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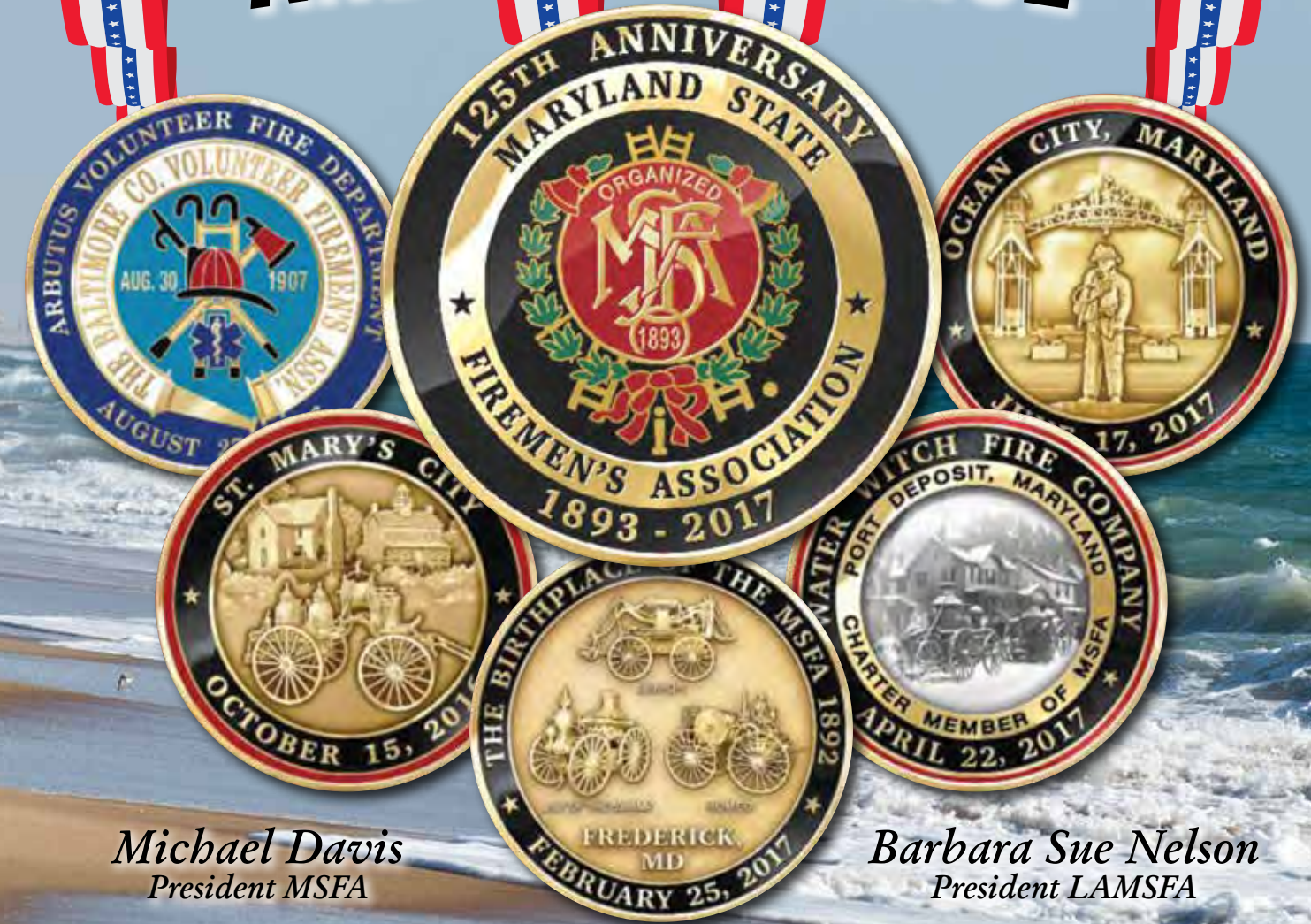
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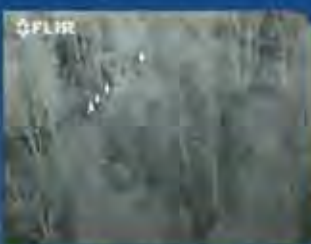


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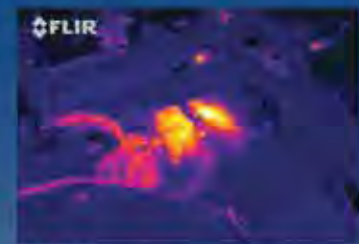
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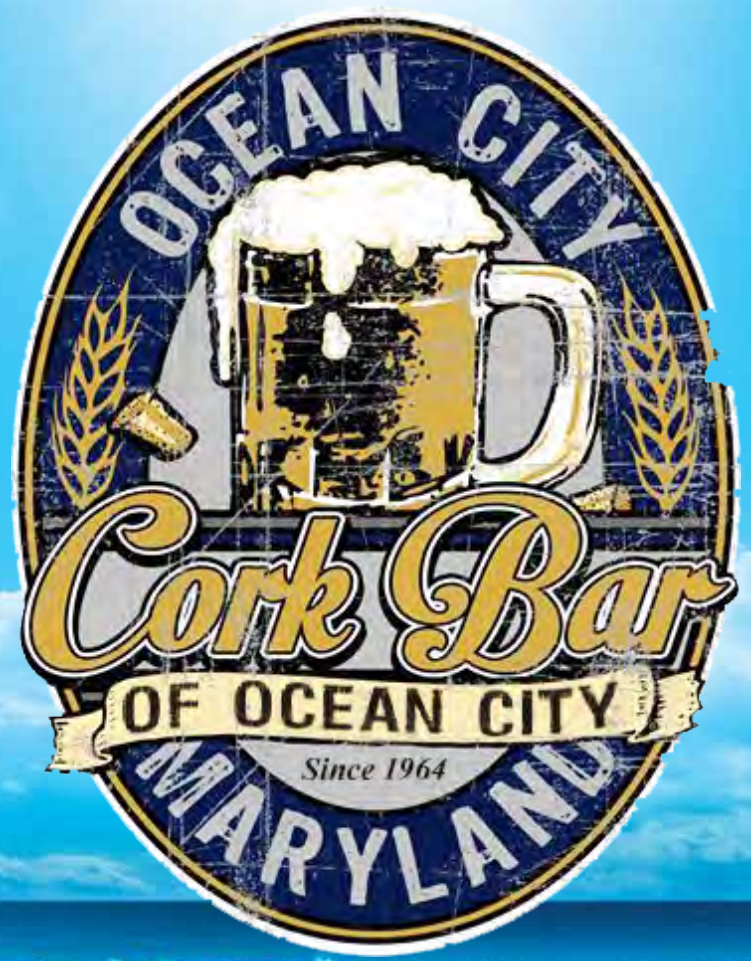


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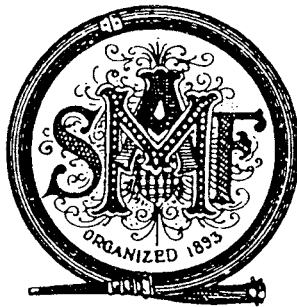
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THE SEAL OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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



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

"MEANING OF THE MSFA LOGO"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dedication

On behalf of the entire membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we the Presidents of the MSFA and LAMSFA along with the Leadership of the Convention Committee are honored and pleased to dedicate this convention book to **Jennifer A. McClelland**, Web Master, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Fire Marshal, Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

Over the past three years Jenni has been assisting the MSFA Convention Committee with the planning and execution of the various activities associated with our 125th Anniversary events. Specifically, she has handled the research, writing, editing and publishing of the five special anniversary edition program books and through that process has recorded an outstanding updated history of the MSFA since the beginning of our existence. She took on this monumental task in an effort to promote our organization and the dedicated efforts of the Maryland volunteer fire and rescue service.



Our deepest gratitude we extend to Jenni for all that she has done to carry on the mission and purpose of the MSFA and the efforts she has put forth to help commemorate our 125 years of existence. We truly appreciate all that she has done to assist our efforts.

Line of Duty Tribute



Master F/F Rescuer Charles "Rick" Gentilcore
Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service



Captain Christopher E. Hill
Prince George's County Fire & EMS Dept.



F/F Jacob Howser
Pocomoke City Dept. of EMS



President Robert "Bob" Joseph Traynelis
St. Michaels Fire Dept.

Special Tribute



Thomas L. Tharp
Odenton Vol. Fire Company
Past President MSFA 1981-82



Marian Soderstron
English Consul Vol. Firemen's
Association Auxiliary
LAMSFA Historian 1969-70



Mary Coates
Waldorf V.F.D. & EMS Auxiliary
LAMSFA Conference Chairman
1984-85



Barry W. Johnson
Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad
Statistical Chair



William W. Olsen
Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept. & EMS Assoc.
Executive Committee Member
1977-1980



John C. Spiker
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company
Chairman Historical & Archives



Dr. Harry E. Hickey
College Park Vol. Fire Company
Prof. Fire Protection Engineer UM

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

- 0900 Convention and Conference Exhibits Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Mezzanine level
- 1330 **Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission Meeting - Convention Center**
- 1830 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET (By Invitation Only)**

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

- 0800 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
- 0900-1700 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center**
- 0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor's Room and Board Room Mezzanine Level
- 0930 **MSFA Executive Committee Meeting** – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
- 1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor
- 1030 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
- 1100 Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** – Convention Center Performing Art Center Foyer
- 1400 MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
- 1700 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Bay Front Hall Room

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

- 0700 Registration – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom
0800 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor
- 0830 CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom
- OPENING CEREMONIES** – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom
- 0900 Exhibits Open

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0910 Keynote Speaker Presentation –

“The History of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, 125 Years of Service and Dedication, A Year of Celebration and Remembrance” Presented by MSFA Past President and Chairman of the 125th Anniversary Celebration Thomas Mattingly

For the past 125 years, the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association have provided emergency services to the citizens of Maryland. For the past twelve months, there has been opportunity to study and to celebrate this great tradition of emergency service. This presentation will examine the historical archives of this Association and review the year-long celebration of remembrance and look towards the future.

0930 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations

1000 LADIES AUXILIARY – Dismissed to begin their Meeting –
Convention Center Performing Arts Center

1000 Reading and acceptance of the 2015 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Association Officers
Report of the Standing and Special Committees
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee
Report of the National Volunteer Fire Council

1045 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers

END of FIRST SESSION

1230 CALL TO ORDER – SECOND SESSION – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom

Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission Report
Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board Report
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board Report
Maryland Emergency Management Agency Report
Maryland Department of Homeland Security Report
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division Report

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- 1300** **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION – The Price We Pay**
Presented by Mike Healy, CEAP, LAPC, SAP, Chief Central Nyack Fire Department Coordinator of Fire Education – Rockland County, New York Fire Training Center Nyack, New York

Scott Geiselhart

In July '14, Scott Geiselhart, a 20-year veteran of the fire service, put his favorite gun to his head and pulled the trigger. The gun misfired. Scott had been experiencing the symptoms of PTSD for years as a result of his dedication to his community and the fire service. Stories about the horrors of PTSD and the consequences from across the country are finally beginning to make their way to the forefront of our field. When Scott hit his absolute bottom he called the Firefighter/EMS Hotline and was referred to treatment that helped put his life on a new path. This presentation with Mike and Scott will discuss firefighter behavioral health and all of its symptoms including, but not limited to, substance abuse.

- 1330** **Continuation of MSFA Partner Reports**
Report of the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office
Report of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
Report of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
Report of the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

END of SECOND SESSION

- 1430** **EDUCATION and TRAINING SEMINARS – Convention Center Mezzanine**
- 1630** **Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits area after 1615 hours**
- 1800** **BAG BINGO – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom (Doors Open 1700 hours)**
- 1830** **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**
Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

- 0800** **VOTING – Convention Center – (Open for 2 hours)**
- 0830** **CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

AWARDS CEREMONY

Gladhill-Thompson Award Colburn Cup Award
Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Special Service Awards
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award

0920

Main Program Presentation – The Firefighter Cancer Support Network
Presented by Donna Luce-MacDonald Vice President-East Region I State Director and Cancer Survivor

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) is a non-profit organization that helps firefighters and their families when diagnosed with cancer. FCSN has a mentor program made up of firefighters that are cancer survivors, and an awareness and education program. The educational presentation is taught through personal experiences and mistakes, the carcinogens firefighters are exposed to, the routes of these exposures and how to protect and prevent further exposures. These presentations point firefighters in the right direction to set up policies and fight for presumptive laws. Firefighters are three times as likely to be diagnosed with cancer; it's time to make the necessary changes to lower those numbers!

CONTINUATION OF AWARDS CEREMONY

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., PP, Memorial Safety Award Zembower Fire Service Training Award
John E. "Sunny" Rose Memorial Training Award Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Awards
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

1130

Main Program Presentation - Flash Max – Fire Safety Comic Superhero –
Presented by Michael Furman - LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., LaPlata, MD

The comic superhero "Flash Max" continues to expand his popular interactive fire safety message platform by adding characters and props. Since his appearance last year, "Flash Max" has released a 32-page full color children's picture book; introduced a new interactive door prop, "Zoor the Door", which visually demonstrates the need for children to keep their bedroom doors closed at night time; and redesigned "Blaze", the costume character that personifies fire in the home. Now working with a professional videographer to produce high-grade You Tube video to reach out to kids on his new You Tube channel "Flash Max" continues to expand his message to promote fire safety throughout the region.

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Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award.
Legislative Committee Update
SENATOR WM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Presented by the MSFA Legislative Committee
REPORT OF THE ELECTION JUDGES

END of THIRD SESSION

1200-1600 Mack Fire Truck Rally – Convention Center North Parking Lot Bayside
1300 Cornhole Tournament – Convention Center location TBD
1230 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1400 Exhibits Close
1830 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom
1830 Ocean City FOOLS Block Party – COWBOY COAST – 17th Street & Philadelphia Avenue
(Supporting National Fallen Firefighters Foundation)
Featuring Franklin Square Band/ Pipes and Drums to perform

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

0730 PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom
0900 CALL TO ORDER – FOURTH SESSION – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom
0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communication and Announcements Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
Introduction of New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA

0920 MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION – **Historic Ellicott City Flood – July 2016**
Presented by John S. Butler, Fire Chief, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Ellicott City, Maryland

The Ellicott City flash flood of 2016 devastated homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure at the center of one of Maryland's most historic towns. It took less than two hours for waters to rise 13 feet, turning the city's main street residential and business districts into a raging river. In addition to extensive rescue operations on the night of the flood, the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services played an essential role in extended recovery process as the community worked to rebuild. Fire Chief John S. Butler will speak about his department's experience overseeing search and rescue operations, leading initial structure stabilization efforts, assuming leadership roles within the Type III Incident Management Team, and providing ongoing safety oversight for recovery workers in the weeks and months following the catastrophic flood.

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- 1000** **Remarks by the Past President and Remarks by the Newly Elected Officers**
- 1030** **MAIN PRESENTATION – Are Our Maryland Firefighters Really Ready for Today's Operational Demands?**
Presented by Assistant Chief Edgar Carman - Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Dept., Snow Hill, MD
Do you offer what is needed to have your firefighters exceptionally ready and effective, for our operational demands and the entire situation, presented? Are you as an individual fire department able to provide the "combat ready" firefighter a fit backup for his/her safety and fellow providers?
- Final Report of the Convention Committee**
- 1100** **Unfinished Business and New Business**
\$10,000 Report and Raffle Drawings
FOURTH SESSION ADJOURNED
- 1200** **Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours**
- 1300** **MSFA Parade – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue. Line-up Inlet Parking Lot.**
SPECIAL NOTE – Parade route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue.
- 1730** **Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies-Convention Center Dockside Exhibit**

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

- 0900** **Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center Performing Arts Center**
**** MSFA Executive Committee Meetings are Open to the MSFA General Membership**
- 1300-1800** **FRONTIER TOWN FAMILY EVENT – Berlin, Maryland**
- 1400-1600** **LAMSFA Tickled Paint ARTworks FUNdraiser – Convention Center Room 207**

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

- 0800** **MSFA Golf Tournament – Eagles Landing Golf Tournament**
*** * At the conclusion of the Golf Tournament * ***
Lunch will be provided at Assateague Crab House



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Greetings from Ocean City, Maryland!

We all know the importance of tradition and the significance of passing down our customs or believes from generation to generation, but it is hard to put into words the pure joy it brings me to welcome you as you celebrate 125 years of tradition and service to our great State. On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Ocean City, welcome you to the 125th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Convention at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

Proving resilience and reliability, the members of the MSFA have seen much change in 125 years, however; the loyalty and dedication to service you have shown your communities has grown stronger through each passing decade. In Maryland and throughout our great country, it is those who volunteer their time, life and safety to protect their neighbors who remain our unsung heroes. Often supplementing paid employees, volunteer firefighters take on the responsibility of protecting the life and property of families around them for little to no compensation in return.

As a Mayor, father, neighbor and friend, I admire your strength, courage and commitment to making a difference. Not only do we acknowledge your efforts but we greatly appreciate the exemplary service you provide to your community, county, state and country. We also must commend your family and friends, whose sacrifice and support allow you to provide this invaluable service.

While you are here in Ocean City, we hope you take the opportunity to enjoy our 10 miles of pristine beach, hundreds of great restaurants and a variety of activities for families of all ages. While Ocean City remains a family resort year-round, it is the MSFA Convention that kicks off our summer season. Whether it's a round of golf, a stroll on the Boardwalk or a sunset at Northside Park, we wish you an enjoyable stay with your family and friends in Ocean City.

Over the years, many families have become part of the Ocean City tradition, and we consider the Maryland State Firemen's Association to be part of the tradition. Have a wonderful stay and a successful convention and conference in Ocean City.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Special Offering – EMT Skills Refresher Sunday, June 18 - Tuesday, June 20, 2017

SPECIAL THREE DAY REFRESHER COURSE

0800-1600
Room 216



Emergency Medical Technician Refresher

Presented by: Captain Evdokia Rahily, BWI Marshall Airport Fire Dept, MFRI Field Instructor

The MSFA, in partnership with MFRI, is pleased to offer you this opportunity to complete your requirements for 24-hours of continuing education requirement for EMT recertification. Major topics covered in the course are Maryland Medical Protocols, BLS medications and delivery, management of hemorrhagic and orthopedic trauma, spinal protection, Active Assailant awareness, MCI tabletop exercise and cardiac arrest management. **NOTE: You must attend all three days to receive credit towards recertification.**

Sunday, June 18, 2017

0800-1630
Room 215

Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition and Response (HME)

Presented by: Michael Callaway, First Responder Training Programs/New Mexico Tech

This course is designed for all levels of first responders who may respond to or encounter a homemade explosives incident. Participants will be able to recognize and identify commercial precursors used in homemade explosives, recognize the physical characteristics of commonly found homemade explosives, recognize homemade explosive processing equipment, and Improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, and their components, apply legal principles to determine probable cause and identify appropriate use of force options in suicide bombing incidents.

1115-1245
Room 204

Safety Considerations for Rescue Operations

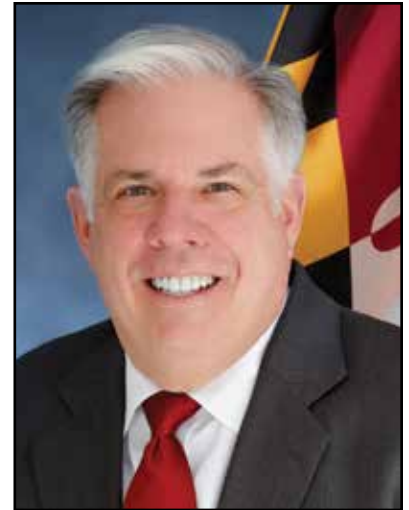
Presented By: Paul Sullivan, Jr., Asst. Chief, Middle River VF&RC Maryland Director International Association of Fire Chiefs

Does the fire service have to follow OSHA standards while conducting emergency services operations? This presentation will introduce fire service personnel to OSHA and the safety and health requirements that the fire service must adhere to while operating at various rescue scenes. In addition, operational safety concerns related to discipline specific rescue operations will be identified and addressed.



LARRY HOGAN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND
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June 17, 2017
125th Annual Convention
Maryland State Firemen's Association

A Message from Governor Larry Hogan

Dear Friends:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 125th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, hosted again in Ocean City, Maryland.

For 125 years, the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) has been dedicated and committed to serving, promoting, and representing all of the volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical providers in Maryland. The 2017 Annual Convention provides a great opportunity for you to engage in a variety of unique training and networking events, and I hope you take advantage of the variety of activities that this convention has to offer and use it to continue your great work throughout the state. Additionally, this week's awards ceremony recognizes and celebrates the multitude of achievements and accomplishments of the many departments and individuals within the MSFA and Ladies Auxiliary.

MSFA members and all of Maryland's first responders work tirelessly to protect all of Maryland's citizens by saving lives and making our communities safer, better places to live. I would like to congratulate this year's award recipients for receiving these very impressive and honorable awards. On behalf of all Marylanders, thank you for your unwavering dedication, service, and all that you do to serve the people of our great state.

Best wishes for a memorable convention, continued success in the years to come, and an enjoyable time in Ocean City!

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Governor

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2017 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, June 18, 2017

1200-1615

Room 206

Call to Duty – A Battle-Ready Briefing

Presented By: Chief Tiger Smittendorf, Erie County Emergency Services (NY)

Do your recruitment & retention efforts leave you feeling like you've lost the battle and the war?
Are you ready to call in reinforcements? How to win the hand-to-hand combat of Volunteer

Recruitment and Retention:

Recon: Scout out hostile environments and hunt down WMD's
(Weapons of Membership Destruction)

Strike First with a Three-Pronged Attack:

Establish a forward operating base—Recruitment HQ—and build an army of recruiters
Secure an arsenal of best practices in troop selection, enlistment processes and recruiter tactics
Lock on to a target rich environment—decode millennial messaging and win the battle in the trenches

1300-1430

Room 201

Your Students are C.R.E.E.P.S.! Applying memory systems to learning styles

Presented by: Kyle Bates, MFRI

We live in a one-size-fits-all educational environment that, in general, uses the lecture as its predominant delivery format. However, we know that using a single method will not benefit all students, as they each have their own way of learning. Some students are predominantly visual learners, some are auditory, and some are kinesthetic. But no matter which one style is dominant, every student probably learns using a mixture of all three. In this interactive and learner-focused session we will look at these learning styles, discover our own preferences for learning and, using the C.R.E.E.P.S. mnemonic, discuss ideas as to how best deliver content to such a wide variety of learners. ***This course approved by the MICRB for 1.5 hours PDI***

1300-1400

Room 202

The State of Maryland EMS

Presented by: Dr. Richard L. Alcorta, MD, State EMS Medical Director and Interim Co-Executive Director

Healthcare in Maryland and nationwide is changing in a major way that will have an impact on EMS. The economic forces are working to change healthcare financing to move from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance. In the new model, goals will include: the best health for patients, best health for communities and the best cost effectiveness (best care for the least cost). This will require healthcare organizations to form partnerships with public health and EMS, assess what education and resources would help patients make better choices for good health. This represents a unique opportunity for EMS to collaboratively improve the health of individuals and communities.



June 17, 2017

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association as you gather for today's special event, and offer my sincere congratulations on the occasion of your 125th Anniversary.

As the first to respond to accidents, fires, public safety threats, and everything in between, fire and rescue personnel serve on the front lines, keeping our families and neighborhoods safe from harm. Thanks to your courage and consummate professionalism, a trait your members share with thousands of fire and rescue personnel across the nation, countless lives are saved each and every day, property at risk is defended and protected, and the urgent needs of the community are addressed at all hours. In my capacity as a United States Senator, I want to restate my firm commitment to making sure that your organization and emergency responders around the country are provided with all of the resources that you need to carry out your critical work.

I join the people of the state of Maryland in expressing our deep gratitude for your efforts, and thank your association for one hundred twenty-five years of outstanding dedication to public safety. We depend on you, and we sincerely appreciate you.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Cardin".

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

2017 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, June 18, 2017

1300-1430

Where Hope Lives

Room 203

Presented by: EMT/Firefighter Ali Warren, King of Prussia (PA) Fire

The instructor, a thought leader and an inspirational speaker specializing in mental health struggles, shares her story of resilience. These struggles had their roots in the early days of her career as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 16. It began with the need to fight of sexual advances from some firefighters in her first firehouse and extended into years of dangerous sexual harassment and mental trauma that left her shattered and ultimately culminated in post-traumatic stress disorder. She will also provide some general mental health and suicide-prevention information.

1300-1430

Pediatric Destination Decision Making: The PDTree Project

Room 204

Presented By: Jennifer Anders, MD, MIEMSS EMSC Pediatric Medical Director

“Pediatric consult needed - I have an injured/ill pediatric patient.” Which ones can be transported to a local emergency department? Which ones should be transported to a pediatric trauma or specialty center? This session will highlight essential information that will improve consults to paint an accurate picture of a pediatric patient. Dr. Jennifer Anders is leading an expert panel to develop a decision pathway for pediatric medical patients’ destinations. Come learn more about both the PD Tree project and the use of the existing Trauma Decision Tree for pediatrics. Participants will use Audience Response System to participate in making destination decisions for sample cases.

1445-1615

The PERMA Classroom: Using Positive Psychology to Enhance (Student Performance)

Room 201

Presented By: Amber Liezear, P.G County Fire Services

This session is designed to give you tips and tricks to enhance student performance by looking at using the PERMA Theory. Positive emotion, engagement activities, positive relationships, creating meaning and rewarding accomplishments all play a factor in enhancing student performance. The attendees will also take a look at the new research in Positive Psychology and its influence in the classroom. ***This course approved by the MICRB for 1.5 hours PDI***

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Room 202

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Chris Van Hollen
U.S. Senator

June 19, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to the men and women of the Maryland State Firemen's Association as you gather for your Annual Convention in Ocean City. It is an honor and a privilege to salute you as you celebrate your 125th anniversary of providing outstanding volunteer fire and emergency medical service to Maryland.

From your founding in 1893 with just 12 Departments, you now include 365 Departments that protect communities across Maryland, from St. Mary's County to the lowlands of the Eastern Shore and the mountains of Western Maryland.

You do your essential work not for the recognition that you each deserve, but because you know how important what you do is to each and every member of our community. We, your constituents, are grateful to you for the selfless and heroic acts you do every day. You are our true unsung heroes.

I am proud to support the men and women of the MSFA to ensure that you have the tools and resources you need to keep us safe in our communities and funding for adequate staff. I will continue to fight to make sure that you have what you need to do the jobs you do so well.

Thank you again for all you do to keep us safe. I am honored to be your partner in your important work.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

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Sunday, June 18, 2017

1445-1615

MFOMS Issues

Room 203

Presented By: Allison Nicodemus, Maryland State Fire Marshall's Office

1445-1615

Emergency Ready Families – preparing for EMS & ED Experience

Room 204

Presented By: Mary Ellen Wilson RN BSN

MIEMSS EMSC Family Advisory Network Council Chair

The Family Advisory Council has developed a training module for the community – come learn how to prepare your EMS providers and the families you may be working with during an emergency. Families need to be “EMS & ED Ready” – when to call, what to have ready and how to assist in the care of their child during transport and treatment. This workshop is the train the trainer format – come learn the format and create a training kit for your station.

Monday, June 19, 2017

0900-0130

Traffic Incident Management

Room 204

***Presented by: Patrick Rooney, Training & Certification Manager,
SHA Office of CHART & ITS Development***

National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training: A new coordinated, multi-disciplinary training program, developed through the national Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2), is being offered for ALL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS and those supporting Traffic Incident Management operations - police, firefighters, EMS. The purpose is to promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes, leading to a safer, faster, integrated responder team.

1000-1230

AFG & Beyond – Understanding the Basics of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Room 202

Presented by: Kevin Piatt, AFG Grant Program Office

Have you attended a free workshop to understand the requirements for applying for and AFG grant? Would you like to learn more? Here is an opportunity to learn the basics directly from the AFG program office so that your department can improve its chances of an AFG award. This is also your opportunity to ask the questions that you didn't know who to ask. This interactive presentation will provide attendees with the tools necessary to submit a competitive grant application. This session will explain the application process and updated program information and then walk attendees through the tools and documents needed for completing grant applications. FEMA staff will also discuss failure points from previous application cycles.

1100-1230

The Texas Donut and Other Challenges of New Residential Construction

Room 203

***Presented by: Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Wood, Prince George's Co. (MD) Fire & EMS and
Keith Lippincott, Chief Fire Protection Engineer, Fire Marshal's Office UM, College Park***

Type V and combination type V and type I or II construction has become the typical construction type seen by fire departments for low- and mid-rise residential structures. Recent changes to the building codes now permit these buildings to sometimes be substantially larger.

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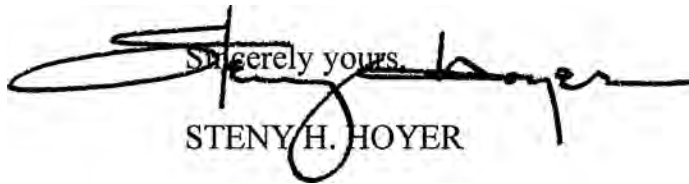
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June 17, 2017

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend my best wishes for a successful 125th Annual Convention and Conference for the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

I join in thanking all of you for your courageous service to Maryland. I continue to be honored to represent so many volunteer firefighters, first responders, and their families, and I'm proud of our state's strong tradition of communities standing together to support the fire services. As Co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, I will continue working to ensure that our firefighters and first responders have the resources they need to do their jobs safely. I wish you a successful conference and convention and look forward to continuing our strong working relationship. With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER

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1100-1230 The Texas Donut and Other Challenges of New Residential Construction (Continued)

This presentation will address:

1. Anatomy of type V construction and combination type I or II and type V construction.
2. The vulnerability of these structures while under construction
3. Tactical Considerations
4. Safety and Survivability of occupants and responders

1145-1245 Maryland EMS Update 2017 (formerly known as 2017 Protocol Update)

Room 201 ***Presented by: Peter Fiackos, BS, NRP, MIEMSS EMS Education Specialist***

1300-1430 Oh No! It's THAT Student! Understanding and Managing Troublesome Students

Room 201 ***Presented by: Kyle Bates, MFRI***

You know the ones I'm talking about. The latecomer, the bored one, the social butterfly, the sleeper, and the confused one are but a few of those students who cause you issues. In this interactive and learner-focused session we will look at these types of students and determine what makes them tick and how we can better handle them in the academic setting. ***This course approved by the MICRB for 1.5 hours PDI***

1300-1430 Neurosurgery

Room 202 ***Presented by: Paula Aresco, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma***

1300-1430 Grief and Mental Health

Room 202 ***Presented by: Firefighter Paul Bucher***

This is a presentation put together about the presenter's personal experiences dealing with both grief and mental health during his career in the fire service. The class is a very personal account of events that have happened during his career, including the line of duty death of his partner on May 5th, 2015. The effect that it had on him afterwards and needing to seek professional help dealing with a host of issues that arose afterwards. It is a very emotional presentation as reliving the events of May 2015 and the very personal journey to getting well again. The hope is that by telling his story in detail it will allow others to see that seeking help for emotional or psychological problems is nothing to be ashamed of and is something that should be openly discussed in the fire service to remove the negative stigma that may sometimes be associated with it.

1345-1515 More Than Words – Implementing Efforts to Prevent Firefighter Cancer in Your Dept.

Room 204 ***Presented by: Chief Allen Baldwin, Winchester Virginia Fire/EMS***

A case study of how one department stopped talking about this issue and aggressively implemented various programs to help ensure healthy firefighters and educate their responders on the "why" and the need to do things better.



Maryland State Firemen's Association

Miss Fire Prevention Sierra Smallwood

and

Miss Fire Prevention First Runner-up Emily Reaver

*Our mission is to promote fire safety through
fire prevention ambassadors that travel the state of Maryland.*

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1400-1600
Room 217

Self-Protection for First Responders “Reducing the Violence Epidemic”

Presented by: Phil Whitelock, Owner, Raw Combat Mid-Atlantic

This 2 hour presentation will be an introduction and demonstration of material contained in the Self Protection for First Responders Course. This course was specifically designed by RCMA for First Responders and Providers as a proactive approach to self-protection. The goal is to reduce the above average statistics of violence against responders and providers through job specific training. The full length course is a 4 hour, scenario based training taught onsite at departments and is accredited by MIEMSS for continuing education credits. The course addresses the principles of self-protection such as Situational Awareness, Protecting Your Personal Space, Positioning, Communication, Responding to Threats, Escape Route Options/Strategies, Teamwork and Defensive Tactics. The scenarios and environments Covered are: threats encountered when approaching a house, threats inside a house and threats involved with patient transport including inside the ambulance. Threats from combative patients, bystanders and disgruntled relatives are addressed. Risk, Threat and Crisis Management will be covered among other topics. This course will teach your team how to prevent, avoid and escape potentially violent situations faced on the job.

1445-1615
Room 201

“Game”-ification – Turning that Classroom into a Game

Presented by: Amber Liezear, P.G County Fire Services

Students despise the traditional hum-drum proverbial “talking head” – this class will give ideas on setting your students up for “Game Night”. Using the fundamentals of the gaming world you can build a classroom environment similar to that of a game to enhance student outcomes. This session will discuss the narratives of the instructor, feedback, scaffolding to create challenges, leveling up to build mastery, progress indicators, social connection and classroom management or player control. ***This course approved by the MICRB for 1.5 hours PDI***

1445-1615
Room 203

Orthopedics

Presented by: R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma

1445-1615
Room 204

The Price We Pay

Presented by: Chief Mike Healy, CEAP, LAPC, SAP, Central Nyack Fire Dept., Coordinator of Fire Education – Rockland County, NY FTC, Nyack, NY

Scott Geiselhart

In July 2014, Scott Geiselhart, a 20 year veteran of the fire service, put his favorite gun to his head and pulled the trigger. The gun misfired. Scott had been experiencing the symptoms of PTSD for years as a result of his dedication to his community and the fire service. Stories about the horrors of PTSD and the consequences from across the country are finally beginning to make their way to the forefront of our field. When Scott hit his absolute bottom he called the Firefighter / EMS Hotline and was referred to treatment that helped put his life on a new path. This presentation with Mike and Scott will discuss firefighter behavioral health and all of its symptoms including but not limited to substance abuse.

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Wish to Congratulate

Mike Davis, President

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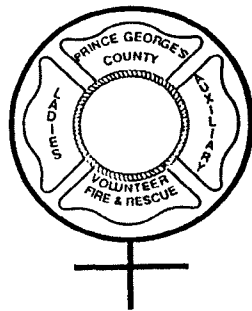
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*We Are Proud to Support Our Members
Who Are Serving as an Officer of the Ladies Auxiliary of the
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1315-1430 **Accountability – Do Your Numbers Add Up!**

Room 205 ***Presented by: Chief Allen Baldwin, Winchester (VA) Fire***

How good of a job are we doing with accountability? Are we going through the motions? Will it work when needed? When is the last time you have tested it? This short course will take a look at some accountability issues, how to overcome them and, more importantly, are we really doing what needs to be done to account for our responders.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

1000-1100 **“Don’t Fall for That!”**

Room 203 ***Presented by: Charles Brandt & Mario Melfa-MSFA Safety Committee***

Firefighters are inherently exposed to risk everyday by the nature of the work we perform and the environment we live. Why increase those odds? Annually firefighter injuries and deaths can be attributed to fall type incidents. “*Don’t Fall For That*” addresses the variety of hazards we face as firefighters and the responsibility we all share to manage such risks so that we don’t become a fall victim and ultimately a statistic. The decisions we make and the controls we must consider are often the differentiator between protecting our personnel and becoming the core focus of a significant emotional event.

1000-1100 **Social Media Best Practices and Tips for the Volunteer Fire Department PIO**

Room 202 ***Presented By: Jennifer Williams, Public Relations Specialist, MFRI***

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1000-1130 **Building a Force for Firefighter Retention in Maryland: Fire Chaplaincy**

Room 205 ***Presented by: Chaplain Rich “Chappy” Bower, BCCC, BCPC, BCC and Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Maryland Fire Chiefs Association***

One of the Key factors in the success of Firefighter Retention in Maryland is the establishment of a fully functional, fully trained and Active Corps of Fire Chaplains. In this block of training the student will become aware of the present status of Fire Chaplaincy; the establishment of the Standard Operational Guideline of Fire Chaplaincy adopted by MFCA, July, 2014; and methods of establishing vibrant standing Fire Chaplains Committees’ within the 23 Counties of Maryland. The Washington County template will be examined and discussed. Class participants will examine the template; be presented with established Standing Fire Chaplains’ Committee formation resources; and formulate proposals for adaptation and adoption within their Counties.

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Tuesday, June 20, 2017

1000-1200

Room 203

MAYDAY!

Presented by: Battalion Chief Micah Joel Kiger, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue (VA)

On May 25th, 2008, four firefighters from the Loudoun County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management became trapped on the second floor while performing interior operations at a house fire in Leesburg, Virginia after conditions rapidly deteriorated secondary to a flashover occurring on the first floor. Four firefighters were burned and required hospitalization for their injuries. A full investigative report was completed on this incident and the presenter will present incident operations, provide video footage of the incident with respective radio transmissions, and our departmental changes/recommendations, and the lessons learned from the company officer's first-hand perspective. This presentation will also cover how training yourself and crew the right way becomes second nature and how you can rely on training when it truly counts.

1200-1600

Room 201

L.A.C.K. (Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge)

Presented By: Asst. Chief Eric Peterson, Ocean City (MD) Fire Dept. MFRI Field Instructor

Is your department on the path to a LODD? This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundations examines the root causes of LODD's and the role of Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge as it influences the end result. Many fire departments across the United States "LACK the Right Stuff" to prevent them from being on a path to a line of duty death, with Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge being the elements that need to be addressed and managed in those environments. Through education and training, those departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these four elements with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture. ***This course approved by the MICRB for 4 hours PDI***

1200-1330

Room 204

2016 Ellicott City Flooding

Presented by: Chief John Butler, Baltimore County (MD) Fire Department

The Ellicott City flash flood of 2016 devastated homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure at the center of one of Maryland's most historic towns. It took less than two hours for waters to rise 13 feet, turning the city's main street residential and business districts into a raging river. In addition to extensive rescue operations on the night of the flood, the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services played an essential role in the extended recovery process as the community worked to rebuild. Fire Chief John S. Butler will speak about his department's experience overseeing search and rescue operations, leading initial structural stabilization efforts, assuming leadership roles within the Type III Incident Management Team, and providing ongoing safety oversight for recovery workers in the weeks and months following the catastrophic flood.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
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**Wishing all our fellow
volunteers a safe and
successful Convention**

President Donald L. Strine

Chief Robert C. Beavers

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1200-1330
Room 203

“STOP THE BLEED”

Presented by: Jim Radcliff, Coordinator of Advanced Life Support, MFRI and Jennifer Williams, Public Relations Specialist, MFRI

No matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene. A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes, therefore it is important to quickly stop the blood loss. This new 2 ½ hour course teaches participants the basic life-saving medical interventions, including bleeding control with a tourniquet, bleeding control with gauze packs or topical hemostatic agents, and opening an airway to allow a casualty to breathe. The course is designed for NON tactical law enforcement officers, firefighters, security personnel, teachers and other civilians requiring this basic training.

1200-1330
Room 217

Are You Combat Ready?

Presented by: Ed Carman, Risk Manager, Worcester County (MD) Volunteer Firefighter, Snow Hill (MD) and Dr. Paula Rose, MSFA Safety Committee Medical Director

This program is an overview of a CDC recognized Lifestyle Change Program, where the will learn, laugh, share stories, try new things and build new habits- all while lowering their risk for type 2 diabetes, heart issues, stroke and other health conditions. During the full-program core sessions participants will learn to:

- Eat healthy without giving up all the foods you love
- Add physical activity into the life routine- even if you don't think there is time
- Deal with stress
- Coping with challenges and sticking to the lifestyle changes
- Getting back on track if things don't go as planned

The presenters detail personal experiences and relate them to maintaining yourself, and your department, as “Combat Ready”.

1200-1330
Room 205

Preventing Legal Fires or Are You Ready To Be Sued?

Presented by: Roger Powell, PP

1200-1600
Room 206

Call to Duty – A Battle-Ready Briefing

Presented By: Chief Tiger Smittendorf, Erie County Emergency Services (NY)

Do your recruitment & retention efforts leave you feeling like you've lost the battle and the war? Are you ready to call in reinforcements? How to win the hand-to-hand combat of Volunteer

Recruitment and Retention:

Recon: Scout out hostile environments and hunt down WMD's
(Weapons of Membership Destruction)

Strike First with a Three-Pronged Attack:

Establish a forward operating base—RecruitmentHQ—and build an army of recruiters. Secure an arsenal of best practices in troop selection, enlistment processes and recruiter tactics. Lock on to a target rich environment—decode millennial messaging and win the battle in the trenches.

Maryland State Firemen's Association Summer Educational Conference Ocean City, Maryland June 18 – 20, 2017

*The following training programs are offered by the
Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
in partnership with the
Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI),
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS),
Maryland State Police (MSP)
and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.*

Advanced registration is recommended for all classes.

Please check www.mfri.org or MSFA Web Page for registration link.

All conference attendees are welcome to attend.

Walk-ins will be permitted.

Information is complete as of the time of this publication.

*Check the MSFA Information Desk in the Lower Level Lobby of the Convention Center
for updates to times and locations.*



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1330-1500

Cancer in the Fire Service

Room 202

Presented by: Donna Luce-MacDonald, Firefighter, Providence (RI) Fire Department Rhode Island State Director Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) Cancer Survivor

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network is a non-profit organization that helps firefighters and their families when diagnosed with cancer. FCSN has a mentor program made of firefighters that are cancer survivors, and an awareness and education program. The educational presentation is taught through personal experiences and mistakes, the carcinogens firefighters are exposed to, the routes of these exposures and how to protect and prevent further exposures. This presentation points firefighters in the right direction to set up policies and fight for presumptive laws. Firefighters are three times as likely to be diagnosed with cancer, it is time to make the necessary changes to lower those numbers!

1345-1515

Flash Max-Fire Safety Super Hero

Room 205

Presented by: Michael Furman, LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The comic superhero "Flash Maz" continues to expand his popular interactive fire safety message platform by adding characters and props. Since his appearance last year, "Flash Max" has released a 32-page full color children's picture book; introduced a new interactive door prop, "Zoor the Door", which visually demonstrates the need for children to keep their bedroom doors closed at night time; and redesigned "Blaze", the costume character that personifies fire in the home. Now working with a professional videographer to produce high-grade You Tube video to reach out to kids on his new You Tube channel, "Flash Max" continues to expand his message to promote fire safety throughout the region.

The MSFA Convention Committee has spent considerable time and energy locating educational presentations that are interesting, knowledgeable and relevant to the delivery of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services here in the Great 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.

Some of these courses require advanced registration since class capacity is limited to ensure a good instructor to student experience. Check with the MSFA Convention Website (www.MSFA.org) to see which classes require an advanced registration.

Best Wishes to the
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Mike Davis, President
and
Ladies Auxiliary of the
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Barbara Sue Nelson, President

For a Most Successful Convention

From all the Members of the
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department
and Ladies Auxiliary



This year we will be celebrating our
Fire Department's 85th and Ladies Auxiliary 65th
Anniversaries of our organizations

Bob Dickinson, Chief
Jennifer King, President Fire Department
Pat Grey, President Ladies Auxiliary

*Please check out our Facebook page "Forestville VFD" for our
Catering, Fund-Raising Events, Monthly Breakfast and Car Washes.*

We Support Jennifer King for the office of Colorbearer, LAM.SFA.

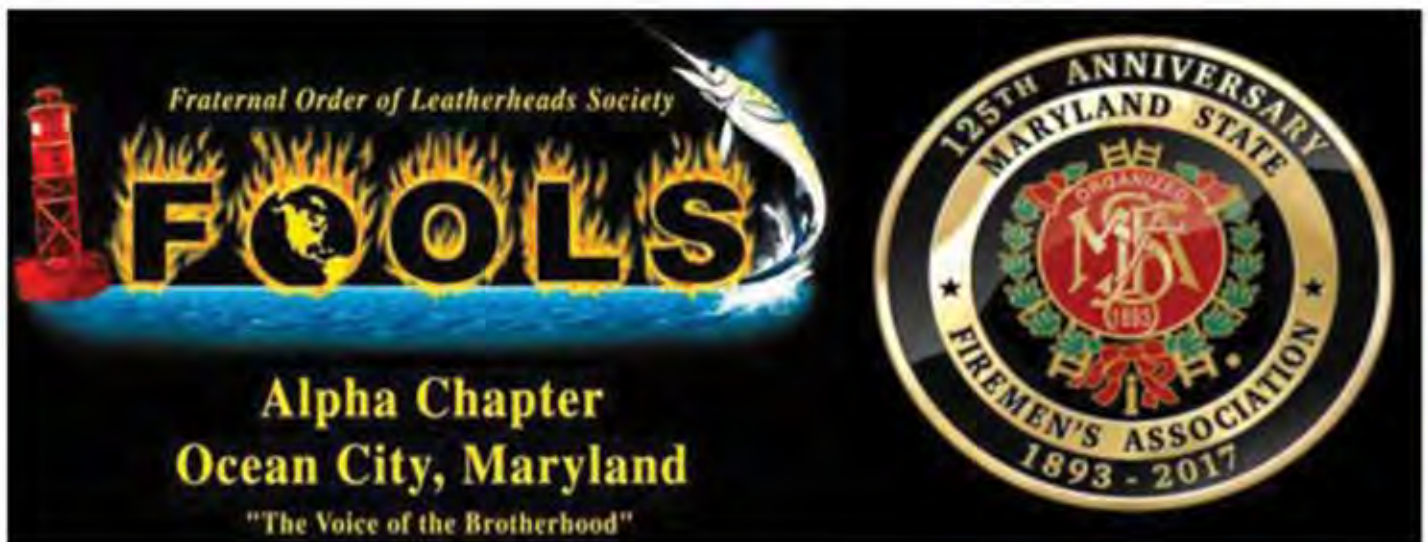
MSFA & Ocean City FOOLS

2017 Training Presentations

June 18 – 20th during the Firefighters Convention

The Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Convention Committee has again partnered with the Ocean City "FOOLS" to provide Special Training, Classroom Presentations & Hands-On Training (**HOT**) classes.

Take advantage of these great educational opportunities in 2017 with more topics and nationally recognized instructors.



*Advanced registration is required for all of the classes
Listed on the following pages*

Register Early at <http://www/wcvfr.org/msfatrain.htm>

Visit www.msfa.org / www.ocfools.com for more information.

On-site registration will be accepted if space is available.

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department



**Best wishes for a successful year to
Maryland State Firemen's Association**

**Chief: Joe Keller
President: Matt Weber
Chairman of the Board: Jimmy Dickerson**

The following training programs are being offered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) in partnership with the Ocean City FOOLS for your educational benefit.

2017 Special Training Classroom Presentations

- “Rope Rescue – Back to the Basics, Where less is more! Part 1”**
Captain Brett Vanzant, Delmarva Emergency Training
- “Rope Rescue – Back to the Basics, Where less is more! Part 2”**
Captain Brett Vanzant, Delmarva Emergency Training
- “What the Science Isn't Telling You”, Robert Magee, OCFD**
- “High Rise Basics For That Engine Company”, Robert Magee, OCFD**
- “Decisions under Fire”. Ron Smith, Gary Indiana Fire Department**
- “Autism Awareness”, Scott Fowler**
- Hip Boots to Bunkers, Recliners to Rowers – The Motivation to be fit in the Fire Service”, Robert Piparo, New Jersey FD**
- “Pride & Tradition”, Tim Jerscheid & Skip Carey, OCVFD**
- “Outside Vent Position”, Mark Misek, Wichita Fire Department**
- “Principles of Structural Fireground Tactics”, Mark Misek, Wichita FD**
- “The Proactive Engine Driver, Doing More with Less”, Steve Truesdell**
- “Suicide Awareness for Emergency Responders”,**
David Black, Salisbury FD
- “Commander's Intent: Coordinated Actions for Mission Success”**
Sid Newby, Wichita Fire Department
- “It's Not Your Grandfather's Fire Service”. Mark Gregory, FDNY**
- “The Kitchen Table” Sid Newby Wichita Fire Department,**
Skip Carey & Greg Dypsky, OCFD, Trevor Steedman,
Palm Beach Shores FD

2017 Hands-On Training Classes

- “Hybrid Search Techniques”, Keith Niemann, Wichita Fire Department**
- “The Understaffed Engine”, Keith Niemann, Wichita Fire Department**
- “Situational Survival – Firefighter Rescue Scenarios”,**
Claude DuVal, Central York FD
- “High Rise Basics”, Ray McCormack, FDNY**
- “R.I.T. Essentials”, Mark Gregory, FDNY**
- “Ladder and Roof Ops (Lecture and HOT) - 8 hour”,**
Arthur Ashley, Lexington Kentucky Fire Department
- “Engine Company Basics”, Ray McCormack, FDNY**

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FROM
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CLASSROOM AND HANDS-ON TRAINING SESSIONS

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Classroom and Hands-On Training Sessions

Sunday June 18, 2017	CLASSES			
08:00	Hybrid Search Techniques (Keith Neimann) 4-Hour HOT Worcester County Fire Training Center 0800 - 1145	Situational Survival - Firefighter Rescue Scenarios (Esther Lakatos, Reno Levesque, Claude Duval) 8-Hour HOT Worcester County Fire Training Center 0800 - 1145 Lunch Served	Rope Rescue – Back to the basics, were less is more! Part 1 (Brett Vanzant) Classroom Session (Room #205) 0800 – 0945	
09:00			Rope Rescue – Back to the basics, were less is more! Part 2 (Brett Vanzant) Classroom Session (Room #205) 1000 – 1145	
10:00			Decisions Under Fire (Ron Smith) Classroom Session (Room #206) 1000 – 1145	
11:00				
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00	Understaffed Engine (Keith Neimann) 4-Hour HOT Worcester County Fire Training Center 1500 - 1645		What the Science Isn't Telling You (Robert Magee) Classroom Session (Room #205) 1300 – 1445	
14:00			High Rise Basics For The Engine Company (Robert Magee) Classroom Session (Room #205) 1500 – 1645	
15:00				
16:00				
17:00	CLASSES END			

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Monday June 19, 2017	CLASSES					
08:00	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>High Rise Basics Ray McCormack 6-Hour HOT 46th St Gateway Grand Parking Garage 0900-1500</p> <p>Lunch Served</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>R.I.T. Essentials (Mark Gregory) 8-Hour HOT Worcester County Fire Training Center 0800-1145</p> <p>Lunch served</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Ladder and Roof Operations (Arthur Ashley) 8-Hour Worcester County Fire Training Center (0800-1645) Lunch 1200-1300</p> <p>Lunch Served</p> </div> </div>					
09:00						
10:00						
11:00						
12:00						
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00			<p>Hip Boots to Bunkers, Recliners to Rowers – The Motivation to be fit in the Fire Service (Robert Piparo) Classroom Session (Room #206) 1300 - 1445</p>		<p>Principle Structural Fire Ground Tactics (Mark Misek) Classroom Session (Room #205) 1300 – 1700</p> <p>4 Hour Seminar</p>	
15:00			<p>Pride & Tradition (Tim Jerscheid & Skip Carey) Classroom Session (Room #206) 1500 – 1645</p>			
16:00						
17:00	CLASSES END					

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Tuesday, June 20, 2017 Classroom and Hands-On Training Sessions

Tuesday June 20, 2017		CLASSES		
08:00	Suicide Awareness For Emergency Responders (Capt. David Black) Classroom Session (Room #201) 0800 - 0945			
09:00				Engine Company Basics Ray McCormack 0900 - 1300 4 Hour HOT 49 th Street Gateway Grand Parking Garage
10:00	Commanders Intent (Sid Newby) Classroom Session (Room #201) 1000 - 1145	It's not your Grandfathers Fire Service (Mark Gregory) Classroom Session (Room #202) 1000 - 1145		
11:00				
12:00	LUNCH			
13:00 - 15:00	Kitchen Table Discussion (Sid Newby, Skip Carey, Greg Dypsky, Trevor Steedman) Ocean City Convention Center 2 nd Floor- Bayfront Ballroom 1300 - 1500			
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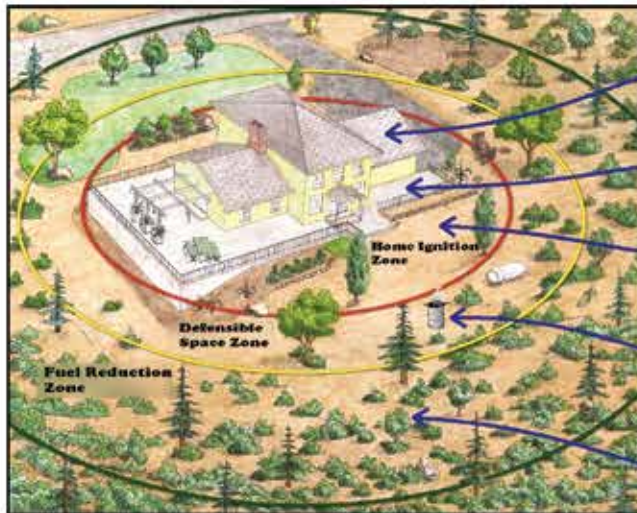
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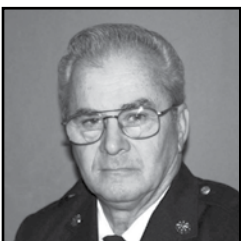
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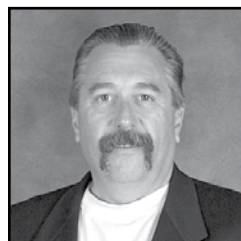
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Report of the President

1st Vice President Bilger, 2nd Vice President Blair, Chairman Simpkins, Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Members and Guests of the 125th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. What an exciting year it has been celebrating our 125 years across the state with our charter members, culminating to our annual convention. As we all gather here this week and reflect on the previous years, it's amazing just how much the fire service has progressed, not just in the past 100 years but even the last 10. This has all been possible because of dedicated and professional volunteers like you!

The past year would not have been possible without the support of my family and friends. I can't thank my wife enough for her dedicated support. I'm also forever indebted to my mother-in-law, Cathie Price for being the baby sitter of the year. She was always available in a pinch allowing me to attend meetings and banquets. Thanks to all of you who have helped with my boys along the way too as the fire service really is just one big family! Thanks to the Gatton's for keeping my boy's hair looking good!

Congratulations to President Barbara Sue Nelson of the Ladies Auxiliary and her officers for another successful and fun year. It has been a true pleasure traveling across the state together, making more friends along the way while strengthening our friendship bond, not just personally but our families as well. The LAMSFA has been an irreplaceable asset of the MSFA, always there when we need support. I wish Barbara Sue, her husband Speedy, Son J.A., wife and grandson, all the best. You are a blessed family!

We wouldn't be where we are without our partner agencies. I'd like to acknowledge Shock Trauma for being a dedicated and outstanding partner over the years. Their interest is truly for the good of all citizens who might ever need their services and supporting their fellow partners too. Congratulations to Dr. Thomas Scalea, M.D. on his 20 years of dedicated service to Shock Trauma, saving tens of thousands of lives in his career. His dedication is a testament to the vitality of the Shock Trauma system! Thank you to Director Steve Edwards and the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute for providing world class training to our members and supporting the MSFA on our endeavors to close the communications gap with the younger members. Together we can reach the next generation and continue to improve the fire and rescue services across not only the state. To our Maryland

State Police Aviation Command, I thank you for your dedicated service this past year. Your commitment to us providing the fastest care when needed allows the volunteer fire and rescue services to better provide care for those who need it most when time is of the essence.

The mission capability of the new helicopters and top-notch crew training has shown to be the best ever in Maryland history. Keep up the good work, we are always here for you as you have been for us. Thank you to the Maryland Department of Military for your excellent work administrating the VCAF loans. This low interest loan and grant system has allowed many companies to afford much needed equipment. Thanks to MIEMSS and Mr. James Brown for his dedication to providing excellent photography and representation all over the state! This partnership continues to show dedication to the volunteers and the Maryland EMS system. Combined, we are the best system there is and we are looked upon as a world leader and role model, all thanks to our partners and volunteer members!

Congratulations to another successful year with our Legislative Committee! Their tireless efforts in previous years really shows as this past year has been fairly quiet. I believe this all due to their hands-on active involvement in Annapolis, year after year, never giving up on issues that need our attention. If it weren't for their mere presence during the legislative sessions and testimonies, we'd have more issues than we could ever deal with and I am very grateful for that! Their efforts along with our fire sprinkler initiative team and side-by-side demonstrations have proven effective towards residential sprinkler education.

I'd also like to thank our Safety and Cancer Committees. Their efforts to support education and prevention towards Firefighter cancer, along with other occupational risks, have not gone un-noticed. We're losing people every day to preventable diseases, slips, trips, and falls, and cancers. We all can make a difference. Please read the studies and reports these committees have researched and better educate yourselves. It's not only for your own good but your families as well. Someone loves you, make sure you around for them and do your part to stay safe and keep others safe too.

My goals were not any specific platform but to perform the duties of the MSFA and be sure to live up to our mission and support our members in the most efficient way and doing what is right. Many of those issues were highlighted and became goals of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which was formed under Past President Roth. As a result of the leadership summit, which is required every 3 years per our by-laws, we have made some good progress on those items. We've made excellent progress on a new recruitment website as a result. I've also been doing my best to get us more active in the social media world along with help from our MFRI and MEMA Social Media folks, we've made some good progress there. I will continue to work on this as I feel this is the future. I intend to remain dedicated to enhancing our social media presence along with more website interaction. One major item that we really need to focus on is the need for paid staff. The only way to really fulfill our mission

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and be able to keep up will require people that can be solely committed, with a purpose to our cause. Please be sure to read the Strategic Planning report for more information.

Thank you to, President Glen Resnick, Past President John McDowell officers, and members of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Your help and support has allowed me to travel around this state and our neighboring states, to keep our purpose of the MSFA going strong. I particularly would like to thank all the members who are both active in the BCVFA and the MSFA as I know this is a large commitment. Thank you to President Jean Roberts, Chief Kevin Roberts, Treasurer John Dixon, and fellow fire service brothers and sisters of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company. Your support and guidance has been much welcomed and very needed!

Let us not forget those who have gone before us. It has been a tough year of losses for us. I will forever miss John Spiker and his tough love! Little Sgt. Rollin Nolan Scully is a true hero, uniting the fire service not just here but his story has been syndicated worldwide! We are all blessed to have such an angel above us. Mr. Vernon Dulin was dedicated to the fire service all his life. He was truly dedicated to whippy smart comments and a quick joke with a big smile or whatever it took to make you laugh! Unfortunately, we lost another one of our own, Mr. Barry Johnson who was more than dedicated to the Data Committee. He was always there to help. May God lay his hand on you and your families as you watch over us. You will never be forgotten.

I'm excited about our convention this year and our speakers on Autism and fire safety! Michael Furman of Flash Max truly inspires children to look at fire prevention in new ways. Please take all the training you can while you're here. Be sure to visit all the vendors, inside and out and support them. Don't forget about our family events and remember to purchase tickets for them. I'm glad you here to celebrate this grand and historic event with us! Please use designated drivers, don't text & drive or drink & drive and always use crosswalks. God Speed, be safe. Volunteer. GET INVOLVED!

Respectfully,
Michael A. Davis, President



*Report of the
First Vice President*

President Davis, Vice President Blair, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 125th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference.

I would like to take just a moment to remember those members who have passed since our last convention & conference. Please continue to keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

I also want to thank the 125th committee and everyone else involved for their hard work and dedication. This past year was very special thanks to the committees work and the jurisdictions who volunteered to host an event.

My travels around this great state continue to provide me with an opportunity to listen to the comments and concerns of our member companies, committee members, and those individuals who volunteer.

I want to thank the members of the Legislative Committee and the ladies from the LAMSFA for the fine work they did this year in Annapolis. The bulletins were very informative and a great resource of information.

I also want to thank all the companies who invited me to attend their annual banquets and other events. It is a great opportunity to see what great work in being done by all of volunteer fire & EMS providers in Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Bilger
First Vice President



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*Report of the
Second Vice President*

President Michael Davis, 1st Vice President Bilger, Executive Chairman Simpkins Jr., and Officers, Committees Chairs and Members Companies, both the MSFA and LAMSFA and Honored Guest of the 125th Annual Convention and Conference. This past year has been a very interesting and a learning experience for me as I traveled around the tri-state and throughout the State of Maryland and out of State events. I have visited different companies, met with some old friends, made some new friends while attending meetings, special events and many banquets.

First and foremost I want to thank my wife, Roslyn, for all of her understanding and support that she and my sons and their families have given to me over this past year. To my family from the Western Enterprise Fire Company, thank you for all of your support and help that you have given to me this year as well. Thank you to the 25 Member Companies of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association for your backing and support. A special thank you to Past President's Robert (Bob) Cumberland, Doyle Cox, Johnie Roth Jr., and David Keller III, as well Steve Cox, Richard Smith, Rick Hemphill, and John W. Hogleund, and many more friends.

I also want to recognize MSFA Conference and Convention Committee Members before I want to say thank you so very much for all the hard work putting this 125th Annual Conference and Convention together. Thank you to those who have helped this committee on special projects they have put together this past year and for all of your hard work and long hours.

Thanks to each of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your 2nd Vice President this past year. And for being here on this special occasion today to help celebrate with the 12 Original MSFA Member Companies the beginning of 125th MSFA Convention. Our Past Presidents and their families thank you for your dedication, your service to the MSFA over the years, and especially your continuous support given over the years. Each one of us here today can probably trace back to someone from their family back to the beginning or close to the starting of their own local fire and rescue or ambulance companies. Please remember those dedicated members who could not be with us here today due to illness and remember those who have passed in the last year. My condolences goes out to each family member and friend and their home company. Our thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with all of you.

MSFA President Michael Davis, LAMFSA President Barbara Sue Nelson, 1st Vice President Mark Bilger, and Past Presidents of the MSFA, and Executive Committee members, I would like to thank each of you for your leadership, guidance, friendship and trust this past year. Thank you for providing me with valuable information that will help me as I move forward within the association. I would like to extend my thanks to our state partners who are always willing to work with us and who are there every day in the field. Some of these agencies are MFRI, MIEMSS, MSP, & MSP Aviation, DNR, as well as the University Of Maryland Shock Trauma Systems for working so closely with MSFA and its member companies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MSFA Legislative Committee for another great and successful year in Annapolis. Thank you for all your hard work and long hours of commitment that you made this year. Thank You Legislative Chairman Steven Cox, Vice Chairman Richard Smith, and Chuck Walker, members of the committee. All of you did an outstanding job. I would also like to give a big thanks to the LAMSFA ladies for spending so many long hours at 17 state Circle to help out with the office duties such as reading and reviewing all those bills as they came in and cataloguing all the legislative bills. Thank you for stepping up and helping out so that the Chairman and others MSFA members could work on bills, go to hearings, and make the necessary visits and contacts with the legislators.

I have attended many meetings with the MSFA Presidents, Executive Officers, Legislative Committee Members, MFRI and MIEMSS, over the past year. We have held many discussions on issues that is effecting our states EMT's. I am looking forward to continued work with MIEMSS, MFRI, on correcting the issues for the National Registry EMT program in our state. Hopefully we will quickly have a better understanding of this issue and MSFA, MIEMSS, and MFRI we can all agree on.. Over this past year a few officers of MSFA had an opportunity to attend many meetings at the University Of Maryland Shock Trauma, working with their legislative group and attended their Board of Visitors Meeting of that is one group that the MSFA will be working very closely with this year. MSFA Officers will continue to work very closely with MFRI in bringing in new and advanced Fire and EMS educational programs to Maryland. I believe that the MSFA Officers, Legislative Committee will be spending some time looking at and working on some major EMS problems that have been popping up and occurring across the state and will be reviewing information and attending the EMS Board Meetings at MIEMSS as well as the MSFA EMS Committee and SEMSAC Committee meeting held at MIEMSS.

MIEMSS is asking that all providers in the state help share the Maryland Crisis Hotline phone number with opioid overdose patients who refuse transport to a hospital. The Maryland Crisis Hotline is provided by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The hotline provides support, guidance, and assistance on how to access substance use disorder and mental health services. Information includes accessing naloxone, recovery support, and family services as available/appropriate in the individual's local area. Encouraging patients to utilize the crisis hotline may help

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I have been attending the Chaplains meetings and training sessions all around the state. I have had the opportunity to attend and complete a number of critical incident stress management training (CISM) programs offered this past year in defusing, and debriefings fire/rescue/law enforcement, peer-support and stress management. Chaplain John F. Long has offered, officers, members, and Chaplains training classes a few times this year. If you are interested in taking some of this training you are in luck. Please look in your program book today. There are seminars being held in Ocean City this week. You can contact Chief Chaplain John F. Long at Pray@msfa.org in reference in getting some training for your county Chaplains or company officers.

Sincerely
Richard C. Blair, Second Vice President



*Report of the
Secretary*

President Davis, Vice Presidents Bilger and Blair, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guest. It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your Secretary this past year, working with President Davis and Vice President Bilger and Blair, Treasurer Siarnicki and Financial Secretary Vocke. Their continuous support, cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationship that exist between the Secretary's Office, the President's, Treasurer, Financial Secretary's Office and the Executive Committee are a vital part of the overall administration of our Association.

The members of the Secretary's Office have attended all Executive Committee meetings that were scheduled by the President. The meetings were held the following days and at the following locations:

- June 23, 2016
Ocean City, Convention Center
- August 27 – 28, 2016
Arbutus VFD, Baltimore County
- October 15 – 16, 2016
Ridge VFD, St. Mary's County
- February 25 – 26, 2017
Junior Fire Company, Frederick County
- April 22 – 23, 2017
Water Witch Fire Company, Cecil County

June 18, 2017
Ocean City, Convention Center

All correspondence and business from those meetings were duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

Chairman Simpkins has conducted the Executive Committees meetings in an efficient and very professional manner and I would like to thank him for his cooperation and good working relationship. Many of the meetings were lengthy and involved some in-depth discussions and debates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Assistant Secretary Shirley Copado for her tireless efforts in recording and transcribing the minutes of our Executive Committee. Assistance Diana Gunther in her efforts in assisting with the NVFA and Secretary of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee. Assistant Secretary Nancy Cox for her efforts in recording and transcribing the minutes of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Assistant Secretaries Tom and Nancy Scott for their efforts in the area of distribution, copying and preparing all of the invitations for mailing. Rick Hemphill for taking on the responsibility of video recording all of the Executive Committee Meetings, and Past President Frank Underwood for his efforts in assisting with the copying and distribution of reports. Each of these individuals has dedicated countless hours in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office to which they were appointed or they volunteered for. To the many other individuals that have stepped up and assisted when needed throughout the year, without your assistance, the office would not have been able to provide the service that was requested.

The Secretary's Office will continue to work with the Convention Committee in preparing and distribution of the Convention Program. This year the first mail out was completed in November 2016 and the last one was completed the last part of April 2017. An additional mail out of the proposed By-Laws amendment was also completed the last of April 2017.

The Secretary's Office has supplied the many companies and departments with certificates of recognition of their anniversaries as well as certificates to individuals on their many accomplishments.

As your Secretary, I will continue to travel around the state representing the Association and the Office of the Secretary at meetings and other related functions.

I would like to thank my wife, Cathy for her support and assistance in preparing the mail outs this year. Thanks to all for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Secretary.

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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 125th 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 Davis, Vice President's Bilger and Blair for their continued support and assistance as we have worked through the financial responsibilities of our 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.

Since the creation of the MSFA Financial Team, efforts have been put into place to maintain a solid financial status of our organization and ensure fiscal responsibility throughout the organization. As a team, we pledge to 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 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. Having gone through some tough times in the past, and with the way our national economic situation stands today we have to remain ever vigilant to carry out our tasks and responsibilities, which will help, build a stronger financial plan for all of us.

Fortunately, we have made great progress in a variety of areas involving our finances and have seen a more business-like approach to managing the funds of this association. The Appropriations Fund, Widows and Orphans Relief Fund and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Program (VCAF) are moving along quite well. We continue to work on the policies and procedures associated with these funds and through regular team meetings, continue to move our association forward. You can be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that the best interests of the MSFA are represented in every decision that is made.

As work related to the awarding of the Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant to the MSFA moves forward, it continues to be very critical that we remain diligent in compliance with all federal guidelines and financial concerns associated with these funds. This has required the Finance Team to take on more responsibilities and with the help of our contractor team, we are convinced that new members will be brought to every department that is a member of this association.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbie Aaron, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer's: Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross, Wylie Donaldson; Budget Chair and Past President Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Richard Smith, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta, Ben Kurtz and Past President Carl Edelin 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 Doug Simpkins, Jr. , 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 Chaplain

Welcome to Ocean City, again we gather to fellowship with our friends and meet new friends. Brothers and sisters of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Services, who share the same likes and dislikes as we do. People who know how we feel, and understand how we think and feel. The "Brotherhood" as it is called, is more than getting together at the beach to throw down a few. Brotherhood is also looking after each other on a daily basis.

The reason I mention this is because we are in a crisis. The number of firefighter and EMT completed suicides is climbing. More has to be done in the trenches to stop this epidemic. Everyone has a responsibility to look after each other, after all isn't that what the brotherhood is all about. Does your department require everyone to complete the Curbside Manner and Stress First Aid (SFA) courses offered free at (www.everyonegoeshome.com/training). Is everyone who rides the seat trained on how to do an After Action Review? Where do you or your brothers and sisters go after a horrific incident to vent? Does your department have a Peer Support Program? How about a trained Chaplain?

Every time, "EVERY TIME" without fail, when a firefighter or EMT takes their life I hear the same thing, "I wish I knew what I could have done," or "I didn't know they had a problem."



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Well, you can do something to help prevent this epidemic. Help yourself to the knowledge that is available to you. The National Volunteer Fire Council also has many online courses available to you. Get your department to get a trained chaplain to help with your folks. The role of the chaplain is more than just the invocation and benediction at the company meetings.

I personally don't want to write about this topic, but as long as we continue to have members attempting or completing suicide, I will continue to write about it and will continue to keep it in the front of your mind. You take the time to put up RED TAPE to warn everyone about a danger zone. Take the time to surround your membership with love and understanding to keep them mentally healthy.

Enjoy your time at the ocean, blow off some steam, be safe, and watch out for your brothers and sisters. If you need help reach out to your chaplain. If you don't have one contact me. I am on Facebook, Twitter, e-mail me at JFLONGJR@YAHOO.com, or call me 443-623-0753. God Bless

John F. Long, Jr. Chief Chaplain

Report of the MSFA Board of Trustees

President Davis, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 125th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty (30) widows/widowers, one (1) dependent child, one (1) dependent child college educations, three (3) Line-of-Duty-Injury. This year we had (1) one Line-of-Duty-Death claims.

We are saddened to report one (1) Line-of-Duty Death this past year. Please keep the family of Robert Traynelis in your thoughts and prayers.

This year the Trustees increase Widows/Widowers benefits from \$700 to \$750, Dependent Child benefit from \$600 to \$650, Line-of-Duty-Death benefits from \$10,000 to \$11,000 and Line-of-Duty-Injury benefits from \$700 to \$750 (effective 7/16). Also, increased was the Education for Dependent Children from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 per semester effective 1/17).

Please remember to visit the 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 your very dedicated Trustees for their service:

Vice Chair, Doug Alexander,
Secretary, Jeff Thompson, Trustee,
Ben Kurtz and Trustee,
Terry Thompson, PP.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve the Volunteer Fire Service of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

Report of the Executive Committee Report

It is both an honor and privilege to submit a synopsis of activities from your Executive Committee for 2016-2017. We have been a very busy committee throughout this year, under the direction of President Mike Davis. Required meeting were held at:

June 23, 2016 in Ocean City at the Convention Center
August 27-28, 2016 at Arbutus VFD, Baltimore County
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April 22-23, 2017 at Water Witch Fire Co., Cecil County
June 18, 2017 in Ocean City at the Convention Center

The committee welcomed new members aboard. Past President Johnny Roth replaced Past President David Kellar, Wayne Tome representing Harford/Cecil Co.'s, and Rick Hemphill representing Frederick and Washington Co.'s. Serving on this year's committee included:

Douglas Simpkins, Jr., Chairman - *Baltimore County*
Charles Simpson, Co-Chairman - *Carroll, Howard Co.'s*
Timothy Dayton, Member - *Alleghany, Garrett Co.'s*
Mike Faust, Member - *Caroline, Kent, Queen Co.'s*
John Fisher, III, Member - *Wicomico, Worchester Co.'s*
Rick Hemphill, Member - *Frederick, Washington Co.'s*
Johnie Roth, Immediate Past President, MSFA
Richard Smith, Member - *Dorchester, Talbot Co.'s*
Dan Stevens, Member - *Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's Co.'s*
Wayne Tome, Member - *Cecil, Harford Co.'s*
Justin Towles, Member - *Anne Arundel County*
Charles Walker, Jr., Member - *Prince George's County*

The first meeting of the Executive Committee took place on June 23, 2016 while we were in Ocean City. The 2016-2017 committee assignment draft was made available for review and update. Budget and travel allowances were discussed; application for the merger of the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company and the Middle River Volunteer Rescue Company was presented. A cancer support presentation was given by Mr. Bill Vaughn, discussion on the 1% VCAF loans.

We began the celebration of our 125th Anniversary with our meeting At Arbutus VFD in Baltimore County. Saturday morning we were met with a large American flay suspended from 2 volunteer ladder trucks from Baltimore County (Providence & Middle River). A continental breakfast, sponsored by HOLMATRO rescue tools (Mr. Sam Pearce) was served and the opening ceremonies began with the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums. The



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*Congratulations to outgoing President's
MSFA Michael Davis and LAMSFA Barbara Sue Nelson*

presentation of the banners of the 12 original charter companies of the MSFA, were presented by the English Counsil Juniors. This meeting was conducted under the IMS format, utilizing BRANCH DIRECTORS for their respective reports. This format, while new in its presentation, allowed concise, factual information to be presented expediently to those in attendance, but still would allow committee chairpersons to report any updated material to those present.

Highlights of this meeting included; the approval of the Middle River Volunteer Fire/EMS Department application, budget approval, travel expense budget approval, travel meal expenses identified and approved, VCAF loan to remain @ 1%, Contract to BENCHMARKS for marketing the MSFA.

Adjournment allowed attendees to proceed to the newly renovated Lutherville VFD for a lunch and a tour of their station. After lunch, attendees were granted free admission to the Maryland Fire Museum for a tour of their facility. A good old fashioned bull roast was held back at Arbutus VFD (sponsored by FESCO), with live music and dancing. The Sunday meeting was conducted at Arbutus VFD, with the continued IMS format of Branch reporting.

On October 4, 2016, a conference call was held to discuss the non-progress in our efforts to retract to MARYLAND EMT, from the NATIONALLY REGISTERED MARYLAND EMT. With the departure of Dr. Seaman, there is now no specific director running MIEMSS, only acting personnel. All members were notified that future meetings will be held, to further our efforts.

In October, the Executive Committee met at the Ridge VFD, in St. Mary's County. April minutes were approved; reports were filed with the respective Branch directors, who reported for their respective committees. After session, we moved to historic St. Mary's City for a picnic lunch, and a visit to the Maryland Dove, a display of Fire & EMS equipment. At 4 pm., a moving memorial service was conducted. The Executive Committee continued on Sunday morning with the same IMS format for information sharing. VCAF loans were approved for:

- Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (\$78,729.60)
- Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company (\$100,000.00)
- Bay District Volunteer Fire Department (\$450,000.00)

For the record the VCAF committee notified the Executive Committee that the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department had formally withdrawn their loan application for a new fire station.

A special session was called for after the regular session of the Executive Committee concluded. The purpose was to discuss the teleconference of 10-4-16, relating to the EMS status of the SIPS students. The committee was apprised of the situation, with a request to hold on a letter submission to the governor, voicing our displeasure of treatment we are receiving from management @ MIEMSS.

In February of 2017, the Executive Committee met at the Junior Fire Company in Hagerstown, under the direction of acting chairman Rick Hemphill. Chaplin John Long brought us together with a prayer and announcement of a Chaplin's class at Ferndale VFD on May 6. Again, the IMS model was utilized for reporting by Branch directors. Motion was made, and accepted, to approve the minutes of the last Executive Board meeting. Update from our attorney, Mike Farlow on various items reflecting on the MSFA. VCAF requested an additional \$87,732.00, along with the approval of the following:

- Pleasant Valley Community Fire Dept. (282,568.00)
- Morningside Vol. Fire Dept. (\$112,500.00)
- Community Vol. Fire Co. of Dist. 12 (\$489,000.00)
- Goodwill Fire Co. (\$178,051.00 grant, \$57,231.00 loan)
- Barton Hose Co. (\$176,201.00 grant, \$56,637.00 loan)
- Hancock RS (\$150,000.00 grant, \$49,900.00 loan)

Also discussed were Rural Water training exercises, an update on SAFER grants, updates from the Legislative committee, updates from MIEMSS, Worker's Compensation program. Executive member Mike Faust announced his candidacy for 2nd VP of MSFA. A motion was made and passed to allow the credentials report to qualify as a statistical report for MSFA.

Saturday evening was quite a night in Frederick. In the celebration of our 125th anniversary, good old fashioned FIREMAN'S BALL was held at the Frederick Armory. Many personnel were dressed in the time frame of that era, and a great time was had by all!! Once again, the 125th celebration committee came through for the Maryland Sate Fireman's Association.

In April, the Executive Committee met in Port Deposit, Maryland, hosted by the Water Witch Volunteer Fire Department. Again, the IMS model was utilized for reporting by Branch directors. This has proven to be an effective means for information sharing within the MSFA. Mayor Wayne Tome updated all present on the activities this week-end, which includes a parade, pub crawl, and a fireworks display. A productive meeting ensued, including various discussions on important topics affecting the Maryland Fire Service.

Items included; supporting Teresa Crisman's smoke alarm availability for distribution, Maryland state wide "Community Risk Reduction" weekends (May 20-21 & October 21-22), a memorial brick for Governor Hogan's father, who passed away earlier this month, to be installed on the FF Memorial area in Annapolis, and the clarification on scholarship monies to be dispersed.

Along with Executive Committee meetings, some of this year's members of the Executive Committee also served on the Strategic Planning committee. Their report has been filed for information sharing within the MSFA. My thanks to those who assisted in the planning for the future of this fine organization.

I would like to thank those "behind the scenes" personnel who make our Executive Committee meeting function so well and smoothly.

**Elect
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A giant "THANK YOU" TO Past President Tom Mattingly and his awesome committee for all the efforts in the planning and execution in the celebration festivities for our 125th year of service to the citizens of Maryland. The booklets, describing our history, were an excellent touch. JOB WELL DONE, TOMMY !!!!!!!

To my comrades from Baltimore County, THANK YOU for your confidence in allowing me to represent YOU on the Executive Committee of the MSFA.

To President Mike Davis. THANK YOU for your friendship, and guidance in fulfilling the mission of the MSFA. Finally, to my family. My wife Christine, my daughter Melissa and the joy she has brought to our family, my grandson, Sullivan Douglas. Thank you for understanding. I love you all so much.

Respectfully,
Douglas Simpkins, Jr., Chairman

Report Of The Budget and Revenue Committee

President Davis, Vice President's Bilger and Blair, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year. Our committee along with the financial team continues to make positive changes in the financial management of this organization.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. The budget committee would like to thank the Executive Committee for providing latitude to the budget committee to monitor expenditures and move funds from one budget item to another as long as the bottom line of the approved budget remains the same. These actions have permitted the budget committee and the financial team flexibility to better serve the association. The budget committee as part of the "Financial Team" strives to improve communications and operations which make us a stronger organization and more responsive to those we serve.

The continued use of the Budget Request Forms by all committees continues to provide beneficial information and has been very helpful. After the Budget and Revenue Committee reviews the requests and approves the submitted budget, a copy of the request form is returned to the committee verifying the approved budget amounts in which the committee must operate. Budget requests received after the budget has been established continues to diminish. Committees have been extremely prudent with spending and have monitored their approved budgeted and stay within the established amounts.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and

are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. All officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As expenditures of this Association continue to increase, it becomes increasingly problematic to balance the income versus expenses and requires complete cooperation, prudent spending, and communications from all officers and committees.

The Committee would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Convention Committee

President Davis, Vice-President's Bilger and Blair, Ladies Auxiliary President Nelson, Vice-President's Boyd and Roth, 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 125rd Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA.

For the past twelve months the convention committee has been working to commemorate our 125 years in existence and pay tribute to all who helped get us to this place in time. The events at Arbutus, St. Mary's City, Frederick and Port Deposit were great and those in attendance were able to assist with marking this important landmark reached by the MSFA. I would like to thank that ever special committee who worked with me over the past couple of years to make it all a reality: Past President Roberts Jacobs, Past President Richard Yinger, Past President Danny Davis, Past President Johnie Roth, LAMSFA Past President Elaine Huttenloch, LAMSFA Past President Teresa Crisman, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Bill Barnard, Chip Jewel, Wayne Powell, Ken Bush, Susan Proels, Jenni McClelland, Donna Clark, Lynn Hawkins, Ginny Wilhite, Doug Simpson, Charlie Albrect, Wayne Tome, Richard Brooks, Kent Whalen, Donna Whalen, John Proels and Bill Hinton.

The committee made several visits to Ocean City this year 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 for this anniversary convention. 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.

Best wishes for a successful convention!



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Since last year's event, the Steering Committee has been hard at work to plan events for this year's convention. My thanks to the steering committee special liaisons: Susan Proels, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, John Denver, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Richard Yinger, Johnie Roth, Doyle Cox and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration, (Co-Chair Past President Danny Davis, Vice-Chair Past President Jackie Olson); Exhibits, (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger and Dave Lewis); 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 and Rose Davis. 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, additionally special thanks to Nancy and Steve Cox for pulling together the proceedings book each year.

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, and Tim Clark) for their extra attention to details provided with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Secretary Doyle Cox 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 Performing Art Center will be used for several events: Sunday Morning Worship Service, Miss Fire Prevention Contest, and LAMSFA Business Meetings.

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.

Secretary Doyle Cox, Rick Hemphill 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 again be in the rear of the Bayside Ballroom.

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. Special thanks go out to the Program Team, under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci along with Jim Brown and MIEMSS for their assistance.

The Hands-On Components of this year's convention have been expanded greatly and our alliance with the Ocean City FOOLS continues. 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. We are excited about this partnership, thanks to Trevor Stedman and Jason Bloom for the Hands-on and Timothy Sendelbach for the Competition.

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be a most fitting tribute for the 125th Anniversary Celebration and to all who serve the State of Maryland, 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 Bill Barnard, 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. 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 Bingo Monday Night in the Bayfont ballroom and thanks to Gloria Lewis for taking on this activity.

There will again be many family oriented social events peppered throughout the week to include:

Sunday Morning Worship Service, Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market, Miss Fire Prevention Contest, A Night at Jolly Roger Amusement Park, Prayer Breakfast, Purse and Bag Bingo, Ocean City Ghost Walk, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, Special Events at Splash Mountain Park, MSFA Night at the Boardwalk Pier Amusement Park, Frontier Town Day, Fireworks on the beach, 100 nights of Lights on the beach, Mack Fire Truck Rally, Corn Hole Competition, OC Fools Block Party, Tickled Paint Artworks, Eagles

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Tuesday morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Past President Doyle Cox and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A time change is in place for the Joint Installation of Officers which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday night.

Fire Marshall Brian Geraci, 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.

Individuals such as Chris May, Richard Snader 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 weeklong event. Gloria Lewis, Ed Bilger, Ben Barksdale, Tyler Patton, Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, Jim Smith, John Spiker, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Lynn Hawkins, Donna Clark, Jenni McClelland, Jim Brown, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, Bruce Bouch, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Chris and Lisa Tona, Mike, Teri and Brady Levasseur, Kent and Donna Whalen, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, Doug Guare, Mike LeCompte, Mary Blocker, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, Ron Watkins, Richard Udell, Bob Ryan, Tom Collins, Past President's Worthington, 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 along with the UCVFD Team. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Proels, PGFD, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and well managed.

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. 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 and Dave Lewis who pull all of this together.

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, Sandy Jacobs, Rose Davis, JoAnne Robinson, Chris Yinger, Sherrie Sauers, and Barbara Evans,.

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.

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring needed revenue streams in support of our programs and activities. 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.

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 Cross, Past President Tom Mattingly, Chuck Austin, Past President Steve and Nancy Cox and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing.

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 Reatta Tate, 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, Chairman



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*Report of the
Emergency Medical Services Committee*

President Davis, Elected and Appointed Officials, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), greetings on the occasion of the MSFA's 125th Annual Convention. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held four full committee meetings last year, attended several sub-committee meetings and served as part of several other state-wide EMS groups. The Committee meetings were routinely attended by representatives from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Division and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Other than assisting in solutions for the National Registry EMT issues, major efforts for the past year included participation in:

- State EMS Committee Advisory Council (SEMSAC)
- SEMSAC BLS Committee
- MIEMSS Cardiac Arrest Subcommittee
- MIEMSS Ambulance Safety Committee
- Minimum Ambulance Standards Committee
- eMEDS Steering Committee
- Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) implementation group
- SEMSAC Phase II Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

Committee members provided input at these meetings that covered a broad range of EMS issues including updating protocols, enhancing reciprocity, improving ambulance safety, insuring adequate documentation and providing data on cardiac arrest survival rates.

SEMSAC Phase II Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

The Maryland State EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC) has tasked a committee of EMS stakeholders to develop recommendations and guidance on the implementation of a state-wide Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. To this end this committee has developed this document that will be endorsed at the May 2017 SEMSAC meeting and presented to the EMS Board.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH), as defined by the Committee, are those population health measures taken by emergency medical services operational programs (EMSOPS) to improve healthcare outcomes of a designated population. This committee has worked diligently to develop these recommendations by gathering information related to established MIH programs throughout the Nation, conducting a mobile integrated healthcare survey to ascertain the needs of Maryland EMSOPS [public safety and commercial services], as well as an expert analysis of the gathered information and the survey to form these recommendations.

After a successful pilot program was conducted in Queen Anne's

County, several other jurisdictions are initiating programs including Charles, Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties.

Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)

CARES was developed to help communities determine standard outcome measures for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest allowing for quality improvement efforts and benchmarking capability to improve care and increase survival at a jurisdictional level. CARES allows participating communities to view their own statistics online confidentially and compare their performance to anonymous aggregated data at the local, regional, or national level. CARES automatically calculates local 911 response intervals, delivery rates for critical interventions (e.g., bystander CPR and public access defibrillation [PAD]), and community rates of survival and functional status at discharge, on the basis of each patient's Cerebral Performance Categories Scale (CPC) Scale. An annual report is provided to all participating communities that summarizes local results in comparison to regional and national benchmarks. The implementation of CARES will allow EMS jurisdictions to assess the effectiveness of their care on cardiac arrest calls.

As of May 2017, all EMS jurisdictions and 26 hospitals are entering information into the CARES data base and a complete Maryland annual report will be available for 2017.

BLS Issues

While progress is being made in EMT training and testing many jurisdictions report shortages of EMT's to man equipment. During the past year the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) made major changes in the EMT curriculum directed toward doing more teaching and less testing. Changes include use of My Brady Lab Version 2.0, organization of content to match reading assignments, less module testing and EMT Computer Adaptive Practice Tests. Current MFRI success rate for National Registry testing is 85% for the first attempt and 91% by the third attempt.

The committee has held extensive discussions on entrance qualification testing and training, face-to-face versus on-line training, redundancy between My Brady Lab and class work, improving instructor tools and development of local mentors as methods of enhancing the number of EMT's we are producing.

Summary

The MSFA EMS Committee continues to be actively involved in supporting current EMS programs in Maryland as well as assisting to create a path for the future.

Respectfully,
William J. Dousa, Jr., Chair

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Report of the Events and Marketing Committee

President Davis, Vice Presidents Bilger, and Blair, officers, members, and guests. During the 2016-2017 year, the Events and Marketing Committee hosted exhibits at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference, the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Summer and Winter Conferences, and the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference (MALSC).

Between the writing of this report and the MSFA Convention, we have also scheduled booths for EMS Care 2017, and the Maryland Emergency Managers Association (MDEMA) Symposium. MSFA informational brochures and other promotional materials were distributed at the above events. MSFA presence at these events provides us the opportunity to meet with government leaders on a federal, state, and local level to build and improve relationships. Thanks to committee members and Past President Fred Cross, Richard Smith and Chuck Walker for their hard work this year.

The Committee has also been very involved with the Safer Grant and the management of our vendor, Benchworks. Committee Co-Chair Mike Faust and Skip Mahan attended weekly meetings since the fall of 2016 to facilitate the development of the current member database, and a database to track people interested in becoming a volunteer. Joe Chornock, Recruitment and Retention Committee Chair, recently began attending these meetings to layout the new website www.MDVolunteer.org. This website should be live by this convention. We have also continued to work with the R&R Committee and Safety Committee and remain available to assist any committee as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
John Denver & Michael Faust
Co-Chairs

Report of the Incentive Programs Committee

President Davis, Vice-President Bilger, Vice President Blair, Delegates and Guests. The Incentive Programs Committee was established as a "Standing Committee" in 1995 with two objectives. Oversee the Counties Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and collect the points reports from each County to submit to the Maryland Comptroller's office for the Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program.

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Nineteen (19) Counties and two (2) municipalities now administer programs. All counties are requested to keep the Committee informed of any programs established or any changes to their existing program. This program is an award program for a members' years of service in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS or

Rescue service. Those Counties paying their members an incentive vary as to the amount. This is a County funded program and is not transferable from County to County. A summary sheet of existing LOSAP incentive payments can be found on the website in the Incentive Programs Committee Section. All payments for LOSAP is taxable by the IRS however is not taxable by the State of Maryland.

Tax Incentive Program (TIP)

The Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program was established in 1996 offering those active members in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS and Rescue service the ability to deduct a certain amount of money from their gross state income if they qualify by earning points thru their County LOSAP or Points program. The amount they can deduct for 2016 is \$4,250.00. The amount they can deduct for 2017 is increased by \$250.00 to \$4,500.00. The amount will continue by \$250.00 each year until it reaches \$5,000.00. Qualified members may take this deduction by submitting form MSFA-P.2.2 with their Maryland Tax Return. (Be sure to use the form with the current deductible amount and revision date.) The revised form for 2017 will be placed on the website during August this year.

The program requires that a member earn at least 50 points in at least 2 categories per year for any 3 out of the last 10 calendar years. If a member has not achieved at least 25 years of service, 1 of those years must have been earned during the taxable year (in this case that would be 2016). If a member has achieved 25 or more years of service it only requires any 3 years out of the last 10 years. The rule for members achieving 25 or more years of qualified service HAS NOT CHANGED. They must still have at least 3 qualifying years out of the last 10 years.

Everyone must have at least 36 full months of service in order to qualify. For the year 2016 a members must have a date of membership on or before January 1, 2014. For the year 2015, 12765 members qualified for the tax incentive. Reports are still being gathered for 2016 and when complete you will be able to view the total count of members by County on the MSFA website. That report will be available later on this year.

The Committee is very aware as to the importance of protecting a members' personal identifiable information such as social security numbers. The reports we collect must contain the social security number of the person earning the tax incentive as this is the only way the Maryland State Comptroller's Office can match the members' tax form with our report. We send a total report of all members that qualify to the Maryland State Controller's office each year. With that said we have developed a secure website that the Points Coordinators will upload their yearly reports to protecting this data.

The TIP program is a State wide program and points can be transferred from County to County via form MSFA-P.2.3 (10/97) found on the MSFA website.

If the Committee can be of help or answer any questions on either the LOSAP or TIP programs please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Fire Captain- 1950 & 1956; 1st Lieutenant -1962-1964; Chief Engineer-1961. He served as a Director on the Board from 1972-1974.

He became an active life member in 1974 for 30 years of service. He was inducted into the Harford-Cecil Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 1991. At the banquet on February 1, 1992, Bunk was honored for 50 years of active service to the fire company. The first fire company member with 50 years of active service to receive proclamations, certificates, and plaques from the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Association, the Harford County Executive, the Harford County Council, and the Maryland General Assembly.



Miscellaneous

I would also like to thank President Davis for his support this past year. Many thanks to Rick Hemphill for maintaining the secure website for gathering the Points Coordinators reports. Last I thank the Committee and the individual County Points Coordinators for their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stuart W. Carter, Chairman

Incentive Programs Committee Members

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*Report of the
Fire Laws Book Committee*

President Davis, Vice President's Bilger and Blair, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year.

We changed the practice of purchasing approximately 500 copies of the Fire Laws Books and distributing them to our offi-

cers, legislators, past presidents, every department, and certain government partners every two years to purchasing 300 copies. The 300 copies still enable us to provide books to the officers, legislators in Annapolis, Past Presidents, certain committees and some partner agencies. This change enabled the Association to provide those necessary copies and reallocate funds to other Association projects.

Fire Law Books were distributed the opening day of the Maryland General Assembly to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and members of the General Assembly. Books have also been distributed to the MSFA Officers, Fire Prevention Commission, and State Fire Marshal's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephan D. Cox PP. Chair



*Report of the
Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee*

We would first like to thank President Mike Davis for his support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee have 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 Bilger and President Blair in support of their respective years.

This year we held meetings in:

- Prince George's County – Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building.
- Singerly Fire Company
- Committee Support MSFA/MFRI - Maryland Weekend Emmittsburg
- MFRI – College Park University of Maryland
- Carroll County Training Facility

As always this committee has great people to help support the efforts and our many messages I would like to thank Vice Chairs, Dave Reid and Holley Trego and Secretary Daria Brown thank you for dedicated work in the world of Fire Prevention and Life Safety for this state.

Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci I would like to thank you for all of the support that you have given towards the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee of the state this past year. This year we have tried to do our best in support of the needs of this state and the support to your team. Thank you for the support to myself and our committee we are always ready to serve you and support the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal.



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To the sub-committee members, I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the programs we work on. To Bruce, Cyndy, Lori, Bridgett, Debbie and Robin and Susan, thank you for leading the charge in your respective programs for the committee. This group could not function without your efforts and time to getting valuable information to the MSFA membership. 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. Your work is very important and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee.

To Sierra and Emily, You both did a great job and your travels and efforts are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on a successful year. I would like to thank the many other Fire Prevention Ambassadors for your years as we go around the state is very important to see the upcoming ambassadors helping spread the efforts of our messages. Congratulation for all that you do.

To President Barbara Sue Nelson and Chairman Rose Pandolfini and Vice Chairman Susan Hilton 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.

In closing we lost a very valuable member to our committee. It was with great sadness that we all shared the news of the passing of John Spiker. He served countless years in the efforts of providing fire prevention and life safety to his community and the community of the state. We will always remember his spirit and zeal and passion towards this committee. To his family and FD family we pass on to you all our heartfelt thanks for allowing him to be a part of our Fire Prevention Family.

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 Miss Fire Prevention

MSFA President Davis, First Vice President Bilger, Second Vice President Blair, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, Delegates, and Guest to the 125th annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Fireman's Association, it is hard to believe that my journey as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention has ended. It has been an honor to serve this great association this past year. I've been attending meetings, open houses, banquets, fundraisers, and special events throughout this great state. I want to thank everyone for your hospitality and friendship as I have been traveling.

My special thanks goes to my home company Potomac Valley Fire Company and the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association. I wouldn't have gotten as far as I have without either of them. I'd also like to thank my Supervisors at County Medical Transport for always giving me off when I needed it. I'd also like to thank my family for being so supportive during this past year.

To Susan Hilton, words will never express my appreciation, love, support, and guidance you've given me this year. I would also, like to thank my first runner up, Emily Reaver, for always riding along and being a great friend throughout the year. I wish you both the best of luck in your upcoming adventures.

I would like to thank MSFA President Michael Davis and LAMSFA President Barbra Sue Nelson for their continued support throughout the year, as well. To Bridget Weishaar, Lori Denbow, and Teresa Crisman, thank you for your support, and guidance throughout the year.

To the newly crowned MSFA Miss Fire Prevention, I wish you the best of luck in your upcoming year. Make sure you take time for yourself, but have fun spreading the message of fire prevention and traveling our lovely state! Finally, I would like to thank my fiancé for his continued support throughout the year. This has been an amazing experience, and I'm beyond blessed to have held this title.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sierra Smallwood
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

Report of the Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up

After this past year I truly understand the meaning of "time flies when you're having fun". It had been my honor to serve as the MSFA 1st Runner-Up for 2016/17. As of April 23rd, I have driven 6300 miles with a goal by Convention 2017 of 8500 miles. Traveling to various county meetings, open houses, seminars, I have made memories for a lifetime. Some of my favorites include traveling to the Somerset County meeting by boat to Smith Island, the Executive Meetings, the 125th Anniversary Celebrations, the Polar Bear Plunge, the LAMSFA Conferences, and any opportunity I had to teach a Fire Prevention lesson.

I would like to thank all the members of the MSFA, LAMSFA, and the Fire Prevention Committee for their endless support and encouragement. I would also like to specifically thank my best friend, Susan Hilton, and her parents Barb and Gary for taking me under their wing and donning me an "Honorary Hilton". To my boyfriend and mother for their endless support and understanding. To Melissa Williams for introducing me to the world of Fire Prevention. And to Bruce Bouch for all of his knowledge and assistance through my internship.

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serving as the Maryland Life Safety Information Exchange Intern and am pursuing a career in Fire Research. I will treasure these memories I have made for a lifetime.

Thank you,
Emily Reaver
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

President Davis, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 125th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the Hall of Fame Committee received **twenty four (24)** nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and **twenty one (21)** 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 and in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for 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 service. 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 20, 2017, 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.

Chair, C. Dan Carpenter, III,
Vice Chair, Ben Kurtz,
Member Emeritus, C. Oscar Baker,
Members
Charlie Abrecht, David Keller, III, PP

Fred Cross, PP
John Ferguson, III
Timothy Jones

Bill Lay
Richard Smith,
Richard Yinger, PP.

The committee and I would also like to thank President Davis 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 Legislative Committee

President Davis, Vice Presidents Bilger and Blair, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests. The 2017 Legislative session started on January 11 and ended on April 10. Again a great deal of time was spent continuing to build relationships with members of the General Assembly as well as to explain Maryland's Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.

During the session volunteer personnel worked a total of 1,801 hours, consisting of 317 visits to the office at 17 State Circle for a total of 25,977 miles. There were 1661 House Bills and 1200 Senate Bills introduced by Legislators. We estimated paid personnel performing the functions of our committee would have cost \$81,045.00. The legislative committee monitored 45 of these bills for impact on the Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services of the great state of Maryland. This year's primary goals were to support MSFA's Budget request for appropriations, provide additional funds for the Senator Amos 508 fund bringing it to \$15,000,000.00, and to support or Oppose Public Safety Legislation. (17Total) which included efforts to oppose legislation to adjust the Residential Sprinkler requirement, change the appointment and term of the State Fire Marshal, provide a property tax relief, modify the income tax subtraction modification, and to render aid to animals through Emergency Veterinary Care, Liability Immunity.

Our legislative reception was held on January 24th and was well attended by legislators and members of the Emergency Services as well as our partner agencies. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association under the direction of their Chair Carene Housenfluck did an OUTSTANDING job putting the reception together and fixing the food. As usual the ladies did a GREAT job and this committee would not be successful without their dedication and support. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work and I can say it is certainly a pleasure to work with them.

The committee would like to say a special thanks to Senator Mathias and Delegates Holmes, Rey, and Sample-Hughes for their support throughout the session. Thanks also goes to the Fire Caucus for their help and support. A special thank you goes to Jim Malone and Bill Bernard for their guidance and support. The committee also would like to thank our partner agencies

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To Governor Hogan and Lieutenant Governor Rutherford and their staff we thank you for all the support during the session. We look forward to working with you next year.

A copy of our legislative report is attached outlining the progress of the legislation supported, monitored or opposed.

I would like to say thank you to PP Bernard Smith, Laura Wood, Ed Wood, Charles Walker, and most importantly Richard Smith for all their support and hard work during the session. Richard Smith and Chuck Walker did an outstanding job monitoring and working issues regarding residential sprinklers and were successful in defeating those bills. Richard congratulations to you and Chuck on a job well done. Lastly, I would like to thank you to Presidents Davis, Bilger and Blair for their support and attendance during the session. It has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman



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

The program book committee would like to congratulate the Officers of the Association and the Ladies Auxiliary for a successful year. We would like to thank the Officers for allowing us the opportunity to prepare this 125th Convention Program Book. The results of this year's book are attributed to the cooperation we have received from the Association. Our thanks to all. My personal thank to every member of the program book committee.

Danny Carpenter
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Sincerely – Tom Mattingly, Chairman

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MSFA Bills of Interest - (May 22, 2017)

There have been 1200 Senate Bills and 1661 House Bills introduced to date. We are currently tracking the following 45 bills. The MSFA stance on these bills will be determined later. A breakdown of these bills are as follows:

OPPOSING THE FOLLOWING:

Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 2	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB1380 (SB0978)	Public Safety - State Fire Marshal - Appointment and Term	Delegate <u>Beitzel</u>	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 3/10/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0978 (HB1380)	Public Safety - State Fire Marshal - Appointment and Term	Senator <u>Edwards</u>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/9/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	

SUPPORTING WITH AMENDMENTS:

Important change as the following Bill will now be placed back under supporting with Amendment No. 2 attached

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 1	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0107	Department of Housing and Community Development - Funding for Newly Constructed Single-Family Homes	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 1/31/2017 - 2:00 p.m.	

Amendment #2 reads:

On page 3, in line 3, after "WITH", strike "BUILDING AND FIRE CODES", and insert "APPLICABLE CODES AND REQUIREMENTS".

SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING:

Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 14	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0100 / CH0154 (SB0597 / CH0153)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Delegate Hixson	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 154	Ways and Means 2/1/2017 - 2:30 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0216 (SB0269)	Emergency Veterinary Care - Immunity From Liability	Delegate Lam	Passed Enrolled	Environment and Transportation 2/8/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0388 (SB0322)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	Speaker	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/8/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0571 (SB0282 / CH0173)	Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Acquisition of Dwelling	Delegate Shoemaker	Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/23/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0600 (SB0175)	Public Health - Use of Medical Oxygen in Residential Dwellings - Smoking and Open Flame Restrictions	Delegate Kramer	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters 2/15/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1267	Workers' Compensation - Members of Volunteer Company - Computation of Average Weekly Wage	Delegate Valderrama	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters 3/3/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1436	Civil Actions - Duty to Render Assistance	Delegate Lisanti	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 3/8/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	

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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 14	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB1623	Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund	Delegate Sample-Hughes	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0175 (HB0600)	Public Health - Use of Medical Oxygen in Residential Dwellings - Smoking and Open Flame Restrictions	Senator Manno	Unfavorable Report by Finance	Finance 2/2/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0269 (HB0216)	Emergency Veterinary Care - Immunity From Liability	Senator Lee	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 2/9/2017 - 1:00 p.m. Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Environment and Transportation 3/29/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0282 / CH0173 (HB0571)	Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Alterations	Senator Ready	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 173	Budget and Taxation 2/15/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/30/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0322 (HB0388)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	President	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/22/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0597 / CH0153 (HB0100 / CH0154)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Senator Guzzone	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 153	Budget and Taxation 2/22/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/29/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
SB1103	Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund	Senator Mathias	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/14/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	

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MONITORING THE FOLLOWING:

Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 16	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0019	Hate Crimes - Prohibitions and Protected Classes - Expansion to Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Delegate Arentz	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 1/25/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0206	Public Health - Child Care Products Containing Flame-Retardant Chemicals - Prohibition	Delegate Angel	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/7/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0329	Reckless and Negligent Driving - Death of Another - Must-Appear Violation (Ryan's Law)	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 2/1/2017 - 3:00 p.m.	
HB0600 (SB0175)	Public Health - Use of Medical Oxygen in Residential Dwellings - Smoking and Open Flame Restrictions	Delegate Kramer	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters 2/15/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0881	Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Officers, and First Responders	Delegate Malone	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 2/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0979	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officers	Delegate Luedtke	Returned Passed	Ways and Means 3/2/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/30/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1066 / CH0176 (SB0201 / CH0175)	Education - Fire Drill Requirements - State Fire Prevention Code	Delegate Ebersole	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 176	Ways and Means 2/28/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 16	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB1084 (SB1104)	Income Tax Credit - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Delegate Buckel	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/8/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1311 (SB0722)	Public Safety - Light Frame Combustible Construction - Requirements	Delegate McCray	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/14/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1623	Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund	Delegate Sample-Hughes	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0175 (HB0600)	Public Health - Use of Medical Oxygen in Residential Dwellings - Smoking and Open Flame Restrictions	Senator Manno	Unfavorable Report by Finance	Finance 2/2/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0201 / CH0175 (HB1066 / CH0176)	Education - Fire Drill Requirements - State Fire Prevention Code	Senator King	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 175	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/1/2017 - 2:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0466	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System - 9-1-1 Director's Council (Carl Henn's Law)	Senator Kagan	Hearing 4/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/14/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 4/8/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0722 (HB1311)	Public Safety - Light Frame Combustible Construction - Requirements	Senator Conway	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1103	Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund	Senator Mathias	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/14/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1104 (HB1084)	Income Tax Credit - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Senator Edwards	Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/15/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	

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LOCAL BILLS FOLLOWING:

Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 8	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0022	Baltimore City Fire Department - Motorized Fire Equipment - Report	Delegate Conaway	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 3/10/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/30/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0301 (SB0482)	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company	Delegate Miele	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/11/2017 - 12:00 p.m.	
HB0570 (SB0097)	Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Community Center	Delegate Saab	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/11/2017 - 9:00 a.m.	
HB0758 (SB0591)	Garrett County - Payment to Rescue Squads	Delegate Beitzel	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 3/7/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
HB1604 / CH0148	Howard County - Transfer Tax Exemption and Rate Reduction - Law Enforcement Officers and Fire and Rescue Services Members Ho. Co. 17-17	Howard County Delegation	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 148	Ways and Means 3/15/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 4/4/2017 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0097 (HB0570)	Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Community Center	Senator Reilly	Hearing 3/11 at 11:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/11/2017 - 11:00 a.m.	

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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 8	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
<u>SB0482</u> (HB0301)	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company	<u>Senator Klausmeier</u>	Hearing 3/11 at 9:00 a.m.	<u>Budget and Taxation</u> 3/11/2017 - 9:00 a.m.	
<u>SB0591</u> (HB0758)	Garrett County - Payment to Rescue Squads	<u>Senator Edwards</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 2/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 4/5/2017 - 1:00 p.m.

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WITHDRAWN BILLS:

Important Status Change. The following bill has been withdrawn by the sponsor, please review.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 4	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0170	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Delegate Krimm	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	Ways and Means	
HB0175	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Delegate Jackson	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	Ways and Means	
HB1195	High School Graduation Requirements - Student Service - Fire Fighting Training and Volunteer Hours	Delegate Adams	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	Ways and Means	
SB1130	Health Insurance - Volunteer Emergency Responders - Benefits Under Blanket Policies and Contracts	Senator Mathias	Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn	Finance	

Our bulletin offers up-to-date information on legislation that the MSFA is tracking. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the listed legislation, please contact us via phone or e-mail. Also, before addressing any Legislative matters, please contact the Legislative Committee so that we can keep the goals of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in the forefront.

We are here to assist with questions or concerns relating to the status of any particular piece of legislation. Should you have any information on issues of special interest to the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services, please let us know. The MSFA Legislative Office phone number is 410-974-2222. Our e-mail address is msfaleg@msfa.org. If you need to speak with the Chairman, please contact:

Chairman Stephan D. Cox at 443-867-6303 (c), e-mail: msfa96@gmail.com

Vice Chairman Richard Smith at 410-829-2232 (c), e-mail: richard21601@yahoo.com

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To find information on a bill, go to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>, page down to "Bill Information and Status" then enter HB (House Bill) number or SB (Senate Bill) number, then press enter.

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Stephan D. Cox, Chairman
Richard Smith, Vice Chairman



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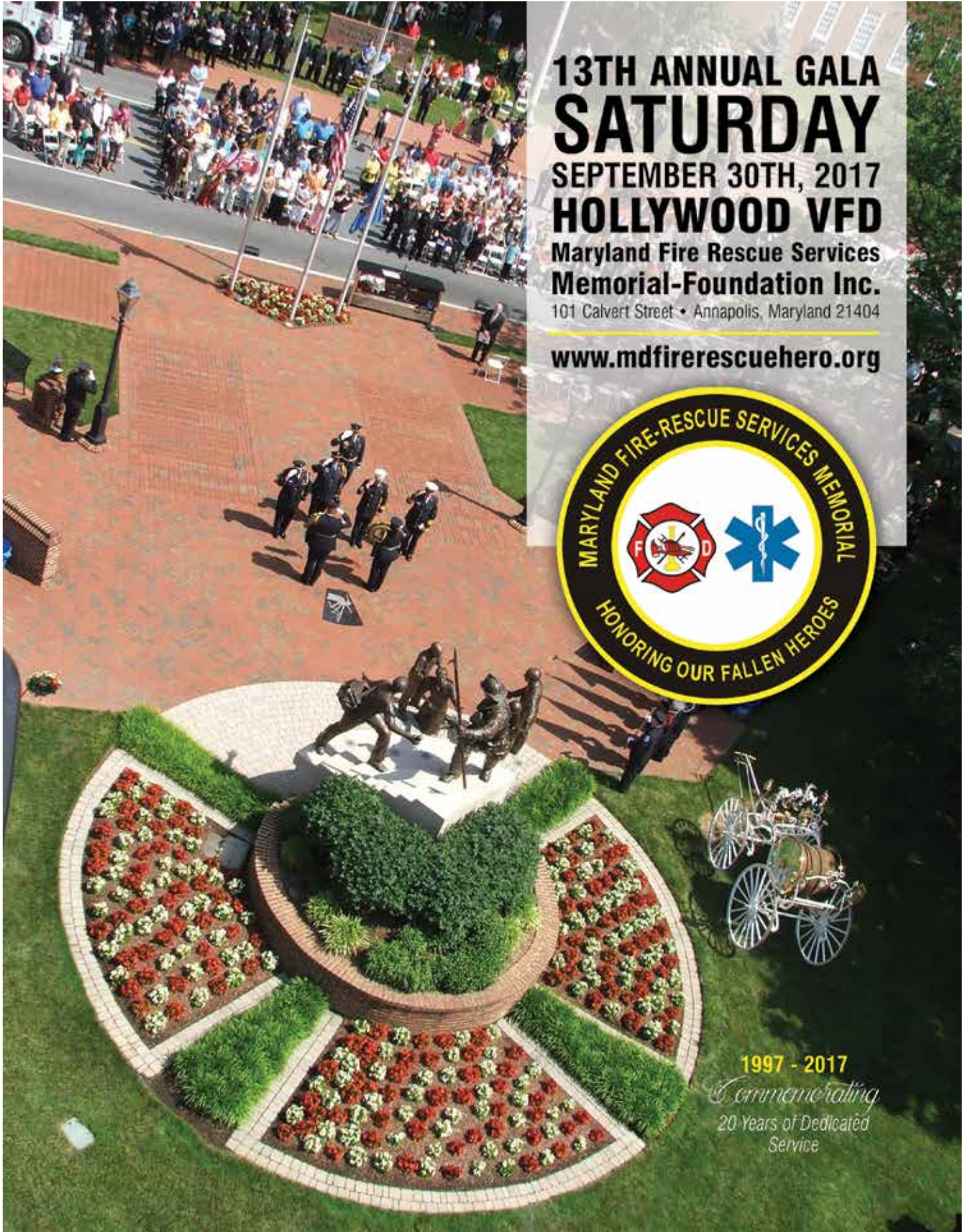
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*Report of the
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President Davis, Legislative Branch Director Stephen Cox I want to thank you on behalf of the following committee members for appointing us, Vice Chairman C. Daniel Davis, Jr. Eric Bernard, Marcine Goodloe, Pete Mellits, Harve Ed Woods Sr., and Laura Woods, the Federal Legislative Oversight Sub-Committee.

Some of the Fire Service Issues in the 115th Congress are listed below along with the Legislation that I reported on at the February Executive Committee meeting. You may also visit [Thomas, the Library of Congress Legislative Database](#), for information on legislation introduced during the current and past Congresses.

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION ACT

H.R. 746 was introduced by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9) on January 30, 2017.

S. 246 was introduced by Senator Robert Menendez (NJ) on January 30, 2017.

Summary: The legislation establishes a grant program at the Department of Education to make awards to institutes of higher education for fire prevention and education programs.

FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY ACT

H.R. 931 was introduced by Congressman Chris Collins (NY-27) on February 7, 2017.

S. 382 was introduced by Senator Robert Menendez (NJ) on February 15, 2017.

Summary: The legislation creates a specialized national registry to provide researchers and epidemiologists with the tools and resources they need to improve research collection activities related to the monitoring of cancer incidence among firefighters.

FIRE SPRINKLER INCENTIVE ACT

H.R. 1481 was introduced by Congressman Tom Reed (NY-23) on March 9, 2017.

S. 602 was introduced by Senator Susan Collins (ME) on March 9, 2017.

Summary: The legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION ACT

H.R. 1550 was introduced by Congressman David Reichert (WA-8) on March 15, 2017.

Summary: The legislation exempts from federal income tax any property tax benefit and up to \$600 per year of any other type of benefit that a state or local unit of government provides to volunteer emergency responders as a recruitment or retention incentive.

FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 829 was introduced by Senator John McCain (AZ) on April 5, 2017.

Summary: Summary: The legislation reauthorizes the Assistance to Firefighters, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response, and Fire Prevention and Safety grant programs through the end of Fiscal Year 2023.

FIRST NET

The Department of Commerce and First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) announced the selection of AT&T to build the first nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to America's first responders. This record-breaking public-private partnership is a significant investment in the communications infrastructure that public safety desperately needs for day-to-day operations.

H.R. 1720 Length of Service Award Program Cap Adjustment Priority (LOSAP CAP Act)

What is LOSAP?

LOSAP is a retirement account for volunteer emergency responders that approximately 20 percent of the 808,150 volunteer firefighters in the United States are enrolled in. Many communities provide modest financial incentives to their volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel to boost recruitment and retention and LOSAP is one of the most popular benefits.

What does the LOSAP CAP Act do?

Under current tax law there is a \$3,000 limit on annual contributions into LOSAPs. Established in 1996, the cap has not been adjusted for inflation.

The LOSAP CAP Act would raise the annual contribution limit to \$6,000 and create a mechanism for adjusting the cap for inflation.

Why is the current cap on LOSAP contributions problematic?

Since the \$3,000 cap on annual LOSAP contributions was established in 1996, the value of contributions has increased. A large part of this is simply inflation - \$3,000 in 1996 dollars is worth more than \$4,600 today. Additionally, as it becomes harder to recruit and retain younger volunteers, many older volunteers are continuing to serve later in life. This impacts the LOSAP cap because for defined benefit LOSAPs the actuarial value of annual contributions rises incrementally with each year

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program Appropriations

Request: Restore AFG funding in FY 2018 to \$405

Why is restoring AFG funding critical?

Since FY 2009, overall funding for AFG has been reduced from \$565 million to \$345 million in FY 2016. From FY 2004-FY 2009 volunteer fire departments received, on average, more than \$200 million annually through AFG. This enabled thousands of fire departments to reach a baseline level of readiness.

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Since FY 2010 support for volunteer departments through AFG has been cut substantially. From FY 2010-2015 volunteer departments have received approximately \$95 million annually. The combination of reduced funding and increased costs has made getting a grant very challenging. Providing \$405 million for AFG in FY 2018 would allow FEMA to fund more high quality grant applications from volunteer fire departments.

Reauthorization of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program

Request: Reauthorize AFG and SAFER

Why is reauthorizing AFG and SAFER critical?

The current authorization expires on January 2, 2018. The last time that AFG and SAFER were reauthorized Congress included a provision that would cause the programs to sunset if they are not reauthorized. Eliminating these programs would be devastating to thousands of fire departments across the nation, and particularly smaller volunteer departments that desperately lack resources.

United States Fire Administration (USFA) Appropriations

Request: Ask appropriators to provide \$50 million for USFA in FY 2018

What is USFA?

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) provides training to more than 80,000 fire and emergency services personnel each year. USFA also performs research and collects data specific to the fire service and fire service activities and educates the public on the importance of fire safety. The long-term health of USFA and its National Fire Academy (NFA) are critical to the fire service.

Why is USFA important?

Access to training is a significant problem in the volunteer fire service. USFA delivers training directly to individuals through NFA and remotely through online course offerings. It also makes course offerings available to state fire training academies, which are able to deliver services in rural areas typically served by volunteer agencies.

Since 2002, USFA's funding has been cut by more than 31 percent, to \$44 million in FY 2016. Past funding reductions have resulted in delays in the development of new courses, revisions of existing curriculum and facilities maintenance. Meanwhile, even as funding for USFA has been reduced, operating costs have increased.

Why should funding for USFA be restored?

Due to the rising cost of travel stipends more than 2,000 qualified applicants have had to be turned away over the past two years. Additionally, the funds that USFA gives to state fire training academies to teach NFA courses at the local level have been static for years and consequently, the number of students trained has dropped by about 40 percent since FY 2010. To reverse this

trend the NVFC Congress should provide \$50 million for USFA in FY 2018.

Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (H.R. 1550)

What does VRIPA do?

The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) exempts nominal incentives that volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel receive as a reward for their service from being subject to federal income tax and reporting. Specifically, the bill would exempt property tax benefits and/or up to \$600 per year of other benefit types from federal taxation.

In order to bolster recruitment and retention many fire and EMS agencies now provide benefits, including non-monetary gifts, reductions in property taxes or other fees, per-call payments, stipends and/or retirement benefits. Volunteer benefits are typically small but demonstrate community support.

Why should minor volunteer benefits be exempted from taxation as income?

The IRS has determined that volunteers who receive benefits should be treated as employees of the departments that they serve for tax purposes. This has created a significant amount of confusion for volunteer fire departments, which do not view themselves as employers or their volunteers as employees. Uneven enforcement and poor communication from the IRS to volunteer fire departments has exacerbated the situation. Volunteer fire departments throughout the country have been audited and even fined thousands of dollars for failure to report or improper reporting of benefit amounts, sometimes as small as a few hundred dollars per year per volunteer.

Concerns over becoming the target of an IRS investigation only add to the significant burden that having to process tax paperwork and withholding for dozens of volunteer emergency responders imposes on small communities that may not employ anyone or have administrative staff. Passing VRIPA would allow agencies to provide minor benefits without having to worry about being audited by the IRS. It would also enhance the incentive value of volunteer benefits by allowing individuals to keep the entire amount.

Respectfully,
Robert Cumberland, Chair

*Report of the
Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial
Foundation*

As always, we want to thank the convention committee for giving us space for the display at convention. It is the best location and one that invites many folks to stop by and talk. We appreciate the great partnership we have with the MSFA. We are again having several fund raising events during convention week and



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Unfortunately, we are adding more names to the wall this year. Our condolences to the families and hopefully this place of remembrance will be a healing for their loss. Plans are going well for the annual service to be held Sunday, June 4, hope to see all of you there starting at 2pm. We are anticipating a crowd of 250-300 folks to attend. The Sea of Blue has now become an inspiring part of the ceremony.

Again our July meeting was hosted by the Baltimore City FD at the boat dock near Fort McHenry. We were treated to great hospitality and a ride on the John Frazier into the harbor. We conducted a small business meeting allowing time to enjoy the evening. This has become an annual event and certainly we look forward to it.

We wish to thank all who assisted with our GALA this year. Thanks to the MSFA for sponsoring a table. We had a great program, good music throughout the evening and a profitable silent auction. Again, thanks to all who helped. We need to recognize the Hollywood VFC and ladies auxiliary for the outstanding work they did for the GALA and we will be returning back there again this year.

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 MSFA member companies who also continue to support the Foundation.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling bricks, pictures and other wares. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to again thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. 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 Davis, Vice President's Bilger and Blair, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2016 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 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 125th annual convention.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) 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 2014, 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 injuries and fatalities."

Fire Service Survivors Network - The Fire Service Survivors Network is a group of family members of fallen firefighters who provide peer support to newly-bereaved families. Members of the Network provided emotional support to the survivors of 2015 and 2016 fallen firefighters. These matches took into account similarities between the newly-bereaved survivor and a Network member. For example, widows who have young children were matched with widows from previous years who had young children when their firefighter died.

Fire Service Survivors Wellness Conference - The Conference was held in Portland, Oregon, on May 13 - 14, 2016. The conference provided workshops on grief, wellness, self-care and practical skills.

Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters - Parents told us their grieving children needed assistance so the Foundation created the Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters, weekend bereavement camps. The camps are free and the Foundation helps cover costs of travel and provides lodging. They allow the children to meet other kids who have the same experiences and learn skills to cope with grief. Thirty-three children between the ages of 7 and 17 attended the camp in Wrightwood, California from July 8-10. Each camper was matched with a fire service volunteer who was specially trained to provide support and served as their "Big Buddy." The camp for ages 4-6 was held in Florida from August 19-20, with 10 children attending. While the children were at camp, the parents met with a grief specialist to discuss how their children deal with grief and get guidance on how to help them with the grieving process.

Young Adults Retreat - The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has long wanted to better serve the Young Adult Children of fallen firefighters. Thanks to a generous donation from the family of fallen Firefighter Timothy T. Gunther (2015-NY), the first annual Young Adults Retreat was held at the Airlie Center in Warrenton, VA. The retreat was free to participants and the Foundation helped cover costs of travel and provided lodging and ground transportation. The retreat allowed the young adults to meet others who have experienced the loss of a parent. The young adults attended a variety of sessions covering discussions

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on understanding grief, healthy ways to manage grief, basic financial management, as well as culinary and creative expression for self-improvement. Young adults also had an opportunity to connect with others and support one another. The young adults were welcoming and supportive with their peers and bonded quickly. The diverse group included those who lost their parent early in childhood, as well as those whose loss was very recent.

Outward Bound - The Foundation partners with Colorado Outward Bound School (COBS) to provide a 7-day camp for young adults. It combined backpacking, hiking, and camping in the majestic mountains of Colorado with activities designed to encourage expression in a safe environment to help them find healing. Five children of fallen firefighters, aged 18-25, participated in the COBS during the week of August 8-14. The Foundation paid their tuition and assisted with travel expenses.

Scholarships - Scholarship recipients were from 27 different states. New York had the greatest number of recipients with 23. Of those, 17 recipients are survivors of firefighters killed on 9/11. Illinois had the second highest number of recipients with 4. Recipients are attending institutions in 31 states. Recipients include 26 survivors of volunteer firefighters and 41 survivors of career firefighters.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend - Relatives of those we honored this year were welcomed by the Foundation during a special dinner on Friday, October 7. On Saturday morning, the survivors met in groups based upon their relationship to the firefighter. They were able to learn about the services offered by the NFFF and talk with others who understand their feelings. In the evening, the families gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for the annual Candlelight Service. On Sunday, October 9, 112 firefighters were officially honored at the 35th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. Survivors received an American flag that was flown above the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the U.S. Capitol, a rose, and a special badge in honor of their firefighter. Through music, tributes, and cherished traditions, we reassured families that we would never forget.

Walk of Honor® - To help sustain the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, bricks can be purchased and placed in the Walk of Honor®. Families and departments often purchase bricks in honor of fallen firefighters or to commemorate a significant event in the life of a firefighter still serving his community, such as a promotion, retirement, birthday or holiday gift. The Foundation has been working diligently with state associations to honor their firefighters in the new Pre-1981 Walk of Honor® section. There are commitments from Oregon, Oklahoma, Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Delaware, Mississippi and New Hampshire to place bricks in this section. Illinois and Pennsylvania are working on theirs, as well.

Project Roll Call - Families and departments can submit a profile, photo and additional information about a loved one or colleague who made the ultimate sacrifice prior to 1981, when the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial was built. The Foundation

has added a pre-1981 holiday tree and dedicating a special section in the Walk of Honor® this month. The program identifies and honors firefighters who died in the line of duty prior to 1981 when the National Memorial was established. In June 2016, the Foundation dedicated a special section of the Walk of Honor® on the grounds of the Memorial, to honor those who lost their lives prior to 1981. The Foundation continues to receive names and bios from state associations, departments, and individuals for line-of-duty deaths (LODDs) prior to 1981. We will add a new section to our website for Project Roll Call in 2017.

Fire Service Programs continued to work towards the Everyone Goes Home® program goals of reducing firefighter fatalities and injuries. Several projects that began in prior years were completed in 2016, including the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge and the final reports from two 2015 meetings. Both the 2015 Research Agenda Symposium Report and Heart to Heart: Strategizing an Evidence-Based Approach to Reducing Cardiac Disease and Death in the fire service were released in early 2016. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation also undertook new initiatives to reduce risk, increase health, and build resiliency among firefighters, and to address gaps and opportunities identified during the 2014 Firefighter Life Safety Summit (Tampa2).

Behavioral Health in the Fire Service - The Foundation continues to develop and disseminate behavioral health materials. In December 2016, a group of subject matter experts met in Baltimore, Maryland to discern the needs of individual fire departments in terms of implementing a comprehensive behavioral health program. Information from this meeting will be consolidated into a clear, easy-to-use behavioral health management guide, which will provide fire departments with a blueprint to establish a new behavioral health program, or enhance an existing program.

Cardiac Health in the Fire Service - In September 2016, researchers, fire service leaders, and organizational representatives gathered to strategize branding and messaging that support recommendations from the Heart to Heart final report. Speakers focused on cardiovascular disease, the need for decisive marketing support, and obstacles to making a greater impact on prevention.

Two panel discussions addressed the attributes and elements of successful messaging/marketing plans to motivate change within the fire service. Attendees participated in brainstorming for potential marketing campaigns. As a result, outreach materials to reach firefighters, company officers and organizational levels are being developed.

Firefighter Burn Support - The Everyone Goes Home® program is pleased to partner with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, the nation's premier organization providing short and long term support for burn survivors. In October 2016, Everyone Goes Home® trainers delivered the Stress First Aid training course at the World Burn Congress in Providence, Rhode Island. The course was a resounding success — both burn injured firefighters and nurses from burn centers across the country received the training.

Congratulations to

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Best wishes for your convention week.

Thank you for your past support
and I ask for your continued support

Richard Blair



for 1st Vice President

Of the

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Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance - The Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance (FSOCA) focuses attention on the rising rate of occupational cancers among firefighters. The dedicated members of the Alliance work to conduct research, identify best practices, and disseminate updated information across all fire service audiences. In June 2016, a comprehensive report of the findings and recommendations was published. The FSOCA will present a symposium in Phoenix (AZ) from September 7-8, 2017, to bring the current state of the science, prevention methodologies, best practices and other pertinent information on the issue to a broad audience.

Company Officer Development - In December 2016, the City of Charleston Fire Department, in South Carolina, hosted a prototype of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Company Officer Development course. Multiple middle managers from the Charleston Fire Department and surrounding jurisdictions attended the program.

Giving Courage – LODD Chiefs Documentary - Twelve fire chiefs from across the nation shared their stories regarding the difficult challenges they faced after a member of their department was killed in the line of duty. These poignant and personal accounts are a compelling reminder of the need to remain vigilant in terms of firefighter survivability, and to know what to do should the worst happen to one of your own. The documentary was filmed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was released in July 2016. Additional footage was compiled into follow-up mini-documentaries, to be released in 2017.

Regional Advocate Summit - The Everyone Goes Home® Advocate team continues to serve as the boots on the ground for the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. To provide program direction for the immediate future, a strategic planning workshop was held in November 2016 near Austin, Texas. To begin the meeting, Regional Advocate Managers participated in a review of three historically significant incidents. The review focused participants' attention on the reality of the work that Advocates do on behalf of the program, and laid the groundwork for a strategic planning process that would define goals, strategies, and outcomes for the Advocate program for the next three to five years.

Fire Hero Learning Network - The Foundation's online training network reached over 50,000 registered users in 2016. Two new modules for company officers were added: Health and Safety Responsibilities and Communication and Mentoring for Company Officers. Nine programs are now available. Communication & Mentoring for Company Officers, Company Officer's Health & Safety Responsibilities, Courage To Be Safe®, Creating Change In The Fire Service, Curbside Manner: Stress First Aid For The Streets, Everyone Goes Home®: After Action Review, Leadership, Accountability, Culture, Knowledge (LACK), Stress First Aid for Fire & EMS Personnel and Taking Care Of Our Own®.

Community Risk Reduction - The Foundation hosted a community risk reduction leadership summit in Annapolis, Maryland. As a result, a news article demonstrating the value of home fire

sprinklers "Sounding-off about Saving Lives," and a final report Leading and Living Life Safety Lessons Learned: Myths, Misconceptions and Misinformation about Fire Sprinklers and Smoke Alarms were released. A video was produced that highlighted how a home sprinkler system could have changed the outcomes for Maryland citizens who lost their lives in residential fires.

Local Assistance State Team Program - The Foundation trains fire departments to prepare for a line-of-duty death through the Taking Care of Our Own® program and provides immediate support to departments after a fatality. The Local Assistance State Team (LAST) program is funded by the Department of Justice (DOJ) - Bureau of Justice Assistance. The program's primary mission is to provide assistance to families and departments with preparation of Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) claims after a line-of-duty death. While the principal focus is overseeing the accurate and timely completion of PSOB claims, this vital program also offers immediate logistical, administrative, and emotional support after a fatality. Support may include funeral and memorial service planning and logistics, assistance with benefits paperwork, and connect surviving co-workers and immediate family with behavioral health resources. Several LAST technical advisors participated in the Department of Justice's beta tests to prepare for implementation of the new automated PSOB 2.0, which will modernize the claim submission process to a completely paperless environment. It will include a secure, web-based portal to enable users to submit and track the status of a claim, make inquiries regarding benefits, and receive communications from the PSOB office. The new system will evaluate information submitted online to determine what supporting documentation must be submitted to move the claim forward. This is an important step forward in DOJ's efforts to streamline and increase transparency of the claims process. LAST training in 2017 will focus on training teams in the use of the new system for submitting PSOB claims. The PSOB Office Director will oversee this training.

Foundation Marketing - Effective communication is vital to fulfilling the Foundation's mission. Engaging the fire service and public is an important part in honoring the fallen, keeping firefighters' safe, and finding support for our work. In addition to our websites, we launched "The Foundation Trumpet," a quarterly, online newsletter. This provides another avenue for learning more about the Foundation.

We continued building our relationships with traditional media outlets, and expanded our social media presence on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Pinterest. Through the Google AdWords Grant Program, we placed text ads about our programs and services to reach a broader audience both in and outside the fire service. In January 2016, we began five-year anniversary. Facebook posts for fallen firefighters who have been honored in Emmitsburg, Maryland. These remembrances have garnered positive feedback and engagement with our followers. Singer/songwriter Dave Carroll wrote The Fallen and the Brave to honor firefighters who died while protecting their communities. We worked with Dave to create his music video for the

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song, which was shot at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg. During the 2016 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, our Communications and Marketing team was joined by an ever-growing group of volunteers. Both the Candlelight and Memorial Services were streamed through VIS-TA Worldlink's generous donation of equipment, facilities and expertise in live-streaming and satellite transmissions. Likewise, Comcast generously provided technical assistance and equipment. These valuable partnerships allowed news websites and TV stations around the world to share the events with the fire service and the general public.

Supporting the Mission - Regional stair climbs that are held across the country continue to support the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. 48 Stair Climbs were held last year. 22 Golf Tournaments were held in 2016 across the country and continue to support the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Annual events continued to raise much needed funds for the Foundation. Some of the highlights included Stop, Drop, Rock 'n' Roll at FDIC and Firefighter Appreciation Day at Dover International Speedway. The Foundation partnered with Carry the Load to raise awareness and funds over the Memorial Day weekend. In October 2016, the Foundation also launched Boot Scootin' Boogie during Firehouse Expo. Volunteer coordinators held an additional 36 fundraising events around the country in 2016.

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 we hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 7-8, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director

*Report of the
MSFA Directors to the
National Volunteer Fire Council*

MSFA Directors Dave Lewis and Jimmy Seavey, Sr. have continued to accept additional areas of responsibility within the National Volunteer Fire Council. Each has a number of duties, to include:

David Lewis: Health, Safety and Training Committee
Homeland Security – Vice Chair
Recruitment and Retention
Standards and Codes

James Seavey: Volunteer Advocacy – Vice Chair
Cancer Subcommittee – Co-Chair
NVFC Foundation
Conference and Education Committee

While each of these committees are extremely busy throughout the year, below you will find a synopsis of the issues of greatest importance:

The spring Board Meeting included Council business as well as special events, including a keynote speech by *U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary John F. Kelly*, a roundtable on fire department sustainability, Officer and Executive Committee elections, and a banquet to honor the recipients of the NVFC's annual achievement awards.

Council Business

The NVFC brings its board together twice a year to conduct Council business. At each meeting, board members attended committee meetings on topics ranging from hazmat response, to health and safety, to recruitment and retention, to legislation, and much more. The NVFC Foundation and the EMS/Rescue Section also met. Both, Directors Lewis and Seavey were present at the NVFC Spring Board Meeting.

The full board addressed matters of interest to the Council and the volunteer fire and emergency services on the national level. Actions taken included:

- The board adopted a Diabetes Position Statement that advocates for firefighter physicals, education, and support.
- The board approved an expanded physicals statement that outlines options departments can consider when developing a firefighter medical assessment program. The board had previously adopted a position that supports annual medical assessments for all firefighters.
- The Health, Safety, and Training Committee created an officer training task force to develop training specific to junior/mid-level officers.
- The board voted to support NHTSA rule-making action regarding vehicle-to-vehicle technology.
- The Legislative Committee added AFG/SAFER Reauthorization and the LOSAP CAP Act to the NVFC's legislative priorities.

At the spring Board Meeting, DHS Secretary Kelly provided the keynote address to the board during the Chairman's Lunch. He commended the service and commitment of the nation's volunteer responders, emphasized the critical role of the fire service in homeland security, and vowed to argue for important fire service programs including the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant programs, which need reauthorization to continue.

Additional speakers included Allison Moore, NVFC Program Manager, who provided an update on the NVFC's Make Me A Firefighter recruitment campaign, and Nancy Green of Vetted Solutions, who presented a session on board leadership.

The NVFC holds Officer and Executive Committee elections every two years. Board leadership consists of an elected Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and five Executive Committee members. Also on the Executive



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Community Events

July 17th Carnival Parade
October 7th Kids Safety Day
November 11th Cash Raffle
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December 2nd Cookies with Santa
December 10th Pancake Breakfast
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Happy 125th Anniversary MSFA !

**The Members and Officers of the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department
Would Like to Thank**

Michael Davis for His Leadership During 2016/2017.

Committee are the chair of the Legislative Committee, President of the NVFC Foundation, and Chair of the EMS/Rescue Section. There were only a few changes to the make-up of the Executive Committee, with none of the Officers changing hands.

The 2017-19 NVFC Officers and Executive Committee are as follows:

Chair: Kevin D. Quinn (RI)

1st Vice Chair: Steve Hirsch (KS)

2nd Vice Chair: Dallas Renfrew (TX)

Secretary/Treasurer: Allen Metheny (DE)

Executive Committee:

Juan Bonilla (ID) - Chair of the EMS/Rescue Section;

Richard Brown (CA);

Jeff Cash (NC);

Bob Kilpeck (VT) - President of the NVFC Foundation;

Brian McQueen (NY);

T.J. Nedrow (WA) - Chair of the Legislative Committee;

Bill Offerman (IL);

Bob Timko (PA)

Cancer Initiatives

Director Seavey has suggested that a sub-website be established within the NVFC website to provide information on fire service cancer topics and a stream by which members of the Council can forward questions to the Cancer Subcommittee.

The NFPA has now established a Firefighter Cancer Study Team. The first meeting of the group focused on the cleaning of PPE. It was also mentioned that there is a very informative study available on line regarding the University of Arizona research on diesel particulates.

The first National Fire Service Cancer Symposium will be held on September 7th and 8th in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Firemen's Association of the State of New York has been the torch bearer for the volunteer service with regard to cancer in our occupation. In addition to numerous in-state programs for their members, FASNY has been hosting National Occupational Fire Service Cancer Alliance meetings at their office in Albany and will be doing so again this summer.

Daren D'Ippiloto of Provident Insurance has offered that the volunteer fire service must begin to compile data on occurrences of cancer. Further, it was offered that a matrix of presumptive legislation and other cancer specific laws should be developed and made available to the NVFC membership.

The idea is being floated to author a "Pink Paper" on cancer in the VOLUNTEER fire service.

Make Me A Firefighter

Director Lewis has been quite involved in the evolution of Make Me A Firefighter™, a national volunteer firefighter and EMS recruitment campaign launched in 2015 by the NVFC to help departments reach new members. The NVFC was awarded a SAFER grant from FEMA to conduct this nationwide campaign,

which features a department portal filled with resources and tools for implementing a local recruitment campaign as well as a public web site to allow potential volunteers to find local opportunities. Learn more, register for free, and post your volunteer opportunities at <http://portal.nvfc.org/about>.

Additionally, Director Lewis continues to assist with Peer Review for the USFA/FEMA Grant Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lewis

James P. Seavey, Sr.

*Report of the
Out of State Events Report*

President Davis, Legislative Branch Director Steve Cox I want to thank you on behalf of the allowing committee members for appointing us to represent the Association this past year. PP Frank Underwood, PP Gene Worthington, and PP Davis Lewis Since the convention members of the committee have attended the following State Association convention/conferences representing the association. The following MSFA officers and members attended the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention and President's Council held August 3-6, 2016. The convention was hosted by the Harford and Cecil County volunteer companies. The annual convention of the Firemen's Association of New York was held on August 11-13, 2016, in Albany, New York. Representing the MSFA was Out of State Coordinator Dave Lewis. The Virginia State Firefighter's Conference/Expo was held in August in Hampton, VA. with Past Presidents Frank Underwood and Bob Cumberland representing the MSFA. The Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association Conference was held in Dover, Delaware on September 16, 2016 with President Davis, Officers, Committee Chair and Past President attending the Luncheon and Memorial Service in Dover, Delaware. President Davis, Officers and Past President Cumberland attended the Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania Convention held in Washington, Pa. on September 22, 2016.

The list of the dates of other state conferences and conventions for 2017 are listed below.

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association August 2 to August 5, 2017, at McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Dept. McConnellsburg, PA. President Council meeting Friday Aug 4, 2017 starting at 9 AM.

Virginia State Firefighters Association & Auxiliary August 2 to August 5, 2017 in Hampton Road, VA. Wednesday August 17, 2017 Memorial Service, Thursday August 3, 2017 is the Opening ceremony & Introduction of guest. Starting at 8 AM West Virginia State Firemen's Association August, 23 to August 26, 2017, in McMechen, WV. Friday August, 2017 starting at 8 AM.



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Firemen's Association State New York August 9 to 12, 2017, in Syracuse, New York. Holiday Inn Liverpool, NY.

Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association September 12 to 15, 2017 Dover Downs Casino Thursday September 14, 2017 Opening Ceremony and Business meeting Friday September 15, 2017 Memorial Service and Luncheon (Best Day) Time: 8:30 AM Registration, Memorial 9:00 AM Reception & Luncheon 11:00AM

Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania September 20 to 23, 2017, Penn Hill, Pa. Thursday September 21, 2017 (Best Day) Registration, Opening Ceremonies, Introduction of guest, Keynote Speaker and Joint Memorial Service. A luncheon with Officers will be held after the morning session.

Respectfully,
Robert Cumberland, Chair

Report of the Presidential Vehicle Committee

President Davis, Vice President's Bilger and Blair, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year.

A 2016 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor, AWD, was placed in service and delivered to President Davis at last year's convention. The 2012 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package Sedan was donated and delivered to State Fire Marshal's Office and delivered immediately following last year's convention.

The Presidential Vehicle Committee has worked closely with the Presidents to ensure that our fleet provides reliable and safe transportation for our officers. Each vehicle receives routine maintenance as well as repair in a timely manner of an unexpected occurrence. Because of the committee's inspections, regular maintenance, and low mileage a recommendation was made and approved by the Executive Committee to not purchase a new vehicle this year.

This year, at convention the new President will move in the newest vehicle marked MSFA. The First Vice President will move into the vehicle marked MSFA 1 and the newly elected Second Vice President will move into the vehicle marked MSFA 2.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee has participated in any and all

activities that have been requested by our members, plus taken care of the activities at the Convention in June. We have photographed the activities on the floor of the Convention, as well as making photos of all of our award winners and many of their families. Throughout the year, our members have attended banquets, conventions and other activities of the member companies and chronicled them for the Volunteer Trumpet and other local news outlets. If any department or committee has a need of our services to help them with their work, please contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Association throughout the past year, and we offer our help to the incoming officers for 2017 – 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Watkins, Chairman

Report Of The Recruitment and Retention Committee

President Davis, 1st Vice-President Bilger and 2nd Vice President Blair, Chairman Simpkins, Executive Committee members, Officers, Delegates, Alternates, and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2016-2017 report of the Recruitment & Retention Committee for the 125th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Convention.

This has truly been a very busy year for the R & R committee since the end of last year's convention. We started off our August meeting getting ready for the Maryland State Fair in Timonium and planning for the leadership training and recruitment efforts for the coming year. We met monthly throughout the year travelling across the state. It was suggested that we try to start using tele-conferencing to make our meetings easier to attend and to take into consideration the time it takes to drive across the state in the evening rush hour. We would like to thank Richard Snader for setting us up with a conference call line and walking us through how we can use it. It was invaluable to the committee, and we even got Richard to stay on the call to add his thoughts to the conversation. The committee would like to expand its use in the future, while we still maintain the importance of the face-to-face meetings.

MDVOLUNTEER.ORG

The www.mdvolunteer.org recruitment website is under remodeling and updating by Benchworks of Chestertown. The website is being revamped as the new public face of the MSFA to include the Fire Prevention committee and Safety committee information. The domains addresses of www.mdfirefighters.org and www.mdemts.org have been added to help steer new possible candidates to our page.

STATEWIDE RECRUITMENT DAY – April 23, 2017

The 3rd Annual Statewide Recruitment Day was held on Sunday April 23rd and the results were not available for this report. We were unfortunately unable to utilize the Safer Grants marketing

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funds to advertise this event, as we wanted to, but were assured that the funds would be made available for 2018's Recruitment Day on April 15, 2018.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The R & R Committee in conjunction with the Maryland Fire Chief's Association, MD Fire & Rescue Institute, and MSFA Training Committee held some excellent leadership seminars. These seminars were selected because at every event we have held over the last few years, the students have told the committee that Leadership was the most important factor on whether they continued or left a department. They stated that the lack of good leadership kills fire department morale. The question that they left us with was "how do we get the leaders that really need these classes to join us?"

The 1st seminar we held was the Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance (FROG) in Ocean City, MD in December. We made it a family affair. With special thanks to the Berlin Fire Department, we were able to hold a family dinner on Friday evening with around 60 attendees including the kids.

On Saturday morning we started the IAFC-VCOS Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance (FROG) class with introductions from Chief Norvin Collins and Chief Tom LaBelle. This class was a guideline on how to run a successful fire department. The Holiday Inn provided one of their meeting rooms for the class. The room was completely full with 50 members in attendance. That night after class we all were treated to a very special tram ride through the Ocean City Winterfest of Lights. Hotel accommodations were handled as part of the Safer Training Grant. The class continued on Sunday.

On Sunday, January 22nd we held an interactive conversation about the generations with Chief Tiger Schmittendorf as the facilitator. This class "From the Xbox to the Box Alarm" brings together the different generations to figure out how to better work to our common goals of serving the public, and dealing our brothers and sisters in the fire service. We have the Silent Generation that was born before 1945, the Baby Boomers (1946 – 1964), Generation X (1964 – 1984), Gen Y or Millennial (1984 – 2000) and soon we will have the Gen Z or iGen (2000 – Present) each with their own ideas and ways of learning. Each generation had an event or incident that makes them different. Learning how to understand and deal with these differences is what makes this class so important to us in the fire service.

Next, we held an IAFC-VCOS "Beyond Hoses and Helmets" Seminar at the North East Fire Company, North East MD, on March 31 – April 1st 2017 with 40 people in attendance. We were able to provide arrangements at the Holiday Inn & Suite for a block of rooms for those individuals that travelled greater than 50 miles. We finished the day with a NFFF Firefighter Cancer Awareness Ice Cream Social at the hotel with Chief Tiger Schmittendorf to discuss the higher than normal rate of cancer for firefighters and what could we do to protect our firefighters better.

As part of this leadership-training weekend, we finished up the training on Sunday, April 2nd with Chief Tiger Schmittendorf "From Xbox™ to the Box Alarm" seminar. 30 members attended this interactive discussion.

We were able to repeat the Tiger Schmittendorf "From Xbox™ to the Box Alarm" seminar at the Carroll County Training Center the following Saturday, April 8th and had almost another 30 attendee's.

125TH ANNUAL FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

The committee is working with Tiger Schmittendorf to bring his new class "Call to Duty" a recruiter's boot camp, as one of the leadership session to the beach. The committee will also staff a booth to help our members sign up for NVFC & register members to our database.

Recruitment & Retention Family Appreciation Award

The committee has recommended that we change the Family Appreciation Award to a Recruitment and Retention Award. We would create two categories, the 1st award would be for the Association that does the most to promote recruitment and retention efforts in their county, and the 2nd award would be for the individual department that puts forth the most efforts toward recruitment and retention for the year including the annual recruitment day.

Sincerely,
Joseph Chornock, CHSIII, Chairman
Julie Casey, Vice Chair

MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee

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*Report of the
Safety Committee*

The true mission of the fire service is the attempted preservation of life, property and our environment. The Safety Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association has had seven formal meetings during the year with an effort to identify previous losses, the causation and offer ways to educate our Maryland firefighters in the reduction of all loss.

Also, during this past year the MSFA Safety Committee has

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Congratulations to M.S.F.A. leadership for completing another successful term and send best wishes to all in the coming year. Thanks for 125 years of strong leadership!



worked with the MSFA Risk Management and our Training Committee to evaluate how we as individual committees can improve our efforts in reducing injuries and deaths, of our Maryland first responders.

The Maryland State Highway Administration has worked closely with our committee to get all Maryland first responders trained and many certified as instructors, for the new national Traffic Incident Management (TIM) course. We hope to educate all Maryland emergency workers that are exposed to roadway emergency hazards with this offered course! Currently, over fifty new TIM certified instructors, are now available throughout our state.

During 2016 and again in April of 2017, the Delmarva Safety Association and the MSFA Safety Committee worked together, to plan and implement a regional safety training conference, titled the "Delmarva Safety Conference." This regional annual three day safety event has proven to be an educational asset to all who have attended, with numerous timely safety courses offered! The evaluations collected this year, at the end of the conference, were all rated good too excellent!

Heart Attack deaths are still increasing and are the single leading cause of firefighter death, in the United States. We are currently working with the Maryland Department of Health, to get departmental training in all member companies. Firefighter falls from and through elevation, are the second cause of current F/F deaths and the third cause are responders being struck by a motor vehicles. Every effort is being made to focus on each of the causes of the identified injuries and deaths and how we can offer help and education. Every effort will be made to offer as much safety education as possible, at the 125th annual convention.

Cancer exposure of our firefighters is also being addressed and we as a committee to being proactive in our efforts to offer recommendations for the reduction cancer causes and loss. RESPECT LIFE! BE SAFE!

Respectfully,
Michael LeCompte, Chairman

Report of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Committee

President Davis, Vice Presidents Bilger and Blair, Chairman Simpkins, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 125th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

- SAR Committee plan and goals:
 - Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.
 - Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues.

- I would 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.

- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA and...
- 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.
 - MSFA organizational representative to the ASTM F-32 Committee on Search and Rescue.
 - MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR).
- Serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF#9 matters.
 - Work continues with MEMA on developing a robust resource directory for SAR, particularly swiftwater/flood as flooding incidents are the most common need for resources outside of day-to-day mutual aid arrangements. Vice-Chair Mike Berna has been leading this effort at MEMA and has produced the Maryland Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Response System concept of operations plan for review by MEMA. This document largely incorporates the contents of the Whitepaper produced by MSFA in 2005 (available on MSFA website under SAR Committee). It was updated to include current practice including the use of mission packaging for planning and deployment. The document is in draft form and not available for release pending final edits. It will be posted on the SAR Committee page on the MSFA website once fully approved and operationalized.
 - MSFA was asked to provide MEMA with an updated accounting of deployable SW/F assets. This is the first step in moving towards formal typing and credentialing as outlined in the pending concept of operations plan. This soft touch has identified twelve (12) Type III MSFA member company SW/F teams for deployment statewide and was forwarded to MEMA staff.

MEMA SEOC/ESF#9 Requests:

- **Hermine and Matthew:** Contacted by MEMA during planning for both of these storms. Participated in planning weather calls, monitored WebEOC and NWS, and rostered SW/F assets. No MSFA assets were mobilized during either storm.

I again want to emphasize that we want to hear about any SAR

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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.

I would 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.

The Committee would like to thank President Davis 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 Standards and NFPA Review Committee

For the past year, it has once again 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 Standards Committee continues to monitor the promulgation and passage of new and revised Codes and Standards of the National Fire Protection Association in order to determine possible effects on fire service operations in Maryland, and will stand ready to report any such effects to the Executive Committee and MSFA membership. The 2018 editions of revised NFPA Codes and Standards were reviewed for issuance by the NFPA Membership at the June 7 Technical Session of the Association in Boston for approval by the Standards Council at the August meeting of that Council. The Standards Committee will review these changes to the NFPA documents to determine any direct impact on fire service operations in Maryland.

Another important responsibility of this Committee is to provide guidance and advice to the governing bodies of this Association and to its member companies.

During the past calendar year, there were no applications for new member companies that required inspections to determine com-

pliance with MSFA Standards. In addition, there were no complaints or request for Standards inspections of current member companies.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. The goal of this Committee is to continue to review and monitor current MSFA Bylaws to coordinate these requirements with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While this coordination with current NFPA Standards will continue, it is understood that many local conditions will require modification to the national standards 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 State Fire Marshal

I bring you greetings from Governor Larry Hogan, Lieutenant Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, and Colonel William M. Pallozzi, Secretary of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal, I extend my sincere congratulations on your 125th Anniversary and to MSFA President Michael A. Davis and LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson. Your respective terms in office have been extremely productive and your service is one the entire Maryland State Firemen's Association can be quite proud of. It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

In 2016, the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths increase by 7.9 percent when compared to 2015. The total number of fire deaths for 2016 was 68 which, as indicated above, represented an increase in the 63 fire deaths suffered in 2015. Twelve fatal residential structure fires occurred where smoke alarms were known to have functioned at the time of the incident; however, 12 lives were still lost. It should be noted that over 100 individuals were saved due to residential sprinklers and over 200 saved due to smoke alarm activations.

During 2016, residential fire fatalities accounted for seventy-seven percent of all fire fatalities. Sixteen percent of the victims in residential fatal fires (11), involved adults age 70 and older. This is a slight decrease when compared to 2015 when (13) victims

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perished. Three fatal fires occurred with victims aged 90 or older in 2016. Twelve victims under the age of (18) died in 8 fires in 2016, accounting for eighteen percent of the fire deaths.

Hoarding can present hazards which can result in catastrophic fire related events that jeopardize the safety of all concerned including, but not limited to occupant(s) and emergency responders. The Office of the State Fire Marshal under the direction of Fire Marshal Brian Geraci continues to educate the public regarding the dangers of hoarding. Seven deaths resulted from seven hoarding related fires which are almost 13 percent of the total fires reported for the entire year representing an increase in comparison to previous years. The following is a report summarization of fire related deaths that were complicated by conditions of hoarding in the year of 2016.

An undetermined dwelling fire claimed the life of a 67 year old male victim who became entrapped after his home collapsed. Firefighters on the scene were initially able to locate the 67 year old male victim in a 2nd floor bedroom; however, due to rapidly degrading conditions rescuers were forced to evacuate the burning structure prior to extricating the victim from the home. A 63 year old female was rescued by first responders subsequent to calling 911 and reporting a fire inside her townhome. The victim was transported to a local Medical Center and then transferred to a Burn Center where she later succumbed to her injuries during treatment. The fire cause remains undetermined, but smoking while on home oxygen is suspected. An undetermined fire in a two story townhome resulted in the demise of a 66 year old female. The victim's escape may have been hampered by her physical disability as she ambulated with the assistance of a walker. A firefighter was treated and released as a result of non-life threatening injuries sustained while battling the blaze. A 63 year old female victim's body was located in the garage area of her single family dwelling, but only after the blaze had been completely extinguished. Firefighters made multiple attempts to search the home; however, the unsafe conditions prevented a rescue. A firefighter was treated and released for non-life threatening injuries, and the cause of the fire remains undetermined.

An incendiary fire set in a residential dwelling resulted in the death of a 42 year old male who committed suicide. A 74 year old female was rescued by firefighters from her burning home and was transported to a Burn Center. Unfortunately, the 74 year old victim succumbed to her injuries a few days later. An undetermined dwelling fire resulted in the demise of a 73 year old male who was found by firefighters in the kitchen of the home, and was confirmed deceased at the scene.

Baltimore City reported 16 fire deaths in 2016 which represented an almost 11 percent decrease to 18 fire deaths reported in 2015. Montgomery County experienced 6 fire deaths compared to 2 in 2015. Prince Georges County reported 11 fire deaths in 2016 as compared to 6 fire deaths in 2015. Additionally, Baltimore County experienced 6 fire deaths and Cecil, Charles, Harford and Somerset County experienced 3 fire deaths, Allegany, Carroll, Frederick and Wicomico had two fire deaths each; and Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, Queen Anne's and Wash-

ington Counties had one fire death each. Sadly, the five-year average for fire deaths in Maryland is 64 per year. Although better than 1975 – 1988 when fire deaths remained over 100 each year, we still have a lot of work in our efforts to reach zero fire deaths.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced decreases in the number of fire deaths last year. Five counties experienced no fire fatalities, these include: Calvert, Kent, St. Mary's, Talbot and Worcester.

In comparison to previous years, 2016 showed a decrease in the total number of multi-fatal *fires* which was seven fires or 12.5 percent of the 56 total fires for the year. During 2015, the percentage of multi-fatal fires was at 18.4 percent of the total fires for that year, and at 12.7 percent of the total fires for the year 2014. The months of January, August, October and December 2016 resulted in one multi-fatal fire for each of the four months. Even though only one multi-fatal fire was reported in January and August, it was the two months that claimed the most multi-deaths in one incident with both months each claiming four lives.

In 2016, similar to multi-*fires*, the number of multi-*deaths* in fatal fires slightly decreased in comparison to the prior year to 19 deaths or 27.9 percent of the 68 total deaths reported for the year. Multi-deaths in fatal fires in 2015 were recorded at 23 deaths or 36.5 percent of the 63 total deaths and in 2014 were recorded at 16 deaths or 25.0 percent of the 64 total deaths.

Twenty-six employees of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and numerous employees of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms assisted Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services with its investigation of the three-story apartment explosion and fire in Silver Spring that killed five adults and two children. The National Transportation Safety Board continues to follow-up its investigation for the gas pipes going into the building and to the meter. Washington Gas also had its private investigators on the scene to secure gas meters, piping, and other equipment for analysis. An eyewitness reported an odor of gas right before the explosion and that is the focus of the investigation.

The OSFM participated in the Maryland Association of Realtors conference in Ocean City with a booth and a continuing education accredited workshop on smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and residential fire sprinklers. Fifty participants attended and there was great feedback by the attendees. The Maryland Realtors were opponents to residential sprinklers but the workshop provided a good opportunity to educate them on the life saving devices.

On Saturday, March 19th the Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar, titled "Practical Tips for Fire & Life Safety Programs", was held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park. Over 60 motivated personnel attended the outstanding event and were provided timely and topical information.

The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 57th year Anniversary on September 27, 2016 with the theme "Campaign for Prevention." Originally, billed as the Governor's Fire Pre-



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From the Beginning



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vention Conference began in August of 1959 when then Governor Tawes saw the need for a Statewide Conference on Fire Prevention. Fifty-seven years later the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference remains one of the foremost conferences of its kind in the nation. The conference was well attended by over 200 participants. Jim Resnick of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service received the Public Fire Safety Educator of the Year Award. He has shown a true dedication to public fire safety education and is an asset to both his department and the citizens of Maryland. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 for yet another well prepared conference.

As always, the OSFM followed the 2017 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and continued support in working with the OSFM and other members of the Maryland Fire Service. The MSFA Legislative Committee Chairman Stephan Cox and his entire committee continue to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics, and communicate with key legislators.

As State Fire Marshal, I wholeheartedly appreciate the partnerships and relationships our agency shares with local and State governments, as well as private industry. These partnerships help us secure resources, disseminate information, provide needed training and allow us to be more effective at accomplishing tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety. Over the past 15 years the public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of well over 23,850 smoke 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. As a reminder, please take part in the Community Risk Reduction Weekends offered each year for fire departments to enter their respective communities and offer installations of smoke alarms and provide fire and life safety information. **The next scheduled CRR weekend is October 21-22, 2017.**

During the past year the OSFM experienced a few staffing changes, Ken Bush was promoted to Chief Fire Protection Engineer, Deputy State Fire Marshal's Brad Childress and John Grothe graduated the Southern Maryland Police Academy. Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal's John Nelson & K-9 'Zorro' and Melissa Decker & K-9 'Sky' completed training at Front Royal with the ATF K-9 Accelerant Program. Newly hired Deputy State Fire Marshal Peter Raia began his basic training at the Southern Maryland Police Academy. Please join us in supporting their success as they serve the citizens of Maryland.

Special Assistant State Fire Marshal Terry Gearhart of the Western Regional Office of the State Fire Marshal received the Community Partnership Award from the Washington County Department of Social Services for the high quality fire and life safety education he provides to foster care parents. DSFM Carl Witmer received a Life Saving Award for his assistance in providing CPR to a cardiac patient at the Hagerstown MVA.

As usual, OSFM staff members performed at a very high level. In 2016, the OSFM conducted in excess of 1,102 fire and explosives investigations and completed over 12,335 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed over 1,687 construction and fire protection system plans. The dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. 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 blog site is up and running. The site contains news and information at <http://mdosfm.wixsite.com/blog>. Fatality reports and burn injury reports can be completed on-line, local jurisdictions can also share smoke alarm saves, sprinkler saves, fire deaths, and inspections can be requested from our customers.

OSFM staff members continue to perform their public safety mission with pride. With challenges come more opportunities. These tight economic times have required us to justify our resources and forced us to rethink current practices in order to position the OSFM for the future. We are always seeking potential opportunities to better perform our mission and, with your continued support, move both the Agency and more importantly the fire service forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a crystal clear picture of its mission. OSFM staff members look forward to working closely with MSFA President Mark A. Bilger and LAMFSA President Vivian Boyd and their leadership teams. We wish them great success and know they will achieve a tremendous amount of success during their terms in office.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian S. Geraci, State Fire Marshal

Report Of The Training Committee

The Training Committee met bi-monthly during the fiscal year. Meetings were held at various locations in central Maryland including the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Headquarters in College Park (Prince Georges) and at its Southern Maryland Regional Training Center in LaPlata (Charles). Meetings were also held at the Carroll County Training Center, Ellicott City VFC (Howard), and at the Montgomery County Training Academy. We are grateful to the host companies and agencies for their fine hospitality. Meeting attendance averaged about 20 committee members and agency representatives.

Liaison agencies (officers of the MSFA – 1st VP Mark Bilger, 2nd VP Rick Blair are members of the committee; MFRI, MD Fire Chiefs Association, MD Council of Fire and Rescue Academies – Past Chairman Leon Fleming is a committee member) had representatives at our meetings regularly, The MIEMSS Ombudsman was present at most meetings. The MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee frequently had representation.

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Chairs of other committees sometimes attended Training Committee meetings.

MFRI hosted a conference call with our committee and the date and classes for Maryland Weekend 2018 were chosen. The Training Committee is grateful to MFRI for asking for our input on this important conference. This is the second year of our involvement in the class selection process.

**Maryland Weekend at NFA Course Listing
February 3rd and 4th, 2018**

W0376 - Incident Command System and Resource Management for the Fire Service

Curriculum: Incident Management

This is a significantly revised two-day program providing students with an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and resource management for the fire service and their application in both emergency and nonemergency situations. This course addresses the need for an ICS, an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure, and the need to effectively manage your resources. This course meets the requirements of ICS-100 and ICS-200.

Selection criteria	All first responders with responsibilities to use, deploy, implement and/or function within ICS and resource management.
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Prerequisite: None

W0379 - Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders

Curriculum: Arson

This course is designed specifically to provide a clear definition of the role of first responders in arson detection and provide essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of intentionally set fires, preservation and protection of evidence, and proper reporting of information to appropriate officials. By strengthening the partnership between first responders and investigators, the chances for successfully solving arson-related crimes will increase. The course includes topics such as fire behavior, critical observations of the first responder, fire causes, scene security and evidence preservation, legal considerations, and documentation of findings. This course is designed for all fire and emergency services personnel who might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.

Interested students are encouraged to complete "Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders" (Q0379) available through NFA Online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/online.html>, prior to participating in the classroom-based course.

Selection criteria	Fire and emergency services personnel who respond to fires or might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.
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Prerequisite: 1. Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online at www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/nfaonline. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training. 2. Interested students are encouraged to complete "Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders" (Q0379), available through NFA Online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/online.html>, prior to participating in this classroom-based course.

W0457 - Decision Making for Initial Company Operations

Curriculum: Incident Management

This two-day course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. With the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that COs be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander, the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the Incident Command System organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position that they are assigned to, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

Selection criteria	This course is specifically designed for newly appointed COs and for firefighters who may have acting CO responsibilities or who want to become a CO. This course is an excellent review for experienced COs.
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Prerequisite: None

W0635 - Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction

Curriculum: Fire Prevention: Management

This two-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction. At the end of the course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70. There is a pre-course assignment that should take about one hour to complete.

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W0761 - New Fire Chief 2: Administrative Issues

Curriculum: Leadership and Executive Development

This two-day course is to provide students with the managerial, administrative and leadership skills and awareness necessary for new or recently appointed or elected chiefs to effectively meet their obligations of the position.

Selection criteria	<p>The target audience for this course may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire and emergency services personnel who help develop and deliver fire prevention and community risk-reduction programs. • Fire and emergency services staff with an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community. • Allied health and community service personnel who help develop and deliver risk-reduction programs.
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Prerequisite: None

W0636 - Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction

Curriculum: Fire Prevention: Management

This two-day course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

This course includes three units of instruction:

- Unit 1: Components of Community Risk Reduction.
- Unit 2: Community Risk Reduction as a Service Priority.
- Unit 3: Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction.

At the end of this course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70. There is a pre-course assignment to complete before class that should take about one hour to complete.

Selection criteria	<p>The target audience for this course may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire and emergency services personnel who want to learn about community risk reduction. • Fire and emergency services personnel who are currently involved with fire prevention and have an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community.
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Prerequisite: None

Selection criteria	<p>The primary audience is newly appointed fire chiefs in volunteer, combination or career departments, as well as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chiefs.</p> <p>The secondary audience is department leaders and current officers who may become fire chiefs, as well as local government administrators and elected officials who are involved in the administration of a fire department or EMS.</p>
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Prerequisite: None – this is a stand-alone course and New Fire Chief 1 is NOT a prerequisite.

The Training Committee continues to be active and we are available to assist any individual or committee.

Respectfully,
C. Kingsley Poole, Chair

*Report of the
Transportation Committee*

Several working meetings have been held by the Transportation Committee this year. The focus was the review of our data base with the MVA data base which is given to us every six months. This provides us with up to date information on tag holders within the State of Maryland who currently have MSFA logo tags. All of this is in Preparation for the 2018 Recertification of member companies.

At a MSFA Executive meeting, it was suggested to consider a new design for the current MSFA tag. The committee with the assistance of Past President Underwood will research the feasibility and the cost to do so. Also, President Davis initiated a contest on Facebook to encourage members to submit a design for the tag as well.

A meeting was held with MVA Liaison, Larue Sauer in early February. The attention was on problems which have occurred during the year with members going directly to the Glen Burnie office to obtain tags. We also discussed the re-design of the tag. A procedure sheet that is standard for all requests was obtained and given to President Davis for his review. We continue to have a good working relationship with the MVA.

We are in the process of updating the MSFA Transportation

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Committee Procedural Manual and hope to have it completed this year. There is also update information on tag coordinators posted on MSFA website.

A new Coordinator for Caroline and Queen Anne Counties was appointed in October, His name is Mark Driscoll and his address is 212 Quail Run Dr. Centreville, MD 21617 and his phone #is 864-313- 4448.

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

Respectfully,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

*Report of the
Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Committee*

The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) Committee continued simplifying the Loan and Grant Application process. During the Fiscal Year 2017 focusing on the goals and the benefits provided by the Fund. The committee received, approved and processed eight (8) loan applications totaling \$1,187,563.60 and three (3) Grant Applications totaling \$504,252.00 between July 2016 and May 2017. The committee obtained MSFA Executive Committee and Maryland Board of Public Works (Governor Larry Hogan, Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, and Comptroller Peter Franchot) approval for these Loans and Grants, which guaranteed the company projects.

The approved Loans and Grants the following companies the most affordable way to purchase, replace or improve equipment and or facilities.

- Eastern Garrett County Vol. Fire and Rescue Department
 - Equipment Loan of \$78,727.60
- Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company
 - Ambulance Re-Chassis - Loan of \$100,000.00
- Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
 - Construction Loan of \$450,000.00
- Pleasant Valley Community Fire Department
 - Fire Engine Loan of \$282,568.00
- Morningside Volunteer Fire Department
 - Ambulance Re-Chassis – Loan of \$112,500.00
- Good Wil Fire Company
 - Mini Pumper Replacement – Loan of \$57,231.00
 - Grant of \$178,051.00
- Barton Hose Company

- Mini Pumper Replacement – Loan of \$56,637.00
- Grant of \$176,201.00
- Hancock Rescue Squad
 - Squad Replacement – Loan of \$49,900.00
 - Grant of \$150,000.00

In closing I would like to thank the VCAF committee member for all the work they have done in the past year to approve the application with a total value of 1.7 million dollars. This is a special and dedicated group of individuals who embrace change and work selflessly to serve each other and their customers, the members companies of the MSFA. THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Antoszewski, Chairman

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

President Davis, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2016 raffle, which was conducted from June 2015 through June 2016, yielded a total of \$50,805.00. The expenses totaled \$23,256.30 which left a profit of \$27,548.70.

Counter sales at the 2016 convention produced \$7,917.00 and the remaining \$42,888.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold \$10,169 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$16,297.00. 188 out of 363 (52%) MSFA member companies did not participate in the raffle. The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did return money:

Allegany	43%	Howard	83%
Anne Arundel	67%	Kent	43%
Baltimore	36%	Montgomery	74%
Calvert	63%	Prince George's	29%
Caroline	0%	Queen Anne's	89%
Carroll	64%	Somerset	0%
Cecil	78%	St Mary's	50%
Charles	69%	Talbot	71%
Dorchester	40%	Washington	35%
Frederick	46%	Wicomico	21%
Garrett	39%	Worcester	0%
Harford	85%		

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	\$ 1,410.00	Howard	\$ 710.00
Anne Arundel	\$ 2,565.00	Kent	\$ 280.00
Baltimore	\$ 3,489.00	Montgomery	\$ 2,632.00
Calvert	\$ 730.00	Prince George's	\$ 1,796.00
Caroline	\$ 0.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 850.00



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Cecil	\$ 1,325.00	St Mary's	\$ 1,015.00
Charles	\$ 1,946.00	Talbot	\$ 834.00
Dorchester	\$ 441.00	Washington	\$ 1,104.00
Frederick	\$ 1,843.00	Wicomico	\$ 220.00
Garrett	\$ 457.00	Worcester	\$ 1,652.00
Harford	\$16,297.00		

Expenses for 2015-2016 Raffle

\$ 16,800.00	Prize Money
\$ 3,057.00	Printing
\$ 1,000.00	OC Springfest Fees
\$ 1,000.00	OC Sunfest Fees
\$ 350.00	Maryland BBQ Bash Fee
\$ 25.00	Raffle License (Worcester Co)
\$ 8.30	Rubber Bands
\$ 1,016.00	Tent Rentals
\$ 23,256.30	Total Expenses
\$ 50,805.00	Total Sales
<u>\$ 23,256.30</u>	Total Expenses
\$ 27,548.70	Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2015-2016 Raffle

1 st	\$10,000	Maryland City VFC - Laurel, MD
2 nd	\$2,500	Wayne VanTassel – Upper Marlboro, MD
3 rd	\$1,500	Rose Eaton – Forest Hill, MD
4 th	\$1,000	Joyce Kiel – Owings Mills, MD
5 th	\$750	Bobby McDonald – Spencerville, MD
6 th	\$500	Marty Salisbury – Stewartstown, PA
7 th	\$250	Vince Culina – Pasadena, MD
8 th	\$100	Chris Winkler - Hagerstown, MD
9 th	\$100	Rockville VFD – Rockville, MD
10 th	\$100	Norman Hawkins - Sunderland, 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 2016-2017 raffle. We have attended the Harford County Farm Fair, the Darlington Apple Fest, and Ocean City's Sunfest and Springfest.

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

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

Report of the Wills For Heroes Committee

The wills for heroes committee was established to provide a benefit to members of member companies by providing a free last

will and testament to the requesting member. The forms to complete to have a free last will and testament written are available on the MSFA website under wills for heroes committee

This benefit as is the case with so many of the other benefits provided by the MSFA is underutilized.

It is the hope of the committee that you will take a look at the forms on the website and then complete and send us the completed forms to have your last will and testament written.

Respectfully,
 Roger N. Powell, Esq. , P.P., Chariman
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Report of the Cancer Support

2017 Was a good and a bad year all in one. We have lost way too many friends and family to Cancer. The closest I can come to requests for assistance is approximately Twenty Bags of Hope. In my mind I am hoping the day will come when there won't be any requests and we can disband the committee.

One of the good things is that we have a strong group of good people that care enough to be there for whatever is asked of them. A prime example of that is our annual walk which by the way this year has been our second successful year. This year the walk was headed up by MSFA Past President Roth and LAMSFA Past President Byrd and what a great job was done by them as well as another twenty volunteers. The funds raised allow us to upgrade and improve our Bags of Hope and our service to others.

Last but not least is something I hate to see happen. Tom and Flo Collins will be retiring from our group this year. These folks have been instrumental in the success of our committee from the start. They stepped up to any challenge presented to them and got it done. To you Tom and Flo we say Thank You for a job well done and may God Bless You as we go forward.

Folks if you know of someone in the Fire or EMS service that needs us, our contact info is on the website don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank You
 Jay Tucker Chair

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For 50 consecutive years this year, the Mayor and Council, the business Community and Residents of Ocean City have welcomed the Maryland State Firemen's Association to enjoy all that Ocean City has to offer. We are very thankful for the partnership that has developed and sincerely thank our many friends at Maryland's beautiful beach.

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Ladies Auxiliary Of the Maryland State Firemen's Association



**Annual Convention
Held in Ocean City, Maryland
June 17 – 23, 2017**



Congratulations Barbara Sue

You have been a great leader this past year! Not only did you have a great year as LAMSFA President you were a Great Mom a Super Grammy! Wonderful Wife! We are blessed to have such a wonderful person in our lives. It has been a great honor and pleasure to have traveled with you this year and enjoy all of the fun times and the great friends we have made.



Congratulations to the MSFA on there 125TH. Anniversary and the LAMSFA on 85 Years. To the outgoing Officers it has been a Fun Year. to the incoming Officers Best of Luck on the coming year.

We Love you Speedy J.A. Candi Makenna & Brayden

XOXOXOXO

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

6:30 PM **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** by Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

8:00 AM **Exhibitor Registration - Convention Center Lower Level**
9:00-5:00 PM **Education and Training Seminars - Convention Center**
9:00-11:30 AM **Miss Fire Prevention Interviews- Governor's and Board Room Mezzanine Level**
9:00 AM **Executive Committee Meeting - Performing Arts Center**
10:00-12:00 PM **Convention Events Ticket Sales -Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer**
10:00-12:00 PM **Ladies Auxiliary Early Registration -Performing Arts Center**
10:30 AM **Sunday Morning Worship Service -Performing Arts Center**
11:00-2:00 AM **FIRE AND EMS MEMORABILIA FLEA MARKET - Convention Center PAC Foyer**
2:00 PM **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST - Performing Arts Center**
5:00 PM **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom**

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

8:00 AM **Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer**
8:30 AM **Call to Order - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom**

OPENING CEREMONIES

9:00 AM **Exhibits Open**
9:10 AM **Keynote Speaker- After the speaker has presented his program the LAMSFA will be excused to go to the Auxiliary meeting in the Performing Arts Center**

FIRST SESSION

10:30-11:15 AM **Registration in the Performing Arts Center**
11:15 AM **Call to Order - President - Barbara Sue Nelson**
Presentation of Colors - Colorbearers - Holly Trego and Jennifer King
Invocation – Chaplain - Malea Daughton
Pledge to the Flag – President - Barbara Sue Nelson
Conference Song - Music Chair - Susan Derlunas
Welcome By Convention Chair - Flo Collins
Greetings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers - Corresponding Secretary Becky Walthen
Reading of Election Rules - Corresponding Secretary Becky Walthen
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of MSFA President - Michael Davis
Report of the Credentials Report - Fran Fusco
Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary Lori Denbow

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FIRST SESSION CONTINUED

Report of the Treasurer – Kristi Grinder
Report of the Financial Secretary - Donna Struntz

AWARDS CEREMONY

Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
Hall of Fame Inductions - Chairman - Leone Gatton
Honey Award – Past President - Leonard King and Treasurer - Ron Siarnicki
50 Year /Family Award/History Book - President - Barbara Sue Nelson
Report of the Officers
Report of the Committee Chairmen
Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary - Becky Wathen
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawing - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction - Vice Chaplain - Jean Main
Recess

- 4:30 PM** **Exhibits Close - No entry after 4:15 PM**
- 6:30 PM** **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK** Must Have Ticket
- 6:00 PM** **BAG BINGO - Convention Center - Doors open at 5:00 - Must Have Ticket**
Prizes include Michael Kors, Vera Bradley, Coach, Thirty-One and Longaberger.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

SECOND SESSION

- 8:00-8:45 AM** **Registration and Balloting - Only the person with Chairman of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's Badge. The Chairman must be present if a second ballot is needed.**
- 9:00 AM** **Exhibits Open**
- 9:00 AM** **Call to Order – President - Barbara Sue Nelson**
Invocation - Chaplain - Malea Daughton
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention Chair - Rose Pandolfini
Report of the Election Committee - Chair - Leone Gatton
Report of the Credentials - Chair - Fran Fusco

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SECOND SESSION

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bessie Marshall Fund – Co-Chairs - Marti Neal/Kitty Garner

Pins and Badges - Chair - Marian Nicholson

Safety - Barbara J. Lacey

Ways and Means - Co-Chairs Gloria Schaffer and Kim Thomas

Hall of Fame – Chair - Leone Gatton

Benediction - Vice Chaplain - Jean Main

Recess

Meeting of the 2017-2018 Officers, Past Presidents, and Pages to the front of the Ladies Meeting room with Installing Officer Past President Darby Byrd

2:00 PM **Exhibits Closed** – no entry after 4:15 PM

6:30 PM **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Convention Center Bay Front Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

THIRD SESSION

7:30 AM **PRAYER BREAKFAST** - Convention Center

8:30-9:00 AM **Registration**

9:15 AM **Call to Order** – President - Vivian Morgan Boyd
Invocation - Chaplain
Dismissal 2016-2017 Committees-Except Ads/Patrons-Past President - Barbara Sue Nelson
Officers Reports
Committee Appointments – President - Vivian Morgan Boyd
New Business
Good of the Order
Door Prizes - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Adjourn Convention Meeting
Benediction -Vice Chaplain
Retirement of Colors

12:00 PM **Past President's Luncheon** - By Invitation Only
Exhibits Close - No Entry after 11:45

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

THIRD SESSION

- 1:00 PM** **FIREMEN'S PARADE** - Downtown Ocean City - Rain or Shine
Parade Route is between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue
- 5:30 PM** **AWARDING OF PARADE PRIZES/TROPHIES** - Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

- 9:00 AM** **MSFA Executive Committee Meeting** - Convention Center-PAC
- 9:00 AM** **Meeting of the LAMSFA Financial Officers and Presidents** to close out the books. Con-
vention Center
- 1:00-6:00 PM** **FRONTIER TOWN FAMILY EVENT** – Berlin, Maryland
- 2:00-4:00 PM** **LAMSFA Fundraiser – TICKLED PAINT ARTWORKS** - Convention Center
Room 207 www.tickled-paint.com or call 410-713-2013 to register.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

- 8:00 AM** **Golf Tournament** - Eagles Landing Golf Course





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Report of the President



This year has been a fantastic year celebrating with the MSFA their 125th Anniversary. They have come a long way with many changes over the past 125 years. Their ceremonies and celebration have been great and I'm sure the members that started the MSFA 125 years ago would be proud of how they've been honor at all the locations in Maryland starting at Arbutus Firehouse in August, Ridge firehouse in October, Junior Fire Co. # 2 in February, the VFW in Port Deposit in April and will now have the final event in Ocean City. I have been honor to be able to attend all of them and want to congratulate everyone that was involved in putting all the events together.

As the MSFA celebrate their 125th it's also the LAMSFA 85th Anniversary. The LAMSFA started July 9th, 1931 at 2:30 PM in the convention hall in Ocean City with the consent of the MSFA with Mrs. Anna Burnett of Branchville acting as chairman and four counties were represented at the meeting. In 1932 they had a membership of eighteen auxiliaries and by 1933 they had twenty auxiliaries. Now as the LAMSFA celebrate their 85th year there is 170 auxiliaries that are members. The Ladies Auxiliary has come a long ways since they started 85 years ago with so many great Presidents and Officers leading in the right direction. I'm sure the ladies that started the LAMSFA would be proud of all the accomplishments the association has had.

It has been a great honor and a pleasure to have served as President of the LAMSFA for 2016 – 2017 on the 85th Anniversary as well as all the positions as I went up the ladder for this great association. This past year has gone by so fast but they say when you're having fun time flies. The journey over the years has been a humble experience. Our State of Maryland is one of the greatest States and to travel it and represent the LAMSFA has been a great opportunity.

Thank you to all Auxiliaries, Fire Departments and Rescue Squads that have invited me to your events. There are so many dedicated members and it's great to see so many men and women that are recognize for all they do. It was always a pleasure to attend your events and the hospitality was always great. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones was always a pleasure and I have so many great memories to cherish. Thanks also for all the wonderful gifts I have received.

To all my fellow officers thank you for all your hard work you have done this year. You all are dedicated to this association and it has been a pleasure to work with you. We've shared a lot

of good times with a lot of laughs. I will treasure our friendship and I wish you all luck as you continue serving as officers of the LAMSFA and hope you all enjoy your journey as much as I have.

Thanks to all my committee chairs and their committees. You all have done a terrific job. The committees are what keep the LAMSFA going by getting donations and selling their raffle tickets. Other than dues it's the only income that the association has. I hope all member Auxiliaries support the committees.

To all the Past Presidents of the LAMSFA thank you so much for your guidance and for sharing all your knowledge. You all mean a lot to me and I hope I did as well as serving as President as all of you did. I'm now looking forward to the special Past President club. My advice to all the upcoming Officers if you have question call a Past President. They will have the answer or help you in any way they can.

Thanks to my Past President Joyce Thorne and my Page Bobbie Lacey for all your support and being there for me.

To my partner MSFA President Mike Davis, congratulations on your great year. It has been fun sharing the past year with you. I've had a great year working with you and we've had a lot of laughs. It has been an adventure. You are dedicated to the MSFA, the fire service and especially a dedicated Dad. I will treasure our friendship.

It has also been great working with 1st Vice President Mark Bilger, 2nd Vice President Rick Blair and all the other officers of the MSFA. Thanks for always including me and all my officers in your events. Thanks also to all the MSFA Committee chairs and their committees. It's great seeing them always hard at work.

To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association thanks for all your confidence and support you have given me as I went up the chairs of the LAMSFA. I hope I represented you well as I travel around the State of Maryland. Thanks also to the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association for all your support.

To Darby Byrd thanks for all the fun times we had over the years traveling together and getting lost in places we shouldn't have been. We had so many laughs and we had a few more when Becky was on some of our adventures. I had to actually pay attention this year while I was driving and read the signs, with my glasses. To you and Ann Davis I guess I'm the last of the BBB's to make it to the top of the ladder.

A BIG thanks to the Seventh District Fire Department and Auxiliary for all their help, support and great friendships. They are all my second family and I greatly appreciated all they have done for me. They are all a dedicated group and I know anyone would be proud to be a member with them.

Thanks to Millie Huseman and Bonnie Quade for being my

The family of

Marcia Ellen Roth

*Would like to congratulate and support wife, mother, and
grandmother for
Senior Vice President of the
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*We love you very much!
Johnie, Eric, Rachel, Toby, and Cristina*

conference chairs. It's a big job and a learning experience and they did a great job at it.

Thanks also to the Seventh District Rescue Squad and Auxiliary for all their support.

A Special thanks to my husband Speedy for being my biggest supporter. You have been there for me as I started this journey and have helped me in any way you could. I greatly appreciate all you have done and still doing. Thanks for all your encouragement and being beside me along the way. Thanks to J. A. and Candi for all you do and thanks to Makenna and Brayden for keeping me a happy Grammy.

As I started this journey eleven years ago I had three special people that were going to help along the way but someone else had other plans for them. I finish my journey with three Angels watching over me, my Mom Lois Yates, my Mother in law Cely Nelson and Past President Bobbie McWilliams. Thanks to them for watching over me and keeping me safe. I know they have been beside me along the way.

As I end my journey as President of the LAMSFA I would once again like to thank everyone for your friendships and thanks to all Auxiliaries for your support and confidence in me and again a BIG thank you to my Family.

I would like to remind everyone to please check your smoke alarm or replace all smoke alarms in your home with the new 10 year sealed in battery. Check with your Family, Friends and anyone else to make sure they do the same. We need to make sure everyone is safe.

Please stay safe while in Ocean City and be careful as you travel home.

"Always Take Time to Enjoy the Simple Things in Life"

Sincerely,
Barbara Sue Nelson
President LAMSFA

Report of the Senior Vice President



To the MSFA & LAMSFA Officers and members, my husband Ron Boyd, my family, my home auxiliary Kentland VFD, life member station of Capitol Heights VFD, my county auxiliary of Prince George's, PP Sharon Worthington, page Candy

Mitchelle, and friends, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all of their support .

It continues to be wonderful working with a group of people so dedicated to their communities, counties and the state of Maryland. The Fire service is always there to provide, service, help, friendship, education and love to anyone they come in contact with.

This year's 125 celebrations have been fabulous. Our association has shown the world how proud we are and how far we have come through the years. President Nelson and Davis have been good leaders and a credit to the 125th celebration.

I am grateful for all the hard work that takes place in Annapolis to make what we do worthwhile so that our efforts will never go unnoticed.

As Senior Vice President of the LAMSFA, I have travelled across this state meeting new and familiar faces as I have been exposed to the differences in the way we do things, but in the end we all accomplish our goals. Congratulations to the current Presidents, Officers and committees and I look forward to working with our future president, officers and committees.

Sincerely,
Vivian M. Boyd
Senior Vice President

Report of the Junior Vice President



To the members and officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary, I want to say that it has been a pleasure, an honor, and definitely an experience of a lifetime serving this organization for the past nine years. I am looking forward to the next two with great anticipation. I have learned a lot and have had a wonderful time making many friends and attending many events. I am hoping that in these next two years I will be attending many more events (working at night it is difficult to attend all of the events I am invited to during the week).

I am hoping that we have a successful convention, and end this 125th celebration year for the MSFA and 85th year for the LAMSFA in great fashion.

There have been many trials along the way, but I have become better and wiser as a result. I want to thank all of those who have been behind me and have supported me: my hus-

The Officers, Members, and Auxiliary of the



***Ridge Volunteer
Fire Department***

***Congratulates Becky
on a Successful Year!!***



Becky Wathen

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Corresponding Secretary

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band Johnie, my children Eric and Rachel, my granddaughter Cristina, my home auxiliary of Sandy Spring, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Association and its auxiliary, and especially my Past President Pat Deamond. You all have helped me more than you know. Also, a big thanks to those I have leaned on for help and advice.

I would like to congratulate Presidents Mike Davis and Barbara Sue Nelson on the year they have had. I wish the incoming Presidents Mark Bilger and Vivian Boyd a great and productive year. May you accomplish all of your goals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Roth
Junior Vice President

Report of the Chaplain



President Nelson, Officers, Committee Chairs Members and Auxiliaries. It has been an honor and privilege working with all of you as your Chaplain this year. I also want to thank you for your continuing support and confidence in me. As I look forward in continuing to go up the chairs with this great Association.

I have been working with MSFA Chaplain John Long and Rev. Harry Hetz this year has been a great support to me. Rev. Harry Hetz has been my Savior on helping me getting ready the memorial information together. I also want to thank Lori Denbow in guiding me and also President Nelson in a few questions.

We have two special tribute for two ladies this year:

Marian E. Soderstrum
(State Officer- Historian 1969)
from English Consul Auxiliary and

Mary Coates (Conference
Chairman-1983-1984 and 1991-1992,)
from Waldorf Volunteer Fire Dept. & EMS
Association Auxiliary

It has also saddened me that we have lost in our LAMSFA Association 52 members. Our members may have passed, but we do have memories and they will go on forever in our minds and heart.

God Bless All the MSFA and LAMSFA members for their support you that you have given me. I look forward to continue to work with you all through the years as I go up in the chairs.

The auxiliary members that have left us between January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted
Malea Daughton, Chaplain

Tributes

Marion Soderstron -*English Consul Vol.Firemen's Assoc. Aux*
Mary Coates - *Waldorf VFD and EMS Assoc. Aux.*

Allegany

B. Carlo Barry - *Bedford Road VFD Aux.*
Orphia R. Long - *Bedford Road VFD Aux.*
Helen M. Cunningham - *Bowling Green VFD Aux.*
Betty Mowley - *Oldtown VFD*

Anne Arundel

Marianne Gibons - *Deale VFD and RS Aux.*
Vera A. Tucker Epstein - *Deale VFD and RS Aux.*
Melaine L. Smith - *Earleigh Heights VFC Aux.*
Dolores A. Brown - *Lake Shore VFC Aux. -*
Patricia A. Barger - *Maryland City VFD&RS Aux.*
Joan M. Dorsey - *Odenton VFC Aux.*

Baltimore

Barbara Howard - *Ladies Aux. Cockeysville VFC*
Marion Soderstron -*English Consul Vol.Firemen's Assoc. Aux*
Clara Ernest - *Ladies Aux. Wise Ave VFC*

Calvert

Joann Spittle - *Dunkirk VFD&RS, Inc., Aux.*
Betty K. Freesland - *North Beach VFD Aux.*

Caroline

Betty Shufelt - *Federalsburg VFC*

Carroll

Betty L. Hale - *Aux. to the Hamstead VFD*
William P. Camuti - *Aux. to Mount Airy VFC*
Brenda Gartner - *Aux. to Mount Airy VFC*
Clara Hobbs - *Aux. to Mount Airy VFC*

Cecil

Sara Louise "Sally" Aiken - *Cecilton VFC*
Carolyn Simkins - *Community Fire CO of Perryville*
Bobbie Ann Sheldon - *Hacks Point Fire CO*
Christine Stapp - *Vol. Fire CO #1 of Chesapeake City*
Nellie Hipkins - *Water Witch Fire CO*
Betty S. Edmanson - *Wm M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder & LA CO No#1 of Elkton*
Shirley A. Mercer - *Wm M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder & LA CO No#1 of Elkton*
Janice E. Rothwell - *Wm M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder & LA CO No#1 of Elkton*

Charles

Mary Gallagher - *Bryans Road VFD & Rescue Squad*
M. Joanne Petrik - *Bryans Road VFD & RS*
Nora L. Willett - *Bryans Road VFD & RS*
Mary C. Coates - *Waldorf VFD & EMS Assoc.*

Dorchester None

Frederick

Dorothy Thomas - *Carroll Manor Fire CO*

Garrett

Mildred "Mich" Friend -*Friendsville Vol.Fire & Res.Dept.Aux*

The Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department
and The Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Congratulate

Marcia Roth
Junior Vice President

and

Joan Kramer
Guard

For a successful year serving the LAMSFA



Alice "Peanut" Spear - *Friendsville Vol. Fire & Res. Dept. Aux*
 Janie Mae Foard - *Harford Bel Air VFC*
 Betty J. Borden - *Darlington VFC*
 Rita L. Harper - *Joppa-Magnolia VFC*
 Jeanie S. White - *Joppa-Magnolia VFC*
 Florence H. Springer - *Susquehanna Hose CO*

Howard None

Kent None

Montgomery

Ladies Aux. to the Silver Spring VFD, Inc. - Loretta Alberti

Ladies Aux. to the Silver Spring VFD, Inc. - Sara Engleman

Prince George's

Annette "Sue" Powell - *Bladensburg VFD and Rescue Squad*

Dorothy Varnado - *Brentwood VFD Ladies Aux.*

Alice Moore - *The Aux. of the Glenn Dale Fire Assoc.*

Pauline Alice Bordas - *Greenbelt VFD & RS Ladies Aux.*

Joann Spittle - *Hillside VFD*

Maria McCoy - *Laurel VFD #1 Aux.*

Joann Spittle - *Seat Pleasant VFC Ladies Aux.*

Mary Grabau - *Aux. of the West Lanham Hills VFD*

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Somerset None

St. Mary's

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Suzanne Henderson - *Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD Inc.*

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Sylvia Gibson - *Seventh District Vol. RS Aux.*

Talbot None

Washington

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Mary Elizabeth Bohnak - *Fruitland VFD Ladies Aux.*

Marguerite G. Smith - *Fruitland VFD Ladies Aux.*

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Dorothy M Willing - *Pocomoke City Vol. Fire Co Aux.*

**Report of the
Bessie Marshall Committee**



The meeting of the Committee was held at Jarrettsville in July 2016. The changes to our processes were reviewed and are working well. The fund raising projects for the coming year were planned.

We are very appreciative of the continued support for the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. A special recognition to the Auxiliaries throughout the state of Maryland that hold special fund raisers for this committee. There are many and they make this effort annually. They are the backbone and make this committee the success that it is.

Special recognition to Mr. Steele for his contributions through the years of his wooden art. Each one surpasses the last in the fine workmanship.

As of May 1, 2017, we have paid a total of twenty-four cases at \$900.00 each for a total of \$21,600.00. The distribution of the cases paid is:

Alleghany County	10
Baltimore County	3
Carroll County	3
Cecil County	2
Frederick County	3
Montgomery	2
Prince George's County	1

Our fund raising strategy includes the traditional lottery, the handcrafted pickup truck donated by Mr. Steele, a Spring Money raffle and a handmade blanket with the LAMSFA seal. These 4 raffles will be concluded at convention in June 2016. A gift card raffle is also planned for convention.

A very special thank you to the MSFA membership their continuing support of the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. Again, we sincerely appreciate all of the support you give to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Martha Neal Co-chair Kitty Garner, Co-chair

**Report of the
Seventeen State Circle Committee**

I would like to thank President Barbara Sue Nelson 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 1199 Senate bills and 1661 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 bills to track their progress through the State legislature. The State Circle Committee closely monitored 45 bills of specific interest to the MSFA.

I would also like to express my appreciation to MSFA Seventeen State Circle Chairman PP Steve Cox, Vice Chairman Richard Smith and Charles Walker for all their help. We enjoyed working with them and the MSFA Officers and hope to have the opportunity to do so again. In closing, I would like to

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express my sincere thanks to the committee members for their devotion and hard work.

Best wishes for a successful convention.
Carene Housenfluck, Chairman

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee

Once again it has been an honor to serve as the LAMSFA Fire Prevention Chair. Thank you President Barbara Sue Nelson for my appointment. Additionally I want to thank the committee members for their assistance during the year. I also wish to thank my home company of Gamber & Community Fire Company for their aid with committee endeavors.

This year a raffle was held for a Fire Department/ EMS/Auxiliary patch quilt. The Committee's most sincere thanks to Ruth Toliver, from Abingdon Fire Company, for her hard work to make this beautiful quilt. At Convention and Conferences the committee has made accessible many fire prevention and safety literature materials for member auxiliaries.

A newsletter, the *Siren Silencer*, is produced by the committee for auxiliaries to share with their members containing informa-

tion on seminars, fire prevention messages and safety reminders.

Two major awards are sponsored each year; The *Silver Spring Award* and the *Jane Todd Fire Woman of the Year Award*. There are many eligible Auxiliary members whose names should be submitted for these awards. It is unfortunate that so few are. Please consider nominating your dedicated Fire

Prevention advocate for these awards. Now is the time to start collecting pictures, flyers, and other documents as part of the nomination. Please don't let their dedication and efforts go unnoticed. Let them know how much their efforts are appreciated by nominating them next year. Rules for these awards can be found in the Auxiliary's Procedure Book.

As you enjoy the season and visit with family, friends and neighbors ask them about their smoke alarms; is there at least one on every level, when were they last tested, how old are they, do you have an escape plan and do you close the bedroom doors? Let your family, friends and neighbors know that you care about their safety even if they themselves don't think about it. Fire prevention should be a daily commitment and not just a one week project. The committee wishes everyone a safe and delightful summer.

Sincerely,
Rose Pandolfini, Chairman





The Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate Barbara Sue Nelson on her year as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association



In Memory

Past Chief George McWilliams III



Life Member Donald J. Morgan



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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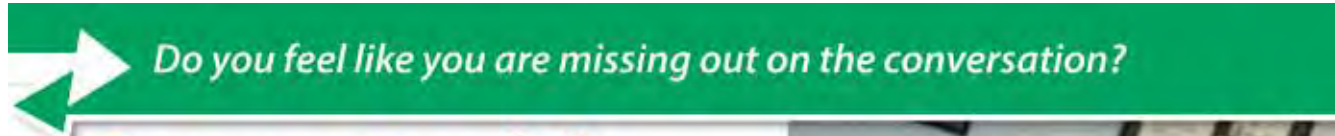


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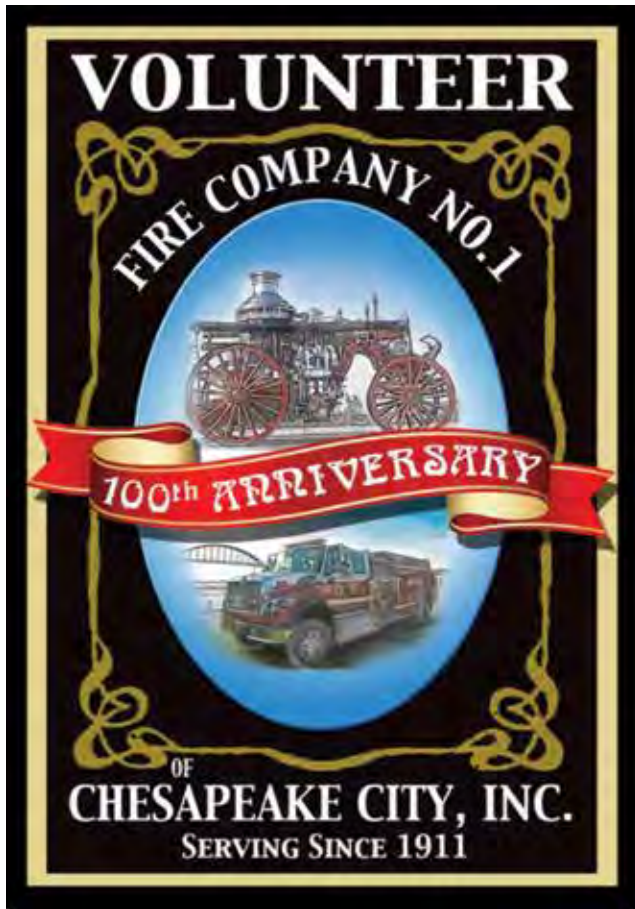


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Puggy belonged to the Second District Vol. Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Southern Maryland Firemen’s Association, and Piney Point Lions Club.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM with prayer recited at 7:00 PM in the Second Dist. Vol. Fire Department Valley Lee, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM in St. George Catholic Church Valley Lee, MD with Father Paul Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Blair Swann, Robbie Springer, Cathy Koeger Coulter, Lyn Henderson, Jan Scrivener, Francis Bean, Joe Slade, Joe Scrivener, and Bobby Stauffer. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Members of the Second Dist. Vol. Fire Department Company 6, and Second Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad.

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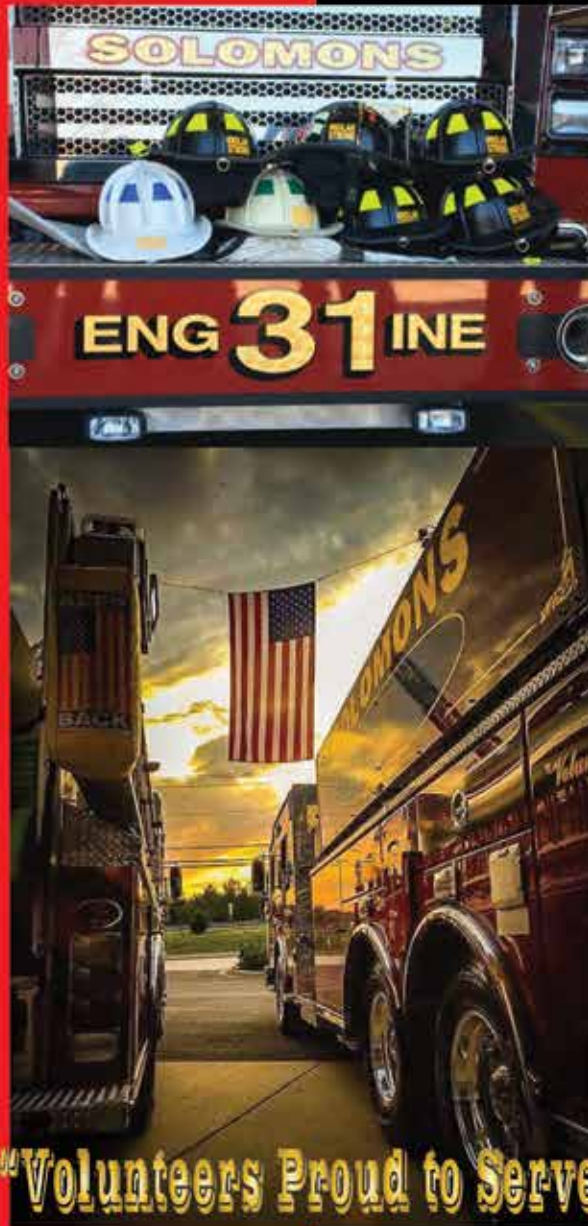
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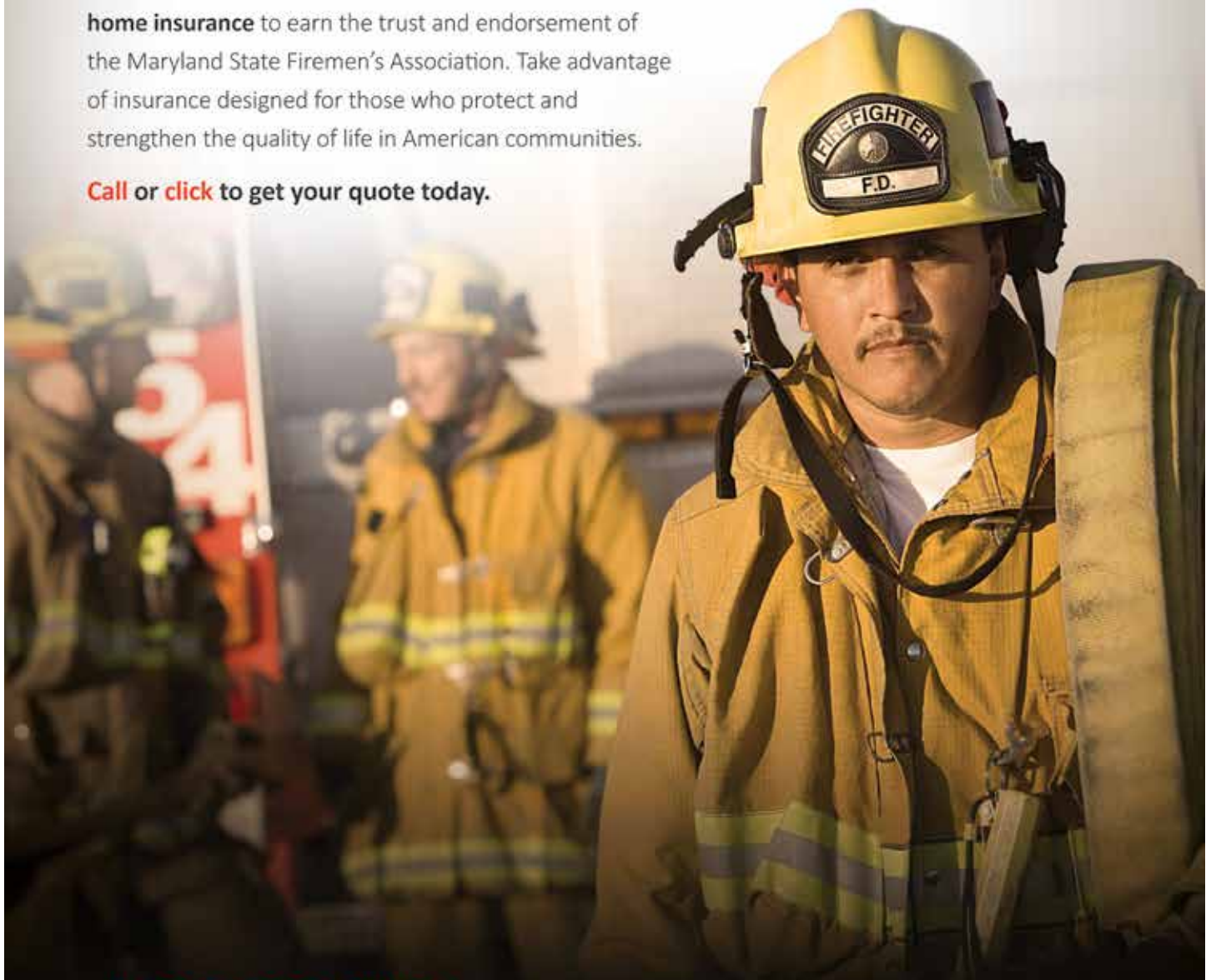
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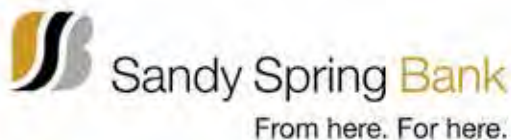
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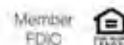
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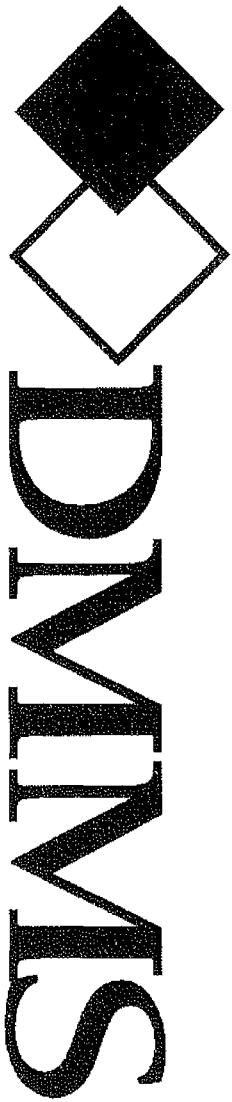


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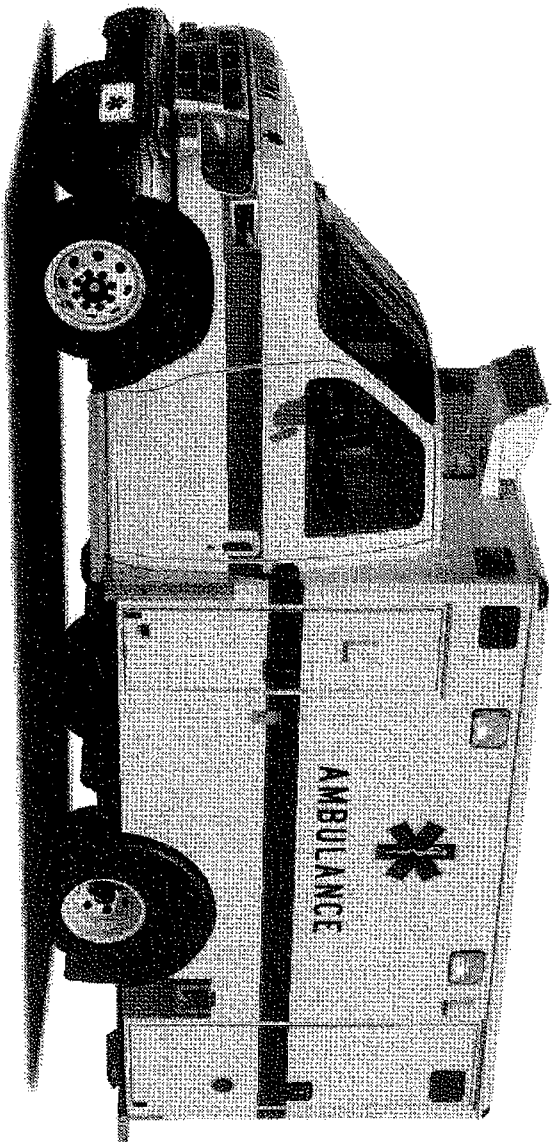
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Executive Committee e	Jerry Harris, George Wentz

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Captain	Thomas Marble
1 st . Lietenant	Steve Keeney
2 nd . Lietenant	Cody Green
3 rd . Lietenant	Joseph Wentz
EMS Captain	Brenda Burdette
1 st . EMS Lieutenant	Lindsay Murphy

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Vice President	Missi Green
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Financial Secretary	Patricia Keeney
Treasurer	Patsy Eyler
Assistant Treasurer	Nancy Arnold
Chaplain	Patsy Eyler
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- ✓ Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
November 26, 2017 ~ 4pm
- ✓ Annual Spring Dinner
(stuffed ham, fried oysters, chicken salad & more)
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- ✓ Sportsmen's Bash
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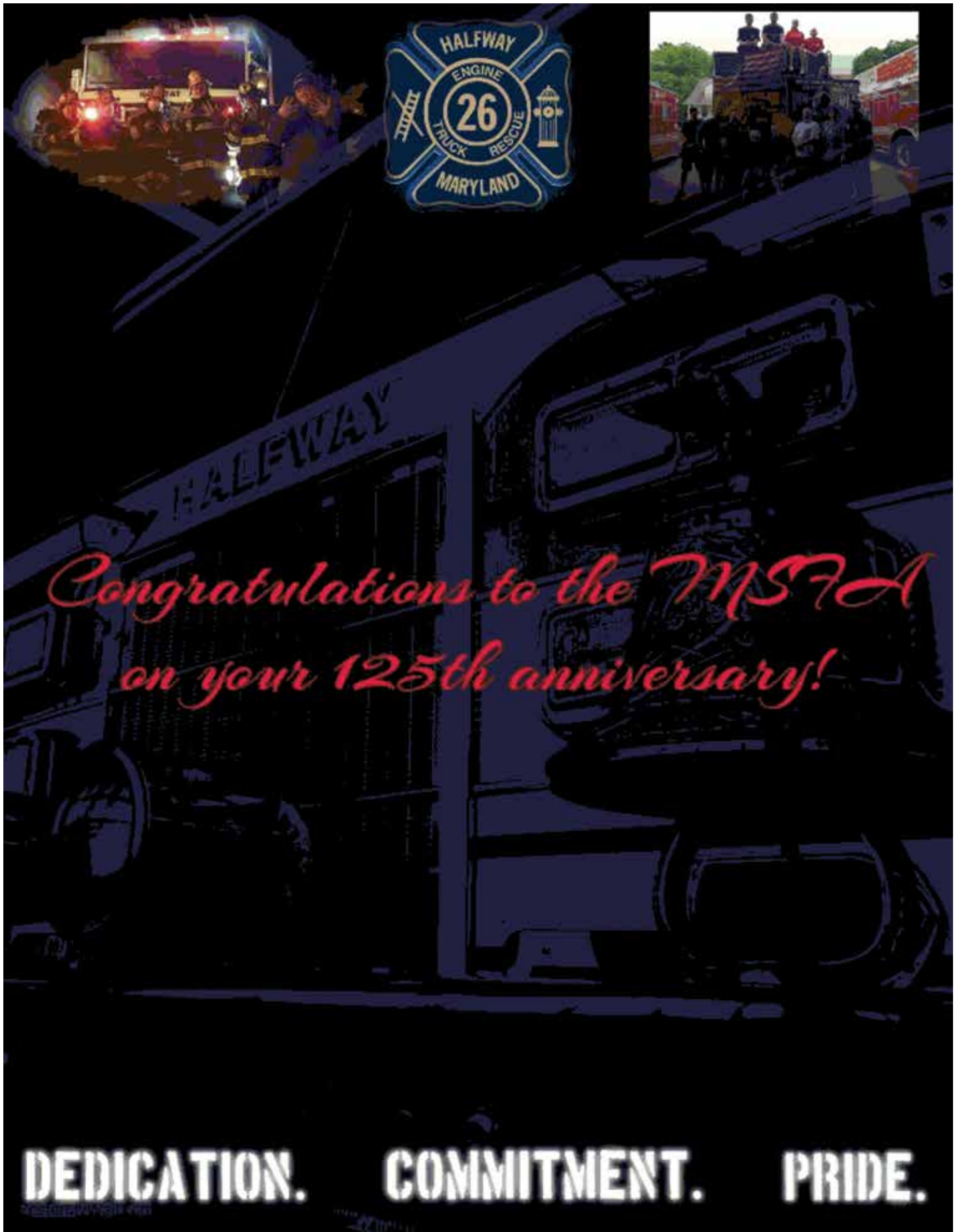


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- ◆ **September 11, 2001 Survivors and Victims** - A piece of steel from the World Trade Center is also featured on site
- ◆ **Ocean City Firefighters** - Past, Present and Future
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- Sharpsburg Area EMS Station 19
- Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway Station 26
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We would like to pay a special tribute to the 125th Anniversary Committee for the years of planning and for their work in executing those plans during the past year as we celebrate the Maryland State Firemen's Association 125th Anniversary. Great job by these folks and the many others that gave us a hand during setup.

Ron Siarnicki, Convention Chair

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