

Maryland State Firemen's Association 126th Annual Convention and Conference

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Ocean City, Maryland

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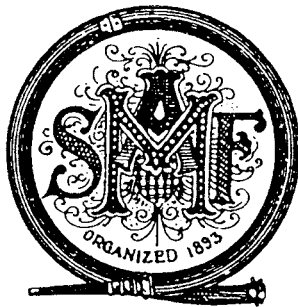
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THE SEAL OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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 (MSFA) and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association (LAMSFA), 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 in memory of MSFA Convention Chairman Emeritus Past President **Leonard T. King, Sr.**

Throughout his entire adult life, Leonard was committed to the Maryland Fire Service. He retired from the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service and was a member of the Deale Volunteer Fire Department, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, and the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department, where he served those communities faithfully. He was the MSFA Assistant Secretary from 1981-1984, President from 1985-1986, Secretary and Convention Committee Chair from 1991-2009.

In addition, he served the Maryland Fire Chiefs as President from 1990-1991, Treasurer from 1991-2010, President of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association from 1996-1997, and served on the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Board of Directors from 2003-2015.

An honorable man with great integrity who only wanted one thing in life, to serve others as a firefighter. We will miss him, never forget him, and may he rest in peace.

Line of Duty



Kevin W. Jenkins
United Steam Fire Engine Co.3
Frederick County



Lt. Sander B. Cohen
State Fire Marshal – Deputy Chief
Rockville Volunteer Fire Dept.
Montgomery County



Christopher C. Pryor
LaVale Volunteer Fire Dept.
Allegany County

Memorial Tribute to Past President



Richard Yinger
MSFA Past President - 1994-95
Hoopers Island VFC



Leonard T. King
MSFA Past President - 1985-86
Damascus VFD



Clara Mae Buckmaster
LAMSFA Past President - 2003-04
North BeachVFD - Auxiliary

Special Memorial Tribute



James T. Riegel
Assistant Financial Secretary
North Point Edgemere VFD



Donald Knauer
Past Trustee
Madison Rescue Squad VFC



Joseph Bachtler
Instructor Md University Extension Service
Greenbelt VFD



Martha Neal
Bessie Marshall Chair
Kentland VFD Auxiliary



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June 16, 2018

Greetings from Ocean City, Maryland!

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Ocean City, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 126th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Convention at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

In Maryland and throughout our great country, we rely on people like YOU, who are willing to volunteer their time, life and safety to protect their community. 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.

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 thousands of accommodations to make your stay most enjoyable. 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,


Rick Meehan
Mayor

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126th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

Saturday, June 16, 2018

- 1200 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
- 1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center 2nd Floor Skybox
- 1330 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Center
- 1830 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** - Clarion Hotel (By Invitation Only)

Sunday, June 17, 2018

- 0800 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
- 0800 Registration Bag Stuffing – Convention Center, all materials need to be on site by 7:45 AM
- 0900-1700 Education, Training Seminars and Hands-On Training – Convention Center
- 0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor's Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level
- 0930 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
- 1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor
- 1000-1200 MSFA Early Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
- 1000-1200 LAMSFA Early Registration – Convention Center – Performing Arts Center
- 1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
- 1100-1400 Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market –Convention Center Performing Arts Center Lobby
- 1400 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Convention Center Performing Arts Center
- 1700 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

Monday, June 18, 2018

- 0700 Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
- 0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor
- 0830-1700 Hands-On Training – Convention Center
- 0830 **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
- OPENING CEREMONIES**
- 0900 Exhibits Open
- 0910 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION**
“Being Fair to Everyone; Why Inclusion & Diversity Are Important for You and Your Agency”
Presented by: Juan R. Bonilla, Fire Chief, Donnelly Rural Fire Protection Director, Idaho National Volunteer Fire Council, Valley County Emergency Manager Donnelly, Idaho
This is not a required course – nor is it a lecture to tell you what you have been doing wrong. Inclusion and diversity are buzz words now. Everyone is told that his or her organization needs to be inclusive and diverse. But what is it really about. It's really about being fair (and being nice).
- 0950 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents Recognition of Guests and Organizations
- 1000 **LADIES DISMISSAL**
- 1000 Reading and acceptance of 2017 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee National Volunteer Fire Council Update
- 1015-1045 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center

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- 1045 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
- 1100 **MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY** to the MSFA – Performing Arts Center
- 1200-1300 County Association Caucuses
- 1230 **CALL TO ORDER – SECOND SESSION**
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor's Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
- 1300 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION:**
“The Opioid Crisis: Understanding, Recognizing, and Safely Responding to an Overdose”
Presented by: Clay Stamp, Executive Director, Maryland's Opioid Operational Command Center, Baltimore, Maryland
The country is grappling with a disturbing and devastating rise in heroin and opioid abuse that directly affects the lives of thousands of men, women, teens and children in our communities. The misuse of an addiction to opioids including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl is a serious national crisis that affects public health, as well as home and workplace. Do you know how opioids affect the end user? Is your workplace affected by employees using opioids? This program will look at the opioid crisis, review the Presentations seen by individuals that are under the influence of different drugs, and discuss first responder recognition, treatment, and concern when providing treatment.
- 1330 Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report
- 1430-1700 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS** – Convention Center
- 1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours
- 1800 **BAG BINGO** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (Doors Open at 1700hours)
- 1830 **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENTPARK**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

- 0800 **VOTING** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (Open for two hours)
- 0800-0845 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center
- 0800-1700 **Hands-On-Training** – Convention Center
- 0830 **CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award

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0900 **MEETING – LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA** – Performing Arts Center

0900 Exhibits Open

0920 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

“Empower Your Department's Safety Culture”

Presented by: Dr. Jennifer A. Taylor, PhD, MPH, CPPS Director, Center for Firefighter Injury, Research Trends (FIRST) Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Occupational Health Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This university researcher of modern day firefighter safety knows how to prevent injury and death! Dr. Taylor studies the true cause of firefighter injuries and deaths and, after detailed research, provides recommendations to stop such losses. Drexel University and Dr. Taylor worked with fire departments in Maryland to build a true injury data system to assist in the reduction of firefighter injuries.

0940 **AWARDS CEREMONY** (Continued)

Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
John E. “Sunny” Rose Memorial Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

1200 Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

Legislative Committee Update

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Report of the Election Judges

1200-1600 **MACK FIRE TRUCK RALLY** - Convention Center North Parking Lot next to the Sunset Room

1230-1700 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS**– Convention Center

1630 Exhibits Close

1800 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Convention Center Performing Arts Center

1830 **OCEAN CITY FOOLS BLOCK PARTY AT COWBOY COAST**

Philadelphia Avenue at 17th Street

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

0830-0900 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center

0900 **CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

0900 **MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA** – Performing Arts Center

0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communications and Announcements

Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

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Wednesday, June 20, 2018

0920 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

“The Fuse 47 Building in College Park: Lessons Learned / Re-Learned”

Presented by: William Corrigan, Fire Chief and Keith Lippincott, College Park Volunteer Fire Department College Park, Maryland

On the morning of April 26, 2017, a 5-alarm fire burned along the top floors of the Fuse 47 Building in College Park. A six-story apartment building - two months from occupancy. This fire resulted in a direct fire loss of \$51 million with even more extensive indirect losses, and major disruption to routine activities in the College Park area including the forced shut-down of the entire University of Maryland campus. Fire department operations represented the largest suppression effort in Prince George's County history with the fire service remaining on the scene for seven days. This presentation will review some of the challenges and possible tactical decisions necessary to mitigate fires and other emergencies in this increasingly popular type of construction.

1000 Remarks by Past President

Remarks by Newly Elected Officers

Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee

Installation of Assistant Officers

Final Report of Convention Committee

1030 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION** (To be Determined)

1045 Unfinished Business and New Business

\$10,000. Raffle Drawing

1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145hours

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

1700 **AWARDING OF PARADE PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

Convention Center Dockside Exhibit Hall

Thursday, June 21, 2018

0800 **4th ANNUAL HAIR OF THE DALMATIAN 5K** – Sponsored by the OCFOOLS –

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Boardwalk & North Division Street at the Firefighter Memorial

0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center Performing Arts Center

1300-1800 **FAMILY DAY at FRONTIER TOWN WATER PARK** – Berlin (Ticket Needed)

1900-2300 **MSFA FAMILY NIGHT at BOARDWALK PIER** – Unlimited Rides

Friday, June 22, 2018

0800 **GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Eagles Landing Golf Course



Maryland State Firemen's Association Summer Educational Conference

Ocean City, Maryland
June 17 – 19, 2018



*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.*

*Pre-registration through MFRI LESRTC is recommended. contact LESRTC at 888-691-8880
or visit www.mfri.org for updated class descriptions and information. Walk-ins will be permitted.*

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

Maryland State Firemen's Association Annual Convention and Conference 2018 Educational Conference

Schedule at a Glance Sunday, June 17, 2018

Special Offering – EMT Refresher **Sunday, June 17 thru Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

0800-1630
Room 206

Emergency Medical Technician Refresher
The MSFA, in partnership with MFRI, is pleased to offer you this opportunity to complete your requirements for the 24 hours of continuing education requirement for Emergency Medical Technician re-certification. **Prerequisites:** The prerequisite for this course is current EMT certification.

PRE-REGISTRATION THROUGH MFRI LESRTC IS REQUIRED.
CONTACT LESRTC 888-691-8880 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

1200-1330
Room 201

Professional Development for Instructor (PDI)
Presented by: Kyle David Bates, MS, NRP

What a Goldfish Can Tell You: Maintaining Student's Attention Span.

1200-1630
Room 202

The Professional Volunteer Fire Department
Presented by: Chief Tom Merrill (Ret.)
The MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee as part of the MSFA/MFCA SAFER Grant is pleased to be able to present "The Professional Volunteer Fire Department" by Chief Tom Merrill (Ret.), Snyder Fire Department, Amhearst, New York on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. as part of our 126th Annual Firemen's Convention. The fire service is the greatest profession in the world. Our ranks are foiled with hard working, dedicated, caring and extremely competent members.

- 1200-1330
Room 203 **OTC Medication Safety – RX and OTC Both Have Risks**
Presented by: Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MSN RN, EMS Director, MIEMSS
Safe Kids Maryland Chair
This is a prevention message for families, healthcare providers and educators: Safe Kids Maryland is working with local, state and national organizations to decrease medication related emergencies in children and their families.
- 1200-1330
Room 204 **Recruitment and Retention for the Volunteer Fire & EMS**
Presented by: Juan R. Bonilla, DRFPD Fire Chief
Many departments across the nation are struggling to find and keep volunteer members. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) developed a national campaign called Make Me A Firefighter to assist departments in conducting a successful recruitment program.
- 1200-1330
Room 205 **Orthopedic Trauma: An Overview**
Presented by: Breighanna Grey, ACNP, R. A. Cowley Shock Trauma Center
This session will explore the common injury patterns identified in trauma patients as well as the prehospital and in hospital care. We will discuss the long term management and effects of orthopedic injuries and define how proper and timely care can impact patient outcomes.
- 1345-1515
Room 201 **Professional Development for Instructor (PDI)**
Presented by: Amber Leizear, MS
- Courage in the Classroom – “Wait...what? We don’t need no stinkin’ courage...I’m a firefighter! I’m a paramedic...I’ve got more courage than anyone!!”** Courage applies to instructors and students alike. This interactive session will assist educators in developing courage in the classroom and address how to change their mindset and the mindset of the students to prepare them for learning!
- 1345-1515
Room 205 **Firefighter Insurance Planning**
Presented by: Ron Block, MSFA Executive Committee Member

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- 1300-1430
Room 201 **Professional Development for Instructor (PDI)**
Presented by: Kyle David Bates, MS, NRP
- Pardon Me for the Interruption: The use of the interrupted case study.** As an instructor once told me, “Those who lecture are those who talk in other people’s sleep.” However, it seems that we are fixated on lecturing, but is it effective or is there a better way?
- 1300-1430
Room 202 **Being Fair to Everyone: Why Diversity & Inclusion are Important**
Presented by: Juan R. Bonilla, DRFPD Fire Chief
Diversity and inclusion are more than buzz words – they are vital components of a successful department.
- 1300-1430
Room 203 **The Top 20 Tactical Considerations from Firefighter Research**
Presented by: Robin Zevotek, P.E., UL Firefighter Safety Research Inst.
Over the past several years, the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute has been working with the fire service to examine fire dynamics and firefighting tactics.

- 1300-1430
Room 204 **Leading From the Front – General Patton Style**
Presented by: Chief Allen Baldwin, Virginia Fire and Rescue
This class will look at General S. Patton's leadership style and traits and how they can be related to and benefit today's fire ground officers. Patton was one of the world's best known tactical leaders and a great leader in general.
- 1300-1430
Room 205 **Stop the Bleed**
Presented by: Jim Radcliff, ALS Coordinator, MFRI
No matter how rapid the arrival of professional 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.
****There is a Second Session @ 1445-1615, If There is Sufficient Demand**
- 1445-1615
Room 201 **Professional Development for Instructor (PDI)**
Presented by: Amber Leizear, MS

Out of My Mind...I'll Be Back in 5 seconds! The brain is a complete organ; it thinks, it feels, it grows and continuously wanders from tasks. As instructor's it's our job to manage the wandering minds.
- 1430-1600
Room 202 **The Critical Elements of Patient Assessment**
Presented by: Dr. Richard L. Alcorta, MD, MIEMSS
State EMS Medical Director
This presentation will outline the most important components of assessing your patient. A thorough review of the patient and what you need to convey to the receiving hospital will be discussed.
- 1445-1615
Room 203 **The Shock Trauma Go Team**
Presented by: Mike Broussard, MS, CRNA, R.A. Cowley STC
This session will discuss the purpose of the Go-Team, when to call, who is involved and medications that are carried. Additionally, we will discuss the training the go-team members receive.
- 1445-1615
Room 204 **Managing Pride and Ego**
Presented by: Chief Allen Baldwin, Virginia Fire and Rescue
Ego is a sense of self-importance which can lead to arrogance whereas pride is a sense of satisfaction. There is a subtle difference between ego and pride even though these two are often used interchangeably. The fire service has a long history of both and they both have their place.
- 1445-1615
Room 205 **Stop the Bleed (This is the Second Session, If There is Sufficient Demand)**
Presented by: Jim Radcliff, ALS Coordinator, MFRI
No matter how rapid the arrival of professional 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.

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- 0800-1145
Room 205 **Simulation Lab**
Mike Kernan, MFRI
Unable to get to College Park to take advantage of the MFRI Simulation Center?
Here is your chance. On Sunday, June 19, 2016, the MFRI Mobile Simulation Lab is coming to the Ocean City Convention center.
- 0900-1300
Room 215 **Traffic Incident Management**
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
- 1000-1130
Room 203 **Social Media for the Fire Service – A Double Edge Sword**
Presented by: Dave Stater, STATter911 Communications, LLC
Social media and the Internet have changed the way we communicate and the way we receive news. It directly impacts fire departments, firefighters and fire chiefs.
- 1000-1200
Room 204 **Maryland EMS Update 2018**
Presented by: Pete Fiakos, EMS Education Specialist, MIEMSS
Come and learn the Maryland Protocol changes effective July 1, 2018 and satisfy your MIEMSS requirement.
- 1200-1600
Room 201 **Denial is not a River in Egypt: A Talk for Firefighter Wives**
Vicky Robinson, LADC, CSAT, EMDR II
This talk will include signs and symptoms that your spouse is in trouble and needs help. Information will consist of what to look for in your home or with a family member that may suffer from Substance Abuse, Sex or Gambling issues, and PTSD symptoms
- Firefighter/EMT Self Care**
Charles W. Robinson, III, M.A., LADC-MH, CSAT®
Elements Behavioral Health; National Director of Christian
Programming & Outreach & “Loving the Addict in Your Pew”, Author
Mental fatigue and lack of self-care can shorten our career. We all know we need to be self-aware and self-conscious. How are we doing with this?
- 1200-1630
Room 202 **Social Media Recruitment & Retention 101**
Presented by: Brian Clements, V/P & Volunteer Fire/EMS Recruiter,
Riverdale Heights VFD & RS, Prince George's County
This course will describe the best ways to promote recruitment and retention using social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) to benefit your department. The course will cover the following topics: layout of your department's Facebook page; free online job advertisements; recruitment videos; call/incident postings; special interest stories; and linking your department's website to your social media handles.
- 1200-1330
Room 203 **FirstNet Overview**
Presented by: Lori Stone, First Responder Network Authority
The First Responder Network Authority and its partner, AT&T will give an update on the progress of building out and deploying the First Responder Network Authority.

1200-1330
Room 204

Battling the Heroin/Fentanyl Epidemic

Presented by: Clay Stamp, Executive Director, Opioid Operational Command
EMS sits at the epicenter of the opioid epidemic and is awash with relevant data to assist public safety and public health agencies in battling the epidemic across the socioeconomic spectrum.

1200-1330
Room 205

Fire Sprinklers and the Fire Service

Presented by: Keith Lippincott, UMD Fire Engineering
Fire sprinklers are in an increasing number of new structures being built as well as existing structures undergoing renovations. This presentation will provide information for the fire service such as when they are required in a building, what type of system must be installed and what are the limitations of the different types.

1345-1515
Room 204

Drowsy Driving: Causes, Consequences and Countermeasures for EMS, Fire and Rescue Professionals

Presented by: Jeffrey M. Ellenbogen, MMSc, MD
We are Public Safety – we respond to 9-1-1 calls day and night. Covering 8 or 12 or 24 hour shifts, going from work to the station to stay up all night. We are at RISK to be a drowsy driver. Drowsy Driving causes at least 10,000 auto crashes each year. 60% of drivers in the USA have driven while feeling sleepy and 37% admit to actually falling asleep.

1345-1515
Room 204

Cancer in the Fire Service: Developing a Game Plan to Beat It!

Chief Juan Bonilla, DRFPD Fire Chief, Valley Co. Emergency Manager
Studies have shown firefighters are at increased risks for many types of cancer, but there are specific actions you can take to protect yourself and your crew.

1345-1515
Room 205

First Responders Interactions with Those on the Autism Spectrum

Joyce S. Benjamin, RN,PA-COO, Autism FYI Org.
Interacting with someone on the Autism Spectrum requires understanding of what Autism is, the symptoms, behaviors, and triggers of difficult behavior. This course will identify these things as well as provide tips on how to decrease the anxiety and escalated behavior often encountered during an emergency.

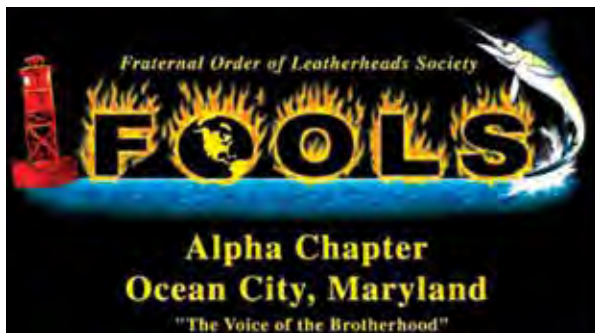


Maryland State Firemen's Association And Ocean City FOOLS

2018 Training Presentations

June 17th -19th During the Firefighters Convention

Ocean City, Maryland



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 (H.O.T.) classes.

Advanced registration is recommended for the following classes

Register Early at: <http://www.wcvfr.org/msfatrain18.htm>

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

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

2018 Special Training Classroom Presentations

"Save Your Own" Claude Duval, Asst. Deputy Chief, Central York Fire Services

"The Air We Breathe" Adam Rockall, Captain, Central York Fire Services

"The Proactive Engine Driver, Doing More with Less", Steve Truesdell, Firefighter First Class, Annapolis Fire Dept.

"Those Damn Millennials" William Holt, Firefighter, Olathe FD **"Truck Company Operations"**

Mark Misek, Lieutenant, Wichita FD

"Into the Fire: EMS Considerations from One who was burned at a Fire"

Rick Rathel, Lieutenant (Ret.), Salisbury Fire Dept.

"Saw Lecture" Arthur Ashley, Captain, Lexington Fire Department

"Principles of Structural Fireground Tactics" Mark Misek, Lt., Wichita FD

"Pride & Tradition" Tim Jerscheid, Stockton VFD & Skip Carey, Ocean CityVFD

"Where There's Smoke, There's Fire: A New Look at Mechanism of Injury" Ron Lewis, NRP, MSP Flight Paramedic (Ret.)

"Man vs Machinery" Mark Gregory, Captain, FDNY

"Hybrid Search Techniques" Keith Niemann, Captain, Wichita Fire Department

"Commander's Intent: Coordinated Actions for Mission Success" - Sid Newby, Battalion Chief, Wichita Fire Department

"Training Those That Lead; Officer and Senior Firefighters Development" Mark Gregory, Captain, FDNY

"The Kitchen Table" Sid Newby, Battalion Chief, Wichita FD; Greg Dypsky-DCFD/OCFD; and Skip Carey-OCFD

MSFA and Ocean City FOOLS 2018 Training Classes

2018 Hands-On Training Classes

1403 Prepping to Safety & Setup – Live Structural Burn” “Extrication”

Presented by: Derek Crippen, Lieutenant, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department

“Save Our Own” - Presented by: Claude Duval, Cantal York Fire Services

All participants should report to Room 212, Ocean City Convention Center for final registration. All participants should bring full turnout gear for all H.O.T. classes. Bus transportation will be provided for those classes conducted at off-site locations.

Schedule at a Glance *Sunday, June 17, 2018*

0800-1700 **“1403 Prepping to Safety & Setup – Live Structural Burn”**

0800-0945 **Save Your Own** - Room 215

Presented by: *Claude Duval, Central York Fire Services*

1000-1145 **The Air We Breathe** - Room 215

Presented by: *Adam Rockall, Central York Fire Services*

When the tones go off for a fire and we don our SCBA, we expect it to work! We expect the SCBA to provide us with the air we need to complete our assignment and exit. This course will start by examining SCBA, cylinders, air in the cylinders, consumption drill training, air management, utilizing consumption drill numbers and applying them to the fireground for task assignments/staffing levels and breathing techniques.

1300-1445 **The Proactive Engine Driver, Doing More with Less** - Room 215

Presented by: *Stephen Truesdell, Annapolis Fire Department*

In today's time of financial and staffing strains, both career and volunteers are being asked to do more with less. One of the most underutilized positions within the fire service is the “engine driver”. This course will give attendees a look at how to utilize the driver focusing on four key elements. The first item discussed is before the incident, giving the driver a look at how to be an informal leader in the station, training to build confidence and efficiency, and how to get the next generation ready to take the driver's seat. The second item will be the emergency response, attitudes and behaviors to have and not to have. The third item will be operating on the scene. The role of the driver is not just about water, but to assist with size-up, ensure proper positioning, crew accountability, being a safety officer, various tasks that can be accomplished to help ensure a positive outcome. Finally, item number four as we'll discuss after the incident, positive critique, ensuring apparatus is ready for the next run.

1500-1645 **Those Damn Millennials** - Room 215

Presented by: *William Holt, Olathe Fire Department*

Those Damn Millennials with their damn phones and damn internet!! Times have changed and with that so has the fire service. The way we learn, the way we teach and the way we fight fires have all been affected. From the senior man to the rookie, we will look at the influences, history, generations and current events that affect the way we do business.

Monday, June 18, 2018

0800-1700 **Extrication - 8 Hour H.O.T. Class**

Presented by: *Derek Crippen, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Dept.*

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Monday, June 18, 2018

- 0800-1145 **Truck Company Operations** - Room 217
Presented by: *Mark Misek, Wichita Fire Department*
- 0800-1145 **Into the Fire: EMS Considerations from One who was Burned in a Fire** - Room 216
Presented by: *Rick Rathel, Lieutenant (Ret.), Salisbury Fire Dept.*
Rick Rathel, Lieutenant (Ret.), Salisbury Fire Department, was badly burned in a fire several years ago. He will talk about how he got burned, how others could avoid being burned and how it affected him. He will also discuss what it felt like to be burned and what the post-burn care was like. This class will have 2 hours of Trauma credit.
- 1300-1445 **Saw Lecture** - Room 216
Presented by: *Arthur Ashley, Lexington Fire Department*
This class will discuss the operations of multiple saws on the fireground or on working incidents, along with prevention and maintenance.
- 1300-1700 **Principles of Structural Fireground Tactics** - Room 216
Presented by: *Mark Misek, Wichita Fire Department*
As firefighters progress through their career, they are taught many different concepts and skills. Sometimes, it is difficult to tie it all together and obtain a global perspective about the fireground. Principles of Structural Fireground Tactics is designed to help firefighters to understand the big picture of fireground tactics and how the skills they've learned are applied to the overall goal. This class will not only help newer firefighters get an overall understanding of fireground tactics, but also help experienced members hone their skills applying basic incident priorities in their decision making model. This is an interactive class with multiple scenarios encouraging student involvement.
- 1500-1645 **Pride & Tradition** - Room 216
Presented by: *Tim Jerscheid, Stockton VFC & Skip Carey, Ocean City VFD*
This class will be an interactive discussion about the history of the fire service, both good and bad. We will discuss all topics from bucket brigades, to the latest and greatest tools and techniques the fire service has to offer.

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

- 0800-1200 **Save Our Own - 4 Hour H.O.T. Class**
Presented by: *Claude Duval, Central York Fire Services*
Managing a RIT Rescue Scenario can be one of the most mentally, emotionally, and physically demanding situations performed on the fireground. In this 4-hour Hands-on class, participants will learn, discuss, and practice various RIT Drills to effectively locate, package, and remove a down firefighter to safety. Short morning classroom session, skills stations, and smoke-filled afternoon scenario's will challenge all participants. * This is an excellent opportunity for Company Officers to lead their designated crew through challenging tasks.
- 0800-0945 **Where's There's Smoke, There's Fire: A New Look at Mechanism of Injury** - Room 201
Presented by: *Ron Lewis, NRP, MSP Flight Paramedic (Ret.)*
Ron Lewis has many years of experience in EMS and as an instructor in Wor-Wic Community College's ALS program. He will discuss mechanism of injury and give some new ideas on considering mechanism in the treatment of the injured patient. This class will have two hours of Trauma credit.

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Tuesday, June 19, 2018

0800-0945 **Man vs Machinery (Lecture)** - Room 202

Presented by: *Mark Gregory, FDNY*

Machinery entrapments occur all across the United States and Canada. Is your department capable of handling one? The objectives of this program are to provide responders with the knowledge to help manage incidents involving extrication of patients from various types of machinery. Both common machinery and machinery specific to locations within your response will be discussed. This is a highly specialized skill set and caring for victims/patients entrapped in machinery requires providers to be trained in specific treatment modalities and the possible complications that may arise. Tool selection, patient stabilization techniques and crush injury syndrome will be discussed, as well as several case studies.

0800- 0945 **Hybrid Search Techniques** - Room 203

Presented by: *Keith Neimann, Wichita Fire Department*

Far too often when Rope or Thermal Imagers are used during searches it ends up slowing the process down instead of speeding it up. This class will take the proven methods of traditional searches and add the use of Thermal Imagers and Rope Assisted Searches to increase accountability and speed. This class will point out some of the pitfalls of Thermal Imager and Rope Assisted Searches and introduce company level drills to reinforce good search habits when using these valuable tools while conducting searches in large structures.

1000-1145 **Commander's Intent: Coordinated Actions for Mission Success** - Room 201

Presented by: *Sid Newby, Wichita Fire Department*

The focus of this class is to illustrate the importance of a commander's expectation on emergency scenes. The main purpose of the intent is to provide a framework for Company Officers to act. Fire companies are the linchpins to a successful emergency scene operation. The importance of synchronized small unit tactics following the commander's intent is critical to a successful mission on an emergency scene. Every emergency operation outcome is the result of many small unit outcomes. The key is for each small tactical unit (engine & truck companies) to perform in a predictable way. If one small unit fails to perform their task the whole operation could have a negative end result and change the strategy of the commander. The application of this information is to provide proven basics for fire officers to be successful during emergency operations through interactive discussions and video demonstration. Students investing fully in this course will be able to identify tenets and utilize training tools to assist in equipping themselves and their crews to complete their mission and to learn to attain mastery of this topic using the system of Planning, Preparation, and Execution. Methodology: An introduction into the thought process for fire ground commander's communicating intent and imparting presence with fire companies under their command. The presentation will be divided into sections that form the basis of communicating intent and imparting presence to company officers. I feel strongly that this is an important topic for the fire service. In the majority of LODD events a lack of command was cited (NIOSH 5). This presentation delivers a system for incident commanders to use to be better prepared for the fire ground. I am a 34-year veteran of the fire service. I have come up through the ranks and have developed this system over the years to be better prepared for time compressed situations.

1000-1145 **Training Those that Lead: Officers & Sr. FF's Development** - Room 202

Presented by: *Mark Gregory, FDNY*

"The fire service is not the same as it was 25-years ago. Tailboard riding is out, bunker gear is in and YES, fires are burning hotter than ever before. Our aggressive nature is good but we must be educated in today's pitfalls to attain positive results. This program is designed to discuss these issues and how today's fire officer can mold a company / department of "Street-Smart Firefighters". Emphasis will be on the role of the company officer. Topics to be discussed will include: Evaluating ourselves as leaders; History – How it can affect our success; Modern Fire Behavior & Construction's effect on fire attack; Vent-Enter- Isolate & Search, is it practical in the urban and rural setting; Size-up & Effective Radio Communications; "The 10 Minute Drill" – motivating our people to want to learn; Dealing with "Dinosaur Eggs" and Our Obligations..... PowerPoint, and video presentations will be used to motivate the attendees to participate in open-group discussions throughout the day.

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Tuesday, June 19, 2018

1300-1500

Kitchen Table Discussions – OC Conv. Center - Bayfront Ballroom

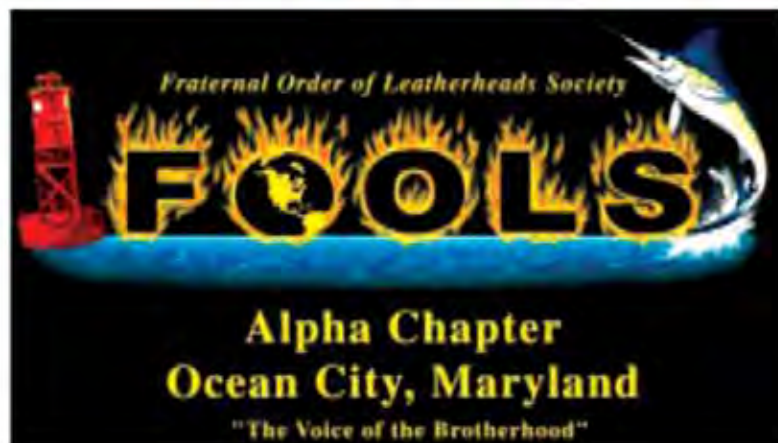
Presented by: Sid Newby-Wichita FD; Greg Dypsky-DCFD/OCFD; 2nd Floor, and Skip Carey-OCFD

This session will include fire service leaders sharing information on current fire service topics and how it will affect our service in the future. It will provide interactive discussions to assist fire service members on how and why we do the things we do.

9th Annual Brotherhood Block Party

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June 16, 2018
Maryland State Firemen's Association

A Message from Governor Larry Hogan

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 126th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, hosted again in Ocean City, Maryland! I am delighted to provide this message to you on this wonderful occasion.

For 126 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 2018 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 them 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, continue success in the years to come, and an enjoyable time in Ocean City!

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
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June 16, 2018

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome all attending the 2018 Annual Convention and Conference for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA). Every year, this event offers us the chance to reflect on the important service done by countless rescue personnel to save lives and ultimately make our communities more secure.

I commend Maryland's fire chiefs, fire fighters, EMS, and all other brave volunteers and professionals who put their lives on the line to protect people and property from fires. This work is difficult and often underappreciated, but you are all admirable public servants and indeed, an essential part of our society's basic operation. Whereas most would rush out of harm's way, you move in. Whereas most can relax at home at the end of a long day of work, you remain on call, ready at any moment's notice. You perform this critical work all only for the sake of others.

I feel proud to have such selfless men and women protecting our state. Please know that I will fight for your interests in the U.S. Senate and will continue to work to make sure you have the resources you need. Your dedication to public service is admirable. I join citizens across Maryland in offering you our deepest appreciation.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

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

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

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



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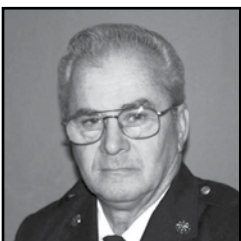
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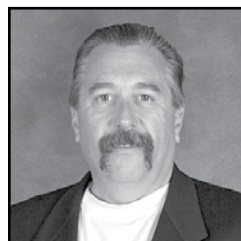
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U.S. Senator

June 16, 2018



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 in Ocean City for your Annual Convention. It is an honor and a privilege to salute you as you celebrate your 126th anniversary of providing outstanding volunteer fire and emergency medical service to Maryland.

From its founding in 1893 with just 12 Departments, the Association 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



Report of the President

Vice President Blair, Vice President Faust, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 126th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference.

What a positive year! There were sad moments, and good times. There were many good decisions, and some that, with hindsight, were not so good. There were many successes, and a few programs that ended in ways other than what we had anticipated. Overall it was a year of new and renewed friendships, achievements, and a lot of forward progress in many directions.

One of our most productive effort this year has been the result we achieved during the Legislative Session. Thanks to Governor Hogan and Major General Singh for their help in securing a \$200,000.00 dollar increase to our annual operating budget and a \$25,000.00 increase for the trustees widows and orphans fund.

Our Legislative Committee Chair Steve Cox, PP, and his committee did an excellent job this year in Annapolis. 2018 was a record year in which 3,127 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, 890 bills or 28% were passed and 142 have already become laws. On more than one occasion I received a compliment from our state partners on the excellent job PP Cox did this session. I also want to thank the members of the LAMSFA who took time out of their busy lives to staff the office.

The Executive Committee under the leadership of Charles J. Simpson, Jr. handled routine business and some difficult issues that were new to the group, they completed their discussions in each instance, after careful review and meaningful discussion. This year the committee approved several new policies and established a fulltime contractual position "Executive

Director". The Executive Director will handle the day to day business of the association. Along with the new position the committee approved the lease of an office space at 2130 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 4, Crofton, MD 21666. The space will serve this association for many years to come.

In attempt for the association to recruit new volunteers for our member companies we entered into an agreement with First Arriving Marketing, Web, Recruitment & Technology Solutions for Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement & Government Company. One of their focuses will be on assisting us with social media.

Sharing recognition this year with LAMSFA President Vivian Morgan Boyd and her husband Ron has been a special treat. We started talking about "our year" back in 2015 and we have been working together ever since. Thank you Vivian for your support, comments and suggestions.

There are so many who contributed to the success of this year, and assisted me in many ways. Thank you to the officers and members of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine and Hose Co. No. 1 who supported me while going through the chairs of this association. Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company, Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, SINGERLY Fire Department, and the Midland Fire Company #1 all opened up their volunteer fire houses to host an executive committee meeting.

To all of you who have given me the opportunities to serve, and to make new friends, thank you. To all of you who volunteer in your home company, in your county and in the state, thank you.

Finally, to my wife Nancy who understands my dedication and commitment to the volunteer fire service, and in spite of the time we spend apart you continue to love me and make me a better person by sharing your life with me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, MSFA President

Congratulations on a Successful 2018 Convention



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Report of the First Vice President

President Bilger, Second Vice President Faust, Chairman Simpson Jr., Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents Committee Chairs and Members Companies of both the MSFA and LAMSFA and Honored Guests of the 126th Annual Convention and Conference. This past year has been interesting and a learning experience in many ways 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 continuing support and understanding that she and my sons and their families have given to me over this past year. Too my Fire Service family's from the Western Enterprise Fire Company and the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company and the Clear Spring Ambulance Service, thank you for all of your support and help that you all have given to me the past two years as well to the member companies of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association for all your backing and support.

Special thanks go to the Past President's Robert (Bob) Cumberland, Doyle Cox, and Treasurer Ronald J. Siarnicki who have been working and helping me over the past few years.

I also want to recognize MSFA Conference and Convention Committee Members before I get too far into this report. Thank you all so very much for all the hard work in putting this 126th 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 have served you as your First Vice President this past year. Please remember those dedicated members who could not be with us here today due to illness and remember those who have passed on 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 Mark Bilger, LAMFSA President Vivian Boyd, Second Vice President Michael Faust, 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.

Thanks again to our Legislative Committee for another great and successful year in Annapolis. Thank you for all your hard and dedicated work and long hours of commitment that you all made this year.

I am taking this opportunity personally to thank our MSFA legislative Committee Chairman Steven Cox, Vice Chairman Richard Smith, Past President Johnie Roth Jr, and Chuck Walker,. All of you did an outstanding job this past session. 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 other MSFA members could work on bills, go to hearings, and make the necessary visits and contacts with the legislators. Thanks to each one of you for what you all do for the MSFA and Citizens of Maryland.

I have attended many meetings with the MSFA Presidents, Executive Officers, Legislative Committee



The Officers and Members of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary would like to congratulate President, Mark Bilger on a successful year as President of the Maryland State Fireman's Association.



Mark A. Bilger
President

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 work with MIEMSS, MFRI, on correcting the issues for the National Registry EMT program in our state once and for all. Hopefully we will quickly have a better understanding of this issue that 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 attending their Board of Visitors Meeting. MSFA has a seat on that board now and will be working very closely with the Maryland Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. 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 time looking at and working on some major EMS problems that have started popping up again across the state. We will be reviewing information and attending the EMS Board Meetings at MIEMSS as well as the MSFA EMS Committee, SEMSAC Committee and other meetings held at MIEMSS.

MIEMSS is continuing to ask 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 prevent future overdoses and assist to combat the opioid epidemic. Maryland Crisis Hotline: 1-800-422-0009 EMS

Sincerely
Richard C. Blair, MSFA First Vice President



Report of the Second Vice President

To the Officers, Members, and those attending the 126th Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference in Ocean City, MD. Welcome to the beach and I hope we have an enjoyable and productive convention.

First, I'd like to take a moment to thank my family for their support over the last year. We knew it was going to be a lot of busy weekends and nights where I wouldn't be home until late and that proved to be the case. I would like to especially thank my wife, Stacey Faust, for going with me to most of the functions I attended.

I'd also like to thank my home company, Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company and our Auxiliary for their support. It really helps having a lot of great people supporting you.

Thanks to President Mark Bilger, First Vice President Rick Blair, and all the Officers of the MSFA. Most of the Officers have served in their positions for a number of years and were a tremendous help to me. I appreciate all they did for me personally and the Association this year. Also thanks to those chairing and serving on the various committees. Every committee is important but there are a few that I feel need a little special recognition.

The Legislative Committee are in Annapolis every day that the State Legislators are in session. They are there working for the Members of the MSFA and the citizens of Maryland and it is appreciated. One fact I would like to point out is that they were there until midnight on April 9th just to make sure something important didn't slip through. Thank you for all your efforts. The connections you made and the relationships you built are impressive and I hope whomever serves on the Committee next year and beyond are able to continue those relationships. I

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would be remiss if I didn't thank the ladies that support our efforts in Annapolis. Your work does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Next I would like to recognize and thank a few other committees including the VCAF, Finance, Safety, Training, Fire Prevention, and Recruitment & Retention committees. I have attended several meetings for these committees and the work they put in is tremendous. People really have no idea what these people do every month to help educate, train, and protect our members and citizens.

To our partner agencies, it has been an honor to work with all of you. I don't believe the average person that lives in Maryland has any idea of all of the behind-the-scenes work done by the Maryland State Firemen's Association and our partners. We must continue to make every effort necessary to keep our members safe so that we can protect the citizens of Maryland.

Last but certainly not least on my list of people to thank, I appreciate the support of the Officers and Members of the LAMSFA. I have developed a great relationship with the ladies and I am sure it will just get stronger as we continue to work together. Personally I would like to thank Vivian Boyd for her friendship and support this year. I wish Marcia Roth, Lori Denbow and the other officers of the LAMSFA much success in the upcoming year and I am sure we can accomplish a lot together.

As we all know, the National Register EMT Certification continues to be a topic of concern at our Executive Committee meetings. The dedication of several members of the Executive Committee is impressive and I remain hopeful that we can find a resolution that is acceptable to all parties because we need more EMT's on the streets.

All in all, I think we had a great year. It is important that we remember the reason we are all here which is to protect our Members, our State, our Communities, and our Families. I look forward to continuing to work with this great association and the dedicated members that lead this organization for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Faust, MSFA Second Vice President

Report of the Secretary

President Bilger, Vice Presidents Blair and Faust, 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 Bilger and Vice President Blair and Faust, Treasurer Siarnicki and Financial Secretary Vocke. Their continuous support, cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationship that exists 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 22, 2017 Ocean City,
Convention Center
- August 26, 2017 Reese and Community VFC,
Carroll County
- December 2, 2017 Kent Island Fire Department,
Queen Anne's County
- February 24, 2018 Slingerly Fire Company, Cecil
County
- April 14, 2018 Midland Volunteer Fire
Department, Allegany County
- June 17, 2018 Ocean City,
Convention Center

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

Chairman Simpson 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 and Michelle Malin for their tireless efforts in recording and transcribing the minutes of our Executive Committee. And Assistant Secretary Nancy Cox for her efforts in recording and

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June 16, 2018

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend my best wishes for a successful 126th 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 am 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steny Hoyer".

STENY H. HOYER

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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 updating the web calendar. 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 2017 and the last one was completed the last part of April 2018. An additional mail out of the proposed By-Laws amendment was also completed the last of April 2018.

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 your Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, P.P., Secretary

Report of the Finance Team

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. On behalf of the Finance Team for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), representing the Office of the Financial Secretary, Office of the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, we would like to extend to all in attendance at the 126th 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 Bilger, Vice President's Blair and Faust for their continued support and assistance as we have worked through the financial concerns of this organization. They have worked many long hours and traveled numerous miles all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

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 will continue to work on addressing every organizational fiscal issue we face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to 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.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbi Aaron, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer's; Past President Jacobs, Past President Cross and Wylie Donaldson, Budget and Past President Chair Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Richard Smith, and his committee members: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta, Past President Carl Edelin and Ex-Officio Benjamin W. Kurtz 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,



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New Year**



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 Charlie Simpson, 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. It is just a good time that we all look forward to every year.

This year at the memorial service we again have to recognize Line of Duty Deaths. It is a tough reminder that at any minute we could be the next one to lose our life. Have you prepared for this tragic event, does your company have you complete a PSOB Beneficiary Designation form and is it up to date. Do you have a copy of your birth certificates, marriage license, divorce decree, in your company file. Do you have a WILL, you should they are produced at no cost to you by the MSFA WILLS for HEROES committee. Does your company take pictures of their membership each year and keep it on file. It is very important that the company/department leadership start working to keep accurate records of their membership. I had the awesome task of receiving the memorial forms this year and I was shocked at how many companies

submitted forms to memorialize their members without a photo. Please take the time to take and file pictures of your memberships. When you have a member pass, please don't wait until March's deadline to submit them form the memorial service. Send the memorial form right away so they can be put on the Memorial page at MSFA.org.

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

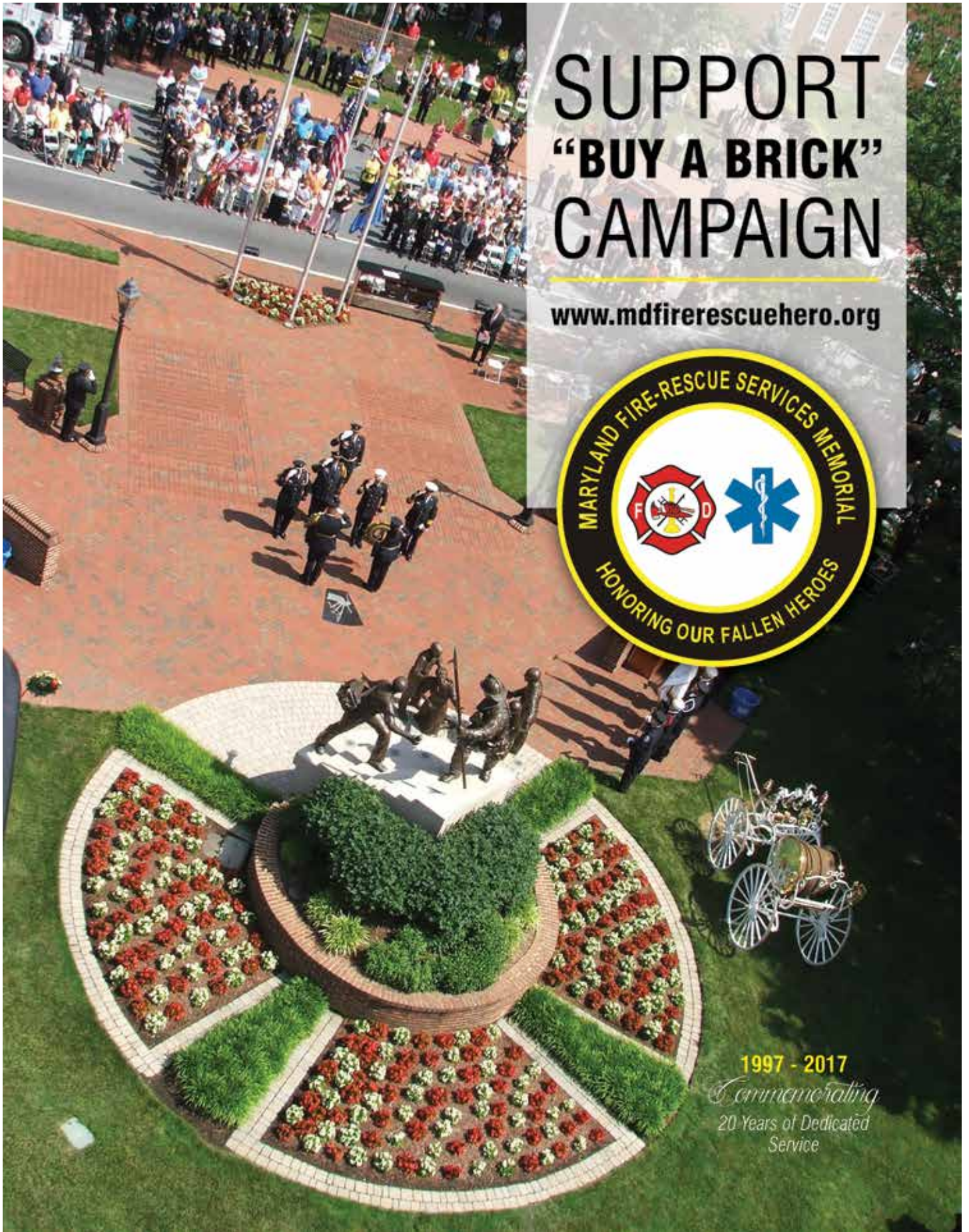
Report of the MSFA Board of Trustees

President Bilger, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 126th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty-one (31) widows/widowers, two (2) dependent child, two (2) dependents college educations, and three (3) Line-of-Duty-Injury claims. This year we had (1) one Line-of-Duty-Death claim.

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

This year the Trustees increase Widows/Widowers benefits from \$750 to \$800, Dependent Child benefit from \$650 to \$700, Line-of-Duty-Death benefits remained \$11,000 and Line-of-Duty-Injury benefits from \$750 to \$800 (effective 7/18). Education for Dependent Children was raised \$6,000 per year (\$3,000 per semester).

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.



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Lastly, I would like to thank your very dedicated Trustees for their service:

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- Association Staffing
- Reaching the Next Generation
- Budget/Finance to Support Mission and Goals
- Technology and Methodology
- Recruiting and Retention

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

Respectfully submitted,
C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

Report of the Executive Director

President Bilger, 1st Vice President Blair, 2nd Vice President Faust, Chairman Simpson, Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Members and guest of the 126th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), I would like to thank those who have supported and assisted me on this new endeavor created under the leadership of Past President Roth.

Three years ago, Past President Roth hosted a Leadership Summit which was facilitated by the Executive Director of the South Carolina Firefighters Association, Joe Palmer, and members of this staff. At the conclusion of that summit, the Officers and other invited guests, evaluated and prioritized fourteen (14) specific initiatives that needed to be addressed to better serve the members of the MSFA. At that time, I was asked if I would serve as the Strategic Planner for the MSFA and work with the newly appointed Strategic Planning Committee.

Over the past three years, we have continued to have Leadership Conferences with the Officers of the Association and members of the Executive Committee. This past year, President Bilger requested another Leadership Conference to be conducted at the National Fire Academy. This conference was facilitated by Director Joe Palmer and myself. The outcome from this conference gave a clear indication, that the top six categories that were prioritized to be the top six issues three years ago were still issues that needed to be addressed. Those top six issues are as follows:

Three years ago, the Executive Committee met every quarter and listened to fifty plus (50+) committees report over a weekend. The first order of business for the Strategic Planner was to figure out a mechanism to make this process more efficient and congruent and have the committees interact with each other to have more continuity across the entire spectrum of committees. The first thing that was proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee, and accepted by the Executive Committee, was to take the fifty plus committees and break them into categories of Administration, Operations, Planning and Logistics. All Committees were placed in the appropriate categories and a Branch Manager and Committee Chair was appointed for each category. That reduced the committees reporting to 14 initiatives in addition to our partnered agencies. This process has cut down on redundant presentations, and making committees coordinate with each other.

In 2014, the MSFA/MFCA received a SAFER Grant from FEMA for the purpose of Recruiting and Retention. This Grant has been and has had to be monitored daily and the contract personnel have done a great job in assuring we do not go beyond the guides of the Grant or the federal government. In reviewing the money allocations and the remainder of the performance period as of November 27, 2017, and the closing date of the Grant in September 2018, the Oversight Committee requested some adjustments be made to the Grant to maximize the areas that have been successful and to transfer funds from those that have not been successful. Training has been a key part of the Safer Grant and we have been successful in awarding numerous Scholarships and Tuition Assistance to our membership throughout the state. After some changes within the leadership structure of the Grant Oversight Committee, the MSFA and the MFCA agreed that a Budget Modification and Grant Amendment be requested from FEMA. The Budget Modification and Grant Amendment request was

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approved by FEMA and will allow us to enhance our efforts to meet our organization's goals and objectives as identified in the original grant.

We have made large strides in the training arena, as well as the social media arena and reformatting of our MSFA website to ensure an open source of communications throughout the entire membership. I would like to personally thank the Coordinators of the MSFA and the MFCA for their hard work on this Grant and a special thanks to media vendors, First Arriving and CBS, as well as Mr. Ron Siarnicki and Richard Snader for their continued support with the outside vendors and communications with FEMA. I would like to also give a shout out to the following committees for their outstanding work for the betterment and welfare of this fine Association and its members; Safety Committee, Training Committee, Recruiting and Retention Committee, Legislation Committee and Budget and Finance Committee, Cancer Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee.

Over the past three years, I've served under three Presidents and three Executive Committee Chairmen. I would like to thank Past President Roth for his confidence in me to begin this journey, Past President Davis for his active participation in the enhancing the social media presence of this Association and President Bilger for being a true communicator to me as to his wants and desires of this Association. As far as the three Executive Committee Chairmen, Jim Seavey, Doug Simpkins and Charlie Simpson, I couldn't have worked with any better people than you three who have the best interest of this Association. Thanks to all.

I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve this great Association and thank the entire membership for your kindness and support throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel H. "Skip" Mahan – Executive Director

Report of the Executive Committee

President Bilger, Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 126th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Fireman's Association, it is my pleasure to present the report of the Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 year. Thank you President Bilger, it has been my honor and privilege to serve you, all the officers and members of this great Association. The Executive Committee has had a year of many challenges while making progress in stabilizing and moving the association forward for the future.

We conducted nine Executive Committee meetings of which two were tele-conference meetings since the Convention closed in Ocean City on June 21, 2017.

The Executive Committee held a special meeting on June 20th in Ocean City to approve the 2017-2018 appointed officers.

Our first regular meeting was held on June 22nd in Ocean City where President Bilger announced his Transition Meeting that will be held on July 22nd at the Hampstead VFD. We also voted to accept the FY2018 Budget proposal, and to extend the Executive Consultant contract. Immediate Past Chairman Doug Simpkins was thanked for his service as Chairman 2016-2017.

Our second regular meeting was held August 26th at the Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company. This was the first time a business meeting was conducted in a one day format. We approved three VCAF Loans and one grant, approved the legal consul to handle certain business on behalf of the Association and placed the Bereavement Program on the website. We dropped one company from membership while discussing the combining of several member companies in Baltimore County. We discussed a member company's request for a standards inspection and continued to discuss National Registry testing and MIEMSS EMT issues. Our meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

A special Executive Committee conference call on November 29th discussed the details of reorganizing the SAFER Grant Oversight Committee and the needed changes to its program.



Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

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

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



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

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

The Officers and Members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company invite you to visit the Firefighters Memorial and wish you a safe, productive and enjoyable visit to Ocean City.

Our third regular meeting was held on December 2nd at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department. Much information was discussed regarding the SAFER Grant and reorganization of the grant program. President Bilger made a presentation to MFRI Director Steve Edwards who retired January 1st, thanking him for his many years of service. We voted to extend the Executive Consultant contract to three years, discussed a LODI Trustees claim rejection and the legal action that may follow. The Standards Committee reported inspection was conducted of the Salisbury Fire Dept., Inc. Co. 1 on September 22, 2017 as requested by the Executive Committee on June 21, 2017. The results of that inspection indicated that the pumper and building of the Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co. 1 met the standards of the MSFA for these categories. The Committee approved changes to the President Vehicle SOP and the adoption of the Sexual Harassment/Anti-discrimination Policy and a Disciplinary Policy. We voted to change the pay-back guidelines for the VCAF and to approve six loans and two grants. The new MSFA Tag design and the updated Ten-Year Training Plan were also approved by the Committee. This meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

Our fourth regular meeting was held at the Singerly Fire Company on February 24, 2018. We approved Michelle Malin as a new Assistant Secretary and President Bilger appointed two new committees, the Next Generation Committee with Ron Block as Chair and the Executive Director Search Committee with Charles Simpson as Chair. We welcomed Dorchester County Vol. Fireman's Association as they were approved for Associate Membership. We approved three grants and seven loans recommended by the VCAF committee. The Committee voted to recommend a Constitution and Bylaw change for the Convention changing the Planning Committee to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee with specified members. We also approved a Resolution recommending all member companies to participate in Traffic Incident Management training. We adjourned at 4:00PM.

On March 28, 2018 The Executive Committee had a special tele-conference call and approved the attorney's request for "Articles of Amendment" to

the Constitutions and Bylaws to replace missing documents. We also approved the lease of office space for the Executive Director in Crofton.

Our fifth regular meeting was held at Midland Volunteer Fire Company on April 14, 2018. We handled the many items on the agenda including information on the status of our Executive Director Search and the new "Home" for the MSFA. A proposal was submitted to change our Planning Committee in the Constitution and Bylaws and a presentation on drones from MCAC. Continued concerns with the MIEMSS National Registry EMT testing remains a constant concern for the volunteer emergency services and the appeared lack of inclusion by MIEMSS when changing their policies and procedures.

The MSFA Leadership and Executive Committee conducted a Leadership Summit on January 5th thru 7th at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg. Many strategies were developed to continue to move our Association forward and better prepare for the changes in the future. Our thanks to Joe Palmer of the South Carolina State Firefighters Association for his interest and continued support.

Special thanks to Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company, Kent Island Fire Department, Singerly Fire Company and Midland Volunteer Fire Department for their hospitality in hosting these meetings.

Thanks to Treasurer Siarnicki, Secretary Cox and Executive Director Mahan for all the assistance provided and the many hours you have contributed. Many thanks to Jim Seavey for his guidance and friendship.

Best wishes and thanks to Vice Chair Rick Hemphill as he moves forward. Most importantly for all their hard work and diligence, I would like to thank my 2017-2018 Executive Committee:

Vice Chairman: Richard Hemphill, Independent Junior VFC – WASHINGTON/FREDERICK County
Kent Whalen, United Communities VFD
KENT/QUEEN ANNE'S/CAROLINE County
Timothy Dayton, Potomac FC#1
ALLEGANY/GARRETT County

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

Richard Blair



for President
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ANNE ARUNDEL County
Charles Walker, Chillum Adelphi VFD
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BALTIMORE County

My thanks to Frank Underwood, PP. Prince George's Co. for participating on behalf of member Chuck Walker during his convalescence.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles J. Simpson, Jr., Chairman

*Report of the
Budget and Revenue Committee*

President's Bilger, Vice Presidents Blair and Faust, 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.

Finally, the Budget Committee would like to thank Governor Hogan for his support by increasing the State Appropriations by \$200,000.00 this year. Although General Services recommended striking that request from the Governor's budget, General Singh believed in our Association and fought hard to keep it in the budget. As a result, the funds remained and the General Assembly passed the budget with our increase.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman



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*Report of the
Convention Committee*

President Bilger, Vice-President's Blair and Faust, Ladies Auxiliary President Boyd, Vice-President's Roth and Denbow, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) 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 126th Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA.

We continue to make changes within the Convention Committee and the convention event as a whole. The committee has made several visits to the site and has pulled together various planning efforts to make this convention even better than has occurred in the past. I would be remiss at this time, if I did not take a moment to remember my predecessor Chairman Emeritus and Past President Leonard King who passed this year as his leadership helped make the Convention what it is today.

Since last year's event, the Steering Committee: Tom and Flo Collins, Past President Doyle Cox, Susan Proels, Past President John Denver, William Hawkins, LAMSFA Past President Elaine Huttenloch, Past President Frank Underwood, Past President Roger Powell, Past President Danny Davis and Past President 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 Roger Steger, Vice-Chair Past President 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); have been hard at work preparing for our week at the beach. We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year's Convention and Conference experience.

With the efforts of many dedicated individuals, the 126th Annual Convention and Conference of

the Maryland State Firemen's Association is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering of the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services community and their families.

This past year has seen many dedicated individuals putting in a great deal of hours planning and developing the weeklong events and activities that will be a part of our annual gathering. The Roland E. Powell Convention and Conference Center is a tremendous facility in which to hold our Convention and Conference. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security and many more feel confident that you will most surely enjoy, learn, and take something back to your communities from this year's Convention and Conference.

Our Convention and Conference will again launch the week long activities with the Joint Officers Banquet that will be held at the Clarion Hotel. Each year the Banquet Committee does an outstanding job in planning this event and makes it a fitting start to our annual gathering. Our Presidents, Officers and invited guests will gather to commemorate the productive efforts of the Association this past year

The Education and Hands-On Training Seminars will stimulate new thought processes and tone up some skills to better enable you to serve your departments and citizens in a most professional manner. Thanks to the members of the Program Committee, MFRI, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma and the Ocean City Fools for making some of the best educational opportunities available to our association membership.

The "MSFA Joint Memorial Service" proves to be another moving and most important part of the overall convention and conference. Our Chaplin Corp and many others are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program where we will recognize many of our fellow fire service members who have passed since our last gathering. In addition, special tributes and Line-of-Duty Death Recognitions will be provided.

This year's Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning

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will be spectacular with new additions to the program and a keynote presentation that will hit home with every single member of the Maryland fire service community. We look forward to jointly celebrating our rich history, numerous association milestones and most of all benefits to our member organizations. Thanks to the entire opening ceremonies work group for all they do.

The most up-to-date informational programs will be featured on the main convention floor to allow you to build on your skills, knowledge, and contacts for the betterment of the emergency services personnel of our State. Thank you to all members of the Program Committee for your efforts.

Each year our exhibits bring some of the most innovative apparatus, equipment and services available on the market today and through our convention you are able to visit more suppliers during the week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet the technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions. We owe a "thank you" to all of the exhibitors for supporting our Convention and Conference. Thanks to the Exhibits Committee for another year of outstanding service and dedication.

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, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, Special Events at Splash Mountain Park, MSFA Night at the Boardwalk Pier Amusement Park, Frontier Town Day, Mack Fire Truck Rally, OC Fools Block Party, Eagles Landing Golf Tournament, and much more. These events require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to the entire team who helped to bring these special events to our Association attendees and their families.

The parade on Wednesday requires many hours of preparation and work. The Parade Committee will be in place to make sure that it fulfills everyone's

expectations as we again travel up Baltimore Avenue starting at 15th Street. Lineup will again be at the inlet parking lot and this year Chick-fil-A will be there to show their appreciation to our fire service family. A special thanks to the Ocean City Fire Service, the Transportation Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for their long hours and hard work in producing the parade.

The Convention Committee extends a special thank you to Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year in helping to make everything happen for a successful Convention and Conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Council, City Manager, Ocean City Police Department, Ocean City Department of Public Works, Ocean City Department of Transportation, and to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center staff for all of their assistance, cooperation and dedication.

We could not put on this Convention and Conference without the splendid year round cooperation of the Town of Ocean City and we thank their residents and business community for supporting us.

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

My personal thanks to the entire Convention Committee with so many additional individuals who work tirelessly to pull everything together and I thank each and every one of them: Fire Chief Ben Barksdale, Miriam Wrenn, Alan Doubleday, Joseph Walters, Gary Jones, Allen Doolings, Charles Rogers, Tom Nevins, Mark Telfer, Dickie Briggs, Jimmy Atchison, Tim Thomas, Lewis Harvey, Rob Korb, Donna Clark, Kate and Rich Tomanelli, Scott, Carrie and Brain Svoboda, Bobbi Aaron, Robert Rose, Jason Bloom, Chris May, Jeff Thompson, Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Laura and Harve Woods, Richard Snader, Victor Stagnaro, Lynn

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Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Proels formally with the PGFD and now with the NFFF, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and well managed.

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

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. Be safe and enjoy the beach!

Respectfully Submitted;
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Convention Chairman

Report of the Events & Marketing Report

President Bilger, Vice Presidents Blair, and Faust, officers, members, and guests, The Events & Marketing Committee had a busy and successful year. The Committee supported the MSFA, several of its committees, our partner agencies, and our membership throughout the year.

The Committee supported the Association and its Legislative Committee by hosting booths at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference, the Summer, and Winter Conferences of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO), and by assisting at the MSFA Legislative Reception in Annapolis. At these events, we have the opportunity to meet face to face with Municipal, County, State, and even Federal elected and appointed officials.

The Committee continues to work in support of the various initiatives involved with the SAFER Grant.

The Committee sponsored an Ocean City Hotel Motel and Restaurant Association (OCHMRA) dinner. As a sponsor, we distributed Fire Prevention information and Convention information to all of the attendees. The Committee also hosted a booth at the OCHMRA Trade Show. During this event we distributed Convention Sponsorship Information.

The Committee hosted a booth at the Maryland Emergency Managers Association (MDEMA) Symposium. Our member departments work hand in hand on a daily basis with Emergency Managers in their local jurisdictions. Any effort we can make to build these relationships will serve our member departments well.

The Committee also hosted a booth at EMS Care in Ocean City in support of our EMS providers statewide.

The Committee would like to thank President Bilger and Vice Presidents Blair and Faust for their help and support. The Committee would also like to recognize the efforts of Past Presidents Olson, Cross, and Roth for their hard work this year.

Respectfully submitted,
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*Report of the
Fire Laws Book Committee*

President Bilger, Vice President's Blair and Faust, 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 officers, 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.

The Association did not purchase and distribute Fire Law Books this year. Books will be purchased in FY 2018 – 2019 budget year. Distribution will be to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and members of the General Assembly, MSFA Officers, Fire Prevention Commission, and State Fire Marshal's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephan D. Cox PP, Chair

*Report of the
Fire Prevention Committee*

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

This year we held meetings in the following locations:

- Prince George's County – Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building

- Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department
- Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department – canceled due to funeral for Past President Leonard King. Action Items shared via the website.
- Committee Support MSFA/ MFRI - Maryland Weekend Emmitsburg
- MFRI – College Park University of Maryland
- United Communities Volunteer Fire Department

This past year we have strived to bring the best in education to the departments with resources and tools made available on the website. Allowing us to add and update or portion of the website has become valuable resource. We have been able to add pertinent educational materials for use by our member companies. We have installed and updated the following tip sheets:


- Burn Safety for Children and Adults
- Carbon Monoxide Safety
- Christmas Tree Safety
- Close the Door Safety
- Hoarding Safety
- Home Escape Plan
- Holiday Safety
- Pet Safety
- Senior Safety
- Smoke Alarm – MD Laws
- Space Heater Safety
- Sprinkler Safety
- Statewide Community Risk Reduction Weekend Dates
- Turkey Fryer Safety
- Winter Safety

In all there are over 15 tip sheets for review. They are found of the top of the FPLS Committee section of the MSFA website. As trends change and newer information is passed on we will be updating the website. Please go to our committee page and see what we have done to support you as a member company.

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.

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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. 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. The committee serves you with great support and we will continue to find ways to spread the message of Fire Prevention and Life Safety for your office. Thank you for always being with us and being beside us when we find ways to educate the residents of this great state. Thank you Fire Marshal for all that you do.

This past year a valuable asset from the State Fire Marshal Office our liaison Bruce Bouch decided to jump ship and move on a new job and is now working for the National Fire Academy. Thank you for helping spread the messages that we created and we wish you the very best in your new position with the National Fire Academy. We are still very grateful that you will remain a committee member and we look forward to your support.

To the sub-committee members, I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the programs we work on. To 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 Sarah and Lauren, 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.

Adding a very valuable component of our committee

has been to integrate Vision 20/20 more into the efforts towards Community Risk Reduction and ways to help member companies. We have updated and included many valuable tools that can be shared with the member companies. Myself and James Resnick are the Maryland Representatives and we look forward to learning new ideas and allowing us to bring them forward to the efforts of the Community Risk Reduction for the State.

To LAMSFA Chairman Rose Pandolfini 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.

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
Dave Reid, Vice Chairman
Holly Trego, Vice Chairman
Daria Brown, Secretary



What is FABSCOM?

The Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland (FABSCOM) is a 501 © 3 non-profit charitable organization that was established in 1992 with the help of a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FABSCOM brings together public fire educators, fire prevention personnel, and private sector members to support a common goal of making Maryland a safer place. The mission of FABSCOM is "to promote Fire and Burn Safety Education for the citizens of Maryland." This group meets quarterly to share updates on the preparation and progress of the group's main projects.

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The Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland assists and supports the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference (MALSC) held annually at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Howard County. The coalition also assists Maryland residents in the community by providing visual smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing community. FABSCOM assists Marylanders by promoting residential fire sprinklers as well as the proper placement, maintenance, and installation of smoke alarms.

Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference (MALSC) is held each year in September at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Each year the conference has a wealth of knowledge presented in numerous breakout sessions that appeal to several aspects of fire and life safety. During the lunch portion of the conference the Office of the State Fire Marshal announces the Life Safety Educator of the Year Award. This award recognizes an individual or group who have significant contributions in fire or life safety programs which identifies measurable achieved outcomes.

Visual Smoke Alarms for the Hard of Hearing is a statewide program to help prevent fire related deaths in Maryland. Members of the deaf and hard of hearing community are unable to hear a regular smoke alarm so this committee offers two options to warn of smoke and/or fire within their homes. Safe Awake offers an alarm that listens for the sound of a conventional smoke alarm and then activates a "bed-shaker" to powerfully shake the person's bed alerting them of the impending smoke and/or fire. Another alarm that FABSCOM offers is the Gentex smoke alarm with visual signaling. Upon activation, the smoke alarm will sound and also have a high intensity strobe. During the alarm period the strobe will flash 60 times per minute. Debbie Gartrell-Kemp from Carroll County oversees this project to offer alarms to those residents in Maryland who are in need through an application process that is available online and a then group of installers go out to the community and install the alarm as well as educate the homeowner on how it works.

Residential Fire Sprinklers save lives and this group assists lawmakers and home builders understand their importance. It is the goal of this group to have

legislation in every Maryland County and Baltimore City requiring residential sprinklers in all new construction as well as any remodeling projects that meet the requirement for sprinklers. FABSCOM also supports the side by side demonstrations that are conducted in a joint effort between the MSFA, MFCA, and the OSFM.

Smoke Alarm installation and maintenance are a key component of saving lives. This group assists in educating the community on the proper placement of smoke alarms.

Currently the law in Maryland requires a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside the sleeping area, and on each floor of the residence. Maintenance of smoke alarms is imperative to ensure a working smoke alarm. Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years and tested monthly to be sure they are in working order. It is recommended that if you have any issues or questions regarding your own smoke alarms that you contact your local fire department. If you still need additional assistance you can contact FABSCOM and we will assist in making your home a safe place to live. For more information about FABSCOM please visit our website at www.FABSCOM.org or send us an email at FABSCOM@gmail.com.

*Report of the
Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador*

I never thought that I could be the girl who gets up in front of the room and speaks. I never thought that I could be the girl who engages in conversations with strangers. Most importantly, I never thought I could be the girl who makes a difference. Fire Prevention has been a part of my life for the past four years. It has been the constant in my life when everything had changed, and it gave me a purpose in my community. By being selected as the Maryland State Fireman's Association Miss Fire Prevention 2017-2018, my dream came true. My hard work for the past four years had finally paid off and I learned that no matter who you are, if you set your mind to something, you can achieve anything.

Everyone asks if you could would you change anything during your reign, I simply answer no. I have given my heart and soul into this past year educating the

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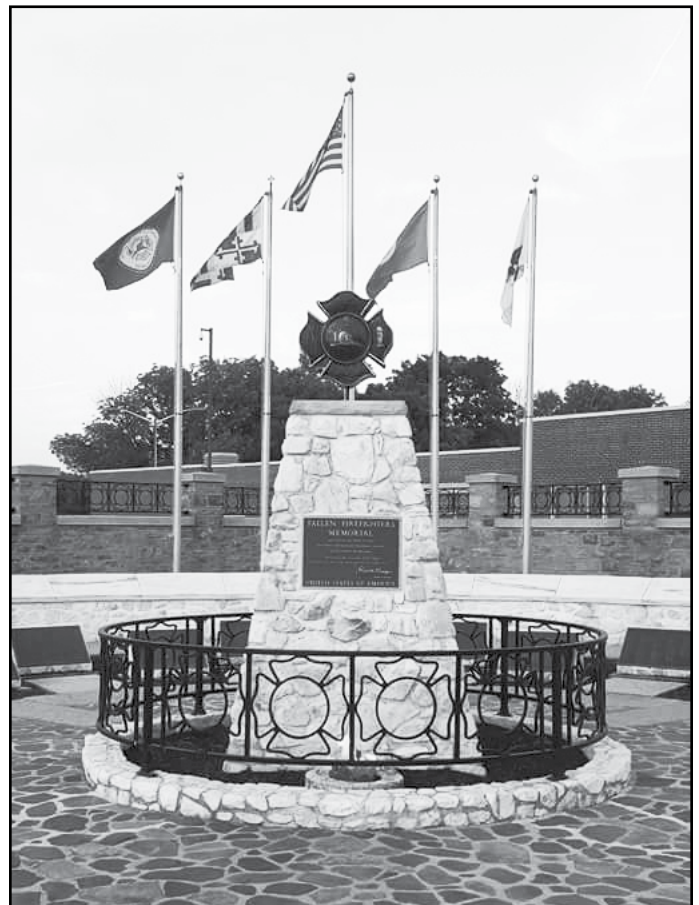


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community about fire prevention, and I have met a second family and friendships to last a life time along the way. This program has given me transferable skills that I will use for the rest of my life.

Some of my favorite events include the busy week in Ocean City, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Memorial Gala in Hollywood Maryland, the Polar Bear Plunge, and visiting the 9/11 memorial in New York City. I also had the pleasure of attending the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, and the Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. One of my favorite roles as an Ambassador was being able to teach children about life safety through interactive games at Open Houses and Safety Expos. As of April 16, 2018, I have traveled 3,398 miles.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me this past year. I specifically want to thank Lori Denbow, Teresa Ann Chrisman, and Bridget Weishaar. These women have been three of my biggest supporters and for that I am grateful. Thanks to New Windsor Fire Department and Auxiliary as well as the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Service Association for their ever-lasting endorsement and support, it is because of them that I joined this wonderful program and am proud of where I come from.

A huge thanks to my Mom, Dianne Gunderson, for all she has done for me. Thank you for the adventurous road trips. She is my best friend and mom all rolled into one and I will forever look up to her for inspiration. Lastly, I want to thank my Grandfather, James W. Paul. He tragically passed away in October 2017. Although he is no longer with me I am forever blessed to have him as my guardian angel who has guided me through this journey. Everything I do is in remembrance of him. Due to everyone's love and support, I am the woman who confidently stands in front of the room. I am the woman who can engage in conversation with others. I am the woman who makes a difference.

Although my reign has come to an end, my love for serving the community is far from it. I will continue to serve my community and teach the value of Fire

Prevention. I will pass down my wisdom onto the upcoming girls and will guide and support them in any way I can. I have truly loved being your MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador. I will cherish this past year for years to come.

Thank you,
Sarah Paul , MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 2017-2018

Report of the Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador 1st Runner Up

I would like to believe that the biggest surprise of this journey was the moment they called my name as MSFA MFP 1st Runner Up. Despite that being a huge shock, I was wrong. It was the many blessings that followed that really caught me off guard. Although it took me a while to realize: yes, I am Lauren Caudill and yes, that was my name they just called, it took me no time to realize I had a busy year ahead of me. Little did I know then about the amazing fire prevention family I would gain and amount of love I would be shown. I have made friendships that will last forever, giggled until my stomach hurt, went through two book bags, traveled far and wide, talked to all age groups, and most importantly, spread the word throughout the great State of Maryland. I have attended elegant banquets, exciting open houses, long meetings, carnivals, fairs, and rode in many parades. There are millions of amazing memories from this year, but here's a couple that stood out: HHS Best Buddies Sensory Sensitive Carnival, Farm Fair, Bel Air Parade, and of course Ocean City. This has been a challenging task due to it also being my senior year in high school, but I would like to thank everyone who was willing to help me during this time. I could not have done this without God, my parents, boyfriend and the MSFA and LAMSFA. I want to thank everyone involved for making this year one of the most memorable years of my life. I will cherish this year and my fire prevention family forever.

Lauren B Caudill
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up

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*Report of the
Hall of Fame Committee*

President Bilger, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 126th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the Hall of Fame Committee received thirty three (33) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and forty six (46) 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 19, 2018, 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
Charlie Abrecht Fred Cross, PP.
John Ferguson, III Timothy Jones
David Keller, III, PP. Bill Lay
Richard Smith

The committee and I would also like to thank President Bilger 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 Bilger, Vice Presidents Blair and Faust, and Members of the Executive Committee. The 2018 Legislative session started on January 11 and ended at midnight on April 9. 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.

This year's primary goals were to support MSFA's Budget request for appropriations, provide additional funds for the Widows and Orphans, and to support or Oppose Public Safety Legislation.

Our legislative reception was held on January 16th 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. During the session there were 1269 Senate Bills and 1832 House Bills introduced. Every bill introduced was reviewed by the Legislative Committee to determine any impact it would have on Maryland's

Emergency Services. As a result of those reviews, the committee supported the 2 budget bills along with 28 bills, opposed 12 bills, monitored 28 bills, and watched 25 bills with local/county impact. A copy of our legislative report # 13 is attached outlining the progress of the legislation supported, monitored or opposed.

Although this was the session preceding elections the dynamics in Annapolis were different than the last three years. In the past MSFA would provide testimony and meet with legislators to clarify our position on a bill. Usually after those meetings, often numerous meetings, we would leave a legislators office with a commitment to support or oppose, and they held to that commitment. This year, politics and trade offs interfered with the final outcome on several bills. Specifically, in several cases we were assured a bill would remain in the subcommittee only to have the committee overrule and vote on the bill.

However; the committee would like to thank Governor Hogan for his support by including the increase to the MSFA appropriations and the final payment to the Widows and Orphans in his budget request. During the budget process, General Services recommended

cutting our increase in appropriations. A special thanks goes out to General Singh for her unwavering support and commitment to have the funds remain in the budget.

Finally, I would like to thank the committees that spent numerous hours in Annapolis this year. The MSFA's core group; Richard Smith, Bernie Smith, Johnie Roth, Chuck Walker, Laura Woods and Ed Woods for all their work to make this a successful year. Unfortunately we only log hours physically in Annapolis but everyone spent additional time working away from the office. 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 Carene Housenfluck, Elaine Huttenloch, Jane Huffman, Marian Nicholson, and Teresa Crisman for all your hard work and I can say it is certainly a pleasure to work with you.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman



We would like to express our appreciation to the businesses, Fire Department's and Ladies Auxiliary's 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 126th Convention Program Book. The results of this year's book are attributed to the cooperation we have received from the Association. My personal thank to every member of the program book committee.

Danny Carpenter
Fred Cross
Danny Davis

Dennie Mattingly
Rose Davis
Elaine Huttenloch

Ginny Wilhite
Printing Press, Inc.

Sincerely,
Tom Mattingly
Chairman

Legislative Bulletin No. 13

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 or Vice Chairman Richard Smith.

IF YOU WISH TO BE ADDED TO THIS MAILING. PLEASE SEND A REQUEST TO TERESA ANN CRISMAN AT tacrisman@co.pg.md.us SO YOU CAN BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST.

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.

Thank you for your support.
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman
Richard Smith, Vice Chairman

MSFA Bills of Interest (April 12, 2018)

There have been **1269 Senate Bills** and **1832 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking the following **95** bills.

The MSFA stance on these bills will be determined later. A breakdown of these bills are as follows:

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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 28	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0037 (SB0388)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services Membership	Delegate Clark	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/17/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0226 (SB0483)	Public Schools - Sprinkler Systems - Required	Delegate Ebersole	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations; Withdrawn	Appropriations 2/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0243 (SB0968)	Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service - Study and Extension	Delegate Krimm	Returned Passed	Economic Matters 2/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0371 (SB0175)	Emergency Medical Services - Emergency Medical Services Board - Appointments	Delegate Bromwell	Passed Enrolled	Health and Government Operations 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0543	Law Enforcement - First Responders Killed or Disabled in the Line of Duty Fund	Delegate Ali	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0624 (SB1229)	Public Institutions of Higher Education - Family Members of Killed or Disabled First Responders - Tuition Exemption (Sean Sulter Act)	Delegate Ali	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0634 (SB0285)	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Establishment	Delegate Jackson	Returned Passed	Health and Government Operations 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/29/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

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HB0810 (SB0728)	Public Safety – Battery Operated Smoke Alarms	Delegate Ebersole	First Reading Senate Rules	Environment and Transportation 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Rules
HB0924 (SB1222)	Emergency Medical Care - Administration of Opioid Antidotes - Immunity	Delegate Folden	Hearing 3/7 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)	Health and Government Operations 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Judiciary	
HB0961	Rural Broadband Communication Services	Delegate Mautz	Passed Enrolled	Economic Matters 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1069 (SB1269)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members	Delegate Buckel	Passed Enrolled	Ways and Means 2/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1389 (SB1173)	Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund - Pilot Program	Delegate Sample-Hughes	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation 3/2/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1816 (SB1257)	Safe Schools Act of 2018	Speaker	Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Ways and Means 3/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Appropriations	
SB0175 (HB0371)	Emergency Medical Services - Emergency Medical Services Board - Appointments	Senator Middleton	Passed Enrolled	Finance 2/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0285 (HB0634)	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Establishment	Senator Kagan	Returned Passed	Finance 2/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0388 (HB0037)	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members	Senator Middleton	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Budget and Taxation 2/14/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Rules and Executive Nominations
SB0483 (HB0226)	Public Schools - Sprinkler Systems - Required	Senator King	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0624 (HB0978)	State Income and Property Tax Credits – Purple Line Construction Zone	Senator Smith	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0682	Emergency Medical Services Providers – Coverage and Reimbursement of Services – Reports and Plan	Senator Hershey	Returned Passed	Finance 3/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 4/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0728 (HB0810)	Public Safety - Battery Operated Smoke Alarms	Senator King	Passed Enrolled	Judicial Proceedings 3/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 4/3/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0816	Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Senator Salling	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0968 (HB0243)	Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service - Study and Extension	Senator Eckardt	Returned Passed	Finance 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters
SB1051	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System - Trust Fund and Fees (Carl Henn's Law)	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1052	9-1-1 Trust Fund - Public Safety Answering Point - Mandatory Reporting	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	

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SB1054	Public Information Act - 9-1-1 Communications - Denial of Part of a Public Record	Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1222 (HB0924)	Emergency Medical Care - Administration of Opioid Antidotes - Immunity	Senator Klausmeier	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 3/14/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1257 (HB1816)	Safe Schools Act of 2018	President	Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/15/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Budget and Taxation	
SB1269 (HB1069)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members	Senator Mathias	First Reading Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation	

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HB0139	Public Safety - Emergency Medical Services - Motorcycle Response Unit	Delegate Knotts	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 1/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0140	Public Safety - Emergency Medical Services - Bicycle Response Unit	Delegate Knotts	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 1/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0293	Vehicle Laws - Mopeds and Motor Scooters - Protective Headgear	Delegate Wivell	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0359 (SB0309)	Health - Reporting of Overdose Information	Speaker	Passed Enrolled	Health and Government Operations 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 4/9/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0694	Public Safety - Building Codes - Transfer of Administration to Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters	Judicial Proceedings
HB0771	Public Health - Opioid Overdoses - Prohibition and Rehabilitation Order	Delegate Cassilly	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Judiciary	
HB0924 (SB1222)	Emergency Medical Care - Administration of Opioid Antidotes - Immunity	Delegate Folden	Hearing 3/7 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)	Health and Government Operations 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Judiciary	
HB0944	First Responders - Mandatory Autism Training	Delegate Shoemaker	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1116 (SB1152)	Public Safety - Agritourism - Permit Exemption	Carroll County Delegation	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 2/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
HB1587 (SB0752)	Public Safety - Fire Investigation Science Advisory Workgroup	Delegate Howard, S.	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn	Judiciary 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	

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SB0309 (HB0359)	Health - Reporting of Overdose Information	President	Conference Committee Appointed	Finance 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0752 (HB1587)	Public Safety - Fire Investigation Science Advisory Workgroup	Senator Bates	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn	Judicial Proceedings	

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HB0123	Emergency Vehicles - Blood, Organ, or Tissue Delivery Vehicles	Delegate Angel	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn	Environment and Transportation	
HB0243 (SB0968)	Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service - Study and Extension	Delegate Krimm	Returned Passed	Economic Matters 2/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0354 (SB0299)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Correctional Officers (Hometown Heroes Act of 2018)	Speaker	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0363 (SB0305)	More Jobs for Marylanders Act 2.0	Speaker	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0405 (SB0011)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	Delegate Chang	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0531 (SB0445)	Motor Vehicles - Operation When Approaching Vehicle With Visual Signals	Delegate Healey	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 2/15/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0624 (SB1229)	Public Institutions of Higher Education – Family Members of Killed or Disabled First Responders – Tuition Exemption (Sean Suiter Act)	Delegate Ali	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0721	Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officer – Definition	Delegate Rey	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0802	Retire in Maryland Act of 2018	Delegate Fisher	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1050 (SB1022)	Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Rental Discount for Baltimore City Public Safety Officers	Delegate Haynes	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1141	Building Performance Standards - Agricultural Buildings Used for Agritourism - Exemption	Delegate Jacobs	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 2/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 4/3/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1501	Hospitals - Education - Child Safety Seat Requirements	Delegate Lam	Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn	Health and Government Operations	
HB1515	Public Safety - Length of Service Award Programs - Statewide Service	Delegate Jackson	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	

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HB1537	Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding	Delegate Krimm	Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn	Health and Government Operations 3/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0011 (HB0405)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	Senator Young	Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation 1/31/2018 - 2:30 p.m.	
SB0050	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel – Eligibility	Senator Mathias	Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 1/31/2018 - 2:30 p.m.	
SB0175 (HB0371)	Emergency Medical Services - Emergency Medical Services Board - Appointments	Senator Middleton	Passed Enrolled	Finance 2/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0299 (HB0354)	Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership	President	Passed Enrolled	Budget and Taxation 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 3/29/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0305 (HB0363)	More Jobs for Marylanders Act 2.0	President	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0445 (HB0531)	Motor Vehicles - Operation When Approaching Vehicle With Visual Signals	Senator Norman	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 2/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation
SB0625 (HB0799)	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity	Senator Smith	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 3/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0648 (HB1481)	Real Property - New Home Sales - Information on Energy-Efficient Options	Senator Kelley	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 2/15/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation
SB0752 (HB1587)	Public Safety - Fire Investigation Science Advisory Workgroup	Senator Bates	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn	Judicial Proceedings	
SB0816	Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Senator Salling	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0968 (HB0243)	Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service - Study and Extension	Senator Eckardt	Returned Passed	Finance 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters
SB1007	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Opioid Data – Disclosure	Senator Pinsky	Unfavorable Report by Finance; Withdrawn	Finance	
SB1013	First Responders - Mandatory Autism Training	Senator Ready	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 3/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1053	Property Tax Credit - 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Senator Kagan	Passed Enrolled	Budget and Taxation 3/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 4/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

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HB0339 (SB0535)	Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department Ho. Co. 5-18	Howard County Delegation	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/10/2018 - 10:00 a.m.	

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HB0425 (SB0356)	Somerset County - Fire Companies - Appropriations	Delegate Otto	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
HB0446 / CH0111	Calvert County - Fire and Rescue Commission - Membership	Calvert County Delegation	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 111	Environment and Transportation 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/30/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0460 (SB1037)	Montgomery County - Fire and Explosive Investigator - Definition	Delegate Moon	Passed Enrolled	Judiciary 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0609 / CH0089 (SB0360)	Carroll County - Public Facilities Bonds	Carroll County Delegation	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 89	Appropriations 3/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0627 / CH0113	Calvert County - Length of Service Award Program - Death Benefits	Calvert County Delegation	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 113	Environment and Transportation 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/30/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0900 / CH0134	Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Clubs, Firehouses, and Multiple Event Licenses	Harford County Delegation	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 134	Economic Matters 2/19/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0984 (SB0542)	Carroll County - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services	Carroll County Delegation	Returned Passed	Environment and Transportation 3/2/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
HB1006 (SB0487)	Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Bowie Emergency Operations Center	Delegate Valentino-Smith	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/10/2018 - 11:00 a.m.	
HB1050 (SB1022)	Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Rental Discount for Baltimore City Public Safety Officers	Delegate Haynes	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1144 (SB0754)	Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Bowie Volunteer Fire Department	Delegate Vallario	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/10/2018 - 11:00 a.m.	
HB1435	Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Volunteer Fire Department PG 305-18	Prince George's County Delegation	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters 2/19/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1818 (SB1249)	Prince George's County - School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges - Maryland Transit Administration Station PG 434-18	Prince George's County Delegation	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0356 (HB0425)	Somerset County - Fire Companies - Appropriations	Senator Mathias	Passed Enrolled	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation
SB0360 (HB0609 / CH0089)	Carroll County - Public Facilities Bonds	Carroll County Senators	Returned Passed	Budget and Taxation 2/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 3/20/2018 - 1:15 p.m.
SB0487 (HB1006)	Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Bowie Emergency Operations Center	Senator Peters	Hearing 3/10 at 9:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/10/2018 - 9:00 a.m.	
SB0535 (HB0339)	Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department Ho. Co. 5-18	Howard County Senators	Hearing 3/10 at 12:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/10/2018 - 12:00 p.m.	

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SB0542 (HB0984)	Carroll County - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services	Carroll County Senators	Returned Passed	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation
SB0674	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Department	Senator Kasemeyer	Hearing 3/10 at 4:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/10/2018 - 4:00 p.m.	
SB0754 (HB1144)	Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Bowie Volunteer Fire Department	Senator Peters	Hearing 3/10 at 9:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/10/2018 - 9:00 a.m.	
SB1022 (HB1050)	Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Rental Discount for Baltimore City Public Safety Officers	Senator Conway	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB1037 (HB0460)	Montgomery County - Fire and Explosive Investigator - Definition	Senator Smith	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 3/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 4/3/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB1106	Creation of a State Debt - Calvert County - North Beach Volunteer Fire Department	Senator Miller	Hearing 3/10 at 9:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/10/2018 - 9:00 a.m.	
SB1161	Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Prince George's County Volunteer Marine, Fire and Rescue Department	Senator Muse	Hearing 3/10 at 9:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/10/2018 - 9:00 a.m.	
SB1249 (HB1818)	Prince George's County - Reduction in and Exemptions From the School Facilities Surcharge - Sunset Extension	Senator Rosapepe	Second Reading Passed	Budget and Taxation 3/15/2018 - 1:45 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 4/9/2018 - 2:15 p.m.

Denotes enacted legislation

BUDGET: 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
HB0160 (SB0185)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2019)	Speaker	First Reading Appropriations	Appropriations	
SB0185 (HB0160)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2019)	President	Passed Enrolled	Budget and Taxation	Appropriations



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*Report of the
Federal Legislative Oversight
Sub-Committee*

President Bilger, 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.

On Monday Dec. 18th the House was scheduled to consider H.R. 4661, the United State Fire Administration, AFG, and SAFER program Reauthorization Act Of 2017. The bill reauthorizes the Assistance to Firefighters, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response, and Fire Prevention and Safety grant programs for six (6) years. Unfortunately, the bill includes a "sunset" provision that will eliminate the grants after seven years if Congress fails to reauthorize them in the future. All of the technical corrections that was requested, and the Senate approved in S. 829 are included in H.R. 4661. On Tuesday Dec. 19th the House just passed H.R. 4661 by voice vote. The Senate will now take up the bill for consideration with the changes that the House has in their bill and will approve them and sent it to the White House for the President signature.

In the evening on December 21, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed H.R. 4661, the United States Fire Administration, AFG, and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act of 2017. H.R. 4661 was introduced on December 15, was taken up and passed by the full House by a voice vote on December 18. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) programs provide critically-needed funding to help fire and emergency service departments meet their resource needs. Through AFG, local departments receive funding to purchase training, equipment, and apparatus as well as pay for health and safety programs.

SAFER grants can be used to pay for hiring career firefighters or for recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters. H.R. 4661 extends AFG (including the Fire Prevention and Safety grant program) and SAFER

through FY 2023, maintains the current authorization levels of \$750 million for each program, and makes several minor technical changes. It also moves the date of a "sunset" provision in current law stipulating that the grant programs will be eliminated from January 2, 2018, to the end of FY 2024. The authorization for USFA is also extended through FY 2023.

On December 20 Congress passed H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law and will overhaul the U.S. Tax Code for the first time in more than three decades. The final conference report which was released on December 15 and modified slightly on December 19 contains several provisions that will benefit the volunteer fire service.

Included in the conference report is language from the LOSAP Cap Adjustment Priority (LOSAP CAP) Act (H.R. 1720/S. 1239), which would double the limit on annual contributions into an individual's length of service award program (LOSAP) from \$3,000 to \$6,000. It would also establish a mechanism tied to inflation whereby the contribution limit can be increased in the future. LOSAP CAP was added to H.R. 1 by the Senate Finance Committee.

H.R. 1 also makes "fire protection systems" an eligible property under section 179 of the tax code, which means that business owners will be able to receive a tax credit for the cost for installing fire sprinklers and fire alarms in commercial structures.

On February 9 President Trump signed H.R. 1892, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, into law. The bill increases the federal government's budget by a total of \$320 billion in FY 2018 and 2019, including \$90 billion for disaster relief. H.R. 1892 also appropriated funding to maintain federal government operations for six weeks, during which time Congress is expected to finalize FY 2018 appropriations.

In addition to the budget and appropriations language, H.R. 1892 included language reinstating and extending for five years "add-on" payments through Medicare to EMS providers for ambulance transport services. The add-on payments increase Medicare reimbursement rates for ambulance transport by two percent, three percent, and 22.6

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percent, respectively, for urban, rural, and super-rural providers and are designed to address the disparity between the base reimbursement rate and the cost of providing services. The add-on payments technically expired at the beginning of this year but H.R. 1892 extends them retroactively to January 1 so providers will not be penalized.

H.R. 1892 was originally introduced as the Honoring Hometown Heroes Act, which modifies the U.S. Flag Code to formally authorize state governors to order the flag lowered at state facilities in recognition of a public safety officer line-of-duty death. After the House and Senate passed different versions of H.R. 1892 last year the House decided to use the bill as the vehicle for the larger budget and appropriations measures. Fortunately, the original Honoring Hometown Heroes Act language was retained and now becomes law. Representative John Larson (D-CT) and Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) were the authors of the Honoring Hometown Heroes Act.

On March 22, the U.S. House and Senate passed H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, funding the federal government through the end of September. The bill provides full-year funding for all federal agencies, including programs that directly assist local fire, EMS, and rescue agencies.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs are funded at \$350 million each in the bill, representing a \$5 million increase for each program. This is the second time in the past three years that Congress has increased funding for AFG and SAFER by \$5 million each.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) also receives a slight increase in H.R. 1625, going from \$44 million in FY 2017 to \$44.4 million in FY 2018.

There were several positive provisions in H.R. 1625 related to funding for programs to fight wildland fire, including funding for the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program at \$16 million, a \$1 million increase over the FY 2017 level. The bill also increases funding for the State Fire Assistance (SFA) grant program by more than \$2 million to \$80 million.

H.R. 1625 also includes the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act (H.R. 949/S. 597), which clarifies that children of public safety officers who die in the line of duty are eligible for the maximum Pell Grant award. This legislation, which addresses a problem where children of fallen public safety officers were having their Pell Grant awards reduced because they had received an education benefit through the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program. The Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act was introduced and applies to the children of fallen fire police officers, in addition to police, firefighters, and EMS personnel. President Trump signed H.R. 1625 into law on March 23.

HR 931, S 383 Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, This bill requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop and maintain a voluntary registry of firefighters to collect history and occupational information that can be linked to existing data in state cancer registries. The registry must be used to improve monitoring of cancer among firefighters and to collect and publish epidemiological information regarding cancer among firefighters. The CDC should seek to include specified information in the registry, including the number and type of fire incidents attended by an individual. To collect information for the registry, the CDC may incorporate questions into existing public health surveys, questionnaires, and other databases. The CDC must: (1) develop a strategy to maximize participation in the registry; (2) develop guidance for states and firefighting agencies regarding the registry; (3) encourage inclusion in the registry of data on minority, female, and volunteer firefighters; and (4) seek feedback on the registry from nonfederal experts. The CDC must develop a process for making registry data available for research without a fee if findings or publications from the research are made public or available to stakeholders.

Extension of Ambulance Transport "Add-on" Payments: The rate that Medicare reimburses EMS providers for ambulance transport was reduced on January 1, 2018, after Congress failed to extend "add-on" payments – increases of 2-23 percent (depending location, urban, suburban, and rural) over the base rate for ambulance transport – that were set to expire

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on that date. We have asked Congress to extend the add-on payments retroactively to January as soon as possible.

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Bills: The NVFC worked with Senators Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Claire McCaskill (D-MO) to develop two bills that were introduced late in 2017 to help fire and EMS agencies recruit and retain volunteer personnel. The Volunteer First Responder Housing Act (S. 1831) would expand eligibility for volunteer emergency responders to participate in two federal housing assistance programs. The Volunteer First Responder Loan Forgiveness Act (S. 2207) would make volunteer emergency responders eligible to participate in the Public Service Loans.

Respectfully,
Robert Cumberland, Chairman,
C. Daniel Davis, Jr., Vice Chairman
Eric Bernard Marcine Goodloe,
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*Report of the Maryland Fire Rescue
Services Memorial Foundation*

As you read this annual report, we will have just concluded our ceremony. We were saddened to have placed 7 additional names to the wall of honor, 4 from previous years that have been brought to our attention. Our prayers continue to be with those families. Chief Rod and his group always do an outstanding job making this a memorable event for all.

Again, we want to thank the convention committee for allowing us to set up our display at the front entrance to convention hall. Certainly, this is the premier location and we welcome all as they enter the facility. We appreciate the great partnership we have with the MSFA. We are again having several fund raising events during convention week and we look forward to seeing you at those.

The Foundation always recognizes the organizations that make up our group. Their commitment and dedication continues with outstanding support. We also would like to recognize our state elected officials who also continue to support the Foundation and

we cannot forget our folks who regularly attend the meetings and support the activities of the memorial. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation.

Remember our on-going major goal is to get a picture of the memorial hanging in every fire station. About half of our member companies had a LODD, please hang the picture in their honor. We have made a good start, but there are many more to go.



The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of nearly 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. Thanks to the Hollywood VFC for hosting our last two events. We need your support as always to make this event a success. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition. We look forward to seeing you there as this year we are going to the eastern shore.

The Foundation has enjoyed a banner year with accomplishments from the repairs and enhancements at the memorial site, the on-going program to capture pictures of our LODD's to the Facebook and web site hits. However, this did not happen without a cost as we spent \$30K from our reserve funds which we need to replace. The Foundation has hosted several events over the past year at the site.

We always want to remind you that we are still selling bricks, pictures and DVD's along with our annual shirts. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to again thank the MSFA for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. Stop by our booth for a first hand look at our items. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman

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Report of the

MEMA Fire Service Personnel Committee

This year has been a year of revamping the committee and starting to get the members trained to be able to assist MEMA if called upon to staff the Fire and Emergency Services desk in the SEOC(the old "Fire Desk"), or to be able to work virtually as well, during activations. We have only met once this year but have communicated via email and have started identifying training needs. We will be working with MEMA to get committee members up to speed with WebEOC and SEOC operations.

Another thing that we envision as a function of the committee is to work with the Resource Branch at MEMA, as well as the Search and Rescue Committee, to maintain the resource lists at MEMA.

Six things have been identified that a member of this committee needs to be trained on and willing to do. They are:

1. Having a WebEOC account and being able to navigate the boards within WebEOC.
2. Taking part in the monthly WebEOC drills.
3. Being able to repond to the SEOC or work virtually when there is an activation that includes the Fire and Emergency Services SCF to be monitored or staffed.
4. Understanding of the resource requesting process.
5. An understanding of EMAC and MEMAC.
6. Helping to maintain the resource list in WebEOC and work to update it as requested by MEMA.

Anyone who thinks they would like to be a part of this committee is welcome to contact one of the Presidents or the Chairman of the committee. Our goal is to be prepared to perform when called upon by MEMA to staff Fire and Emergency Services desk at the SEOC.

Repectfully Submitted,
Bill Hildebrand, Chairman

Report of the

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Maryland State Firemen's Association for the 126th Annual Convention, President Bilger, Vice-Presidents Blair and Faust, Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Convention:

It has been a true honor to work with the various committees and members of the MSFA this year to provide state-of-the-art emergency services training programs to the EMS/fire/rescue agencies in our great state. This year we were able to provide a vast array of diverse programs to help our first responders prepare themselves to mitigate the numerous incidents they are faced with day in and day out. The following is a synopsis of our educational programs for the past year:

Total Students	34,057
Total Programs	1,756
Total Instructional Hours	829,407

Total Students by Discipline

Fire	7,984
EMS	6,501
ALS	1,103
Rescue	2,847
Management	4,904
Hazardous Materials	1,734
Specialty	3,077
Company Drills	1,638
Seminars	1,292
Simulation Center	3,067

I would like to thank the members of the MSFA for all their hard work and unwavering commitment to improving the Maryland fire service, as well as the outstanding services they provide to the visitors and residents of our state. I look forward to our continued success making the Maryland EMS/fire/rescue services the best they can be!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Cox, Jr., Executive Director, MFRI

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*Report of the
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation*

President Bilger, Vice President's Blair and Faust, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA): It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2018 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Annual Report. I hope it is useful to the Association and the fire service community, 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 126th Annual Convention.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) has been hard at work this past year to bring programs and services to the American Fire Service Community. Through the efforts of a great Staff, supportive Board of Directors and a contingent of dedicate Contractors and Volunteers; we have been able to meet our organizational responsibilities. Much success has been reached this past year and highlights are listed.

Fire Hero Family Network-Members of the Foundation's Fire Hero Family Network provided emotional support and grief information to the surviving family members of 95 fallen firefighters in 2017. Matches are made based on similarities between the newly-bereaved family members. For example, widows who were pregnant when their firefighter died were matched with widows from previous years who had been pregnant when their firefighter died.

The 6th Annual Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters took a new approach in 2017. For the first time, the camp for the 7-17 age group and the camp for the 4-6-year-olds were held simultaneously in Ward, Colorado, from July 21-23. This made it easier for parents who have children in both age groups to participate. Partnering with Comfort Zone Camps, older campers stayed at the Glacier View Ranch with "Big Buddy" volunteers, who support their camper while providing the ultimate experience. Little campers stayed at the hotel with their parent or guardian and participated in activities led by a play therapist. All campers participated in the camps' closing ceremonies.

Parents and Siblings Retreat - Families of firefighters who died from 1998 to 2016 supported one another. Participants connected with their peers that provide them support, hope and strength from knowing they are not alone. Time was spent making creative memories and celebrating the lives of their loved ones.

Scholarships - Scholarship recipients were from 26 different states. New York had the greatest number of recipients with 20. Of those, 9 recipients are family members of firefighters killed on 9/11. New Jersey had the second highest number of recipients with 8. Recipients are attending institutions in 26 states. Recipients include 26 family members of volunteer firefighters and 52 family members of career firefighters.

36th Annual Memorial Weekend - The families of the fallen were welcomed by the Foundation and other FireHero Families whose loved ones had been honored in previous years during a special dinner on Friday, October 6, 2017. On Saturday, October 7, 2017, they met in special groups based upon their relationship to their firefighter, learned about the services offered by the NFFF and talked with others. Our Fire Hero Families also made luminaries, memory boxes, and Christmas ornaments to honor and remember their firefighters. That evening, everyone gathered on the grounds of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial for the annual Candlelight Service. The firefighters were honored during the National Memorial Service on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Mt. Saint Mary's University. A bronze plaque bearing the names of the fallen was officially added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Each family received a folded flag, a special badge and a rose.

Project Roll Call - The program identifies and honors firefighters who died in the line of duty prior to 1981 when the National Memorial was established. Following a special dedication on the Walk of Honor® in June 2016, we continued to work diligently with state fire service organizations to purchase and place Pre-81 bricks in 2017. We have placed and/or ordered bricks for Pre-1981 line-of-duty deaths from: Oregon, Oklahoma, Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Delaware, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and

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Vermont. Numerous other fire service organizations are also working to honor firefighters in their state sections. In 2017, we received biographies and photos from state associations, departments, and individuals. We began to add these firefighter profiles in a special section on our website.

Fire Service Programs - The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Everyone Goes Home® program continues to offer up-to-date fire training to help assure that everyone does go home after each tour of duty. The Fire Hero Learning Network (fhln.net) launched in the last quarter of 2012, has seen more than 65,000 registered users with more than 80,000 certificates. In 2017, the Saving Lives: Inspiring Stories in Community Risk Reduction was launched. In December 2017, the Everyone Goes Home® program released a 30-minute documentary highlighting the San Diego Fire Department. The documentary features some critical incidents the department faced where the leadership didn't envision the difficult path it would take them. The lessons learned from these incidents and how the department addresses these gaps provide a forthright approach to leadership and considering the well-being of its firefighters and paramedics.

Everyone Goes Home Advocates - On November 3–6, 2016, the Everyone Goes Home® Regional Advocates, along with the Everyone Goes Home® Advocate leadership team, met in Pflugerville, Texas, to create a five-year strategic plan to be Advocate operations specific. The results of the plan were implemented in April of 2017. The focus to this point has been to meet the goals and tasks needed to build for the next layer. A robust Everyone Goes Home® Advocate life cycle program has been developed. It consists of a clearly defined recruitment and development program that identifies a complete communication plan for each life cycle of the advocate. Recruitment has increased within the regions. Using newly established communication pathways engages agencies to participate in the Everyone Goes Home® program. Managing a comprehensive state/agency email and phone contact list establishes communication pathways throughout the country. The success we have with the advocates and communication pathways has been at a measurable level. The

group has been able to add fifteen advocates across the country, two in a state that did not have prior advocate representation. Another great success story is the State of South Dakota. Two advocates, along with the support of the State Fire Marshal's office, have been able to build a network of Everyone Goes Home® instructors who are dedicated to reducing preventable line-of-duty deaths and injuries. The state has worked with the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) to build a robust system within their vast borders.

The Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance (FSOCA) hosted the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium to share the latest research, prevention strategies, best practices, and support from the nation's leading experts. The goal was not simply to present information, but to inspire attendees to affect change and help reduce the incidence of occupational cancer. The two-day event drew more than 500 attendees from across the United States, Canada, and Europe, representing a broad cross section of volunteer, career, and combination departments, as well as fire industry representatives, workers' compensation insurance providers, state and local governments, and federal agencies.

In its fourth year, the FSOCA continues to lead the nation's efforts to address firefighter occupational cancers. A collaboration of 54 individuals representing fire service leaders, constituency organizations, occupational medicine practitioners, manufacturers, and others with a vested interest in the subject, the Alliance continues to work on multiple projects addressing the impact of firefighter occupational cancer. Since its inception, the Alliance has been facilitated by Chief Dennis Compton, Chairman of our Board of Directors, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The FSOCA is now transitioning and will be jointly overseen by the NFFF and its affiliate, the First Responder Center for Excellence for Prevention of Occupational Illnesses, Injuries, and Deaths.

It's widely acknowledged in the fire service that cardiac events account for roughly 45 percent of all firefighter line-of-duty deaths. Autopsy reports showed many of these incidents occurred in people who had underlying heart problems, and most of

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the research has focused on firefighters with existing coronary heart disease. But this doesn't tell the bigger story. A new white paper released by the Foundation "Cardiac Enlargement in U.S. Firefighters," shows research finding a direct relationship between an enlarged heart and an increased risk for cardiovascular events, including sudden death, among firefighters. Furthermore, studies indicate an enlarged heart may be the only abnormality, which often is undiagnosed. Understanding this relationship can help the fire service expand research to help determine how common heart enlargement is among working firefighters, the best methods of measuring its presence, and which firefighters are at highest risk and, therefore, should be screened. This is especially good news since many effective treatments for an enlarged heart are available, including weight loss through diet and exercise.

Fire Service Behavioral Health Management Guide - A Fire Service Behavioral Health Management Guide was created to help fire departments in their efforts to implement a comprehensive behavioral health plan or to enhance their existing behavioral health program.

The ACT Campaign - This campaign was launched to help firefighters help other firefighters who may be struggling with suicidal thoughts. The acronym ACT encourages firefighters to Ask how someone is feeling, show the person you Care about them and Take them to get help, if needed.

Checking In: A Behavioral Health Size-Up - A podcast series focused on behavioral health was released. It provided a foundation for a discussion on leadership's role in behavioral health, managing the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and tips on how to work with peer support groups and clinicians.

Primary Care Physicians-Fire Service Health & Wellness - In conjunction with the HOPE (Health Research Institute, Kansas City, MO) the NFFF surveyed primary care physicians across the country to ascertain what they know about firefighter medical examinations. The survey also looked at the attitudinal priorities of these physicians regarding the delivery of fire service health and wellness material

among each other and to their fire service patients. These primary care doctors were asked to reflect on how they discover their patients are in the fire service and what this information prompts in terms of testing and treatment. They were also asked general knowledge regarding the occupational diseases associated with firefighting (primarily, cardiac and cancer) and to comment upon how they would like to receive more information and prospective training on these special topics.

For more than a decade, unlocking the how and why of fire behavior has been a key research priority for UL's Firefighter Safety Research Institute (UL-FSRI). To help get the science into the hands of firefighters, the NFFF, partnering with UL-FSRI, hosted Fire Dynamics Boot Camp for fire service instructors and leaders. The pilot course was held at the Howard County (MD) Department of Fire and Rescue Services Training Academy. We provided attendees with the tools and information they need to integrate the science into their daily operations, and to train others in their departments.

The three days included classroom discussions and hands-on activities to illustrate how different materials, such as wood, cotton, synthetics, and polystyrene burn, along with the effect water, flow path, and ventilation have on a fire. Live burn demonstrations on small-scale (doll house) models and actual sized structures provided clear examples of fire dynamics principles.

Fire Service Heritage Mini-Summit - Since 1947, scores of reports and white papers have generated hundreds of recommendations for improving the fire service. In December 2017, the Foundation hosted a mini-summit to review the over-riding priorities from the recommendations and discussed how they have benefitted the fire service and the communities served over the past 70 years. This review helped to reveal how the roots of technology advancement and policy prioritization at the national level have been part of the fire service since its early days of national conversation. Likewise, the discussion illustrated how forward-thinking many fire service leaders were, some of whom were "borrowed" from the military, to incorporate technologies developed during

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World War II into the fire service. The Mini-Summit developed a series of its own recommendations which will become part of the NFFF strategic plan.

Everyone Goes Home, Wildland - As the incidence of wildfires across the nation continues to rise, so do the numbers of wildland firefighters and their families affected by occupational accidents, injuries, and deaths. To counter this trend, the NFFF has begun the process of introducing the effective Everyone Goes Home® program to the wildland fire community, but within a context that specifically addresses the health and safety risk factors of this population. Chief Tom Harbour, with more than 40 years of wildland fire experience and recently retired as Director of National Fire and Aviation for the U.S. Forest Service, is coordinating this effort.

As an initial step, the NFFF hosted several regional listening sessions across the country for stakeholders to explore questions, answers, and approaches to the problem of reducing wildland fire line-of-duty deaths and injuries. The input from these sessions will be used to develop wildland-specific Everyone Goes Home® resources and materials, that will be disseminated to individual firefighters through collaborative efforts and partner-ships

American Firefighter - In cooperation with Rizzoli Publishing, the NFFF released American Firefighter (2017) which celebrates the diverse lives of 53 American firefighters. Acclaimed portrait photographer Paul Mobley captured the spirit of these extraordinary men and women who represent career, volunteer and seasonal wildland, and military firefighters who work for a wide spectrum of departments and organizations within the fire service community. The project was made possible through the support of Kidde.

Community Risk Reduction - The free Be a Hero, Save a Hero® mobile app was launched in October of 2017. The app provides the fire service and the public with tips on fire prevention including smoke alarm testing reminders and holiday safety messages. Safety tips on the app include information from the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Fire Protection Association and other partners working together to

help prevent home fires. The Be a Hero, Save a Hero® app can be downloaded on the Google Play Store or the App Store through links on the redesigned website, www.beaherosaveahero.org

LAST - The Foundation trains fire departments to prepare for a line-of-duty death through the Taking Care Of Our Own® (TCOOO) program and provides immediate support to departments and families of fallen firefighters by the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) program. The LAST program is funded by the Department of Justice (DOJ) – Bureau of Justice Assistance. The program's primary mission is to assist families and departments in preparing Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) claims after a line-of-duty death. While the principle focus is to oversee the accurate and timely submission of these claims, the program also offers immediate logistical, administrative and emotional support after a fatality. Support may include funeral and memorial service planning, logistical assistance with benefits administration and connect surviving co-workers and immediate families with behavioral health resources. The LAST participated in the implementation of the new automated PSOB 2.0 submission process which is a secure web-based system, completely paperless. This user-friendly system makes it easier to submit the PSOB claim, track its progress, make inquiries regarding benefits and receive communications from the PSOB office. The system has eliminated many documents that had been required with each claim submission making it much easier to submit. Training will be provided to all Local Assistance State Teams on the new PSOB web-based system to ensure all members are prepared to assist families and departments in submitting the PSOB claims. PSOB office Director will participate in all upcoming training sessions across the country.

Foundation Marketing - We continued building on our relationships with traditional media outlets, and expanded our social media presence through Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Pinterest. We provided live coverage through Facebook Live of the Fire Dynamics Boot Camp with UL and the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Symposium to further engagement about these important issues.



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During the 2017 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, our Communications and Marketing team was supported by an extraordinary group of volunteers. Both the Candlelight Service and Memorial Service were live-streamed through VISTA Worldlink's generous donation of equipment, facilities and expertise. Likewise, Comcast generously provided technical assistance and additional equipment. These valuable partnerships allowed news websites and TV stations around the world to share the events with the fire service and the public. Additionally, we created "Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters" to raise more awareness of the Foundation's mission and the Memorial Weekend. More than 40 iconic buildings and landmarks across the country were lit in respect to the fallen and their families. Participants included One World Trade Center in New York, the Prudential Tower in Boston, the Willis Tower in Chicago, LAX in Los Angeles, and the Bank of America Plaza in Dallas.

Regional stair climbs are held across the country to support the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Fifty (50) stair climb events were held in 29 States and 24 regional golf tournaments were held in 21 States. Special thanks to Past President Tom Mattingly for the Southern Maryland Tournament he hosts, as it is one of our most successful tournaments.

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 the support we have received from the Maryland Fire Service and we hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 5, 6, and 7, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director

*Report of the
Presidential Vehicle Committee*

President Bilger, Vice President's Blair and Faust, and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee. 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 not to 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
Search and Rescue (SAR) Committee*

President Bilger, Vice Presidents Blair and Faust, Chairman Simpson, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 126th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The MSFA Search and Rescue Committee joins with our fire service family in remembering the passing of Jim Riegel, Sr., long standing SAR Committee member and as quoted by Baltimore County Fire Chief Kyrle Preis "A Father to Some, A Leader to Many, and A Mentor to All". We give thanks for his service and offer condolences to his family and Baltimore County comrades.

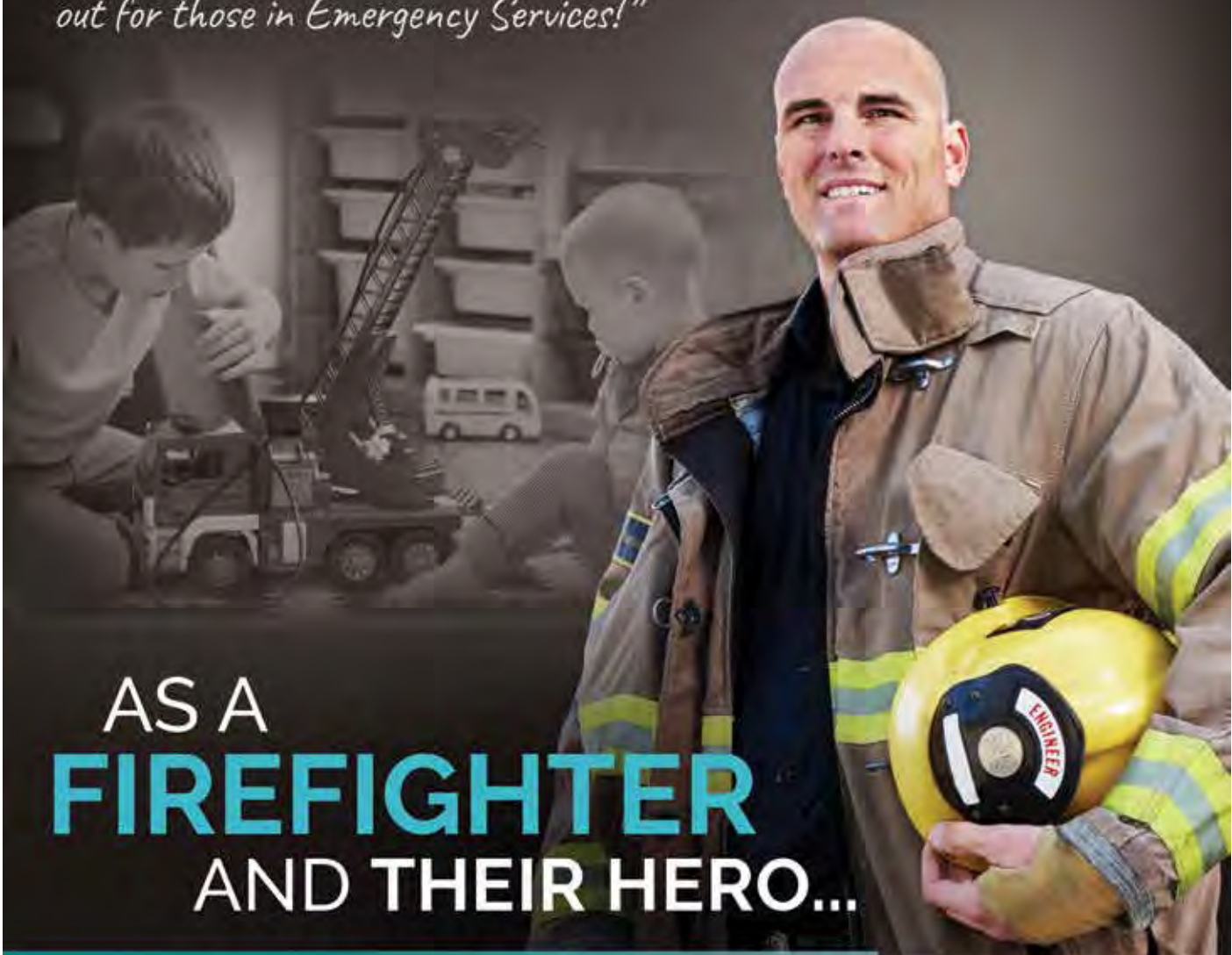
SAR Committee plan and goals:

- 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

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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.
- MEMA Director Strickland approved the proposed concept of operations plan for the Maryland Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue (SFSAR) Response System. This document is largely based on the Whitepaper written by Vice-Chair Berna and endorsed by the MSFA. It has replaced the Whitepaper on the SAR page of the MSFA website and can be viewed there. Participation in the Maryland SFSAR system is voluntary and jurisdictions are not required to adopt the outlined typing and credentialing standards for their swift-water/flood rescue team(s) unless they wish to be rostered at MEMA as a state-recognized resource eligible for state-wide deployment.
- Following initial planning in December with MEMA, the statewide roll out of the Maryland Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Response System was held at Anne Arundel County Emergency Management Headquarters on January 18, 2018. Representatives from current teams/SAR assets, special operations command staff, and local emergency managers attended to hear the new concept of operations

and how they may contribute to the statewide effort.

- Following the statewide roll out of the Maryland Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Response System a meeting for this credentialing process was held on March 15, 2018 at the Savage Volunteer Fire Company. Established teams that are planning to be rostered under this new plan as state recognized assets attended this meeting to review the preliminary documentation for validation.

These assets were encouraged to begin their internal self-assessment pending further notification to arrange review of their validation paperwork and possible site visit. An additional planning meeting is pending with MEMA, MSFA, and MFCA representatives to determine the exact process to receive, review, and register team validations.

MSFA SAR Committee members will be involved in the regional outreach to known assets to encourage validation and rostering under this new system. We will specifically be reaching out to the MFSA member companies that operate Type III Swiftwater/Flood Teams that did not attend this validation meeting. It is the intent of MEMA to have as many assets as possible validated prior to the 2018 hurricane season.

MEMA SEOC/ESF#9 Requests:

- **Harvey and Irma:** From August 26, 2017 to September 10, 2017 various members of the SAR Committee participated in EMAC deployment discussions with MEMA and maintained situational awareness in response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. No MSFA assets were mobilized during either storm.

I again want to emphasize that we want to hear about any SAR resource that a member company operates that may meet the NIMS Typing requirements. Even a Type III or Type IV resource is valuable to have in



Lucy Mae Hanson **61 Years of Service**

Lucy Mae (Russell) Hanson was born, raised, and lived her life in Valley Lee, MD. Mrs. Hanson joined the McKay's Beach VFD Auxiliary in 1956. She belonged to a family that, over the years, provided numerous, dedicated members to the McKay's Beach VFD (later to be renamed the Second District VFD&RS). Her mother was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, and her brothers were members of the fire department. In time, all of Lucy Mae's children and several grandchildren would also actively participate in either the fire department, rescue squad, or the auxiliary. In fact, several of her children are still active members of the Auxiliary.

From the very beginning, Lucy Mae showed an unending and unconditional dedication for the fire department and auxiliary she so loved. She was a Life Member of the Auxiliary, serving for 61 years. She served in many of the Auxiliary Officer positions throughout the years to include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, as well as chairing numerous committees.

She was a constant fixture throughout her many years of service at all of the firehouse functions to include fall and spring dinners, the annual carnivals, rummage sales, monthly dances, craft fairs, election-day luncheons, monthly breakfasts, and most any other fire department related activities.

The Second District VFD&RS cannot express in words the debt of gratitude owed to Mrs. Lucy Mae Hanson for her many years of dedicated service.

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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 Bilger 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.

In response to a motion which was approved by the MSFA membership at the Annual Convention and Conference on June 21, 2017, and at the request of the Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co. 1, an inspection of that department was conducted on September 11, 2017 by Roger Steger and Jon Black, members of the MSFA Standards Committee. The purpose of that inspection was to determine the status of compliance

of the pumper and building housing fire equipment intended to be used for emergency operations by that department with appropriate standards of the MSFA to continue Regular Membership status as part of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The results of that inspection indicated that the pumper and building of the Salisbury Fire Department, Inc. Co. 1 met the standards of the MSFA for these categories. A written report of this inspection was forwarded to the MSFA President, MSFA Secretary, and Chair of the MSFA Executive Committee for further consideration and appropriate actions to be taken by the MSFA.

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, 2018 Technical Session of the Association in Las Vegas 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.

In addition, this Committee will review the process of the adoption of revisions to the State Fire Prevention Code, and report any impacts to member departments through the Executive Committee of the MSFA. It should be noted that revisions to the State Fire Prevention Code are scheduled to be adopted on January 1, 2019.

A pending major change proposed to the model building codes would recognize the construction of tall buildings of laminated heavy timber construction. This could result in buildings as high as 200 ft. or 20 stories constructed of combustible materials being approved for construction in the 2021 edition of the International Building Code, which is currently used in every jurisdiction in Maryland. This Committee will continue to monitor the progress of the approval of this construction type and possible impacts of fire suppression activities in buildings of these construction classifications.

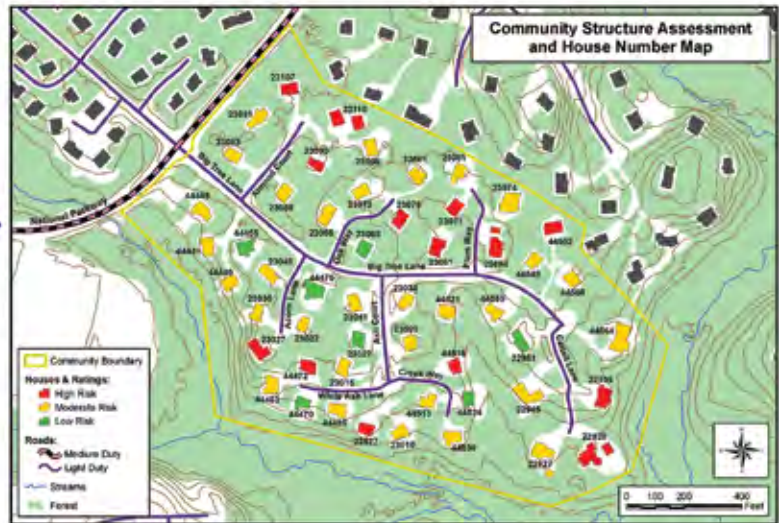


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Another important responsibility of this Committee is to provide guidance and advice to the governing bodies of this Association and to its member companies. During the past year, the MSFA Standards Committee did respond to a request from the MSFA Secretary regarding the need to conduct a Standards inspection for new fire departments that have formed by existing departments that have merged to provide emergency services as a new combined department. It was decided that when the new department continues to use existing equipment and facilities that were previously approved for use, no new standards inspection of equipment or facilities would be required.

The primary goal of this Committee for 2018 is to initiate a review of the existing MSFA Guidelines of standards required for approval of emergency fire suppression apparatus. The Committee has received a commitment from a majority of its members to complete this task, and has begun to gather information which will be used as a part of this review process.

In addition, this Committee will 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.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. It is my personal commitment to continue the fine efforts and tradition of this Committee that has been long established. If anyone has any questions or comments that they wish to bring before the Standards Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Bush, Chair

Report of the Training Committee

Thanks to the committee members representatives from MFRI, MIEMSS, MD Fire Chiefs, EMS and other partners for their attendance, support, time, input, and research in the completion of the ten-year plan that was passed by the executive committee and has be placed on the MSFA web site. Thanks to past chairman Kingsley Poole and Vice Chair Dan Stevens who had a lot of information that helped the committee to begin. The Training committee has started to review and update the next ten-year plan.

I selected Scott Wood to serve as Vice Chair and also to be the committee's representative to the convention committee. He passed along information the committee felt to be important to improve classes at the convention. We are working closely with Joseph Ward to arrange classes at the convention. Everyone should Thank Joe for the tremendous job he does to organize, support, and setup with equipment to support classes in Ocean City.

We have worked closely with the Safety committee, Md. Fire Chief, EMS and other MSFA committee to improve communication dealing with training.

The committee set up a calendar for seminars, and training being scheduled throughout the state to better arrange for attendance and support for training. Scott Wood and Tim Delehanty were assigned to handle. Thanks for taking over this important assignment goes out to Scott and Tim.

Maryland weekend was a great success this year. Six classes have already been selected for 2019. Thanks to Todd Dyche Western Maryland Training center for his assistance with this project. We will also have two NFA short course weekend classes scheduled for MFRI this year, dates to be announced. The MFRI staff has supported this committee and special thanks go to past Director Steven Edwards, Current director Michael Cox and assistant Director Larry Preston for their assistance.

Thanks to Charles Simpson for placing the training committee information to the MSFA web site.

Thanks to all who have supported the Training committee in making Training in Maryland better.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Fleming, Committee Chair



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You are, and always will be looked upon with the utmost respect, love, and affection.

The Officers and Members of the Second District VFD&RS and Auxiliary

Report of the Transportation Committee

This has been a busy year for the Transportation Committee but a very productive one. In September 2017, a meeting was arranged with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Administrator, her staff, President Bilger, Past President Underwood and Chairman Flint. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the process and cost to design a new logo tag.

Instructions and specifications were discussed with MDOT. The logo on the tag was the only thing that could be changed due to various reasons regarding clarity and safety. MDOT agreed to allow us to present our own design without a charge to the MSFA.

Chairman Flint researched many logo designs and with the assistance of the MDOT decided on two designs that met their specifications. The designs were submitted to the MDOT. MDOT approved the new design which involved the changing of the Maltese Cross to include the wording FIRE-RESCUE-EMS at the bottom of the cross. For many years, Chairman Flint has received comments regarding the inclusion of all members of the MSFA to include EMS and was pleased to have this now accomplished.

The new design was approved by the Executive Committee in December and placed in production in March. The new vehicle and motorcycle tag is currently being issued.

If you choose to get the new design, you can do so upon the renewal from MDOT of your old tag. You must contact Chairman Flint to obtain the paperwork necessary to do this. There is no charge to the member for the new tag.

Past Presidents can get the new tag design and still retain their tag number. This is called Replating and there is a \$25.00 charge because the tag must be made. Again, contact with Chairman Flint is required for the paperwork.

Chairman Flint has also been working with the MDOT to design a new database that will assist us with a current listing of members. The information on the tag certification form was used to design

the database. Therefore, it is very important that all information is correct on the tag cert form. The County Coordinators need to complete the form properly with all information filled in. All County Coordinators will be informed of this new process as soon as possible.

This year "2018" is the recertification year for member companies. This means that anyone who has a MSFA logo tag must pay a fee of \$5.00. The printouts for all Counties listing the member companies and individuals will be sent out in late April to start this process. The process was delayed due to the implementation of the new logo tag and data base. This new data base will eliminate the need to enter tag certs into our data base and be more current and correct.

We are in the process of updating the MSFA Transportation Committee Procedural Manual and hope to have it completed this year with the updated information regarding the new logo tag.

We continue to have a good working relationship with the MDOT. All officials have worked with us diligently to implement the new logo tag. Our MDOT Representative, Larue Sauer, and her staff continue to give us excellent service and we are very grateful for their support.

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, Randy Smith, Dorothy Schultz, LA-MSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, President Bilger and Past President Underwood for their assistance and support. I wish to extend my thanks to President Bilger for his support and my appointment to serve the MSFA.

Respectfully Submitted,
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 2018 we

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focused on the goals and the benefits provided by the Fund. The committee met 4 times during the year to receive, approved and process thirteen (13) loan applications totaling \$6,756,159.00 and six (6) Grant Applications totaling \$618,237.62 between July 2017 and May 2018. 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.

- Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1, Inc.
Engine Loan of \$287,800.00
- Sharpsburg Area Emergency Medical Services
Construction Loan of \$638,400.00
- Church Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Grant (turn-out gear) of \$34,990.62
- Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Engine Loan of \$314,895.00
- Hoopers Island Volunteer Fire Company
Engine Loan of \$295,431.00
- Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department
Engine Loan of \$265,270.00
- Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company
Construction Loan of \$2,496,900.00
- Borden Shaft Volunteer Fire Company
Engine Loan of \$376,639.50
Grant of \$50,000.00
- Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company
Engine Loan of \$270,226.00
Grant of \$150,000.00
- Tri Town Ambulance and Rescue Service
Ambulance Loan of \$177,121.50
- Darlington Volunteer Fire Company
Equipment Loan (SCBA) of \$209,304.00
- Longmeadow Volunteer Fire Company
Construction Loan of \$888,750.00
- Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company
Engine Loan of \$308,408.00
- Eldorado-Brookview Volunteer Fire Company
Engine Loan of \$33,750.00
Grant of \$100,000.00
Grant (Equipment) of \$25,561.00

- Midland Volunteer Fire Company
Engine Loan of \$193,264.00
Grant of \$257,686.00

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 \$7,374,396.62. This is a dedicated group of individuals who embrace change and work selflessly to serve the member companies of the Association and to provide financial assistance and guidance. THANK YOU.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Antoszewski, Chairman

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

President Bilger, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2017 raffle, which was conducted from June 2016 through June 2017, yielded a total of \$47,786.00. The expenses totaled \$22,885.68 which left a profit of \$24,900.32.

Counter sales at the 2017 convention produced \$8,162.00 and the remaining \$39,624.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold \$7,905 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$15,037.00.

198 out of 363 (54%) MSFA member companies did not participate in the raffle. The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did return money:

Allegany	36%	Howard	83%
Anne Arundel	46%	Kent	43%
Baltimore	28%	Montgomery	22%
Calvert	63%	Prince Georges	33%
Caroline	29%	Queen Anne's	67%
Carroll	64%	Somerset	0%
Cecil	89%	St Mary's	71%
Charles	50%	Talbot	63%
Dorchester	47%	Washington	50%
Frederick	50%	Wicomico	29%
Garrett	38%	Worcester	36%
Harford	92%		



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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	\$ 1,200.00	Howard	\$ 825.00
Anne Arundel	\$ 1,776.00	Kent	\$ 302.00
Baltimore	\$ 2,045.00	Montgomery	\$ 1,465.00
Calvert	\$ 950.00	Prince Georges	\$ 1,660.00
Caroline	\$ 200.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 600.00
Carroll	\$ 1,179.00	Somerset	\$ 0.00
Cecil	\$ 1,091.00	St Mary's	\$ 1,326.00
Charles	\$ 1,290.00	Talbot	\$ 435.00
Dorchester	\$ 2,078.00	Washington	\$ 1,104.00
Frederick	\$ 1,499.00	Wicomico	\$ 282.00
Garrett	\$ 545.00	Worcester	\$ 2,735.00
Harford	\$15,037.00		

Expenses for 2015-2016 Raffle:

\$ 16,800.00	Prize Money
\$ 3,079.00	Printing
\$ 1,000.00	OC Springfest Fees
\$ 1,000.00	OC Sunfest Fees
\$ 75.00	Darlington Apple Fest
\$ 25.00	Raffle License (Worcester Co)
\$ 19.22	Supplies/Postage
\$ 887.46	Tent Rentals
\$ 22,885.68	Total Expenses
\$ 47,786.00	Total Sales
<u>\$ 22,885.68</u>	Total Expenses
\$ 24,900.32	Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2016-2017 Raffle:

1st	\$10,000	Dan Martin – Pittsburgh, PA
2nd	\$2,500	Ronald Lippy – Stoney Beach, MD
3rd	\$1,500	Wayne Williams – Delmar, DE
4th	\$1,000	Mike Donaghy – Hellam, PA
5th	\$750	Dorothy Morse – Ocean City, MD
6th	\$500	Norrisville VFC
7th	\$250	David Johnson – White Plains, MD
8th	\$100	Kathleen Parker – Bel Air, MD
9th	\$100	Gordon Rifle - Essex, MD
10th	\$100	Riviera Beach VFC

The committee would like to congratulate all the winners and thank them for their support. Also, many thanks 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 2017-2018 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 submitted:
 Louis Jonske, Chairman
 Anna Jonske, MSFALA Co-Chairman
 Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

*Report of the
 Wills for Heroes Committee*

The Wills for Heros Committee was established to provide an additional benefit to our membership by providing free wills to qualifying members of qualified companies.

To have your will written go to the MSFA website, click on committee, click on Wills for Heroes Committee, download the forms that you will fill out, send them to the Chairman who will then complete your will in accordance with the paperwork you have submitted and return the completed will to you.

If your County Association wishes to schedule a day for members of member companies to come to a special location to have a will written, your county association president should make those arrangements with this committee to schedule a date, time and location for the committee to come to that location on the agreed upon date and time to have those interested come to have wills written.

Respectfully submitted,
 Roger N. Powell, Chairman



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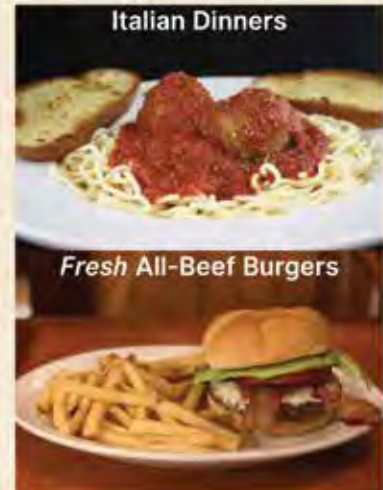
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By Vivian Morgan Boyd

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U

is for **Undying** faithfulness to a voluntary cause. For when we're called, we do our best and never do we pause.

X

is for **Xerox**, this organization is one that cannot be cloned, for we are the original, the best and never will be dethroned.

I

is for **Involvement**, which is our middle name. We're committed to do our best and not for the fame.

L

is for **Loyalty** and **Love** for what we do. We sacrifice in many ways to make these things come true.

I

is for **Image**, something we hold dear. Because we know who and what we are, we have nothing to fear.

A

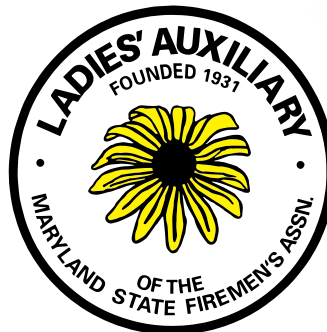
is for **Always**, a habit that we bare. We always share and always care and will always be there.

R

is for **Religion**, our faith is strong and sound. For our dedication to what we believe has no limits or bounds.

Y

is for **You**. If all of what's been said today, suddenly rings true, then these few letters which spell **AUXILIARY** truly must be you.



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PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
OCEAN CITY, MD.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018

6:00 PM **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** by Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018

8:00 AM **Exhibitor Registration** - Convention Center Lower Level
8:00 AM **Registration Bag Stuffing**-Convention Center, All materials by 7:45 am
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
9:30 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** –Convention Center Ground Front Foyer
10:30 AM **Sunday Morning Worship Service** -Performing Arts Center
11:00-2:00 PM **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 18, 2018

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**- "*Being Fair To Everyone: Why Inclusion & Delivery Are Important for You And Your Agency*" Presented by Juan R. Bonilla, Fire Chief, Donnelly Rural Fire Protection Director, Idaho National Volunteer Fire Council Valley County Emergency manager, Donnelly, Idaho

After the speaker has presented his program the LAMSFA will be excused to go to the Ladies 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 Vivian Morgan Boyd
 Presentation of Colors - Colorbearers Jennifer King and Kay Trego
 Invocation – Chaplain Jean Main
 Pledge to the Flag - President Vivian Morgan Boyd
 Conference Song - Music Chair Susan Derlunas
 Welcome By Convention Chair - Flo Collins
 Greetings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
 Nomination of Officers - Corresponding Secretary Malea Daughton

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

FIRST SESSION - CONTINUED

Reading of Election Rules - Corresponding Secretary Malea Daughton
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of MSFA President Mark Bilger
Report of the Credentials Report - Fran Fusco/Mary Summers
Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary Donna Struntz
Report of the Treasurer – Kristi Grinder
Report of the Financial Secretary-Becky Wathen

AWARDS CEREMONY

Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
Hall of Fame Inductions - Chairman Ginny Wilhite
Honey Award –Treasurer Ron Siarnicki
50 Year /Family Award/History Book - President Vivian Morgan Boyd
Report of the Officers
Report of the Committee Chairmen
Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary Malea Daughton
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawing - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction - Vice Chaplain Shari Steffen
Recess

4:30 PM **Exhibits Close** - No entry after 4:15

6:00 PM **Bag Bingo** Convention Center -Doors open at 5:00

6:30 PM **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**
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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

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 Vivian Morgan Boyd

Invocation - Chaplain Jean Main

Recognition of Guests

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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

SECOND SESSION- CONTINUED

Report of the Fire Prevention Chair - Rose Pandolfini
Report of the Election Committee - Chair Traci LaMar
Report of the Credentials - Chair Fran Fusco/Mary Summers
FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Bessie Marshall Fund - Chair Patricia Deamond and Kathy Knipple
Pins and Badges - Chair Marian Nicholson
Safety - Kitty Oliver/Debbie Acton
Ways and Means - Co-Chairs Gloria Schaffer and Kim Thomas
Hall of Fame – Ginny Wilhite
Benediction - Vice Chaplain-Shari Steffen
Recess

Installation Meeting of the 2018-2019 Officers, Past Presidents, and Pages to the front of the Ladies Meeting room with Installing Officer Past President Barbara Sue Nelson

6:00 PM

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Performing Arts Center

6:30 PM

Ocean City Fools Block Party at Cowboy Coast-Philadelphia Avenue at 17th.St.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

THIRD SESSION

7:30 AM **Prayer Breakfast** - Convention Center-Bay Front

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

9:15 AM **Call to Order** – President Marcia Roth

Invocation - Chaplain

Dismissal 2017-2018 Committees-Except Ads/Patrons-Past President Vivian Boyd

Officers Reports

Committee Appointments – President Marcia Roth

New Business

Good of the Order

Door Prizes -Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Adjourn Convention Meeting

Benediction -Vice Chaplain

Retirement of Colors

Past President's Luncheon - By Invitation Only

12:00 PM

Exhibits Close - No Entry after 11:45

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

THIRD SESSION

1:00 PM **Firemen's Parade** - Downtown Ocean City - Rain or Shine
Line-Up Inlet Parking Lot, Parade Route is between 16th and 30th Street on
Baltimore Avenue.

5:00 PM **Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies** - Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

8:00 AM **4th. Annual Hair of the Dalmatian 5K**-Sponsored by the OC Fools
Registration 7:30 AM at Boardwalk and North Division St. at the Firefighter Memorial

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 **Family Day at Frontier Town Water Park – Berlin (Ticket Needed)**

7:00-11:00 PM **MSFA Family Night at Boardwalk Pier – For Unlimited Rides**

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

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



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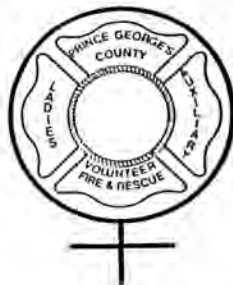
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Jennifer Johnson, Colorbearer***



Report of the President

First, I thank my heavenly Father for allowing me to be the vessel He wanted me to be to accomplish this mission He set before me. He didn't say it would be easy, but He said I would go through.

June 2017 to June 2018 has been a wonderful year. As the LAMSFA continues to make history, I'm proud to be part of it as the first African-American president of the LAMSFA in its 87 years of existence.

It has truly been a great honor and privilege to serve as the 87th LAMSFA President. When you work hard to reach the goal, time goes so fast. Suddenly you look up, and it's time for the next person. Each step of the ladder to the presidency was a learning and growing experience that I'll always remember. I have no regrets; I look forward to becoming a PP for life.

I must say that travelling throughout Maryland has been an adventure. It's interesting to see the diversity in how things are done at different fire stations and auxiliaries' events. My travels have afforded me the opportunity to meet some remarkable people. I have had the best time of my life, and I've been treated royally – not to mention the beautiful gifts I've received! Representing the LAMSFA throughout the State has been humbling, marvelous, and a great honor. I thank God for the opportunity.

It is said, Marylanders are proud of their State and extremely finicky about their Flag. It's so true, and it's reflected all over Maryland. Our beautiful State is full of wonderful people, places, and things that are still to be discovered.

Sincere thanks go out to all the Auxiliaries, Fire Departments, and Rescue Squads that have invited me to their events. The banquets are especially nice to attend. You get to hear about the great things being accomplished daily by our fire personnel, and you

actually see and meet our heroes. I've reacquainted with old friends and acquired many new friends. And I've been honored to install your officers at your banquets.

I want to thank the host Auxiliaries of the Fall and Spring Conferences and my awesome Conference Co-Chairmen Peggy Zembower and Dorothy Rue. You've outdone yourselves and helped strengthen our organization's team spirit.

Sr. Vice President Marcia Roth and Jr. Vice President Lori Denbow have been wonderful to work with. We have represented the LAMSFA well, and I know they will continue the same.

Thank you very much to my fellow officers for all the hard work, late hours, and missed family events you have done this year for the LAMSFA. Thanks for the comradery. Your dedication to the greater good has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for the good times, the hard times, the fun times and the sad times. They have helped us grow, get closer, and become better people. I wish you all the best as you continue your journey. Savor each moment.

What can I say – the Committee Chairs and Committee Members have been outstanding. You truly are dedicated to our organization to want to serve in this capacity and come up with ideas to make the fundraising FUN. Thank you.

Past Presidents – Thank you for your guidance, support, words of wisdom, and friendships. They have been invaluable. Future presidents, please use the past presidents as a great resource for information.

To my Past President Sharon Worthington, your guidance and spiritual support has helped me through.

To my past Page Mary Russell, I miss you, and I thank you for all your love. I was very fortunate to have a second wonderful Page, Candy Mitchell. Thank you, Candy, for being my Page after Mary went to heaven.

To my counterpart, MSFA President Mark Bilger, congratulations on a great year. The LAMSFA Officers and I thank you for the many "invitation only" and regular events you have invited us to be a part of. You have supported the LAMSFA, and we appreciate it.

**The family of
Marcia Ellen Roth**

**Would like to congratulate and support
our wife, mother, and grandmother for
President of the
MSFA Ladies Auxiliary**



**We love you very much!
Johnie, Eric, Rachel, Toby, and Cristina**

It has been a wonderful adventure to work with 1st VP Rick Blair, 2nd VP Mike Faust and the other MSFA Officers and Committee Chairs. Thank you, Mike, for the wonderful banner that Stacy and you presented to me at Spring Conference. It was a beautiful dedication to my "Auxiliary" Poem. I was surprised and honored by it.

As always, I want to thank everyone for your support, your respect, your guidance and love. It is an honor to serve you, it is with pride that I represent you, it is your friendship that has given me strength, and it is love that will always bind us.

I want to thank my husband Ron, my home auxiliary of the Kentland VFD, Capitol Heights VFD, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, the LAMSFA, and all my family members and friends for their support and confidence in me.

It has been my honor to represent the LAMSFA throughout the State. I Love you and there is nothing you can do about it. Enjoy the convention.

Vivian M. Boyd, President LAMSFA



Report of the Senior Vice President

It is so hard to believe that this year is coming to an end. I have had a very busy year attending banquets, meetings, and activities. I want to thank all of the fire departments and auxiliaries that have invited me to their affairs. I have enjoyed the time I have spent in Annapolis and have learned a lot. I have also worked hard on the MSFA Cancer Committee and had the privilege to attend a seminar on firefighter cancer in Phoenix, Arizona and am anxious to spread the knowledge I have gathered.

I am looking forward to this next year with both excitement and trepidation! I am looking forward to the events in Ocean City and working with Rick Blair

to help further both organizations. Plans for Ocean City are progressing. I hope that my year as LAMSFA President will be as successful and fruitful.

I could not have gotten where I am today without the help and support of many people. First of all, the ladies who I consider my mentors in my county: Loretta Hall, Louise Dell, and Peggy Webb, all of whom were Past Presidents of the LAMSFA. Second, I would like to acknowledge my home auxiliary, county auxiliary, and those officers that have gone before me (you know who you all are).

What can I say about my family? My husband Johnie has been behind me from the beginning and has traveled with me and I with him all over our state. My son Eric has been by biggest supporter and a god travel companion. My daughter Rachel and her family have also been behind me. I know my family in Arizona is behind me, also. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention my PP Patricia Deamond. Whenever I have needed help or advice she has helped me along the way.

I would like to thank both President Mark Bilger and President Vivian Boyd for the past year. I hope they accomplished all they set out to do and wish them happiness as they move on. May they continue to be strong forces in our organizations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Roth, Senior Vice President LAMSFA



Report of the Junior Vice President

Greeting Everyone, As I travel across the great State of Maryland, I meet new people and I enjoy finding out more about the members of the M.S.F.A. and L.A.M.S.F.A. and how each of their individual companies and counties work. The dedication of the volunteers in our Organization is truly amazing.

Congratulations to Malea Daughton

and all of the Officers and Members of the LAMSFA for another successful year!

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*Congratulates our
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Little Miss - Kameryn Lewis and
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Not only do they dedicate their time to their own company, they spend quite a bit of time on committee's or behind the scene to keep the M.S.F.A. and L.A.M.S.F.A. a strong organization. This year the L.A.M.S.F.A. has gained two Auxiliaries to join us and our members are looking for individuals to volunteer in their own auxiliaries. It is important for all of us, to always be looking for someone to join us in volunteering to help our organizations remain strong.

This year has gone by fast, and I am looking forward to the upcoming years although I do hope that time will slow down a little. Thank you for your continued friendship and hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Denbow, Jr. Vice President LAMSFA

Report of the Chaplain

I want to say what a pleasure it has been to be LAMSFA Chaplain this year. I would like to thank all those who have supported me throughout this and past years. I want to thank Rev. Harry Hetz and Chaplain John Long for all your guidance and support.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Main, Chaplain

Memorial Special Tributes

Clara M. Buckmaster, North Beach VFD Auxiliary,
LAMSFA President 2003-2004

Martha Neal, Kentland VFD LA, Bessie Marshall
Chairmen 2015-2018

Allegany

Ruth A. Gillum, Bedford Road VFD Aux.
Carol A. Cassady, Bowling Greens Ladies Aux.
Carol A. Collins, Bowman Addition VFD Aux.
Alice L. Hershiser, Bowman Addition VFD Aux.
Mary L. Ryan, Clarysville FC Aux.
Patricia Ann Ford, Corriganville VFD Aux.
Jesse S. Stickle, District 16 VFD Ladies Aux.
Jean L. Parker, Midland VFD Aux.
Mary M. Shryock, Oldtown VFD Aux.
Joyce Alexander, Potomac VFD Aux.

Leah M. Speir, Shaft VFD Aux.

Anne Arundel

Josephine e. Seifert, Brooklyn Community VFC Aux.
Betty Lou Pilkerton, Eastport VFC
Irene G. Vincent, Jessup VFC Ladies Aux.
Catherine E. Belford, Lake Shore VFC
Angelique Harper, Odenton VFC Ladies Aux.

Baltimore

Linda B. King, Bowleys Quarters VFC Ladies Aux.
Beverly Meinschein, Ladies Aux. Cockeysville VFD
Rosemary B. Stem, Glyndon VFD Aux.
Vi Stricklin, Wise Ave VFC Ladies Aux.

Calvert

Clara M. Buckmaster, North Beach VFD Aux., LAMSFA
President 2003-2004

Caroline

None

Carroll

Doris Souders, Gamber VFD Aux.
Letha Palmer, Gamber VFD Aux.
Irene E Herman, Aux. of Hampstead VFC
Mazie Viola Rohrbaugh, Aux. of Hampstead VFC
Vera G. Kreitzer, Manchester VFC Aux.
Anita Louise True, Mt. Airy FC Aux.
Evaleen M. Leon, Mt. Airy FC Aux.
Walter Malinak, Mt. Airy FC Aux.
Jane Englar Cater, New Windsor Aux.
Evelyn Eyler, Pleasant Valley Aux. to Pleasant Valley FC
Irene Leppo Bush, Reese FC Aux.
Patricia Ann Whiteman, Aux. Sykesville Freedom Dist. FD
Barbara Waltz Barnes, Winfield Community VFD LA.
Mildred C. Glass, Winfield Community VFD Ladies Aux.

Cecil

Irene w. Hevlow, Cecilton VFC Aux.
Rita D. Funk, Community FC of Rising Sun
Doris A. Lloyd, Cecil Ladies Aux.
Reba V. Bryson, William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine
Hook and Ladder Company Number One of Elkton Aux.

Charles

Gladys M. Harris, Bryans Road VFD & RS Ladies Aux.
John Lohman, Waldorf VFD Inc. Aux.

Dorchester

None

Congratulations

Becky Wathen

as you complete your year as

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**Wishing you Best Wishes in the Year to Come
as you continue on your Journey!**

**The Officer's, Member's, and Auxiliary
of the
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Frederick

Patricia A. Henericks, Middletown VFC Aux.
Alverna C. Baer, Urbana VFD and RS Ladies Aux.
Hilda N. Rice, Urbana VFD and RS Ladies Aux.

Garrett

Beulah L. Moon, Bittering VFD Aux.
Alice J. Brenneman, Bittering VFD Aux.
Brendia C. Fazenbaker, Bloomington VFD Aux.
Mable Alice Clark, Eastern Garrett VFD Aux.
Hazel J. Klotz, Grantsville VFD Aux.

Harford

Ruth Ann Cox, Darlington VFC Aux.
Billie C. McNutt, Darlington VFC Aux.
Jane A. Williams, Delta-Cardiff VFC Aux.

Howard

Hilda Weber, Howard County Fire and Rescue Aux.

Kent

Rose B. Beck, Rock Hall VFC Aux.
Elva L. Webb, Rock Hall VFC Aux.

Montgomery

Margaret Bennett, Laytonsville District VFD Aux.
Margaret E. Harriday-Frazier, Rockville VFD Aux.
Alice D. Mills, Rockville VFD Aux.
L. Jane Fowler, Upper Montgomery Co. VFD Aux.

Prince George's

Eunice V. Windsor, Baden VFD Ladies Aux.
Minnie V. Windsor, Baden VFD Ladies Aux.
Sandra Pyle, Ladies Aux. of the Beltsville VFD
Dorothy Varnado, Brentwood VFD Aux.
Inell F. Morgan, Ladies Aux. to Capitol Heights VFC #1
Sharon L. Becraft, Aux. of the Glenn Dale Fire Assoc.
Alice Moore, Aux. of the Glenn Dale Fire Association
Mary Martha "Marti" Neal, Kentland VFD LA, Bessie
Marshall Chairman 2015-2018
Jean M. McCollum, Laurel VFD Number One Aux.
Debora K. Bean, Marlboro VFD Aux.

Queen Anne's

Jennie Le Spear, Crumpton VFD Aux.

St. Mary's

Margaret T. Purcell, LA of the Leonardtown VFD Inc.
Marietta Balta, Ridge VFD Aux.
E. Dianne Reeder, Ridge VFD Aux.
Lucy M. Hanson, Second District VFD and RS Aux.
Catherine D. Thompson, Second District VFD & RS Aux.

Bernard Leo Smith Jr., Seventh District VFD Aux.
Joanne E. Hall, Seventh District VRS Aux.

Somerset

Claudia Mouery, Deal Island-Chance VFD Aux.

Talbot

Judith T. Secrist, Cordova Ladies Aux.
Helen Frances Jones, Oxford FC Aux.
Nancy H. Obitz, Oxford FC Aux.
Anita Fisher, Easton VFD Ladies Aux.

Washington

None

Wicomico

Marguerite G. Smith, Fruitland VFD Ladies Aux.
Hazel M. Miner, Powellville VFD Ladies Aux.
Elaine M. Little, West Side VFD Ladies Aux.

Worcester

Shirley Travers, Ladies Aux. of Ocean City VFD
Maryellen Shenton, Stockton VFD Ladies Aux.

Report of the Historian

Greetings to Officers, Members and Guests. I have enjoyed traveling around to the different events across our great state of Maryland. I would like to give a brief history of the Conferences we have had this year.

**HISTORY OF FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21, 2017
Held at ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**
Fall conference was called to order by President Vivian Boyd at Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department. The colors were left posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Vivian Boyd. The National Anthem was sung by Senior Vice President Marcia Roth. We were led in singing the Conference Song by Anna Johnson. President Boyd introduced Chaplain Jean Main to present the invocation. Accokeek Auxiliary President Kristi Harmon welcomed us to Accokeek and wished us all a successful meeting. President Boyd acknowledged the presence of the Past Presidents. President Boyd recognized the special guests in the audience: MSFA President Mark Bolger, MSFA 1st Vice President Rick Blair, MSFA 2nd Vice President Mike Faust, Past MSFA Presidents; Danny Davis and Doyle Cox as well as MSFA Chaplain Harry Betz,

*The Officers and Members of the
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department
Supports*



*Marcia Roth
LAMSFA President*



*Joan Kramer
LAMSFA Vice Chaplain*



Miss Hartford Cecil Fire Prevention Rachel Bowles, Prince George County Fire Chief Ben Barksdale and Fire Marshall Brian Geraci. President Boyd read her Dedication of the Proceedings Book which dedicated the book to God who is her first love and who loves her. Reading of minutes of Convention – Recording Secretary Donna Struntz: A motion was made by PP Elaine Huttenloch to accept the minutes as printed with corrections from the floor. The motion was seconded by Kathy Knipple. Motion passed with no corrections made from the floor. Reports were given by all officers. Fall Conference Meeting: Members in attendance: 203. Conference Chair Peggy Zembower requested a check in the amount of \$1,925.00 made payable to Catty's Rock n Ribs. Working Fund received \$500.00, \$250.00 used by Co-chair Dorothy Rue, Balance to be returned to LAMSFA \$250.00. President Boyd spoke movingly that it is God who guides her, has brought her through and asks that He be given the glory. She thanked Accokeek for hosting today's conference, yesterday's Open House and Conference Co-chairmen Peggy Zembower and Dorothy Rue for going the extra mile to make these events great. President Boyd thanked everyone for their support, respect, guidance and love that helped her reach the presidency. She said that it is with honor that she serves LAMSFA, with pride that she represents us, and it is the friendships that have given her strength and it is the love that will always bind us. President Boyd concluded with "I love you and there is nothing you can do about it." Guest Speaker Fire Marshall Brian Geraci: Fire Marshall Geraci said it was a pleasure to address our membership today and share the new campaign "Close The Door" to teach people that sleeping with the doors closed will help keep the smoke out and allow you time to get 911 on the way. This year as of the present date, we have had 51 fire deaths in Maryland and most were preventable. Effective January 1, 2018 battery alarms will be illegal, and all homes must have 10-year lithium battery alarms. Please remember fire prevention is our number one mission. Auditing Report Darby Byrd – the committee felt that a motion should be made to increase the amount paid to cases by the Bessie Marshall fund. Ads and Patrons – Denise Melito & Paula Robison: Certificates were presented to the auxiliaries who sold the most ads for the Procedure Book. MSFA Chaplin Harry Hertz gave the blessing over our meal and asked for a special prayer for MSFA Executive Member Chuck

Walker. Bills and Communications Malta Daughton – a bill was presented by PP Elaine Huttenloch for 14 flag cases for a balance due to MSFA Past President Frank Underwood of \$244.95. A motion was made by Elaine and seconded by Ginny Wilhite to pay the bill. Motion carried. Unfinished Business - Parliamentarian Elaine Huttenloch moved that the Auxiliary honor all the previous Bessie Marshall cases from Ocean City that were overpaid. Motion seconded by Carol Bair. Motion carried. Parliamentarian Elaine Huttenloch move that the Bessie Marshall Fund begin paying the new amount of \$1,020.00 based on \$170.00 per week from today until convention. Motion seconded by Carol Baird. Motion carried. New Business – President Boyd appointed a new committee to be named Recognition. The Committee will be chaired by Donna Struntz. Benediction was offered by Vice Chaplain Shari Steffen. The meeting was adjourned.

**HISTORY OF SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 21, 2018
Held at PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE HALL**

Spring conference was called to order by President Vivian Boyd at Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The colors were presented by Color Bearers Jennifer Johnson and Kay Trego. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Jean Main, with a moment of silence offered in remembrance of Marti Neal. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Boyd. The National Anthem was sung by Senior Vice President Marcia Roth. Pleasant Valley CFC President Michael Stewart and Auxiliary President Kim Thomas welcomed us to Pleasant Valley and wished us all a successful meeting.

President Boyd acknowledged the presence of LAMSFA Past Presidents and recognized the special guests in the audience: MSFA President Mark Bolger, MSFA 1st Vice President Rick Blair, MSFA 2nd Vice President Mike Faust. Vice President Faust presented President Boyd with a free-standing banner printed with her definition of "auxiliary". Corresponding Secretary Malea Daughton read the Nominations for Officers to be elected at convention. Reading of minutes of Fall Conference – Recording Secretary Donna Struntz: A motion was made by PP Elaine Huttenloch to accept the minutes as printed with corrections from the floor. The motion was seconded by Robin Shore. Motion passed. Reports were given by all officers. Spring Conference Meeting: Members in attendance: 224. Guest Speaker Captain Kay Trego:

The Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary



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President LAMSFA



Joan Kramer
Vice Chaplain LAMSFA



Kay spoke about the many resources available to auxiliaries to help them implement fire prevention and public safety education. Recognition from Recording Secretary Donna Struntz - One of the highlights of this convention was the awarding of certificates of recognition for a number of members who have served their auxiliaries for over 50 years, members who achieved Life Membership, and families who have served their home companies for several generations. Benediction was offered by Vice Chaplain Shari Steffen. The meeting was adjourned.

I would like to thank my Ladies Auxiliary of Sandy Spring and Montgomery County Ladies Auxiliary. Also, I would like to thank my family for their support for me.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Kramer, Historian 2017 - 2018

*Report of the
Bessie Marshall Fund Committee*

Officers, Past Presidents, Members and Guests of the LAMSFA and MSFA, The Bessie Marshall Fund Committee was sadly faced with a transition of chairs due to the sudden passing of Chairman Marti Neal in January 2018. President Vivian Boyd asked Past Presidents Patricia Deamond and Kathy Knipple to co-chair this committee for the remainder of her term.

The committee's annual meeting was held on July 29, 2018 at Jarrettsville V.F.D. in Harford County. A review of the previous year and decisions of the committee's projects for fundraising in 2017-2018 was done.

An extensive discussion on increasing the benefit amount paid per case followed. A motion and second was made to increase the amount by \$20.00 per week making a total of \$1,020.00 for the six week period if an applicant is eligible. The decision was unanimous by all committee members to adopt the increase. This increase was brought before the body and approved by those members present at Fall Conference. We wish to give a special thanks to Jarrettsville V.F.D. and ladies auxiliary for providing our meeting location and lunch.

We greatly appreciate the continued support from

members of both the MSFA and LAMSFA. Your support of our fundraising projects along with department, auxiliary, memorial and individual member donations make it possible for our committee to provide the financial support to our qualifying members. A special thank you to those auxiliaries who have held special fundraising events for the Bessie Marshall Fund.

Our main fundraiser as in past years was the Lottery. In addition to the Lottery, four (4) additional raffles have been utilized as fundraisers this year. These raffles being: a wood alarm box, handmade LAMSFA logo blanket, 50/50 at each conference and convention, and various themed table raffles at both conferences and convention. We want to recognize Mr. Alan Steele who made and donated the wood alarm box and Bessie Marshall Committee member Robin Shorb for making the LAMSFA blanket.

This year to date, the Bessie Marshall Fund has paid 32 cases totaling \$32,040.00. The breakdown of cases per county is as follows: Allegheny 5, Anne Arundel 1, Baltimore 1, Calvert 1, Carroll 8, Cecil 2, Frederick 6, Harford 2, Montgomery 1, Prince George's 1, Talbot 1, Washington 2, and Wicomico 1.

We would be remiss to not give special recognition and thanks to our committee members. Our 2017-2018 team members in alphabetical order : Carol Bair, Tricia Blank, Guilda Corioni, Chris Cornes, Susan Derlunas, Carol Hayden, Candy Mitchell, Robin Shorb, Robyn Smith and Sherry Soper.

Finally, it has been a privilege and honor to chair the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund Committee. We appreciate LAMSFA President Vivian Boyd's appointment and confidence in us to chair this important committee.

Respectfully,
Patricia L. Deamond , Co-Chairman
Kathy Knipple, Co-Chairman

*Report of the
Fire Prevention Committee*

Each year the LAMSFA Fire Prevention Committee holds a contest in which auxiliary members may compete. An independent group of judges selects

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FOR THE LAMSFA**

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three winners from the entries submitted. If all member auxiliaries within the same county submit entries, then the *Pat Parker 100% County Participation* award is presented to that county. The committee selects a different project every year on which a fire prevention message should be presented. This year a simple poster was the project and the theme was Cooking Fire Safety, BUT, the committee added a challenge to the project. Instead of this being an individual's task auxiliary members were asked to team with an elementary age child (grades K- 5) to complete the project. A picture of the child working with the auxiliary member was also requested as part of the submission. The purpose? To show that a new generation is being taught fire prevention and fire safety. If this year's project works well the challenge may continue with future contests.

Auxiliaries are not only encouraged to participate in the contest but to submit nominations for the *Silver Spring Trophy* and the *Jane Todd – Firewoman of the Year* Awards. All contest entries and award nominations are due at the LAMSFA's Spring Executive Meeting. Judging occurs soon after by the same group of independent judges.

At each meeting handouts are available for every member to take and use at open houses, fire prevention events and firehouse displays. Auxiliaries may also request information from the committee at any time of the year.

The LAMSFA Fire Prevention Committee meetings are held in conjunction with the MSFA Fire and Life Safety Committee meetings. The auxiliary membership is encouraged to attend and participate in every meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Pandolfini, Chair



Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

Officers, Past Presidents, Members and Guests of the LAMSFA and MSFA, The Hall of Fame Committee has held 50/50 Raffles this past year at the Spring and Fall Conferences as well as at Convention to help defray the cost of the Hall of Fame awards. We want to thank everyone for their support. We had asked the body to submit nominees by May 1st to be awarded at Convention.

I would like to thank President Boyd for the appointment as Chairman. I would also like to thank my committee members for their dedication and hard work on our committee.

Respectfully Submitted
Virginia Wilhite, Chairman

Report of the Seventeen State Circle Committee

I would like to thank President Vivian Boyd 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 1269 Senate bills and 1832 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 95 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 PP Johnie Roth 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 express my sincere thanks to the committee members for their devotion and hard work.

Best wishes for a successful convention.
Carene Housenfluck, Chairman

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*The Ladies Auxiliary of Western Enterprise Fire Co. would like to wish
the Ladies Auxiliary of the MSFA a successful convention!*

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Conference Co-Chair - Dorothy Rue, New Windsor

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Donna Stuntz, Bowling Green

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CAROLINE

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Chris Cornes ,Joppa-Magnolia

Malea Daughton, Jarrettsville

HOWARD - Mary Farinholt, Lisbon

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JUNE 2018**



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FROM
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, PRESIDENT
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

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Foo Tippet, Leonardtown

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Chance

TALBOT - Mary Dulin, Cordova

WASHINGTON - Twylla (TC) Grove, Leitersburg

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WORCESTER - Margie Anderson, Ocean City

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Teri Heinicke, Greenbelt

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Sharon Walker, Chillum-Adelphi

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Carol Musil, Union Bridge

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HOWARD - Patti Thompson Howard

KENT - Shirley Crater, Chestertown

MONTGOMERY - Mary Bladen, Laytonsville

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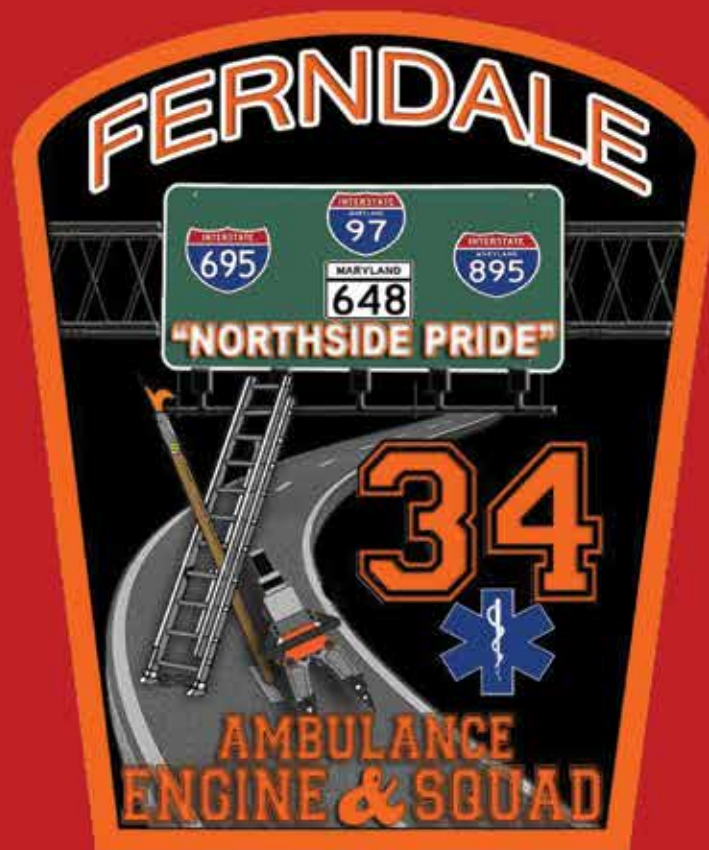
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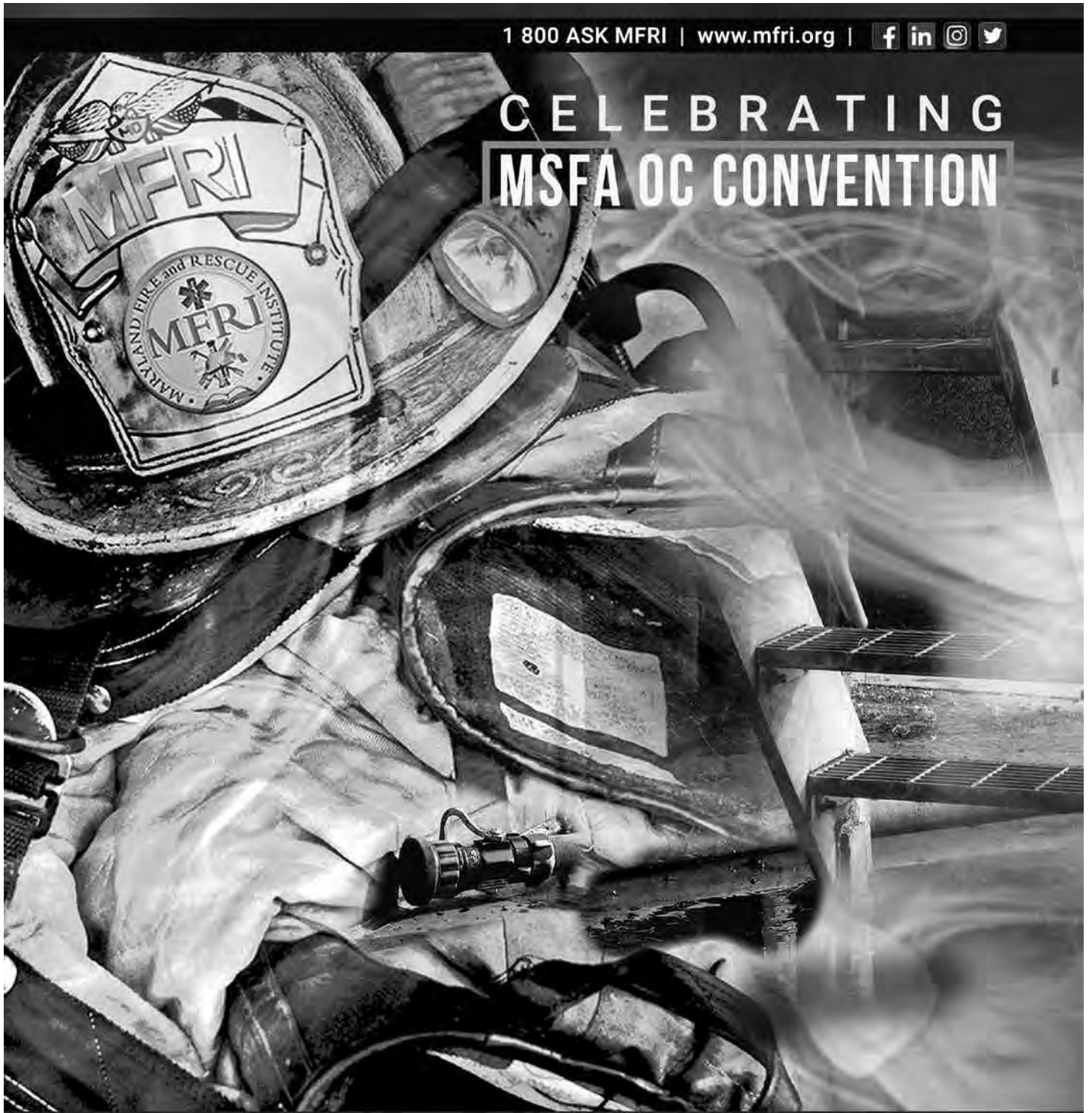
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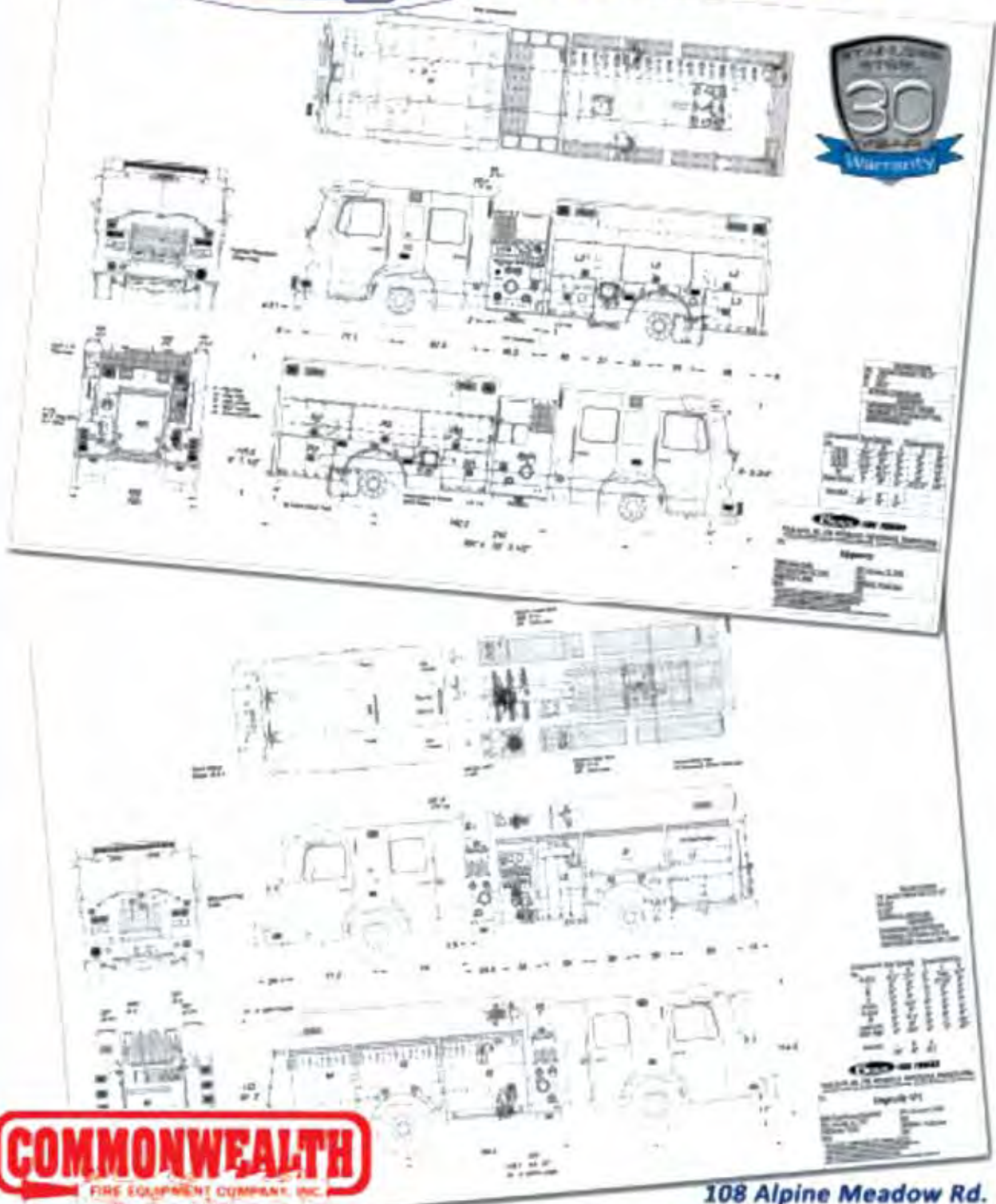


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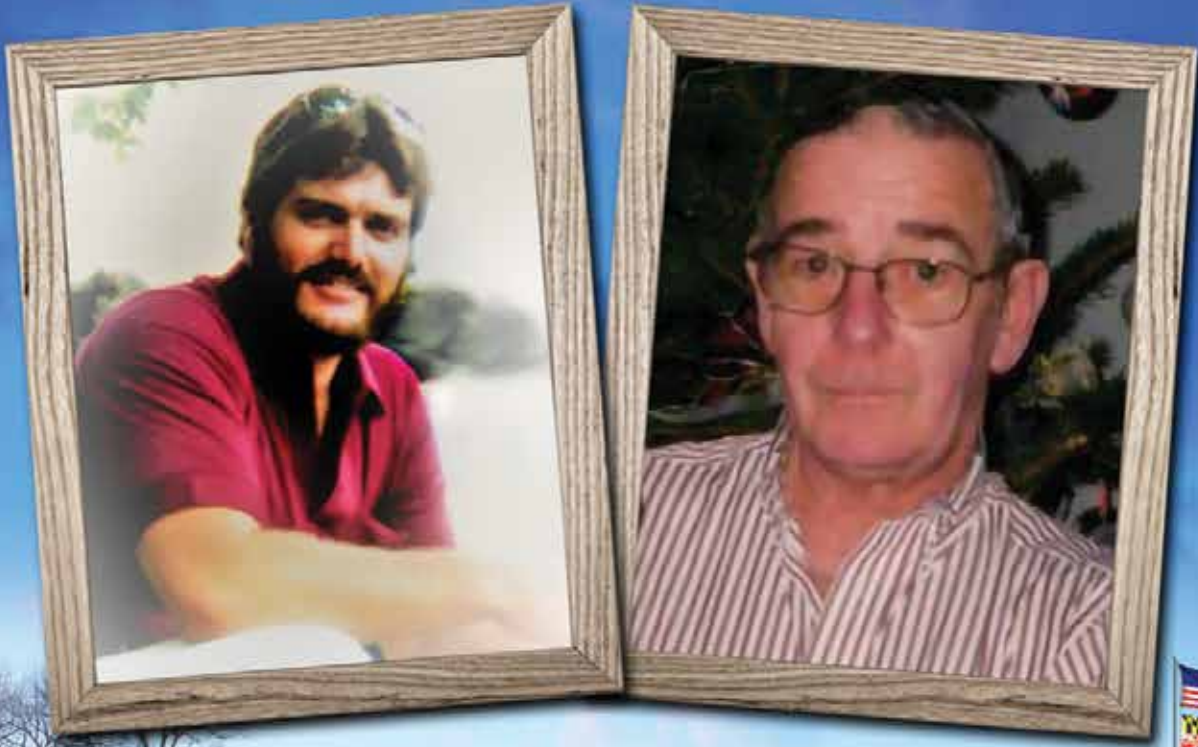
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**THE HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
CONGRATULATES SIX OF OUR MEMBERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE SAVING INCIDENT.**

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

On November 8, 2017, an incident occurred at Triton Metals, located on Airport View Drive in Hollywood, MD. Firefighter (F/F) Justin Winkler was notified that one of his co-workers was down and in need of medical assistance. F/F Winkler found the patient unconscious, with a faint pulse and agonal respirations. F/F Winkler attempted to arouse the patient, however, the patient did not respond. F/F Winkler initiated life-saving efforts on the patient and after two minutes of high performance CPR, reassessed him for a pulse. The patient had regained a pulse with agonal respirations.

The St. Mary's Emergency Communications Center dispatched Engine 7, Station 79 and St. Mary's County ALS at 0716 Hours, to respond for a subject not breathing. Because he was in the immediate area, Squad Captain Brendan Abell responded to the scene at dispatch in his POV and arrived a short time later. Once Captain Abell arrived on the scene, he assisted F/F Winkler with rescue breathing. Chief Engineer Mike Sullivan, who was at work in the immediate area of the incident, also responded in his POV and was the next to arrive on the scene and assisted both F/F Winkler and Capt. Abell with performing medical care.

Deputy Chief Ernest Rogers responded to the scene in the Duty Chief's vehicle which had just been Equipped with an AED. Once the Deputy Chief arrived on the scene, the AED was quickly attached to the patient. It was determined that the patient had a shockable rhythm and a shock was quickly delivered. Once the shock was delivered, CPR was once again administered on the patient. After one cycle of CPR was complete, the AED once again analyzed the patient and found no shockable rhythm. Chief Engineer Sullivan checked for a pulse and found that the patient had a return of spontaneous circulation. The personnel continued rescue breathing for the patient and turned the patient over to the crew of Ambulance 798 after their arrival.

The patient was transported to Medstar St. Mary's Hospital and was later transferred to Medstar Washington Hospital Center. The patient received several medical procedures and remained in the hospital for approximately a month before returning home.

The patient is on his way back to a normal healthy life and he will be returning to work in the near future.

Your quick response and life-saving actions are truly reflective of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department!

These individuals received a Life-Saving Award from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association for their valiant efforts.

President Kenneth Rose, Sr.

Chief Ernie Daniels, Jr.



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for a successful 2018 Convention!

Come join the Brandywine Volunteers for our monthly cruise nights, *Cruise-In the Southside 2018*; July 6, August 3, and September 7, 6-9 p.m., 14201 Brandywine Rd., Brandywine, MD. Featuring food, music, door prizes and awards! Remembering Aquasco Speedway and Other Local Tracks Reunion, September 15, 2018. (Rain Date: September 23, 2018)

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Maryland State Firemen's Association

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TROPHIES AND AWARDS LISTING

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance - Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance
President's Award (1) Company Coming Longest Distance
Company Coming Second Longest Distance
Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Service Personnel Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (5)
Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (5)
Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank & over) Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance
Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over) Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance Brush Unit – Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (3)
Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Squad Truck Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Ambulance Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (5)
Command Unit Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Marine Rescue Unit Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Emergency Service Special Unit Making Best Appearance
(Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.) Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (5)
Best Appearing Company from Delaware
Second Best Appearing Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania
Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (Over 25 Years or Older In Service) Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (2)
Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance (25 Years or Older Not in Service) Second Best Appearance
Third Best Appearance Honorable Mention (2)
Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance (25 Years or Older) Second Best Appearance
Hand Drawn Antique Making Best Appearance Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform Auxiliary In Uniform Coming
The Longest Distance Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Third Best Appearance
Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance – Governors Award
Fire Prevention Entry Making - Second Best Appearance Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance - Third Best Appearance - Fourth Best Appearance Honorable Mention (8)
Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance - Third Best Appearance - Fourth Best Appearance Honorable Mention (8)
Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance - Third Best Appearance - Fourth Best Appearance Honorable Mention (8)
Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance - Third Best Appearance - Fourth Best Appearance Honorable Mention (8)

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company
Second Best Appearing Marching Band
Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance
Best Drum and Bugle Corp
Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
Majorettes Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance Pom Pom Squad Making
Best Appearance Comic Entry Making
Best Appearance Mascot Making Best Appearance
Hard Luck Award Judges Awards (10)

PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!

Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1700 hours, (or as close to this time as possible), in the Bayfront Exhibit Hall ("D") of the Convention Center. The Convention Committee will provide free hot dogs, soda, and other light food for all parade participants starting at 1630 hours in the front parking lot of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation and to ensure a safe trip home.

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

MSFA PARADE RULES

Parade Monitors will be on the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner with the approval of Parade Marshal. Parade Monitors have the authorization to advise and correct any immediate safety concern in a professional matter and advise the Parade Marshal. The Parade Marshal or his designee will be the only person that can remove or disqualify a unit from the parade. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that:

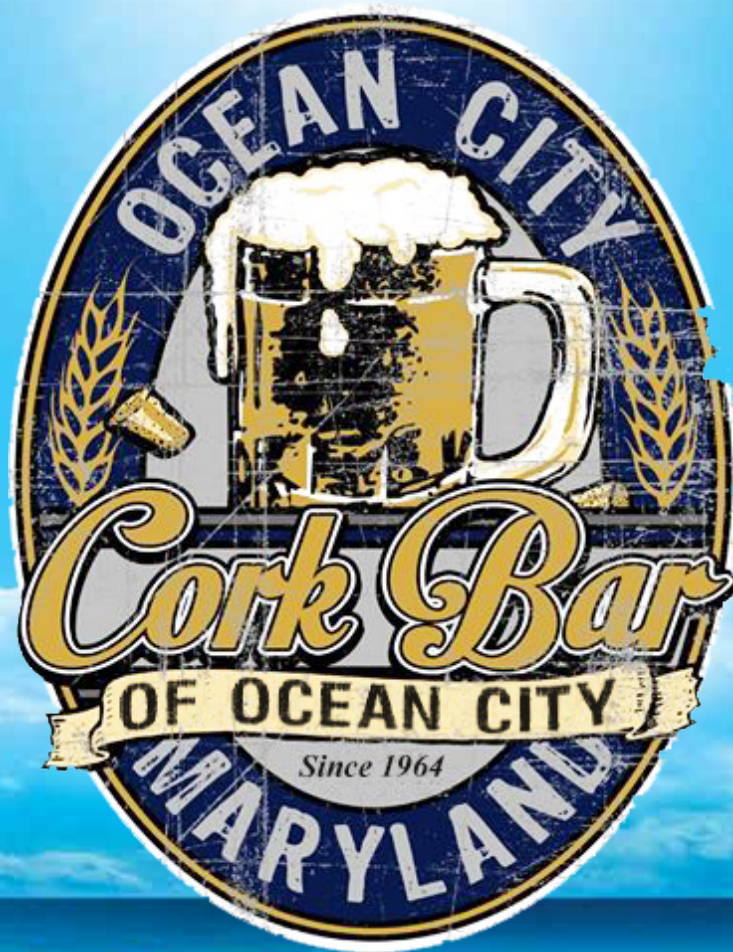
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

1. Public drinking
2. Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus through parade route
5. Throwing of any type of material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stand that does not maintain forward progress
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
11. Operation of any vehicle in an unsafe or reckless manner

THE FOLLOWING SAFETY WARNINGS ARE BEING HIGHLIGHTED BY THE COMMITTEE

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

All decisions of the Convention Parade Committee are final and are not subject to negotiations. Parade Line-Up Will Be First Come-First In Line, Unless Your Jurisdiction Comes In As A Group After Forming Together Before The Route 50 Bridge.



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