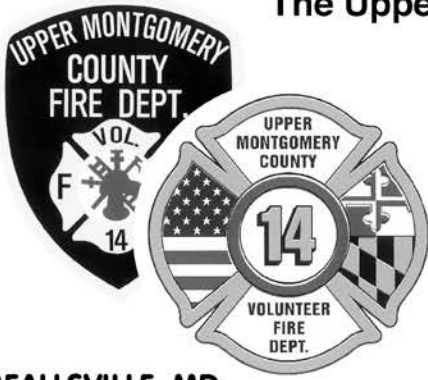
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At the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Installation of Officers & Awards Banquet on February 2, 2013 the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad dedicated their newest pumper tanker Engine 63 to Life Member James Gregory Adams. Gregory joined the McKay's Beach Fire Department in 1953 at the age of 16 and for the past 60 years has continued to provide outstanding service to the community. He has served as President Chief, Assistant Chief, Chief Engineer and Board of Director. Also serving as chairman and delegate of St. Mary's County Fireboard, Delegate of Maryland State Firemen's Association and Delegate of Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association. In the 1973/1974 time frame Gregory was instrumental in commissioning a Rescue Squad in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Election District. The Rescue Squad was initiated and today the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad is the only combined department in St. Mary's County. Gregory is an active EMT and his voluntary contributions to the department and community shine bright each day. It was truly our pleasure to honor such a great volunteer.





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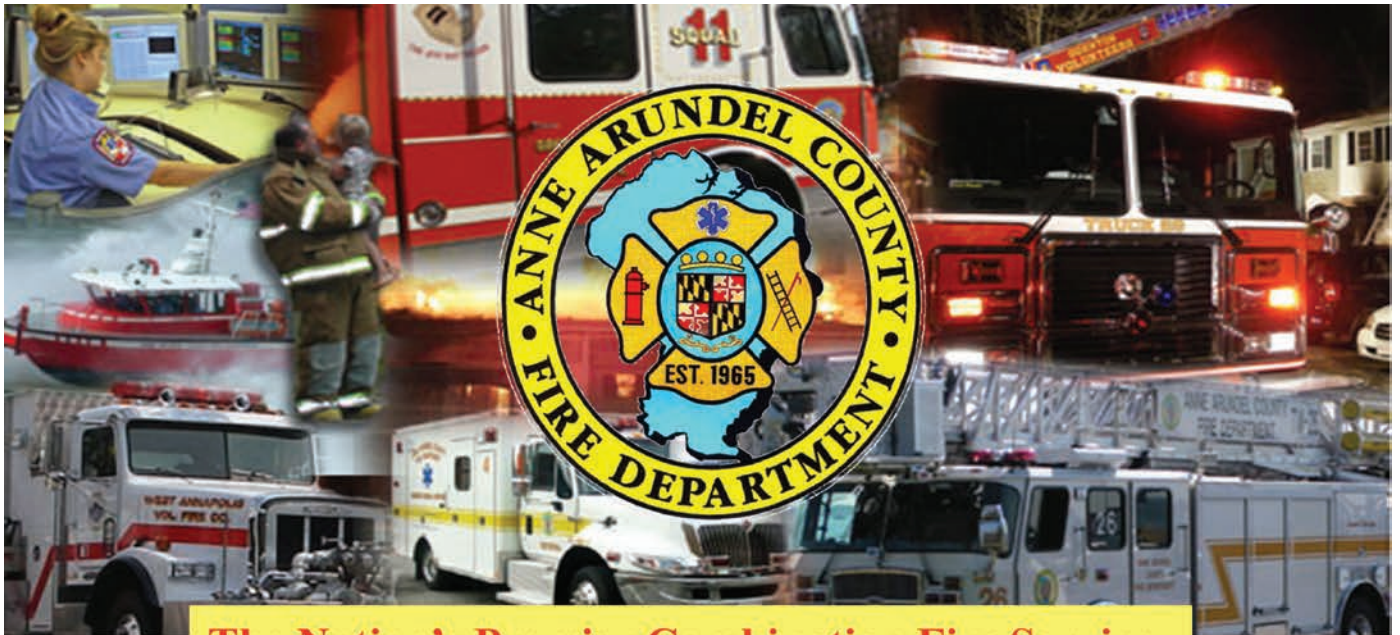
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