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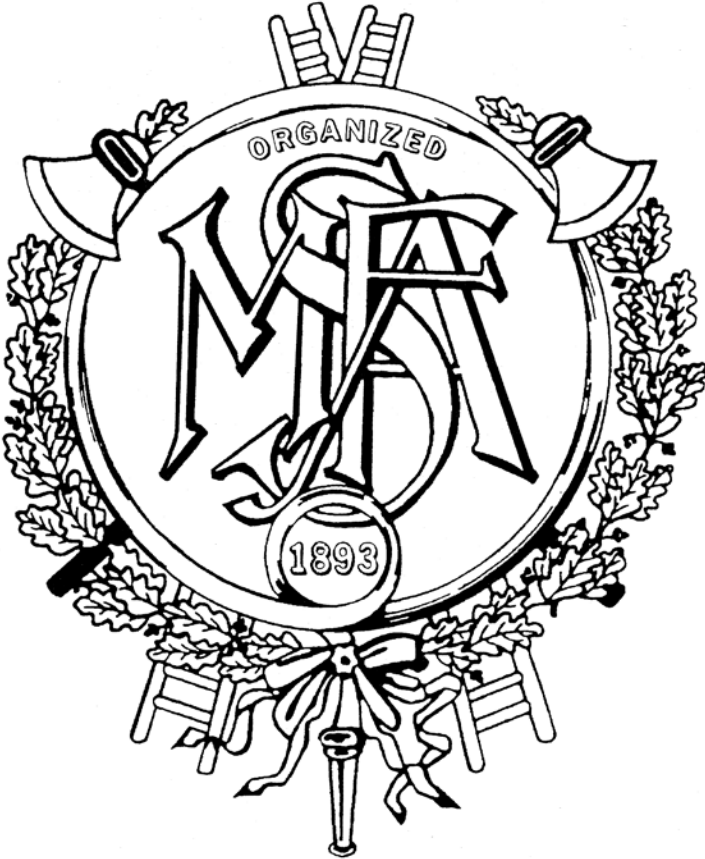
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The Great Seal of Maryland was used by the Maryland State Firemen's Association during its first two years (1893-1894.) The second logo of the M.S.F.A. was first used in 1895, and appeared on the Proceedings Book of the Association until 1904, (shown lower left.) In 1905, the logo was changed (shown lower center). In 2001 the logo (shown lower right) was slightly altered to include the wording around the outside edge, was created and continues to be used as a sign of recognition by representatives of the M.S.F.A. while conducting the official business of the Association. The description of the logo was supplied by Past President Peter Paul Lochary and Mrs. Jeannie Hare (widow of Past President Herman B. Hare.)

MEANING OF THE 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/her job as water flows through the hose. **Tools of the trade - 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.**







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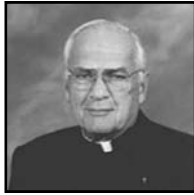


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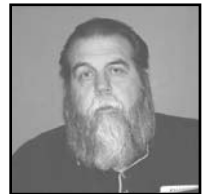
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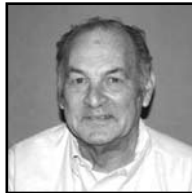
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*John S. Prichard	1943-1968	Grantsville
*John O. Cockey	1942-1954	Glyndon
*Showard T. Culver, P.P.	1946-1961	Hebron
*Vincent A. Simmell, P.P.	1948-1956	Cottage City
*Dr. James P. Swing	1952-1957	Cambridge
*B. Harrison Shipley, Jr., P.P.	1954-1969	Ellicott City
*G. Mitchell Boulden, P.P.	1958-1982	Elkton
*J. Meredith Marshall	1961-1970	Cambridge
*Richard J. Mooney	1966-1976	Lansdowne
*J. Francis Fatkin	1968-1997	Clarysville
*Marbery F. Gates	1969-1989	Rockville
*James N. Narman, P.P.	1970-1975	Ocean City
*Leslie B. Thompson, P.P.	1975-1985	Damascus
John W. Berryman, Sr.	1976-1981	Pikesville
*Ralph N. Small, Jr., P.P.	1981-1992	Boulevard Heights
S. Richard Powell	1985-1995	Gelena
C. Oscar Baker, P.P.	1989-1999	Mt. Airy
*Charles W. Riley, P.P.	1987-2004	Abington

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Clarence Daniel Carpenter, Jr., P.P.	1992-2006	Potomac Heights
Donald F. Knauer	1995-2000	Madison
*Robert H. Shimer, P.P.	1997-2004	Potomac Westernport
John W. Means, Sr.-(NServ)	1999-	Pleasant Valley
Philip N. Hurlock, P.P.	2000-2005	Church Hill
Robert Knippenburg, P.P.	2004-2005	Midland
Steven V. Hales	2005-	Ocean City
Terry E. Thompson, P.P.	2005-	Savage
Clarence "Chip" Jewell	2005-2005	Libertytown
Gene Worthington, P.P.	2005-	Level
C. Daniel Carpenter, III	2006-	Potomac Heights

PAST FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

1	Robert W. Jacobs	1997-2002	Citizens Truck
2	*Paul Fabiszak	2002-2003	Hereford EMS
3	George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr.(NServ)	2003-	Chestnut Ridge

PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Conv Num.	Year	Chairperson	Department
1	1893-94	*Gen. John A. Steiner	Frederick
2	1894-95	*Edward J. Lawyer, PP	Westminster
3	1895-96	*Charles J. H. Canter	Manchester
4	1896-97	*Col. E. M. Mobley	Hagerstown
5	1897-98	*Edward S. Eichelberger	Frederick
6	1898-99	*W. W. Moore	Cambridge
7	1899-00	*John H. Cunningham, P.P.	Westminster
8	1900-01	*John H. Cunningham, P.P.	Westminster
9	1901-02	*Dr. Lloyd T. MacGill, Jr., P.P.	Frederick
10	1902-03	*E. E. Graeff	Cumberland
11	1903-04	*E. E. Graeff	Cumberland
12	1904-05	*Joseph W. Gaver	Frederick
13	1905-06	*Palmer Tennant, P.P.	Hagerstown
14	1906-07	*Harry L. Bennett	Frederick
15	1907-08	*George W. Brock	Aberdeen
16	1908-09	*G. Walter Wright, P.P.	Westminster
18	1910-11	*C. O'B. Diehm, P.P.	Sparrows Point
19	1911-12	*Russell P. Smith	Cambridge
20	1912-13	*Peter B. Cain	Midland
21	1913-14	*Peter B. Cain	Midland
22	1914-15	*Frederick G. Keich, P.P.	Raspeburg

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23	1915-16	*A. F. Fairall, P.P.	Laurel
24	1916-17	*James Pearre Wantz	Westminster
25	1917-18	*C. O'B. Diehm, P.P.	Sparrows Point
26	1918-19	*Russel P. Smith	Cambridge
27	1919-20	*Charles N. Tucker	Annapolis
28	1920-21	*Adolph C. Fry	Frostburg
29	1921-22	*Adolph C. Fry	Frostburg
30	1922-23	*A. Sherwood Bayly	Cambridge
31	1923-24	*A. Sherwood Bayly	Cambridge
32	1924-25	*Robert Strobel	Hagerstown
33	1925-26	*John F. Fainter, P.P.	Hyattsville
34	1926-27	*Vincent A. Simmell, P.P.	Cottage City
35	1927-28	*Vincent A. Simmell, P.P.	Cottage City
36	1918-29	*B. H. Ford, P.P.	Crisfield
37	1929-30	*T. W. Venemann	Riverdale
38	1930-31	*George W. Colburn, P.P.	Princess Anne
39	1931-32	*H. T. Wentz	Lineboro
40	1932-33	*Noble Rushe	Hyattsville
41	1933-34	*John O. Cockey	Glyndon
42	1934-35	*Frank T. Shaffer	Westminster
43	1935-36	*J. Millard Tawes, P.P.	Crisfield
44	1936-37	*Karl A. Young	Mount Rainier
45	1937-38	*Simon Clopper	Smithsburg
46	1938-39	*Simon Clopper	Smithsburg
47	1939-40	*S. T. Calver	Hebron
48	1940-41	*Noah Joffe	Bowie
49	1941-42	*Noah Joffe	Bowie
50	1942-43	*Noah Joffe	Bowie
51	1943-44	*William G. Kerbin	Snow Hill
52	1944-45	*William G. Kerbin	Snow Hill
53	1945-46	*W. Bartgis Storm, P.P.	Frederick
54	1946-47	*Landon Walston	Preston
55	1947-48	*Bradley Riggs	Kensington
56	1948-49	*G. Mitchell Boulden, P.P.	Elkton
57	1949-50	*A. Leroy Willey	Cambridge
58	1950-51	*William A. Chenoweth, P.P.	Pikesville
59	1951-52	*Dr. James Swing	Cambridge
60	1952-53	*Philip Beard, P.P.	Walkersville
61	1953-54	*Philip Beard, P.P.	Walkersville
62	1954-55	*Howard Keller, P.P.	Pikesville
63	1955-56	Joseph Mayhew	Landover Hills
64	1956-57	*Walter Bennett	Sykesville
65	1957-58	*Walter Bennett	Sykesville

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66	1958-59	*Marbery F. Gates	Rockville
67	1959-60	*C. Earl Wyville, Sr.	Marlboro
68	1960-61	*John Meech	Avalon Shores
69	1961-62	*John Meech	Avalon Shores
70	1962-63	*Gordon Tuohey	Cabin John Park
71	1963-64	*William A. Moore, P.P.	Frederick
72	1964-65	*Scott Davis	Union Bridge
73	1965-66	*Thomas L. Reynolds, P.P.	Queen Anne's/ Hillsboro
74	1966-67	Garyton Echols, Jr.	La Plata
75	1967-68	*Melvin Schwearing	Frederick
76	1968-69	Daniel B. Smith	Aberdeen
77	1969-70	*Charles Shindle	Maugansville
78	1970-71	*Robert J. Smith, P.P.	West Lanham Hills
79	1971-72	*C. Edwin Turner, P.P.	Centerville
80	1972-73	*Edgar Freeman	Earleigh Heights
81	1973-74	*William J. Fleshman, P.P.	Beltsville
82	1974-75	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
83	1975-76	Robert N. Dempsey, P.P.	Kennedyville
84	1976-77	*Clarence Bowie	Cape St. Clair
85	1977-78	*Lewis C. Graybill	Gaithersburg
86	1978-79	John W. Means, Sr.	Pleasant Valley
87	1979-80	Joseph R. Robison, P.P.	Laurel
88	1980-81	S. Richard Powell	Galena
89	1981-82	*Ronald B. Graf	Riviera Beach
90	1982-83	John R. Wright, Jr.	Reisterstown
91	1983-84	William B. Lay	Joppa-Magnolia
92	1984-85	Joseph R. Robison, P.P.	Laurel
93	1985-86	James J. Snyder, Jr.	Laytonsville
94	1986-87	Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., P.P.	Leonardtwn
95	1987-88	Eugene Curfman	Union Bridge
96	1988-89	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
97	1989-90	Craig A. Moe	Laurel
98	1990-91	C. Daniel Davis, Jr., P.P.	Hollywood
99	1991-92	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
100	1992-93	*Roy L. Wood, P.P.	Beltsville
101	1993-94	Francis D. Jester	Church Hill
102	1994-95	Hartwood Cornell, Jr.	Woodsboro
103	1995-96	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
104	1996-97	Benjamin K. Kurtz	Jarrettsville
105	1997-98	C. Dan Carpenter, III	Potomac Heights
106	1998-99	*George Blanco	Midland
107	1999-00	Paul H. Sterling, Jr.	Wheaton
108	2000-01	Stephen V. Hales	Ocean City

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109	2001-02	Doyle E. Cox	Prince Frederick
110	2002-03	Benjamin K. Kurtz	Jarrettsville
111	2003-04	Douglas Alexander	Mt. Airy
112	2004-05	Charles Abrecht	Frederick
113	2005-06	* J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
114	2006-07	Doyle E. Cox	Prince Frederick
115	2007-08	James P. Seavey, Sr.	Cabin John Park
116	2008-(Nserv)	Craig A. Moe	Laurel

LOCATIONS OF PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS

Annapolis	1897	1907	1927						
Baltimore	1900	1910	1930	1938	1943	1944			
Cambridge	1909	1921	1934						
Cumberland	1896	1904	1917	1941	1951	1955			
Easton		1937							
Elkton		1928							
Frederick	1893	1903	1923	1946	1956	1967			
Frostburg	1895	1908	1922	1932	1942	1947			
Hagerstown	1894	1905	1912	1918	1936	1945	1962		
Havre de Grace	1916	1924							
Lonaconing	1902	1911	1915	1929	1940				
Oakland	1935								
Ocean City	1925	1931	1939	1948	1949	1950	1952	1953	
		1954	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1963	1964
		1965	1966	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
		1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
		1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
		2006	2007	2008					
Salisbury	1898	1919							
Westernport	1913	1920							
Westminster	1899	1901	1906	1914	1926	1933			

PROGRAM
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of the
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SATURDAY, June 14, 2008

1330 **Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission** - Convention Center-
Room 214

1800 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** – Convention Center Main Ball Room - By Invitation
Only

SUNDAY, June 15, 2008

0800 **Exhibitors Registration** – Convention Center – Ground Floor

0930 **Executive Committee Meeting** - Convention Center - Room 208

1000-1200 **Convention Registration** - Main Ball Room

1000-1200 **Convention Events Ticket Sales** - Ground Floor Foyer

1000-1200 **Free Bus Passes** – Lower Level

1000-1700 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center - East Hall

1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Upper Level Rooms 215-217

Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the entire
Family

11:00-14:00 **FLEA MARKET** - Rear of Convention Center - Free Admission

Fire and EMS Memorabilia will be on display for sale.

1900 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Main Ballroom - Dress
Uniforms Please

2015 **Reception** – Convention Center – Upper Foyers

MONDAY, June 16, 2008

0700 **Registration** - Convention Center - Main Ball Room

0730 **Musical Selections** - Westminster Band - Main Ball Room

0800 **Convention Events Tickets Sales** - Ground Floor Foyer

0800 **Free Bus Passes** – Lower Level

FIRST SESSION

0830 **CALL TO ORDER** – – **President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.** - Convention Center Main
Ball Room

OPENING CEREMONIES

Presentation of Colors – Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands

Remarks from Governor of Maryland - Martin O' Malley

Remarks from United States Senator - Barbara Mikulski

Remarks from United States Fire Administrator - Greg Cade

0900 Exhibits Open

0945 **JOINT AWARDS CEREMONY**

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Gladhill-Thompson Award

Colburn Cup Award

Hall of Fame Awards

Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award

Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award

Honey Award

Firefighter of the Year Award

Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award

Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award

Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award

Zembower Fire Service Training Award

Scholarship Awards

Family Appreciation Award

Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

1130 **Presentation** - Chief J. West Thompson, Goodwill Fire Company, Centreville, MD

Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents

1145 **PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON** - Room 209 – By Invitation Only

SECOND SESSION

1230 **CALL TO ORDER**– President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.

1245 Recognition of Guests and Organizations

1250 **Presentation – MIQUOTES, MSFA Membership Benefits Program**

Update on the Maryland Residential Sprinkler Initiative – Douglas Alexander

1310 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION – Fire Team USA**

Vickie Pritchett Project Manager for Fire Team USA

Associate Director of Public Fire Protection of the National Fire Sprinkler Association.

Chief Shane Ray, Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department - Pleasant View, TN

“Fire Team USA is about bringing resources to your department to help you enhance the Fire Protection that your community offers. Creating partnerships in the community and working with all stakeholders is important to improving the public policy on Fire Protection”

1330 Reading and acceptance of 2007 Convention and Conference Minutes

Report of the Credentials Committee

1345 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention

Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers

Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

1430 **Education and Training Seminars**

1545 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Main Ball Room

1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours

1700 **Exhibitors Reception**–Convention Center–Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside - By Invitation Only

1830 **BASKET BINGO**–Convention Center–Ballroom C (Doors Open at 1730 hours)

Admission includes 6 face cards for 20 games and one door prize ticket. Food will be

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available for sale.

1930 **MONDAY NIGHT LUAU** – Rear of Convention Center - Admission by ticket

The luau includes Live DJ, Pipe and Drum Bands Performances, Food, Free Gifts and Dancing.

Menu - Whole Roasted Pig with barbecue sauces available, Sweet & Sour Barbecue Chicken, Hawaiian Fried Rice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit Salad, Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Much Much More.

2130 **FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THE BAY**– Rear of Convention Center

TUESDAY, June 17, 2008

0800 **VOTING** – Convention Center – Main Ball Room - (Voting open for two (2) hours)

Should a second ballot be needed it will be announced from the convention floor.

THIRD SESSION

0830 **Call TO ORDER**—President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.

Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office – Fire Marshal William Barnard

0900 Exhibits Open

0930 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION - An Examination of the Charleston,**

South Carolina Sofa Super Store Fire - J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer,

NFFF, IAFC Peter Piringier, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information

Officer – Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. "On June 18, 2007, the Charleston, SC Fire Department suffered the tragic loss of nine firefighters in the Sofa Super Store Fire. This presentation describes the incident that occurred and the lessons that should be taken from it to prevent future tragedies."

Report of Association Officers

Report of Standing and Special Committees

National Volunteer Fire Council Update

Legislative Committee Update

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

Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund

1030 Maryland Fire Prevention Commission Meeting – Room TBD

Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute – Director Steven T. Edwards

Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Chair Michael Clemens

Maryland Instructor's Certification Board – Chair Joseph Weisgerber

Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board – Chair Michael Robinson

Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Director Richard Muth

Maryland Department of Homeland Security

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service – Monty Mitchell, State Fire Supervisor

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Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems – Dr. Robert Bass, Director
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report – Director John Spearman
Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530 **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** – Outside Rear of Convention Center
Games, DJ, Free Giveaways, Food, Music and Entertainment for the entire family.
Admission by ticket. Menu - Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs,
Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Cucumber and Onion Salad, Pepsi, Beer, Ice Cream,
Watermelon and much, much more.

1400 EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS

1400 HONOR GUARD CHALLENGE & WORKSHOP - EAST HALL – ROOM 215

The Challenge and Workshop will target hands on experience and how to start an Honor
Guard Team.

1630 Exhibits Close

1830 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Main Ball Room

Reception and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

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

WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2008

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

Admission by Ticket. Guest Speaker: Lt. Tommy Neiman, Firefighter/Paramedic St.

Lucie Fire District, Ft. Pierce, Florida. Menu includes a complete all you can eat Country
Breakfast Buffet.

FOURTH SESSION

0900 **CALL TO ORDER**– Newly Elected President

0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communications and Announcements

Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

0915 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

**A Few Seconds Makes All the Difference – Seatbelts: Don't Rely on Luck to Bring
You Home**

Chief James McClelland, Volunteer Operations Chief, Prince George's County Fire/EMS
Department

“Approximately 25% of firefighter fatalities are the result of apparatus accidents. The
Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department has developed a program to change
that trend. Death or injury of personnel because they were not wearing seatbelts is
unacceptable. Taking the time to buckle up makes all the difference.”

0950 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

1000 Remarks by Past President **Paul H. Sterling, Jr.**

Remarks by Newly Elected Officers

Introduction of Executive Committee

Installation of Assistant Officers

Final Report of Convention Committee

**1030 SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION –Fire on Ocean City's Boardwalk
Deputy Fire Chief David Cropper, Ocean City Vol. Fire Company and
Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office**

“On Sunday, March 30, fire destroyed a large building at the South end of one of Maryland's biggest tourist attractions. This presentation will describe the fire department operations used to control and contain this massive fire, and some of the conditions and levels of protection that served to permit fire spread, hinder fire department tactics; as well as to limit the spread of fire to adjacent properties.”

1100 Unfinished Business and New Business

\$10,000. Raffle Drawing

1300 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 hours.

1300 GIGANTIC FIREMEN'S PARADE – Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine

Registration and Parade line at the Inlet Parking Lot.

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

THURSDAY, June 19, 2008

0900 **Executive Committee Meeting** –Convention Center – Room 206

FRIDAY, June 20, 2008

0730 **GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Eagles Landing Golf Course

Great Prizes and Great Golf Course, (No Coolers Allowed)

MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS

Monday, June 16, 2008

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

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

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Presentation by: Chief James McClelland, Volunteer Operations Chief, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. Presentation by: Deputy Chief David Cropper, Ocean City Vol. Fire Company and Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE



Howard Springer
MSFA Past President 1958-59



Gertride Harrington
LAMSFA Past President
1963 - 1964



Mary Alice Lare
LAMSFA Past President 1959-60

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE



Ron Graf

MSFA Executive Committee
Past Chairman 1961-62



Judy Lau

MSFA Executive Committee
Vice Chairman 2007-08

LINE OF DUTY DEATH TRIBUTE



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



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



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

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Ocean City, Maryland – June 14-20, 2008**

**Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 15, 2008**

(Prelude music playing)

Families are escorted into main hall and are seated in designated area.

MSFA Assistant Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.: Ladies and Gentleman we would ask that everyone turn off all cell phones and pagers, and please rise for the presentation of colors. Everyone stand as Bagpipers enter followed by Honor Guard to present colors. Bagpipers form in front of stage to the left of the main isle. Once bagpipers have cleared stage, Honor Guard posts colors including the Fallen Firefighters Flag and returns. MSFA and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents enter, followed by the Sea-of-Blue (uniformed personnel march in) music continues until all are seated.)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Distinguished clergy, officers, members, honored quests and especially the family and friends of those, who we have come to pay tribute this evening; welcome. As we prepare to begin the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary we must first take pause to properly honor those who will not return to the Ocean for another Convention, those who have recorded their last vote as a Delegate, those who have answered their last alarm. Tonight, we remember 345 fallen comrades, three of who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the line of duty. I have a special place in my heart for the memorial aspects of our service and as such attended as many of the memorial services as possible throughout the year and sadly, there were many! I shall, out of respect, refrain from citing specific individuals of note lost during the past year. Given the sheer nature of family and fraternity in the Maryland Fire Service it is certain that each of these individuals has touched someone's life here tonight, if not countless lives. Most assuredly, they collectively provided hundreds of thousands of hours of community public safety service to the citizens of our communities in the Great State! Each of the honorees this evening was a success. I have a favorite quote that is so prophetic of the fire service. It was penned by noted author, Ayn Rand, "The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity!" Folks, our fellow MSFA Members remembered here this evening reached the tip of the ladder and beyond! Let us join together into a spirit of brother and sisterhood as we journey back through a year of heartache, loss and certainly also celebration of lives dedicated in service to others. May God bless our servants and their surviving families, as you will each remain a part of the Maryland Fire Service Family forever. The Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association join me in sending regards to their home

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departments, as we each know how very tough it is to fill these newly created voids in our memberships.

LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini : welcomes everyone.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: introduces Theresa Jacobs to sing the National Anthem.

Ms. Theresa Jacobs: "Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight. O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air. Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr.: Ladies and Gentleman, Brothers and Sisters thank you for attending this evening. Your presence means more than you know to those this evening that have lost a love one we are honoring. Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise your name for those we Memorialize this evening. We thank you for their dedication, hard work, friendships and love. Tonight, as we proceed with this Memorial Service we pray that it will bring comfort and pride to those who have lost one of these. Just as when Jacob took his father's body to the land of Canaan, we find this in Genesis 50:10 they held a great solemn Memorial service; we pray that we follow that tradition. Just as it tells us in Ecclesiastic 7:2, it is better to go to a house of mourning than a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart. We pray it will comfort us. Father, we also honor two military members tonight, we pray that for those serving to protect our freedoms, you will also protect them. Bless us all in your glory, Amen. You may now be seated.

(Unveiling of the Fallen Firefighter's Crosses by MSFA President Paul Sterling and MSFALA President Rose Pandolfini)

MSFA Chaplain Harry Hetz: **The first scripture reading is from Ecclesiastes 3 verses 1-11.** For everything there is an appointed time, and an appropriate time for every activity on earth: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot what was planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to search, and a time to give something up as lost; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to rip, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. Man is ignorant of God's timing . What benefit can a worker gain from his toil? I have observed the burden that God has given to people to keep them occupied. God has made everything fit beautifully in its appropriate time, but he has also placed ignorance in the

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human heart so that people cannot discover what God has ordained, from the beginning to the end of their lives.

MSFA Chaplain George H. L'Heureux: Reads the 23rd Psalm. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

(Bagpipes play Amazing Grace during the flag folding. The Flags are presented to the Presidents.)

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: We will now have video tributes of our dearly departed members to the MSFA and LAMSFA. (Each family was presented a Flag, Plaque and flowers.)

MSFA Past President Video Tributes took place for the following: LAMSFA Past President Gertrude Harrington, 1963-1964; LAMSFA Past President Mary Alice Lare, 1959-1960; MSFA Past President Howard B. Springer, 1958-1959; MSFA Executive Committee Vice Chair Judy Lau, 2007-2008 and MSFA Past Executive Committee Chairman Ronald B. Graf, 1981-1982.

The Line of Duty Death Tributes for Captain William A. Bell, Jr., Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad; Captain Donald Hubbel, Baltimore City Rescue Company #1; and Firefighter/Paramedic Jarrett A. Dixon, Baltimore County Fire Department.
(The Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums played Hyferdol.)

Musical Video Tributes in Recognition of Deceased Members were as follows:

Allegany

Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company Edwin "Eddy" Gnegy
Barton Hose Company No. 1 Thelma K.Cusler
Barton Hose Company No. 1 Thelma "Cathy" Gammon
Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department Willy L. Wilson
Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Virginia L. Elliot
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Vernon L. Shepherd
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Drew D. Thompson
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Maza L. Thompson
Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company Michael Garudio
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company Harry W. Carr

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Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department Francis M. "Jack" Lee
District 16 Volunteer Fire Department Charles "Mac" McDonald
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Kenneth Lough
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Virginia L. Helmick
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 William E. Close
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 William Ellsworth
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 Thomas W. Gracie, Jr.
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 Enoch E. Price
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 John W. Starkey
George's Creek Ambulance Service Louise Fitzpatrick
George's Creek Ambulance Service Mary L. Duckworth
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Department #1 Burton Smith
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Judy Ann Rice
Luke Volunteer Fire Company William H. "Bill" Smith, Jr.
McCoole Fire & Rescue Department Howard O. Haggerty, Sr.
McCoole Fire & Rescue Department John R. Kitzmiller
McCoole Fire & Rescue Department Lewis E. "Bud" Fallow, Sr.
Midland Fire Company #1 Samuel J. Thomas
Midland Fire Company #1 Thomas J. "Butch" James
Midland Fire Company #1 Auxiliary Alphasine M. Metts
Midland Fire Company #1 Auxiliary Marguerite C. Rayner
Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 John E. Monahan
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Carrie B. Shryrock
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Beatrice K. McFarland
Tri-Towns Ambulance & Rescue Service Vernon H. "Bud" Hamilton

Anne Arundel

Anne Arundel Alarmers Association Louis "Al" Brandt
Brooklyn Community Volunteer Fire Company Isaac Burroughs
Brooklyn Community Volunteer Fire Company Robert E. "Bob" Lacher
Community Fire Company Donald Muchow
Community Fire Company David Reese
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company William E. "Junior" Burton, Jr.
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Ronald B. Graf
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company John H. "Jack" LaRoque, S.
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Donald Thompson
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company Howard O. Oden
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary LAMSFA Past Pres. Gertrude C. Harrington
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Audrey M. Ruths
Rescue Hose Company #1 Charles F. "Fred" Rupert
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company George C. "Johney" Carr
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company Robert Y. "Flip" Flynn
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company Richard A. "Sonny" Jones
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company Michael J. Watts

Baltimore County

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department Gertrude Daniels

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Baltimore City Fire Department Captain Donald W. Hubbel
Baltimore County Fire Department Jarret A. Dixon
Boring Volunteer Fire Company Donald O. King
Boring Volunteer Fire Company Dorothy M. Burk
Boring Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Cora B. Horner
Central Alarmers Steven R. Dawson
Glydon Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Paul Wilhelm, Sr.
Glydon Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Ruth Brown
Hereford Volunteer Ambulance Association Elizabeth "Beth" Richardson
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company Mary M. "Marge" Breach
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company Mary C. Cassett
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company Frank E. Chapman
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company Wiley J. "Jim" Little
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company Donald O. King
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Department Jarrett Dixon
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company Alan L. Melton
Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Company Robert L. Brown, III
Providence Volunteer Fire Company George A. Evans, Jr.
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company Wilbur Henry Harry
Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Company Jacke Nickle
Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire company Ladies Auxiliary LaRue Stump
Violetville Volunteer Fire Department Joseph H. Gruss
Violetville Volunteer Fire Department John A. Purkey, Jr.
White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company Mary M. Breach
White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company Leroy Engle
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Mary Kessler

Calvert

St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Company #7 Auxiliary Augustabelle Miller

Caroline

Denton Volunteer Fire Company Roy R. Adams
Denton Volunteer Fire Company Harry Turkington
Denton Volunteer Fire Company John C. Palmer
Denton Volunteer Fire Company Cory L. Ball
Denton Volunteer Fire Company Jack O. Quillen
Denton Volunteer Fire Company Chief James B. Horsey
Denton Volunteer Fire Company Marie T. Trice
Dentron Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Marie T. Trice
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company Elmer F. Jester, Jr.
Greensboro Volunter Fire Company Curtis L. Harvey
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company Elizabeth "Bette" Grygo
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company Patricia A. "Pat" LePore
Marydel Volunteer Fire Company Cecilia Houseman McNutt

Carroll

Gamber & Community Fire Company George Boone
Gamber & Community Fire Company Lee Edward Griffee

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Gamber & Community Fire Company Bernard Potts
Gamber & Community Fire Company Robert Weishaar
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Robert I. Korman
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary LAMSFA Past Pres.
Mary Alice Lare
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary Mary Ruth Shaffer
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary Kathryn Wentz Sieverts
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary Ethel M. W. Utz
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary Mary K. Walter
Manchester Fire Engine Hook & Ladder Company #1 Clyde E. Kreitzer
Manchester Fire Engine Hook & Ladder Company #1 LAMSFA Past Pres. Mary Alice Lare
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Julia Boller
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Dorothy Grimes
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Starritt Holmes
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Margaret Wright
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company David L. Smeak, Sr.
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Leon C. Myers
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Scott L. "Pop" Smith
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary Lane Liester
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company Hicbert L. Bitzel, Sr.
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Frances Jane Chronister
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department Auxiliary Hilda McDaniel Ely
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 James E. Salley, Jr.
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 David L. Smeak, Sr.
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 Auxiliary Frances L. Hemler
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Joseph Manger
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Gerald "Dick" Graham

Cecil

Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company Thomas G. O'Neal, Sr.
Charlestown Volunteer Fire Company Jacob C. Henry
Community Fire Company of Perryville Dominick Cifaldo
Community Fire Company of Perryville Willis L. Havens, Jr.
Community Fire Company of Perryville H. Herry Benjamin
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun Robert D. Gilbert
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun Auxiliary Cleo Duvall
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun Auxiliary Dorothy A. Bradley
North East Fire Company Earl Hammons
North East Fire Company David E. Howell
North East Fire Company John W. Lewis
North East Fire Company Archie L. McGhee
North East Fire Company Rufus P. Slate
North East Fire Company Leon Whitehead
North East Fire Company Auxiliary Stella Hammons
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City Mary Bedwell
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City John Losten

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Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City George A. Loveless
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City George B. Loveless
Sincerely Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Hutchinson R. Dennis
Sincerely Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Larry R. Reynolds
Sincerely Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 William A. Sembert
Sincerely Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Auxiliary Charlotte Havens
Sincerely Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Auxiliary Reba Steele
Water Witch Fire Company Robert "Pop" Job, Sr.

Charles

Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Hazel Burton
Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Auxiliary Kathleen Chapura
Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit Bill Swann, Jr.
Charles County Rescue Squad Harris S. Matthews, Jr.
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Bill Swann, Jr.
Dentsville Volunteer EMS & Auxiliary Ferdinand C. "Charlie" Farrall
Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Dorothy Murphy
Innsides Volunteer Rescue Squad Irving E. Williams
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department Alan B. Jackson
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department Harris S. Matthews, Jr.
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department Robert Sullivan
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Dorothy Murphy
Tenth District Volunteer Fire Department Damian B. Wilson, Sr.
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association Auxiliary Ida Mae De Marr
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association Auxiliary Madeline A. Gateau
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association Auxiliary Charlotte Moffatt
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association Auxiliary Dorothy Murphy

Dorchester

Elliott Island Volunteer Fire Company Samuel F. Kenney
Elliott Island Volunteer Fire Company Vesta L. Peddicord
Rescue Fire Company Herbert Dodson, Sr.
Rescue Fire Company J. Emory Legg
Rescue Fire Company Leon Adkins
Rescue Fire Company Donald Andrews
Rescue Fire Company Brice Kinnamon
Rescue Fire Company Seward Mende
Rescue Fire Company Medron Patterson
Rescue Fire Company James J. Philips, Jr.
Rescue Fire Company Charles Parks
Rescue Fire Company Randy Whaples

Frederick

Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company Carroll A. Webber
Guardian Hose Company Gregory S. Woelfel
Guardian Hose Company Robert E. Shriner
Guardian Hose Company William R. Stitely
Independent Hose Company #1 Preston E. Best

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Independent Hose Company #1 Edward Blumenaver
Independent Hose Company #1 Edward A. Brookey
Independent Hose Company #1 J. Norman Despeaux
Independent Hose Company #1 Alex J. Keepers
Independent Hose Company #1 Marion V. Lawson
Independent Hose Company #1 Richard D. Oland
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company Daniel C. Poole
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company Charles H. Summers
Junior Fire Company #2 Auxiliary Doris M. Green
Junior Fire Company #2 Auxiliary/Lewistown Auxiliary Margaret E. Leatherman
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary June Rhoten
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Ruth Keller
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company Carmen Fogle, Sr.
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company John Stitely
Thurmont Community Ambulance William Stitely
Thurmont Community Ambulance Gregory S. Woelfel
United Steam Fire Engine Company #3 Lydia A. Butterworth
Urbana Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Sylvia I. Hipkins
Urbana Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Evelyn Reynolds
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Randall Baker
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Charles Burrier
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Leo Duvall
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company John Garst
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Robert Kight
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company William Stauffer
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Paul Wilhide
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Irving Zimmerman
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Frances Fox

Garrett

Bitteringer Volunteer Fire Department Maxine E. Legeer
Bloomington Fire Company Auxiliary Nagmi Delinger
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company David L. Glass
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department Harrison Marley
Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Carl D. Wilt, Jr.
Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Alma A Weilmer
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department Edwin R. Yoder
Oakland Volunteer Fire Department Frederick A. Thayer, III
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad Catherine J. Alexander
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad Hazel B. Stewart

Harford

Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company Joseph E. Gray
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company Capt. Donald Hubbel
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company Odell O. Crouse
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company Roy E. Elliott
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company Dr. Malcolm D. Philips

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Darlington Volunteer Fire Company MSFA Past Pres. Howard B. Springer
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company Patricia S. Kelly
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company Leon T. "Bugs" Smith
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company Ravenhurst E. Tideman
Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company Alan L. Metten
Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps MSFA Past Pres. Howard B. Springer
Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps Vincent Way
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company James W. Hutton
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Ruth T. Breidenbaugh
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company Duane E. Allen
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company Timothy L. Brady
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company George H. Emmel, Jr.
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company Howard Martin
Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company Cletus N. Heaps
Level Volunteer Fire Company Raymond Cuffley
Level Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Francis W. Craig
Susquehanna Hose Company Earl Glassman
Susquehanna Hose Company Charles McLhinney

Howard

Ellicott City Volunteer Firemen's Association C. Merritt Pumphrey
Ellicott City Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary Bessie Shipley
Fifth District Volunteer Fire Company Charles W. Parlette
Fifth District Volunteer Fire Company Winfield Parlette
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company Christopher H. Miles
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company Nancy J. Harrison
West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department Luke T. Hoffmann
West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department Gladys E. Slade

Kent

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company William Baldwin
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Ada Kennedy
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Anna Wallace
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Frances L. Jones
Kent-Queen Anne's Rescue Squad Donald B. Coleman
Kent-Queen Anne's Rescue Squad Elroy G. Boyer, Sr.

Montgomery

Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Ruben E. Hunter
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Charles E. Lawrence, Jr.
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Pres. Frank L. Leizar, Sr.
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Richard A. "Dickie" Reid
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Martin Darby
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Hazel E. Burke
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Miriam H. Duvall
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Esther M. Hilton
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Charlottee W. Owens
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Janet E. Runkles

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Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department George W. Willie
Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department Charles J. West
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department George W. "Wes" Heflin
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Marion A. Hetzel
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Felming J. Gross
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles J. West
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Benoni D. Allnutt
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Greydon S. Tolson
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Frances M. "Mickey" Jeffcoat
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Frances M. Jones
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Celesta S. "Sharlene"
West
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad William A. Bell, Jr.
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Harold B. Schantz

Prince George's

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Ida Mae DeMar
Accokeek Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Ellis Mace, Sr.
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department Allan K. Long
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department Lawrence A. "Larry" Walton
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ruchard Gohering
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Elaine A. Kuhar-Lewis
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Theresa Clem
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Mary Gasch
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Mary Frances Queen
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Timothy VanBuren
Bowie Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad Robert T. Wright
Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Betty Reamy
Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 Grafton Boswell
Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Melissa "Missy" Beard
Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Louse E. "Alice" Long
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department John D. Sweeney
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Hon. Judge Ernest Loveless, Jr.
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 Jim Duvall
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 James Joyner
Hillside Volunteer Fire Department Ellis Mace, Sr.
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Emma Casto
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Benjamin S. Elliott
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Edna Fordyce
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Alice A. Geis
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary Judy Lau
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department William "Pop" Stone
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department Francis R. Leber
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department George H. Linnell
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department George Lantz
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department Maurice E. Dennison

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Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department George N. Sheriff
Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department Joseph R. Humphreys
Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department James Smith
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Edward T. Flaherty
West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department Narva T. Vanquez

Queen Anne's

Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department William Parsons
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Jonathan R. Orff
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Randall Orff
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Elanor S. Hollett
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Beatrice J McCann
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Alberta Wallace
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Susie Wersten

Somerset

Marion Volunteer Fire Department Donald H. Windsor
Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company Elizabeth "Libby" G. Simkins

St. Mary's

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Nicholas P. Payne
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Dorothy I. Mace
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Thomas W. "Tommy" Bell, Jr.
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Leonard Longmore
Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Norma Copado
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Bernard L. Copsey
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Frederick W. Lewis
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Louise Morgan
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Mary A. Turner
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Elizabeth Messick
Mechanicsville Rescue Squad Bernard L. Copsey
Second District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Harry Koehler
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Alice B. McWilliams

Talbot

Easton Volunteer Fire Department Larry L. Yeatman
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company John S. Morris

Washington

Community Volunteer Fire Company, District 12 William S. Forsythe
Community Volunteer Fire Company, District 12 Kenneth "George" Plank
First Hagerstown Hose Company Ralph L. Cook
First Hagerstown Hose Company Ronald H. Karn
First Hagerstown Hose Company Jack N. Trovinger
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Ronald L. Irving
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Harry B. Rogers, Jr.
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company David L. Schrader, Sr.
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company William Stouffer
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Ethel Green
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary Janet A. Hollingswood

Wicomico

Hebron Volunteer Fire Department William J. "Buck" Hitchens

Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Margaret Elizabeth Adkins

Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Peggy J. Eskridge

Worcester

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Arthur T. Davis

Showell Volunteer Fire Department Floyd E. Moore

Showell Volunteer Fire Department Harry Wilkerson

LAMSFA Vice Chaplain Ann Price-Davis: At this time please stand and join me in reciting the Lord's Prayer. Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. (Audience AMEN)

The Westminster Band plays Taps and ECHO and the The Honor Guard retire colors and exit stage down center aisle. As bagpipers exit down center aisle, followed by President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. and President Rose Pandolfini who escorted the families of those families recognized during the tributes. Uniformed Firefighters and Ladies Auxiliaries will follow.)

MSFA Chaplain Calvin "Pete" Walbert: This concludes the Memorial Service and we thank the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums and the Westminster Band for their participation tonight. Thanks for your presence and support of these families who've lost a loved one in the past year. Please join us outside for refreshments and to visit with the families, firefighters, and friends. Thanks again for your support.

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**Opening Ceremonies
Monday, June 16, 2008**

(Musical Interlude by the Westminster Band)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Good morning. It is with great pleasure that I call to order the first session of the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. At this time I will have Safety Chair Hobby Howell give the safety message for this morning.

MSFA Safety Chairman Hobby Howell: Good morning and welcome, once again we, your Safety Committee, would like you to take safety in the convention hall, as important as we do. At all times no matter which side of the hall you are seated, know you're quickest access to remove yourselves to an exit to the out side of this building. The only way that happens is if you take a brief moment of your time and look and check all of your alternatives and be prepared. This year you will see us sporting high visibility vests, acknowledging the November 1st deadline for all public service individuals to use safety vests. Our committee is also sponsoring a seminar this afternoon in Room 201 starting at 2:30 – Windshield Size-up, instructed by Allen Baldwin, Safety Coordinator of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Administration. If you need information on vests see Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association downstairs in the vendor area. Thank you for your attention and be safe this week.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: Good morning. Could we all stand together for the invocation. Almighty, all powerful God, today we open the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Father if it is your will please bless these proceedings and all of the training, times of fellowship, and officers of this association. Father we praise you for the past year and all that was accomplished, we praise you for the leadership you have given this association and the knowledge you have bestowed on those in leadership positions from the top to the committee chairs. We thank you God for the comfort and care you have shown us this past year as we dealt with the passing of our friends and family. We pray for the health of those that are not able to be here with us. God we seek your guidance and knowledge today as we open this convention and conference. We pray that all we do at this conference honors you in everything we do. Amen.

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MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: Past presidents, take your place of honor. Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce your presidents, MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. escorted by Barbara Hallmark and MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Rose Panolfini escorted by her husband, Peter, to take their place of honor.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Color Guard present colors.

(Parade of Flags) The parade of flags representing each county and the city of Baltimore.

(Musical Interlude plays – “With Flags Unfurled”)

(Westminster Band Plays – “Washington Post March”)

(Single Bagpiper plays Amazing Grace)

Honor Guard Presents Colors.

(Bag Pipe Music being played by the DCFD/EMS Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Baltimore County.)

(Westminster Band plays “National Emblem”)

LAMSFA President, Rose Pandolfini: Lets all say the Pledge of Allegiance. “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.”

Theresa Jacobs: Sings the United States National Anthem: Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight. O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air. Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there. Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Applause

(Bag Pipe Music being played by the DCFD/EMS Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Baltimore County.)

Honor Guard retire the colors.

Film presentation of the fire and emergency services: “Angels Among Us.”

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to welcome you to the 116th Convention and Conference. I would like to acknowledge the Pipes and Drum Corps we have with us today. The DCFD/EMS Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drum of Baltimore County and the Westminster Band.

Applause and Whistles.

(Westminster Band Armed Forces Medley" and "Stars & Stripes")

Applause erupts from the whole hall.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I wish that the colors be retired and Ladies and Gentlemen please have a seat.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I want to deviate from the Program recognize those who helped the MSFA at Annapolis. Ladies and Gentlemen it is my pleasure to introduce Governor Martin O'Malley for some remarks.

Governor O'Malley: Good morning to all of you. This is a beautiful day here in Ocean City. It is a great honor to be on the Eastern Shore and I want to thank you Paul for the invitation to be with the citizens and friends who give of themselves everyday. You are truly our hometown heroes. You protect our communities and citizens everyday for very little in return. I want to thank you on behalf of the people of the state.

In our administration, the Lt. Governor and I continually repeat our mantra "that we want our state government to strengthen and grow thru our middle class including our family-owned businesses and farms." How are we going to do that? You do that by improving public safety and public education in every jurisdiction in our state and by expanding opportunity. You are essential, you are the key to that core mission. Because everyday thru your service, your sacrifices, dedication and training you improve public safety in the state of Maryland.

I have some happy news for you as we approach the mid-year in our state. You have helped us to achieve a 440% reduction in fire deaths statewide. (Applause) That does not happen by itself. It happens because of many of the things we do together and what you do each and everyday.

We have a number of distinguished people who joined us today. I cannot name each and everyone but one is one of the most effective State's Attorneys on the Eastern Shore, Frank Kraovil. He is here from Queen Anne's county sitting right down front. Thanks Frank for joining us today. A man who has one of the most beautiful families in the state. I understand we have Chief Cade , U.S. Fire Administrator joining us as well. He began his fire service career here in Maryland as a member of Glenn Dale Fire Association in gorgeous Prince George's County and today he leads the nations fire service. Also, with us today is someone who has been a part of the Maryland Fire Service for more than five decades and for many of those years he has been a member of your leadership team as secretary of the MSFA. It is none other than Leonard King. Mr. King thank your for being here and thank you for your strength and your resolve.

(Applause)

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I also, right of front, and I do want to acknowledge him before I leave, the MSFA President Paul Sterling for his commitment and dedication over the past year and also the Auxiliary President, Rose Pandolfini for her leadership over this past year. Thank you both for what you've done for us.

First a little bit of news. I wanted to announce to you today, you know we've been moving to the next level in terms of Maryland Emergency Management, Preparedness and Homeland Security. We've had a bit of changing of the guard in some circumstances. We have a new head of state police, Col. Sheridan, who I know is well known to many of you. We also have from the Eastern Shore, elevated to the rank of Adjutant General of our National Guard, Commander Jim Adkins as part of this new management team. We also have from Baltimore County Richard Muth who is our new Director of MEMA. And I have an announcement now that our State Fire Marshal will be re-appointed. Bill Barnard who has dedicated 30 years of service to us and we appreciate your leadership, we appreciate your wisdom, we appreciate your kindness and we appreciate your continued passion and commitment. (Applause) Fire Marshal Barnard your service to the fire service and our people is appreciated. We look forward to working with you.

You know we have been looking at our state government at all levels in terms of readiness and preparedness. You know the former FEMA Director, James Lee Witt's report is due out soon. It will tell us what to do, what we do well and what we need to improve and that is what we're going to do in very short order.

As Marylanders for all the diversity, and you know I was talking with some of the gentlemen back stage, you know this is one big little state. We have a lot of diversity contained in one small state but there are certain core beliefs that unite all of us, they really do. And those beliefs are beliefs in dignity of every individual. And a belief in our own responsibility to advance to the common-good with the understanding that each of us does make a difference. That each of us must try and in our state there is no such thing as a spare American. Every person is needed. People throughout our state rely on you. They rely on your courage, they rely on your talent, they rely on your commitment and they rely on your fortitude. And people throughout our state, expect that their state will support your work because it is an important part of fulfilling the greatest responsibility that a government, state, county or federal, has. And this is to protect the well being, to protect the lives of our people.

With this in mind, we remain committed to creating, with you in the future, and we came close this year to creating the Executive Director funding so that we can be sure that our state fire service is right there at the table as we improve and increase our level of preparedness throughout the state to respond to hurricanes or manmade disasters. We are equally committed to supporting the families of those who make the ultimate sacrifice and that is why, despite the collateral damage, that occurred in the final hours of the General Assembly. Because of Paul Sterling's quick action and leadership and advocacy, we were able to re-authorize to put into the fund for Widows and Orphans \$173,000 and we are committed to the continuing and protection of that into the future. (Applause)

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You know I think firefighters, probably better than anyone else in our state, understand that we are all in this together. And none of us can do our individual jobs unless we have strong partners. You know that whole philosophy, the whole operations ethics of mutual aid. We know you cannot be expected to do your job alone. You need partners who are willing to stand with you, to listen to you and frankly, who respond on a policy level and we expect you to respond on the ground on a life-saving level. The volunteer fire and emergency services has a rich and proud history. It's a record of service in Maryland and I want you to know that you'll always have a partner in the O'Malley-Brown Administration to back you up and support you in the important work you do. Just as Maryland counts on you everyday and night, I want you to know that you can count on Maryland as we move forward.

Let's review over the last 16 months some of the things we have done. We would not have been able to do without mutually supporting each other. We made significant strides in supporting your protection of the common good. Together we passed that landmark legislation that will save lives by requiring that only fire safety cigarettes are sold in Maryland. That is something that came from you and that came from the state legislature, we did it together, we got it done. Together we passed important legislature requiring that CO₂ detectors be installed in most new homes. Together we secured \$8 million to advance our statewide public safety communications system toward true statewide operability. For the first time in our state's history, we are not there yet, but moving there, we are investing in making that a reality in a relatively short time in the immediate years ahead. Together we also held the line on funding to the Senator Amos Fire & Rescue Fund and the Volunteer Assistance Trust Fund. Even during these tough economic times, I know, Lt. Governor Brown knows, and leaders of the General Assembly, by in large know, how important these funds are to your operations. And there are some in Annapolis and there are some in Washington, D.C. as well, who believe there is no cut that isn't a great wonderful idea. Well there are some cuts that are a bad idea, you do not cut public safety, even in tough and difficult times. You make the investments today in order to make for a safer tomorrow. You know there is this old movie with Groucho Marx; he's in a very exclusive restaurant with a guest, the waiter comes and gives him the tab, Groucho looks at it and says this tab is outrageous and hands it to his guest. He said I wouldn't pay this if I were you. Well for too long in our state and in our country, we've been like Groucho at the table, except instead of passing it to our neighbor, we've been passing it to our next generation. Physical responsibility is also an American value. Paying as you go, making investments now so that you don't rack up huge debt on your grandkids for important things that our parents and grandparents funded themselves like public safety. Together we committed \$33.6 million to replace 3 of the Maryland State Police Medivac helicopters. That is part of a multi-year effort to make sure we protect that import asset that makes up THE leader in the world in terms of shock-trauma and emergency response. It has already carried thousands of our neighbors who have been critically injured, I don't have to tell you how important that is. It is also my hope in the years ahead or maybe even months ahead, that with the restoration of physical responsibility, with all the tough things and unpopular things that we, in the Legislature had to do to return physical responsibility. And hopefully this fall,

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with the passage of the Slots Referendum, we'll be able to go revisit the Maryland Income Tax Program and up-date that for all of you who give so much to our state.

Protecting our people is a statewide effort. It involves partnerships at every level. And we are working hard to protect our share of priorities including strengthening and growing of our middle class public safety and public education throughout our state and expanding the opportunities. And everyday you are helping Maryland to accomplish those things, to make progress toward those things.

You are part of a brotherhood/sisterhood of firefighters and rescue personnel. You are well trained, you are well prepared, you can always be counted on to serve. But service, such as yours is not risk-free and no one understands that more than you, with the exception possibly of your spouses. That is why this conference is not just about becoming more effective and better firefighters. It is also about taking the time to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those members who have devoted so much of their lives to protecting others and are no longer with us. At last night's memorial service, nearly 400 of your brothers and sisters, your fellow citizens, patriotic men and women, including MSFA past president, Howard Springer were honored. These individuals have demonstrated great courage, great valor, and great service to others. And they will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Their sacrifices were great. The people of this state will always be thankful and grateful to them for exercising the greatest of freedom's privileges which is the privilege to choose to serve and to choose to be responsible. There is an old proverb that says when you save one's life it is as if you have saved the world. We are a strong state like the dedicated individuals like all of you in this room who wake up everyday and face new challenges and uncertainty and save lives all across Maryland. Maryland is a safer place today because of you. Thank you for your hard work, thank you for your courage, thank you for your dedication to the people of Maryland. And now if you would, I would like you to join me in acknowledging and thanking the Firemen's Association President, Paul H. Sterling, Jr. and the Ladies Auxiliary President, Rose Pandlofini. They have both spent many years preparing in service and sacrificing and I'd like them both to step forward to accept their official proclamations. (Applause)

Presidents Rose Pandolfini and Paul H. Sterling, Jr. join Governor O'Malley on stage for the presentation.

Governor O'Malley – Thank you all. God bless you. God bless Maryland. God bless America.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Presents the Governor with a helmet, a hat, a pilsner glass and a resolution.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thanks the folks who participated in the flag program and dismisses the flags.

The Westminster Band plays and exits with them.

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1st Vice President Frank J. Underwood: We're alive and kicking! (Applause) I would like to introduce Mayor Rick Meehan.

Mayor Rick Meehan: Good morning! I don't know the significance of the stage emptying when I came up here? On behalf of the citizens of Ocean City and the Ocean City Council, I just want to tell you all it's an honor to be here this morning and it is an honor to welcome you to Ocean City. It's an honor to welcome all the firefighters, their families, relatives and friends and everybody that's come with you to be part of this convention and also enjoy Ocean City. And I can tell you the town is thrilled to have you. I know how important the fire companies are to the communities throughout the state. I know how important the Ocean City Fire Department is to the town of Ocean City and they are certainly an essential part of our emergency services. And we are very proud to have the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company in Ocean City and their over 100 years of service to our community...

At this time I would like to introduce Joe Theobald, Director of Emergency Services for a few words.

Applause

Joe Theobald: I want to echo the Mayor's welcome. Please enjoy your time in Ocean City....

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: President Sterling presents Mayor Meehan and Emergency Services Director Joseph Theobald with resolutions, the helmet mug, a pilsner glass, convention hat.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: It is my pleasure at this time to introduce not stranger to the state of Maryland. He is a native and resident of Prince George's County and a true friend. He's been here before and we are certainly honored to have him here this morning. U.S. Fire Administrator Greg Cade.

Applause

Administrator Cade: Good morning everybody. It is truly a pleasure to be back here again today. It is amazing that it has been a year already since the last time I had the pleasure of coming and speaking to your association....

Applause

1st Vice President Frank J. Underwood: Mr. Cade we appreciate your taking time out of your day to come down to give us this fine talk. We will award you – you get this resolution thanking you for coming down and spending your time to help us with our goals throughout our Association. You also get one of our guest badges which are doing real well on e-bay.

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They are metal this year but will be plastic next year. We also have a shot glass as the fire service calls them, a baseball cap and helmet mug.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time we will move on to the Awards program.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I would now like to call upon Chief Darren Long to present the Gladhill-Thompson Award.

Applause

Chief Darren Long: Thank you Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be here to give out this outstanding honor. This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen's Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who has, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill Thompson Trophy 10 years later in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Leslie B. Thompson. I would now like to call Mr. Doyle Cox forward, last year's recipient, for his trophy. Doyle. Also, if past Chief Leonard King would please come forward and assist with this. Chief Long and Chief King present Doyle Cox with is trophy and congratulate him once again.

Past Chief Leonard King: Now for the recipient for this year's Gladhill Thompson Award. Now for a little history. Back when I was President, I had a real good Vice President, Mr. Clarence Carpenter. He came up with an idea to help this Association to stay physically sound by implementing a \$10,000 raffle. There was a committee established to run it. Several years ago the chairman changed and we had an individual out of Harford County who has been running the committee the last few years. So the recipient of this year's Gladhill Thompson Award is Mr. Lou Jonski.

Applause

Past Chief King: In addition to the trophy he will have for the next year, he will receive his uniform award and then next year receive his permanent remembrance.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Congratulations to Lou.

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Lou Jonski: You guys took me by surprise, which never usually happens. But this award actually goes to my committee because without the guys that help me sell these things – Mitch, Anna and the others, we wouldn't do nearly as good as we do. Thanks everybody.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. and Past President Leonard King are joined by Vice President Frank Underwood and Vice President Roger Powell.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: For those of you who did not attend the Officers Banquet Saturday night or may not have heard, at the February Executive Committee meeting Leonard announced he would be stepping down as Secretary of this Association and as Chairman of the Convention Committee, positions he has held for a number of years. It was a really hard decision for Leonard to make because of his love for this organization and the fire service in general. But he was very wise to make that decision so he could take the time needed to spend on rehab and get to the point where he will be able to walk across the stage again. We have commended him for making that decision. At that meeting the Executive Committee also discussed and voted to make Leonard Secretary Emeritus and Convention Committee Chair Emeritus. Leonard knew this and we wanted to do this in front of the membership and also thank him for his many years of service. We know he will continue to serve us. Also we wanted to present him with his badge – something very special to him. So here are your pins for Secretary Emeritus and Convention Committee Chair Emeritus. Please join me in thanking Leonard King.

Applause and standing ovation.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Chair of the Trustees of the MSFA and before I call upon him, I just want to say our Trustees administer our line of duty benefits and have done a great job this year. They have changed some of the things they do and have been making personal trips to meet with the families upon a line of duty death. We did have some this year. They also this year, if you look in your packets, prepared a very good document outlining the benefits that you, the members of this organization, receive from the Trustees. The Trustees are here today to present the Colburn Cup Award. I would now like to call upon the Chair of the Trustees, from Ocean City Mr. Steve Hales to present the Colburn Cup Award.

Chair of Trustees Steve Hales: Good morning ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Ocean City. I have here with me today Trustees Past President Gene Worthington, John Means, Danny Carpenter, and Past President Terry Thompson. We had a total of four nominations for the Colburn Cup Award. If representatives from these companies please come forward for recognition. #1 MFF Adam St. John, Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad; #2 Smithsburg Emergency Medical Services Rescue Engine 7-2, Capt. Patrick Baker, FF Kenny Lapole, FF/EMT Chuck Scott, FF Ben Rudman, FF/EMT Henry Vital; Engine 7-4, FF/EMT Chuck Baker, FF/EMT Dale Fishack, Lt./EMT Andy Smith, Paramedic Garret

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Snyder and from the Smithsburg Volunteer Fire Company Buddy Blake and Raymond Slick and from Washington County 911 Center, Dispatcher Jason Kline; #3 Lawrence "Phil" Jones, Jr. of the St. Michael's Fire Department; and #4 Scott Brister, Dean Hashmall of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department. This year's winner of the 2008 Colburn Cup Award is Adam St. John, Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad. Congratulations to each of these members and their departments. Each has contributed services of valor above and beyond the call of duty. Presentation of the Colburn Cup by members of the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company, Princess Anne, Maryland.

Applause and standing ovation for MFF St. John.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee is unable to attend this convention due to illness. I would like to call on Vice Chair, Bill Lay, for the Hall of Fame Awards.

Bill Lay: Thank you Mr. President, unfortunately our chairman, C. Oscar Baker suffered a heart attack and cannot be with us and we ask you to keep him in your prayers. It gives me great pleasure to announce the new inductees to the MSFA Hall of Fame. I would like for the committee to come out on stage: Past President Raymond Adkins, C. Dan Carpenter, III, Past President George A. "Fred" Cross, Doyle Cox, Past President Robert N. Dempsey, John T. Ferguson, III, John O. Gatton, Sr., Marcine Goodloe, Donald Lee Howard, Benjamin W. Kurtz, Past President Charles J. Mattingly, III, J. Donald Mooney who is in rehab and we ask you keep him in your prayers, James T. Riegel, Sr., Bobbie Ritchie, Harry Stone, Richard Smith, and Stephen V. Hales.

We had 31 nominations this year which was down from last year. We urge the companies to sit down and write a resume' and submit your members who are deserving. We know there are many more out there. This years recipients are: William Reinecke, Jr., Fallston Volunteer Fire Company; Charles Abrect, Junior Fire Company No. 2; Hugh D. Owens, Glenn Dale Fire Association; James M. "Jimbo" Magruder, Sr., Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department; John W. "Jack" Gouty, Jessup Volunteer Fire Company; Earl "Dick" Baker, Sr., Winfield and Community Volunteer Fire Department; Robert D. Jarboe, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department; Fred L. Plunkert, Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1; Kenneth E. Bush, Easton Volunteer Fire Department; and Austin D. Amos, Community Fire Company of Perryville. Each year we are allowed to admit 3 special awards and at this time I will ask President Paul H. Sterling to make that presentation.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. Each of the people has contributed greatly to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It gives me great honor to induct John W. Ashworth, III , University of Maryland Medical Systems; James Radcliffe, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center; and Patricia Gainer, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

Applause

We had a total of 21 nominations for this years Marbury F. Gates Award. Those nominated are J. William Poole, Jarrettsville; Gene Price, Northeast; George Reedy, Northeast; Charles "Saltwater" Stewart, Northeast; Charles Goodie, Rising Sun; Leonard T. King, Damascus; Daniel L. Grove, Hagerstown; Robert Alexander, Reese; Robert Lawson, Jr., Wheaton Rescue; Leonard Rick, Easton; William S. Pherson, Rosedale; Paul Burke, Sr., Secretary; Lewis Warnich, Sr., Secretary; W. Carroll Craig, Level; Samuel E. Glenn, Rock Hall; William Fred Jones, Woodlawn; Bill R. Bliss, Upper Montgomery; A. F. Rolley, 7th District; and Russell Schlick.

To present this year's Marbury Gates Award, which is sponsored by the Rockville Fire Department, in memory of Marbury Gates who was active in this Association for many many years, will be the Chief Eric Bernard and Russell Dawson.

President Eric Bernard: Good morning. What a year it has been. Did anyone go to the gas pumps today while driving today in Ocean City – just amazing almost .29 cents a gallon. At this point we will be leaving the car in the garage if it keeps up. I went out to buy a new carat almost \$3000.00 and a pack of cigarettes a quarter a pack. There is no way I'm going to pay a quarter a pack for cigarettes. And today's kids are almost impossible – those ducktail haircuts they are wearing, if they keep it up they are going to have hair as long as a girl! And I'm really afraid to send my kids to the movies this year, every since they let Clark Gable say "damn" in Gone With The Wind" it seems like every movie since has used the words damn or hell. What a year's it been. I'm afraid the Volkswagen is going to open the door for a whole host of foreign automobiles in to this lovely country. What happened this year? We know that the government formed NASA. We know there was the Munich air disaster leaving 21 dead. We know this year we have Toyota and Datsun entering the market in the United States and that the unemployment rate is 5.2 million. We were all shocked when Elvis got inducted into the army this and Brazil won the World Cup in Sweden. And that new fangled thing – the microchip was invented by Intel. Did everyone get to get their hula hoop this year? When it first came out they sold over a hundred million. Of course we were all busy watching "My Fair Lady" which opened up in London with Rex Harrison as Professor Higgins. Now that Elvis is in the army, we have to listen to Billie Holladay, Ricky Nelson and Frank Sinatra, the Everly Brothers, Ella Fitzgerald and Jerry Lee Lewis. And our favorite show, and if you lucky enough to have a color TV to watch, Candid Camera, The Ed Sullivan Show, The Jack Benny Show and Alfred Hitchcock Presents. All this happened in the year 1958. Many of you out there remember that year as do all of these gentlemen here (on stage) do because that is the minimum year these gentlemen joined the volunteer fire company serving their community. The requirement for our award is a minimum of 50 years of service. Before you today these gentlemen represent over 1500 years of service to the residents of this great state of Maryland. A tremendous accomplishment. To let you know who and what this award represents, I would like to introduce to you the Chief of the Rockville Volunteer

Fire Department, Chief Russell Dawson. Chief.

Chief Dawson: Thank you President Bernard and Good Morning to you all. On March 21, 1921, after a devastating fire the previous month, a group of men got together and decided to form the Rockville Fire Department. One of those men was Marbury F. Gates and he served, the longest serving member of our department, until his death in 1992. Some of the services he provided was 25 years as president and try to imagine in this day and age serving as president for 25 years. It is hard enough to do it just for a couple of years. The gentlemen who are in front of you today know what that mean to provide that kind of service. We are honored to have them nominated for this award in honor of our friend Marbury Gates. Normally at this time we read the nominating letter for the recipient of this award. This year we got three letters for this one individual. As soon as I would start to read one, it would be clear who the winner is so it is an honor to give the Marbury Gates Award to Leonard King.

Applause

Much as spoken about Leonard on this stage and will be for times to come. But I just wanted to advise you of a few of Leonard's accomplishments over the years in the fire/rescue service. He joined the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department in 1957 where he served as Lieutenant, Captain, District Chief, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief and Fire Chief. He was also the Secretary, Historian, Vice President, member Board of Directors, and he currently holds the titles of Honorary Fire Chief, Honorary Assistant Fire Chief and Life Member. In 1969 he became a member of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company where he is a Life Member. In 1986 he joined the Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad in Anne Arundel County. He served there as President, Lieutenant, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Board of Directors and he currently the Assistant Treasurer and Life Member. In 1998 he became a member of the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department in Prince George's County where he served has Vice President and is currently Senior Vice President and active member. He has spent his life in the fire/rescue service serving in the Montgomery Fire/Rescue Service. He is truly a man who has spent his life in service to the fire/rescue services and I'm very pleased to present him with this Award. Congratulations Leonard.

Applause

Besides this prestigious award, we have a citation from the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Secretary of State recognizing Leonard T. King, Sr. receiving the Marbury F. Gates Award in honor of 50 years of continuous and faithful service to the volunteer fire service with the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department, and Deale Volunteer Fire Department.

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President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I would like to now call upon MSFA Past President Robert W. Jacobs to announce the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award winner.

Leonard King: Thanks you to the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. Not many people in here knew Marbury Gates, he was a tremendous individual. What a mind on that man. His financial knowledge and the years he served as President of Rockville and he worked for Montgomery County Government involved in the finances.....
Thanks to everyone and Rockville for this award.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to introduce Past President Robert Jacobs for the presentation of the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award.

Past President Robert Jacobs: Thank you Mr. President. At this time I request the following committee members to come up on stage. Danny Davis, Philip Hurlock, Joe Robison, Roger Steger, and if President Sterling would join us too for this presentation. Today, I honored once again to present the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award. For many of you, you knew Bob, for some you did not have the opportunity so as a result I have a little bio about Bob Shimer. At the request of the Shimer Family and with the endorsement of the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the award was established in 2004. It is to be presented annually in recognition of many years of faithful service that was provided by Past President Robert H. Shimer to the fire/rescue services in the state of Maryland. This prestigious award recognizes an individual for their achievements, activities, administrative positions that they have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirement was not restricted to just this past year but could have included many years of accomplishments. The intent of this award is to honor Past President Robert H. Shimer for his 37 years of continuous service to the state of Maryland and to the many different roles and responsibilities he held during his career. His passion for the emergency services has touched every one of us over the years. This award is a tribute to him, with the deserved recognition he earned as a member of the emergency services in the state of Maryland. We are pleased today to present the annual Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award and are honored to have the Shimer Family with us to make this presentation. I ask at this time for the Shimer Family to come to the podium.

Diane May (daughter of Past President Shimer): As Bob said the criteria for the Robert H. Shimer Award are in many areas and not just for a year but for duration of time. And this year, the individual who won had many similar characteristics as my Dad did. He has been active in many aspects of his community, the fire service as well as his church. As the Pastor said at Dad's funeral, he kept pointing out how many things Dad had been involved in for decades and the same is true for this individual. He's been involved in these things for decades. This is also special to us this year because they are a very close friend of Dad's. He drove the whole way to Morgantown just as soon as Dad was admitted when

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he got sick and he visited with the family. So it is with great pleasure to give the award this year to Philip Hurlock.

Applause

Past President Jacobs then introduced Chief Steven Hurlock of the Church Hill Volunteer Fire Department and son of Past President Hurlock, to read his letter of nomination.

Chief Hurlock read the letter of nomination of his father, Past President Phillip Hurlock, for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award.

Past President Robert Jacobs: Of course Phil is not done yet, we have a certificate for him as well, if he would come forward please. Congratulations. Now if the other nominees or a representative from their company is here, if you would please come behind stage for their certificates. Howard Flower, James T. Knotts, Michael W. Laramore, Debbie Loveless, Joseph E. Windsor, & Samuel B. Yacky. We thank you for your attention and sorry we ran over but this is a most prestigious award.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I would like to now call upon MSFA Past & Secretary Emeritus President Leonard T. King to present the Honey Award in memory of his mother.

Past President Leonard T. King: With the passing of my Mother several years ago, my father and I decided it was time to recognize her with a lasting award. And with involvement with the Damascus Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and the county as well as the state auxiliary, we felt that was a very fitting award. Her nickname was Honey, so what a better name for an award and we decided to call it the Honey Award. So the rules were written and it is to be considered the high award in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We did reserve the right to make the very first selection and that was to Mrs. Ethel Gladhill of Damascus. Ever since then the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary make the selection and provide him with the name. I'd like to call Mrs. Miriam Nicholson, from Laurel, last year's recipient. (Applause) She's coming up through the center now, a very deserving individual. I'd like to present you with your permanent replica of the award and some flowers from my granddaughter Olivia with some flowers too. (Applause)

Miriam Nicholson: Right now Leonard, I have something for you. Last year it was a great honor for me to receive this award. I did not know your Mom but I had heard so much about her. When I was given that trophy, I was given a box to take the trophy home in. From all the heat when I got home the trophy started to separate and it just about tore my heart out. Well a friend of our owns a trophy company and he helped me get it back together. We contacted my husband's cousin, who made a carrying case and later on it can be used as a display case. When that Honey Award is sat in there the light from the top and the sides displays that Honeycomb in there so beautifully. So on behalf of me and

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my family, I would like to present this to you and your family and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause) Thank you Miriam, thank you very much.

Past President Leonard King: Now for this year's recipient. Part of the rules state you must serve your home company, your county and/or region and the state and also some other community organization. For 2008 this member has, I know factually, has been serving for 48 years. I have watched her department grow, I've watched her through the years, especially with the new ladies who come into her organization, and her department is very active. For her 48 years of service to her home organization in Carroll County and also to this state association and auxiliary, we are very proud to present the 2008 Honey Award to Mrs. Jean Means.

Applause and standing ovation

Congratulations Jean. I have personally seen all the work you've done in Pleasant Valley and to your church.

Jean Means: I really don't know what to say. I really want to thank you.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I would like to now call forward John O. Gatton, Sr. Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee.

John O. Gatton, Sr. Thank you Mr. President. Good morning ladies and gentlemen, I would like to introduce the other members of our committee and ask that they come forward and assist with the recognition of all Firefighter of the Year nominees. Vice Chair William E. Radisch (not with us today), David Brady, Eldon Budnick, Jr., J. Edward Cross (not with us today), James Jarboe, A. Edwin Joiner, Kenneth T. King, William B. Lay, Sr., David C. "Rusty" Leftwich and James J. Snyder. The first part of our report is on page 93 of your convention book. The nominations were very slow coming in this year. They did pick up a little before the deadline but I think you can do much better and we would love to see every fire department submit a nomination. We received 14 nominations this year. I will now announce the name of each nominee and ask that they come forward to receive a certificate of nomination. They are: Kathy Bever, Luke VFC; Thomas Diem, Cordova VFA; Stephan Facini, Hollywood VFD; George Franklin, Ridge VFD; Susan Guschke, St. Michaels VFC; Keith Hemming, Mechanicsville VFD; Joseph Knecht, Arbutus VFD; Derrick Lloyd, Joppa- Magnolia VFC; Corinne Mann, Cabin John VFD; Dave McQuay, Tilghman VFC; Terry Murphy, Jarrettsville VFC; Raymond Ryan, North East VFC; John Spiker, Lake Shore VFC; and Ronald Thomas, Jr., Level VFC.

A brief overview of the accomplishments of this year's winner was present. I would like to give you a brief overview of the letter that was submitted for the firefighter of the year. It was quite a lengthy letter. I will try to abbreviate as much as possible without taking

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away it's meaning either. A volunteer and officer for many years. Came up through fire suppression, fire prevention, fire safety, personnel safety, equipment readiness was his priority. He has an extensive training background by MFRI and encouraged his fellow members to equipment themselves with as much knowledge as possible....

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2007 MSFA Firefighter of the Year Award to Chief Derrick Lloyd from the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company.

Applause

Derrick received a plaque presented by President Sterling. He also received a jacket with his name along with patch ribbon and metal for his uniform.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to call Charlie Wills to the stage for the presentation of the Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award.

EMS Chair Charlie Wills: Good morning ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to be here today to present the Josiah A. Hunt, MD, EMS Person of the Year. If I could have the members of my selection committee join me: Joan Williams, H. Wayne Williams, Mary Ann Wareheim, Chris St. John, Charlie Simpson, Susan Mott and Daniel Greene. This award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland emergency medical services community by the EMS committee. The Josiah A. Hunt, MD Award was established in 1991 and accepted by the Executive Committee. Dr. Hunt was a local physician in Harford County who was very instrumental in the establishment of ambulance service in that area. He often would leave his practice to ride on the local ambulances providing quality emergency medical service to the communities of Harford County. The award was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishment by an EMT/A or above. At this time I would like to call last year's recipient to the stage to present a plaque which is donated by the Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company.

We have started something new this year. We are giving out plaques to all those nominated and did not receive the award. Nominated are: Joseph Beckman, Sr., Donna Gotsby, Donna Marie Greene, Donald Hawkins, Trey Kelso, Faith Roach, Rodney Valentine, and Joseph E. Windsor. If you are here please come forward.

Part of the award of this ceremony is the return. I don't know why anyone would return the trophy. You work real hard to get it and then have to give it back and you get a plaque. If a representative of the Seventh District Fire Company please comes forward to return the trophy for Bernice Arnold, last year's winner.

Bernice has only been to Ocean City one year and that was last year. Would you please see she gets that plaque? Thank you. At this time if the members of the Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company would join me on stage to present this year's award.

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I am pleased to read the cover letter of the nominee. The Abingdon Fire Company is pleased to nominate William James Dousa for the Josiah Hunt Award. He has been an active member of the fire company since 1985....

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We will now have the presentation of the Past President C. Oscar Baker Award by Doug Alexander.

Doug Alexander: Good morning everyone. On behalf of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, it is my pleasure to present the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. It is my priveledege to announce this year's award recipient for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. As I call the nominees names please come forward Steve Kahoe, Middletown VFC; Holly Jones, Northeast VFC; Kurt "Bud" Collins, St. Michaels; and Michael Offut, Woodsboro VFC.

The C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was created by the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Department and is sponsored by the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Department and named after our life member Oscar Baker who has been instrumental in training for a number of years and service to our company.

The letter from the Woodsboro Fire Company nomination their member, Michael Offut was read to the membership.

This year's award recipient for the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year goes to Michael Offutt of the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company.

Applause

We also have a plaque for the other nominees. Thank you.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell calls the Chair of the Safety Committee, Hobart "Hoby" Howell to present the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. P.P. Memorial Safety Award.

Hoby Howell: Thank you. Good morning and thank for this opportunity to bring before you these individuals who were nominated for the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. P.P. Memorial Safety Award. I would like to call forward Mr. Ed Benesch from Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company, Inc.; Mr. Daniel L. Gatton from the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and Mr. Mark A. Gorham of the Susquehanna Hose Company, Inc. and last year's winner for his plaque, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Pembleton from the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. This year we are privileged to have Smith's daughter, Barbara, back with us once again. Also with her are her daughter, Margie and her daughter, who is the great granddaughter,

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Grace. We are so privileged to have them here with us this morning. Can we have a round of applause please.

Applause

Barbara would you like to say anything to the congregation this morning?

Barbara: It is an honor to present this Safety Award. Thank you.

Hoby Howell: Thank you again, Barbara, it is an honor to have you here. We have the recipients all on stage. Mr. Pembleton if you would come forward and receive your plaque for last year. Barbara would you please present the plaque at this time. (Applause) Thank you Chuck. Chuck also joined the Safety Committee as well last year after receiving the award and we were glad to have him come on board. Maybe we can get the rest of them up here to come on board as well.

This year's recipient, we are pleased to announce for 2008 Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award goes to Mark A Gorham of Susquehanna Hose Company in Havre de Grace, MD. Would you please come forward Mr. Gorham and accept your trophy from Barbara. We want to thank everybody that participated this year and we would like to see more next year. We congratulate each and every one of you. Would the other two nominees please come forward to receive your plaques as well.

This year we have a special award as well that Barbara will present. One of our own on the Safety Committee has paid the ultimate sacrifice to God & Country. We, the Safety Committee, honor our friend, our comrade with the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. P.P. Memorial Award posthumously to John "Jack" Gouty for his loyalty and dedication to us – the Safety Committee. Barbara would you please present the trophy to Jack's wife, Margaret. Thank you.

The committee went together and thought this was a great idea since Jack has put forth so much time and energy to this committee. I will ask the Vice-Chairman, Donald King to read the inscription since I do not think I can.

Don King: Good Morning. The MSFA Safety Committee recognizes that John W. "Jack" Gouty was a dedicated individual who gave freely of himself, to helping all other, whatever the task may bring. A friend, a mentor, an all-around good guy, you will be missed dearly by your friends and loved ones. Your Maryland State Firemen's Association Safety Committee Family salutes you for the number of years you served on our committee from 2000 thru 2008 also in the capacity of Vice Chair from 2003 to 2007. We know that you are looking down upon us having a grand discussion about the whole lot of us trying to fill your big, large, enormous shoes. Thanks for your friendship for just being you. God bless you Jack. Any may God put you on his firefighting team in his heavens above us.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: If there is any Past President in the audience, please work your way back stage please. At this time, I am going to call on the Co-Chairs of the MSFA Training Committee, Skip Mahan and Johnny Roth for the presentation of the Zembower Training Award.

Johnny Roth, Co-Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to be here with Co-Chair Skip Mahan and Peggy Zembower to present this year's MSFA Training Awards. The Zembower Training Award was established in 1976 by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale, and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of the MSFA and a long-time member of the Training Committee. The Zembower Fire Service Training Award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The large award you see on the table is a traveling award. It is given to the first company that is announced shortly. But before announcing this year's winner, we'd like to have a representative of the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company to come to the stage to get the station plaque for last year's winner of the Zembower Award.

This year's second runner up with 20.29 hours per active member goes to the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Would a representative please come forward. (Applause)

This year's first runner up with 59.06 hours per active member goes to Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. Would a representative please come forward. (Applause)

This year's winner of the Zembower Training Award with 89.00 per active member goes to St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department. Would a representative please come forward for presentation of the trophy? The trophy goes to the station for one year and will be replaced with a plaque next year.

We would thank all those who participated this year. We look forward to many more participants. Thank you very much.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Before I call up the next award committee, an announcement – the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen Association will caucus on back balcony following the end of the Second Session. At this time I would like to present John Denver for our Scholarship Presentations.

John Denver, Scholarship Committee: Good Morning. I have Pete Peterson; Pete is the Pepco Emergency Services Partnership Program. On behalf of Delmarva Power and Pepco Emergency Services Partnership Program we like to congratulate each of the scholarship winners which you'll see in just a few minutes and wish them the best they can achieve thru their academic career. In addition to supporting the Scholarship Program, we are also a Gold Corporate Sponsor and we also sponsor the Golf Tournament. So we would like to congratulate the Maryland State Firemen's Association on their 116th Convention and we like would like to present President Sterling with a check for \$12,000

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which constitutes our contribution for this year's convention. (Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We like to thank Delmarva Power very much for their support of the MSFA Convention.

Applause

At this time I would like to introduce the Chair of the Recruitment and Retention Committee, Marcine Goodloe for the Family Appreciation Award.

Marcine Goodloe: Good afternoon. We are very proud on the Recruitment and Retention Committee to appoint Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department's Bobby Stevens for the Family Appreciation Award. Would she please come forward for her certificate. (Applause)

Bobby this is in recognition of your achievement as a successful candidate for the Family Appreciation Award. The membership congratulates you and wishes you well as you continue to grow and lead in the Emergency Fire and Medical Services. This lady is part of a fire/rescue family. Her husband is the chief and her two sons are members of the fire service. I think she joined so she could see them once in a while! Bobby is their Treasurer and she has been having that very critical job for five years. And it really is a 40 hour job for her. She heads up their high school cadet program. She's served on major committees for the MSFA; and we can think of no one who deserves this more than you Bobby. In addition, thanks to Dr. Bass and Jim Brown, MIEMSS have made arrangements for you to have a week-end at Rocky Gap State Park. Congratulations. (Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to introduce the Vice President from Shock Trauma for some remarks and presentations to the Scholarship Fund, Mr. John Spearman.

John Spearman: Thank you very much. One of the things we are most proud of is the fact that we can partner with an organization that has been around 116 years. It just amazes me every time. Now one of the things that are most important for an organization is that has served the citizens of Maryland for that long is how you prepare for the future. How you prepare the next generation. So we are very proud to be able to present a \$10,000 scholarship to the Scholarship Committee to help you prepare the next generation of leaders. (Applause).

Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Now I would like to introduce the Chairman of our Scholarship Committee, Dale Fishack for the presentation of some scholarships.

Dale Fishack, Chair Scholarship Committee: Thank you, Paul. If I could get my committee to come as we prepare to award the eight scholarships we have for this year. While they are coming out, we had twelve applicants this year and eight will be awarded scholarships. Also I want to take this time to thank Shock Trauma Board of Visitors for their continued support. Also Delmarva Power and Pepco for their support of the scholarship program. As well as Mrs. Heimer, Bill Olsen and the Golf Tournament last year supply

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funds for the scholarship program this year. We going to announce those who are receiving scholarships, some are here and some are not. If you are here, please make your way up front and we will present you with the certificate for the scholarship.

First award goes to John Browning, from Delmarva Power, Pepco and the MSFA.

Second award goes to Cora Dorski, from Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and Mrs. Heimer.

Third award Katy Krider; she's being award a scholarship by Shock Trauma Board of Visitors.

Next is Nathan Gift, he's being supported by Bill Olsen.

Next is Kenneth Hamber, he's being supported by MSFA and Delmarva Power & Pepco.

Next one is, if I may make a personal note, it gives me great honor to be able to award this person their scholarship because almost 15 years ago when his father put me onto the scholarship path and I got to watch him grow up and become an active volunteer. His father has been a great mentor to me. James Seavey from MSFA and Delmarva Power.

Next is William Ward receiving a scholarship from Shock Trauma Board of Visitors.

Final is Pong and his award is from Shock Trauma.

Congratulations to each of you. We also want to recognize two of our graduates who are here today. Garrett Snyder and is a very active volunteer in my hometown. It nice to see their work coming back to us. The last is honoring is Adam St. John who is graduating as well.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to recognize Pinoake Browning for presentation of the Instructor of the Year Award.

Pinoake Browning: About 16 years ago the Chesapeake Society of Fire Service Instructors instituted an award to recognize Francis L. Brannigan for his years of service as an instructor and service to the fire service. Each year we honor someone as an instructor of the year. They do not have to be a certified instructor in the state of Maryland. It can be anyone, member of the fire department that does something in the world of training. This year's recipient is not a licensed instructor. This individual has been in charge of the in-house driver training in his department for more than twenty years. He has trained all volunteer and career personnel on the apparatus that is maintained by that department. The training program he conducts contains course and on the road driving. Each person spends a minimum number of hours driving and must meet the recipient's high standards before they will be turned loose. He spends a great deal of time with each individual in the company and his success has been proven by the fact that incidents involving the apparatus are at a minimum. With me are Newton (Skip) Carey and Jackie Carey, the sponsors of the award. He's a 44-year volunteer with the station and during that time he has held many positions while also maintaining the driver program. So at this time the Chesapeake Society of Fire Service Instructors takes great pleasure in honoring Mr. Earl Powell, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department as the Instructor of the Year. Accepting for him is the Chief of his department.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Now we are going into a special recognition. Is Hugh Owens in the audience? Hugh Owens is Chairman of the Historical and Archives, please come up on stage. And if I could get Mike Kelley, Chair of the Public Information Committee. As they work their way forward, one of the things we did this year was to initiate a project to try and capture the history of our Association. Unfortunately sometimes we wait until people pass on to recognize them and realize we don't have that history. So we directed the Historical and Archives Committee, chaired by Hugh Owens and the Public Information Committee chaired by Mike Kelley to take on a project to try and capture some of the history of our Association. Not only to share with some of our members but also to use local public cable channels and to use the Firefighter Room at the University of Maryland. We completed a number of those this year thanks to their efforts. Today we are going to present one of those and us going to honor one of our oldest living members who are still active in his community. So I would ask you to sit back and enjoy this and then we will introduce the person we are talking about today.

Video presented honoring Mr. J. Wes Thompson, age 92, oldest active member of the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company and the history of his department during his time. He has belonged to the fire company for 75 years.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Would the members of Goodwill Fire Department please join us on stage before we bring our Mr. Wes. Ladies and Gentlemen this is an amazing guy. I had the pleasure of meeting him in my travels throughout the state and it amazed me that he is still active at this age. I present to you Mr. Wes Thompson.

Applause

President Sterling presented Mr. Wes with a Governor's Citation and a plaque from the MSFA recognizing you for your nomination for the Marbury Gates Award and your years of service.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, and before we recess, I would like to recognize several organizations: First the delegation from the Delaware State Firemen's Association – our good friends and neighbors. We had a good relationship for a number of years. They do have to leave to get back. They will be coming back. Their President had to leave but I would like to recognize Ronald Marvel, President and 1st Vice President Warren Junes. Thank you very much for coming and we hope to see you later in the week.

Applause

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President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I am going to call onto the stage and recognize the Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association here in attendance: 1965-66 Raymond L. Adkins (Oldest living past president); 1980-81 Robert M. Dempsey; 1985-86 Leonard T. King; 1986-87 Clarence D. Carpenter; 1987-88 Robert P. Cumberland; 1989-90 Joseph R. Robison; 1990-91 Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.; 1991-92 Bernard J. Smith; 1993-94 Philip M. Hurlock; 1994-95 Richard L. Yinger; 1995-96 George "Fred" Cross; 1996-97 Stephan D. Cox; 1997-98 C. Daniel Davis, Jr., 1998-99 Robert E. Knippenburg; 1999-2000 Carl B. Edelin, Jr.; 2000-01 Roger Steger; 2001-02 Charles Mattingly, 2002-03 Gene Worthington; 2003-04 Terry Thompson; 2004-05 Robert W. Jacobs; 2005-06 Lee N. Sachs; 2006-07 Paul R. Bata, Jr. Our past president. (Applause) Thank you Gentlemen.

This afternoon we will be recognizing the rest of our delegations that are here. At this time I'll call on our Chaplain for the benediction.

Chief Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon: Will you stand with me please. Father we pause together to thank you for your blessings and guidance this morning. We thank you for the achievers and the accomplishments that have been recognized. We thank you for the visionary thought that have been offered and the challenges for the future. We pray now as we break from this session that you go with us. Bless the fellowship together and help us to be strengthening through that fellowship and where we break bread together truly for the way you will guide us strengthen us and help us to meet the challenges across this great state. We ask these blessings for our good and to your glory. Amen.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: The body remains in recess until 1 p.m.

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2nd Session**

Call to order by President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I ask everyone to take a seat so we can reconvene the meeting. Take your seats please. Thank you. I now call to order the 2nd Session of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association to order. I'll ask Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz for the invocation.

Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz: Let us stand, as we are able. Our Lord and our God, as we continue to discuss the business of this Association, we ask for your divine guidance. Father, we ask for your touch on those on the bed of affliction, especially we remember J. Don Mooney and Robbie Robertson. Father we just ask for your continued healing upon them. Be with all those who are grieving and bring comfort to their souls. Father for all things we thank you. We thank you for your guidance. Amen

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Chaplain Hetz. We are going to deviate for a few minutes from the regular program. The Maryland State Firemen's Association, as you know, enjoys a number of partnerships with state agencies. One of those agencies is the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. Just recently, within the last couple of weeks, the Governor has appointed a new Director for MEMA, Mr. Richard Muth. He is a long-time Maryland guy, just recently retired from the Baltimore County Fire Department. Director Muth knows all our state partners are to report tomorrow but the Governor is having a Cabinet Meeting and I think, since he just got appointed, he'd like to keep his job. But he did want to come and visit with the delegation and show continued support of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in our programs the do with the MSFA. So at this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce the newly appointed Director Richard Muth. (Applause)

Director Richard Muth: Thank you Paul. Good afternoon everyone. I'll just take a couple of minutes and take the opportunity to say hello and introduce myself. As Paul stated I am a life-long resident of Baltimore County. I spent 33 years in the fire service and just retired two weeks ago to take the job of Director of MEMA.

I remember my first convention back in 1974, when I joined Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County and then later the career department and then joined

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Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Department and came down here with them a few times in the 80's. I love the convention. I know it is great to have the families down here. It has become much more of a family convention than when I was here. I wanted to enjoy the ocean. I know there's a lot of business that goes on here today and thank you for allowing me a few minutes to talk with you.

One of the things I wanted to point out is that the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, as a state agency, oversees the Grant Programs that directly affect the Maryland State Firemen's Association and their member companies and we're going to be working very closely with that relationship. I just spoke with Paul and Frank Underwood, your incoming president-elect hopefully, and we have a great relationship started. I think we'll go a long way with that. Whatever problem surface in the road, I'm certain we'll be able to take care of in the near future.

We are certainly committed to the relationship between MEMA and the fire community, both career and volunteer. We have volunteer representation on the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council on the state's Emergency Response Commission. We will continue those relationships to make sure we get your input. The one thing I have always learned is that all emergencies are truly at the local level and the state is there to help find out what is important to you and help you. You are the first responders, so whatever we can do to help you coordinate your response, whatever resources we can bring to help you, we plan on doing that. As many of you may know, we have a 24-hour emergency operations center which is a combination of MEMA employees and the National Guard. We will continue with that process on a 24hour/7days a week as requests come in.

As a side bar, we are actually watching the things going on out west in Idaho. The flooding out there and we're waiting for possible requests for assistance out there. So we are watching the situation very closely.

As we see the funding coming in from the Federal Government being reduced throughout the state of Maryland, we'll be looking very hard at the programs that we have out there and we'll be identifying the ones that are critical to the state of Maryland and to the citizens and we'll make sure we keep those moving.

So with that, I want to say thank you for allowing me a couple of minutes of your time. Have a great convention and I look forward to a long relationship with all of you. Thank you. (Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Director Muth, thank you for taking the time to come down and address our delegation. We look forward to working with you in the coming year. We have a token of appreciation we'd like you to take back. This is in appreciation for this year and for the hard work from the staff of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. It reads: "Presented to the staff of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency

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in recognition and appreciation for continued support of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Director Muth: Thank you very much. (Applause.)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, I call Safety Committee Chair Hoby Howell for the safety message.

Safety Chair Hoby Howell: Good afternoon. I hope you all took time to check out that point of egress so if that emergency arises we all can exit safely. Take some time and do the same with your families wherever you are staying. We all are in different surroundings while staying here in Ocean City. It might mean the difference between life and death. Always be safe so we all can return home alive. Thank you.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to recognize and call to the stage Senior Vice President of the Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania, Jim Malane and he'll introduce his guests. You're welcome to bring them up with you if you like.

PA. Sr. Vice President Jim Malane: At this time I would like to make a presentation to the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and commend you on a well run convention this year. It is really nice to walk around and see everything running like clockwork. Vice President Malane present President Sterling with a coin from his Association. Applause.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you very much. We enjoy the brotherhood we have with our fellow state firemen associations. A long time friend of the MSFA, and representing the Officers, who are out on a marketing mission this week for their association, but well represented from the Virginia State Volunteer Firemen's Association, their Past President Allen Brennan. Thank you very much Allen for being with us, we appreciate it. (Applause)

Now, from the MSA Membership Benefits Program, I would like to introduce Mr. Ted Bosse for his presentation. We had the privilege to see the presentation at the Executive Committee meeting in Solomon's in April. I think you will enjoy his presentation.

Ted Bosse: Thank you. The monitors are showing the information. My company is volunteering Benefits Systems. We supply employee benefits, generally speaking. But one of the gentlemen that works with you, Ron Siarnicki, had contacted a working partner of mine and asked what we could do for benefits for the Association. Specifically life insurance, disability insurance and health insurance. As we know many of you are volunteers and you don't get benefits through your firehouse. And you may or may not have them through your employer. So what we did, we went to the market and come back

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with a presentation to show you how you can access benefits such as I just discussed with the Association that is going to benefit the members of the Association. If we can bring that up on the screens now.

This is the homepage for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (show on screen in the Main Hall of the Convention Center). First my agency Voluntary Benefits Systems is in Howard County and I would like to say "hi" to the guys in Howard County and Dave Dagvich, up in the box helping me, is from Avon Dixon on the Eastern Shore. We would like to say how happy we are to be working with you all. So this is this home page of the Association website, if you will notice down on the right hand corner, there is a site to click to explain new benefits to you. That will bring you to a quote that is MSFA.MIQUOTES.com MIQUOTES is a rate generated system that produces assistance for people like yourself to find life insurance, disability insurance, and so on. If you will look on the right side of the page, it will show you that we have term life insurance, permanent life insurance, select life insurance, accident plans, critical illness plans, and cancer policies. My job here is simply to let you know these benefits are being made available to you. They are the most competitive carriers in the industry that have been put together. When you go to this system it will give you the opportunity, without sharing any personal information, you simply logon and get a quote. So if you wanted to look for life insurance, it will give you the opportunity to log on and ask for yourself, just fill in your date of birth, state you are from, amount of life insurance you are looking for and give you the ability to get a quote. If it is something you want to pursue past that, it will give you the option to get more information. At that point a licensed member of MIQUOTES will call you and answer questions for you and try to make sure you get the appropriate level of coverage.

So what we're looking at is getting a quote for a 48-year-old for half million dollars worth of life insurance. It will show you a number of different carriers. So we're not working with one specific carrier but provide quotes from multiple carriers to make sure your are getting the most competitive plan that the rate engine can provide for you. If you call in and speak to a professional, their job is then to start asking some questions that may actually find other carriers that can give you even better rates. Some carriers if you answer yes to the smoker's status, that you smoke only cigars or a pipe, will consider you a non-smoker. So we're going to be able to make sure you're in the right place to get the right quote. Then they will walk you through the application process and everything is set up to be a debit from your checking account. So we think these have great value to you.

Both my agency, Voluntary Benefit Systems and Avon Dixon have agreed to make charitable contributions back to the MSFA. So utilizing the system benefits the Association.

Please be assured that when you ask for someone to contact you, by the way, you'll be able to say, here is my contact information, I'd like to be contacted. They are not going to

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be there to badger you. They are simply professionals to answer questions for you and assist you to get the coverage you desire.

So if there are not questions, I want to thank you for having us here. We really appreciate it. We are in the "A" section of the Exhibit Hall. You can stop and we can actually pull up a quote for you specifically if you are interested in taking a look. Go back to your firehouse and tell everyone what we're doing for you. We're really looking forward to a long and good relationship with the MSFA. Thanks you.

Applause

1st Vice President Frank J. Underwood: Thank you very much Mr. Bosse. Okay, Doug Alexander will now come up and give an update on Residential Sprinklers.

Residential Sprinkler Chair Doug Alexander: Thank you. I bring you greetings from the Residential Sprinkler Committee of the MSFA. The MSFA Residential Sprinkler committee was formed under the Presidency of Lee Sachs and if any of the committee members are here please come join me on stage. I would like to update you today on where we are since last year and where we are from two years ago. We have had new members join the committee and our committee has been very active. I have asked them to come up on stage so you could see the members who have worked very hard these past two years to carry forward the message and the significant progress we have made. Back in the convention of 2005, when this committee was formed there were two counties and four municipalities that had Residential Sprinkler in new one or two family dwellings. Last year at the Convention in 2006 we had increased to three counties and six municipalities. Well today in 2008, I am proud to report that we have seven counties and 80 of 157 municipalities, as well as one municipality that is duplexes and work still continues in Howard, Anne Arundel and several other counties. We will go to the power point program at this time, in July 1990, sprinklers are required in all newly constructed apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels and dormitories and in July 1992, sprinklers are required in all newly constructed townhouses. Residential Sprinkler Ordinances in Maryland single family homes and duplexes took place on April 3, 2007. These local ordinances require the installation of residential sprinklers in all newly constructed single family homes and duplexes. These ordinances took place in City of Laurel (PG County); Prince George's County; City of Gaithersburg (Montgomery County); City of Rockville (Montgomery County); Montgomery County; Town of Mt. Airy (Carroll/Frederick County); Town of Emmitsburg (Frederick County); Carroll County; City of Aberdeen (Hartford County); Frederick County; City of Frederick; Town of Charlestown (Cecil County); City of Havre de Grace (Hartford County); Town of La Plata (Charles County); Town of Indianhead (Charles County); Charles County; Town of St. Michaels (Talbot County); Town of Perryville (Cecil County); Town of Denton (Caroline County); Town of Northeast (Cecil County); City of

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Annapolis (Anne Arundel County); and City of Cambridge (Dorchester County). We have two variations to our Residential Sprinkler code which are in Howard County (Mandatory "option") this means that any new home built needs to have a Residential Sprinkler option and the Town of Fruitland (Wicomico County) required in all newly constructed duplexes. Residential Sprinkler Program presented to the following communities; St. Mary's County; Harford County; Cecil County; Chesapeake City; Town of Rising Sun and Queen Anne's County. A map of the locations of Residential Sprinklers was shown. A little fact for you to take part with you, Prince George's County has had residential sprinklers the longest and they had 104 fire deaths since 1992 in residential occupancies, over 50,000 sprinklered single family homes, have had over 400 fires in sprinklered single family homes and have had 0 fire deaths in sprinklered single family homes. A 104 in non-sprinklered and 0 in sprinklered, it does not take a rocket scientists to figure that out. NFPA 13D – Installation of Sprinkler systems in one and two family dwellings and manufactured homes. This is a life safety system designed to give the occupants time to escape. Yes we have had fires in townhouses, townhouses that were destroyed but the fact is that the sprinkler worked no one was hurt or injured. Over 95% of fires in residential occupancies are suppressed with one sprinkler. There are 1 in 16 million chances that the sprinkler head will fail. It is a myth that all of the sprinklers will operate if there is a fire, only the sprinkler head that is heated will operate. Current costs for NFPA 13D Sprinkler systems in new construction in Maryland, they average of \$1.35 and \$1.95 per square foot in new construction as of April 2, 2007. To retrofit existing homes they may cost 2 to 3 times as much. Variations in price of Residential Sprinklers were due to items such as cathedral ceilings, concealed sprinklers, the number of homes to be sprinklered and the size of homes. This does not include the cost of permits or inspections (OSFM charges \$75.00 for plan review and inspection). In rural areas a pump and tank will be required and this is where we run into a lot of questions, and this can add an additional cost of about \$1500 to \$2000. Based on a 2 sprinkler head design flowing about 26 to 28 gpm for 10 minutes would require approximately a 300 gallon water tank. Most rooms in your home have one sprinkler head. Most sprinkler contractors will use CPVC Sprinkler pipe in the finished areas and steel or cooper pipe in unfinished areas such as the basement. Residential Fire Sprinklers save lives of the occupants and the firefighters and that is critical folks. They may help to retain the Volunteer Fire Service and help to keep taxes down and help to overcome lightweight building construction, as well as to help overcome the toxicity of plastics and synthetics used in homes today. In some areas, you can discount your home owners insurance by 8% to 13%. This all would not be possible without our dedicated committee members and the many partnerships we have and I wish to thank our partners in this effort, the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office, Maryland Fire Chief's Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, and the many county fire service associations that have assisted around the state with our mission.

One important accomplishment this year was the adoption of a Position Paper on Residential Sprinklers by the MSFA. This clearly defines our feelings on residential sprinklers and how

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important we feel that they are to the safety of our citizens and firefighters. We appreciate the support of the officers and Executive Committee of the MSFA for their support, and recognition of the importance of this life saving concept.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. : I would like to now bring up to the podium, Ms. Vickie Pritchett, Project Manager for Fire Team USA and Associate Director of Public Fire Protection of the National Fire Sprinkler Association and Chief Shane Ray, Fire Chief, Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department, Pleasant View, TN, for a special program presentation.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to accept a motion on the floor to accept the minutes of the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, do I have a motion, motion from the floor and a second, no discussion, all those in favors say I , those against say Nay, I's have it and motion passed. We now have Joe Cooper from the Credentials committee to give his report:

Report of the Credentials Committee by Joe Cooper: Thank you Mr. President. The Registration of companies and individuals having appeared and registered at this convention is closed. The registration results are: 24 past president and 286 companies in good standing. Each President is eligible to cast one vote. Each registered company is eligible to cast five votes times 286 registered companies to exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,430 eligible company votes. Total votes eligible to be cast will be 1,454. Thank you Mr. President.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: It is now my pleasure to call for nominations for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Are there any nominations?

Branchville VFD President John Hughes: Mr. President, Honored Guest and Delegates and Alternates to the Convention, good afternoon. As President of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, there are many things I could be doing right now but I have chosen not to because that would not allow me the opportunity to nominate the perfect individual for the position of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and that individual is Mr. Frank Underwood. As 1st Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association this past year and under the direction of President Sterling he has spent countless hours traveling thousands of miles across this great state meeting many individuals to listen to their concerns. He also spent many hours in Annapolis working on behalf of this association. But some of the more memorable moments were when he could take his wife Renee and his daughter Jennifer with him to some remote part of the state and be able to spend a couple hours with them and of course he would have to judge some kind of event. But he has never complained, never once, not when he attends the twice a month meeting of the Prince George's County Fire Commission where he represents the northern

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half of Prince George's county, not when he is performing his duties as the Treasurer of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, not when he is running around the county picking up supplies for the someone and not even when he finds some down time to sit down to talk to his friends at the firehouse. That is because he is dedicated to the mission that he has set his sights on and that is to become the President of this fine organization and to represent all that it stands for the commitment and the devotion to the fire service of Maryland. I can assure you that Frank Underwood is a perfect candidate for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. With that said the following MSFA Past Presidents and other individuals that have seconded his nomination. MSFA Past Presidents Raymond Adkins, Edward Preston, C. Oscar Baker, Robert Dempsey, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Joseph Robinson, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Philip Hurlock, Richard Yinger, Fred Cross, Steven Cox, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington, Robert Jacobs, Terry Thompson, Lee Sachs and Bobby Balta. The following County Presidents and organizations seconded Frank's nomination: Craig Harman - Anne Arundel County, Clarence Broadwater – Allegany/Garrett, Sue Cornelius - Baltimore County, Patti Gordy – Caroline County, Mark Billger – Carroll County, Michael Fyock – Frederick County, William Hildebrand - Kent/Queen Anne's, Marcine Goodloe – Montgomery, Robert Russell – Prince Georges, Monty Parks - Southern Maryland, Chief Tom Carr – Montgomery County Fire & Rescue; Chief Lawrence Sedwick, Jr. – Chief of Prince George's County, Lt. Col. Bobby McCoy – York, PA Fire Chief; Ron Siarnicki – NFFF Director, Pete Mellits – EDIAFC MD Director, Donnie Srine – Prince Georges County Fire Commission, and David Smarte, President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, MSFA Members who seconded the nomination are as follows: Steve Hales and C. Dan Carpenter, III – MSFA Trustees, Roger Powell – 2nd Vice President, Doyle Cox – nominee for 2nd Vice President, Donald Mooney – Memorial Chair, Reverend's John F. Long, Jr., and Harry Hetz, Deacon George L'Heureux – Asst Chaplain, Executive Committee members Craig Moe, Jimmy Seavey, Douglas Alexander, John Dulina, Wylie Donaldson, John Guntow, Dale Fishack, Herman Schweers, Ralph Thompson, William Hildebrand and Steve Kesner, Assistant Secretaries Joseph Cooper, Ron Watkins, Ed Cross and Jackie Olson; Trustees John Means, and Danny Clarence Carpenter, Grants Chair Beth Stone, Parliamentarian Bill Wagner, Barbara Steiner, Safety Committee Chair Hoby Howell, 17 State Circle Chuck Austin, NFPA Standards Chair Bill Huttenloch, PG Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Elaine Huttenloch, Transportation Chair Tom Flint and all the Officers and members of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and the Officers and Members of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department. Thank You.

(Applause)

Band Master strike up the band and the supporters took place behind them and marched around the convention hall.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for the Office of President. Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for President? We have a motion do we have a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passed.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We will now accept nominations for the office of 1st Vice President. Are there any nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President?

MSFA Past President Lee Sachs: Mr. President, as MSFA Attorney he has intimately been involved in the business of the association for 35 years and has thus work for 35 Presidents. Imagine that he has worked for 35 different Presidents and has closed out each of those years successfully and has been re-appointed by the incoming President. He has for 35 years reviewed legislation effecting the volunteer fire, rescue and emergency service in Maryland and has advised the Legislative committee and Officers of the association on those matters as well as with the need for legislation on subject not covered. He has been a member of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company for 35 years, was an active provider for a number of them and has continued to assist the company and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's association on an as needed basis. His law practice history includes a involvement in fire service related matters for a large number of individuals and companies in our volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical services. He has been active in the community at-large as well, particularly with the American Diabetes Association and his local community association in Reisterstown for whom he chaired a couple of events year after year. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Maryland Defense Division in the Maryland National Guard. Yes, Ladies and Gentleman, Roger N. Powell is a accomplished family man, attorney and military man and who is extremely well versed in history and operations of the MSFA. His service has been recognized by his peers who elected him to our Hall of Fame in 1999 and in 2003 awarded him the Gladhill Trophy for outstanding contributions to the MSFA. Roger is an independent thinker while also being willing to listen to the suggestions of others. He does not always agree with any of those suggestions but accesses them carefully and makes his decision based on all of the evidence and all of the advocacies. That ability will serve him well in the leadership of the MSFA. He will listen and learn and deliberate and decide and will lead us as his predecessors have in the past. We have a number of major decisions to make in the coming years and Roger is equipped to participate with Paul and Frank and the Officers and committees in the betterment of the MSFA. It is my privilege to place into nomination for the Office of 1st Vice President of the MSFA, the name of Roger N. Powell. Sue Corneilus, President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association will announce the seconds to the nomination.

Sue Cornelius: Along with the 35 member companies of the Baltimore County Volunteer

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Firemen's Association and their over 2000 members the following people would like to second Roger's nomination. The MSFA Past President are Lee Sachs, Fred Cross, Raymond Adkins, Edward Preston, C. Oscar Baker, Robert Dempsey, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Joseph Robinson, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Philip Hurlock, Richard Yinger, Steven Cox, Fred Cross, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Joseph Robison, Thomas Mattingly, Lee Sachs, Ed Preston, Bernard Smith, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington, Terry Thompson, Robert Jacobs and Bobby Balta. Past President of the Baltimore County VFA, Buddy Staigerwald, Robert Small, President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Thomas Carr, Montgomery County Fire Department, Ron Siarnicki – NFFF Director, Assistant Financial Secretary Susan Schell, Attorney Roger Powell, Chief Chaplain John Long, Chaplain Harry Hetz, Memorial Chair Donald Mooney, Donny Straen – PG County Fire Commission, Executive Committee Chair Doyle Cox, Executive Committee members Jimmy Seavey, Douglas Alexander, John Dulina, Judy Lau, Wylie Donaldson, John Guntow, David Keller, Ben Kurtz, William Hildebrand and Steve Kesner, Assistant Secretaries Joseph Cooper, Ron Watkins, Ed Cross and Jackie Olson; Trustees John Means, and Danny Clarence Carpenter, Chair Beth Stone, 17 State Circle Chuck Austin, Calvin Stack, Jason Bear and Emmons Horner.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Band Master strike up the band and the supporters took place behind them and marched around the convention hall.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President. Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for 1st Vice President? We have a motion do we have a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passed.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We will now accept nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President. Are there any nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President?

MSFA Past President C. Daniel Davis, P.P.: Thank you, Mr. President. It is my pleasure to nominate Doyle E. Cox for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (tape is low)

MSFA Past President Thomas Mattingly: Thank you,. Officers, Ladies, Delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It is my honor to second the nomination of Doyle E. Cox as a candidate for office of 2nd Vice President of the

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Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doyle has served this association with dedication and commitment since 1974 when he first served on the MSFA legislative committee. He has had the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Executive Committee two times. He has traveled thousands of miles and spent countless hours representing the association and it's members. He has displayed leadership and planning skills vital to the success of MSFA. He understands the needs of the volunteer fire and rescue service. Doyle is no stranger to many of you because of his travel across our state and visiting with many of you. His candidacy is based on your encouragement to seek the Office of 2nd Vice President and his desire to serve you. With your support and the support of all of the Officers, Past Presidents and committees, this association will continue to provide the best in emergency services to the citizens of Maryland and its visitors. Doyle has served his home company at Prince Frederick beginning in 1974, his county association in Calvert County, and the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association. In all of his years of service, he has held leadership positions that have developed the background and experience needed to lead this association. His primary goal is to listen to your needs and recommendations, work to develop sound long range planning for our future and be an active member of a strong team of officers and committees. An important part of the long range plan will certainly be the recruitment of new volunteers and marketing the association. He would like the association to continue the efforts of expanding individual membership in the association and will work hard towards that goal. As you can see, Doyle has a plan that help strengthens the team. He has a vision of the fire and rescue service within his sights. He has the desire to lead the MSFA. It is with great pride that I ask for your support of Doyle E. Cox for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland Sate Firemen's Association. Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Monty Parks, President of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association to read the list of seconds.

Monty Parks: With that said the following MSFA Past Presidents and other individuals that have seconded his nomination. MSFA Past Presidents Raymond Adkins, Edward Preston, C. Oscar Baker, Robert Dempsey, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Philip Hurlock, Richard Yinger, Fred Cross, Steven Cox, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington, Robert Jacobs, Terry Thompson, Lee Sachs and Bobby Balta. The following Officers of the MSFA sseconded the nomination: Frank Underwood – 1st Vice President, Roger N. Powell – 2nd Vice President, Ronald Siarnicki – Treasurer, Reverand John F. Long, Jr. – Chief Chaplain and Reverend Harvey Dixon – Chief Chaplain Emeritus. Also seconded the nominations is John Armiger – Prince Frederick VFD President, Vernon Horsemon – Prince Frederick VFD Past Chief, Herbert Dowell – North Beach VFD Past President, Tommy Tettimer – Prince Frederick VRS Past Chief and Billy Lankford – St. Leonard VFD Safety Officer. Regional and County Association Officers and organizations that second Doyle's nomination are John O Gatton, Sr. and Dan Carpenter – Southern Maryland VFA Past President's, Jimmy Rose – 1st Vice President of Southern Maryland VFS, Willie Wilkerson – 2nd Vice President of Southern Maryland VFA, John Wathen – Treasurer of Southern Maryland VFA, Joan Williams – Southern Maryland VFA Past President, John

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Nelson – President and Joseph Cooper – President and Secretary of the St. Mary's County Fire Board, Chief Dan Stevens – Waldorf VFD, Tom Edwards – President of the Charles County VFA, EMS Chief Charles Wills – Potomac Heights VFD, President Vernon Monday – Charles County Assn of EMS, Pat Bowser and Steven Kesner– Past President's of the Allegany & Garrett County Fire and Rescue; Tresurer John Schuhat – Allegany/Garrett County Fire and Rescue, Wylie Donaldson – Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Assn Past President, Dave Lewis - Anne Arundel County VFA Past President, Donald Mooney – Past President of Baltimore County VFA, Tom Blades – Past President of the Caroline County VFA, President Mark Bilger, Vice President Doug Alexander and Past President Gene Curfman of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Assn, Past President Allen Ryan – Cecil County VFA; Vice President Calvin Stack – Dorchester County VFA; President Tom Diem – Eastern Shore VFA; Past President Wayne Fretterd, Sr. – Eastern Dhore VFA; Past President Judith White and Past President's Chip Jewell and Charlie Abrecht – Frederick County VFRA, David Kline – Walkersville VFD, Past President – Harford County VFRA, Richard Brooks and Rusty Leftwich – Past Chief's of the Norrisville VFC, President Hoby Howell, Past President William Lay and Treasurer Lou Jonske – Harford/Cecil Counties VFA, President William Hildebrand and Past President Buddy Campbell – Kent-Queen Anne's VFRA, President Marcine Goodloe and Past President Ron Watkins – Montgomery Couty VFRA, Chief Darren Long – Damascus VFD, President Robert Russell – PG County VFRA; President Don Strine – Marlboro VFD, Craig Moe – PG Cou. VFRA; President Tom Flint – Landover Hills VFD, Past President Donald Howard and Emmons Horner – Somerset County VFA, Past President Richard Smith – Talbot County VFA, President Glenn Fishack, Treasurer Richard Blair and Clarence Webber – Washington County VFRA, Past President Mike Farlow – Wicomico VFA, Past President Steve Hales – Worcester VFA, John Guntow – Ocean City VFD and Past President George McCracken – Eastern Shore VFA. Thank You.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President. Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for 2nd Vice President? We have a motion do we have a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passed.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We will now have nomination for the Office of Secretary, Are there any nominations for the office of the Secretary?

MSFA Secretary Leonard T. King, Sr.: It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Jacqueline

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Olson for the Office of the Secretary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (tape is low)

Ferndale VFC Chief Jay Olson: Thank you, Mr. President. It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Jackie Olson for the Office of the Secretary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Also, to second the nomination are the following MSFA Past Presidents Raymond Adkins, Edward Preston, C. Oscar Baker, Robert Dempsey, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Philip Hurlock, Richard Yinger, Fred Cross, Steven Cox, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington, Robert Jacobs, Terry Thompson, Lee Sachs and Bobby Balta. The following Officers of the MSFA seconded the nomination: President Paul Sterling, Vice President's Frank Underwood and Roger N. Powell, Treasurer Ronald Siarnicki, Assistant Secretaries Ron Watkins and Joe Cooper, Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer, Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr., MSFA Board of Trustees – Steve Hales, John Means and C. Dan Carpenter, III. MSFA Executive committee: James Seavey, Craig Moe, Doug Alexander, Doyle Cox, Wylie Donaldson, John Dulia, Glen Fishack, John Guntow, Bill Hildebrand, Steve Kesner, Buddy Schweers and Ralph Thompson.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary. Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Secretary? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We will now open the floor for nominations for the office of Financial Secretary, are there any nominations for the office of Financial Secretary.

MSFA Past President Steven Cox: President Balta, Vice President, Officers, Members, it is a great pleasure for me to place into nomination my good friend, George A. "Fred" Cross to the office of the Financial Secretary. As I stated Fred and Pat are good friends with me and my wife, Nancy. I've known Fred for a very long time. It is a great privilege to stand before you today and nominate Fred Cross to the office of Financial Secretary. Many, many times I have stood before you and nominated him for this position. It is a great honor that I do this.

MSFA Past President Robert Jacobs: Thank you Mr. President, to the members and delegates of this great association I wish to second the nomination of George A. "Fred" Cross to the office of Financial Secretary. I have known Fred for many years and in addition Fred has served this association as President in 1995 – 1996, He also served as

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the Assistant Financial Secretary prior to fulfilling the position of Financial Secretary. So please vote for Fred Cross for Financial Secretary of the MSFA.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for the Financial Secretary. Are there any other nominations for the Financial Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Financial Secretary?

Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Secretary? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We will now open the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer, are there any nominations for the office of Treasurer?

MSFA Past President Robert Jacobs: Mr. President to the Officers and Delegates of the Maryland State Firemen's Association I would like to bring forth before this body the nomination of Ron J. Siarnicki for the office of Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Ron has been serving in this position for some time now and will continue to handle the financial affairs of this association if elected. Since taking over this office, he has continued to demonstrate an outstanding dedication to the MSFA by serving on numerous committees and still carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the office of Treasurer. Ron has work diligently and has shown great expertise in the financial affairs of this organization and will do everything possible to ensure that we are financially solid and secure for whatever the future brings to this great association. Ron has been involved with the fire service for over 30 years and has demonstrated continued support to the Maryland State Firemen's Association in a variety of ways. He and his family can always be counted on to assist us when needed. In addition to Ron's full time position with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation as the Director he is an active member of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Company in Stevensville. I would like also to thank Ron for working with the Convention committee and the entire team especially Convention Chair Leonard King to pull it all off together each year. It truly has been my pleasure to work with Ron since he took over the Office of Treasurer and I am completely confident that making this nomination knowing that he will do a great job in that position.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. : Is there a second to the nomination?

MSFA Past President Fred Cross: Thank you Mr. President. It is a pleasure and an honor to second the nomination of Ron Siarnicki for Treasurer. This year when there was some problems going on he stepped in and solved them. Thanks to Ron's leadership things are going smoothly and we would like to keep it that way and I am proud to second the nomination.

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MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr : Are there any other nominations or Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for Treasurer? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Treasurer? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr : We will now open the floor for Nominations for Chief Chaplain to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Are there any nominations for Chief Chaplain?

Ferndale VFC Chief Jay Olson: Thank you, Mr. President. The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, and the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association place the name and nomination of John F. Long, Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. John has been an active member, volunteer and EMT since 1975 currently serving the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. Besides his Chaplaincy qualifications John is certified is Critical Incident Management, a vital asset for the emergency service. He has served as your Chaplain for the past three years, this past year John showed that he can handle the demands of this office. He was taxed to the max this past year and still brought comfort and care to those in need. It is that dedication and caring that we feel make John F. Long, Jr. the right choice for the position of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

MSFA Past President Philip Hurlock and MSFA Executive Committee Chair James Seavey, Sr.: I second the nomination of John F. Long, Jr. for the position of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for Chief Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for Chief Chaplain? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Chief Chaplain? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I now open the floor for nominations for the Office of Trustee. Are there any nominations for the Office of Trustee?

MSFA Past President Roger Steger, P.P.: Thank you, Mr. President I just am very proud to nominate Steve Hales for the Office of Trustee. (The tape is too low and not able to hear)

MSFA Past President Gene Worthington: I would like to second the nomination of Steve

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Hales for the position of MSFA Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Are there any other nominations for office of Trustee? Are there any other nominations for office of Trustee? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for office of Trustee? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I will now entertain a motion for a place of Convention for the year 2013.

MSFA "Acting Secretary" Phil Hurlock, P.P.: Mr. President as was done several years ago, the convention has to be established five years in advance and checking the calendar for 2013 and it is a pleasure for me to nominate Ocean City, Maryland for the year of 2013

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We have a motion on the floor to hold the convention of 2013 at Ocean City, Maryland, do we have a second? I have a second on the floor, are there any other nominations of a place to hold the convention in 2013? Are there any other nominations to hold the convention in 2013? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I would now like to recognize Ben Kurtz.

Ben Kurtz: Thank you Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for all offices with the exception of his Office and the President to cast a ballot for the office of Secretary.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We have a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chief Chaplain and Trustee and place of Convention. Do we have a second, it has been moved and seconded, any discussion, hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Our election judges are as follows: Frank

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Underwood – John Hughes and Patty Meadows; Roger Powell – Bernie Smith and Sue Corneilius and Jacqueline Olson – Debbie Perry and Sunny Rose.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Now I would introduce Constitution and By-laws Chairman Dennis Skinner.

Dennis Skinner: President Sterling, MSFA Officers, Past Presidents, Guests and Delegates of the 116th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association the complete text of my report can be found on page 146 of the Annual Convention and Conference Program Book. There are four question on the ballot this year. The complete texts of these questions were distributed by the Secretary in accordance with the Constitution they can also be found in the Convention book. A reminder that the balloting will start on Tuesday morning at 8:00am and continue to 10:00am.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Please remember that we have plenty of educational seminars going on this afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday please take advantage of these classes. The exhibits are open and thank them for their support they are open to 1630 hours this afternoon. The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest is this afternoon at 1545 hours in this main hall. Please try to attend. The Beach Party is tonight at 1930 hours, you can get your tickets downstairs in the front lobby. Basket Bingo at 1930 hours, doors open at 1830 hours in the hall. Don't forget to take a chance at \$10,000, tickets can be purchased downstairs in the front lobby, it only takes a \$1.00 to play. At this time we will call Chaplain Harry Hetz to the podium for the benediction.

Chaplain Harry Hetz: Let us stand for the benediction. We would ask that you refresh us and prepare us for the day ahead and the decisions that lie before us. Lord, we lift up those that are suffering and struggling with health we ask that you would touch them and strengthen them and we ask that you would comfort those that grieve and surround them with your mercy and your grace. Lord, we especially lift up Judy Lau who continues to struggle and Amy Allen and Lord we just ask that you would be with them. Lord, we ask that you would be with our Armed Forces that defend our way of life and surround their families as well and give them a measure of comfort and a measure of your strength. For all things we praise you and thank you. Amen

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. : I now declare the 2nd session of the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in recess until 0830 hours tomorrow morning.

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Tuesday, June 17, 2008

3rd Session

Call to Order by President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Good morning. I'd like to call the third session of the 116th Annual Convention to the Maryland State Firemen's Association to order. At this time I'll call on our Assistant Chaplain Pete Walbert.

Invocation by Chaplain Calvin "Pete" Walbert: Good morning. I'd ask everyone to stand please. We're sorry to announce a line of duty death in Delaware. In Sussex County last night at 2 a.m. this morning, an ambulance attendant and a patient were killed after the unit swerved to miss a deer. So keep these people in your prayers please. Now let us pray.

Our most gracious and heavenly Father, we thank you Lord once again for this day. Because Lord, this is a day you have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Lord, we ask you to be with us this 3rd session of the Maryland State Firemen's Association of this great state of Maryland. We ask you to be with the officers, the members and the delegates that are with us as the day goes on. Lord, we ask you to give them wisdom, give them guidance Lord as they go on. And Lord, we give you all the praise, for we ask us all in the Lord's name we pray. Amen.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Chaplain Walbert. At this time I'm going to call on the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Hoby Howell, for a message. Hoby.

Safety Message from Hoby "Hoby" Howell: Good morning. Did everyone survive last night? Well I guess the ones sitting here went to bed early. OH, NO! How about those fire works last night, big and beautiful. I hope that everyone had a safe evening last night. I would hope that everyone has looked for an alternative route of travel to exit this hall as well. Do so the next time you have to leave to stretch your legs. This afternoon in Room 205 starting at 2:00 we are sponsoring a seminar to provider safety first responders what to expect when your medic unit is in a collision. Our renowned speaker is Dr. Nadine Levick from New York. Thank you once again for your time and patience.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Okay. At this time I would like to read the list of Judges & Tellers for this morning's election. For Frank Underwood – Judge John Hughes and Teller John Gardner; for Roger Powell – Judge Stuart Carter and Teller Frank Cussanietti; for Doyle Cox – Judge John Gattton, Sr. and Teller Danny Carpenter; for Jackie Olson – Judge Bob Seibel and Teller Debbie Perry; for Fred Cross – Judge Jim Riegel and Teller Susan Carronas; for John Long – Judge Bob Russell and Teller John Rose; and for Steve Hales – Judge John Guntow and Teller Roger Steger.

At this time, I'm going to call on Bob Ryan for a presentation.

Bob Ryan: Good morning. Last Tuesday night, the Mayor and City Council of College Park, Maryland, made a presentation to Frank Underwood. And they asked me to come today and read that into the record.

First, I'd like to read the letter our mayor sent. "To the Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, greetings. I'm please to join the City Council of College Park, Maryland and residents of the City of College Park, in congratulating Mr. Frank J. Underwood of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad, on his election to President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Mr. Underwood has served the residents of the city of College Park, as a long standing member of Branchville, Company #11, including his leadership positions on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer. He continues to support the City of College Park Employees Safety Program as an instructor in first aid, fire prevention, and fire extinguisher training. Frank has been one of the most dedicated citizens and public servants in the city and deserves the recognition you will give him when he is elected Maryland State Firemen's Association President at the 2008 Convention.

In recognition of his achievements, the City Council has designated June 17, 2008 as Frank J. Underwood Day in the City of College Park, Maryland. Again, congratulations Frank and best wishes for a successful year as President. Sincerely, Steven Breman, Mayor of College Park."

There's a proclamation with similar wording. We'll skip some of the where as'es which are very much the same as the letter and the Program Book. "Now, therefore, I, Steven A. Breman, Mayor of College, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 17, 2008 as Frank J. Underwood Day in the City of College Park, Maryland. Proclaimed this 10th day of June, 2008. Signed by Mayor Steven A. Breman, City of College Park, Maryland." Thank you Frank.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Okay. At this time I'd like to introduce the Chairman of our Fire Prevention Committee, Bob Collins, with the Fire Prevention Report.

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee by Chair Robert Collins: Good morning. Officers, past president, delegates and guests. My report is on page 89 of the Convention Book.

I would like to recognize the Chair of Fire Prevention Commission, Chair Richard Brooks.

Richard Brooks, Chair of the Fire Prevention Commission: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Good morning everyone. It is a pleasure to be here representing the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission and to support your efforts in fire prevention. I would like to ask our commissioners to come out. If they would take their position behind the table for some of the awards. Vice Chair is Dan Baker. We have some additional commissioners who are here or will be arriving. Commissioner Dennis Howell, Commissioner Tim Dayton, Commissioner Sharon Gileau, Commissioner Tom Collins, Commissioner Richard Clemens, and Commissioner Scott Hoglander, who we know will not be here. We also appreciate, as she will be arriving later, our administrative assistant, Heidi Richie, who keeps all of us straight as you can imagine. It is a pleasure to greet and meet the participating companies who participated in this event. It is a pleasure to be here at the convention. Thank you all very much.

(Applause)

Chair of Fire Prevention Committee Bob Collins continues: Thank you Richard. They will be presenting a certificate to the winners of each class.

I would also like to recognize the members of the Fire Prevention Committee here today: Vice Chair John Spiker, Vice Chair Emmons Horner, Ed Thurston, Chair Emeritus Tom Collins, Alan Ryan, Kristi Gable and also Jim Jarboe.

VFIS will be presenting us with a check. This money will be awarded to companies judged on their books. This money is to be used for fire prevention.

I would like to thank Jack Wagner and the Fire Marshal's Office for judging our books and judging the Fire Prevention floats tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Convention Center.

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Under the direction of Kristi Gable and will Richard Brooks as MC, the Miss Fire Prevention Contest was last night. They had 9 entries with the winner being crown by Miss Fire Prevention 2007, Brittany Myers and 1st Runner Up 2007 Ashtin Jackson. Miss Fire Prevention for 2008 was Colleen Frances and Stacie Jaret is the 1st Runner Up. They will be assisting in handing out awards today.

We had 29 entries this year in Year Round Projects and Single Projects. When these books were judged they are judged on safety also. When you use live fire you should use the proper safety equipment for your safety – some of the pictures in some books showed that the proper safety equipment should be used.

We are ready to hand out the Year Round Projects and their sponsors.

For Class I:

For Single Projects, a cash award participants:

Class I Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS, Inc. - **Winner**

Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

Class II No Entries

Class III Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - **Winner**

Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Potomac Fire Company #2, Inc.

Class IV Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. - **Winner**

Class V Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - **Winner**

Aberdeen Fire Department, Inc.

Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Class VI No Entries

Class VII No Entries

For Year Round Project:

Class I Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - **Winner**

Class II Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS, Inc. - **Winner**

Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Class III Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. - **Winner**

Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad

Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1, Inc.

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Class IV Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - **Winner**

Guardian Hose Company, Inc.

Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Class V Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – **Winner**

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Class VI No Entries

Class VII Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association - **Winner**

Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association

Overall Winners:

Bay District VFD (Year Round) - \$200.00

Mechanicsville VFD - \$100.00

Indian Head VFD & EMS (Year Round) - \$75.00

Ridge VFD - \$75.00

Leonardtown VFD - \$50.00

Hollywood VFD - \$50.00

Woodsboro VFC - \$50.00

Potomac FC #2 - \$50.00

Capitol Heights VFD - \$50.00

Laplata VFD - \$50.00

It is my pleasure to now introduce Mr. Burton Brenner to present the Silver Spring Trophy Award. Thank you.

Mr. Burton Brenner - Silver Spring Trophy Award: Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, firefighters, emergency services personnel, auxiliary and everyone from their respective fire companies and rescue squads across this great State of Maryland. The President, Board of Directors, and the Fire Chief of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and its membership welcomes you to this 116th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association and the 76th Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Again, I have the honor of addressing this convention, recognizing the men and women, as firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics and auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of our great State of Maryland.

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The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence was born from the efforts of those who have come before, some still here to guide you and those who have gone from our physical midst and yet are remembered today for their contributions to fire prevention over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement in the field of fire prevention, as judged by ones peers. The trophy symbolizes what we strive to do in the field of fire prevention in EVERY community of our state. It also singles out an outstanding member of the fire department or rescue squad and auxiliary who deserve individual recognition for efforts in the year 2007 in Fire Prevention Excellence. We recognize these efforts of fresh, new innovative ideas, which bring credit to the fire service, respect to the Fire Company and give honor to our State Association.

For Excellence in the Field of Fire Prevention for the year 2007, it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention, the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy from St. Mary's County – Lauren Johnson, Bay District Volunteer Fire Department.

Thank you all very much for your kind attention this morning. Have a great convention and let's have some innovative contributions to the Fire Prevention Program in 2008.

Applause

1st Vice President Frank J. Underwood: Good evening, good morning, good afternoon – whichever it is. No good morning. At this time I would like to introduce our newly re-appointed State Fire Marshal, Bill Bernard.

Report of the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office by William E. Barnard, State Fire Marshal: Good morning! I bring you greetings from Colonel Terrence B. Sheridan, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your outgoing Presidents, Paul H. Sterling, Jr. and Rose Pandolfini. Your terms of office have been amazingly productive and your service is one the entire Association can be quite proud of! It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Unfortunately, 2007 brought us a significant increase in fire deaths, in particular during the first half of the year. During the first six months alone, fifty-nine (59) Marylanders died from fire, only one short of the record low of sixty (60) fire deaths recorded in all of 2006. With your help during the second half of 2007, the number of fire deaths decreased considerably. Still, at the end of 2007, ninety-three (93) lives were lost to hostile fires, the highest number of fire deaths in a single year since 2001 and the highest number of residential fire deaths in more than a decade.

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The MSFA and its member departments continue to play a critical role making Maryland a safer place to live, work and raise a family. I urge you to continue your fire prevention activities by advocating fire sprinklers in new home construction, the maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans in every home. These actions do have a positive impact on your communities. These efforts go a long way to reduce the risk of injury and death from fire. Even though the number of fire deaths in Maryland was much higher in 2007; the trend for 2008, has been positive with 28 fire deaths recorded during the first five months of 2008 compared to fifty in the same time frame last year.

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

The Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshall continues working in partnership with the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Chaired by Doug Alexander, the committee continues to deliver workshops and presentations, educating communities and policy makers about the value of residential fire sprinkle protection. Together, we are continuing our work with national organizations, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, to see that residential fire sprinkler requirements are made part of future model building codes.

As a reminder, the "Fire Safe Cigarette" legislation you worked with us so diligently to pass during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly becomes effective on July 1, 2008. House Bill 785/Senate Bill 361 the "Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act" is one piece of legislation all of us can be very proud of. We truly believe this legislation, once fully implemented, will save lives of both citizens and firefighters.

During the past year, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has undergone an extraordinary number of personnel changes, impacting operations of the entire Agency. Two areas significantly impacted were the Office of the State Fire Marshal's Bob Squad and the Office of the State Fire Marshal Headquarters.

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

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

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

As an example, John D. (Dennis) Gentzel was promoted to Chief Fire Protection Engineer replacing John F. Bender, who served the Office of the State Fire Marshal with distinction since 1971. Dennis has continued John's tradition of excellence and professionalism that our entire cadre of Fire Protection Engineers is known for and possesses the same degree of dedication.

Even with numerous staffing changes, our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at amazing levels. The felony closure rate for arson cases investigated by our Deputy State Fire Marshals continues to be 50% higher than the national average. In code enforcement, the levels of professional certification held by our staff are among the highest in the nation. The Office of the State Fire Marshal staff members continue to serve with distinction on many Technical Committees for Codes and Standards for the National Fire Protection Association and the International Code Council.

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

Staffing issues also impacted the number of plan reviews completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2007, our Fire Protection Engineers conducted just over

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2,100 of these highly technical plan reviews. Fortunately, we have filled our vacant Fire Protection Engineer position with another outstanding individual, Rick Arvin. Since Rick started we have made great progress in reducing plan review backlogs. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we obligate to you, the Maryland Fire Service, our continued support of your mission.

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

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

Ladies and gentlemen, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our nominees for Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2007: Deputies Keith VanZant, Upper Eastern Region; Matt Stevens, Lower Eastern Region; Don Brennehan, Southern Region; Mike Mattingly, Western Region; Howard Ewing, Northeast Region; and, Bruce Bouch, METRO Region.

Each of these individuals represents their peers with great distinction. Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work everyday, looking forward to the challenge of making Maryland a safer place to live, work and raise a family. It is important to note, each have risen to this level with the strong support of their supervisors, the administrative staff, and their fellow Deputy State Fire Marshals.

As always, the job of the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year selection committee is extremely difficult and this year was no exception. The letters of nomination were filled with examples of duty and service deserving of much more than this award provides.

To each of you, I sincerely thank you for your service and devotion to duty. Let's give them a hand!

(Applause)

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I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2007 Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year. During 2007, he excelled in each aspect of the fire marshal profession. In field of investigations, he led his region by personally handling 69 origin and cause investigations. As an enforcer of the State Fire Prevention Code, his experience and

sound judgment continues to be valuable asset to his region. His work during 2007 included working closely with his K-9 partner over the entire state. Additionally, he frequently represents the Agency as its Public Information Officer. While accomplishing so much with the agency, he remains active in the community as a member of the North East Volunteer Fire Company. In the words of his supervisor, "his dedication and willingness to accept additional work responsibilities makes him a prime candidate for the Agency's highest award." I couldn't agree more. He excelled in each discipline with enthusiasm and zeal and it is my honor to present to you the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the year for 2007 – Howard Ewing!

State Fire Marshal Bernard presents Mr. Ewing with a citation.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the opportunity this morning to share with you our successes and helping us celebrate the accomplishments of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Working in partnership with the MSFA, we anticipate even greater achievements in the months and years that lie ahead. We look forward to working with your incoming Presidents, Frank J. Underwood and Lois Hetz. We wish you both much success during your term of office! Thank you. Have a great remainder of the convention.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Bill, first let me congratulate you on your re-appointment as our state fire marshal. We appreciate the job you have done for all the folks in the state of Maryland. I do have a plaque to present to you. "Presented to William E. Bernard, State Fire Marshal, and the staff of the State Fire Marshal in recognition of your continued support of the Maryland State Firemen's Association." We present this to you with our great thanks. I also want to present this convention bag as well.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I call on Bob Collins, our Fire Prevention Chair for a special presentation.

Fire Prevention Chair Bob Collins: Thank you Mr. President. When I was giving out the awards this is what I was talking about, this family here on the stage. We have our fire prevention meetings every two or three months through out the year and we are always

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talking about fire deaths occurring during that year. That is all you read about in the papers and see on the news. This one here was a little different. This turned out great! You don't hear too many of these cases. Tom brought the clipping from the newspaper. The Fruitland Volunteer Fire Chief is here; Chief Townsend is here with the family. The following letter was submitted by Deputy Chief Jeff Shrieves of the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. and was submitted for an act of heroism. Would you please help me welcome 8 year old Bryden Bibbens and his family for a special presentation. This is what happened that night.

On January 24, 2008 at around 0320 hours, Bryden Bibbens was awakened from his sleep by the sound of a smoke detector. He smelled smoke and quickly went to see what was wrong. He saw smoke coming out of the kitchen. Bryden woke up his brothers, (Tiair, age 6; Branden, age 4; and Anthony, age 2), and one by one carried them to the steps. Then he woke his sister, Nakeema, age 9 and led her by the hand out of the house. Bryden then woke his mother Natasha, and told her the kitchen was on fire. She told Bryden to get out of the house. She then went to the bedroom to get her other kids. Natasha couldn't find them, but quickly Bryden had returned telling his mom to come outside. He told her he had already taken everyone out.

Natasha called 911 to report the fire and Central Alarm told her they had just received this same call. Bryden had already called 911 during his rescue of his family. Bryden explained to his mother that he did what he had been taught at school during Fire Prevention.

The children received no injuries. Natasha received minor burns while attempting to extinguish the fire.

The committee, like we said, does not get too many of these cases and we're going to start recognizing, if it does happen, the young people or anybody that can save lives like this. We hear it all the time, last year we had one of the most fire deaths in history.

We have a plaque made up here that reads: "Presented to Bryden Bibbens, 7 years old. Bryden was awakened at 3:30 a.m. when he smelled smoke. He quickly went to wake up his mother and four brothers and sisters and then called 911. Bryden is commended for an outstanding job resulting from his courage, bravery and quick-thinking. Presented by the Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee June, 2008."

Applause and standing ovation.

Thank you. There is no way you cannot participate in these contests over here at Ocean City every year. Thank you.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I recognize the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Steve Edwards.

Report of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute by Director Steven T. Edwards: Good Morning. It is a pleasure to be here today and provide a brief update on the activities of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute.

The last fiscal year we trained over 32,000 students and the hard work and dedication of the MFRI faculty, staff and field instructors working in a strong partnership with the local training academies could only have accomplished this. Each of you is to be commended for what you contribute to our statewide training systems. Thank you.

The support of the leadership of the MSFA and its member companies is very important to our success. Thanks to Paul Sterling, Frank Underwood and Roger Powell as well as the MSFA Training Committee.

Many improvements were made in the past year with respect to curriculum development. Revised programs for Firefighter I & II, Fire Officer I & II, EVOC, Pump Operator, Fire Investigator and several others.

Our strong effort in the delivery of classes involving "Conducting Safe Live Fire Training", along with that of Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training Commission and the MSFA, continues with very good results for our state. Unfortunately 13% of the national firefighter fatalities for 2007 were training related.

One of the major achievements for the year was the Maryland General Assembly and Governor O'Malley approving \$650,000 in planning and design funds for the renovation of the Northeast Regional Training Center. Hopefully construction funds will follow in the next budget and we will move forward to complete this much needed project and be better able to serve the students of that region. Many people worked very hard to make this project move forward. I would like to thank just a few: MSFA Leadership, County Associations, and statewide fire organizations. Delegate Norman Conway, Senators Glassman and DeGrange, Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown, Pat Marlatt of MFRI and Dr. Mote of the University of Maryland College Park and MSFA Past President Gene Worthington of Harford County.

EMT recertification will be On-Line effective July 1st. We have partnered with the National Paramedic Institute and have developed a 12-hour didactic/classroom portion to be followed by 12 hours of skills. The program will be totally on-line 24/7 for access either at

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work or home. MIEMSS has approved the content for recertification purposes thanks to Dr. Bass and Bill Seifert. 1,000 seats have been distributed to the MFRI regions for the fall semester.

At this time I would like to present President Paul Sterling with a plaque for promoting and supporting MFGRI and Training programs; his assistance for the project for the Northeast Regional Training Center and for promoting safe live-fire training.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: The Association appreciates your support on a number of issues this year. We have a resolution here for you, which I'm not going to read, as well as one for Pat Marlatt, Assistant Director. We also have a plaque which reads: "Presented to Steven T. Edwards and the staff of Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute in recognition and appreciation of your continued support of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. June 17, 2008." Again, thank you very much for your friendship.

(Applause)

We are now going to have a special presentation. On June 18th, 2007, the Charleston, South Carolina Fire Department suffered the tragic loss of 9 firefighters in the Sofa Superstore fire. The presentation you're going to see describes the incident that occurred and the lessons that should be taken in how to prevent future tragedies. I would like to introduce J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer, NFFF, IAFC and Peter Piringer, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information Officer for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

Special Program Presentation: *An Examination of the Charleston, South Carolina Sofa Super Store Fire – J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer, NFFF, IAFC; Peter Piringer, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information Officer – Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.*

Mr. Pete Piringer: Good morning. It's good to see everyone here today. I'm here with Chief J. Gordon Routley and I am Peter Piringer. We are going to give you a very brief and quick overview of what we learned. But before we do that I would like to explain how Gordon and I ended up here on the stage today.

Tomorrow a year ago, a fire, one of the worst modern day fires occurred in Charleston, South Carolina and nine Charleston firefighters, known as the Charleston Nine, were killed in the line of duty in the Sofa Superstore fire. After they were memorialized and after a month or so when on, the mayor and the leadership there wanted an outside independent review influenced by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation who had people on the

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ground – as a matter of fact some of those very folks left this conference and went directly to South Carolina. But they made some recommendations and Gordon and I were part of the six chosen to be part of the assessment review team that would assess the Charleston Fire Department and also do an investigation, one of several of the fire that occurred. We were chosen in July and then in the first week of August we found ourselves in Charleston, South Carolina. Gordon was the team leader. He has a wealth of experience in line of duty deaths and has been involved in the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, worked for Tri-data, worked for Phoenix Fire Department, Shreveport Fire Department, and has been involved in line of duty deaths investigative reports for a number of years. Probably one of the leading investigators in the country in this respect. I was selected to help not only as the spokesperson for the group but to help with media relations and advise the Charleston Fire Department in that area. Also to work on life safety education and community outreach and things of that nature.

Tim Simlevac from Savannah, Georgia, Tim is the Past President of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and he has a wealth of experience from Kentucky, Texas and Georgia in training. Mike Caramonte was our code enforcement, fire prevention expert. He is a retired chief from Long Island, NY living in North Carolina now. Bryan Crawford is Assistant to the Chief in Shreveport, LA, worked with Gordon when he was Chief there. Bryan has a wealth of experience in human resources, administration and operations. Then we had Kevin Roach who is an assistant to the Chief in Arizona. His area of expertise is administration, human resources and things of that nature.

We found ourselves in South Carolina not knowing what we were really getting into. And in the year that we were involved we have been involved with two reports that we put out. We have three that we have been contracted to produce. One was a first report on recommendation on the assessment of the department, safety and operations, things of that nature. Phase two was just released several weeks ago. Was more about the investigation and aspects of the fire itself. Phase three which is yet to be release, is about five to ten year strategic command.

There are many things that we could talk about but I think in the interest of time, turn it over to Gordon and we will do a short presentation. Gordon has made this presentation a number of times and most recently when we were in Charleston, the day we released the report, we had several meetings with family members. So we had one report that we presented to them. Actually several different reports that we presented to several different families. Then we presented a report to the fire department with a different perspective on that. And then we released it to the City Council and the media with still a different report there. Gordon has done this a number of times; everywhere from a five to six hour presentation to several hours and I believe this one might be the shortest one that we are being asked to do. So with that being said, I'll turn it over to Chief Gordon Routley.

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Gordon Routley: Thank you and thank you Pete. I want to thank Pete and Chief Tommy Carr from Montgomery County for making Peter available for the best part of nine months to work on the project in Charleston. We had an excellent team that did the work and produced the report. I think the credit needs to go to the whole team.

Could we bring up the PowerPoint please? I am going to try and go through this presentation pretty fast. It is geared to a two hour presentation and we actually did it as a two hour presentation yesterday. So this is going to be the fast run-through version to try and hit the major points.

The fire occurred a year ago tomorrow. The main thing we have to focus on is the loss of nine firefighters. Nine of our brothers lost their lives and as my friend Billy Goldfetter said, "they lost their lives trying to save furniture." I think there is a valuable lesson there in it is worth the lives of nine firefighters to try and save a furniture store?

A picture of the Sofa Superstore is up on the screen. It probably looks like something we all respond to. If we don't have something like this in our first due area we probably do in our 2nd or 3rd due areas running mutual aide. This building started off as a grocery store. You can probably see the outline of the grocery store at the middle of the front of the building. The furniture store took it over in the early nineties. They added a pre-engineered building like a Butler-type of construction to the right of the grocery store to the right which expanded it to about a 30,000 square foot area. Then the year after that, they built a warehouse in the back which is 35 feet high with rack storage of furniture in the back. All of that was done in the nineties. These are slides of the original building. This is a slide of the expanded building with four sections. Two expansions in the front and the warehouse in the back with a little neck connecting the warehouse to the rest of the structure. Each one of those sections was counted as a separate building for code purposes and each building was under the code size for sprinklers. So the whole complete existed without a sprinkler system. Subsequent to that, you can see the yellow sections. Between 1996 and 2005 those sections were added in which were two sections of loading dock and then two workshop areas. All of that was done without permits. Never applied for permits, they never had approval for it. These areas wiped out the provisions for the other expansions without sprinklers. Had they applied for building permits they would have been required to put sprinklers in the whole building. It didn't happen.

We need to focus on the area where everything comes together. You can see where the add on sections effectively tied everything together, so that a fire that started in the loading dock, which is where the fire started, could connect effectively with the main showroom the right showroom and the warehouse. It spread in three directions with nothing to stop it. It could spread from the loading dock into the holding room because there was a wide open garage door at that spot. So it had an 8 x 8 foot opening at that point that the fire

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could spread. That put the fire into an enclosed room at the back of the main showroom. Firefighters walked past it in the early stages of the fire not knowing the fire was extending into that area.

This is what it looked like after the fact. This is looking down at the loading dock. The fire actually started outside the loading dock in the lower right hand corner. This is the area where they put discarded furniture or furniture that did not have salvage value and discarded packing materials. All of that stuff was left outside the loading dock. So fire started in that area. The assumed cause of the fire was smoking materials. That was also the employees smoking area. All of the employees have been interviewed. Several of them smoked but none of them on that particular day. That is the first time I have ever run into that situation.

If you look at the loading dock picture you see the A and the B. The A is what we refer to as the double doorway, which is the set of doors that lead into the west showroom where a lot of the firefighting action took place. The B is that wide open garage door that went into the holding room which allowed the fire to spread into the main showroom.

So code issues, the additions constructed with out permits, no automatic sprinklers were installed, the fire walls that originally divided it up where no longer adequate because of the additions. In addition to being loaded with furniture which is highly combustible, they were also storing flammable liquids. They had a lot of naphtha which they used for cleaning upholstery; they had a lot of spray finish materials like lacquer, lacquer thinners. So they had a sizeable quantity of flammable liquids that were used in the business but not permitted at the time. They piled the trash and debris outside and allowed employees to smoke in that area. Plus they had an exit problem. When the building was originally built as four separate building, each section had to have two exits. As they added sections onto the building several of those exits were blocked up. So they lost three of the eight exits through the addition of construction. Of the remaining five exits, four were locked and obstructed. So there was only one open door in and out of the store which was the main entrance to the store. The store was open at the time the fire occurred.

The last time it was inspected was in 1998. There were a few very routine violations. It was noted that the additional construction had not taken place at that point. So the non-permitted buildings, flammable liquid storage, spray finishes and lock doors were not detected at that time. The city stopped doing regular fire inspections in 1998 as a cost-saving measure. So there had not been any code enforcement inspections since 1998. The fire department did do preplanning but did not include code enforcement. In fact there had been a preplan fire visit a little over a year before the fire occurred and nothing special was noted.

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We'll talk briefly about the fire. The fire was reported at 19:05, in the evening on October 18, 2007. It was first reported by a passer-by who saw the fire back by the loading dock. He actually pulled into the parking lot and went into the store and asked them if they knew the backend of their store was on fire. There were five employees in the store at the time. They were unaware of the fire. He actually made them aware. One of the employees actually went back through the store into the loading dock and discharged two fire extinguishers on the fire where it was trying to come into the inside of the building from the loading dock. He was able to use the first one right up to the door where the fire was attempting to come through the door. After that one was empty he went to get another one and by the time he came back he could not get into the loading dock because there was so much heat and smoke coming into the area at that point, which was right about the time firefighters would have been arriving.

The initial response of the Charleston Fire Department dispatched at 19:07 was 2 engines and a ladder truck. Engine 11 and Battalion 4 are stationed about a mile up the street, so they had a very quick response and could actually see a column of smoke when they pulled out of the station. They came out onto Savannah Highway and made a left turn and the Battalion Chief actually reported heavy smoke showing within seconds after the dispatch was given. So there were two engines and ladder staffed with three people on each company. Policy in Charleston was they were assigned four per company but if anybody was off they ran with three. So almost all companies responding to this fire were manned with three. Car 2 was the Shift Commander, happened to be having dinner at Station 11, so as soon as the Battalion Chief pulled out and said smoke showing, so he got in his car and he was actually the second one on the scene.

Engine 11 was the first due engine and went to the rear. Let me see if I can bring up the map. If you can see the red spot, it is not very prominent on this slide but that is where the fire was. Battalion 4 went down the west side of the building and reported a trash fire on the outside. Engine 11 got the report that the fire was at the rear, so they went to the street behind the complex and then they had to go all the way around the block to get to the fire. So Engine 10 which was the second due engine actually beat them in. And that of course threw all the plans for a loop having the second engine get in first and the first due in second. The Shift Commander immediately went inside the store to check for extension inside the store. Because the Battalion Chief said he thought that there might be fire getting into the building.

Engine 10 came in first and backed down the driveway on the west side directed by the Chief. At that point the Chief called for Engine 16, the next due engine to respond at 19:12, like a minute after the first units were on the scene. Engine 10 got into position and pulled a booster line and started attacking the fire on the outside of the building while a firefighter pulled an inch and a half and advanced it into the loading dock through the doorway right

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next to the point of origin. They said when they got inside there was a pretty significant fire burning inside the loading dock.

The next engine came in, Engine 11, positioned to lay a line to Engine 10. Their SOPs states first engine laid a line and second engine lays a supply line. The ladder pulled in at that point and they pulled up near the front door of the building. The Captain from Engine 11 went inside the showroom with the Assistant Chief to check for extension into the building. The Assistant Chief at that point calls for Engine 12, a second additional Engine Company. Again they are already 2 or 3 minutes into the incident. The Assistant Chief and the Captain from 11 walked through the store with 2 of the store employees to where the green arrow (on slide) is or the double doors. They said they walked through the store and you could have shopped for furniture there was no heat or indication of anything inside the store. They got back to those doors and there was just a little bit of smoke above the doors as if someone was smoking a cigar on the other side. The Assistant Chief opened the doors and as soon as he opened it, the draft from the store and they said the loading dock was involved in heavy fire to the right of the opening. So at barely two and half minutes on the scene the Chief calls for an extra engine company and the Captain is calling for a line inside of the building. So now he calls for Engine 15 which is the third addition engine company. Ladder 5 is just pulling up at that point. The crew got off the rig and they heard the call for the line inside. They also heard the other engines being called. So the Captain of Ladder 5 told the Engineer of Engine 11 to back it up towards the front door of the building. They were going to take an inch and a half from Engine 11 into the building and use Engine 11 as an attack engine. They started pulling inch and a half into the building. Captain 11 and a firefighter from that unit helped pull that line. It was a 250' preconnect.

As they got it back into the building they realized they did not have enough hose with 250'. So the Captain went out and disconnected the preconnect line, took the nozzle off the other preconnect and put the two of them together and made a 500' preconnected line.

At 19:14 Engine 11 was called for so now we have four extra engines coming on the call. At 19:15 they start getting the calls to charge the line and they had trouble charging the 500' line because the Engineer who was driving Engine 11 was his first fire as an Engineer and he was unfamiliar with the apparatus and had trouble getting it into pump gear. So there was a delay of about 2 minutes getting the lines charged. It was about 17:18 or 17:19 getting that line charge. When it was charged it was taken in the doorway by the crew of Ladder 5. Now we have two 1½" lines going into the loading dock area. We have twenty-two hundred square feet of loading dock loaded with furniture. So a calculated fire-flow comes out at around 700 gallons a minute. They were attacking with two 60 gpm 1½" from the diagonally opposite corners of the loading dock into the same space.

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So this is the situation at 19:17 with the two lines operating into the loading dock. The fire, we are pretty sure, has extended into the holding room; so we got fire extension they are unaware of into the main part of the store where they are taking the lines through the double doors.

At about 19:19 the line from Engine 10, the firefighter and the captain were forced to retreat because the fire was getting too bad for them inside. In fact they managed to escape because the fire burned through the hose line they were using between them and their exit and it created enough water in the air that they were able to escape under the water spray to get outside. When they came out their turnout gear was damaged by the heat. They changed the length of the line and tried to go back in. The fire chief had arrived by that time and told them to hold at the doorway and not to try to go back inside the loading dock with that line.

Engine 16 got on the scene right within that same time period. The direction for 16 was to take a 2½" in. Everyone in the Charleston Fire Department said when they heard the Chief tell 16 to bring a 2½" into the building they knew it must be a big fire because it was apparently very rare to take a 2½" into a fire. So 16 starts pulling 2½" in following the same path that the 1½" took through the front door. The Engineer from 16 was set to go inside the building to be the third person on the line when he met the Engineer from 11 that he was still on tank water. So they decided they needed to lay a supply line, so the Engineer from 16 went back to lay a supply line from Engine 11. The way they were configured in Charleston they had a single bed of 2½" hose on the rig, so he is laying a single 2½". Engine 12 also arrived at about the same time and were assigned to lay a line to Engine 10. So while 16 is laying a line going east, 12 laid a line going west to supply Engine 10. They got to a hydrant about 800' away and at 19:20 they started feeding the supply line to engine 10. The supply line feeding Engine 11 was not charged for about 10 ½ minutes because the hydrant they were laying to had been removed and the Engineer thought there was just around the next corner to the left. He got there; the hydrant had been removed apparently because trucks kept running over it. He ended up having to lay a line to the next hydrant that was available. He ran out of hose before he got to that hydrant, so he pulled the rig up to the hydrant and hooked it up. He had two rolled links of 3" in the compartment which he unrolled and coupled them together and coupled that up to where he had run out of hose length and made up the line that line ended up being 1,750' of 2½" hose and a hundred feet of 3" hose as the supply line leading from Engine 16 to Engine 11. That line was not charged until about 19:26.

The Fire Chief got on the scene about 19:16 and by virtue of his rank took command of the fire. He never declared he was the commander or went through any transition or transfer of command process. He spoke very briefly to the Assistant Chief and then the Fire Chief took a position in front of the loading dock which would be the "D" side of the building.

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At that point Engine 15 is just arriving and parks their rig in front of the building and the crew goes inside. At 19:19, the Captain from 16 is calling for the 2½" line to be charged. They've got the line back inside and they're ready for water and but the Engineer in front does not have a charged supply line yet, so he can't charge that line. 15 gets inside and by the time they are going inside there is smoke inside the furniture store, they sent a firefighter back outside to get a line and he comes back in with a booster line from Engine 11 – the only line left to pull. When he came back inside he could not find the other crew members. So he is by himself with a booster line in the middle of the store and it is also his fire day on the job.

Engine 19 is next to arrive and they park their rig on the street and enter through the front door and follow the lines into the building. Engine 6 is the next company to arrive and they also park their rig on the street and the personnel follow the lines into the front of the building. So at this point we have a total of 16 firefighters who have gone through the front door into the showrooms. Space wise that would be about the size of this auditorium which is full of furniture with nine foot high ceilings and full of smoke to the floor and the only way they could find their way around was to follow the hose lines – you could not see more than a foot or two inside the building.

During this same period the fire extended into the warehouse. Two additional 2½" lines were pulled off of Engine 10 to attach the fire in the warehouse. They attempted to make forcible entry into the warehouse and could not get inside and they ended up operating the additional 2½" lines from outside the warehouse in that space.

Situation status that I mentioned – 16 firefighters had gone in, they've got one 1½" flowing and they are still waiting water in the 2½", you've got a firefighter with a booster line in the middle of the furniture store who says it is getting hot and he soon afterwards has that line in operation shooting at fire up around the ceiling. The temperature was increasing, the fire has extended into the void space overhead and of course there is no ventilation because as you notice, no one has gone to the roof.

This is a picture taken at 19:23 (shown on the screens in convention hall) and you can see from this picture that fire has extended into the void space overhead. So those 16 firefighters who are inside are inside the furniture store with that fire up over their heads in the void space.

Between 19:27 and 19:34 on the radio tape we start hearing the distress messages from firefighters who are inside. They are lost, disoriented, obvious signs of firefighters in trouble. Some of the surviving firefighter said they were bumping into each other; other firefighters were out of air and in great distress but no one was hearing that radio traffic outside. It was several minutes before anyone was aware of what was going on inside.

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This is a picture of outside at 19:31. One of the things noticeable is that there is hardly anybody outside – everybody is inside.

This is at 19:34, at this point the Assistant Chief and the second Battalion Chief are back at the front door with an Engine crew from St. Andrews which is the adjoining fire district, they are just getting ready to go inside at 19:34 because they have just become aware of the radio traffic of firefighters in distress inside the building.

This is 19:35; this is the crew from Engine 6 and the Engineer from Engine 15 coming out. They were the last firefighters to make it out of the building on their own at 19:35. The Fire Chief is on the right side of the picture. He has just come around from the loading dock area to the front of the building. One of his first orders was to break the windows to provide ventilation. This picture shows two firefighters from St. Andrews breaking the windows. We could probably have a 30 minute conversation on whether that was the right thing to do or the wrong thing to do. For the purposes of today's' brief discussion, let's say that just what happened.

At 19:36 this picture shows the windows have just been broken and the crew is assembling trying to go inside and search for the missing firefighters inside. 19:37 the direction of the draft has changed and instead of the air going in, we now have smoke coming out. Still at 19:37 and this is what it looked like at 19:38 (shows slide with fire blowing out of the front of the building.) By 19:38 all hope of rescuing any of the missing firefighters, and of course they didn't know at that time how many were missing, but all hope evaporated pretty rapidly at that point. And you probably saw the pictures on the news if you can remember back. Most of the pictures showed the building fully involved.

So the conclusions and lessons learned. We did a very extensive analysis and produced a report that is about 250 pages. If you really want to get into the details the report is available and can be downloaded. But obviously this fire could have been prevented by code enforcement and proper fire prevention. So that is half of the answer.

The other half is the way the fire was fought. Obviously the fire department had tried to conduct an interior fire attack and use offensive strategy to attack a fire that was just too big for them and was 200' feet back inside the building. So when it didn't work, the firefighters were too deep inside the building to be able to get out quickly and easily. So side D switched to defensive strategy but Side A remained in an offensive mode until it was too late for the firefighters to get out.

Several factors about incident command, there was no assumption of command, no systematic size-up, no one was in a commander position to oversee the whole incident,

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no overall strategy, no accountability, communications process was screwed up – is a nice way of putting it. The risk assessment, obviously this changed from a initially it was a medium risk situation with a marginal probability of success to when it extended into the void spaces it became a high risk situation with a low probability of success which obviously calls for a change from offensive to defensive strategy and that did not happen.

In air management we figured out that most of the firefighters inside the building were running out of air, just based on the time they were inside by the time things went bad. Part of the lesson there is the low pressure alarm on the SCBA does not give you enough time to get out if you are 200' back inside a building and don't have a direct path to the outside. So that definitely is a point in the air management program which is to manage your air time so that you can get out of a building BEFORE your low pressure alarm goes off. Another thing that we found in Charleston and we corrected pretty quickly is that they did not recharge air cylinders as long as they had 1500psi in them. So we had people going into the building with a portion of the supply expended before they even started.

There was no truck work done on this fire at all. That's pretty obvious with no ventilation, no vertical ventilation, no horizontal ventilation, nobody opening walls and ceilings. I think most Maryland firefighters know the essential value of truck work. The culture of that department was that they just didn't do it.

We found they did not comply with OSHA requirements, they did not comply with NFPA standards, and they did not comply with modern fire service expectations. The predominant factor was the failure to manage the incident according to accepted practices. In retrospect, their answer was we don't follow those practices because they don't apply to us. I think it is clear that after something like this happened; people have come along and measured you against those standards whether you think they apply to you or not before the fact.

So we came to the conclusion overall that the Charleston Fire Department was inadequately staffed, inadequately trained, and organizationally unprepared. They attempted to compensate with dangerously aggressive, uncoordinated firefighting operations using a default offensive strategy in a situation that called for defensive strategy.

So I've gone through it very quickly. I think those were the key points but there is obviously a lot more to it. So if you are interested, the report is available and we'll be doing longer presentation of a longer format but today I would really like to ask you to focus on nine firefighters that lost their lives. If we can roll that video segment that is ready to go. I would like to take a minute of silence and remember nine firefighter who lost their lives a year ago tomorrow. While we are setting up for a parade tomorrow, they will be holding a memorial service in Charleston for the brothers who were lost. Video shown on the nine firefighters.

Thank you very much.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Gordon and Pete, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I would like to thank you for taking the time to come here and make this presentation to us. I now have a resolution for each one of you as well as our convention bag with some tokens of our appreciation. Again, thank you both very much for taking the time to be here.

At this time the Chair recognizes Acting Secretary Philip Hurlock and if I could get 2nd Vice President Roger Powell out here.

Acting Secretary Philip Hurlock: Officers, members and guests to the 116th Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, during the past year the Maryland State Firemen's Association had two departments that submitted applications to become members or association members of this great organization. We would like to acknowledge those individuals and have those individuals in attendance come up here on the stage this morning to accept membership into the MSFA.

The first department I'd like to call to accept membership, as an Associate Member is the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company of Fawn Grove, PA. If we could have the officers and members in attendance come up here and accept our congratulations. Congratulations and welcome to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The members are congratulated by President Sterling and 2nd Vice President Powell and presented with a resolution.

Applause

The next application we received was from the Lloyds Volunteer Fire Company in Dorchester County. I would like to recognize them on becoming an Active Member of this Association. If we could have the officers and members of that department come forward please.

The members are congratulated by President Sterling and 2nd Vice President Powell and presented with a resolution.

Applause

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President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Okay, at this time we have another special presentation we're going to make. We're very honored to be able to do this morning. As some of you may know, one of our member companies, the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, is celebrating their 200th Anniversary this year. They have had a number of activities going on throughout the year and there is more going on in honor and celebration of this great achievement. If I could have Chief Drew Jenson and Vice President Tim Knotts come on stage, we have a presentation to make to them on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Certainly Easton obviously with their 200 years of existence has a long tradition of service not only to the town of Easton but also to the whole state and certainly to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Chief and Mr. Vice President, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we want to present this plaque to you with our thanks and appreciation for all that you have done and in honor of your 200th Anniversary.

Vice President Powell presents them with the plaque.

Applause

And we have another presentation here we've been asked to present to you. This is a picture of one of your original engines and we'd like to present this to you also as a token. President Sterling presents them with the picture.

Applause

Chief Drew Jenson: On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, we want to say thank you to the MSFA for all their support, especially this year. Special thanks to Mr. Sterling and Mr. Hurlock; who came down for a number of our events but especially our parade. We really appreciate all the work of the Maryland State Firemen's Association this past year and their support for our Bi-Centennial. And on behalf of our Officers and Members, I'd like to say thank you for the recognition. Thank you very much.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Okay, at this time we'll move into Officer Reports. We'll start with the Chairman of the Executive Committee, James P. Seavey, Sr.

Executive Committee Chair James P. Seavey, Sr.: President Sterling, officers, and members to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I would like to present a condensed

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version of the Annual Report which was included in your Convention Packet for the Executive Committee 2007-2008 convention year.

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

Your Executive Committee was extremely active during the past 12 months. We acted decisively on a number of controversial and difficult issues. However, I am pleased to state that when the meetings were adjourned, each and every vote was cast, was done so with the best interest of this great organization and the benefit of you, the membership.

Each county should be very proud of their representatives this past year. As for new members, we welcomed aboard Ralph Thompson from Talbot-Dorchester, Herman "Buddy" Schweers from Cecil-Harford, Dale Fishack from Frederick-Washington, and certainly Bobby Balta as the Past President.

During the past year we initiated something new for the Executive Committee – teleconferences as a means of discussing issues of an emergent nature that were time critical. These teleconferences proved beneficial in resolving some very key issues facing the leadership of the MSFA.

Also addressed during the year was the need to have a new lithograph generated for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The Association will remain a partner with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and give out the lithographs to survivors at the weekend ceremony.

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

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One of the recommendations acted on immediately was to eliminate the MSFA vehicle assigned to the office of the Secretary. This was done at the April meeting to the highest bidder. Further, the committee opted not to purchase a new vehicle in 2008 and to keep the remaining three autos.

Also approved was a President's Vehicle Use Policy as presented by the President's Vehicle Committee for all future users of these vehicles. It is an operational policy governing the use of the vehicle and instructions regarding the maintenance of same.

The Executive Committee opted to eliminate the reception at the Congressional Fire Services Dinner. That cut \$7,000 out of our budget.

Certainly the Association has benefited greatly over the past several decades for the services provided by Secretary Leonard King, serving also as the chairman of the Convention Committee. With this in mind, at our April meeting the Executive Committee voted unanimously to confer upon Leonard King the titles of Secretary Emeritus and Convention Chair Emeritus of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Also at the April meeting the Training Committee presented new guidelines to assist member departments with the NFPA 1403 compliance during live acquired structural training. These we reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee to be published for your use.

Also at the April meeting Risk Management Chair Chip Jewell offered that all volunteer personnel in the state should have on file at their station a designation of beneficiary forms for use in case of a line-of-duty death.

I was quite saddened, but at the same time humbled, to have the honor to deliver the eulogy for my dear friend, Jack Gouty of Jessup at his Memorial Service on March 8th. His loss was very palpable and also a loss to this organization.

Another major advance from your Executive Committee was the issuance of laptop computers to all members of the committee for their use at the Executive Committee meeting and also in between.

In the coming year there are several initiatives that were started that we believe should be pursued. The submission of reports to the Executive Committee within a timeframe that allows for proper review before the next meeting is of great value and should be continued. The continuation of the reformation of finances is essential to the future of this

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association. However, we must temper that with the needs to provide adequate services to the membership. The use of information technology for committee and meetings should be expanded and used to the fullest. The MSFA has made great progress but must make the next leap forward to the efficient use of this technology.

Finally, the implementation of an Executive Director is past due. When one looks at the workload that faces this organization, just in the past year, it is obvious that the move is not only prudent, it is critical as the Governor stated yesterday.

The dedicated work and tireless efforts to the behind the scenes folks, such as Bill and Elaine Huttenloch and members of the Public Address Committee, along with Jackie Olson, Ronnie Watkins and countless others, in setting up our quarterly meetings was beyond description and I offer my heartfelt thanks.

Lastly, to Paul Sterling, our President, thanks for allowing me the honor of serving the membership in this capacity – I humbly thank you. If I was able to be at least half the chair you hoped for, then I can pass on the gavel to my dear friend and mentor, Craig Moe with my head held high. Thank you all very much.

Applause

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Ladies and gentlemen, my report appears on page 27 of the Convention Book. It is a very detailed report and I refer you to that. Included in that report is the recommendations for the incoming President for the coming year as far as projects we've started. Thank you for your continued support. I'll be available the rest of the day if you have any questions on that report.

The Program Chair just advised me that 1st Vice President Underwood, I don't think he is in the house right now, but his report also appears in the Convention Book and you may refer to that.

I now call on 2nd Vice President Roger Powell for his report.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, Delegates, Clergy my report is on page 41. Obviously it is not as long. I would like to do at this time is publicly acknowledge President Sterling and 1st Vice President Underwood for their support and guidance for what they have taught me this past year to enable me to go forward into the position of 1st Vice President and to better serve the Association. My report is on page 41. Thank you all very much.

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Now I will call upon Acting Secretary Phil Hurlock and Secretary Emeritus Leonard King for their report.

Acting Secretary Phil Hurlock: Officers, members and guests to the 116th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association report of the Secretary and Acting Secretary report is on page 45 and 47 of the Convention Book. I would like to acknowledge the service and dedication that Leonard King has provided to this Association. And the dedication he has provided to me and for accepting to allow me to continue on in the capacity of Acting Secretary for the last several months. It has been an honor and a privilege to take on that responsibility. I hope that I have fulfilled that obligation to best of my ability for the Association to accomplish the tasks that needed to be done. But I would like to personally thank Leonard for all the assistance and for having the confidence to allow me to do that. I acknowledge you and thank you very much sir.

Applause

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Now we will have the report of the Financial Secretary and Past President Fred Cross.

Financial Secretary George "Fred" Cross: Good morning. My report is on page 49. I just like to thank Chris Hyzer, my assistant for the work she has done with me this year. And thank everybody for the support they gave me over the past year. We did have some trying times and we got through them without too much of a problem. We do have two companies that as of now have not paid their dues. One is in Somerset County which is Ewell and the other is Worcester which is Pocomoke City EMS. So if anybody knows what they are doing please contact me and we will try and get it straighten out. Thank you very much and enjoy the rest of the convention.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Now I'll call upon Treasurer Ron Siarnicki for his report.

Treasurer Ron Siarnicki: Good morning to all of you. It is a pleasure to be here with all of you and bring greetings from the financial team to the Association. I would like to start first by thanking my assistants this year. Past President Bobby Jacobs, and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Aaron for helping me work through the financial matters that we have been dealing with as the Association's business was being taken care of. In addition the rest of the financial team, Financial Secretary Fred Cross; his assistant, Chris Hyzer; Budget Chair, Steve Kesner; and the Financial Review Committee which is chaired by Joe Robison, Past President.

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I would like to report that all the financial reports for the Maryland State Firemen's Association have been filed in a timely manner which includes our 990 to the IRS, our Personal Property return to the state of Maryland, and our annual Financial Review which is done by the outside accounting firm of Ficon & Associates has been completed. A full report of the Treasurer's Office is on page 49 of the Program Book.

Yesterday I had the opportunity to make some rounds to talk about the need for the dues increase. I know we have been being pretty straight forward about that. I think you have probably heard, if you attended the Executive Committee meetings, the Association has to take some significant steps to curtail our spending and to increase revenue. There were 11 major points that the Executive Committee made recommendations at the beginning of this year and we have probably accomplished at least half of them already. Some of them include bidding; some include doing away with some of the vehicles, and reducing our annual expenditure. So that's underway and will continue. I hope each of you has considered that as you voted this morning on the dues increase.

I would also just like to say that the financial reports of the Treasurer Office are located on the website; we are posting all of them. So if anyone has a question about the finances of our Association, it truly is an open book. If there are any questions from anyone, that is great. If not, I want to thank you for your support, thanks for the support of the officers and President Sterling this past year. And fortunately for me it is a two year term as you well know with the By-Law change last year, so I am not running this year and we'll have to deal with that next convention. Thank you very much.

Applause

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Now we'll have the report of Chief Chaplain John Long, Jr.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning. It is with sad note that I inform you that this morning Sussex County, Delaware ambulance was involved in a rollover that resulted in the death of the attendant and the patient. Please keep them in your prayers.

My report can be found on page 51 of the Convention Book. But since submitting that report I have become aware of a movie that was produced and will be coming out this fall. It was produced by the same church that produced Facing the Giant, Sherwood Baptist Church of Albany, GA. It may be out of the ordinary for the Chaplain's corp to be promoting the movie but after reading the reviews of the special preview, I felt that this movie would be a tool that we could use to strengthen our families and our relationships across the fire service. At this time I would like to show you the trailer. (Trailer shown on screen.)

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: We'll now have the report of the National Volunteer Fire Council by our delegate, Jim Seavey.

National Vol. Fire Council Update by Delegate Jim Seavey: Good morning. It is an honor and a privilege to report briefly for both the team of S& S Sachs and Seavey. Lee Sachs, Past President and myself represent you at the National Volunteer Fire Council this past year. He is the Director and I'm the alternative for the state of Maryland. Just several things of note.

First and foremost, the National Volunteer Fire Council has relocated from Washington, D.C. to Greenbelt, MD. So we now actually have the headquarters right in our own front yard, which allows us for even better access to the corporate offices and to the leadership of the organization. Lee and I have already paid numerous visits to that office and there is actually an operating office set aside for the directors of the organization at the Greenbelt office that we are free to use whenever we feel the need.

Secondly, we have been very actively working with the National Volunteer Fire Council Government Affairs Team with a finger on Capitol Hill with the Public Safety Officers Benefits Program and other legislation that is of benefit to the volunteer fire/rescue service to support the NVFC with testimony and with contact to the various legislators in regard to those bills.

Lastly, at both the fall and spring meetings of the organization, Lee and I were active on a number of motions and issues that are of interest to not only volunteers in Maryland, but across the country. And we continue to make sure that Maryland is one of the loudest voices in that organization – keeping up with the promise that when we said we were going to go back into the NVFC, we were going to make damn sure they knew we were home. So that is the report and I thank you for your time.

Applause

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: We will now have the report of the Legislative Committee by Past President C. Daniel Davis.

Legislative Committee Chair C. Daniel Davis: Thank you Mr. Vice President. Would Doug Alexander and Joe Robison please come forward also? They are my two vice chairmen. Also joining me today is President of Harford Cecil Firemen's Association Hoby Howell and Vice President Austin Amos. I am sorry to say that this year's recipient of the Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislator of the Year Award is not with us. According

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to his two appointment secretaries, he was supposed to have been here on Saturday, Sunday, yesterday and today too. So I'm not sure if he is sick or what but we'll find out. This particular individual is a very true friend to the fire service. His doors in Annapolis are always open. In fact this past year I believe between the Treasurer, the President, myself and a couple of other members, we probably spent more time in his office than he did. I won't keep us long because I know we are running late. So this year's award goes to Norman H. Conway. I believe this is Norman's third award and we will see that he receives it at an appropriate time. Thank you for your time.

Report of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission by Vice Chair Lynn D. Gilroy: President Sterling, Vice Presidents Underwood and Powell, Delegates, Alternates and guests. On behalf of the Secretary of Higher Education, James Lyons, Sr., Chairman Michael Clements and all of the Commission members I bring you greetings.

Over the last year the commission has held numerous meetings that continued to include the discussion on use of acquired structures for live burn training. We have appreciated the participation by the MSFA officers in this discussion.

We want to recognize the MSFA Training Committee for its preparation of "Live Fire Training Guidelines" that is included in your material that was distributed with your registration. Even though we have not adopted a standard or regulation at the commission level by the mere discussion of this topic it continues to reflect a need to conduct live fire training both at a acquired structure and at academies at the highest level of safety possible

Also included in your distribution packets is the **required** Annual Report of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission.

We want to welcome new members to the Commission which include: John Butler, EMS Section Chief, Howard County Fire & Rescue and David Stokes, Chief, Anne Arundel County Fire Department. We look forward to working with the new officer of the MSFA in the coming year and wish you a successful convention.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: We will now have the report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Trust Fund by Chair Joe Robison.

Volunteer Company Assistance Trust Fund Chair Joe Robison: Thank you Roger. The Volunteer Company Assistance Trust Fund report is on page 135. Since 1982, between the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the Emergency Trust Fund Group, we have provided to the members of this Association \$8½ million worth of grants. We have provided to our fellow members, \$16 million of loans. That is a total of \$24½ million

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that has gone through this Association, all had to be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Public Works in Annapolis. This year has been a very trying year for the committee and also for the officers of our Association, especially President Paul Sterling and his assistance in Annapolis to try and square away some of our problems with the financing of the state funds. Ron Siarnicki and his outstanding efforts to comply with some of the additional requirements of the reporting that has gone on in the last year. They have really done an outstanding job and I would like to thank Dan Stevens, who is the Vice Chairman and is stepping down this year to take another position as required by our by-laws. I want to thank him for his service to the board and also, especially while he was the secretary for four years. And Pat Bowser, our present Secretary, I look forward to working with her and the committee in the coming year. And Pat has a really extended responsibility of report to the legislature and the management in budget as required by law. Thank you very much. If anyone has a request for funds, either grants or loans, you should go through your local coordinator, their in all your books, or if not give me a call. Thank you very much.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: We'll next have the report of the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board by Joe Weisgerber.

Report of the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board by Joseph A. Weisgerber, Chair: Good morning. It is my pleasure to give the report for the Board. The complete report is found in the Program Book on page 105. I would like to start by touching on a few of the highlights in the report. The first one is the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board is about to complete its 28th year of operation. I have had the pleasure of being on the Board for the full 28 years. During those 28 years, the Board has had excellent attendance and participation not only from member organizations, but also from the sponsoring agencies that nurture and support the state emergency services instructors through the certification process. They have all acted in a positive and professional manner. The Board would also like to recognize the University System of Maryland; and especially Director Steven T. Edward and the staff at the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, whose strong support is an invaluable asset to the Board. In April Of 2008, the MICRB held its 135th meeting. As of that meeting, there were 678 Certified State Emergency Services Instructors, 256 Evaluators, and 22 Instructor Trainers. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Ocean City Convention Center, in conjunction with the MSFA Convention.

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

- The Board spent a significant portion of the past year reviewing the Certification Standards for Emergency Services Instructors to determine if any revisions are necessary. Input was solicited from instructors, sponsoring agencies, and others.

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The revised Standards were approved by the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and became effective in October 2007.

Although available on line via the MICRB's website, the Board has agreed to print a limited number of hard copies for distribution to the sponsoring agencies.

- Work continues on refinement of the MICRB website. One may access a current list of certified State Emergency Services Instructors, Evaluators, and Instructor Trainers, as well as upcoming meeting information, Board membership, a copy of the Standards, and a list of currently approved professional development opportunities. This list is updated as new programs are approved. The Board considers its website a valuable resource for both Instructors and Sponsors.

- Considerable energy has been focused on educating the instructors and their sponsoring agencies on the continuing education requirements as outlined in the Standards. The Board continues to address the development of a policy, which will clearly outline the criteria for professional development programs. Criteria for Continuing Education Programs was developed and finalized, and is being disseminated to both Instructors and their Sponsoring Agencies. A significant effort has been made by all jurisdictions to provide ample professional development opportunities for instructors, and throughout the year several new PDI opportunities have been approved. MFRI's on-line PDI program continues to provide instructors with an alternative to traditional classroom and lecture-based PDI.

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

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: If we can have a member of Citizens Fire Company of Fawn Grove please come back stage and pick up your membership certificate. We will now have the report of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board by Chief Mike Robinson.

Report of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board by Chief Mike Robinson: Good morning. On behalf of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board I bring you greetings and I am pleased to present our annual report. As I present the report, I ask all delegates and alternates of the Board to please make your way up to the stage to be recognized.

The Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board is now in its 22 year of operation. The Board was founded in 1986 by the major fire service organizations of Maryland, 23

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counties, the City of Baltimore and was created as a result of a study done by the Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training Commission back in the early 1980s. That study identified the need for a statewide certification system and I am proud to say some 22 years later the system is active and the system is strong. We have certified a total of 88,150 fire service personnel from across Maryland in 20 plus levels of primarily the National Fire Protection Agency's standards. We have distinguished ourselves by being accredited both by the National Board of Fire Service Personnel Qualifications and by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. In the next two week IFSAC (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) will be coming to Maryland to present and go through an analysis, which will be our five year reaccreditation. We hope as a result that to add a number of levels to IFSAC certification. All of this would not be possible if it were not for the efforts many people across Maryland – both career and volunteer.

In addition to myself as the chair, we currently have Keith Fairfax from Bay District serving as our Vice Chair; we have Division Chief Gary Warren of BWI as our Secretary; along with Mr. Ted Porter of the Higher Education Commission as our Executive Secretary; Russ Strickland of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute as our Treasurer. Together with our representatives and alternates we operate the Certification Board and we maintain it as a non-profit organization. We invited everyone to stop by our booth which is co-located with the MFRI booth downstairs. Feel free to get a transcript or if you have never been certified at any level, you can obtain on-site certification for a nominal fee.

Finally I would like to thank Director Steve Edwards of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute for providing us our daily info structure, with personnel to operate the Board through the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. The include most notably, Larry Preston – Certification Manager for MFRI; Mrs. Evelyn Graf, who works in our certification office along with Bob Rose who serves as our Certification Coordinator. I would also like to acknowledge by boss, Chief John Homan of the Baltimore County Fire Department, who allows me to serve in this position and allows me to travel around the state and serve the Board and its interests. And finally I would like to thank the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the close working relationship they have had with this organization since our beginning 22 years ago. And in recognition of that, I have presentation for President Paul Sterling along with a copy of our annual report. So at this time I would like to call upon President Sterling. (Presentation made to President Sterling.)

Applause

I presented Paul with a chair that we are giving out to all our delegate this year. Paul may have some time on his hands and have the opportunity to sit down. Thank you.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Mike. Next will be the report from Chip Broadwater representing the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Report of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources by Chip Broadwater for Monte R. Mitchell, State Fire Supervisor: President Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests. I bring you greetings on behalf of the State Fire Supervisor Monte Mitchell who regrets he could not be in attendance to deliver this report in person. He is currently in New York at the Northeast Forest Fire Supervisors annual meeting.

During 2007 the Agency responded to 622 wildfires that burned 5,102 acres. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning – 24%, Equipment – 22%, and Arson – 21%. Wildfire occurrence saw the normal response peaks in the spring and fall but also last July brought drought conditions to the state with an unusually high spike in wildfire activity for that month with 117 responses, making July the highest occurrence month for the year. The forest Service also conducted 32 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 652 acres throughout the state. Assistance was also proved nationally with the dispatch of four twenty-person fire crews on wildfires in California, Idaho, Nevada, and Montana. Additionally one Type 6 Engine (Brush Truck) assisted in Georgia and 21 single resource overhead fire personnel assisted to wildfire assignments throughout the Western US. So far in 2008, the agency has responded to 316 incidents that burned 2,085 acres. Preparation is underway for dispatch of resources to again provide wildfire assistance to other states, as needed this summer.

The 2007 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 33 volunteer fire departments in seven counties receiving \$80,787 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$177,550 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Project included equipping of brush units, wild land protective equipment, upgrades to communications equipment, and other small tool purchases such as chain saws and fire hose. The 2008 VFA grant application period is currently open. Applications may be downloaded from either the Maryland Forest Service or MSFA websites. Total funding available for 50/50-match grant distribution this year will be \$87,000. A department may submit one VFA grant application for a maximum grant award of \$3,000 (\$6,000 in qualifying expenses). Funds will be distributed through this grant application. Application deadline is June 25th.

The Forest Service also completed equipment upgrades in 2007 with the replacement of three Type 6 Engines (Brush Trucks), one each in western, southern, and eastern regions of the state. The Agency also acquired three Type 4 Engines. The Heavy Brush units are 2008 International 7400 Extended Cab trucks with a 1000 gallon CET skid units with

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a Class A foam system and Church Creek. One John Deere 450J Tractor Plow unit was also replaced and stationed at Church Creek. The new unit is the first environmental cab Tractor Plow in the fleet. This will greatly increase the protection and safety of the operator on wildfire incidents.

The Dry Hydrant hazard mitigation grant project has been completed. From 2003-2007 grants were provided to volunteer fire departments that completed the installation of 114 new dry hydrants statewide. The mapping project of these sites along with other known existing dry hydrants was completed in May 2008 and an atlas published showing the locations of 419 dry hydrants. The publication is available at the Forest Service display table on the convention floor.

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

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: We have a bag full of goodies and souvenirs for you and we appreciate the partnership and thank you very much. Next we will have the report of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems by Dr. Robert Bass.

Report of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems by Dr. Robert Bass, Director: Good morning. Thank you for inviting us to address your convention. President Paul Sterling, we thank you for your support and strong leadership during the past year. This past year has been a challenging one, and you, along with MFRI Director Steve Edwards, John Spearman of the Shock Trauma Center, and Major McAndrews of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command, have been great partners. We look forward to working with incoming President Frank Underwood and your MSFA Officers. While it is difficult to single out but a few of your members, I would be remiss if I did not thank EMS Board member Gene Worthington, Phil Hurlock, a past Board member and current MIEMSS employee, past Board member Richard Yinger, Charlie Wills, Robert Jacobs, Charlie Simpson, Danny David, Roger Powell and Lee Sachs for their efforts and support of MIEMSS over the past years.

I would like to update the assembly on some of MIEMSS activities and progress over the past year:

- MIEMSS Communications division continues to lead in the design, implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Public Safety Microwave System. During the past year, The Communications Department has deployed over seventeen microwave systems across the state and is in the process of deploying 24 additional hops. MIEMSS has

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also evaluated and purchased the next generation microwave monitoring system, which will deploy in July of 2008.

- MIEMSS continues to work closely with our partner agencies in the development of the RFP for the statewide 700 MHz radio system.
- During the past year, MIEMSS Communications relocated Frederick County into the Region 5 EMRC radio system and Region 1 EMRC into the new Allegany County Communications Center.
- MIEMSS is acquiring and deploying narrowband-capable base stations in preparation for the 2013 narrow banding mandate. To date Regions 1, 3 and 5 are narrowband-ready and we are now targeting the lower Eastern Shore.

In our Division of Health Facilities and Special Programs:

- Thirty-one hospitals have been designated as primary stroke centers across the state. Four more hospitals are expected to apply. Staff has developed an abstract that demonstrates the increased numbers and percentages of eligible acute stroke patients receiving thrombolytics.
- One hospital, Union Memorial, applied for designation as a Hand and Upper Extremity Center. The Curtis Hand Center's review is scheduled for the fall.

Reverifications and designations of Trauma Centers and Perinatal Centers are continuing as scheduled.

- Over the past year, the EMS Board adopted optional supplemental protocols for Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities and drafted regulations for the designation of these facilities.
- MIEMSS is finalizing standards for designation of Acute Cardiac Intervention Centers and expect that this process will be implemented during the coming year.
- MIEMSS continues to monitor alert activity and report to the hospitals as necessary. MIEMSS also monitors EMS return-to-service times. We will continue to work through various venues to address concerns in this area and we are getting positive indications in a number of areas and are receiving some positive indications of improvement.

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In the Information Technology area, I am pleased to report that MIEMSS has unveiled a new website allowing easier access and navigation. The website provides:

- Targeted areas for quick searches with program and departmental links.
- An "Essential Update" button for communicating quick, important updates or issues.
- A Hospital, Policy and Public Information section located on the primary website page and
- A "What's New" section within Maryland EMS and National EMS links.
- In the near future, we will create an eCommerce environment on the web for our sale items and registration and license fees.

In an effort to provide better reporting, CHATS has been updated to a new product that:

- Provides real time reporting.
- Refreshes data every minute on the hour and
- Allows reports to be exported to an Excel spreadsheet.
- It is our hope soon to enable hospitals to change their hospital status electronically and build checks and balances around the technology.

MIEMSS is also planning to integrate FRED with CHATS for better reporting with the ability to import/export data, to send truncated text to any text messaging device, and send import messages via Blast Fax.

Last, MIEMSS will be putting together a group to evaluate the future of E-Mais, the web-based electronic patient care reporting system. Utilizing grant dollars, we hope to work from an off-the-shelf product to develop an electronic patient care reporting system that ties in with the trauma registry and Fire Reporting System. We will keep you informed of our progress in this area.

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Over the past year, our Office of Licensure and Certification tested, certified, and licensed over 3,000 EMS candidates and recertified or relicensed over 6,000 providers. Maryland is at its highest level of EMT-Basics and paramedics in the last decade. In addition:

- The Office has worked to create EMS instructor resources. The resources will provide several hundred photos and video clips for instructors to use while teaching lower extremity trauma. The instructor kits and workshops will roll out this fall.
- MIEMSS and the ALS Committee have surveyed education programs to identify existing simulation resources available for EMS education use and are determining which additional simulation technologies may be needed for initial education and continued competency verification needs.
- In January, an EMS Summit was held where the EMS education standards were overviewed and the future scope of practice and provider levels discussed. As a result, Maryland will adopt the Emergency Medical Responder, the Emergency Medical Technician and the paramedic, but will not adopt the Advanced EMT as written. Instead, Maryland will keep the CRT99 curriculum. Maryland may adopt a paramedic-assist course that will equip EMTs with the basic knowledge and skills to assist paramedics
- Lastly, the education program approval process is in full swing re-approving existing programs initially approved five years ago. This effort ensures that the programs have adequate physical, human, and financial resources to ensure course completion and competent entry-level providers.

MIEMSS has committed a significant amount of resources in the area of disaster preparedness. The agency has been very active in disaster preparedness drills, in our role with the State Health and Medical Committee, in developing a web-based resource identification system, creating mutual aid agreements, and serving as the pass-through agency for vital federal funds to local jurisdictions.

Lastly, while I suspect most of you know this, I wanted to recognize and thank three long-time MIEMSS staff members who retired in January. Tom Miller, our Director of Communications, Andy Trohanis, our Director of Licensure and Certification, and Dave Ramsey, Director of Regional Operations and Region 1 has retired after long and distinguished careers. They will be hard to replace. Rich Berg is now our Director of Communications and Bill Seifarth now heads the Licensure and Certification Office. Both of these long-time MIEMSS employees have worked hard to prepare themselves for these

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duties, and I am confident that they will effectively step in. Until we can fill the Region I position, Rick Meighen will be covering our far most western region.

Again thank you for allowing me to address the convention. We look forward to continuing the "cooperative excellence" that has distinguished our relationship with you and the entire EMS community. Thank you.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Obviously MIEMSS and Dr. Bass has been an intricate part of our system. They have partnered with us, especially this year in supporting our initiative for the Executive Director by writing a letter to the Governor. We, the Maryland State Firemen's Association, appreciates all his support and his efforts and we have a resolution for him that I am not going to read but I am going to present to him. We also have resolutions for certain staff members of MIEMSS and that includes Brian Slack and Gail Costas and Phil Hurlock who I think is around somewhere, for their efforts and support on behalf of MIEMSS programs. We also have a Memorial Book for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We certainly appreciate the support and I hope you will deliver these. Thank you. Then, of course, we have the goodie bag that we are proud to present.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Dr. Bass, also on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we have this plaque goes to you and the entire staff of MIEMSS. (President Sterling reads plaque.) Thank you.

(Applause)

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to introduce John Spearman, Director of the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Report of the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center by Director John Spearman: Good morning. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today. Are we on with the PowerPoint? (PowerPoint presentation comes up on the screens in the convention hall.)

This is our Mission: The R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center is the core element of the state's emergency medical system and shall continue to serve as the state's primary adult trauma clinical resource center. As you can see it was established in 1993. But we are really about 40 years into our mission. It kind of pales when I come down here and see 116 years by your Association. Hopefully in 2093 we will still be in partnership with you and we will be on our 100 year mission and you'll be on your around 250th.

We do the same thing day in and day out. Every case is a little different and when we run into cases that demonstrate how well the system works together we try to illustrate that with our Gala Cases. And I'm going to talk about that. Normally we just give you our statistics but I'm going to talk just a little bit about some of the progress that we see. Originally when we put this slide together what we were trying to talk about was in war time you generally see both trauma medicine and also EMS systems grow, develop, advance and when we originally put these particular pictures on I was thinking that a 116 years would not quite put you back to the Civil War. Then I find out that there are companies like Easton who are 200 years old and I told there are some in Frederick that are even older than that. So you've seen that and you've seen the changes that take place as we move through each one of those different war scenarios.

What we are seeing today with Iraq and Afghanistan, are the kind of changes in medicine that we see in the hospital and then they begin to move to you. We are beginning to see things like the brain acoustic monitors. Our doctors at Shock Trauma have teamed up with some former submariners, using sonar technology to measure blood flow to the brain, and to do it non-invasively. It just takes a couple of probes they put on the outside of the brain and they can tell how much oxygen you are getting to your brain. What that means is we don't have to drill holes in people's heads anymore. And what that means is that sooner or later, probably not too far down the road, those things can be applied in the field by you. We also see fiber and gauze, we see pelvic binders, and we also see changes in artificial blood and hemorrhage control. All those things are things that we are working with now that will soon be apart of your tool kit as well.

Just a little history to talk about where we are. This report and I am proud to say that Dr. Cowley was one of the authors of this report (shown on screens dated in 1966). This report is the report that made the changes at how the United States looked emergency medical responses and it changed the way that we practice road traffic safety and medicine. It leads to the development of the EMS system.

One of the challenges is that this report gave the federal government the opportunity to open their eyes for the need to fund the EMS systems. But the challenge is it only funds them intermittently. It funds it and then it takes the funding back. The last set was back in about 1993 when they funded it for a couple of years and then they back off again. So that the kind of challenge we are facing. We are also seeing that challenge even today in Maryland as we face some of the crisis that we have. But those challenges on funding EMS systems and trauma systems, this year, we are going to be facing a very vocal group of legislatures who are basically looking at systems around the country and have said why can't we be like them? Yet those systems are under developed and under funded systems. It is being driven by the need of financial crisis that Maryland is facing. But that is

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a challenge we are going to have to take up and do so in partnership with you as we have this year and have to continue to do so over the next few years.

So let me get to some of our quick statistics. We are doing about the same number of patients as we did last year – about 7,000 so far this year. We'll probably end up at about 7,700. That is a little less than what we had anticipated for our budget. But that hopefully is a good thing that there were 126 people who did not need our level of resources. But when you look at this slide, what you basically see is that we have 94 beds and in 2007 85 of those beds were used every day and that equates to about 90% of our bed occupancy. We really should operate at about 85%. This year you can see it was even worse at about 98% of our beds were occupied every day. Now that has not impacted you directly. We have, through a number of different approaches, been able to keep our by-pass basically down to zero. We don't have diversion from the scene. We do have some issues with inter-hospital transfers. We are doing better with those. We are dealing with this with the addition of new beds. We have 94 and we need about 140. By the end of this year we will take the 3rd floor where our administration, where Dr. Scalia and I are, and we will move us out of that floor and convert that floor into a new 12 bed intensive care unit. In addition to that we have some additional plans for adding some beds in order to meet this demand. And I just wanted to say thank you because to do that 3rd floor we get \$10 million from the State in general obligation bonds and we would not have been able to do it without the partnership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Let me just talk about our educational activities, specifically with you, the prehospital providers. I want to give a lot of credit to Jim Radcliffe. About 3 years ago I told Jim we needed to take a look at how we use teleconferencing in order to provide continuing education for prehospital providers. Since that time he has developed pretty rigorous programs that allow us to reach just about anywhere in the state of Maryland. We do it in partnership with MIEMSS, we do it in partnership with the other trauma centers, we do it in partnership with MFRI and it makes a tremendous difference. We use to send out doctors and nurses out 110 times a year, which would be about every 3 days. We would have them traveling around the state of Maryland to do some level of continuing education. We still do that but not at that level. This telemedicine program that Jim has put together allows us to continue to deliver quality continuing education without having to send our doctors out. So they can continue their clinical work at Shock Trauma and yet reach out across the state. You also see with our airway course, about 133 providers have participated in that. We got about 125 hours contact hours in our observation program, with 250 providers operating the TRU and another 120 or so operating the critical care. Through the on-site clinical care we go to the fire houses, training academies and others sites but only about 45 times a year compared previously to 110.

We spend a lot of time looking at the next generation. The minds of the future is designed

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to bring or introduce high school students to prehospital, hospital and rehab programs to the state and introduce these as careers for them and you help us do that. This year we put on five, we used to do it twice a year and about 300 students have gone through it.

I did mention that on occasion we do have some cases that represent probably the highest level of team work and collaboration in everything this system stands for and those cases are presented at the Gala. This year, as we have for the last 8 or 9 years, have 2 cases – one a suburban case and one a rural case.

The suburban case is Montgomery and Frederick Counties with fire and rescue represented out of Stations 9 and 14 in Montgomery County and 3 and 23 out of Frederick County as well as MSP Trooper 3. This case was a case of an aggressive driver who hit an off-duty police officer in an SUV and it flipped it and it was a long extrication. The vehicle landed right on top of her. She was in the hospital about 100 some days and she is doing a lot better. She is still recovering but the team work that was shown in this particular case was exemplary.

The rural case was in St. Mary's County with Lexington Park, Bay District and St. Mary's ALS and Trooper 7. This was a young boy, who was a star athlete – a runner, who got a message from his girlfriend basically daring him to sneak out of the house and come meet her somewhere – which he did. He had his running shoes on and ran right into a car. Again, fantastic team work was shown in this case.

We take the Gala as a time to celebrate you and the everyday heroics you do. And your heroes are represented on stage. As you can see, your leadership is also there as well. We want to thank your leadership for being partners with us. We sit at the core of the system but it is absolutely clear that without the support of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and all the things you do as volunteers day in and day out, that we could not do the job that we do. We could not fulfill our mission.

So we have had a year of partnership, both in the field (this is a picture of the go team) and through the hospitals, even into the legislature. Celebrating you and all that you have done at the Gala to jointly supporting and educating the next generation that will carry your mission forward for another forty or fifty years. This is a picture of Mt. Everest and it symbolizes we still have a lot of challenges ahead of us. This system is the best system in the United States. I would say this is the best system in world. There are nations around the world as to how to build their trauma systems and they come to Maryland – they look at Maryland. But we have some challenges ahead and we are looking forward to a year of partnership that will allow us to meet those challenges.

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We think that 2008 will be a great year. The challenges will be there but we welcome working with you and being partners and when life is on the line, you can depend on Shock Trauma, the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the system of Maryland. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: John, as you know, we work together very well and this year we certainly appreciate your support of us with regard to the Executive Director and writing to the Governor and supporting us in Annapolis. You have always been a partner who was reliable and dependable for us. We have a resolution for you and also for Brenda who obviously cannot be here because she is a new mommy. We have a goodie bag for you but your not allowed to open it now.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: John also on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and in recognition of the continued spirit of cooperation and teamwork, we have a plaque for you. President Sterling read the plaque aloud.

(Applause)

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Next we will have the report of the Historical and Archives Committee by Chair Hugh Owens, another man with many hats.

Historical & Archives Committee Chair Hugh Owens: We want to let everyone know and please pass it on to those who are not here that we have a booth next door with pictures of different events over the years that we are selling this year. We would like everybody to stop by and take a look and if anybody has any historic stuff they would like to give our committee, please stop by and see us. The other thing, people are passing away who set up our fire departments and we need to get the history of those individual, the history of your department. Take it back to your association meetings and department that they need to get the history and document on tape so that the history will be available for the future generations. Some of us have lost those charter members who can provide the history of the fire department. Once you do these documents if you want to give them to us, we will put them in our files. We are going to create a video for the fire service of the state of Maryland to be able to play in the museum – once we get into the museum and we'll have room in there so people who come from across the country will know about the fire service of Maryland. The people who come to Emmittsburg from other countries will know about the fire history of Maryland.

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I thank the Presidents for letting me chair this committee and I thank my committee members for doing one hell of a job. Also thanks to my co-chairman Chip Jewell and John Spiker and Bob Seibell have individual tasks and they have done super jobs and I thank them all public here. Thank you all very much for helping us help you document the history of the state of Maryland's fire service.

(Applause)

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: And now ladies and gentlemen the moment you have been waiting for, the report of the Election Judges.

Report of the Judges & Tellers by Rick Hemphill: Thank you Mr. President. The report of the election judges for 2008: The following officers were unopposed and elected by a single ballot cast by the Office of the Secretary with the exception of the election of the Office of Secretary and the ballot for that office was cast by the President.

President: Frank Underwood

First Vice President: Roger N. Powell

Second Vice President: Doyle Cox

Secretary: Jacqueline Olson

Treasurer: Ronald Siarnicki

Financial Secretary: Fred Cross

Chief Chaplain: John Long

There were a total of 363 companies in good standing as recorded by the Secretary. The credential committee reports that 286 of those companies in good standing are registered at the convention. 286 eligible companies exercised their privilege to vote. There were a total of 24 Past Presidents registered at the convention. Each Past President was eligible to cast one vote. Each registered company is eligible to cast five votes' times 286 registered companies to exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,430 eligible company votes. A total of 1,430 eligible company votes and 24 Past President votes provided a total of 1,454 eligible votes. At two-thirds majority of eligible votes is per votes cast per amendment, the following are the vote counts for the proposal place before the membership:

Proposal Number 1 – 966 For	195 Against	Proposal Past
Proposal Number 2 – 1053 For	104 Against	Proposal Past
Proposal Number 3 – 1115 For	40 Against	Proposal Past
Proposal Number 4 – 1086 For	70 Against	Proposal Past

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Proposal Number 5 – 1062 For 103 Against Proposal Past

Proposal Number 6 – 1078 For 55 Against Proposal Past

This concludes the report of the Election Judges. Thank you Mr. President.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Ok, before we go into recess, just a couple of things to remind you about. At 12:30 we will have the all you can eat picnic out back, behind the convention center. At 14:00 we begin the training seminars – refer to the program for that schedule. Something that we did different this year, the Honor Guard Demonstration is a workshop and it will be held this afternoon in Room 215. It will be a lot different from the past when we did it right here in the hall, so I would encourage you to stop by for that. We would urge you to continue to visit the exhibits which remain open downstairs in Halls A, B & C. There is a lot of great things down there and please visit the exhibitors. This evening at 18:30 will be the Joint Installation of Officers here in the main ballroom followed by the Pajama Parade at 22:00. In the morning at 7:30 will be the Prayer Breakfast in Rooms 201 to 206 and tickets are needed for that. Motion from Past President Yinger to destroy the ballots. Do we have a second? Second by John Long of Ferndale. Motion carried. At this time we will have Chaplain Barnhart with the Benediction.

Assistant Chaplain Charles Barnhart: Let us rise for prayer. Gracious God we give you thanks for this day. We give you thanks for the newly elected officers of this Association. We also give you thanks for those who have worked so hard this past year who will now take a rest from their labors and continue to support this Association. We ask you to be with us the rest of this day as we fellowship one with another. And as we go to the picnic downstairs we ask that you bless the food and bless the fellowship that goes along with that. Remember as EMS providers and fire service people, we are a fellowship of one another. We ask for your continued guidance and blessings to be upon us as we serve in our communities. And now Father we asked for your continued blessings to be upon us as we relax this day and we ask this in the Master's name. Amen.

President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time we stand in recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

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**JOINT INSTALLATION OF THE MSFA & LAMSFA OFFICERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008**

LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini: I call the Ladies Auxiliary Installation of Officers to order.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We call the 116th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Installation Session to order.

Richard Brooks: Good evening. My name is Richard Brooks and welcome to the Joint Installation of the Newly Incoming Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. Tonight we celebrate the taking of Office of the men and women who will lead the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary for the next twelve months. These individuals are the ones you have choose to lead this organization in its mission. It is a true commitment to the loyalty of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. You are asked to assist them as they carry out their duty and their responsibilities. Please stand for the Presentation of Colors by the Montgomery County Honor Guard and Montgomery County Fire Department Pipes and Drums.

Richard Brooks: At this time I will call MSFA Chaplain Emeritus Harry Dixon to the podium for the Invocation and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and Posting of Colors.

(The Pipes and Drums play America the Beautiful while exiting the Convention Hall.)
(Audience Applause)

Richard Brooks: At this time I would like to introduce the outgoing President of the LAMSFA from Gamber & Community Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County, Mrs. Rose Pandolfini escorted by her husband, Peter Pandolfini. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Ladies and Gentleman I now wish to introduce the outgoing President of the MSFA, Mr. Paul H. Sterling, Jr., Wheaton Volunteer Fire Rescue Squad, escorted by Barbara Hallmark. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: I will now introduce the Past President's of the Maryland State Firemen's Association they are: Joseph Robison 1989-90; Thomas Mattingly 1990-91; Bernard J. Smith 1991-92; Richard Yinger 1994-95; George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr. 1995-96; Steven Cox 1996-97; Roger Steger, Jr. 2000-01; Gene Worthington 2002-03; Robert W. Jacobs 2004-05; Lee N. Sachs 2005-06 and Paul R. "Bobby" Balta 2006-07. The MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Past President's are: Alvera Miller 1965-66; Dolores Monch 1967-68; Marie Soutar 1988-1989; June Black 1989-90; Janet Pfeiffer 1992-93 and Joan Cumberland 1998-99. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We will now introduce the incoming Officers for 2008-2009. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member Wylie Donaldson, Jr.

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of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company representing Anne Arundel County, his escort tonight is wife Donna. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Chair, James Seavey of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department representing Montgomery County and he is escorted by Kathleen Donahoe. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer Stephanie Holsinger from Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary being escorted by Jack Ferguson. Her page is Mary Bladen and her Past President is Elaine Huttenloch 1984-85, Elaine is also Chair of the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund.

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member William Hildebrand of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company representing Queen Anne, Kent and Caroline Counties. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member Douglas C. Alexander of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company representing Carroll and Howard Counties. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer Marcia Roth from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary being escorted by Johnie Roth, Jr. Her page is Eric Roth and her Past President is Patricia Deamond 2006-07. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member Herman "Buddy" Schweers, Jr. of the Susquehanna Hose Volunteer Fire Company representing the Harford and Cecil Counties. He is being escorted by his wife Luanne. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member Steven Kesner of the Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department representing the Allegany and Garrett Counties. He is being escorted by his wife Debbie. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Guard Nancy Jones from the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary being escorted by her husband Otis Jones. Her page is her granddaughter Miranda Namm and her Past President is Kathie Lohman 1983-84. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member Ralph Thomson of the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company representing Dorchester and Talbot Counties he is being escorted tonight by his wife Stacy. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Next up is Executive Committee Member Dale Fishack, Jr. of the Smithburg Volunteer Fire Company representing Frederick and Washington Counties he is being escorted tonight by his wife Paige. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Next is MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Historian Vivian Morgan from Capital Heights VFD Ladies Auxiliary, she is being escorted by Ron Boyd. Her page is Mary M. Russell and her Past President is Sharon Worthington 1995-96. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have up Executive Committee Member John Guntow, Jr. of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company representing Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico Counties. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Member Daniel Stevens of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department representing Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles Counties and his escort tonight is his wife, Bobbie. (Applause)

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Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary being escorted by her husband John "Speedy" Nelson and her page is Barbara Fenwick and her Past President is Barbara McWilliams, MSFA LA Past President 2005-2006. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Executive Committee Vice Chair Stuart Carter of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company representing Baltimore County and is being escorted by Ann Marie Carter. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Next, we have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Darby Byrd of the Dentsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and she is being escorted tonight by her husband Kevin Byrd. Her page is Katie Byrd and her Past President is Barbara McWilliams, MSFA LA Past President 2005-2006. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr. from the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department located in Anne Arundel County. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have Executive Committee Chair Craig Moe from the Laurel Volunteer Fire Company, representing Prince George's County. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary Ann Price-Davis of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary from Baltimore Maryland she is escorted tonight by her father, Paul H. Price. Her page is her mom Cathie Price and her Past President is Leone Gatton 1985-1986. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Now we have MSFA Trustee Steve Hales of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and is escorted by his wife Ann. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Financial Secretary Carol Hayden of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary escorted by Don Phillips, her page is her mom Elsie Hayden and her Past President is Peggy Zembower 1986-87. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Now we have Financial Secretary and MSFA Past President George A. "Fred" Cross of the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company from Baltimore, Maryland escorted by his granddaughter, Kari Kent. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Sherry Soper of the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary escorted by her nephew Chad Handley. Her pages are Ruth Martin, President of the Frederick County Fire Association Ladies Auxiliary and her Past President is Patricia Deamond 2006-07. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Next is MSFA Treasurer Ron Siarnicki of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. in Queen Anne County, he is being escorted by MSFA LA Past President Mary Frances Crisman 1990-91. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Now we have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Recording Secretary Teresa Ann Crisman of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Prince George's County and she is being escorted by Frankie Nicholson of the Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department and her page is Kitty Garner and her Past President is her mother, Mary Frances Crisman – 1990-91. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Now, for the first time in the 116 years of this association, we have the first woman officer, MSFA Secretary Jackie Olson from the Ferndale Volunteer Fire

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Department in Anne Arundel County. She is being escorted by her husband, Chief Jay Olson, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company and her son, Tyler. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Next is the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice President Sandi T. Lutz of the Glenn Dale Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary and she is escorted by her husband Lee and her page is her daughter Lesa Free and her Past President is Robin Browning 1997-98. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Second Vice President Doyle Cox of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department representing St. Mary's County, he is being escorted by his wife Kathy. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President Kathy Knipple of the Junior Fire Company #2 Ladies Auxiliary and her escort is Clarence "Chip" Jewell and her page is Brenda Harrison and her Past President is Betty Grabenstein 1999-2000. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Now we have MSFA First Vice President Roger Powell of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company in Baltimore, Maryland being escorted by his wife Iris. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Ladies and Gentleman may you all rise to our newly elected MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President for 2008 – 2009, Mrs. Lois Hetz of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Prince George's County. She is being escorted by her husband, MSFA Chaplain Reverend Harry Hetz and her pages are her daughter Deanna Romblad and grandchildren Hannah and Connor. Her Past President is her sister MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Past President Peggy Zembower 1986-87. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: And now let me introduce the 2008-2009 MSFA President Frank Underwood from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department in Prince George's County he is escorted tonight by his wife, Renee; daughter Jen and future son-in-law Joel Wilbanks. Also escorted him is his son, Chris and his wife Carroll and the members of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long , Jr: Let us pray. Almighty God we thank you for this evening and we ask that you bless these officers and they take their roles to lead this organization. Give them the knowledge and direction they need to make this organization the best it can be we ask this in your precious name. Amen.

Richard Brooks: Ladies and Gentleman you all may have a seat. At this time I would like to call up to the podium MSFA Ladies Auxiliary outgoing President Rose Pandolfini for her final remarks. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: MSFA Outgoing President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. gives his final remarks. (Applause) (Rose and Paul take center stage. Ladies and Gentlemen the Presidents from 2006-2007.) (Applause)

Richard Brooks: At this time I would like to call on Ladies Auxiliary Past President Patricia Deamond for the Installation of Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2008 – 2009 . Ladies, please rise and raise your right hand and repeat after me. I Patricia Deamond, I do solemnly promise to fulfill the duties of the office to which I have been elected to my best of ability. I will abide by and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. And I will protect and maintain all of the property, moneys and

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maintain the files so help me God. Ladies, I am proud to declare you duly elected and installed. Ladies and gentlemen, here are your new Officers for this next year. Thank you. (Applause)

MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Past President Patricia Deamond: I am so proud of you, she is presented with the Ladies Auxiliary seal and is presented her Past President's pin, wear it with pride and Congratulations. (Applause)

MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Past President Rose Pandolfini: She presents incoming MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Lois Hetz with the Ladies Auxiliary shadow box and gavel. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: I will now call on MSFA Past President Paul "Bobby" Balta, Jr. for the Installation of MSFA Officers for 2008 – 2009. At this time it gives me great pleasure and honor to install the new President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Officers and the Executive Committee. If you all would stand, we would like to do them all at one time. Raise your right hand and repeat after me, please. I, your name do solemnly swear to uphold the regulations, rules, bylaws, of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the duties to the Office of which I have been elected. I will at the completion of my term turn over all moneys, records and equipment to my duly elected successor. So help me God. Congratulations. (Applause.)

Richard Brooks: Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure and honor to introduce to you your 2008-2009 MSFA President Frank Underwood and Ladies Auxiliary President Lois Hetz. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: I will now call on Newly Elected MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Lois Hetz give her remarks and she reserves gifts from family and friends. Presentations were made by the Beltsville VFD Ladies Auxiliary; her sister Peggy Zembower; President Lisa Carr of the LaVale VFD Ladies Auxiliary; Assistant Chief Bob Allen of the Beltsville VFD; Prince George's County Ladies Auxiliary President Vivian Morgan and her husband Reverend Harry Hetz.

Richard Brooks: At this time I would like to introduce Senior Vice President Kathy Nipple to make a presentation to President Lois Hetz.

Richard Brooks: Now I would like to call upon the Newly Elected MSFA President Frank Underwood to give his remarks and receives several gifts from his family and friends. Presentations were also made by Senator Roy Dyson and the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company .

Richard Brooks: I will call on Past President Thomas Mattingly for the presentation of the Past President's ring.

MSFA Past President Thomas Mattingly: I for the last several years have been able to present the past presidents ring to the past president. So at this time I would like to bring forward Paul so that he may wear this ring with pride. (Applause.)

MSFA Transportation Chair Thomas Flint: presents to Lois and Frank their MSFA President vehicle tags.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr.: Chaplain Long gives the Blessing of the New 2007 -2008 Officers.

Richard Brooks: gives his closing remarks.

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MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson: gives the Benediction.

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**Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Session 4**

Call to Order by President Frank J. Underwood: I call the 4th Session of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to order. We will now have the Invocation by Assistant Chaplain Charles Barnhart.

Invocation by Chaplain – Would everyone please rise. Gracious Father, we give you thanks for this beautiful day in Ocean City. We give many thanks for the blessings you bestow upon us. We ask you to be with us during this last session this morning. We ask you to be with the new officers who took over this Association last night. We ask your guidance and your love as they travel around this great state for the next year. And Father, again we ask you to be with this meeting, be with us as we leave this place, whether it be to watch the parade or relax or even if we are to return to our own homes. Grant us safe travel and grant us your grace. In the Master's name – Amen.

President Frank J. Underwood: We now have a safety message from the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Hoby Howell.

Hoby Howell, Chair of Safety Committee: Thank you Mr. President. Your Safety Committee this morning would like to congratulate the newly elected Presidents, Frank Underwood and all his newly elected officials.

Yes we have finally come to the last Session. Yes we have a parade today. Please remind all your participants of the rules for everyone's safety. Enjoy the rest of the day and the week. Have a nice time in Ocean City, be safe and drive to stay alive at all times. Thank you very much.

Applause.

President Frank J. Underwood: We will now have a presentation by VFIS by Mr. Bret Barnowski.

Mr. Bret Barnowski, VFIS: My name is Bret Barnowski and I am here for VFIS and I'd like to make a presentation to the Fire Prevention Committee. On behalf of VFIS for \$1,300. Bobby please accept this. Thank you and enjoy the parade today.

Applause.

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President Frank J. Underwood: Are there any announcements to be made at this time for the audience? We will now have some resolutions if we can find Richard (Snader). Doyle is going to do the resolutions.

2nd Vice President Doyle E. Cox: Good morning. I have a resolution of admiration: Where as we live in a country built on principles by citizen's involvement and to maintain the rights and freedom that we enjoy in the United States of America. And, where as, our nation defense force includes many people who are placed in dangerous positions ensure our freedoms are protected and, where as, Patrick Murphy, a member of the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, in an active duty status during the year 2007 and 2008, as a member of the Marines, and where as, the Members and Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association wishes to recognize the sacrifices made and to congratulate Patrick on his dedication to the principles that we cherish so much as Americans. Now, therefore be it resolved by the Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association that we extend to Patrick Murphy sincere thanks for your courage and congratulate you on your commitment to entity of the United States of America. Be it further resolved that the resolution be endorsed and presented to Patrick Murphy this 16th day of June in the year 2008, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this 116th Annual Convention and Conference. Presented this 16th day of June, 2008 signed by President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. and Phil Hurlock, Acting Secretary. Is Patrick Murphy in the audience? I see him coming forward. Accepted by Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company member, Jim Bair.

From here on out I will indicate the person's name and branch of service. If the member is not here himself, if a member of that department would please come on up and accept the resolution.

Joseph Wolf, United State Army, Crumpton
Michael Brock, Singerly
Gary Brooks, Singerly
Christopher Broadwater, US Air Force, Singerly
Zachary Arbuckle, Singerly
Daniel Kelly, Singerly
William Fletcher, Singerly
Michael Barth, Singerly
David Dowell, Forrestville
Ranier Pernell, Potomac Valley
Harold Rice, Forrestville
Jonathan Carlose, Forrestville
Jeff Ricken, Forrestville
Keith O'Daniel, Forrestville
Dominic Papas, Galena

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Ashley Sager, Galena
John McMillian, Mt. Savage
Chris Poloski, Cape St. Claire
Saul Decardis, Cape St. Claire
Todd Adkins, Woodboro
Mark Syndell, Arnold
Mike Lipsner, Arnold
Dave Rolhouser, Arnold
Jeff Harris, Arnold
Robert Davis, Owings Mills
Edmund Swartz, Owings Mills
Matthew Yaffe, Owings Mills
Brandon Shearhart, Owings Mills

Anyone wanting to pick these up for the individual can do so back stage. Thank you.

Applause

1st Vice President Roger N. Powell: Now we have a special presentation by from Chief James McClelland, Volunteer Operations Chief, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. Approximately 25% of firefighter fatalities are the result of apparatus accidents. Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department has developed a program to change the trend. Death or injury to personnel because they were not wearing seatbelts is unacceptable. Taking the time to buckle up makes all the difference. Chief McClelland – welcome.

Applause

Special Program Presentation: *A Few Seconds Makes All the Difference – Seatbelts: Don't Rely on Luck to Bring You Home, Chief James McClelland, Volunteer Operations Chief, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.*

Chief James McClelland. Thank you. Good morning. In April, 2007, a member of the Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department fell from apparatus when the cab door opened while the unit was enroute to a reported building fire. The firefighter was not seriously injured and was not seat belted.

This was the second such incident where a firefighter fell from responding apparatus within an 8-month period. The first incident occurred on August 12, 2006 when a firefighter fell from the apparatus when the responding engine made a turn. This firefighter suffered a head injury and was also not seat belted.

This trend was unacceptable to us and the department wanted to prevent it from happening

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again. We set out to reverse this trend with an educational campaign. A proposal was developed to update a video produced by the department in 1985 which told the story of Firefighter Sandy Lee. Sandy fell from a ladder truck in 1982 and was seriously injured. She nearly lost her life and was forced to retire from a career she loved.

After the Sandy Lee incident, the department set out on a mission to change the way we did business. Over time, the department made policy and procedure changes requiring:

- All members to be seated and belted before apparatus was moved,
- Required members to be dressed in their personal protective equipment prior to boarding apparatus,
- Required drivers to conduct a "walk around" to insure compliance, and
- Made improvements to apparatus designs and specifications.

Gone were the days of getting dressed while riding the back step and responding to an emergency.

Apparatus improvements were made starting with "man saver bars," lap belts, and finally, fully enclosed cabs with 3- point restraints.

More than two decades after the Sandy Lee incident these measures did not seem to be enough to prevent firefighters from falling from apparatus while responding to or returning from an emergency. Over time we had forgotten the lessons learned from Sandy's tragic accident.

As members retired from service and new members were recruited, Sandy's message was not carried forward. We found that many of the newer members of the department did not know who Sandy Lee was or knew little information about her accident, if anything. Keep in mind that at the time of Sandy's accident, most of the firefighters involved in the county's recent incidents were not even born yet.

Before we could get started on the updated educational program, a third incident occurred where a firefighter fell from the apparatus while responding, making it even more imperative that we get this program out to the department and stop this from happening again.

A team of members including career and volunteer personnel, all having a variety of experience levels and expertise, participated in this project. A new DVD was produced that brings attention to the past and the problem currently at hand. We hope that it will open everyone's eyes and eliminate a very preventable injury or death. Let's look at the video. (The video/DVD was then shown. Sandy Lee detailed her story as well as several other firefighter/EMS personnel that have happened since Sandy's accident.)

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The second phase of this project is underway to produce a lesson plan for delivery of a seat belt training program. This new DVD is an integral part on this lesson plan. It is anticipated that the project will be completed this summer. The goal is to put a copy of the complete package, including the DVD and lesson plans in the library of each station.

While our attention has been focused on the use of seat belts in Prince George's County, this is a statewide and national issue that requires immediate attention. I encourage everyone to examine their policies and procedures to make sure that all personnel operate safely. We owe it to our staff, our departments and their families. Clearly firefighter injuries and/or deaths associated with not wearing your seat belt is both tragic and preventable with minimal effort. A few seconds makes all the difference. Wear your seat belt. Don't rely on luck to bring you home. Thank you.

President Frank J. Underwood: Jim, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we would like to give you this resolution thanking you so much for taking your time out to come and give such a wonderful talk this morning. Thank you very much. And you get a goodie bag.

Applause

At this time 1st Vice President Power will read some resolutions.

1st Vice President Roger N. Powell: Initially we had a resolution of admiration for service personnel. We also have one for Joseph Sinclair of Showell.

This years Resolutions Committee worked to write all these resolutions is Richard Snader, Lew Harvey, Barry Johnson, Roy Corb and Mike Farlow. I will read the names of those for whom resolutions have been written. We will need a motion to do away with reading the resolutions and reading only the names. So if I can entertain a motion to just read the names for which resolutions were written.

David Johnson, North Point-Edgemere makes the motion.

Second: Doug Simkins, Arbutus.

Thanks Dougie. Resolutions were written for the following individuals: Chief Tom Carr, Montgomery County Fire Rescue; Chief Lawrence Sedgewick, Prince George's County Fire & EMS; Damascus Volunteer Fire Company; Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company; New Windsor Fire & Hose Company No. 1; Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department; Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company; Past President of the LAMSFA, Rose Pandolfini; Honorable Richard Meehan, Mayor of Ocean City; Ocean City Fire Department; Ocean City Police Department; The Honorable Martin J. O'Malley, Governor of the State of Maryland; Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director of MIEMSS; Dr. Richard Alcorta, State Medical Director of MIEMSS; Gail Costas, MIEMSS; Brian Slack, MIEMSS; Phil Hurlock, MIEMSS; Brenda Fosler Johnson, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center;

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John Spearman, Vice President R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center; MIEMSS; Stephen Edwards, Director of MFRI; Pat Marlatt, Associate Director of MFRI; Col. Terrence Sheridan, Superintendent MSP; A.J. McAndrew, MSP Aviation; Chief Gregory Cade, United States Fire Administrator; Vickie Pritchett, Project Manager, Fire Team USA; Chief Shane Ray, Fire Chief Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department; J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer; Pete Piringer, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service; Chief James McClelland, Chief of Operations, Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department; 1st Assistant Chief David Cropper, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company; Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office; Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad and Wheaton Volunteer Ladies Auxiliary; and Richard Snader, Chair of Resolutions Committee. Thank you.

Are the ladies ready to come in and be introduced? Ladies are ready. OK.

And now, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the newly elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association who will be escorted by our officers. Will you please bring the ladies officers to the stage. Harry. MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Lois Hetz is being escorted by her husband, Rev. Harry Hetz. Lois if you would please come to the podium to introduce your officers. Thank you.

Applause

LAMSFA President Lois Hetz: Good morning everyone. I would like to present to you the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Senior Vice President, Kathy Knipple, Junior Company No.2, Frederick County; Junior Vice, President Sandi Lutz, Glenn Dale, Prince George's County; Recording Secretary, Teresa Ann Crisman, Greenbelt, Prince George's County; Treasurer, Sherry Soper, Woodsboro, Frederick County; Financial Secretary, Carol Hayden, Kensington, Montgomery County; Corresponding Secretary, Ann Price-Davis, Cockeysville, Baltimore County; Chaplain, Darby Byrd, Dentsville, Charles County; Vice Chaplain, Barbara Sue Nelson, 7th District, St. Mary's County; Historian, Vivian Morgan, Capitol Heights, Prince George's County; Guard, Nancy Jones, Indian Head, Charles County; Color Bearer, Marsha Roth, Sandy Springs, Montgomery County; Color Bearer, Stephanie Hofsinger, Laytonsville, Montgomery County; Conference Chair, Peggy Zembower, Beltsville, Prince George's County; and Bessie Marshall Chair, Elaine Huttenloch, Forrestsville, Prince George's County. These are the officers who will serve the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We hope to be a great support to the Maryland Association. Thank you.

Applause

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MSFA President Frank J. Underwood: At this time I would like to present Past President Sterling for his final remarks.

Applause

Remarks from Past President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Frank. President Underwood, Clergy, Officers, distinguished guests and delegates to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference, good morning.

To my officers, Frank, Roger, Leonard, Phil, Ron, Fred, Chaplain Long and Steve, I want to express my appreciation for your dedication and commitment during the past year. To LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and your officers, thank you for the great year. Best wishes to Lois Hetz as she begins her term as President of the LAMSFA.

To the committee chairs and members, thank you for all that you have done this past year to move the MSFA forward. To the members of the Executive Committee, thank you for your dedication to duty. I truly appreciate your support this past year on a number of issues critical to the future of the MSFA.

The elected officers and Executive Committee were extremely active during this past year and acted decisively on a number of very controversial and difficult issues. However, I am pleased to state that when the meetings were adjourned, and each and every vote cast was done so in the best interest of the future of this great organization and the benefit of its members. Each county should be very proud of their representatives this past year. To my Executive Committee Chair Jim Seavey, thank you for your leadership, continued friendship and counsel.

To my special friends, Joe and Joann Robison, thanks for your longtime friendship and support. Joe thanks for giving me a chance in 1989 when you first appointed me to the Executive Committee.

I wish to recognize another great fire service leader and most of all, a friend who I learned from and who has supported me throughout my fire service career, Chief Bill R. Bliss and his wife, Janet. Chief Bliss celebrates 55 years of service this year. Congratulations Chief and thank you and Janet for your friendship and many years of service to Montgomery County and the MSFA.

To Joe Weisgerber, I cannot thank you enough for your many decades of friendship, counsel and support.

I would also like to thank our friends from MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, MFRI, MEMA, MSP and the Office of the State Fire Marshal for their continued cooperation and support of the

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MSFA. We continue to enjoy an excellent working relationship. We partner together on so many projects; it would prove hard to single out specific accomplishments over the course of the year. We are well aware of the tremendous achievements that were made when our teamwork forged into an impenetrable force. I certainly think that we were successful on a number of issues during the 2008 Legislative Session due to a combined effort and enhanced utilization of resources.

To my home company, Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association and the member companies of the MCVFRA thank you for all of your support during the past 4 years.

I am also very appreciative to the officers and members from the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and the Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Department for their generous support during 2 of my major fundraisers.

To Chief Tom Carr and the men and women of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, thank you for your support over the past 4 years and thank you for your support of the Maryland State Firemen's Association every year at this Annual Convention and Conference.

A special thank you goes to my Campaign Fundraising Committee co-chaired by Marcine Goodloe and Chief Jimmy Seavey and Mike Kelley as Treasurer. The hard work and dedicated efforts on behalf of my campaign are sincerely appreciated.

In closing, I would like to offer my gratitude to each of you for the friendship, support and the gracious hospitality afforded me this past year as I traveled over 32,000 miles through this state. I thank you again for your confidence in electing me as President of this great organization. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you.

I offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to incoming President Frank Underwood and his officers for a successful year. May God bless you all and may God bless America.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: Paul. First, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we have a resolution thanking you for your time well served and greatly appreciated. On a personal note, I want to thank you for very thing you have helped me with this past couple of years. The hairy conversations we've had has added to the fun we really have. But on behalf of the State Firemen's Association, here is your resolution as a starter of the gifts you will receive. Now don't go anywhere. I would like to call on Past President Tom Mattingly for some presentations.

MSFA Past President Thomas Mattingly: Thank you Mr. President. It is my pleasure to present Paul with a Certificate of Appreciation honoring Paul for his great work that he has done leading this Association during the past year and as he worked through the chairs. We are very proud to present him with his Past President's ring. Certainly he will wear it with pride as all the past president does. Congratulations Paul on a great year. And the bill's on its way for the Past Presidents Luncheon, so we'll give you your past president's hat – wear it with pride.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: I not get to give you a short and sweet speech. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in the endeavor for me to become President of this fine organization. I am honored by your friendship. I have been welcomed with opened arms from all the members and companies of this Association. Not forgetting that I have been very well fed everywhere I went. Whenever I have asked for your help, naturally you've been there to answer.

For the last forty-two years I have served the fire service of this state. I have fought side-by-side with my fellow firefighters, both on the ground and in Annapolis. My experience has taught me the importance of building and maintaining friendships throughout my fire service family and beyond. My family has always been there supporting me and now it is my turn to support my fire service family. I am excited and eager to assume this leadership position. As President I will always look out for the best interests of this Association. I am here to represent all the companies – individual and otherwise – of this organization. They deserve the best and I intend on doing nothing less.

There are many people who have helped me to this point. Men and women alike - that took time out of their busy schedules to guide me, teach me, and listen to me as I make by recommendations.

As President by objectives will be to work with all of our partners in the emergency services providers to ensure that all the citizens of Maryland receive the best care possible. I have been quoted in the past, as a former marine, the words Semper Phi, that means always faithful. I promise you ladies and gentlemen, Semper Phi; I will always be faithful to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you very much for your support and listening to me. Thank you.

Applause

Remarks from Newly Elected First Vice President Roger N. Powell: This is the hard part because there are so many people you want to acknowledge who have contributed to your success, that it is certain that you will inevitably leave someone out.

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When I began this journey, it was clear that my years of service were inadequate to prepare me to embark on the path of the second vice presidency, and that I would need constant advice and support. I found that amongst many people who stepped up to offer their service, advice, and support. That in and of it is humbling, and as it turns out, it is clear that it was necessary. As I traveled throughout the state, there were persons in every county who guided and advised me. It is clear that without such, my task would have been much more difficult.

Being accepted and befriended as I traveled was also humbling. It made my job much easier when I spoke before an association; it was like speaking before my own company.

Initially I want to acknowledge and thank Past President Sterling. Because he was taken with the promotion of the Executive Director initiative and the dues increase, in addition to the usual and customary duties of his office. I was permitted to make presentations beyond what someone in my position would ordinarily have done. His conscientious dedication while taking the time to teach me has clearly helped prepare me to perform the duties of First Vice President and has been my friend.

Next, I want to thank President Underwood. His lesson to me was to be thoughtful, to listen and learn, with his guidance, I gained more insight into the best way to confront and perform the duties of my office, he to has been my friend. To both Paul and Frank, I want to thank them for their friendship and support.

In addition to traveling throughout the state, I attended many, many meetings with agencies, governmental partners, participated in the Legislative Session, met with our elected representatives regarding the legislative AMD budgetary agenda of the MSFA, and otherwise attended meetings of organizations with which the MSFA partners.

I feel the experience I have had in my year as second vice president has prepared me to move forward into the position of first vice president and to support President Underwood in hi year as president.

For the advice and support I received throughout the state and throughout the year, I want to thank Past Presidents Worthington, Robison, Tom Mattingly, Yinger, Davis, King, Hurlock, and Smith. In addition, Past President Cross took his time to travel with me throughout the state. I appreciate that additional sacrifice. Another traveling companion and advisor has been J. Donald Mooney, whose wisdom and advice has been invaluable.

I want to thank my company and my county association for their support. It is true that without the support of your company and your county who are abused as consequence of your absence associated with your performance of your duties as a state officer, which is without question or compliant, you could not perform your duties. Those in my company and my county association who have stepped up to help me are to numerous to name and

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I surely don't want to inadvertently leave someone out by trying to name individuals. So to all, thank you.

To my wife, Iris, and my family who clearly sacrifice to allow me to undertake to do this job and go forward on this journey of service, there are just no words which to suffice to thank them.

Finally, to my other wife, Lee Sachs, who has been my constant companion, advisor, teacher and critic, who has been devoted to me and has sacrificed to aid and support me, my most heartfelt thanks.

To the member companies of the MSFA, I pledge my time, whatever talent I might have or will gain; my experience and my devotion to performing the duties of the office of first vice president, to support President Underwood and assist 2nd Vice President Cox learn the duties of his newly elected office. I also pledge my support to President Lois Hetz and her officers as we travel around the state. Thank you. And now I call on 2nd Vice President Doyle Cox.

Applause

Remarks by Second Vice President Doyle E. Cox: President Underwood, Vice President Powell, Officers, Delegates and Guests.

I want to say that it is an honor to stand before you this morning as your new 2nd Vice President of this great association. The road that I traveled to reach this position has been long, but it is one that I will never forget. As I traveled to every part of this great state over the years, the friendships that have been developed are overwhelming and I will never forget you. As I was traveling, I listened to your concerns and I will continue to listen to you and what you feel the Association should be doing for the members. I will continue to work for you and the members of this Association.

President Underwood, Vice President Powell, I pledge to you my support to help you with the many issues that are facing us as the new leaders. I will assist you in any way that you feel is necessary to provide better communication and services to the members. We all must work together to move this association forward.

As several of the great presidents said in the past, I would not be standing here today if it were not for the support of many of the people in this room, and others that have passed on or ones that were unable to be with us this week.

I would like to thank the most important person of all, my wife Cathy, who has been by my side and my biggest supporter. She has given me the freedom to pursue my dreams and goals. Any everyone has heard the saying "For a man to be successful, he has to have

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the support of his wife," and I will say, "If you don't have the support of your spouse, you will not be successful" and I have that support. When we talked about this adventure, she said "Just tell me when and where I need to be."

A special thanks to the Officers and Members of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department for allowing me the opportunity to seek this office. Thanks to Vernon Horsmon and Warren Gott for setting the stage and trying to steer me in the right direction. During our younger years, your guidance, support and understanding prepared me for today.

Thanks also goes to the Officers and Members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association as well as to the Ladies Auxiliary, who have given me their support. To the Past Presidents of the Southern Maryland Association for your support and advice. The Campaign Committee, without your support, I would not be here today. To the many departments that have assisted in getting me here, I thank you. And to two very special friends, John Gatton, Sr. and Danny Carpenter, with your leadership, the campaign committee is outstanding. They, along with several others are the ones that are trying to keep me on the right track and I can tell you that they have no problem in telling me the way it is, what needs to be done and what I need to do.

To each of the Past Presidents of this Association, I thank you for your support, your guidance and for setting the standards that has moved this Association ahead. From the first day, when Jenks appointed me to the Executive Committee and Past President Steger swore me in, I became Chairman. The first action was to break a tie vote, and I thought to myself, what have I gotten into, is it going to be like that at each meeting? But with the support of the Executive Committee, the Officers, the Secretary's Office and several Past Presidents, we made it through the year and each year thereafter. We learned from this, which I think has helped me to be where I am today. And as always, there are some Past Presidents that you lean on for guidance, advice and support, which I have done and each has played a part in my climb to this position, but there are several, that are guiding me through the fires today.

And to you, the members of this Association, I thank you for your support, and providing me the encouragement to reach this level and I promise to do the best in serving you and your organization.

Again, it is an honor to be here and thank you for your support and trust in electing me as your 2nd Vice President. And as the late Louis L. Goldstein would always say "May God loves you and bless you all real good for continued success, good health and happiness in all of the years ahead." Thank you! It gives me great pleasure to introduce our secretary, Jackie Olson.

Applause

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Remarks from Secretary Jacqueline Olson: Good morning and thank you. President Underwood, Vice Presidents Cox and Powell, officers and delegates, I am honored and at the same time humbled to stand before you today as the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I would like to thank you for your support in this position and your confidence in me. I hope I do a good job because I have big, big shoes to fill, those of Leonard King.

As you know he is Secretary Emeritus and on behalf of him, he would like me to thank the Assistants we had this year – Ron Watkins, Joseph Cooper, and Eddie Cross. And again, if there is anything the Secretary's Office can do for you or your company, please don't hesitate to call upon us. Thank you again.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: At this time I would like to call on Financial Secretary Fred Cross for his remarks

Remarks from the Financial Secretary George A. "Fred" Cross: Thank you Frank, it is good to see you standing up here. I would just like to thank everyone for their support over the last eight or nine years. I am in for two more years and needs help with the financial reports let me know and we will be glad to work with you.

Also I would like to thank my assistant, Chris Hyzer who is also my assistant next year. If we can assist you in any way, give me a call. Thank you.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: At this time I would like to introduce the Treasurer, Ron Siarnicki.

Remarks from Treasurer Ronald J. Siarnicki: Good morning. I bring greetings to the Association and as I enter my second year of my two year term, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to the office of the Treasurer during this financial review and reorganization of our physical affairs.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the assistants for the Treasurer's office who assisted me last year which was Robert Jacobs and Bobby Aaron. I would also like to announce and recognize my assistant for this coming year which will be Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Lee Sachs and Mitch Vocke. Those three gentlemen are going to be part of this financial team as we take this organization forward.

Thank you for passing the dues increase. I know that was a tough issue but it is something

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we need to do. The price of doing business as an association is increasing. It is part of the economy and it is a tough thing we all have been dealing with. It hit me personally last night, I had my antique fire engine here and I filled it up with diesel fuel last night and had a coronary almost there at the gas pumps with it being \$4.98 a gallon for diesel. So it what's happening and part of what we have to do.

I truly do look forward to this next year and making some things happen and carrying out more initiatives the Executive Committee voted on to help us reduce our costs and also to work with the newly elected officers and the Executive Committee as we take care of the business of the Association. Thank you very much.

Applause.

President Frank J. Underwood: Alright, at this time I would like to introduce Chief Chaplain John Long.

Remarks from the Chief Chaplain John Long: Ladies and gentlemen I would like you to know the Chaplain Corps is here to serve you in anything you need. Hope you enjoyed the prayer breakfast this morning. Thank you very much.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: At this time I would like to introduce my Executive Committee. First off, my Chairman Craig A. Moe, Vice Chair Stuart W. Carter, members Douglas C. Alexander, Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr., James P. Seavey, Sr., Glen D. Fishack, Jr., John F. Guntow, Jr., William Hildebrand, Steve J. Kesner, Herman "Buddy" Schweers, Jr., Dan Stevens, and finally, Ralph Thompson. These gentlemen were all sworn in last night and I thank all of you. Those returning thank you – new ones thank you.

Applause

Next I want to introduce all the Assistant Officers, who have to be sworn in today and they were confirmed by the Executive Committee earlier this morning. First off, Assistant Secretaries – Joseph A. Cooper; new girl on the block, Kristy Gable; Richard Snader and Ronald Watkins. The Assistant Treasurers – Robert Jacobs, Past President; Lee Sachs and Mitch Vocke. The Assistant Chaplain – Deacon Charles Barnhart, Rev. Frederick Bahr, Rabbi Block, David L. Coblentz, Rev. Harry Hetz, Rev. Marvin Jackson, Deacon George L'Heureux, Calvin "Pete" Walbert; our attorney, Mike Farlow, Esq.; and the Office of the Parliamentarian, Richard Brooks, III, John Keyser, Sr., William Wagner, III, William C. Press, III, and Andrew White. These people all have to be sworn in. They will be sworn in by Past President Bobby Balta.

Past President Bobby Balta: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen, each of

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you has been appointed to a position of importance within this organization. If you choose to accept that appointment, then raise your right hand and repeat after me, inserting your name where I say mine. I, Bobby Balta, do solemnly promise and swear to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I will, to the best of my ability, perform the duties of my office. I will maintain and protect all records and property entrusted to my care and turn same over to my duly elected successor upon completion of my term of office. So help me God.

Congratulations ladies and gentlemen, I declare you duly installed. Your appointed officers for the year 07-08.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: At this time we will have the final report of the Convention Committee by Chief Ron Siarnicki.

Chair Ron Siarnicki: Well that was quick. Greetings again on behalf of the Convention Committee. I would like to thank that entire group of individuals who work tirelessly for you all year to plan out this event. My appreciation to Secretary Emeritus Leonard King for his many years of service, in a variety of roles of which he provided numerous contributions not only to the Association but the Convention as well. And you may or may not know that we have bestowed upon him the position of Chairman Emeritus of the Convention Committee as well. We hope he is doing well. Leonard headed home last night and is back resting. I talked to him this morning and of course he wants a 10 minute report every ten minutes on what is going on which we all know how Leonard can be.

A lot of things have happened this year. I think this year is going to be in the history books on some of the great activities and programs to some of the craziest weather reported in the Ocean City in half an hour's time period and we have gotten through that. We have seen a decline in the number of people attending the Convention this year. Obviously we are going to see less fire apparatus down at the inlet for the parade. We do intend to have a critique of the convention within a month. We are soliciting comments, suggestions and ideas on how we can make your conference and convention better and to invoke change anywhere change is needed to make this thing stay in tune with the Association.

Just a reminder, the parade will start at 1 p.m. and trophies will be given out afterwards here at the back of the Convention Center just like we've done in years past.

Special thanks to Presidents Sterling and Pandolfini and all the outgoing officers. It has been a great relationship working with them planning their Convention and Conference along with all the outgoing officers. A lot of work is done being the scene to make this convention successful for you.

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Also our best wishes on behalf of the Convention Committee to the newly elected officers as we plan for next year's event which will be held here in Ocean City on June 13 to 19, 2009. You know I mentioned the Committee does a lot of stuff all year long. And there is also another group behind the curtain as we like to say, that make things happen. I kindly refer to them as the "Go Team." They are the people who solve all the problems when something just isn't right and I would like to recognize them and ask them to come forward and be recognized. They do a lot all year. More importantly, they are here early in the morning until late at night making sure that this convention happens. We have people in the balcony, we have people behind the stage – come on out you guys. I think they deserve a round of applause.

Applause

And of course we go through some changes with this go team. We try to add new faces every year and sometimes we lose people for a couple of years. They take a sabbatical or a little break. But we have one individual who is going to be leaving us for a period of time because they are going to go into a new endeavor. This individual has spent many years helping behind the scenes. From a very young age she was attached to someone's coat tails all the way through the convention to the point where she became an integral part of this Go Team and Convention Committee. In ensuring that spirit of helping our Nation continues she has decided to enter into a career with the United States Air Force. As a matter of fact, she is leaving tomorrow to head off into the wild blue yonder. (Applause) So I have a resolution from the Maryland State Firemen's Association and I am not going to read the entire resolution. It is a Resolution of Admiration for Amanda L. Crisman who has done exceptional service to the State of Maryland and now wants to take that to the next level and serve our Nation in the United States Air Force. So Amanda, we're going to miss you for the next couple of years but you'll always have a spot on this team. We look forward to your safe and speedy return.

Applause

And ladies and gentlemen that concludes the report of the Convention Committee. Thank you.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: Next on our agenda we have a special presentation called Fire on Ocean City's Boardwalk. It is going to be presented by Deputy Fire Chief David Cropper of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting of the Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office. On Sunday, March 30th, fire destroyed a large building at the south end of one of Maryland's biggest tourist attractions. This presentation will describe the fire department's operations used to control and contain this massive fire and some of the conditions and level of protection that served to prevent the

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fire from spreading adhering to fire company tactics keeping it from spreading to adjacent building.

Applause

Special Presentation – *Fire on Ocean City's Boardwalk: Deputy Fire Chief David Cropper, Ocean City VFC and Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting, Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office.*

Deputy Chief David Cropper: Good morning. I would like to welcome you all to Ocean City. The Sunday morning of March 30th we had a fire at the Dough Roller Restaurant in the south end of town. Many of you may be familiar with it; it is located on the beach parking lot. I was off duty that day at home. We did have some volunteer around. It was early that morning and they did have a very rapid response with the engine from the Dorchester Street Station. We'll go through some of the slides.

The main events of the fire were the tactics. We ended up with a fire in six commercial buildings at one time. The buildings were separated by approximately 18". The fire started between Marty's Playland and the Dough Roller Building possibly on the outside of the structures in a wall with a void area that wasn't used for passage ways or anything. It was just a dead void area between the buildings. The fire extended into Marty's Playland Amusements, it extended up into an apartment complex on top of that building. It was a five-apartment complex on the second floor. It extended west into a three story apartment building. To the south it spread into a T-Shirt shop, a small mercantile store and went into the back of the Dough Roller Restaurant in the bathroom area which allowed it to get into the drop ceiling and enter into the main dining room. It also went into the apartments on top of the Dough Roller. So when we arrived we didn't just have a fire between two buildings, we actually had it going six different ways.

We have photographs, audio and videos from a variety of sources. One thing we found was within six minutes of the fire, we later found out it was on U-Tube. So anything you do now on fire scene is rapidly in the public's eyes. That is something you want to be sure to remember – the good and the bad.

We want to be sure and thank all the mutual aid companies: Berlin, Showell, Ocean Pines, Bishopville, Bethany Beach, Roxana, Dagsboro, Millville, Parsonsburg, Selbyville, Newark, Frankford, Rehoboth Beach, Lewes, Indian River, Georgetown, Willards, Powellville, Pittsville, and Seaford. One of the first things I did was call a lot of equipment and I called a lot of alarms very rapidly due to the size and what we had showing. Some people thought we called a little too much too quick. We used eight aerial pieces. At the height of the fire we were flowing over 15,000 gallons a minute and that had a lot to do with how we held and controlled it.

Josh Bunting: Folks, just to give you an idea of how we are going to start, we are going to go over a quick description and the background of the building, some initial attack considerations, fire suppression operations and lessons learned out of this fire that has helped us grow as a department. (Mr. Bunting was walking the stage and did not have a mike on – therefore the following is based on the slides and what little voice could be heard.)

The downtown area (can the folks in the back see that ok?). The areas shaded in green were the buildings involved. The area shaded in blue is Marty' Playland on the first floor – located on the north side. Can you guys still hear me (now back on mike)? The first floor was primarily an arcade with approximately 200 people inside the arcade that day. On the south side is the Dough Roller, also occupied on the first floor. The Dough Roller had an L-shaped apartment complex on top of it. Then Marty's Playland had apartments located on the second and third floors as well.

As we go through this there are the side shown on the slide. The vast majority of the video mentioned by Chief Cropper in reference to U-Tube and some of the photographs primarily came from Side A. That was sort of the "Glory Boy" side, the side that had a lot of pictures taken of it. Side C is the side that had a lot of smoke and there were very little photographs from that area.

Just to give you a quick up-date, Marty's Playland is a 3-story wood frame mixed-use structure. The ground floor consisted of the Arcade and office space. The ground floor westside had apartments and the 2nd and 3rd floors were apartments to the south and east. Here is a slide of Side C, looking toward the Boardwalk of Marty's Playland. Some of the fire protection in Marty's included monitored fire sprinkler system included in the concealed space area and a fire alarm system throughout. This was critical in preventing the fire from spreading northward.

The Dough Roller Restaurant is a two-story wood frame mixed-use structure. On the first floor were the restaurant, T-shirt shop and offices and on the second floor were apartments on the east and south sides. The area in green you see on the slide is the north wall that borders that 18" gap that Chief Cropper mentioned – basically where the fire started. There was a one-hour fire-wall dividing the Sunshine Beachwear, a small T-shirt shop that was there. One of the contributing factors that the Fire Marshal's Office believes help to spread that fire into the Dough Roller may have been some vent locations for the bathrooms. Sunshine Beach had two bathrooms and the Dough Roller had two bathrooms to the rear of the building. An obviously, if you have done any A, B, C work you typically run it the easiest way which would have been that North wall. The fire protection in the Dough Roller Restaurant consisted of a kitchen hood extinguishing system. There were no sprinklers or fire alarms.

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Some weather conditions on May 30th, that Sunday, clear skies, temperatures were in the mid-50's, no precipitation but a contributing factor for the growth of that fire was the winds. We had sustained winds at roughly 17 mph out of the Northeast and gusts approximately in the mid 20's mph. You'll see that would be blowing into Side A of the building.

Just to start our incident, we had several Ocean City Police Officers in the downtown area at the transit station. For those of you who have ridden our buses this week-end, hopefully you have, it is located on the south end of town. We had several officers there at South Division Street doing a follow-up from a fight, and while they were there, one of the officers reported a large black column of smoke to the rear of the Dough Roller Restaurant. Officers arrived on location within a minute and reported fire showing above and to the north of the Dough Roller in the rear. One of the things I would recommend you guys to do is touch base with your communications division. One of the things we found was some of the locations of the fire was not transmitted to the fire-side fast enough. We were actually on location before we actually found out the exact location of the fire.

There what the initial officers saw (slide). We had a young woman downtown who took some photographs very early on of the fire. At 12:06 hours Ocean City Fire was dispatched. There was a 3-person crew – I was on that 3-person crew. We happened to be in the downtown area on 3rd Street and listening to the police dispatch. We actually had an engine out prior to or right at dispatch. We had smoke showing from Side D above the Dough Roller. Our first engine in actually came down the Boardwalk.

By 12:07 Ocean City Police had evacuated all the buildings – both the Marty's Playland and the Dough Roller. We attribute the reason we got the vast majority of those people out to the Ocean City Police Department. They did a phenomenal job long before we got there clearing those buildings. So they deserve a pat-on-the-back. One of our firefighter on the ground completed a walk-around of Sides A, B & C and automatically upgraded to a second alarm.

There is what we had upon our arrival (slide). By 12:09 hours Assistant Chief Duke arrives and assumes command on Side C. Engine 9 establishes a water supply on Side A and extended a 200' preconnect to the rear of the structure which would be the B/C corner of the building. We extended that based upon the police department showing us where the fire was. We observed smoke showing from the roof area above the Dough Roller and it appeared to be on Side D. When we made Side C of the building we accessed it from the rear kitchen door. As you can see there (slide) the red box is our Engine 9. We extended our 200' preconnect to the B/C corner and had smoke showing in that area of gray (again on slide).

We access that rear kitchen. There is a kitchen door which accesses the rear of the kitchen and the rear dining room of the Dough Roller and back around and outside. We had very light smoke conditions. It is our impression, based on the fire load and the fire

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travel we saw later; we actually had fire above our heads in a concealed space. For those young firefighters out there, and I consider myself on the border, and on the border between young and old, definitely check those concealed spaces above your head. Start popping ceiling tiles. Luckily we happened to be able to get out of there but that's killing a lot of firefighters with fire above their heads and not realizing it is there.

Attempting to access the roof, our 200' preconnect actually came up short at the base of a wood fire escape at the C/D corner. Two arriving personnel from Engine 1 were sent by me to get an additional 100' of 1¾" hose to extend the line. At that point we did not know we had the fire load we had. They instead come back with 200' of preconnect 2½" hose. As you can imagine that probably made it about as far as the preconnect of 1¾". Basically at that time we had two lines in service to the rear.

At 12:10 hours Chief 52 upgrades to a third alarm and then Assistant Chief Cropper and now Chief Cropper, arrives and requests two additional alarms. That brings us to the 4th and 5th alarms. Chief 52 transfer command to Chief 51 and then he took the rear side of the structure with us on Side C.

Chief Cropper: This slide shows Side C, the snorkel is out of West Ocean City Station. They attempted to get into the alley right behind there. Once they got out and got position, they realized because they couldn't see for the smoke, that there was overhead power lines, so they repositioned and got it at the head of the street right on the B/C corner. You can see from the photos it just got worse (smoke) on the backside. There was an extremely large electrical service at the back of the building that ended up hampering operations on the back. We had to remove our firefighters because of the live electric wires.

This is Side A of the building, this shows from the Boardwalk side, the fire in between the buildings extending up into the attic area of the building on the right which is Marty's Playland was fully sprinkled. That did buy us a lot of time. The amount of fire they had did require hose streams to prevent the extension but we can't say enough about how much the sprinklers did. Even on the ground floor in the arcade with the sprinklers on we still had fire rolling across the ceiling above the sprinklers. The first attack line that I order pulled was into the ground floor of the arcade. That particular end of the building had the ski ball machines if any of you my know who have been there. The Dough Roller Building was built in 1925 and was not sprinkled.

As I said, the first line we took in was a 2½" to the arcade and did knock the bulk of the fire behind the arcade machines and in the ceiling as the sprinklers continued to operate. Throughout and after the fire and through the investigation, one thing we don't believe happened, we never did supplement the sprinklers with our hose lines. We didn't attach to the Siamese. That's neglect on our side. The sprinklers did their job however we did forget, to the best of our knowledge, to hook to the sprinkler system so it operated just on the city pressure. The pressure on the water system downtown never dropped below 40

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lbs. and that was one of the major things we were worried about during the fire due to the amount we were flowing.

After the fire, we did call the water department and during the fire they did turn on some auxiliary pumps. For the amount we were flowing we asked the water department three questions afterward. How long could they sustain us for what we were flowing? How bad did we hurt the water system in town? And if it was on the 4th of July at 3 in the afternoon how bad would we have hurt them? They came back quite surprisingly to me that we did not hurt them at all. Right across the street is a 450,000 gallon water tank; we dropped it about 20 some feet. The next water tower is at 15th Street. They turned on some pumps at 100th Street, 2 jockey pumps of the three they have, to supplement the water system. We never had an issue with water. We'll have a slide here later on that you can see the amount of engines and aerials we were flowing. That was kind of new to us; we have upgraded the water systems quite a bit over years. We use to have some water problems and have to go to other avenues.

We did have a problem in going to extra mains. We ended up closing the whole south end to traffic. We went all the way across to Philadelphia Avenue by the Coast Guard Station and blocked all our access. We had trouble getting fuel trucks and other equipment into the beach parking lot to supplement us. The first staging area I call for was to stage the apparatus in the beach parking lot. We did get the first couple of alarm assignments in there and that proved to be pretty good but once we were cut-off we did have a bank of apparatus in that parking lot that we ended up using everything.

This is a picture of myself as soon as I arrived on the scene. This is what we had with the fire in between them. I placed the next aerial that came in on the Boardwalk right there to separate those buildings. I wanted the turntable right there so they could cut that fire off with a master stream between it.

When I did arrive, I came down the Boardwalk we did have smoke pushing out of the attic vent of Marty's Playland on the very north end of the building with the fire being on the south of that building. So I was pretty sure the fire was in the attic of Marty's and I figured we were going to burn the roof off those apartments if nothing else.

This is what we had, very light smoke if anything on the ground floor. This is Tower 5 out of Headquarters (slide) pulling up. Some of the pictures it is going to look like that aerial is very close, there are 16' boards on the Boardwalk and they are in wishbone shape with two sides. That aerial is all the way to the east as far as you could get because of the benches. You will look at some of the pictures and wonder why she didn't have to be painted. She just had come back from Florida from a paint job and she did not have to have any paint. It will get worse there very quickly.

Josh Bunting: Folks, one of the things that Ken Bush asked us to really touch base on

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was the speed of the fire and the growth of the fire. And I specifically again want to talk to some of our younger firefighters. I went through Firefighter I in 1997 and unfortunately MFRI does a great job of training but what they don't do because of the safety involved, in what it is like to be in and around a flashover. Talk to the older firefighters, those that have actually seen the growth of the fire and how quickly it moved. One of the things that surprised us on this fire, luckily we were all safe and there was no one inside when this occurred, was the flashover.

The next series of pictures were timed-date stamped within about a minute and fifteen seconds of each other. The first photo you see is of light smoke conditions in the Sunshine Beachwear. The next photo you can see a little fire in the rear of Sunshine Beachwear, the T-shirt shop. Very shortly thereafter, a large growth of fire in the rear of the T-shirt shop. You can see the smoke is building. Very shortly thereafter VERY heavy smoke conditions and even larger smoke conditions. To give you a time date stamp, look at the guy in the basket and his progression from basically standing there to readjusting his helmet after he puts on his Scott mask, it doesn't take very long and we have a flashover condition. If you get a chance, U-Tube the movie, there is a U-Tube user – TaterTot or something to that effect, he has a video that watches this flashover and it is incredibly, incredibly quick.

The T-shirt shop flashed very early on, before we were prepared, in the front of the building. As you can see it started to extend to the soffit of the Dough Roller. However the growth of the fire gets knocked very quickly by a crew that was there from our crew engine.

12:17 hours dispatch advises that the 5th alarm has been filled with 8 additional engine and 4 trucks enroute. Chief 52 advises he has fire extension into the rear of the Dough Roller. The door we walked out of is now fully involved from floor to ceiling in fire.

At 12:20 hours Engine 3 which had attack lines to Marty's 2nd floor, D exposure, was out of tank water. The vast majority, even though we generally have a good water supply system downtown, the vast majority of the streets when you nose into the street on the Boardwalk side has a fire hydrant. This street does not. They estimated that that hydrant would be there and it was not.

At 12:23 hours dispatch requests that if Chief 51 needed a Staging Officer. At that time he was still sending everyone to the inlet parking lot. There is a picture of one of our units southbound at 27th Street at approximately 10 or 15 minutes into the call. Again that is the A/B corner after, as Chief Cropper stated, the soffit and floor vents allowed the fire to travel through the Dough Roller. There is Side C of the building in the rear. That white box is a walk-in cooler that was between the two doors we walked in. We had fire through the roof very quickly upon our arrival. Again Side C further out in the parking lot. There you can see our snorkel going up in the air. One of the issues we had with a lot of our aerials, particularly with our snorkel that was on that B/C corner, was the ability for them to actually

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see the building. They were in such high smoke that they were basically feeling their way, to make sure they were not going to hit the building, with a pike pole. Again some more pictures. One of our water supply engines down on Baltimore Avenue. That would be the back side of Marty's Playland and Engine 3. (Slides)

The next series of photos you are going to see are of the Dough Roller and the fire travel as it moves through the Dough Roller. For those of you who have not been through the course, I would strongly recommend Mr. Dobson course on reading smoke. You are going to start to see some wood smoke. Some brown turbulent smoke that is typically indicative of wood structural members burning – unfinished wood. As you guys heard me mention previously, the wind was blowing out of the northeast. Basically if you were standing taking this picture over your right shoulder and into the front of the building. At some point in the front of the building, the front windows were vented. You actually saw the previous picture where those windows were vented that lead to the growth of the fire. The Dough Roller quickly flashed. The crew you seen on the bottom right-hand side is the crew out of Station 3. They did a great job putting a duce and a half in service and knocking what was left of the Dough Roller.

At about 12:23 hours Chief 51 requests a 6th alarm. And then very quickly thereafter, about 6 minutes, dispatch advises they are one truck short for the 7th alarm. I give our dispatchers a great amount of credit, they kept a great accountability of the apparatus that we had on location, the people moving in and out of scene. However, twice this occurred that there was an upgrade that was heard that was not requested by our incident command – at least it was not on the video that it was requested.

As Chief Cropper mentioned, there was a point and time when we were removed from the rear alley due to high power lines. (Those are the lines you see on the right top corner of the screen.) Those are the crew we left out back to monitor the gap we had talked about.

Chief Cropper: This is showing the apartment building above Playland. It was sprinkled, we did have crews. We did have extension into the apartments into the ceiling and into the attic space. As well as behind that going to the west, it extended to a three story apartment building to the rear and we had fire in there. It ended up the fire burnt the outside wall completely off of Marty's Playland. The fire extended from the outside wall through the standing frame, through the drywall into the apartments themselves. The outside wall literally burnt away.

Here's the Boardwalk side, you can see the how rapidly it went. As Josh said before, in a minute and 15 seconds we went from that store with nothing at all showing, I mean a very light smoke if anything in a minute and 15 seconds, to fire rolling above the 3rd floor of the building. That's just how rapidly it advances. We'll have a slide to show you here, due to the renovation of the building, it ended up they determined there was about a four foot or more between the ceiling of the T-shirt store and the original ceiling of the building. So not

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only was there a drop ceiling, but you had an area of about 4 foot, concealed space with a fire in it. And that is what really contributed to the rapid flashover of that fire. So, as I said before, that building was built in 25, it had a lot of renovations in it and everything. And once the fire entered the dining room of the Dough Roller, through the bathrooms and into the ceiling, it took hold of a large area. Anyone familiar with large areas such as meeting rooms, church halls, or anything of that nature or a dining room area, you realize you have a rapid heat buildup and how fast it goes through the building. That is what pushed out the front that is what pushed out the exit door out the back and everywhere else.

Here is the T-shirt shop (slide); it shows in the back the heavy fire load in the dining room. it consumed the center of the building and more toward the back of the Dough Roller and we had a collapse. All the front of the building, the apartments overtop, side B, the B/C corner, all that was held in tack except for the area in the center of the building, where that dining room and kitchen area was what collapse and brought the roof down. The Dough Roller did have a four foot cockloft or attic but you'll see some pictures here that did have some real nice attic vents. Something we are not use to having. The were approximately two and half feet long and 18" tall. They did come into play where we could keep the fire out of the attic area with the aerials which kept from burning the roof off the rest of the building.

We did have one minor injury to a firefighter, he had a piece of debris in his air mask when he put his pack on and it flew up and got in his eye. That was it. It did take a while before the power could be killed to the area from Connectiv. It ended up tripping several major transformers in the south end area. It was an hour and a half into the fire before we confirmed that the power was secure to that block area. It just takes that long to get some service sometimes. On the back of the building the electric did play a part in controlling the fire.

This slide shows the apparatus placement. The yellow or the aerial piece, the red are the engines. We do have a 10" water main that goes down the Boardwalk. We were on five of the hydrants in the beach parking lot on that. On Baltimore Avenue, which is the next main street, that is a new 12" main, we had four engines on those hydrants and I think we had three on Philadelphia Avenue. The one thing that did come out of it, we have a lot of nice big equipment in the different companies, large pumps and everyone is carrying large diameter hose. What we ran into is most of them are use to supply one 5" line and thinking that is enough. Most all the aerials we had operating, we had at least two 5" lines backed up with 3". All our major engines that were pumping on the scene had at least 2 5" lines. A lot of the companies we were working with were not using to pumping two 5" inch lines. They weren't sure if they could pump that much water. One thing we stressed to them and we tried to make sure, maybe we are the exception to the rule – we have good water. And it was a job to get the people to hook up properly, to put their gates on and hook to every hole on the hydrant. Every discharge we want a line on it and multiple lines. Engine 9, the first engines there, that's a 1,000 gallon a minute pumper. She had a 4" supply line and four 3's feeding that 1,000 gallon pumper. Somebody came up and said isn't that quite a

bit on that little truck? The more you put in the more she'll get rid of.

The main thing that allowed us to hold the fire the way we did was big water and heavy streams. I just can't push that enough. We had one company that came in hooked to a hydrant with two 3" lines, that's what they are used to, that's all the water the hydrant will give them. It happened to be one of the best hydrants at the base of the water tower. Here they are with a 2,000 gallon pumper and they hook up with two 3" lines. It is hard to break old thoughts.

We went through companies that did not have the means to pump two 5" lines. We had to give them adapters to do that. Anybody who was pumping and thought they were at capacity or whatever; we would give them another company to lay a 5" supply line, pick up another hydrant to boost their pressure up. Some of those pump operator said they have been in the business 15 or 20 years and never pumped that much water.

We did have a plan that my Chief Engineer and I had discussed. If we went to draft we were going to send a minimum of four pumpers. We were going to go to the Coast Guard Station. We had it figured out we were going to cut the fence and run the lines through. For anyone who deals with the US Government, it is easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask permission. That was all planned. A lot of people wanted to know about the water and why we didn't draft. We did have good water.

Early on into the fire and the fire had hold of that dining room area, knowing the building we had, I called for an exterior attack and everyone pretty well pull out that way. The only exception to that was on the north side of the fire in the apartment building, we did have hand lines on the 2nd and 3rd floors and we had with three sets of roof rafters and the fire didn't extend any further with the sprinklers heads holding it. The outside wall burnt away and we have a picture here in a few minutes, that had the fire actually burnt the wall away and you can see it advancing on the wall, one sprinkler head in that room held the fire.

We have about run out of time. I would like to thank you all. If anyone has any questions afterwards, you can see me out here. Thank you.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: OK. I have some resolutions first off. I am not going to read them all because we are getting close. Chief Cropper, you get that sir. Deputy Fire Marshal Josh Bunting and we also have one for the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department, if you would see to it they get this. Thank you. We have some goodies for you.

Applause

President Frank J. Underwood: Now we are calling for any old business? Old business

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once. Old business twice. Old business three times. Any new business? New business going twice. New business three times. We are now going to have three separate raffles. First we are going to have Margaret Goudy come up for Special Activities Raffle. (Margaret and her granddaughter join President Underwood and her granddaughter draws the winning ticket). This will be for the fountain fireman. It looks like Roger Steger, is that Roger Steger? Sure enough, the winner is Roger Steger. The second raffle is Provident Insurance. Where's CJ Benz? C.J. How are you doing sir?

CJ Benz, Provident Insurance: Congratulations Frank. We wish you the best on your recovery and on your presidency. We know you are going to do a fantastic job. It is a great week at the beach. It is one of the best I can remember. The weather is working out for everything. Fifteen years ago I started coming, I think Phil Hurlock was the President and I want to thank you for your friendship and for allowing us to give away our axe. Some people think that we don't actually give it away. This is just a demo. The person who wins gets a brand new one. We don't fix it – that's why we ask the President to pick a winner. So at this time I will ask Frank if you'll do the honors. (President Underwood draws the name.) Stephan Cox says if you draw his name there is something special in it for you! The winner is Jay Shipley of Riveria Beach. Have a great week and thank you.

President Frank J. Underwood: Now we are going to have the \$10,000 raffle. The drawings will be done by Colleen Francis, Miss Fire Prevention and Stacy Jarrett, First Runner-up Miss Fire Prevention. Lou, you're on bud.

Lou Jonski, Chair Ways & Means Committee: Thank you Mr. President. President Underwood, Officers, members of the MSFA and LAMSFA, I would like to thank everyone for your help this past year. And also I would like to thank everyone for getting me the Gladhill Thompson Trophy because it belongs to all of you and they presented it to me as chairman of this committee. I have to thank a couple of special people for our success through the years. To mention a few, my wife, Anna, is the one who keeps me straight, although that is tough. (Applause) Mitch Vocke, my co-chair. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't know how many or how much or whatever but he keeps that straight for me. He's the man. Also I would like to thank, and I am going to miss some names, but I'd like to thank Carol Hayden from the ladies; Chuck Austin from the men; Upper Marlboro Fire Company; Betty Pilkerton; Chris Cornes and Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company who sold over 20,100 tickets this past year. (Cheers from the audience).

As usual we already have tickets printed. We had 60,000 tickets printed for the 2008-2009 raffle and if anybody is interested, I have a few here. We have 2,500 of them already in circulation. We are going to go from here – we have a 10-day reprieve – until Chesapeake City Saturday after next. That is where we start to sell them, and anybody interested in coming up and helping – it's a good time up there if the weather is good. You'll see some sights, I can tell you that.

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We finished up this year with another record. We actually broke the record within the last two hours downstairs – we sold a total of \$55,000 worth of chances. (Applause) We are looking forward to breaking that record again next year but that will be tough but we'll do it. We are also schedule to come into Ocean City again for Sunfest; we got our stand come down to Sunfest the third week in September and give us a hand down there, we'd appreciate that help also.

Just to mention one more thing. Harford County sold over 40,000 tickets. (Applause and cheers.) I make that stand every year. Anyone who would like to beat it – go at it – because Harford County has done well the last 7 or 8 years.

- First ticket for \$10,000 – Dickie Wood
- 2nd ticket for \$1,500 – Brian Polk
- 3rd ticket for \$500 – Mike Philipi, Oakland, MD
- 4th ticket for \$100 – Harry Winecke
- 5th ticket for \$100 – Roger Twiss
- 6th ticket for \$100 – Iris Powell
- 7th ticket for \$100 - Jerry Hege
- 8th ticket for \$100 - Sandy Brown

Thank you everybody. I'll see you again next year.

President Frank J. Underwood: Lou you do such a good job, we look forward to hearing your total every year. So, since you do such a good job, let me be the first to present you with the deposit slips for next year's raffle. Ladies and gentlemen - good of the order. Going once, twice, sold. A reminder to everyone we have the parade this afternoon at 1 p.m.; tonight at 5:30 we will be passing the awards out at the back of the convention hall; tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. is our Executive Committee meeting and at 7:30 a.m. on Friday is our golf tournament. I need a motion to adjourn.

John Long, Chief Chaplain: Let us pray. Almighty God we ask your blessings on this afternoon as we participate in the parade. Father we thank you for the leadership you have given this Association and we ask that you be with the new officers as they take helm and guide this organization over the next year. Father, we ask for safe travel for those who are traveling today and give them safe travel on their way home. We ask this all in your precious name. Amen.

President Frank J. Underwood: I need a motion for adjournment. Motion made. I now adjourn the 116th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

REPORT OF THE MSFA PRESIDENT

1st Vice President Underwood, 2nd Vice President Powell, Chairman Seavey, Officers, Clergy, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Welcome to Ocean City, Maryland.

Once again, a heartfelt thanks to Mayor Rick Meehan and the Town of Ocean City, Dave Swift and the Convention Center staff, as well as to President Jay Jester, Fire Chief Chris Larmore and the officers and members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for their hospitality and support. This past year has been very challenging for the MSFA. Before I summarize this year's activities, I must pause to remember those many dedicated members who have passed since our last convention. While it is not possible to mention all of our lost colleagues in this report, I want to mention a few. The MSFA lost three loyal and great pioneers in the passing of Chief Ronald B. Graf (Earleigh Heights), Chief John W. "Jack" Gouty (Jessup) and Judy Lau (Laurel). The contributions of these three members to their home companies and the volunteer fire service of this state over the many years are invaluable and will be sorely missed. The MSFA family was deeply saddened by the loss of senior Past President, Chief Howard B. Springer 1957-58 (Susquehanna Hose) and LAMSFA Past President Mary Alice Lare 1959-1960 (Hampstead Auxiliary).

Unfortunately, the Maryland Fire Service suffered three-line of duty deaths this past year; Captain William A. Bell, Jr. (Wheaton), Firefighter Jarrett A. Dixon (Baltimore County) and Captain Donald W. Hubbel (Baltimore City) The thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with each of these families and their friends.

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

June 26, 2007 Shock Trauma dinner meeting with PHI (Express CareTransport)

July 31, 2007 Director Steven T. Edwards, MFRI

August 6, 2007 Colonel Terrence B. Sheridan, Secretary, Dept. of Md. State Police

August 8, 2007 Sean Malone, Deputy Legislative Officer, Office of the Governor

August 24, 2007 Senate President Mike Miller

August 27, 2007 Dr. Robert R. Bass and MIEMSS Leadership

August 29, 2007 Director John M. Droneburg and MEMA Leadership

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Sept. 6, 2007 State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
Sept. 10, 2007 David S. Bliden, Executive Director, Md. Association of Counties
Sept. 11, 2007 State Emergency Medical Services Board
Sept. 11, 2007 T. Eloise Foster, Secretary, Md. Dept. of Budget and Management
Sept. 18, 2007 John Spearman – R Adams Cowley, Shock Trauma Center
October 1, 2007 Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot
October 9, 2008 House Speaker Michael Busch
January 3, 2008 Governor

On August 3, 2007, a large delegation from the MSFA traveled to Winchester, Virginia to attend the President's Council Meeting of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. At the invitation of the MSFA, representatives from MIEMSS (Clay Stamp), MFRI (Pat Marlett), R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (Brenda Folser-Johnson), MEMA (Director John Droneburg), Office of the State Fire Marshal (Bill Barnard) and Maryland State Police – Aviation Division (Major AJ McAndrew and Captain Dan Cornwell) joined us at this meeting.

In addition to MSFA, each one of our State partners made a brief report on activities within their respective organizations. I would like to recognize and thank our partners for participating with us in Winchester, as well as from MSFA who were there to lend their support. The Maryland emergency services made a great showing. A delegation from the MSFA also attended the Delaware State Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention in Dover, DE on September 14, 2007. I would like to thank Out of State Coordinators Bob Cumberland and Gene Worthington for their efforts on both events.

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

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

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

The Maryland Fire and Rescue Education Training Commission (MFRETC) met on September 12, 2007 to consider recommendations of the Minimum Standards Sub-

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

On September 25, 2007 the three Presidents attended the Annual Life Safety Conference held at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Once again, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and the committee are commended for another great Conference.

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

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

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

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

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

Since June 2007, the Officers and Executive Committee members have been traveling the State, answering questions and providing information to our members about the

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critical financial needs we are facing and why their approval and support is needed for the proposed dues increase at this year's Convention and Conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On March 31, 2008, FYI, Governor O'Malley submitted his supplemental operating budget. Line Item D50H01.06 added \$274,950 as a Special Fund appropriation from the EMSOF to fund the MSFA Executive Director and associated operating expenses. House Bill 1622, introduced by Delegate Norman Conway, received a unanimous favorable report in the GOC sub-committee. On April 5, 2008, the bill stalled in the HGO Committee, after an amendment was introduced that eliminated the Executive Director and associated costs. This was done behind closed doors and without the knowledge of the MSFA. Another provision of this bill authorized \$252,000 in funding to the MSFA Appropriations and Widows and Orphans Fund; however the funding was contingent on passage of the bill. Despite the hard work and efforts of Delegate Conway, DBM Secretary T. Eloise Foster, Deputy Secretary of State Brian Moe and others, the bill failed to move out of the HGO Committee. Because the bill did not get voted on, it failed. As a result, the MSFA funding for our *Appropriations and Widows and Orphans will be reduced by approximately 50 % in the FY 09 Budget*. As of this writing, the MSFA leadership is working with Delegate Conway, DBM and the Governor to try and resolve this matter and restore the funding. As to the Executive Director, I appreciate the hard work of the Chairman Lee Sachs and members of the EDWG during the past year. We will continue to pursue a source of funding to move this project forward.

Through the efforts of the Grants Committee, we reviewed and submitted the application for the AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The application, by the Grants Committee promotes 3 separate programs. We still await the results of this application. Through the efforts of the Grants Committee and MFRI, conducted several Grant Writing Seminars were offered this past year. My thanks go to Beth Stone, Chris St. John and David Lewis for their efforts. As a follow-up to discussion held at the December Executive Committee meeting, I called a meeting of the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary and the Executive Committee Chairs on January 19, 2008 to discuss and review the current budget of the MSFA. As a result of that meeting, several recommendations regarding reductions to our budget and our financial operations were made and adopted by the Executive Committee at the February meeting at New Windsor. Two significant cost saving recommendations were the elimination of the 4th MSFA vehicle currently assigned to the Office of the Secretary and to **not** purchase a new vehicle in 2008.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and long hours put fourth by the Legislative Committee Chairman, Danny Davis and the Co-Chairs Joseph R. Robison and Douglas

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C. Alexander. Many of our members throughout the State have no idea how many hours these folks put in on behalf of the MSFA. Another critical component to our success in Annapolis during the Legislative session is the contribution of the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA. These ladies staff the office and keep things in order during the 90-day session. A special thanks to Rose Davis, Candy Mitchell, Bobbi McWilliams, Betty Radisch, Marie Soudar and Peggy Webb, thank you ladies. We could not function without you.

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

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

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

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

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

During this past year, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with our various allied agencies. I wish to thank John Ashworth, John Spearman and Brenda Fosler-Johnson,

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Mark Wasserman and Jim Radcliffe (R. Adams Shock Trauma Center), Bill Barnard and Jane Edwards (Office of the State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass, Pat Gainer, Lisa Meyers and Monty MaGee (MIEMMS,) Steve Edwards and Pat Marlett (MFRI), Colonel Terence Sheridan, Major AJ McAndrew and Captain Dan Cornwell (MSP) and John Droneburg and Terry Thompson (MEMA). I truly appreciate their assistance and support of the MSFA during the past year. The MSFA looks forward to a continued excellent working relationship with each of these agencies and the great people.

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

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

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

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

My sincere appreciation to those of you who assisted the MSFA by serving as committee chairs and committee members this past year, I look forward to your continued service in the future. To Chairman James P. Seavey, Vice Chair Craig Moe, and members of the Executive Committee, thanks for your commitment to duty this past year. Without the participation of our membership, we could not exist.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to 1st Vice President Frank J. Underwood and 2nd Vice Resident Roger N. Powell for their friendship and efforts this past year. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the efforts of Past President Philip M. Hurlock who was appointed Acting Secretary in February. I also appreciate the efforts of the Acting Secretaries, for their assistance and dedication to duty.

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

Marcine D. Goodloe and the 19 member companies of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association and the Montgomery County Fire-Rescue Services for their tremendous support, both financially and in-kind. Summarized below is a summary of my activities since being installed as President on June 22, 2007:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2008-2009

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

Continue to pursue funding for a salaried Executive Director.

Continue to pursue state funding for Physicals for all volunteers.

Continue to get the MSFA Foundation functional.

Aggressively pursue additional sources of funding to operate the organization.

Continue to reduce firefighter injuries and death through support of the NFFF "Everyone goes home" initiative.

Best wishes for a successful 116th Convention and Conference.

Fraternally,

Chief Paul H. Sterling, Jr., President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

President Sterling, 2nd Vice President Powell, Executive Committee Members, Past Presidents, Ladies Auxiliary and Members of the Association. A lot has happened over the past year. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Executive Vice Chair Judy Lau as our convention was coming to a close last year. A couple of years ago, when I decided to run for Second Vice President, Judy and I talked for many hours about what the future of the volunteer fire service would be, and what needed to be done

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over what would be my term. Judy was always so helpful. I asked her to be my executive committee person because of her knowledge of the workings in Annapolis. She jumped right in with "Yes, I'll be happy to!" The first year started out great, she was there and we spent many an hour discussing what our plans were going to be over the next two years. Then February hit and she called me and told me about her cancer. It seemed as if the bottom had fallen out of her life, but with her positive attitude she said not to worry all would be well. All through her treatments she kept that good attitude and she said she would be in Ocean City for the Convention. Each time we talked, her hopes were up. I left for the convention on Thursday and was kept abreast of her status. Day for day she went downhill. Monday would have been a good day for her. The Hall of Fame award was most deserving for such a wonderful person. I thank those people who ran the award back to her before she died. I often think of her and her dedication to the fire service, men's and women's. I would like to thank Craig Moe for jumping in with his knowledge and background of Annapolis to serve as my Executive Vice Chairman. This past year he has served me well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Personally, I was proud to receive a Life Membership in February from my home company, the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company. My family and friends were on hand for this moving occasion. I also hold a Life Membership from the Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department, which I joined at the age of sixteen. I want to emphasize to everyone that the MSFA committee meetings that I have attended this past year have been very important to me. They have kept me in touch with everything that is happening within our organization and have allowed me to set my priorities for my presidential year. For those reasons, I made it a point to attend as many meetings as possible. Keep up the good work committee members; you are all doing a great job!

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

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

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

August 23-24 @ Branchville (2008)

December 6-7 @ Pittsville (2008)

February 21-22 @ Smithsburg (2009)

April 25-26 @ Chestertown (2009)

In addition, I will be firming up my Executive Committee appointments over the next few weeks. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who served on the committee during the past year. I have put a great deal of thought into the appointments that I will make, and I look forward to working with the entire Executive Committee during this coming year. I have important goals for the MSFA and I need supporters who will work closely with me in reaching those goals. My number one goal is to make certain that the MSFA remains a strong, well respected, and united organization.

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

REPORT OF THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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

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

President Sterling was faced with completing an ambitious agenda begun by Presidents

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Sachs and Balta including continuing to pursue the completion of the bringing of the issue of the Executive Director to conclusion, continuing the sprinkler initiative, continuing to deal with the communication issues, continuing to deal with financial issues including matters relating to our budget, pursue revenue sources and resources, and pursuing the dues increase initiative passed by the Delegates at the last convention. In addition, President Sterling has continued to perform the duties of his office by maintaining a relationship with our EMSOF partners- MEIMSS, MFRI, Shock Trauma, and State Police

Aviation, and attending meetings with these partners and of other organizations collaterally related to or associated with the Maryland State Firemen's Association throughout the year. President Sterling has permitted me to attend and participate in all meetings associated with the pursuit of the initiatives and with continuing and maintaining a relationship with our partners and other agencies.

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

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

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

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

Additionally, I have participated in ongoing meetings associated with issues related to access of monies to enable the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to make loans and

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grants some of which have been at MEMA some of which have been with the Governor and his staff and some of which have been with the Secretary of Budget, Eloise Foster. I was appointed to and participate in a MFRETC Committee to formulate guidelines to implement NFPA 1403-live burns in acquired structures.

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

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

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

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

As I review this year, and without meaning to belittle any individual who has contributed toward my realizing success during this past year, there are certain individuals without whose support, dedication and advice I would not have been able to even come close to having done and accomplished that which I have done and accomplished and those are

Lee Sachs, Don Mooney, Fred Cross, Gene Worthington, Joe Robison, Richard Yinger, Bernie Smith, Ron Siarnicki and Leonard King. Past President Sachs has been my constant traveling companion, mentor and advisor and has dedicated himself and his knowledge and experience to me in a manner and to an extent that it is hard to define and for which to say thank you is woefully lacking and inadequate and without whose companionship, mentoring, advice, and accessibility I surely would not have been able to learn all that I have learned and to perform the duties that I have been able to perform. I

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have enjoyed traveling across the length and breath of the state with President Sterling and 1st Vice President Underwood who have taken the time to teach me and advise me on the duties of office for which I am also most grateful.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,
Roger N. Powell, 2nd Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

President Sterling, Vice President's Underwood and Powell, Officers and Members of this Great Organization, I am pleased to provide my Annual Report of the Secretaries Office. It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served during the past year as Secretary and perform the duties and responsibilities that are required of the Office.

Unfortunately, during my term, I suffered a stroke and have had to rely on a number of people to support my requirements and I personally want to thank everyone for their support and dedication. This is what the Maryland Fire Service is all about, working together and supporting one another in both good times and bad and without this commitment from so many people, my job would have been that much more difficult. I cannot express enough my sincere appreciation for your understanding.

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

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

President Sterling scheduled Executive Committee Meetings at the following locations and dates

listed below and all correspondence and business from those meetings was transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

June 20th, 2007 - Ocean City (Convention Center)

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

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

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

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

June 15th, 2008 - Ocean City (Convention Center)

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

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

A personal thanks goes out to Assistant Secretary Jackie Olson for her many hours of commitment and dedication to the Office of Secretary. This is an individual that goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that all functions, activities, reports, etc., are taken care of for each meeting and also assisting the President with activities that are sometimes

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planned for the weekend's of the Executive Committee. Her assistance is invaluable to this Office and very much appreciated.

Would also like to thank Assistant Secretary Ron Watkins for his preparing of the reports for each of the meetings and for being available to make the necessary copies that are sometimes needed by a particular Committee or Officer. His role is very important as well to our office. And last but not least a special Thank You to Eddie Cross for always being there for whatever needs to be done over these many years.

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

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

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

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

One of the many services that are provided to the membership of this Association that has proved to be a tremendous communications tool, is the electronic mail and notification system, that is currently in place. Even though it sometimes brings sad news with a death or an illness, it has become a vital tool to communicate the news, meetings, events and the various services that are available through our Association. If you are not participating in this program and have a desire to be included, go to the MSFA.org website and click on the member mailing list to subscribe. This website as well as the many functions that help our Association to make notifications has been coordinated through our Data

Systems Committee under the capable leadership of Richard Snader. His service has been invaluable, as well as those of Barry Johnson and Lew Harvey, as well as the other Committee Members and the members of the Public Safety Network Committee. All of these individuals assist in providing us with the latest technology that our society has grown accustomed to. How we got along in prior years seems hard to understand, but we made the grade and still got the job accomplished.

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

In February, I met with the MSFA Officers and discussed my role within this Association and my limits in being able to complete all of the necessary tasks, even with the support of the Assistant Secretaries and agreed to step aside and take a less active role and concentrate on my health issues. With this thought in mind, I concurred with the Officers that Phil Hurlock would be appointed the Acting Secretary until the Convention in June. I greatly appreciate Phil taking over some of the responsibilities and thank him for his assistance, during the past couple months.

In assisting with this transition, I would personally like to thank my Daughter Kelli for her continued support and assistance as well, in helping me to continue on with the role and responsibility of my job. Her assistance was very much appreciated and she doesn't even belong to a Fire or EMS Company!!!

Recently, after meeting with some of the Officers of this Association as well as other very close friends of mine, it was probably in my best interest to step down from the position of Secretary at the completion of my term of Office in June. This was a very difficult decision to make, but I make this decision in the best interest of my health concerns and those of the State Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role that I have played and given my best in following in the footsteps of my predecessor's. After making this decision, which was not easy, I was honored by the Executive Committee of this Association to be given the title of "Secretary Emeritus". I am truly grateful for this recognition and for the outstanding support that I have received over the years. THANK YOU.

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

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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

This was also the year that the State of Maryland decided to audit the Volunteer Assistance TrustFund. There were many meetings between the auditors and the officers of the MSFA. There were recommendations made by both sides, at this time most have been implicated.

I would like to thank Treasure Ronald Siarnicki and the rest of the MSFA Financial Team for their assistance and the many hours of work and time that has been put into the effort in getting any and all problems resolved.

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

For the past twelve months, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Treasurer for our Association. This experience has been very rewarding to me and has been significantly challenging as well. During that time, we have been faced with many critical issues and yet

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as an organization we were able to overcome them in an exemplary fashion. Throughout this ordeal, the leadership of this association and the Financial Team has worked to assist the organization in making significant improvements into how we have conducted our financial affairs in relation to so many previous years and from here on out.

We have addressed the issues of financial shortcomings by adopting budget reduction measures this year and through our efforts to enhance the spending capabilities of our State of Maryland Appropriation's funds. Also, with the joint support of the Budget Committee and the Executive

Committee we have been able to tighten our budget allocations to ensure solid organizational fiscal effectiveness. Issues relative to the Low Interest Loan Funds have been addressed with the State Government and the Legislature, along with the findings of the state audit last year. The Financial team will continue to work on addressing such matters to ensure that our membership receive every financial opportunity they might be entitled to.

Looking to the future will continue to bring new challenges and with constructive efforts such as the proposed dues increase, our association will be able to maintain a solid fiscal balance and foundation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Sterling, Vice President's Underwood and Powell and all of the officers of the Association especially Secretary King, Interim Secretary Hurlock, Financial Secretary Fred Cross, his assistance Chris Hyzer, and Past President Lee Sachs for working so diligently with me though my tenure in office. I would also especially like to thank my Assistant Treasurers; Robert Jacobs and Bobbi Aaron for helping me maintain

a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility as we worked through these issues and changes. They have helped make a real difference to the end result and for that I am deeply grateful.

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

Ronald Siarnicki, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

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

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

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

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

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

This year we have a special speaker for our prayer breakfast. Tommy Neiman author of *Sirens of the Cross*, he is a career firefighter/paramedic with the Saint Lucie County Fire Department in Fort Pierce, Florida. I am sure you will enjoy his message so please join us.

Keep praying, serving, rejoicing in everything you do.

Ezra 3:11

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

Rev. John F. Long, Jr., Chief Chaplain

REPORT OF THE MSFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Please take a moment and check your Convention Package for Trustee Literature. We sincerely hope this information is of use to your Department and Leadership. Also I would

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like to direct your attention to our improved web site. This site is a part of the MSFA site and will be very useful if you require and assistance, or to contact your Trustees.

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

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

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

Stephen V. Hales, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I am honored to present the Annual Report of your Executive Committee for the 2007-2008 Convention Year. It was with a heavy heart that I took over the reigns of the Executive Committee, as I was counting upon the sound advice and council from close friend and Vice Chair, Judy Lau (Prince George's) and it was not to be. Sadly the day before the Executive Committee was to be sworn in, Miss Judy succumbed to cancer, just hours after having been inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame. She was installed at Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for this year, posthumously and a chair was left for her at every meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President Sterling had convened a meeting of the Finance Team, in consideration of the dire financial condition of the organization. At the February meeting, the Team presented a host of recommendations to the Executive Committee.

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Many of these recommendations called for a new approach to managing the Association. Following extensive review of the recommendations and lengthy debate, most were accepted and are already being implemented.

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

The Executive Committee also approved a Presidents Vehicle Use Policy as presented by the Presidents

Vehicle Committee for all future users of these vehicles. It is an operational policy governing the use of these vehicles and instructions regarding maintenance and damage, should it occur, to them. The Executive Committee opted to eliminate the Reception hosted at the Congressional Fire Services Dinner, thus cutting a \$6,500 line item for our budget. It was just one of many difficult decisions that had to be made in the interest of better financial stewardship for our Association.

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

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

At the April Meeting of the Committee, the Training Committee presented new guidelines to assist departments with NFPA 1403 Compliance during Live Acquired Structural Training. This was reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee to be published for our Member companies. Also at the April Meeting, the Risk Management Chair, Clarence Jewell offered that all volunteer personnel should have on file at their station a designation of beneficiary form for use in case of a Line of Duty Death. This will assist greatly for the survivors and prevent major complications in determining who is to receive any local, state or federal benefits. I was quite saddened, but at the same time humbled to have the honor of delivering the eulogy for my dear friend, Chief John "Jack" Gouty of the Jessup VFD, at his memorial service on March 8, 2008. The loss is so very palpable, when we lose someone, such as Jack, who was such a valuable member of the Convention and Safety

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

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

1. The submission of Reports to the Executive Committee within a time frame that allows for ample review prior to the meeting is of great value and should be strengthened.
2. The continuation of reforming the finances is essential to the future of the Association. However, we must temper that with the need to provide services to our membership.
3. The use of information technology for Committees and Meetings should be expanded and used to the fullest. The MSFA has made great progress but must make the next leap forward into the efficient use of technology.
4. Finally, the implementation of an Executive Director is past due. When one looks at the workload that faced this organization just this past year alone, it is obvious that such a move is not only prudent, it is critical. All of our EMSOF partners, along with the Governor even recognize the absolute need for such a position to assist in the day to day affairs of such a large and expansive organization.

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

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr.
Chairman**

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: Through the commitment, efforts and hard work of many caring people, the 116th Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA is being provided for the

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betterment of our association, its membership, their families and the State of Maryland's Fire and Rescue Service as a whole. As with anything in our lives the only constant element we can expect to have occur is change and with the Convention Committee there is no exception to that fact. A lot of significant changes have occurred this year and the one that has had the biggest impact on this association was the retirement of our long time convention chairman, Past President Leonard T. King, Sr. Leonard has done an amazing job of chairing the committee that has put this conference together for years and with him stepping down this year, a reshuffling of the deck had to occur. This annual event would not be of the caliber, quality or professional level that it is without the personal attention to detail he provided with caring leadership and wisdom. Past President King truly catapulted this convention beyond any of the expectations of our leadership or membership. For that we will be eternally grateful for all he did. In recognition of his years of service, the Executive Committee, at the April Meeting in Solomons, Maryland, bestowed him the grand honor of Chairman Emeritus for our Convention and Conference Committee. A title he truly deserves and one that I will always respect and appreciate as I take over the reins of this functional group who each year tries to make our trek to Ocean City a little bit better than the year before. My only hope is that I can uphold the traditions and degree of excellence that has been provided before my tenure as the Convention Chair. I will be depending upon all of you to get that accomplished. With that said, if anyone is interested in taking a more active role with the convention, feel free to make that known to myself or any of our officers. Any help you can give is always appreciated.

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

Each year the Joint Officers Banquet is a very well planned and enjoyed event. This year is another fine example. Thanks to Rose Clark and her team for the extra special attention to details they provide with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the guests and Richard Brooks for serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

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

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

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

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will provide a fitting tribute to all who serve and especially our state's first responders. Our theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors by representatives from each county in the state and the special video presentation we have planned. Thanks to Past President Tom Mattingly, Johnnie Roth and others on their team for the work completed in this area, especially the

talented members of our convention go-team and special operations crew. Without these hard-working and committed team members the audio-visual, program support, logistics and back stage needs of the convention would never get off the ground. They truly are a major component of the backbone of this conference crew.

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

Individuals such as Carlos Alfaro and the entire audio-visual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events move smoothly. Ed Joiner thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Eddie Cross, Bill Hawkins, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center and logistics areas for all events during the week. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD for all she does year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

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

For all the ladies and gentleman that sell the event tickets, offer bus passes, handle the mad rush in the lower foyers and provide information and guidance to conference attendees,

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my personal thanks for a job well done often under very trying times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your constant deliveries of those friendly smiles are greatly appreciated.

Again, this year we are planning an array of social events, including: The All You Can Eat Picnic, Monday Night Luau Party, Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, etc., require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the individuals for their dedicated work in producing these various events. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross and Assistant Secretary Jackie Olsen for another great Golf Outing this year, great job guys.

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

In addition, the Convention Committee extends a special thank you to the Mayor of Ocean City for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year in assisting to make everything happen for a successful convention and conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center management and staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication they demonstrate all during the planning process for our annual event. We could not put on this Convention and Conference without the splendid year round cooperation of the officers and entire membership of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, as well.

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

Respectfully Submitted;
Ronald J. Siarnicki
Convention Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Emergency Services Organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

With the efforts of many dedicated individuals the 116th Annual Convention and Conference

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of the M.S.F.A. is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering of the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services and their families.

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

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

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

The Education and Training Seminars will stimulate new thought processes and tone up some skills to better enable you to serve your departments and citizens in a most professional manner. New this year, are some hands on training seminars. Thanks to the members of the Program Committee and to Director Steven Edwards and J. Pinoake Browning at MFRI for their devotion and assistance.

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Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hilderbrand, Eddie Cross, and your staffs for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Transportation Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for there long hours and hard work in producing the parade. Ken Bush and the Program Committee work hard behind the scenes to coordinate and bring you the best possible programs. Carlos Alfaro and the entire audio-visual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events move smoothly. Ed Joiner, thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Eddie Cross, Bill Hawkins, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center and logistics areas for all events during the week.

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

YOUR Convention Committee hopes that you and your families will enjoy your stay in Ocean City. We also hope that you will learn from the many events and displays during the convention and conference and take that knowledge back to your communities to

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

Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.
Chairman Emeritus

REPORT OF THE BRAC COMMITTEE

I discussed with John Dulina, MSFA Executive Committee, a meeting with Wyatt Colclasure, Aberdeen Army Alliance president to update him on the NERTC project. At the request of Senator Roy Dyson, I briefed the joint Senate and House committee meeting on BRAC and its implication to the region in December 2007.

I addressed encroachment as a specific topic but discussed in private the NERTC project as a public safety issue.

Conclusions

- a. Lt. Governor Brown chairs the Subcabinet on BRAC for the State of Maryland.
- b. Congressman Ruppberger and Senator Mikulski and Carden can be most important in this process.
- c. Need interface with State Representatives and Senators in the impacted areas.
- d. Need interface with the County Executive or County Commissioners in the impacted areas.
- e. MFRI Director Steve Edwards has a plan to upgrade the NERTC.

Recommendations

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

- a. Need interface and dialog with Congressman Ruppberger's office and Senator Mikulski and Carden's offices on our Fire and EMS issues.
- b. Need interface with State Representatives and Senators in the impacted areas on our Fire and EMS issues.
- c. Need interface with the County Executive or County Commissioners in the impacted areas on our Fire and EMS issues.

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d. MSFA will need to coordinate with MFRI Director Steve Edwards on the NERTC and put pressure on the University of Maryland to fund this upgrade.

Submitted by
Keith Fairfax, Chair

REPORT FROM THE MARYLAND DNR FOREST SERVICE

President Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources Secretary John R. Griffin and Forest Service Director / State Forester Steven W. Koehn. During 2007 the Agency responded to 622 wildfires that burned 5,102 acres. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning, Equipment, and Arson. July brought drought conditions to the state with an unusual spike in wildfire activity for the month with 117 responses, the highest occurrence month for the year. The Forest Service also conducted 32 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 652 acres. Assistance was also provided nationally with the dispatch of four twenty-person fire crews on wildfires in California, Idaho, Nevada, and Montana. Additionally one Type 6 Engine (Brush Truck) assisted in Georgia and 21 single resource fire personnel assisted on wildfires throughout the Western US.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 33 volunteer fire departments in seven counties receiving \$80,787 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$177,550 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wildland protective equipment, upgrades to communications equipment, and other small tool purchases such as chain saws and fire hose.

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

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

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and productive 116th MSFA Annual Convention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Monte R. Mitchell
State Fire Supervisor

REPORT OF THE DUES INCREASE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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

The Committee reviewed County and Regional Association and neighboring states dues. A chart was provided that outlined proposed increases and the amount of funding generated by each proposal.

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

The MSFA Executive Committee at it's meeting in Damascus on September 23, 2007 approved a proposed dues increase from the present \$125 to \$200 effective in the 2009 dues. The By-laws Committee has written the proposed change for the 2008 Convention and will be on this year's ballot.

Joseph R. Robison
Chairman

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE ISSUES COMMITTEE

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

Chief Dan Stevens and I attended the meeting on Thursday, March 13th at the Bay Bridge Office with Director of Facility Operations Randy Brown who advised us that Executive Secretary Freeland was unable to attend, as he was called to a meeting reference to legislation. We continued our meeting and discussed the following: 1. E-Z Pass operations for fire, rescue and EMS vehicles, at this time the Transportation Authority is working on revising their policy on business accounts, which we feel may address our concerns. We will review this new policy and discuss our concerns when received.

2. Emergency responses using any toll facilities across the State of Maryland are asked to proceed thru an E-Z Pass lanes after slowing and proceed with caution, the system will take your picture, after reviewing by stuff if they can determine you are on an emergency they will not process, if you receive a letter in the mail, please get a copy of your run sheet (doesn't need to be patient information) showing times and scene and medical facility location, then contact the office of the E-Z Pass Administrator (410-537-1309) reference to faxing information, they will process after receiving, as they will allow you to passage without paying a toll.

3. Non-emergency authorized travel thru Maryland Toll facilities, The Trust Agreement for the Maryland Transportation Authority authorizes the Maryland Transportation Authority to allow "MARKED EMERGENCY VEHICLES" toll free passage after stopping and stating company/department name, county location and unit number (Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County, utility 780).

4. E-Z Pass accounts can be set-up following standard procedures as any person, which will allow a paid toll passage on any E-Z Pass system on the entire network system. I would like to thank Director Brown for his time meeting to discuss our concerns and look forward to following-up after reviewing their new policy on Business accounts operations.

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

**Sincerely,
Roger A. Steger, Sr. Chair**

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Date Meeting Location & Type County

7-25-07 Hollywood, EMS Committee St. Mary's

11-4-07 Liberty Road, EMS Committee Baltimore

1-23-08 EMS Operations, Summit Howard

4-16-08 Abingdon, EMS Committee Harford

GOINGS ON – AT MIEMSS – NEW SKILLS SHEETS

In my report to last year's convention, I reported that the BLS Committee of the State Emergency Medical

Advisory Council (SEMSAC) was in the process of developing updated Skills Sheets for our EMS Instructors and Providers to be known as the "New Maryland Way". The goal of the new program was to insure accuracy and to promote consistency in skills application. The program focuses on injuries affecting one body area annually. The 2006 Skills Sheets and a DVD used for instructor's references (Focusing on Back Injuries) were so successful that a second set of Skill Sheets and a DVD were shot during the past winter at MIEMSS. I have seen the proofs of this activity and may I say, "I am really impressed".

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

MIEMSS CALLS EMS SUMMIT:

The Maryland EMS Summit more properly titled the EMS Operations, EMS Educator and EMS Medical Director Summit, hosted by MIEMSS, was held at the Howard County Fire Training Center on January 23, 2008 and was attended by the Maryland State Firemen's Association three presidents plus myself, Chair of

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EMS Committee and Joan Williams and Marianne Warehime, Chairs of the Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support Subcommittees, respectively.

Also attending were training representatives of every major jurisdiction and associated training academy as well as representatives of approximately ninety percent of the smaller jurisdictions. I honestly don't believe anyone left the meeting disappointed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The floor was then opened for discussion on these proposed Educational Standards starting with the **Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)**. The **EMR** program is under utilized by the State's fire service.

The **EMR Program** was felt by the attendees to be similar to the current program and will probably still be used by law enforcement with very little recertification.

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

Mike Robinson and the representatives of Howard County's Training Program then proposed the AEMT program could be adopted as an ALS Assist Program where the Counties presently use EMT-Bs as drivers for their ALS providers. This seemed to be accepted by those present. More information and discussion will ensue over the next year.

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

After the discussion the session adjourned.

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE:

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

After some checking with various contacts at MIEMSS and MFRI, I discovered a similar project being developed through MFRI by a group headed by Wayne Coburn. Wayne welcomed me as representative of the MSFA EMS Committee and noted that he would be glad to have us work with his group on this project. The ultimate goal is a safer response

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by all respond to accidents on our highways. The program has been located and I have had the pleasure of attending two working sessions.

MIEMSS Response -

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

The class that I attended was held in Branchville was attended by thirty-three personnel mostly from fire/EMS departments in the southern Maryland area. Although the class was well attended, I do not believe the class roster reflected the President's expectations, especially in the attendance realm. This we will have to work on in the future.

MFRI Response –

On Thursday, April 10, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending a Multi-Agency Training Committee held at the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) at Baltimore Washington Airport. I attended as a guest of Wayne Coburn. Wayne and the MDOT group are taking a different approach to the highway safety training. They want Mr. Sullivan to "Train the Trainer" by training existing pre-qualified MFRI Instructors to conduct the classes, the classes will probably last approximately six hours. Right now MDOT and MFRI believe that Mr. Sullivan is probably approaching overload in his teaching and with the demand for classes escalating, the demand will be extremely high, most in the area of one-day classes and Company drills. Therefore, they are looking forward to working with MDOT. We can assist this group by asking law enforcement participation as well as any outside interests in our classes. There will be more to follow, I'm sure.

EMS BLS COMMITTEE SETS GOAL FOR THE 2009 MSFA CONVENTION:

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

Respectfully submitted;
Charles W. Wills, Chair

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORK GROUP

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

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

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

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

My thanks are again extended to every member of the Committee, all of whom have been active participants in the process from the inception, as well as our President and two Vice-Presidents, who have similarly been very much involved and have offered wisdom and understanding to our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee N. Sachs, Chair

REPORT OF THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Federal Legislation in the 110th Congress to Monitor 07-08

Current Legislation on Action List

Updated April 23, 2008

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

Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow sponsors of certain deferred compensation plans to elect to include length of service award plans for bona fide volunteers providing fire fighting and prevention services, emergency medical services, ambulance services, and emergency rescue services. Directs the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations exempting a length of service award program from treatment as an employee pension benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

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

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

The National Volunteer Fire Council LOSAP Committee is in its seventh year of existence.

Legislation amending Internal Revenue Code Section 457 is at a critical crossroads. The problem at the moment is that there are not have enough cosponsors in the House or Senate to move these bills out of committee.

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

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

Related Bills: S. 1840 2. S. 1840: Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007 - 7/20/2007--Introduced.

Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow sponsors of certain deferred compensation plans to elect to include length of service award plans for bona fide volunteers providing fire fighting and prevention services, emergency medical services, ambulance services, and emergency rescue services. Directs the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations exempting a length of service award program from treatment as an employee pension benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

3. H.R. 606: Volunteer Emergency Responder Fair Mileage Act of 2007
1/22/2007--Introduced.

Volunteer Emergency Responder Fair Mileage Act of 2007 – Amends the Internal Revenue

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Code to: (1) exclude from the gross income of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders reimbursements of automobile operating expenses incurred for the benefit of a volunteer fire department; and (2) allow such volunteers to deduct such automobile operating expenses using the higher business mileage rate instead of the standard rate.

4. H.R. 1351: Firefighters Special Operation Task Force Act 3/6/2007--Introduced.

Firefighters Special Operation Task Force Act – Amends the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration to award up to 100 grants for task forces (two or more fire services that collectively consist of at least 50 firefighting personnel, operating under a cooperative agreement to coordinate incident response) each fiscal year for: (1) salary and benefits to hire firefighting personnel; (2) training; (3) equipment or support systems; (4) communications between task force members and a local police department or hospital or with any other appropriate governmental or private sector entity; and (5) compatibility and interoperability of training and equipment. Requires the Administrator to give priority to task forces serving geographic areas that have a high population density or that are located within 50 miles of: (1) a nuclear power facility; (2) a large facility that produces, treats, or refines chemicals or petroleum products; (3) a business district of national significance; or (4) a location with one or more critical infrastructures. Requires grantees to obtain non-federal matching funds of at least 55% of the amount awarded by the Administrator for each fiscal year.

5. H.R. 1643: Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Job Protection Act 3/22/2007--Introduced.

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

Allows employers to: (1) reduce the employee's regular pay for such time as the employee is absent; and (2) require the employee to provide written verification from the supervising Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), state, or local official that such employee responded in an official capacity at a specified time and date. Requires such an employee to make a reasonable effort to notify his or her employer that he or she may be absent or late. Gives such an employee a private cause of action for discrimination which violates this Act.

6. H.R. 943: Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act of 2007 - HEART Act (H.R. 3997)

H.R. 3648: Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007 - Final

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

Related Bills: S. 1466

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

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

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

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

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

****FINAL: UPDATE 12-28-07****

5/23/2007—Introduced by Senator Dodd. Currently there are only 5 co-sponsors neither of Maryland's 2 senators are a co-sponsor. Latest Major Action: 12/20/2007 Signed by President - Became Public Law No: 110-142 Related Bills: H.R.943/ HR 3997 / HR 3648 - Final

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

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

7/25/2007—Introduced by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. Currently 3 co-sponsors To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish demonstration programs on regionalized systems for emergency care, to support emergency medicine research, and for other purposes.

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

7/25/2007—Introduced

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

10. H.R. 3303: Public Safety Tax Cut Act

8/1/2007--Introduced.

Public Safety Tax Cut Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) allow full-time police

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officers or firefighters a tax credit of \$1,000; and (2) exclude from the gross income of volunteer police officers or firefighters certain public services benefits received from a state or local government agency.

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

1/4/2007--Introduced.

Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award a grant to each state to carry out a program for making available throughout that state the 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services. Requires a participating state to ensure that at least 50% of the resources of the program funded by the grant will be derived from other sources. Requires a state seeking a grant to carry out its activities through a lead entity to be known as a 2-1-1 Collaborative. Requires grant amounts to be used solely to make available to a state 2-1-1 telephone service for community information and referral on human services to all citizens of that state with phone access, including telephone connections between families and individuals seeking services and the service providers.

Requires grant recipients to: (1) abide by the Key Standards for 2-1-1 Centers; and (2) collaborate with human service organizations to provide an exhaustive database of services with which to provide information or referral to individuals utilizing the 2-1-1 service.

12. H.R. 1020: Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Enhancement and Authorization Act of 2007

2/13/2007--Introduced.

Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Enhancement and Authorization Act of 2007 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to carry out an Urban Areas Security Initiative Grants Program, under which the Secretary may make grants: (1) to purchase equipment, conduct exercises, and provide training and technical assistance to state and local first responders and for facilities to provide training or assistance to responders; and (2) to provide reimbursement for specified expenses if 100 or more personnel in the relevant jurisdiction are dedicated exclusively to counter terrorism and intelligence activities. Directs the Secretary to make such grants: (1) generally in accordance with the procedures, terms, and conditions under which grants were made under the program in FY2005; and (2) based solely on a quantitative assessment of the risk of a terrorist attack on high-threat, high-density urban areas that considers the threat of a terrorist attack to particular assets and the vulnerability of particular assets to, and the consequences of, such an attack. Directs the Secretary, upon finding any problem in a grant application, to notify the applicant and provide an opportunity to correct it before making a grant. Makes: (1) fund allocations and grant approvals by the Secretary subject to modification by the President; and (2) provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act regarding the state and local domestic preparedness support grant program inapplicable.

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

2/28/2007--Introduced.

9/11 Comprehensive Health Benefits Act of 2007 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare-based eligibility and benefits for individuals with a 9/11 disaster-connected health condition. Prohibits a workers' compensation law or plan

from discriminating against an individual by virtue of the individual's entitlement to such benefits. Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an individual regarding hiring, advancement, compensation, or other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment by virtue of the individual's entitlement to such benefits. Makes Medicare the primary payor for 9/11-related coverage. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a consortium to conduct and coordinate screening, monitoring, treatment, and diagnostic research on the 9/11 disaster-connected health conditions.

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

Ready, Willing, and Able Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting jointly, to establish a working group to assist their respective departments to: (1) promote the development of disaster plans that will protect the maximum number of citizens; (2) help state and local officials provide the necessary means and infrastructure for the American public to volunteer to assume a direct and influential role in community-based disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation planning efforts; and (3) develop standards to measure the success of a community's level of direct, participatory disaster planning efforts. Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise the requirements for a state application for a grant to improve state, local, and hospital preparedness for and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. Requires the application to include an assurance that the state will take specific steps to comply with any recommendations of the working group.

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

James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to extend and expand arrangements with certain medical providers and the New York City Fire Department for monitoring and other services for those exposed to airborne toxins from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in New York City (9/11 attacks). Expands the categories of individuals to be covered by such arrangements and provides for a nationwide network of health care providers for treating victims residing outside the New York City area. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct or support research on the diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental health conditions related to the 9/11 attacks. Authorizes the Secretary to establish similar research programs for victims of the attack at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Directs the Secretary to convene a 9/11 Health Emergency Coordinating Council to discuss, examine, and formulate recommendations with respect to the adequacy and coordination of: (1) care and compensation for victims of the 9/11 attacks; and (2) federal tracking of the monitoring of, and treatment for, individuals affected by such attacks. Amends the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act to provide, under certain circumstances, for an extension for filing claims under the September 11th Victim compensation Fund of 2001. Directs the Secretary to extend and expand arrangements with New York City that provide for the World Trade Center Health Registry. Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the mental health needs of individuals affected by the 9/11 attacks.

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

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

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

Related Bills: S. 2123

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

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

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

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

House Roll #633

Jul 17, 2007 12:32 PM H R 980 Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (under suspension of the rules)

***Passed 314-97, 20 not voting**

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

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

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

Related Bills: H.R.980

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

18. H.R. 2669: College Cost Reduction Act of 2007

7/20/2007--Passed Senate amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Provides for \$5,000 in loan forgiveness over a period of five years for those employed in areas of national need, including early childhood educators, nurses, librarians, foreign language specialists, highly qualified teachers in bilingual education or in low-income schools, child welfare workers, speech language pathologists, those engaged in national service, school counselors, and public sector employees (Title I (sec. 131)).

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

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

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

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

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

7/20/2007--Passed Senate amended.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Eric N. Bernard, Chair

C. Daniel Davis, Vice Chair

REPORT FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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

Unfortunately, 2007 brought us a significant increase in fire deaths, in particular during the first half of the year. During the first six months alone, nine Marylanders died from fire only one short of the record low of sixty fire deaths recorded in all of 2006. With your help during the second half of 2007, the number of fire deaths decreased considerably. Still, at the end of 2007, ninety-three lives were lost to hostile fires, the highest number of fire deaths in a single year since 2001 and the highest number of residential fire deaths in more than a decade. The MSFA and its member departments continue to play a critical role making Maryland a safer place to live work and raise a family.

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

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

The OSFM continues working in partnership with the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Chaired by Doug Alexander, the Committee continues to deliver workshops and presentations, educating communities and policy makers about the value of residential fire sprinkler protection. Together, we are continuing our work with national organizations, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, to see that residential fire sprinkler requirements are made part of future model building codes.

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As a reminder, the "Fire Safe Cigarette" legislation you worked with us so diligently to pass during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly becomes effective on July 1, 2008. House Bill 785/Senate Bill 361 the "Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act" is one piece of legislation all of us can be very proud of. We truly believe this legislation, once fully implemented, will save lives of both citizens and firefighters. During the past year, the OSFM has undergone an extraordinary number of personnel changes, impacting operations of the entire Agency. Two areas significantly impacted were the OSFM Bomb Squad and OSFM Headquarters.

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

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

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

John D. (Dennis) Gentzel was promoted to Chief Fire Protection Engineer replacing John F. Bender, who served the OSFM with distinction since 1971. Dennis has continued John's tradition of excellence and professionalism that our entire cadre of Fire Protection Engineers is known for and possesses the same degree of dedication. Even with numerous staffing changes, our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at amazing levels. The felony closure rate for arson by our Deputy State Fire Marshal's continues to be 50% higher than the national average. In code enforcement, the levels of professional certification held by our staff are among the highest in the nation. OSFM staff members continue to serve with distinction on many Technical Committees for Codes and Standards for the National Fire Protection Association and the International Code Council.

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During 2007, the OSFM was called upon to perform nearly 1,200 initial fire and explosive investigations.

Additionally, over 16,000 fire safety inspections were conducted. This level of performance is outstanding when you consider the staffing changes the Agency experienced during the past year.

Staffing issues also impacted the number of plan reviews completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2007, our Fire Protection Engineers conducted just over 2,100 of these highly technical plan reviews. Fortunately, we have filled our vacant Fire Protection Engineer position with another outstanding individual, Rick Arvin. Since Rick started we have made great progress in reducing plan review backlogs. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we obligate to you, the Maryland Fire Service, our continued support of your mission.

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Vice President Underwood and Powell, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, and guess. This year our committee has worked close together with M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, State Fire Marshall's Office and Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee. We continue

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

Peggy Webb, Emmons Horner, and Allen Ryan continue distribution of Visual Smoke Alarms for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. John Spiker, Jane Huffman and Tom Collins continue to work on Fire Prevention and Life Safety messages for placemats, posters, and billboards. Placemats are available upon request. Theresa Ann Crisman, Audrey and Ed Thurston, Marie Warner-Crosson, and Cynthia Wright-Johnson are doing an outstanding job on the Risk-Watch Program. This program is set up for private or public schools. If anyone would like to know more about this program, they can contact anyone on our committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE MISS FIRE PREVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi Gable
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Chair

REPORT OF MISS FIRE PREVENTION

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

When first crowned Little Miss Fire Prevention for Chesapeake City I would have never guessed I would be where I am today. I had aspired to become Miss MSFA and this past summer I was given the opportunity to spread my knowledge and learn more then I could have imagined. Through this great organization I have had countless opportunities to reach out and educate the community with my fire prevention knowledge.

This past year has been filled with countless unforgettable experiences and I am grateful for the opportunity. So far I have had the opportunity to attend 58 events and travel over 3,000 miles and my calendar continues to fill for the final two months. I have visited numerous places across the great state of Maryland attending parades, banquets, open houses, meetings and seminars. I have enjoyed meeting all the

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wonderful people that are dedicated to serving the community and educating people of all ages in fire safety.

I would like to thank my parents and family for all the support they have given me while traveling across the state. Without them I would have not been successful in educating the community. I would also like to thank the officers of MSFA, LAMSFA and the various people around the state who have supported me and helped make my reign as Miss MSFA a success.

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

Brittany Myers
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

REPORT OF THE FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 116th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

It has been a pleasure for this committee to continue to serve you and this great Association. Again this year we took the same approach as last year. We sent out all of the various awards contest rules in one mailing. This packet was sent to every Member Company of the MSFA so that everyone would have plenty of time to review and submit nominations. As of the writing of this report, we have had a very poor response for nominations for the Fire Fighter of the Year Award. We continue to promote this and all of the other awards programs as our Officers and Committee Members travel this State. Many of the Member companies have a Fire Fighter of the Year person(s) recognized at their annual banquet. Why not submit their name for the honor of being the MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year! The nomination is for the previous year only so it is not held over until the next year.

All nominees will be recognized from the Convention floor and presented with a certificate of nomination. The winner of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award will receive a large plaque, a patch, and a jacket with MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year, their name, and the year, embroidered on it. Their name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Maryland Volunteer Fire Fighters Room at the University of Maryland.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the Committee Members for their continued support. It has been my pleasure to work with them. I would also like to extend thanks to President

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Sterling for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Fire Fighter of the Year Committee during his term as President.

The remainder of our report will be given during the presentation of the 2007 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor.

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

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

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

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

**Respectfully Submitted;
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FIRE AND EMS CAREER TECH COMMITTEE

The High School Career Tech Committee continued to monitor the programs around the state and offer assistance when asked. The Committee looks for trends that may identify strengths and/or weaknesses in the various programs. We have a standing offer to assist any county that wants to start a program. A problem that developed during the past couple of years and seems to be getting worse is the failure rate of the EMT classes. Many counties have a 50 percent or higher failure rate. We have not identified any common thread, but continue to discuss the problem with the various counties. Some counties, including Carroll have not experienced the problem and we are looking at their program as well as the counties that have a problem. We will continue to focus on this challenge

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during the coming year.

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

The unique feature of the Maryland program, and one of the main strengths is the freedom the counties have to tailor their programs to work in the individual county environment to meet their needs. We will continue to monitor the programs throughout the state and we stand ready to assist in any way that we can. We encourage County representatives to communicate issues and challenges to us. It may be that we have seen the issue in another program somewhere in the state and can provide some guidance.

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

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Dan Stevens, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE MSFA HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES CONVENTION BOOK REPORT

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

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

This year we obtained an additional unit at the storage facility on Ft. Smallwood Road to store the MSFA records in addition to the MSFA history. Once again, thank you to those

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

Please visit the Historical & Archives booth at Convention, as we will have copies of inventoried historical photographs for purchase. Thank you to John Spiker for undertaking this task. A brief meeting was held with members of the Heritage Hall Corporation Group on the progress of our committee and the hopes to eventually display a video history of the Maryland fire service in their museum spaces in Emmitsburg.

This year has been a challenging year, th family and health-wise, for many of our committee members, but they continued to be as supportive as possible despite their tribulations. As committee chairperson, I would like to thank all of my committee members for their support this year and I wish those members who have been "under the weather" prayers for a speedy recovery.

Respectfully,
Hugh Owens Jr., Chairperson

REPORT OF THE HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Suggestion #1, was to look into the possibility of changing the day and or time for the Honor Guard Demonstration. It was brought up that we had looked into this a year or two ago and due to the Main Hall being used, we could not do this. It was then brought up, to make the Tuesday seminar into a Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop. This would be

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a hands on workshop and each Honor Guard Team would, instead of drawing for what position they would perform, the teams would draw for what element they would have to perform. By moving to this type of workshop, we would be able to free up the Main Hall on Sunday, when the Honor Guard Demonstration would have been held. The Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop could be held in rooms 214 and 215 on Tuesday. President Sterling agreed this would be a good change for the Honor Guards. It was requested that the Chairman contact Mr. Pinoake Browning, to secure the rooms for this seminar as soon as this date. Chairman Hawley called Mr. Browning as soon as he arrived home from the committee meeting to request the room. We were aware that we would have to take our changes to the Convention Committee and that the rooms requested were not available until the afternoon.. The Chairman will discuss these with the proper personnel at the Executive Committee meeting in Ocean City to resolve any questions, or problems.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chairman Hawley will oversee Honor Guard personnel in providing escorts for the families at the Sunday evening Joint Memorial Service. Vice Chairman Beard will oversee the lining up of the Sea of Blue. Chairman Hawley will also oversee the Honor Guard personnel for the folding of the flag during Amazing Grace. As of the February meeting of the Executive Committee, the Harford County Honor Guard has offered to do the flag fold. For the Opening Ceremony, Chairman Hawley will again assist Vice Chairman Beard with the line up of Honor Guard personnel to carry and Post the County Flags and make sure the personnel from the various Associations that will carry the U.S. and Maryland Colors / Flags are properly lined up. Vice Chairman Beard will make sure the above personnel move out at the proper time as in the past. The Tuesday afternoon Honor Guard Challenge / Workshop will be under the direction of Vice Chairman De Haven, with the Honor Guard Committee assisting as needed.

The members of the Honor Guard Committee, felt that no other meetings of our committee would be needed prior to the Convention and Conference. Any business that would need our attention would be handles via a conference call to the members. The Honor Guard Committee chairs and members, wish to thank President Sterling for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association during the 2007 – 2008 term.

**Respectfully submitted,
J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. The following changes have been received since our last report. Baltimore County recipients now receive \$260 a month, an increase of \$10. Caroline County recipients now receive \$135 a month, an increase of \$10. Carroll County had an increase of \$15 a month plus \$1 for each additional year of certified service over 25 years. Their basic monthly payment is now \$125 plus \$8 for each additional year. Their burial benefit increased \$1000 and is now \$5000. Cecil County increased their monthly payments \$10 to \$135 a month. This will become effective July 1, 2008. Montgomery County made major changes to their program. They now have a three-tier program. At age 50 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any age with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003, recipients will receive \$230 plus \$11.50 for each additional year of certified service. At age 60 with 15 years of service, the monthly payment is \$138 plus \$9.20 additional. At age 65 with 10 years of service, the monthly payment is \$92 a month plus \$9.20 additional. Their burial benefit was increased \$2,500 to \$5,000. Talbot County had a \$50 increase. Their basic monthly payment is now \$150. The LOSAP Information Manual is being furnished as requested. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the Manual may be kept current. The latest LOSAP Summary Chart follows.

Tax Incentive Program (TIP) Since this convention report is due prior to the date the reports are received from the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2007 is unavailable. A total of 12,709 qualified in Tax Year 2006, an increase of 201 over 2005. Eight counties showed a decrease and 15 showed an increase in qualifying volunteers. There has been a lot of confusion this year with the 36 months in the last 10 years. We have received many emails and calls that the Legislation had changed and that Administrative Release No. 29 now exempts members with 25 years of service from qualifying with the 36 months in the last 10 years. Nothing has changed in the legislation as far as qualifying. To qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2007 (that is a member must have a minimum of 50 points and that those points must be earned in at least two categories) and have at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member with 25 or more years of qualifying service need not to have been active in 2007; however, the member must still qualify with at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member who has served 25 years or more as an active volunteer does not receive the TIP based on this status alone. Copies of the Legislation and Administrative Release No. 29 are online.

A County brought to our attention that Maryland's new Social Security Number (SSN) Privacy Act became effective January 1, 2006. The Act prohibits, among other things, the public posting of an individual's SSN for public display. The Act is also directed at normally private actions that may become "public" through a breach of security. Transmitting an individual's SSN by mail, facsimile, or over the Internet is also prohibited. However,

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there are some exceptions to the Act, including the use of an individual's SSN if required by State or Federal law. The Legislation (law) requires that SSN's be furnished to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, along with other information. In 1995, when we were holding training sessions around the State, some said they would not furnish their SSN. Mr. Riley talked with the Comptroller's office and was told that to qualify the MSFA must have SSN as stated in the Legislation. The County would like to have something in writing from the Comptroller's office because some do not want to furnish numbers. The officers and legislative chair and co-chairs believe that as long as the Legislation requires SSN and the Act states there are exceptions, there is no need for something in writing. I talked to Mrs. Daniels; a supervisor in the Comptroller's Office who reaffirmed that in order to qualify the SSN must be furnished as stated in the Legislation. If a member does not want to furnish SSN, then the subtraction cannot be taken.

SUMMARY

As chair of the Incentive Programs Committee, I wish to express my thanks to the committee members, the county coordinators, and the company tax incentive coordinators for their hard work, assistance, and support in this year's Tax Incentive Program. I especially thank Stu Carter, a long-time member of this committee who has agreed to keep the committee's website current.

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

**Respectfully Submitted:
Incentive Programs Committee**

Joan Robison, Patricia A. Bowser, Joseph A. Cooper , Donald Lee Howard, C. Douglas Bostian, Stuart W. Carter, Anne Hawkins and Donald M. Phillips

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REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

This year has been a very busy year for the Legislative Committee. The year started with a Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly. This session started on October 29, 2007 and concluded on November 19, 2007. There were 60 House Bills and 34 Senate Bills introduced during this Special Session. Of these the MSFA was watching seven. The main bills the MSFA was involved with was SB3/HB3 - Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminals. We were attempting to amended these bills to give 5% of the video lottery terminals income to the MSFA for disbursement to the 23 Counties and Baltimore City.

We were not successful in this endeavor. The 2008 Legislative session started on January 9 and concluded at midnight on April 7. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 1,625 House Bills, 5 House Joint Resolutions, 1,012 Senate Bills, and 5 Senate Joint Resolutions, for 2,647 Bills. Of these, 81 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The break down of these bills was:

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

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

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

HB 131, HB 1263, and HB 255 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act– These bills were the “move over” legislation that the MSFA has

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been trying to pass for the past several years. Sadly to say all bills failed in committee.

HB 1473 and SB 860 – Forest and Park Wardens - Responsibilities – These bills were amended to allow Forestry to respond to wild land fires when requested. Both passed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Committee especially thanks the following for their efforts on behalf of the MSFA: Senator Thomas Middleton, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator Larry Haines, Senator Barry Glassman, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, and Delegate Paul Stull. Thanks are extended to the Fire Caucus and the other Delegates and Senators who supported us throughout the year. Special thanks are extended to Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff, Deputy Secretary of State

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Brian Moe, and Bill Barnard for their support this year.

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

I would like to thank Richard Snader and Lew Harvey, Data Systems Committee, for keeping the computers up and running. In addition, a very special thanks to Chuck Austin, Chairman 17 State Circle Committee, for his hard work. Both of these committees were only a phone call away if a problem was encountered.

Finally to the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association a tremendous thank you for your continued support and efforts in contacting your Senators and Delegates seeking their support or opposition on various Bills submitted during this session.

C. Daniel Davis Jr., Chairman
Joe Robison, Vice Chairman
Doug Alexander, Vice Chairman

REPORT OF THE MARYLAND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD

I would like to start by reporting that the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board is about to complete its 28th year of operation. During those 28 years, the Board has had excellent attendance and participation not only from the member organizations, but also from the sponsoring agencies that nurture and support the state emergency services instructors through the certification process. They have all acted in a positive and professional manner. The Board would also like to recognize the University System of Maryland; and especially Director Steven T. Edwards and the staff at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, whose strong support is an invaluable asset to the Board. In April of 2008, the MICRB held its 135th meeting. As of that meeting, there were 673 Certified State Emergency Services Instructors, 256 Evaluators, and 18 Instructor Trainers. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Ocean City Convention Center, in conjunction with the MSFA Convention. I have reviewed the actions of the Board during this past year, and list below some of the highlights of our activities:

- The Board spent a significant portion of the past year reviewing the Certification Standards for Emergency Services Instructors to determine if any revisions are necessary. Input was solicited from instructors, sponsoring agencies, and others. The revised Standards were approved by the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and became effective in October 2007. Although available on line via the MICRB's website, the Board has agreed to print a limited number of hard copies for distribution to the sponsoring agencies.
- Work continues on refinement of the MICRB website. One may access a current list of certified State Emergency Services Instructors, Evaluators, and Instructor Trainers, as well as upcoming meeting information, Board membership, a copy of the Standards, and a list of currently approved professional development opportunities. This list is updated as new programs are approved. The Board considers its web site a valuable resource for both Instructors and Sponsors.
- Considerable energy has been focused on educating the instructors and their sponsoring agencies on the continuing education requirement as outlined in the Standards. The Board continues to address the development of a policy which will clearly outline the criteria for professional development programs. Criteria for Continuing Education Programs was developed and finalized, and is being disseminated to both Instructors and their Sponsoring Agencies. A significant effort has been made by all jurisdictions to provide ample professional development opportunities for instructors, and throughout the year several new PDI opportunities have been approved. MFRI's on-line PDI program continues to provide instructors with an alternative to traditional classroom and lecture-based PDI.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Weisgerber
Chairman

REPORT OF THE MEMA FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP

President Sterling, Vice Presidents Underwood and Powell, Officers, Past Presidents, members of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests. It was my pleasure to again serve as chairperson of the MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group. The MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group along with representatives from MFRI, Maryland Fire Chiefs and the METRO Fire Chiefs of Maryland are responsible for coordinating the activities of the Emergency Services Function 4 (ESF4) Fire Console at the State Emergency Operations

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Center (MEMA) during partial or full activation. This may include Fire, as well as work specifically with hazardous materials, emergency medical services, and search and rescue operations.

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

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

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

Sincerely
Dennis E. Beard, Chair

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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

2008 Memorial Weekend

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will take place on October 4-5 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year, 110 fallen firefighters will be honored and their names added to the plaques surrounding the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. This includes: 102 firefighters, 98 male and 4 female, who died in the line of duty in 2007 and eight who died in previous years. Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2007. Fallen firefighters ranged in age from 19 to 78. Deaths resulted from many causes including vehicular accidents while en route to or returning from emergency calls, heart attacks, training incidents, building collapses, being struck by objects at the incident scene, electrocution, falls, explosion, helicopter crashes, drowning and burns.

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

Firefighter Fatality Facts

Since 1981, New York State has suffered the highest number of line-of-duty fire deaths. New York has lost 665 firefighters, including those who died in the World Trade Center. Pennsylvania has had 246 deaths, the second largest number nationwide. California, Texas, and Illinois are third, fourth and fifth in order of states with the highest number of firefighter deaths. A total of 3,257 firefighters have died in the line of duty from 1981-2007. On average in 2007, one firefighter died in the line of duty every 86 hours.

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park Work is continuing on the first permanent Memorial Park honoring all fallen firefighters. It features a brick "Walk of Honor" connecting the National Fallen Firefighters Monument and the historic National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel. The Walk now contains more than 6,710 inscribed bricks and 16 logo bricks.

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

National Monument

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

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have died in service to their communities from 1981-2006.

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam have fallen firefighters honored at the National Monument. A separate plaque lists the 347 firefighters who died in the World Trade Center. National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel During the early 1800s, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born canonized saint, established the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg. She planned the Chapel as part of one of the country's earliest Catholic women's colleges. In 1997, the site was designated as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and in 1998 it was dedicated in memory of Chief Marvin A. Gibbons, PP, Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Oak display cabinets have been added to the foyer of the Chapel and inside the sanctuary One shelving unit was filled with historical items by the Daughters of Charity. Built-in bench seating overlooking the Park and the Memorial provides a place for visitors to rest.

Walk of Honor

A walkway of bricks with inscriptions that remember loved ones or say "thank you" connects the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and the National Monument. Special sections in the Walk honor fire departments, fire service organizations, and Foundation sponsors. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; St. Louis, Missouri; Worcester, Massachusetts; and Prince George's County, Maryland have dedicated sections honoring their fallen firefighters. The IAFC and Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania have each purchased one of the four brick nodes available in the Walk. CFSI has purchased a section on the Walk, and their bricks will honor their co-chairs and legislators of the year. Progress is being made on a Fire Department of New York section honoring all FDNY line-of-duty death firefighters from 1865 to the present. A special section honoring FDNY firefighters who died in the World Trade Center will be added to the plaza surrounding the new 9/11 statue.

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Created by Congress in 1992 to support efforts to honor fallen firefighters and provide programs to assist their survivors, the Foundation was chartered in 1993 as a non-profit organization in the State of Maryland. The Foundation offers peer support and grief resources for families; networks for families and departments of fallen firefighter, and training and resources for senior fire service officers for line-of-duty deaths. The 2007 *Taking Care of Our Own* training classes reached 633 senior fire service officers in 36 states. The Chief-to-Chief Network was expanded. Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) to assist departments and family members when a line-of-duty death occurs were established and trained for 44 states. One of LAST's primary objectives is to help with the filing of paperwork for Federal, state and local benefits. In 2007, LAST responses were coordinated for 76 departments and families of fallen firefighters in 28 states and the District of Columbia.

In partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration, the Foundation launched a national

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initiative to reduce line-of-duty firefighter deaths. A Firefighter Life Safety Summit attended by more than 200 fire service personnel produced 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. In 2006, two mini-summits on Emergency Vehicles and Roadway Safety and Health, Wellness, and Fitness were held. In 2007, the second National Firefighter Life Safety Summit in Novato, CA, and a mini-summit on "Prevention" in Washington, DC were held. Advocates in 44 states to promote the program across the country were recruited. "White Papers" on each of the 16 Initiatives were prepared. Volume 2 of the Firefighter Life Safety Resource was developed and distributed to 30,000 fire departments nationwide. A college curriculum was produced through a partnership with Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education. The *Courage to Be Safe* program was delivered in 24 states with more than 2,000 attendees. The combined "*Courage to Be Safe/Taking Care of Our Own*" course was delivered five times in three different states. A cross country "Whistle Stop Tour" designed to promote the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives and fire prevention was conducted. The tour bus displayed the 3,147 names of fallen firefighters honored at the National Memorial. The Tour stopped at 20 cities and attracted an audience of thousands.

In addition, the Foundation provides scholarships for spouses, children, and stepchildren of fallen firefighters and continues to provide long-term emotional support for the families of firefighters who died in the World Trade Center. In 2007, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 75 spouses, children, and stepchildren from 26 states. Partnerships with Motorola Foundation, NASFM, MasterGuard, ICMA and American LaFrance provided \$191,650 in scholarships. A financial management program for spouses of FDNY 9-11 firefighters continued.

The second annual Fire Service Survivors Conference was held in Washington, DC. Attendees participated in workshops on the Fire Service Survivors Network, communication, relationships, public speaking, financial management, and stress management. Survivors took advantage of the opportunity to visit with their legislators on Capitol Hill and attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner. The Foundation expanded its Web site with more features and information. Foundation staff and survivors provided information at 10 major fire service conferences.

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

Thank you for all that you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Jon Siarnicki, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL DELEGATES 2007-2008

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

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

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

Other important NVFC initiatives during the year:

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

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pledged to negotiate relationships with one or more national EMS-focused organizations.

- Endorsed a national move-over policy and encouraged all states to adopt legislation implementing it.
- Worked tirelessly, along with other national organizations, to create and pursue support among U.S. Senators to the passage of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act, which is now law.
- Continued to promote and expand its Heart Healthy and Fire Corps programs.

Your NVFC reps have accomplished the following:

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Lee N. Sachs

James P. Seavey, Sr.

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

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

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

EMS Officer's Course:

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

MFRI Participates in the MD EMS Summit:

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

For the past thirty-eight (38) years MIEMSS and MFRI have always partnered curriculum development for our state's EMS Providers. In 1970, when the first EMT-A classes were taught, the curriculum used was a joint production of MFRI and MIEMSS, utilizing the American Academy of Surgeons text. The first offering was sixty (60) hours in length and as instructors we were required to use local doctors for the classes including instruction in Anatomy and Physiology. The classes were updated in 1973-1974 to seventy-two (72)

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hours and the requirement for the local doctors was dropped. The next major re-write of the EMT classes occurred in the mid 1980s as a group of instructors spent a winter at MFRI again rewriting the EMT class. That development included representatives of MFRI, MIEMSS, EMS Committee of MSFA and the Maryland Ambulance Association. That development concluded in a class of 100 hours duration. The last major re-write of an EMT class occurred in 1995, when a group of instructors again met and developed the new DOT mandated EMT-B curriculum. The new class called "**The EMT-B**" deleted most of the Anatomy, Physiology, some Terminology and Pathophysiology – which was one of the biggest mistakes ever made in this State. Again within the next two years, a group of instructors will again assemble under the guidance of both MFRI and MIEMSS to develop a new curriculum entitled **EMT** for the use of our states new EMS basic providers. Now you say – "**Why the history lesson?**" The history lesson is provide a written history of the development of our state's basis EMS program and to show once and for all that the EMS program is a product of both MFRI and MIEMSS. MFRI has usually taken the lead, but the curriculum has always been jointly developed. In this state we have a unique system of Curriculum/Test development. MFRI is by far the largest provider of EMT classes and MIEMSS is basically the testing arm of the state.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

Charles W. Wills

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTS VEHICLE COMMITTEE

The Presidents Vehicle Committee had a very busy year. After presenting the new car at Convention, the old car was sold. There were several problems with the car and a lengthy process took place to get them worked out. Due to these issues, a new set of procedures and policies were adopted for the care and feeding of the fleet. These were finalized by the Executive Committee, and are now in force. We didn't purchase a new car for the

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08-09 year, but did reduce the fleet to 3 cars. The 4th car was sold at the April meeting in Solomon's Island. The Committee wishes to thank the Presidents and the Executive Committee for their help and guidance this year. This will be my last year as Chairman, and I wish the new committee "Good Luck."

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

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

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

We are also going to start working on update the manual that was created with new and pertinent information. That Recruitment and Retention Manual can be accessed on the MSFA web site and contains valuable information and suggestions. Items such as information on benefits, retention and recruitment hints will be provided.

We will be promoting a web-based, software program (www.salesforce.com) system that can be utilized to assist departments in tracking, not only their new members, but by providing documented information on their training process, other member date and would serve as a communications system for members. Committee Member Gam Wijetunge of the Wheaton VRS, will be presenting this program at the MSFA June Conference and Convention.

John Denver will be giving a report on a unique and proven test to help identify applicants interest and capabilities. This test is self-applied, not time consuming, inexpensive and with proven results. Thanks to members Bill Wagner, John Denver, Jim Brown, Eric Bernard, A, Mike Kelley, Brendan Burke, David Lewis, Gamunu Wijetunge, David and Marcia Garnice for the help.

**Respectfully submitted,
Marcine D. Goodloe, Chair**

REPORT OF THE RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER COMMITTEE

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

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

around the state with our mission.

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

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

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

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

**Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair**

REPORT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

**Sincerely,
Clarence E. (Chip) Jewell, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE RISK WATCH SUB-COMMITTEE

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

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

Maryland RISK WATCH plans for 2008 include active participation in the March 8 2008 – Public Education & Life Safety Conference, September 23, 2008 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference; four Safe Kids Maryland quarterly meetings, and ongoing collaboration with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee.

NFPA at the national level continues to work on the development of an interactive website for children with disabilities. The first meeting was February 14-16th in California – beta testing is schedule for late 2007. They are very interested in Maryland's program with Special Education Centers. The national Public Education division of NFPA will focus on Ready for Risk Watch in 2008 and integrate Risk Watch trainings into their World Congress. March was POISON PREVENTION Week (March 16-22, 2008) with Poison safety training's in Silver Spring for both Maryland and DC Risk Watch and Safe Kids coalitions by the Maryland and DC Poison Centers. Maryland Poison Center presented

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"Growth & Development – how children get into things" lecture at the Safe Kids meeting on March 4th – materials from this presentation were available at the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee meeting on March 30th.

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

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

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

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

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

Carroll County: Risk Watch Injury Prevention at Winfield Elementary School and starting at Linton Springs ES Cecil County continues to work on identifying a pilot school or after school program.

Cecil County Emergency Services joined the Risk Watch Team in February 2008 – NEW Community Frederick County has resource for interested after school programs.

Howard County has an After School Program with the Department of Park & Recreation Johns Hopkins Children's Center – Pediatric ED & Child Life use Risk Watch with families on safety Education.

Montgomery County Fire & Rescue: public, private and home schools; library programs; Risk Watch Recess; Child Care Centers; programs in hospitals. Each library & fire station has the curriculum. Prince George's Special Education Centers – 4 schools (1 new school in 2008).

Prince George's County Fire Association has a full Risk Watch & Risky Business Kit available Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department has expanded their program with Day Care programs and continuing "Risk Watch Friday" in after school programs.

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

Calvert County has an after school program looking into incorporating Risk Watch with St. Leonard VFD this spring and expanding in the fall. – NEW Community.

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

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

Unfortunately, due to circumstances out of our control, there will be no interactive seminar

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at the convention this year. Due to unspecified concerns of the convention center staff, we were asked not to hold our seminar at the convention center this year. We hope to get the concerns worked out, whatever they may be, so that we can provide you with another interactive seminar on site in 2009.

Our committee has remained pretty much the same for the past several years. We certainly would like to get interested folks to take an active role in the committee to give some others a break. If you just wish to say you are on the committee, save your effort as we have no room for namesakes only. But if you wish to get out and participate in planning, setting up, and conducting training exercises and drills, please contact the president and ask to be placed on this committee.

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

**Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair**

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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

As Chairman, I would like to thank the Members of our Safety Committee once again for their dedication and individual commitment, in traveling every third Sunday of the month to attend our regularly scheduled meetings throughout Maryland at member's fire

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companies. Committee members drive hundreds of miles and spend countless hours of their own time and money to attend, and support your Safety Committee each month. This type of support is why our committee is considered one of the most visible and moving with our Association. Thanks are also in order for our Committee Liaisons who support your Safety Committee at our meetings regularly, Dan & Bobbi Stevens, Training, Hugh Owens Maryland Fire Chiefs.

You're Safety Committee held regularly scheduled meetings on every third Sunday of the month through out the State of Maryland at various members' fire companies, except for the months, of December and January. This years continuing concern was the over whelming headaches over NFPA 1403, how to proceed with live burn evolutions for fire companies, around the State. Safety Committee and Training Committees were dealt the task by your Executive Committee to come up with a simplified set of guide lines to follow for all fire company's wishing to hold live burn evolution for their home fire company's. To the combined efforts of those individuals, on both the safety and training committees a big thanks from all of us for the work that went into this live burn guide. We hope to present this work book to all fire companies at our convention this June at Ocean City.

Incidents with Scene Safety is still a big concern for all of us, so this year the Safety Committee will be sporting our ansi type 4 safety high visibility vest that we purchased for each of our members to wear while on an emergency incident for our own personal safety. Now that the law is about to take effect be sure that vests are big enough to go over turnout gear, and that all riding positions has a vest available. Shop around for the best pricing; be sure they qualify as Ansi type 4 with zipper down the front, or type 5, fully Velcro, all points vest. A tri-fold issue will be given out to inform everyone of safety issues that have been presented to us over this past year, to educate all of our fire department family in safety concerns, wellness, physicals, etc. that effect us in the way we live, work, and play.

Your MSFA Safety Committee is promoting The Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award, presented to a safety conches individual, submitted by a Fire Chief or President of a Maryland fire company. Yearly there are so many deserving individuals through out our State that deserved to be recognized up on stage, the only draw back is their name isn't submitted by you. We would love to fill the stage each year with your applicant, from your fire company. The applicants written accomplishments are from the past year only. The over all winning applicant takes the trophy back to his or her company to show off for a year, the runner ups receive a nice wall plaque for their efforts in performing safety acts in their community and fire department. We would appreciate your help in filling thee stage with those deserving individuals.

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

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Wednesday to ensure the safety and welfare of all involved, along the parade route.

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Maryland State Fireman's Association Scholarship Committee continued this year with supporting as many students as possible. The committee with the assistance of funding from Delmarva Power, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Josephine Heimer, Bill Olsen, and several Past Presidents of the MSFA supported 9 students for the '07-'08 school year. The total amount awarded this past year was in the amount of \$26,000.00 This brings the total to 143 students that have been supported over the years by the scholarship committee. All of which are members of the Maryland Fire Service. This is an outstanding dedication of not only our partners, but the MSFA Scholarship Committee and the MSFA.

This year has brought about a small change to the scholarship committee with the creation of the MSFA Foundation. The scholarship funds are now administered by the foundation. This change however has brought forward a welcoming ability to enlist more corporate sponsorships since we are now able to show our 501C-3 tax status. This will be a new challenge and goal for the up coming year. The committee is also proud to announce that last years the MSFA golf tournament raised funds for support of a student. The committee will be selecting one of our 12 applicants for support by the MSFA golf tournament funds at

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our annual meeting in May for the upcoming '08-'09 school year.

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

Respectfully submitted:
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS/NFPA COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guest of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference meeting. It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as the Chairman of this committee. I would like to thank President Sterling for my appointment.

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

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

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

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Bill Huttenloch, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

**Respectfully,
Clarence E. (Chip) Jewell, Representative**

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

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

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While the Committee has attempted to have all reports returned, we still have some that are outstanding. I would like to thank the companies for taking the time to fill out and return the forms. For the coming year, I would like to address some changes I'd like to see made to the form.

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Calvin Stack, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

The Surplus Property Acquisition Committee is pleased to report that we have been able to assist several Volunteer Fire Departments across the State this year. A major effort was the Tools and Equipment provided to the Lakes and Straits VFD to allow them to place a Pumper in service. We continue to seek donations of Small Tools, Hose, Fittings, Nozzles, Etc. - Anything that can be used on a Fire/Rescue vehicle.

The Committee maintains a forty foot Box Trailer at the Cedarville State Forest for storage of donated items. We would like to express our thanks to Monte Mitchell and John Fisher of the DNR Forest Service for their continued support and assistance.

**Respectfully submitted,
H. Edward Woods, Chairman.**

REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finally, this has been a growing year for us as the new Co-Chairmen of the Training Committee. We would like to thank all of the members of the committee, partner agencies, and Maryland Counties for their time and dedication in the important task of assisting all MSFA Companies making Maryland the leader in Fire and Rescue Services. It is our hope that our actions will have made a safer training environment for all fire and rescue members.

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

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

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

With the enhancements to the MSFA website, the Transportation Chair can now place information on the Committee's site. A form has been developed which is the "Change of Affiliation" form that can be used by members who change company affiliation and keep their MSFA logo plates. Also, we are requesting that companies provide the name of their "Company Tag Coordinator" by e-mail or use the form from the webpage. With these things in place, we hope it will help with the recertification process. In February 2008, the Recertification process began. Seven (7) County Coordinators were sent a Recertification package with detailed instructions. The packages will be sent out by County in alphabetical order. In April, the next eight (8) County Coordinators were sent packages and this will continue throughout the remainder of 2008 until all County Coordinators have received their forms. There are currently 29 County Coordinators representing 23 Counties within the State of Maryland. The County Coordinators have the responsibility to distribute, collect and verify the forms before sending them back to the committee.

The tag book updates are being placed on the MSFA website quarterly or when the data base is revised. There were over 600 new tags issued this year. This number remains to be consistent with prior years. There are currently over 12,000 tags in the data base.

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

Baltimore County (South) – Roy Hamilton

Carroll County – C. Daniel Green Sr.

Montgomery (B) – Johnnie Roth Jr.

Talbot – John Hanes

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

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. Special thanks to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint for the work done this year and the MVA Representative, Larue Sauer. It was a very busy year and the pace will continue as the recertification forms are received back from member companies. I wish to extend my thanks to President Sterling for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

**Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L Flint II, Chairman**

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD

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

The MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved loans and grants to assist five member companies this year, 2007-08, for a total of \$1,370,753. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved 51 loans and 8 grants since being formed in 2000 for a total of \$12,038,824.40. Since 1982, the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board and the MSFA Emergency Assistance Trust Fund Board has approved grants for \$8,457,247.12 and loans for a \$16,213,153.46 for a grand total of \$24,670,400.58.

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

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

The Committee is still accepting loan and grant application from all companies. All 12 copies of your loan and or grant applications must go though your county representative and be in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee 30 days before the pending meeting of the Committee. Note that the state law changes requires each company must apply to their local county government for a loan or grant before being submitted to the VCAF Committee.

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

REPORT OF THE WATERCRAFT COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Vice Presidents Underwood and Powell, Chairman Seavey, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 116th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The Watercraft Committee continues with the work of developing a plan for major flooding incidents in Maryland. Flooding is the number one weather related killer and cause of property damage, and fourteen out of the last sixteen Federally declared disasters in Maryland have been for flooding incidents. All of Maryland is susceptible to flooding, and

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it is a matter of when, not if, your department will be called out to a flooding/water rescue emergency.

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

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

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

Departments should also be wary of who is providing the training with an eye on does it meet established standards and will the training stand up in court. Ultimately departments want both of these, not only for those reasons but to also ensure quality programming that will keep your responders alive and save citizens in peril. By pursuing training that meets the requirements for either MFSPQB or Pro Board certification you can be assured that quality, defensible, and safe instruction is received. I would also encourage departments with any questions related to water rescue contact a member of the Watercraft Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts. It is the hope of the water rescue committee to provide a static resource on the MSFA website and to provide a regular yearly program focusing on basic awareness for first responders and officers, and in the water product displays, at the MSFA Annual Convention. Unfortunately we were unable to realize these goals this year, but we will move forward with this plan in the coming year.

The Committee would like to thank President Sterling and the other Association officers for

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their support over the past year. MSFA officers and MEMA staff members Terry Thompson (PP), John Dulina, and Beth Stone have been an invaluable resource in our work this past year, our heartfelt thanks goes out to each of you. And MEMA Director Droneburg and Deputy Director Strickland have once again provided the support needed to move forward on such a large endeavor. The Committee looks forward to continuing its' work with each of you and others in the coming year.

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

REPORT OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

President Sterling, Officers, Delegates, and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA, in the 2006-2007 selling years, your \$10,000 raffle produced total sales of \$46,900. Hard work and long hours by everyone involved produced a profit of \$29,756 for your association. The total sales record to date is \$58,504 and thanks to all of you we hope to beat that record this year. The Ways & Means Committee would like to express our deepest thanks to all the county coordinators, member companies, auxiliaries, and everyone who helped to accomplish this feat.

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

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

\$32,363 Company Sales

\$ 8,428 Auxiliary Sales

\$ 6,109 Counter Sales at Convention

\$46,900 Total Sales

Expenses for 2006-2007 were as follows: \$12,500 Prize Payouts

\$ 2,619 Ticket Printing

\$ 2,000 Sunfest & Springfest Fees

\$ 25 Worcester County for license

\$17,144 Total Expenses

\$46,900 Total Sales

-\$17,144 Total Expenses

\$29,756 Total Profit

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

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

\$ 1,500 Alan Jenkins, Hagerstown, MD

\$ 500 James Mann*, Jarrettsville, MD

\$ 100 Bob Brown

\$ 100 Dorothy Baker

\$ 100 C. Barnhart*, Taneytown, MD

\$ 100 Cresaptown VFC*

\$ 100 C. Bruce*, Earleigh Heights VFC

Congratulations to all of our winners, especially Matt Andrulewicz, James Mann, Cresaptown VFC and C. Bruce who are all volunteer fire companies or associated with a fire company. County returns for the 2006-2007 raffle are listed below. This includes both company and auxiliary returns. They totaled \$40,791. Although each county had returns, many companies did not participate.

\$ 1,492 Allegany

\$ 512 Howard

\$ 2,485 Anne Arundel

\$ 647 Kent

\$ 1,298 Baltimore

\$ 2,782 Montgomery

\$ 659 Calvert

\$ 1,948 Prince Georges

\$ 300 Caroline

\$ 812 Queen Annes

\$ 1,621 Carroll

\$ 211 Somerset

\$ 1,272 Cecil

\$ 1,055 St Mary's

\$ 852 Charles

\$ 299 Talbot

\$ 314 Dorchester

\$ 633 Washington

\$ 2,495 Frederick

\$ 301 Wicomico

\$ 393 Garrett

\$ 431 Worcester

\$17,979 Harford

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

**Thanks again,
Louis Jonske, Chairman**

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

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

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

**Bold Underlining – New Wording {Brackets} – Deleted Wording FOR []
AGAINST []**

MSFA Ballot Amendments 2008

New wording is indicated by underlining Wording to be deleted is indicated by [Brackets].

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

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

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

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

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

Article I, Section 4, Paragraph 2- [Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) of the annual dues shall be deposited in the existing Special Account known as the Scholarship Account.] Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) of the annual dues shall

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be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

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

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

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

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

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

Article I, Section 12, Paragraph 3, 4, 5- Upon a Member Company or member(s) of a company violating this provision, the Executive Committee shall direct the MSFA Secretary to notify the company, in writing, of the specifics of the misconduct and request a representative of the company to appear before the Executive Committee at a specific time and place. The Executive Committee in executive closed session shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and Bylaws violation. The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member. [The local association shall be invited to participate in the formal hearing, when appropriate.]

Question 6 changes the name of the Fire Prevention Committee.

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



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2007-2008



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PROGRAM LADIES AUXILIARY
of the
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

8:00 **Exhibitors Registration** – Convention Center – Ground Floor

10:00-12:00 **Convention Registration** - Main Ball Room

10:00-12:00 **Convention Events Ticket Sales** - Ground Floor Foyer

10:00-12:00 **Free Bus Passes** – Lower Level

10:00-5:00 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center - East Hall

10:30 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Upper Level Rooms 215-217

Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the entire Family

11:00-2:00 **FLEA MARKET** - Rear of Convention Center - Free Admission

Fire and EMS Memorabilia will be on display for sale.

7:00 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Main Ballroom - Dress Uniforms

8:15 **Reception** – Convention Center – Upper Foyers

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

7:30 **Musical Selections** - Westminster Band - Main Ball Room

8:00 **Convention Events Tickets Sales** - Ground Floor Foyer

8:00 **Free Bus Passes** – Lower Level

FIRST SESSION

8:30 **CALL TO ORDER** – **President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.** - Convention Center Main Ball Room

OPENING CEREMONIES

Presentation of Colors – Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands

Remarks from Governor of Maryland - Martin O' Malley

Remarks from United States Senator - Barbara Mikulski

Remarks from United States Fire Administrator - Greg Cade

9:00 Exhibits Open

9:45 **JOINT AWARDS CEREMONY** –

Gladhill-Thompson Award

Colburn Cup Award

Hall of Fame Awards

Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award

Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award

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Honey Award

Firefighter of the Year Award

Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award

Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award

Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award

Zembower Fire Service Training Award

Scholarship Awards

Family Appreciation Award

Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

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

FIRST SESSION

11:45-12:30 **REGISTRATION**

1:00 **CALL TO ORDER** – President - Rose Pandolfini

Presentation of Colors – Color Bearers Vivian Morgan and Nancy Jones

Invocation by Chaplain Ann Price-Davis

Pledge to the Flag – President Rose Pandolfini

Conference Song – Music Chairman Terri Heinicke

Welcome – Convention Chairman Flo Collins

Greetings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Nomination of Officers for 2008 – 2009

Reading of Election Rules by Corresponding Secretary Carol Hayden

Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents

Recognition of Guests

Recognition of MSFA President Paul Sterling Jr.

Report of the Credentials Chairman – Fran Fusco

Approval of the Minutes – Recording Secretary Sandi Lutz

Report of the Treasurer – Past President Teresa Crisman

Report of the Financial Secretary – Sherry Soper

AWARDS CEREMONY

Jane Todd Award – Perryville Ladies Auxiliary

Hall of Fame Induction – Chairman Leone Gatton PP

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Communication and Bills – Corresponding Secretary Carol Hayden

Unfinished Business

Door Prize Drawings – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Benediction – Chaplain Ann Price-Davis

Recess

3:45 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Main Ballroom

4:30 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 4:15 hours

5:00 **EXHIBITORS RECEPTION** – Convention Center-Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside

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6:30 **BASKET BINGO**—Convention Center—Ballroom C (Doors Open at 5:30 hours)
Admission includes 6 face cards for 20 games and one door prize ticket. Food will be available for sale.

7:30 **MONDAY NIGHT LUAU** – Rear of Convention Center

The luau includes Live DJ, Pipe and Drum Bands Performances, Food, Fun, Free Gifts and Dancing for all Ages. Admission by ticket.

Menu - Whole Roasted Pig with barbecue sauces available, Sweet & Sour Barbecue Chicken, Hawaiian Fried Rice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit Salad, Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Much Much More.

9:30 **FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THE BAY**– Rear of Convention Center

TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2008

SECOND SESSION

8:00–8:45 **REGISTRATION**

BALLOTING – For Election of Officer

(Only the Person with the Chairman of the Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No Auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's Badge)

9:00 **CALL TO ORDER** – President Rose Pandolfini

INVOCATION By Chaplain Ann Price-Davis

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION – Chairman Marcia Garnice

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE – Chairman PP Alvera Miller

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ads and Patrons – Co-Chair Denice Melito and Paula Robinson

Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund – Co-chairs P.P. Patricia Deamond and P.P. Sharon Worthington

Pins and Badges – Marian Nicholson

Safety - Becky Wathen

Ways and Means – Gloria Schaeffer and Kim Thomas

Hall of Fame – Leone Gatton

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS – Chairman Fran Fusco

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS – Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

BENEDICTION – Chaplain Ann Price-Davis

RECESS

MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 OFFICERS, PAST PRESIDENTS AND PAGES
IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM

1230-3:30 **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** – Outside Rear of Convention Center
Games, DJ, Free Giveaways, Food, Music and Entertainment for the entire family.

Menu - Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Cucumber and Onion Salad, Pepsi, Beer, Ice Cream, Watermelon and much, much more.

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Admission by ticket

2:00 **HONOR GUARD CHALLENGE & WORKSHOP - EAST HALL – ROOM 215**

The Challenge and Workshop will target hands on experience and How to start an Honor Guard Team.

4:30 Exhibits Close

6:30 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Main Ball Room

Reception and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

10:00 **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** – Main Ball Room

Need Wednesday morning session for Ladies.

REPORT OF THE MSFA LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

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

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

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

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

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

To the Gamber & Community Fire Company and Auxiliary, my thanks will never be enough for the support given to me as I rose through the chairs. You understood and forgave my numerous absences from events and meetings. You agreed to host my Spring Conference, and with your hard work and organization, made me very proud to be a part

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of this Company. To Belle Stickles, thank you for believing in me. With a gentle push you started me on a road of learning that ended with many happy memories. Thank you all.

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

To all Auxiliaries to the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association – you were terrific! Thank you for your overwhelming support and assistance during the year. I will always remember your generous and loving nature, which was shown when you were asked to aide with the conferences. To my husband Peter, and children Diane and Jonathan. Thank you for all your support, help, understanding, and forgiveness. The past couple of years have been difficult with schedules, but you allowed me to pursue my dream! Now I will be home to assist you with your dreams.

I cannot fathom leaving the many friends I have made across this state that I have come to know and love. You have given me many treasured mementoes, which adorn my yard as well as my home. If I can be will gladly assist you. Friends are forever, and I will never forget any of my friends.

Rose Pandolfini

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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

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

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

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I wish to extend congratulations to LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and to MSFA President Paul Sterling for their successes this year. To the incoming MSFA President Frank Underwood, I am looking forward to working with you as we move into the year ahead. There are some people who are always there for you:

I would like to say a special thanks to my auxiliary and Fire Department Beltsville, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for their encouragement, guidance and support.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Hetz

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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

My sincere thanks for all of the invitations that I have received this past year, it has been a privilege to represent this great organization at these many events. The hospitality, friendship and generosity shown to me during my travels are deeply appreciated. I was honored to represent President Pandolfini at several banquets this year. My travels included fall and spring conferences, county meetings, convention committees, constitution and bylaws, and MSFA executive meetings.

The Junior Vice President serves as Membership Chairman and I had the privilege of visiting with the ladies auxiliary of Allen Volunteer Fire Company in Allen, MD.

I wish to extend congratulations to LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini and MSFA President Paul Sterling for their successes this year. To incoming LAMSFA President Lois Hetz and MSFA President Frank Underwood, best wishes for a successful year. I want to thank the Junior Fire Company No. 2, Inc. and auxiliary for their support this past year. The Frederick

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County Ladies Auxiliary also for their support. To my past president, Betty Grabenstein, thanks for your support and guidance, and to my page Brenda Harrison, for her support, guidance and being my travel companion this past year.

To the incoming officers for 2008-2009 may you have a very productive year and enjoy the outstanding camaraderie of each other as well as the friendships you make along the way.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Knipple**

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

**Respectfully,
Sandi T. Lutz**

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAPLAIN/CHAPLAIN

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

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

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

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

Listed below are the names of Auxiliary members received by March 1, 2008 that have gone on to be with their Lord. They are listed by County. *May we work as hard and as long as they did and may they rest in peace and remain in our memory forever.*

Allegheny County

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

Anne Arundel County

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

Baltimore County

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

Calvert County

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

Caroline County

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

Carroll County

Lee Griffiee, Gamber and Community Fire Co. Aux.
Mary Alice Lare, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 Aux., LAMSFA Past President
Mary Shaffer, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 Aux.
Kathryn Sieverts, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose

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Co. No. 1 Aux.

Ethel Utz, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co.

No. 1 Aux.

Mary Walter, Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co.

No. 1 Aux.

Julian Boller, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Dorothy Grimes, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Sterrett Holmes, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

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

Jane Leister, Pleasant Valley Community FC Aux.

Frances Chronister, Reese & Community VFC Aux.

Hilda Ely, Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Dept Aux.

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

Marie Ott, Taneytown Vol. Fire Co. No. 1 Aux.

Gerald "Dick" Graham, Union Bridge FC Aux.

Cecil County

Dorothy A. Bradley, Community FC of Rising Sun Aux.

Cleo Duvall, Community FC of Rising Sun Aux.

Stella I. Hammons, North East Fire Co. Aux.

Charlotte Havens, William M. Singerly Aux.

Reba Steele, William M. Singerly Aux.

Charles County

Hazel Burton, Bel Alton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Kathleen A. Chapura, Bryans Road VFD & R. S. Aux.

Ferdinand Charles Farrall, Dentsville Vol. EMS & Aux.

Dorothy Murphy, Hughesville Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Julia B. Kiedaisch, Indian Head VFD & R S Aux.

Dorothy Murphy, LaPlata Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Madeline A. Gateau, Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept Aux.

Charlotte Moffatt, Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept Aux.

Ida Mae DeMarr, Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept Aux.

Frederick County

Doris M. Green, Junior Fire Co. # 2 Aux.

Margaret E. Leatherman, Junior Fire Co. #2/Lewistown
District Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

June Rhoten, Lewistown District Vol. Fire Dept Aux.

Ruth Keller, Middletown Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

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

Evelyn Reynolds, Urbana Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Frances Fox, Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Garrett County

Maxine E. Legeer, Bittinger Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Nagml Delinger, Bloomington Fire Co. Aux.

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Alma A. Weilmer, Gorman Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Harford County

Ruth T. Breidenbaugh, Jarrettsville Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Frances W. Craig, Level Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Howard County

Bessie Shipley, Ellicott City Vol. Firemen's Assoc. Aux.

Gladys E. Slade, West Friendship Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Kent County

Ada Kennedy, Kennedyville Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Anna Wallace, Kennedyville Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Frances L. Jones, Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux.

Montgomery County

Hazel E. Burke, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Miriam H. Duvall, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Esther M. Hilton, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Charlotte W. Owens, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Janet E. Runkles, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Marion A. Heltzel, Silver Spring Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Celesta Sharlene West, Upper Montgomery VFD Aux.

Prince George's County

Ida Mae DeMarr, Accokeek Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Ellis Mace, Sr., Accokeek Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Elaine A. Kuhar-Lewis, Beltsville Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Theresa Clem, Bladensburg VFD & RS Aux.

Mary Gasch, Bladensburg VFD & RS Aux.

Mary Frances Queen, -Bladensburg VFD & RS Aux.

Betty L. Reamy, Brentwood Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Aux.

Melissa "Missy" Beard, Capitol Heights VFC. No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary

Louise "Alice" Long, Capitol Heights Vol. Fire Co.

No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary

Alice Alma Geis, Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept. Aux.

Judy A. Lau, Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept. Aux.

Queen Anne's County

Eleanor S. Hollett, Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Beatrice J. McCann, Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Alberta Wallace, Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Susie E. Wersten, Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

St. Mary's County

Dorothy I. Mace, Hollywood Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.

Norma Copado, Leonardtown Vol. RS Aux.

Frederick Lewis, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.

Elizabeth Messick, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.

Louise Morgan, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.

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Mary Agnes Turner, Mechanicsville VFD Ladies Aux.

Alice B. McWilliams, 7th District VFD Ladies Aux.

Somerset County

Elizabeth "Libby" G. Simpkins, Mt. Vernon VFD Aux.

Washington County

Ethel Green, Leitersburg Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Janet A. Hollingsworth, Leitersburg Vol. Fire Co. Aux.

Wicomico County

Margaret Elizabeth Adkins, Sharptown VFD Aux.

Peggy J. Eskridge, Sharptown VFD Aux.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann F. Price-Davis

REPORT OF THE BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND

Officers, Past Presidents, and Members of the LAMSFA & MSFA. It is an honor and a privilege on behalf of the Bessie Marshall Committee to report that the Bessie Marshall Fund has had a very successful year because of the efforts of the member ladies auxiliaries and various departments supporting our fund raising activities.

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

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

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

A special thank-you needs to be given to the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary for the special fund-raiser they had for the benefit of the Bessie Marshall Fund, and to the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association for their yearly donation from each company in their Association. For a number of years their Association has collected

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this donation from each company along with their Association dues, and then remits a substantial check to the Bessie Marshall Fund on their behalf. These companies also continue to purchase the lottery tickets and participate in the other fundraisers.

We would also like to acknowledge Susan Derlunas for donating a handmade afghan which we were able to raffle. Thank-you again for your special efforts and we encourage other companies and county organizations to hold special activities to help raise funds if they can!

As of the writing of this report we have raised \$33,596.00 As you can see, this is below the amount we have paid in cases, so please support the fund at Convention to help raise these additional funds. The following is a breakdown of the 50 cases paid so far this year by county.

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

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

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

Thank-you just does not seem adequate to say to all the member Auxiliaries and Departments who have for years donated so generously to keep the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund viable and assisting others.

We know there are many demands on your financial resources and we truly appreciate that you consider the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund a priority. We hope we can continue to count on your help in the future. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge all those who worked on our committee with a special thank-you! Thanks to Ruth Martin, Vella Smith, Carroll Linkins, Chris Cornes, Mary Gallagher, Juanita Colwell, Viola Thompson, (now deceased) Susan Derlunas, Barbara McWilliams, Gerry Perry, Mildred McLaughlin, Janet Barnes, Joanne Irwin, Carol Bair, and Carolyn Boston. We appreciate all you did!

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

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

Sincerely,
Sharon Worthington Co-Chair
Patricia Deamond Co-Chair

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Pandolfini, officers, and members, it has been a great honor to serve on the Ladies' Auxiliary's Legislative Committee. Our responsibility is to manage many of the administrative duties of the MSFA's Legislative Office located at 17 State Circle in Annapolis during the State of Maryland's 90-day General Assembly Session which began on January 9 and adjourned on April 7, 2008. We want to extend special thanks to MSFA Legislative Committee Chair Daniel Davis and his vice chairs Joseph R. Robison and Doug Alexander for their guidance and leadership. We were deeply saddened to learn of Betty Reamy's passing. She served as a dedicated member of this Committee from 1993-2007. We miss her good humor and outstanding editorial skills.

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

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

We have divided our Committee assignments among our members. Some of these responsibilities include tracking all visitors and members' visits, mileage and total time spent on legislative business in Annapolis; maintaining the MSFA Legislative budget records; legislative reading and highlighting all items that could be of concern, and

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maintenance of the files. We prepare the invitations to the Legislative Reception, and work at the registration table during the Reception. On different occasions, we hand deliver correspondence to all of the elected officials. And, as every job description states, perform other duties as required. We share responsibilities and work as a team.

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

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

REPORT OF THE INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

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

Allegheny 66 Norma Clark
Anne Arundel 45 Patti Kidwell
Baltimore 35 Martha Spangler
Calvert 41 Peg Richardson
Caroline 29 Deana Bell
Carroll 110 Pat Spangler
Cecil 51 Doris Lloyd
Charles 55 Carol Flint
Dorchester 4 Mary A. Dulin
Frederick 6 Debbie Perkins
Garrett 16 Karen Dishong
Harford 30 Donita A. Dietz
Howard 22 Patty Thompson
Kent 21 Darlene Neal
Montgomery 77 Peggy A. Webb
Prince George's 157 Ann Marie McGill
Queen Anne 28 Debra Shelton

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Somerset 8 Mary F. Whitelock
St. Mary's 139 Bonnie Quade
Talbot 27 Mary A. Dulin
Washington Losap Program
Wicomico 117 Kimberly Figgs
Worcester 37 Joanne Smith-Wagner

TOTAL 1,121

A special thank you to all of the Auxiliary members, Auxiliary and County Point System Coordinators in support of their fire and rescue companies and to the Maryland State Firemen's Association for their support in making this program a success.

**Respectfully submitted,
Margie G. Shultz, Chair**

Ladies Auxiliary Proposed By-law changes submitted to the By-law Committee were read at Spring Conference, March 29, 2008.

Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 5.

As it now reads:

Any member of an auxiliary, which maintains active membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, shall be entitled to candidacy for the office provided a nomination form, signed by the secretary and president of her/his auxiliary for said office is submitted. Candidate must be present, or submit a logical reason for absence in writing, at the first session of convention or her/his name will be crossed from the ballot. A letter of endorsement shall accompany the nomination form for a first time candidate. No auxiliary is entitled to more than one (1) elective office. All officers shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year. The President cannot succeed herself/himself. A candidate for the presidency must have served as Junior or Senior Vice President in the Auxiliary. All officers shall take the oath of office. An officer, who is deemed derelict in the performance of her/his duties by the Executive Committee, shall appear before said committee to answer the charges of her/his dereliction. If the committee, by a majority vote of those present and voting, finds the charges valid after the hearing, she/he shall be removed from office.

Change to read: (changes in bold)

Any member of an auxiliary, which maintains active membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, shall be entitled to candidacy for the office provided a nomination form, signed by the secretary and president of her/his auxiliary for said office is submitted. Candidate must be present, or submit a logical reason for absence in writing, at the first session of convention or her/his name will be crossed from the ballot. A letter of endorsement shall accompany the nomination form for a first time candidate. No auxiliary is entitled to more than one (1) elective office. All officers shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year. The President cannot succeed herself/himself. A candidate for the presidency must have served as Junior or Senior Vice President in the Auxiliary. All officers shall take the oath of office. An officer, who is deemed derelict in the performance of her/his duties by the Executive Committee, shall appear before said committee to answer the charges of her/his dereliction. If the committee, by a majority vote of those present and voting, finds the charges valid after the hearing, she/he shall be removed from office. **(This section shall be included on the nomination blanks that go to the auxiliaries.)**

The purpose of this change is that this was included under the election rules and it is better suited in this section. Note: if you vote for the election rule change you need to vote for this change also.

Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 6

As it now reads: Election rules as indicated below will govern the election of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

1. Polls are to open from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

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2. The Guard shall be at her/his station while the polls are open.
3. The Auxiliary is to be divided into at least four (4) sections at the Registration Desk to accommodate roll call and election.
4. To avoid duplicate registration there shall be a Chairman of Delegates Badge of a different color which must be worn by the person picking up the ballot and registering for the delegates.
5. No ballots are to be removed from the meeting room.
6. Mark a vote in number only, zero (0) through five (5). A vote must be cast for each office even through there is only one (1) person running for office. Immediately after voting the ballot shall
7. be placed in the ballot box. Ballots are not to be removed from the ballot box until voting is officially completed, at which time the teller shall verify with the Credential Committee the number of auxiliaries voting and the number of ballots returned. The judge and tellers will then retire to a specified room and start the count immediately.
8. Only those auxiliaries voting on the first ballot are eligible for any revote.
9. Prior to the second ballot, the name of the candidate to be deleted shall be announced and the Chairman of Delegates or a designated person, from each eligible auxiliary shall pick up a ballot from the appropriate Credential Table.
10. The meeting shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m.
11. These instructions shall be read at the first session of convention, appear on a separate page of the Spring Conference Minutes, and Article VI, Section 5, shall be included on the nomination blanks that go to the auxiliaries.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

Election rules as indicated below will govern the election of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

1. Polls are to open from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
2. The Guard shall be at her/his station while the polls are open.
3. The Auxiliary is to be divided into at least four (4) sections at the Registration Desk to accommodate roll call and election.
4. To avoid duplicate registration there shall be a Chairman of Delegates Badge of a different color which must be worn by the person picking up the ballots and registering for the delegates. **Past Presidents who are not voting as a delegate shall receive their ballot from the Credential Chairman.**
5. No ballots are to be removed from the meeting room.
6. **At Spring Conference the Judge of Elections shall present the proposed election procedures for the annual convention. The Auxiliaries and Past Presidents shall review and affirm or make any changes to the procedures they deem necessary for convention.**
7. Only those auxiliaries **and Past Presidents** voting on the first ballot are eligible for any revote.
8. Prior to the second ballot, the name of the candidate to be deleted shall be announced and the Chairman of Delegates or a designated person **with the Chairman of Delegates**

Badge from each eligible auxiliary shall pick up a ballot from the appropriate Credential Table. **Eligible Past Presidents shall pick up a ballot from the Credential Chairman.**

9. The meeting shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m.

10. The approved procedures shall be read at the first session of convention and appear on a separate page of the Spring Conference Minutes. , **and Article VI, Section 5, shall be included on the nomination blanks that go to the auxiliaries.**

Number 4: the purpose for this change is to set up a procedure for the Past Presidents to cast a ballot if they are not doing so as a delegate.

Number 6: the purpose of this change is to allow the election by voting machines, or other future technology, without further by-laws changes.

Number 7: the change is to allow the Past Presidents who are voting on the first ballot to vote on a second ballot.

Number 8: this change is to clarify that the designated person must have the Chairman of Delegates Badge and where Past Presidents voting pick up their ballot.

Number 10: this change is to match the wording in number 6. The last sentence will be moved to Article VI Section 5.

Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 7

As it now reads:

Section 7. Installation of officers shall be held at a designated session of convention. The immediate Past President shall be the Installing Officer. She/he shall receive a working fund of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per convention.

Change to read: (changes in bold)

Installation of officers shall be held at a designated session of convention. The immediate Past President shall be the Installing Officer. She/he shall receive two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per convention **to defray installation expenses.**

The reason for this change is that a working fund implies the money can be replenished. The money for the installation is a onetime payment.

Article VIII Duties of Officers, Section 4.

As it now reads:

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for that purpose, a complete and permanent record of proceedings of all meetings of the Auxiliary and Executive Committee. She/he shall prepare a mailing list of member auxiliaries (periodically forwarding changes to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to officers and committee chairman): mail to each member auxiliary, officers, Past Presidents before November 1st and June 1st, condensed minutes of Fall and Spring conferences, respectively, including motions, amendments to Constitution and Bylaws, and financial reports; make an annual report to the Auxiliary and such other reports as the President and Executive Committee may require; and mail credential sheets to each auxiliary by February 1st of each year.

She/he shall prepare a roll of the active auxiliaries and deliver this roll together with the

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credentials of the delegates and alternates to the Credential Committee Chairman by June 1st. She/he shall receive a working fund of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage, and telephone, and receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. The outgoing Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and delivery of the procedure books to the current Recording Secretary at Fall Conference for distribution and mailing immediately to all auxiliaries and Past Presidents not present at Fall Conference. She/he shall coordinate the February 1st mailing with the Corresponding Secretary.

Change to read (changes in bold)

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for that purpose, a complete and permanent record of proceedings of all meetings of the Auxiliary and Executive Committee. She/he shall prepare a mailing list of member auxiliaries (periodically forwarding changes to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to officers and committee chairman): mail to each member auxiliary, officer, Past President, **forty five (45) days after Fall Conference and before June 1st for Spring Conference** condensed minutes of conferences, respectively including motions, amendments to Constitution and Bylaws, and financial reports. **She/he shall** make an annual report to the Auxiliary and such other reports as the President and Executive Committee may require: mail credential sheets to each auxiliary by February 1st of each year.

The reason for the change is that the date for Fall Conference has been moved to ninety to one hundred and thirty days after the annual Convention. The current bylaws requirement can put a hardship on the secretary to have the Fall Conference minutes done by the original date of November 1.

Article VIII – Duties of Officers, Section 7

As it now reads:

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive all communications and answer same; mail a sample ballot of all proposed amendments 30 days prior to the opening of annual convention and other correspondence requested by the President; send all changes of address to officers and committee chairmen; be responsible for the printing and distribution of nomination blanks to member auxiliaries by February 1st, and make a report of same at the Spring Conference; be responsible for printing and providing to the Credentials Chairman at convention the list of candidates to correspond to the line number on the scranton ballots for the election of officers and proposed amendments; and make a report at the annual convention. Immediately following each convention she/he shall send any Past President who could not attend convention an acknowledgment note. She/he shall receive a working fund of fifty dollars (\$50.00). She/he shall be reimbursed for expenses limited to supplies, postage, and telephone, and receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) to defray other miscellaneous expenses. She/he shall coordinate the February 1st mailing with the Recording Secretary.

Change to read: Remove the word (scranton)

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The purpose of the change is to allow for any ballot not just the scantron ballot.

Article IX Standing Committees, Section 2

As it now reads:

The Auditing Committee shall be comprised of four (4) Past Presidents, one appointed as chairman, appointed annually by the President, to audit the Financial Records of the President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and the Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman.

All books shall be audited twice yearly, the first audit in January, report to be given at Spring Conference and the second audit to be done the first of July, with report to be given at Fall Conference. In addition an interim audit to be May 31st to be given at Convention. Officers named shall attend the audits at the designated time and place. Reports will be given at Spring Conference and Convention and copy of the report shall be submitted to the above named Officers and the Recording Secretary.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

The Auditing Committee shall be comprised of four (4) Past Presidents, one appointed as chairman, appointed annually by the President, to audit the Financial Records of the President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and the Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman.

All books shall be audited **three times yearly. The first audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Fall Conference, report to be given at the Fall Conference.**

The second audit to be held within (30) days prior to the Spring Conference, report to be given at Spring Conference.

The third audit to be after May 31st and prior to the Annual Convention, report to be given at Convention. Officers named shall attend the audits at the designated time and place. A copy of the report shall be submitted to the above named Officers and the Recording Secretary.

The reason for the change is that any problems that are occurring can be caught early and we can take care of them before we are faced with months of trying to audit the books. This past year the books were audited in July. We only had the bank statement from the month of June. We were able to make sure the new officers were on track, but it was three months till the Fall Conference and it was evident, from the reports that there was a problem. As a result we had to hold an additional audit in November. The committee has discussed having an informal meeting with the financial officers, if necessary, in July to see if they need any guidance.

Article IX – Standing Committees; Section 13

As it now reads:

Section 13. The Judge and Tellers committee shall count all votes. The Judge shall be responsible for the ballots.

Change to read: (changes in **bold**)

Section 13. The Judge and Tellers committee shall count all votes. The Judge shall be responsible for the ballots **and for presenting the proposed election procedures at Spring Conference.**

The purpose for this change is to have the Judges duties to correspond with the changes made in Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers, section 6-election rule number 6.

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING

The Chief Judge shall read the following instructions:

1. Each Chairman of Delegates shall pick-up from the Credentials the envelope containing all five (5) ballots.
2. The Chairman of Delegates will fill out all five (5) ballots and return them in the envelope to the judges.

The Chief Judge shall appoint two (2) tellers to receive the ballot envelope. The tellers shall call out the name of the auxiliary voting to the credential committee.

The tellers shall open the envelope and hand the ballots to the teller or designated person running the voting machine.

**MSFA ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF
2008 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
ACTIVE MEMBERS (2008)**

**** ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT** , P.O. Box 118, Aberdeen, MD, 21001, (410)272-2211, (410)272-2887, Email:, County: HARMFORD, Website:, Organized: 1889, Chartered: 1889, Joined MSFA: 1900, President: Edward Budnick, Vice President: Edward Donald, Secretary: Judith S Hinch, Treasurer: Richard Kosko, Chaplain:, Chief: Eric Reith. **Delegates:** Fred Morlok, Jr., L. Keith Ford, Dale Budnick, Eldon Budnick, Daniel Smith, Sr. **Alternates:** Steven Hinch, Nick Webber, Keith Budnick, Travis Hollars, Victoria Cunningham.

**** ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY**, 3306 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD, 21009, (410)638-3955, (410)638-3964, Email:, County: HARMFORD, Website:, Organized: 1925, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Jerry Anderson, Sr., Vice President: Charles Williams, Secretary: Rachel Windsor, Treasurer: Tom Schultz, Chaplain: Janet Brewer, Chief: Steve Pennington. **Delegates:** William Dousa, Linda Dousa, Donna Laird, Mark Foster, Donna Geisel. **Alternates:** Joseph Tolliver, Patty Autry, Keith Autry, Mike Wright, Joseph King.

**** ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 50, 109 South Street, Accident, MD, 21520, (301)746-8800, Email: avfd50@gcol.net, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 08/01/1946, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA: 08/01/1947, President: Jesse Deniker, Vice President: Adam Bach, Secretary: Shaina Custer, Treasurer: Alva Rexrode, Chaplain: Alva Rexrode, Chief: Richard Carlson. **Delegates:** Donald Ringer, Allen Bach, Hob Bowser, Mike Simmons, Alva Rexrode. **Alternates:** Paul Custer, Dean Georg, Paul Hook, Paul Miller, Richard Carlson.

**** ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD, 20607, (301)283-2730, (301)283-3024, Email: jordanw@sifdu, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1932, Chartered: 1932, Joined MSFA:, President: Glenn Sherman, Vice President: Wayne Jordon, Secretary: Jennifer Green, Treasurer: Darlene Grimsley, Chaplain: Judy Deskins, Chief: Christopher Maggl. **Delegates:** James Deskins, Eddie Pickerport. **Alternates:** None listed.

ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC., P.O. Box 128, Allen, MD, 21810, (410)546-3515, (410)546-5053, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1972, Chartered: 1972, Joined MSFA: 1972, President: Kyle Kinnamon, Vice President: Chuch Kwojochowski, Secretary: Cindy Costa, Treasurer: Jacob Malone, Jr., Chaplain:, Chief: Fred Moore, Jr. **Delegates:** Kyle Kinnamon, Mathew Poole. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** ALLENTOWN ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 8709 Allentown Road, Ft. Washington, MD, 20744, (301)248-6519, (301)265-1164, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1950, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1950, President: Joe Walzel, Vice President: Jody Sees, Secretary: Lynn Harrington, Treasurer: Heather Walzel, Chaplain:, Chief: Nicholas Finamore. **Delegates:** Nick Finamore, Darrell Francis, Joe Walzel, Rich Scott, Ron Austin. **Alternates:** Heather Walzel, Sean Herrington, Jody Sees, Ed Bailer, Steve Cizewski.

**** ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY**, 113 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)733-3334, (301)733-9385, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1808, Chartered: 1818, Joined MSFA:, President: Jeffrey L. Snyder, Vice President: Charles Cunningham, Secretary: Harold Semler, Treasurer: Robert Daveler, Chaplain: Ike Doleman, Chief: Captain James Sprecher, Jr. **Delegates:** Jeffrey G. Snyder, Jr., Jeffrey L. Snyder, Travis Barkdoll, Corey Sprecher, James Forberger. **Alternates:** Donald Boward, Craig Sheppard, Kat Souza, James Sprecher, III, Tina Connors.

**** ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 5200 Southwestern Blvd., Baltimore, MD, 21227, (410)242-6601, (410)242-6962, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website: Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: John McDowell, Vice President: Steve Gower, Secretary: Gina Birsner, Treasurer: Joseph T O'Melia, Chaplain: Steve Owens, Chief: Captain Glen Peacock. **Delegates:** John McDowell, Doug Simpkins, Ed Preston, Joseph Antoszewski, Richard Snader. **Alternates:** Donald Gutberlet.

**** ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD, 21155, (410)887-1576, (410)374-6238, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1910, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA:, President: Roslyn Snyder, Vice President: Gary Snyder, Secretary: Tammy Boose, Treasurer: Tara Zumbrun, Chaplain: Mike Adams, Chief: Gerald Krause. **Delegates:** Roslyn Snyder, Gerald Krause, Doug Rill, Scott Hale, Tammy Boose **Alternates:** Mike Rill, John Trawinski, Tara Zumbrun, Jen Ayres.

ARMIGER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, 304 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD, 21122, (410)360-3991, (410)437-2429, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1940, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Thomas Hardwick, Vice President: Concetta Weibe, Secretary: Rob Reed, Treasurer: Denice Hardwick, Chaplain:, Chief: William Rogers. **Delegates:** Robert Reed, Jeffrey Simmons. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ARNOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.**, 1505 Ritchie Highway, Arnold, MD 21012, (410)751-2686, (410)757-5942, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 1943, Joined MSFA, President: Kevin Knussman, Vice President: Kurt Snyder, Secretary: Heather Green, Treasurer: Matt Schroeder, Chaplain:, Chief: Charles Kennedy. **Delegates:** George Schriefer. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD 21054, (301)261-0060, (410)798-2848, Email: resq07@aol.com, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA:, President: Julie B. Peterson, Vice President: Sam Sumpterz, Secretary: Stephanie Jamieson, Treasurer: Joan Seager, Chaplain: Laura Woods, Chief: J. David Ayres. **Delegates:** Dennis Ayres, J. David Ayres, Jeff McVeary, L.A. Woods, Mike Buckingham. **Alternates:** Ed Woods, Blaine Slacum, Patrick Ayres, Stephanie Jamison, Matt Briggs.

**** AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 528, 6270 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764, (410)867-3141, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 1944, Joined MSFA: 1944, President: Thomas Ladd, Vice President: Kenneth Harrison, Secretary: Dennis Skinner, Treasurer: Dennis Skinner, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** Dennis Skinner, Kenneth Harrison, Thomas W Ladd, Marvin Ladd. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613, (301)888-1888, (301)888-1526, Email: jrobert.breen@comcasst, County: PRINCE GEORGES, Website:, Organized: 1955, Chartered: 1955, Joined MSFA: 1956, President: Anthony Hall, Vice President: Robert Boswell, Secretary: Mary Summers, Treasurer: Cora Goldsmith, Chaplain: Nancy Mandragos, Chief: J Robert Breen. **Delegates:** John Summers, Paul Harris, Ray Pierce, Anthony Hall. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 15010 Baltimore Pike, N E, Cumberland, MD, 21502, (301)724-4170, Email: co4@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1942, Chartered: 1942, Joined MSFA:, President: Richard Ware, Vice President: Chris Shroud, Secretary: Wayne George, Treasurer: Lloyd Hardman, Chaplain: Beth Evans, Chief: Beth Evans. **Delegates:** Richard Ware, Wayne Evans, Beth Evans, Thelma Ware, Lloyd Hardman. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BARTON HOSE COMPANY #1**, P.O. Box 277, Barton, MD, 21521, (301)463-6305, Email: co19@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1919, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA:, President: Stanley Broadwater, Vice President: Joseph Langham, Secretary: John Shuhart, Treasurer: John Shuhart, Chaplain:, Chief: Wayne Rounds, **Delegates:** John Shuhart, Wayne Rounds, Bill Lamberson, Courtney Frenzel, Jr., Stanley Broadwater. **Alternates:** Ken Schramm, Marilyn Rounds, Kevin Rounds.

**** BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 1440, 45744 Fire Department Lane, California, MD 20619, (301)863-8790, (301)737-0654, Email: bdvfd3@bdvfd.org, County: ST. MARY'S, Website: www.bdvfd.org, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 10/11/1944, Joined MSFA: 1944, President: R Braddock, Vice President: R Keith Fairfax, Doug Medley, Secretary: Joseph A Cooper, Treasurer: Bruce Theden, Chaplain:, Chief: Wayne Johnson. **Delegates:** Bob Braddock, Keith Fairfax, Wayne Johnson, Joseph A. Cooper, Douglas Medley. **Alternates:** Les Hansen, Joseph Zienda, Melvin Tennyson, Ray Hanbury, Emory Taylor.

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**** BEDFORD ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 13200 Bedford Road, N.E., Cumberland, MD, 21502, (301)724-3670, (301)724-1588, Email: co3@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 1943, Joined MSFA: 1944, President: Seth Miller, Vice President: Justin Bean, Secretary: Jennifer Crippen, Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter, Chaplain:, Chief: Tim Growden. **Delegates:** Tim Growden, Seth Miller, Debbie Helmstetter, Mike Helmstetter. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BEL AIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 109 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014, (410)638-4400, (410)638-4431, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website: www.BAVFC.org, Organized: 9/13/1890, Chartered: 1924, Joined MSFA:, President: Anthony Coliano, Vice President: John Blake, Secretary: Charles Walls, Treasurer: Mark Johnson, Chaplain: Rabbi Kenneth Block, Chief: Russell Eyre. **Delegates:** Russell Eyre, Gary Kadolph, Timothy Coale, Kristine Davis, Shawnya Bray. **Alternates:** Rob Holloway, Joe Price.

**** BEL ALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 37, 9765 Bel Alton-Newtown Road, Bel Alton, MD, 20611, (301)932-0894, (301)932-1115, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1962, Chartered: 1962, Joined MSFA: 1962, President: James Thompson, Vice President: John Hackley, Jr., Secretary: Thomas J Hutchinson, Treasurer: Phillip S Frere, Chaplain: Julian Hayden, Chief: Larry Nyers. **Delegates:** James Thompson, Thomas Hutchinson, Larry Nyers, Jr., John Hackley, Larry Graves. **Alternates:** Clyde Forsee, Billy Robertson.

**** BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 831, 4911 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705, (301)937-3160, (301)937-1859, Email: bvfd2718@aol.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA: 1952, President: Kenneth Reising, Vice President: Michael Butler, Secretary: Margaret Dickey/Lucy McDonal, Treasurer: Gary Snider, Chaplain: Harry Hetz, Chief: Alfred Schwartz. **Delegates:** Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Lucy McDonald, Kenny Reising, Al Schwartz. **Alternates:** Brian Hart, Billy McNeel, Bobby Allen, Jr., Billy McNeel, Brian Ellis.

**** BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD, 20612, (301)274-3890, (301)705-7089, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1950, President: Dallas DeMarr, Vice President: William Henderson, Secretary: Kelly Carrina, Treasurer: Colleen Hill, Chaplain: Katie Vansyke, Chief: Rue Hill. **Delegates:** Dallas DeMarr, William Henderson, Rue Hill, Sean Kerrigan, Brian Cusick. **Alternates:** Katie Van Slyke, Joseph O'Neill, Mike Carrino, Justin Hutchinson, Destiny Cusick.

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**** BERLIN FIRE COMPANY INC.**, 214 N. Main Street,,Berlin, MD 21811, (410)641-1977, Email:, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 1910, Chartered: 1922, Joined MSFA:, President: David Fitzgerald, Vice President: Phillip Simpson, Secretary: Ryan Woner, Treasurer: Jessica Roussey, Chaplain: Gino Carozza, Chief: Bryan Trimble. **Delegates:** David Fitzgerald, Charlie Townsend, Joe Pylypczuk, Phil Simpson, Ron Eckman. **Alternates:** David Bloxom, Larry Bloxom, David Lewis, Jeanne Feltes, Dale Pruitt.

**** BERWYN HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 8811 60th Ave., Berwyn Heights, MD 20740-2389, (301)474-5587, (301)220-2476, Email: admin@bhvfd14.org, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website: www.bhvfd14.org, Organized: 1924, Chartered: 1924, Joined MSFA: President: James V. Ward, Vice President: David M. Foust, Secretary: Lucinda Frend, Treasurer: Paul Martein, Chaplain: Shirley Sorenson, Chief: Charles Fusco. **Delegates:** James J. Kiernan, Paul Martein, Peter Isaacson, Charles Fusco, David Foust. **Alternates:** James Ward, Edward Rice, Kevin McVey, Brant Woodhouse, Shawn Dwyer.

**** BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 30384, 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD, 20824, (301)652-5600, (301)656-3550, Email:, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA:, President: Gaint Davies, Vice President: Net Finkelstein, Secretary: Sanford Kay, Treasurer: John Murgalto, Chaplain:, Chief: Lawrence Gaddis. **Delegates:** Michael Kay, Virginia Miller, Larry Gaddis. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20854, (301)652-0077, (301)656-6523, Email: ken.holden@bccrs.org, County: MONTGOMERY, Website: www.bccrs.org, Organized: 1938, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA:, President: David Chaconas, Vice President: Kenneth Rehbehn, Secretary: Kenneth Holden, Treasurer: Brooke Davies, Chaplain:, Chief: Edward Sherburne. **Delegates:** Johnie Roth, Kenneth Holden, Robert Gollan, Jack Hartley, Diane Pitts. **Alternates:** Robert Kretzmer, Kenneth Yazge, George Giebel, Edward Sherburne.

**** BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 35, Howellpoint Road & Route 292, Betterson, MD, 21610, (410)348-5678, (410)348-5300, Email: bvfd2003@yahoo.com, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1938, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA:, President: Bud Campbell, Vice President: Clyde Morris, Secretary: Nancy Grahmer, Treasurer: Deborah Price, Chaplain: Yvonnek Paxton, Chief: James Price, Jr. **Delegates:** Bud Campbell, James Price, John Nicholson, Chad Clark, Amanda Collins. **Alternates:** Deborah Price, Matthew Clark.

**** BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC**, P.O. Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 21813, (410)352-5757, (410)352-5482, Email: fdemsbishopville@cs.com, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 1939, Chartered: 1939, Joined

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MSFA: 1939, President: Jeanne Hooper, Vice President: Mac McCabe, Secretary: Dawn Eppergon, Treasurer: Jim Latchum, Chaplain:, Chief: KC Harrington. **Delegates:** David Collins, Jim Goslee, Wayne Benson, KC Harrington, James Latchum. **Alternates:** William Cooper, Syble Cropper, Mac McCabe.

BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, P.O. Box 27, Bittinger, MD, 21522, (301)245-4414, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1973, Chartered: 1973, Joined MSFA: 1973, President: Jeannie Hooper, Vice President: Kyle Hayes, Secretary: Dawn Epperson, Treasurer: Jim Gosler, Chaplain: William Cooper, Chief: KC Harrington. **Delegates:** David Collins, John Richards. **Alternates:** None listed.

BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE SQUAD, P.O. Box 348, 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD, 20710-0001, (301)864-4415, (301)277-9366, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1922, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: David Sumner, Vice President: Donald Weels, Secretary: William Rose, Treasurer: Matt Fowler, Chaplain: Berlion Sooper, Chief: Randy Kvenzli. **Delegates:** David Sumner, Randy Kvenzli. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BLOOMINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 12, 77 North Branch Avenue, Bloomington, MD, 21523, (301)359-3729, (303)359-9799, Email: kbever@siteone.net, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1938, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA:, President: David Sweitzer, Vice President: Don Harvey, Secretary: Christine Feaster, Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden, Chaplain: Paul Wilson, Chief: Daniel Bever. **Delegates:** Danny Bever, Kathy Bever, Shari Bever, Tristan McCrobie, Jared Zais. **Alternates:** Kristine Fritz, Matt Fritz, Lynn Sweitzer, Paul Wilson, Jon Dowden.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., P.O. Box 205, Blue Ridge Summit, PA, 17214, (717)794-2323, Email:, County:, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:.** **Alternates:.**

BOONSBORO AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, P.O. Box 7, 7619 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, MD, 21713, (301)432-6979, (301)432-2265, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1950, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1997, President: M. J. Blickenstaff, Vice President: Jean Burns, Secretary: Samantha Jones, Treasurer: Fred Smith, Chaplain: Tom Fralin, Jr., Chief: Morgan Boyd. **Delegates:** Cliff Davis, Rick Beall. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 15, 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD, 21020, (410)429-5200, Email: cao420@bcvco.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvco.org, Organized: 1907, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Logan Woodard, Vice President: Walter Devilbiss, Jr., Secretary: Thomas Green, Treasurer: Sam Wesley, Chaplain: Mary Kanahan, Chief: Chris Huffman. **Delegates:** Logan Woodard,

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William Cowan, Walter DeVilbiss, Jr., Chris Hoffman, Kathy Wesley. **Alternates:** Thomas Miller, Ed Crooks, James Bosley, Henry Horner, III, Tom Green.

BOULEVARD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE, 4101 Alton Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743, (301)568-8112, (301)568-0581, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1920, Chartered: 1923, Joined MSFA: 1925, President: Leslie Garrett, Vice President: Lloyd Brooks, Secretary: Sharetta Mosley, Treasurer: Vanessa Butler, Chaplain:, Chief: Thomas Forrester. **Delegates:** Leslie Garrett, Mark Colbert. **Alternates:**.

**** BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 3262 SUPERIOR LANE, P M B 270, Bowie, MD, 20715, (301)809-0122, (301)809-0123, Email: info@bowievfd.org, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website: www.bowievfd.org, Organized: 1928, Chartered: 1928, Joined MSFA: 1929, President: Jonathan Bigony, Vice President: Francis Gormley/John Clark/Den, Secretary: Shirley Meadows, Treasurer: Edward Oblas, Chaplain:, Chief: Lee Havens **Delegates:** Owen Tucker, Dave Levy, Lee Havens, Jonathan Bigony. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 12420 McCullen Highway, Cumberland, 21502, (301)729-1522, Email: bowlinggreen@hereintown.net, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 10/07/1947, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: Ray Bradley, Vice President: Phil Walker, Secretary: Lance Adams, Treasurer: Rick Ross, Chaplain: Joanne Bradley, Chief: Shannon Adams. **Delegates:** John Wolford, Richard Ross, Mary Carr, Gary Gillium. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BOWMAN'S ADDITION FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 868, Cumberland, MD 21502, (301)759-3272, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 04/17/1942, Chartered: 1943, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: Mark Blacker, Vice President:, Secretary: Carole O'Baker, Treasurer: Sue Clacker, Chaplain: Carole O'Baker, Chief: Jeremy Jack. **Delegates:** Dennis Bonner, Justin Blacker, Missy Blacker, Arron Blacker, Christy Howsare. **Alternates:** Marla Harper, Carole O'Baker, Sue Blacker, Mark Blacker, Barry O'Baker.

**** BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 320, 6715 Jefferson Blvd., Braddock Heights, MD, 21714, (301)371-6820, (301)371-6243, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1910, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: Willaim Smith, Vice President: Tim Walker, Secretary: Crystal Smith, Treasurer: John Patton, Chaplain:, Chief: Pat McTigne, Sr. **Delegates:** Patrick B. McTighe, Matt Powell, William Smith, Vernon Cassell. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BRANCHVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY & RESCUE**, 4905 Branchville Rd., College Park, MD 20740, (301)883-7711, (301)345-8994, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1929, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1930, President: Ronald Leizear, Vice President: Kyle Scully, Secretary: Dawn Daly, Treasurer: Frank J.

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Underwood, Chaplain.; Chief: Charles Badley. **Delegates:** Frank J. Underwood, John Hughes, Ronald Leizear, Jr., Richard Leizear, Elizabeth Leizear. **Alternates:** John Gardiner, Kenny Trader, Derek Daves, Lani Lindsey, Patricia Meadows.

**** BRANDYWINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 238, 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613, (301)372-8507, (301)372-0416, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website: Organized: 1955, Chartered: 1955, Joined MSFA: 1955, President: Ronald S. Wilkinson, Vice President: Kenneth Rose, Sr., Secretary: Teresa Lewis Keenan, Treasurer: Brenda Ellis, Chaplain: Kenneth Rose, Sr., Chief: Chad Lavillier. **Delegates:** Chad Lauier, Donald Prather, Amber Reamy, Angela Prather, Kenneth Rose, Sr. **Alternates:** Brenda Sarmiento, Brian Clements, Kenneth Rose, Jr.

**** BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722, (301)927-0615, (301)927-5713, Email: btavel@brentwood4.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1922, Chartered: 1923, Joined MSFA: 1922, President: Richard Melito, Vice President: William Tavel, Secretary: Anne Chestnut, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: Steven Hampton. **Delegates:** Richard Melito, Steve Goldman, William Tavel, Anne Chestnut, Linde Reichard. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 5100 Ritchie Highway, Brooklyn, MD 21225, (410)789-5658, Email: cdoegen@msn.com, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1936, Chartered: 1937, Joined MSFA: 1938, President: Albert Anderson, Vice President: Charles Doegen, Secretary: Norman Ray, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: Charles Doegen. **Delegates:** Albert Anderson, Charles Doegen, Norman Ray, Lester Helfrich, Phillip Laumann. **Alternates:** John Anderson, James Chavis, William Gibson, Joseph Laumann, William Ray.

**** BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE INC.**, 200 West Potomac St., Brunswick, MD, 21716, (301)834-8102, (301)834-9684, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1958, Chartered: 1958, Joined MSFA:, President: George Clary, Jr., Vice President: Thomas Watson, Secretary: Lyndi D'Amico, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain:, Chief: Roy Lipscomb. **Delegates:** Geri Reynolds, Susie Nishol. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 156, 223-225 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD, 21716, (301)834-7296, (301)834-8081, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1893, Chartered: 1894, Joined MSFA: 1910, President: George Clary, Jr., Vice President: Thomas Watson, Secretary: Lyndi D'Amico, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain:, Chief: Roy Lipscomb. **Delegates:** Kevin Myers, Lawrence Pierce, Matthew Hoffman, Anthony Smothers, Kenneth Fauble, Sr. **Alternates:** David Young, Todd Webber, Roy Lipscomb, George Clary, Jr., George Houser.

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**** BRYANS ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 111, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road, MD, 20616, (301)283-0239, (301)375-6130, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1962, Chartered: 1963, Joined MSFA: 1963, President: J. Charles Allison, Vice President: Michael Chapura, Secretary: John Gallagher, Treasurer: Dennis Tomlinson, Chaplain: John R. Gallagher, Sr., Chief: Ralph Hamrick. **Delegates:** Elvan Hedges, John Gallagher, Sr., Paul Tackish, Michael Walko, Gary Crampton. **Alternates:** Ronnie Willett, Dennis Tomlinson.

**** BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSN**, 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD, 30722, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: John Hines, Vice President: John Mutchler, Secretary: Lawrence Trainum, Treasurer: Barry E. Miller, Chaplain: PGCVF&RA, Chief: Jason Fisher. **Delegates:** Steven King, Ed Mutchler, Tony Brooks, Opal Benoit, Howard Ewing. **Alternates:** Lawrence Trainum, Barry Miller, Darrell Walker.

**** BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. INC.**, P.O. Box 215, Burtonsville, MD, 20866, (301)384-8058, (301)879-1487, Email: bvfd@wans.net, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA:, President: Glenn Fitzpatrick, Vice President: Tamera Bulla, Secretary: Drew Dunn, Treasurer: Todd Dolfi, Chaplain: Harry Hetz, Chief: Craig Baker. **Delegates:** Harry Hetz. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 75, Butler, MD, 21023, (410)887-7913, (410)771-4103, Email: cao490@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1956, Joined MSFA:, President: Wayne Hackley, Vice President: Stewart Mann, Secretary: Milton Curtis, Treasurer: Douglas Womer, Chaplain:, Chief: 1st Lt Dave Hundertmark. **Delegates:** Wayne Hackley, Dennis Waganer, Dave Hundertmark, Stewart Mann, Ronnie Hann. **Alternates:** Warren Gleitsman, Douglas Womer, Milton Curtis.

**** CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. INC**, P.O. Box 41, 8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD, 20818, (301)365-2255, (301)365-2563, Email: firefighter@cjpvfd.org, County: MONTGOMERY, Website: www.cjpvfd.org, Organized: 1930, Chartered: 1930, Joined MSFA: 1931, President: Michael D. Harting, Vice President: David K. Cohen, Secretary: Kathleen Donahoe, Treasurer: Mary Livingstone, Chaplain: Rev. Terry Reister, Chief: James P. Seavey, Sr. **Delegates:** James P. Seavey, Sr., Mark Livingstone, Kathleen Donahoe, Jason Goldberg, Jeffrey Greenstein. **Alternates:** Christina Mage, Patrick Gibson, Russell Slaton, Mary Morgal, Frederick Rest, II.

**** CAPE ST. CLAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY I**, 1411 Cape St. Claire Rd., Annapolis, MD, 21401, (410)757-3434, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1955, Chartered: 1955, Joined MSFA: 1957, President: Joan Sorrell, Vice President: Drew Mutch, Secretary: Roxann Thompson, Treasurer: George Ryan, Chaplain:, Chief: Dave Nilback. **Delegates:** F. Robert Seibel, III, Joan Sorrel. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 6061 Central Ave., Capitol Heights, MD, 20743, (301)336-2111, (301)499-2295, Email: jmccllell@fm.umd.edu, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1911, Chartered: 1914, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert McClelland, Sr., Vice President: Mark Washington, Secretary: Albert Adams, Treasurer: Charles E Miller, Chaplain:, Chief: James E McClelland, Sr. **Delegates:** James E. McClelland, Sr., Robert Russell, Frederick Marks, Robert McClelland, Sr., Mark Washington. **Alternates:** Charles Miller, Keith Fullerton, Jennifer McClelland, Albert Adams, Edward Hazell.

CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE, 50 Kate Wagner Road, Westminster, MD 21157, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 05/15/200, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Marianne Warehime, Vice President: Richard Baker, Jr., Secretary: Ralph Dull, Treasurer: Dennis Brothers, Chaplain: Charles Barnhart Jr., Chief:, **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

CARROLL MANOR FIRE COMPANY INC., P.O. Box 7, Adamstown, MD, 21710, (301)874-5111, (301)874-5101, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1953, Joined MSFA:, President: Andrew E. Arnold, Sr., Vice President: Steven A. Shook, Secretary: Linda A. Johnson, Treasurer: Ida E. Young, Chaplain: Doris Simpson, Chief: L. Edward Johnson. **Delegates:** A. Edward Arnold, Sr., L. Edward Johnson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** CECILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 565, 110 East Main Street, Cecilton, MD 21913, (410)275-8686, Email:, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 1936, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA: 1938, President: Michael Cooper, Vice President: Paul Obenshain, Secretary: Letta O'Neal, Treasurer: Christy Biggs, Chaplain: Rev. Joseph Burris, Chief: Brian Corbett. **Delegates:** Brian Corbett, Dede Pardee, Matt Christiano, Jay Bolton. **Alternates:** Mike Fry, William Bailey, Clay Weisonberg.

CHAPEL OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, P.O. Box 31309, Capitol Heights, MD, 20731-0309, (301)883-2600, (301)925-4950, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: July 1946, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1973, President: Cathy Walker, Vice President: Gerald Ford, Secretary: Brenda Smith, Treasurer: Deneen Lewis, Chaplain: William Gressen, Chief: Jonathan Bolden. **Delegates:** Cathy Walker, Jonathan Bolden. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT**, P.O. Box 366, 10700 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD, 20695, (301)645-7707, (301)638-3915, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1978, Chartered: 07/16/1986, Joined MSFA: 1983, President: Patrick Burke, Vice President: Bill Wedding, Secretary: Carrie Summers, Treasurer: Elaine Wedding, Chaplain: Dave Summers, Chief: David Staples. **Delegates:** Charles Shaw, Mary Waugh. **Alternates:** Bill Wedding, Elaine Wedding.

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**** CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD INC.**, P.O. Box 40, 2 Calvert Street, LaPlata, MD, 20646, (301)934-4434, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1952, Chartered: 1984, Joined MSFA:, President: Susie Spalding, Vice President: Jeff Garner, Secretary: Phyllis Viars, Treasurer: RJ Earnshaw, III, Chaplain: Cathy Ledman, Chief: Susan Grote. **Delegates:** Susie Spalding, Susan Grote, Butch Gregory, Brent Huber, Laura Greenawalt. **Alternates:** James Vannoy, Jason Gilroy, Brian Canfield, R. Earnshaw, III, B Winkler.

**** CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 111, Charlestown, MD, 21914, (410)287-6451, (410)287-2843, Email: cfc5@iximd.com, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 1948, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1949, President: Bill Doss, Vice President: Mike Varady, Secretary: Kenny Schockley, Treasurer: Rosie Bott, Chaplain:, Chief: Ronnie Daniels. **Delegates:** Ronnie Daniels, Mike Starling, Gary Bott, George Stanko, Jeff Fronheiser. **Alternates:** Mike Varady, Kenny Shockley, Mike Walsh, Don Stanley, Tom Bicking.

**** CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 296, Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD, 21620, (410)778-3434, Email:, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1908, Chartered: 1908, Joined MSFA:, President: William Blackiston, Vice President: Larry Slagle, Secretary: William Blackiston, III, Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney, Chaplain: Goozlee Matthews, Chief: Bruce Neal. **Delegates:** William Blackiston, Jr., Jeff Thompson, Bruce Neal, Bill Hildebrand, Marion Townsend. **Alternates:** Trey Blackiston.

**** CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 12020 Greenspring Ave., Owings Mills, MD, 21117, (410)887-7781, (410)252-6111, Email: info@crvfc.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.crvfc.org, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1957, Joined MSFA: 1961, President: George A. "Fred" Cross, Vice President: Larry Geston, Secretary: Cynthia Glace, Treasurer: Harry Kakel, Chaplain:, Chief: Dan Uddeme. **Delegates:** George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr., Dan Udemme, Steve Simmers, Harry Kakel. **Alternates:** None listed .

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT INC., 8001 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, 20815, (301)652-0707, (301)652-1532, Email:, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered: 1930, Joined MSFA:, President: John E. Bird, Vice President: Daniel M. Fox, Secretary: Sandra Snyder, Treasurer: Patricia Hammar, Chaplain:, Chief:, **Delegates:** Robert L. Waters, John E. Bird. **Alternates:** None listed.

CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, P.O. Box 7459, 7833 Riggs Road, Langley Park, MD, 20787-7459, (301)434-3435, (301)434-7463, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1951, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA: 1952, President: Robert Glenn Jacobs, Vice President: Charles Jim Larkin, Secretary: Jack Spencer, Treasurer: Donald Van Leuven, Chaplain:, Chief: Charles Aldridge. **Delegates:** Robert G. Jacobs, Charles Aldridge. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622, (410)228-4156, (410)228-4156, Email: County: DORCHESTER, Website: Organized: 1951, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA: President: Thomas Coghlan, Vice President: Stephen Tolley, Secretary: Tina McWilliams, Treasurer: Kenny Abbott, Chaplain: Chief: Stephen Tolley. **Delegates:** Thomas Coghlan, Steve Tolley, Kenny Abbott, Carey Abbott, Tina McWilliams. **Alternates:** Guy McWilliams, Rusty Hudley, Jamie Harding, Barbara Steiner.

**** CHURCH HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 66, 316 Main Street, Church Hill, MD, 21623, (410)758-6552, (410)556-6244, Email: chvfd@intercom.net, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website: Organized: 1896, Chartered: 1943, Joined MSFA: 1938, President: Francis Jester, Vice President: Harold Benton, Secretary: Edith Mansfield, Treasurer: Sandra Reed, Chaplain: Rev Tina Blake, Chief: Stephen Hurlock. **Delegates:** Phillip Hurlock, Francis Jester, Charles Jester, Stephen Hurlock, Chris Coursey. **Alternates:** Brian Trossbach, Edie Mansfield, Tyler Williams, Harold Benton, Brett Vanzant,

**** CITIZENS TRUCK CO. 4**, P.O. Box 3855, Frederick, MD, 21705, (301) 694-1713, (301)694-1734, Email: County: FREDERICK, Website: Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: David Keller, III, Vice President: Bion Winpigler, Secretary: David Marron, Treasurer: Robert W Jacobs, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: John Elden. **Delegates:** David Keller, III, Bion Winpigler, Robert Jacobs. **Alternates:** Clarence White, Jr., Clarence Ringhart, Allen Wachter, Steve Wisner, Ryan Winpigler.

**** CLARYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, 16304 Clarysville Road, Frostburg, MD, 21532, (301)689-3828, Email: co14@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website: Organized: 1942, Chartered: 1942, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: William B. Sivic, Jr., Vice President: Todd Logsdon, Secretary: Chris McKnight, Treasurer: Mark Deckers, Chaplain: Carl J. Blank, Chief: Richard Atkinson. **Delegates:** Carl J. Blank, Carl D. Blank, Sr., William B. Sivic, Jr., Nicole Conway, Mark Deckers. **Alternates:** Eric L. Clark, Sr., Wayne Conklin, Beth McKenzie, Peter Lyons, Carl J. Blank, Jr.

**** CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB**, P.O. Box 61, Clear Spring, MD 21722, (301)582-2711, (301)842-3073, Email: County: WASHINGTON, Website: Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA: President: Eric Ramacciotti, Vice President: Sharon Shupp, Secretary: Jamie Glaze, Treasurer: Brenda Keefer, Chaplain: Chief: James M Miller. **Delegates:** Walter Irvin, Sr., Walter Irvin, Jr., Grace Irvin, Tom Altman, Lynn Hunsberger. **Alternates:** Eric Ramacciotti, Cindy Ramacciotti, James Miller, Walter Irvin, Jr., Lori Irvin.

**** CLEAR SPRING FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 400, Clear Spring, MD 21722, (301)842-3375, Email: County: WASHINGTON, Website: Organized: 1935, Chartered: 1935, Joined MSFA: 1938, President: Ronald Poole, Vice President: Tim Keeney, Secretary:

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Cheryl Brumbaugh, Treasurer: Curt Cline, Chaplain: Ted Hovermile, Chief: Charles L. Munday. **Delegates:** Rick Blair, Chalie Munday, Ronald Poole, Frank Hart, Robert Downs. **Alternates:** Tim Keeney, Stoylan Russell, Mike Reid, Craig Warner, Greg Trumpower.

**** CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.**, 9025 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD, 20735, (301)868-1313, (301)868-0330, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1936, Chartered: 1937, Joined MSFA: 1937, President: Scott Kaiser, Vice President: David Rucker, Secretary: Sally Brown, Treasurer: Robert McGhee, Jr., Chaplain:, Chief: Robert N Small, Jr. **Delegates:** Scott Kaiser, Robert Small, Bob McGhee, Sally Brown, Richard Small. **Alternates:** Pat Howard, Ginger Henderson, Zachary Kipple, KB Hobkins, Michele Desperes.

**** COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 156, Cobb Island, MD, 20625, (301)259-4258, (301)259-0527, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1949, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Bill Kilinski, Vice President: Sam Bowling, Secretary: Sherry Pilkerton, Treasurer: Mike Burnham, Chaplain:, Chief: Eddie Godwin. **Delegates:** Kathy Kilinski, Chuck Shaw, Jonathon Mattingly, Bill Mattingly. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030, (410)527-1634, (410)527-1634, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1896, Chartered: 1896, Joined MSFA: 1918, President: Elwood Banister, Vice President: Ken Cole, Secretary: C. Jean Roberts, Treasurer: John Dixon, Chaplain: Helen Banister, Chief: Thomas Jeffers. **Delegates:** Clarence Tracey, Jack Roberts, Larry Gribble, Tom Jeffers, Larry Gribble. **Alternates:** Donna Gribble.

COLLEGE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 8115 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD, 20740, (301)901-9112, (301)901-9115, Email: webmaster@cpvfd.org, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website: www.cpvfd.org, Organized: 1925, Chartered: 1925, Joined MSFA:, President: Peter Piring, Vice President: Frederick E. Brower, Secretary: Matthyew I. Chibbaro, Treasurer: Robert Chroniger, Chaplain:, Chief: Frederick H. Welsh. **Delegates:** Peter Piring, Frederick Welsh. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY INC.**, P.O. Box 248, 309 South Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD, 21090, (410)859-0244, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered: 1928, Joined MSFA:, President: David Reese, Secretary: Jason Phippen, Treasurer: Joseph Delisle, Chief: John Odenwald. **Delegates:** David Reese, Jason Phippen, Joseph Delisle, John Odenwald. **Alternates:** J.G. Delisle, David E. Reese, III, Buddy Dietz, Jr., Russell Downs.

**** COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON**, P.O.Box 255, Millington, MD, 21651, (410)928-3171, (410)928-3945, Email:, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1921, Chartered: 1923, Joined MSFA:, President: LeRoy Davis, Vice President: Sally Carpenter,

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Secretary: Edie Morales, Treasurer: Paige Hickman, Chaplain: Mark Jarnell, Chief: Jesse Downey, Sr. **Delegates:** CJ Morales, Sally Carpenter, Richard McIntyre, Charles Willis, Pam Teat. **Alternates:**
None listed.

**** COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE**, P.O. Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD, 21903-0211, (410)996-6066, (410)642-0266, Email:, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 1923, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1929, President: John Jones, Vice President: Daniel Mahan, Secretary: Kimberly Jones, Treasurer: Dale DeWeese, Chaplain: Susan Hornbarger, Chief: Lloyd Beard. **Delegates:** Larry Perry, Al Ryan, Dale Brown, James Fayer. **Alternates:** John Jones, Skip Mahan, John Reinhart, Charles Gardner, Richard Gilbert.

**** COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN**, P.O. Box 148, 300 Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD, 21911, (410)658-5115, (410)658-5899, Email:, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 1921, Chartered: 1921, Joined MSFA: 1921, President: Cux Curry, Vice President: Jim Kyte, Secretary: Amy Davis, Treasurer: Suzanne Weary, Chaplain: Wayne Ingerson, Chief: Karl Reichenbach. **Delegates:** Karl Reichenbach, Walter Funk, James Kyte, Ken Morris, Herrel Curry. **Alternates:** Eric Simpkins, Kevin Dalton, Steve Yates.

**** COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE**, P.O. Box 21, 110 Eastern Blvd., North, Hagerstown, MD, 21741, (301)733-1113, (301)739-6015, Email: camos@xra75.org, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 05/1/1957, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Chris Stockslager, Vice President: Terry Gearhart, Secretary: Donna Long, Treasurer: Scott Draper, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: Christopher Amos. **Delegates:** Joe Ralls, Terry Gearhart, John Shaw. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. OF BOWLEY'S**, P.O. Box 4910, 900 Bowley's Quarters Road, Baltimore, MD, 21220, (410)335-8820, (410)335-9277, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1944, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Joseph Walters, Jr., Vice President: Joyce Elder, Secretary: Bernie Eckert, III, Treasurer: Paul J. Cusic, Jr., Chaplain:, Chief: Captain Paul Cusic. **Delegates:** William Stockum, Jerome Cusic, Lawrence Grannas, Joseph Walters, Jr., Paul Cusic. **Alternates:** Paul Cusic, Jr., Robert Grannas, John Leuschel, John Hammen, Max King.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF DISTRICT 12, P.O. Box 97, 18002 Tilghmanton Road, Fairplay, MD 21733, (301)582-0099, (301)582-4013, Email: fairplay12@earthlink.net, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 10/21/1947, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Joseph Walters, Jr., Vice President: Joyce Elder, Secretary: Paul Brown, Treasurer: David Grabill, Chaplain: Robert Fraley, Chief: Leonard Heller. **Delegates:** William Pennington, Paul Brown. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S ASSN.**, P.O. Box 102, Cordova, MD, 21625, (410)364-5400, (410)364-5119, Email:, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: Tom Diem, Vice President: Tim Burns, Secretary: William Dulin, Treasurer: James Morris, Jr., Chaplain: Bill Cheezum, Sr., Chief: Mark Secrist. **Delegates:** Vernon Dulin, Thomas Diem, Robert Messix. **Alternates:** None listed.

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, P.O. Box 187, Corriganville, MD, 21524, (301)777-5193, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1939, Chartered: 1939, Joined MSFA:, President: Michael F. Porter, Vice President: Dahrel Miller, Secretary: Tammy Harr, Treasurer: Mike McGee, Chaplain: Delos Murphy/Jamer Deremer, Chief: Jeff DeHaven. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None Listed.

**** COTTAGE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, MT. Rainer, MD 20712, (301)985-5400, Email: pres2ccfl@aol.com, County: PRINCE GEORGES, Website:, Organized: 1922, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1923, President: Wayne Parker, Vice President: Keith Schenk, Secretary: Diane Schmidt, Treasurer: Fred Hull, Chaplain: Ed Mutchler, Chief: Howard Ewing. **Delegates:** Wayne Parker, Jimmy Pilkerton, III, Diane Schmidt, Jimmy Pilkerton, Jr., Keith Schenk. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 5129, 13110 Warrior Drive, Cresaptown, MD, 21505, (301)729-1111, (301)729-1820, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1933, Chartered: 1933, Joined MSFA:, President: Steven J. Kesner, Vice President: Calvin Walbert, Secretary: Deborah E. Kesner, Treasurer: Sue Clark-Cecil, Chaplain: Calvin Walbert, Chief: Daniel W. Winter. **Delegates:** Steven J. Kesner, John P. Pratt, Deborah E. Kesner, Calvin Pete Walbert, Jeremy B. Athey. **Alternates:** Robert A. Rotruck, Michael Johnson.

**** CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 591, Crisfield, MD, 21817, (410)968-1262, (410)968-9536, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1874, Chartered: 02/14/1921, Joined MSFA: 12/01/1939, President: Louis H. Hickman, Vice President: Les Malin, Secretary: Steve Marshall, Treasurer: Andy Haynie, Chaplain: Russell Ward, Chief: William Reynolds. **Delegates:** Russell Ward, Louis Hickman, Eugene Mills, William Reynolds, Danny Tyler. **Alternates:** Gary Nelson, Ronnie Hinman, Andy Haynie, Doug Lewis, Ryan Dobson.

**** CRUMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 68, Crumpton, MD 21628, (410)778-6100, (410)778-0979, Email:, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website:, Organized: 1961, Chartered: 1961, Joined MSFA: 1963, President: Steve Driver, Vice President: Robby Pardoe, Secretary: Linda Hamann, Treasurer: Norman Husfelt, Chaplain:, Chief: James Hurlock. **Delegates:** Norman Husfelt, James A. Hurlock, William Smith, James R. Hurlock, Steve Driver. **Alternates:** Mary Husfelt, Jean Parsons, Linda Morris, Patsy Hunter, Linda Hamann.

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CUMBERLAND HOSE #1, P.O. Box 1340, Cumberland, MD, 21502, (301)777-7114, (301)777-8196, Email: acema@allconet.org, County: Allegany, Website:, Organized: 1875, Chartered: 1875, Joined MSFA:, President: Richard L. Devore, Vice President: Tim Dayton, Secretary: Kenneth May, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: Jerry Frantz. **Delegates:** Richard Devore, Sam Wilson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** DAMASCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 13, 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD, 20872, (301)253-3988, (301)253-2323, Email:, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1944, Chartered: 1944, Joined MSFA: 1946, President: Thomas Gartner, Sr., Vice President: Gary Hilton, Secretary: Teresa Gartner-Surette, Treasurer: Michael E. Burch, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Braden, Chief: S. Darron Long. **Delegates:** Leonard King, Ron Watkins, Gary Hilton, Bruce Surette, Rodney Duvall. **Alternates:** Daron Long, Ron German, Matthew Wiles, Thomas Watkins, William Denell.

**** DARLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 178, Darlington, MD, 210340178, (410)638-3760, (410)638-3756, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 1949, Chartered: 1949, Joined MSFA: 1955, President: Donald Thomas, Vice President: Robert Nelson, Secretary: Betty Borden, Treasurer: Michael Vincent, Chaplain: Ralph Dorden, Chief: Samuel Sauers. **Delegates:** Alan Thompson, Samuel Sauers, Willard Evans, Donald Cassett, Dennis Cox. **Alternates:** None listed.

DEAL ISLAND CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., P.O. Box 128, Deal Island, MD, 21821, (410)784-2612, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1956, Joined MSFA:, President: Charles Jacobson, Vice President: James Corbett, Secretary: Jimmy Muir, Treasurer: Daniel Webster, Chaplain: David Webster, Chief: Donald Ford. **Delegates:** Ray Ford, Danny Webster. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD, 20751, (410)867-1350, (410)867-9374, Email: dealefire@dealevfd.com, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website: www.dealevfd.com, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: Terry Whittington, Vice President: Gayle Moreland, Secretary: Karen George, Treasurer: Heidi Mudd, Chaplain: Robert Wilkerson, Chief: Dale Browning. **Delegates:** Gayle Moreland, Dale Browning, Bernard Phipps, Terry Whittington, Ray Mudd. **Alternates:** Karen George, Doug Howard, Heidi Mudd, Debbie Whittington, Carl Nutwell.

**** DEEP CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 419, 1906 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry, MD, 21541, (301)387-5252, (301)387-5252, Email: jrodeheaver@mdsp.org, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1965, Chartered: 1966, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert Browning, Vice President: Russell Sines, Secretary: Larry Schlossnagle, Treasurer: Michael Phillippi, Chaplain: William Dawson, Chief: Jamie Rodeheaver. **Delegates:** Michael Phillipi, Jackie Rodeheaver. **Alternates:** None listed.

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DEER PARK COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., P.O. Box 3152, 5353 Maryland Highway Deer Park, MD, 21550, (301)334-4120, Email: tk1045@yahoo.com, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1950, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1950, President: Emerson Fike, Jr., Vice President: Terry W. King, Secretary: Ron Perando, Treasurer: Ralph W. Livengood, JR., Chaplain: Ron Perando, Chief: Kenny Collins. **Delegates:** Alden Aanderson, Terry King, **Alternates:** None listed.

**** DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 143, Delmar, DE, 19940, (302)846-2530, (302)846-2505, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1921, Chartered: 1921, Joined MSFA:, President: Jack Morris, Jr., Vice President: Jay Hammerer, Secretary: Ginny Dennis, Treasurer: Marty Skarson, Chaplain: Harry Naugle, Chief: Shawn Johnson. **Delegates:** Joe Morris, Jr., Robert F. Jones, Bob Jones, Marty Skarson, Jack Morris. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA, 17314, (717)456-7133, (717)456-7958, Email:, County: YORK CO. (HARFORD CO.), Website:, Organized: 1908, Chartered: 1910, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: Anthony Hall, Vice President: Richard Fanton, Secretary: Sarah Kern, Treasurer: Dalynn Griffith, Chaplain: Gale Parthree, Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. **Delegates:** John R Williams, Laura Taylor, Rick Farrington, James R. Williams, Anthony Hall. **Alternates:** J. Ryan Williams, James Wilson, Severly Wilson.

**** DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 400 South 5TH Avenue, Denton, MD, 21629, (410)479-2121, (410)479-5377, Email:, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized: 1894, Chartered: 1922, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: Thomas Trice, Vice President: John Webster, Secretary: Dustin Summers, Treasurer: Gary Geisel, Chaplain: Bill Davis, Chief: Glen Makovsky. **Delegates:** Wayne F. Fretterd, Sr, Thomas Trice, Shelly Darling, Donna Fretterd. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** DENTSVILLE EMS & AUX INC**, 12135 Charles Street, P.O. Box 109, La Plata, MD, 20646, (301)392-0500, (301)392-5954, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 08/1998, Chartered: 08/1998, Joined MSFA: 06/2004, President: John Earle, Vice President: Judi Young, Secretary: Sandy Sherman, Treasurer: Sherry Williams, Chaplain: Jerry Butkiewicz, Chief: Charles Arcadipane. **Delegates:** Guelda Farrall, Darby Byrd. **Alternates:** John Earle, Sandra Sherman.

**** DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 12100 North Branch Road, S.E., Cumberland, MD, 21502, (301)722-4444, Email: co7@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1944, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA:, President: Chris Collins, Vice President: Chris Robinson, Secretary: Tricia Tressler, Treasurer: Ann McKeown, Chaplain: Charlotte Shoemaker, Chief: Greg Boyd. **Delegates:** Ronald Grabenstein, Sr., Ronald Grabenstein, Jr., Nathan Grabenstein, Chris Robosson. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 6208 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD, 20747, (301)735-3399, (301)515-3343, Email: chip0570@hotmail.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1942, Chartered: 1942, Joined MSFA:, President: Harold Fletcher, Vice President: Leslie Davis, Secretary: Joan Fletcher, Treasurer: Charles A Norris, Chaplain:, Chief: Thomas C Stommel. **Delegates:** Harold Fletcher, Charles Norris, Thomas Stommel, Kirk Ingram, Leslie Davis. **Alternates:** Jamaal Brooks, Joan Fletcher, Olivia Turpin, Lawrence Hawkins, Gregg Powell.

DORCHESTER EMS, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, P.O. Box 86, 10250 Southern Maryland Blvd., Dunkirk, MD, 20754, (301)855-8895, (410)286-2890, Email: mwells@dunkirk5.com, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized: 1973, Chartered: 1973, Joined MSFA:, President: Randy Smith, Vice President: John Mowatt, Secretary: Erin Stinnett, Treasurer: Howard Kelly, Chaplain:, Chief: Merrill Wells. **Delegates:** Howard Kelly, Chris McNally, Merrill Wells, Terry McAllister, Randy Smith. **Alternates:** Toby Sealy, Sammy Longfellow, Richard Meader, Mike McLaughlin, Bucky Miles.

**** EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 547, 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD, 21146, (410)647-1990, (410)647-9463, Email: ehvfc12d@hotmail.com, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 04/18/1918, Chartered: 05/18/1918, Joined MSFA: 1923, President: Charles H . Austin, Vice President: Charles Disney, Secretary: Edgar Yost, Treasurer: Robert J. Caha, Chaplain: Norman D. Winstead, Chief: Paul Demasky. **Delegates:** Charles H. Austin, Michael L. Sohn, Milton Price, Mike Tewey, Junior Etzell, Ed Yost. **Alternates:** Chris Higgins, Joe Angyelow, Ken Derrossett, William Weitzell, Edward Detwiler.

**** EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 280, East New Market, MD, 21631, (410)943-3663, (410)943-0900, Email: enmvfd@automatedcomputers.com, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1938, Chartered: 1939, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: Adam Tolloy, Vice President: Joe Chimek, Secretary: Angie Carrier, Treasurer: Shirley Shattrefiled, Chaplain:, Chief: Donald Chessman, Jr. **Delegates:** Stephen Trissell, Donald L. Cheesman, Jr., David Wielgosz, Mark Stivers. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** EASTERN GARRETT VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE**, 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD, 21532, (301)689-8388, (301)689-0554, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1967, Chartered: 1967, Joined MSFA: 1967, President: James Raley, Vice President: Marsh Smith, Secretary: Virginia Briskey, Treasurer: Dwayne Kitis, Chaplain: David Kitis, Chief: Tim Clark. **Delegates:** Jim Raley, David Wiland, Nick Wiland, Marsh Smith, Dwayne Kitis. **Alternates:** Dave Kitis, Tim Clark, Dana Kesner, Matt Briskey, Virginia Briskey.

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**** EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 851, 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton, MD, 21601, (410)822-4848, (410)822-4848, Email: eastonvfd@goeaston.net, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized: 1808, Chartered: 1808, Joined MSFA: 1914, President: Maurice Newman, III, Vice President: James Knotts, Secretary: Timothy McNeal, Treasurer: Kenneth Bush, Chaplain: Rev. W. Nevin Crouse, Chief: Andrew Jensen. **Delegates:** Leonard Rieck, Glenn Daubach, Lyle Fuller, Fred Ireland, Maurice Newman. **Alternates:** Rose Miles, Harvey Smith.

**** EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD, 21403, (410)263-6133, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1886, Chartered: 04/18/1930, Joined MSFA: 04/18/1930, President: Bettu Lou Pilkerton, Vice President: Al Kirchner, Secretary: A. J. Wilder, Treasurer: Daniel Monch, Chaplain: Joseph Galloway, Chief:. **Delegates:** Betty Pilkerton, Daniel Monch. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 5752 Rhodesdale-Eldorado Rd., Rhodesdale, MD, 21659, (410)943-4004, (410)943-1311, Email: ebvfd@dmv.com, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1948, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: Debbie Wheedleton, Vice President: Barry Lord, Secretary: Dan Ebling, Treasurer: Rose Murphy, Chaplain: Butch Lord, Chief: Robert Murphy. **Delegates:** Ed Colquhoun, Bob Murphy, Debbie Wheedleton, Rose Murphy, Dan Ebling. **Alternates:** Barry Lord, Bridget Harding, Butch Lord, Brenda Lord, Jim Cole.

**** ELKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 6275 Old Washington Road, Elkridge, MD, 21075, (410)313-4901, (410)313-4904, Email:, County: HOWARD, Website:, Organized: 1942, Chartered: 1942, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: Timothy Cugle, Vice President: Julianna Casey, Secretary: John Christoffel, Treasurer: Gene Poligardo, Chaplain: John Mackall, Chief: Don Watson. **Delegates:** Julianna Casey, Vince Glorioso, Keith Summers, Kellie Lehr, Mike Barnett. **Alternates:** Tami Scvotich.

**** ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE**, P.O. Box 188, Ellerslie, MD, 21529, (301)777-0476, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1980, Chartered: 1986, Joined MSFA: 1986, President: Frank B Clark, Vice President: Scott Williams, Secretary: Denoma Stallings, Treasurer: Richard N. Mallow, Chaplain: Frank B. Clark, Chief: Kara Kile. **Delegates:** Wayne Shriner, David Christner. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 237, Ellerslie, MD, 21529, (301)777-0959, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA: 1946, President: Frank B Clark, Vice President: Scott Williams, Secretary: Denoma Stallings, Treasurer: Robert D Johnson, III, Chaplain: Jennifer Christner, Chief: Scott Williams. **Delegates:** Wayne Shriner, Dave Christner. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSN.**, P.O. Box 296, 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD, 21041, (410)313-2600, (410)313-2671, Email:, County: Howard, Website:, Organized: 1888, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA: 1924, President: Edward Brnich, Vice President: James Loar, Secretary: Arminta Bloom, Treasurer: Edwin McKee, Chaplain: Kathleen Ralston & Steven Stone, Chief: Lars Leaf, Jr. **Delegates:** Richard Thomas, Carolyn Klein, John Klein, Lars Leaf, Steven Stone. **Alternates:** Kathleen Ralston, James Loar, Craig Ralston, Kate Anelli.

**** ELLIOTT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 2317 Elliott Island Rd., Elliott Island, MD, 21869, (410)376-3026, (410)376-3026, Email:, County: Dorchester, Website:, Organized: 1971, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1989, President: Chester D. Martinek, Vice President: Howard Martinek, Secretary: Ann Foley, Treasurer: Pamela Abbott, Chaplain:, Chief: Wylie Abbott, Jr. **Delegates:** Chester D. Martinek, Lissa Martinek, Benjamin Elliott, Linda Elliott, Paul O'Sheske. **Alternates:** Wylie Abbott, Jr., Brian Kropkowski, Jo Kropkowski.

**** EMMITSBURG AMBULANCE CO.**, P.O. Box 1101, 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727-1101, (301)447-6626, (301)447-3887, Email: emmitsburg26@aol.com, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1948, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Marylou Little, Vice President: Diane Kelly, Secretary: Eric Stackhouse, Treasurer: Tom Humerick, Chaplain:, Chief: Brian Koenig. **Delegates:** Loretta B. Sprankle, Keith Phillips, Robert Dinterman, Ed Little, Pam Bolin. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC**, 2827 Michigan Ave., Halethorpe, MD, 21227, (410)636-4433, (410)636-3540, Email: co370@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Louis Keene, Vice President: Ted Wooden, Secretary: Michele Keene, Treasurer: Wallace Scheckels, Chaplain: Moses Rodriques, Chief: William Maddox. **Delegates:** Louis Keene, Ted Wooden, William Maddox, Frank March, Ed Embry. **Alternates:** Jerry Mathison, Wallace Scheckells, Mani Condor, Michele Keene, Ron Sheldon.

EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, P.O. Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD, 21824, (410)425-5521, Email:, County: Somerset, Website:, Organized: 1957, Chartered: 1957, Joined MSFA:, President: Richard Evans, Vice President: Matt Smith, Secretary: Mark Kitching, Treasurer: Eddie Evans, Jr., Chaplain: Eddie Evans, Sr./Elmer Evans, Chief: Otis Ray Tyler. **Delegates:** Otis Tyler, Eddie Evans, Jr. **Alternates:** None listed.

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT, P.O. Box 395, 27232 Fairmount Road, Fairmount, MD, 21867, (410)651-2888, (410)651-1018, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 03/08/99, Chartered: 03/08/99, Joined MSFA: 6/22/99, President: Roger Olsen, Vice President: Bob Becker, Secretary: Scott Bisset, Treasurer: Frank Lisk, Chaplain:, Chief: Jim Koons. **Delegates:** John Mori. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE CO.**, P.O. Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD, 21047, (410)638-4890, (410)638-4889, Email: sscheinin@fvfac.org, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 10/02/74, Chartered: 10/20/74, Joined MSFA: 12/01/1974, President: Christopher Gibbons, Vice President: Scott Golly, Secretary: Laura Woods, Treasurer: Kim Weber, Chaplain: Richard Gatto, Chief: Joseph M. Woods. **Delegates:** William Reinecke, Jr., Christopher Gibbons, Hobart Howell, Steven J. Scheinin, Edwin Geisendaffer. **Alternates:** Edward Benesch, Cathy Pilachowski, Tim Holt.

**** FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 99, 208 North University Avenue, Federalsburg, MD, 21632, (410)754-7400, Email:, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized: 1900, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1926, President: Mike Robinson, Vice President: Charles Harvey and Todd Garvey, Secretary: Thomas Blades, Treasurer: Wendell Merrick, Chaplain:, Chief: Heath Wroten. **Delegates:** Thomas Blades, William Collins, Douglas Ramey, Jr., Dawn Ramey, Glenn Merrick. **Alternates:** Janet Blades, Todd Garvey.

**** FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 4 South Broadview Blvd., Glen Burnie, MD, 21061, (410)766-2131, (410)768-0487, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 05/1942, Chartered: 1943, Joined MSFA:, President: William Fidler, Vice President: Del Haley, Secretary: Dickie Meiss, Treasurer: Craig Bidinger, Chaplain: Chief: Jay Olson. **Delegates:** Jay Olson, William Fidler, Richard Meiss, Craig Bidinger, Jackie Olson. **Alternates:** John Long, Del Haley, Jack Huliet.

**** FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. INC.**, P.O. Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD, 21029, (410)313-7215, (410)313-7219, Email: clarksvillevfd@erols.com, County: HOWARD, Website:, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA:, President: Miji Kim, Vice President: Carol Stevens, Secretary: Edgar Zepp, IV, Treasurer: Roy Ferguson, Chaplain:, Chief: Patrick J Marlatt. **Delegates:** Furman Hipp, Wendy Norwitz, John McNeece. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE CO.**, 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)733-3339, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website: www.engineone.org, Organized: 1815, Chartered: 1822, Joined MSFA: 1893, President: Blaine Snyder, Vice President: David Stevens and Greg Baker, Secretary: Ray Lushbaugh, Treasurer: Gerald Saum, Chaplain: Greg Baker, Chief: Captain Bryan Stallings. **Delegates:** Blaine Snyder, Debbie Shuster, Bryan Stallings, Fran Marshall, Steve Jacobs. **Alternates:** John Miller, Richard Stallings, Tonya Redman, Mike Schultz, Pat Lushbaugh.

**** FIRST HOSE COMPANY OF BOONSBORO**, 5 St. Paul St., Boonsboro, MD, 21713, (301)432-2348, (301)432-2438, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1832, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Don Shumaker, Vice President: Tim Smith, Secretary: Elizabeth Brandenburg, Treasurer: Cindy Murphy, Chaplain:, Chief: Oley Griffith. **Delegates:** Don Shumaker, Vernon Brown, Randy Wilkerson, Doug Mullendore, Ed Williams. **Alternates:** Richard Brown.

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**** FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 105, 21701 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD, 21530, (301)478-2311, (301)478-3324, Email: fvfd12@tje1.com, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 1944, Joined MSFA: 1944, President: Steve Moyer, Vice President: Elaine Gamble, Secretary: Amber Thomas, Treasurer: Ian Reikie, Chaplain: David Kyle, Chief: Steve Bowman. **Delegates:** David L. Kyle, Steve Bowman, Paul Stickley, Paul Porta, Anna Porta. **Alternates:** Jan Stickley, Steve Moyer, Vicki Bowman, Vicki Moyer.

**** FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1**, 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772, (301)736-7170, (301)736-5796, Email: forestville-vfd@erols.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1931, Chartered: 1931, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Mark Worth, Vice President: Joe Gray, Secretary: Ed Thurston, Treasurer: Paul Thorne, Jr., Chaplain: Helen Kulle, Chief: Robert Wilhite. **Delegates:** Bill Huttenloch, Ed Thurston, Robert Wilhite, Mark Worth, Joe Gray. **Alternates:** Jeff Thorne, Anne Shepherd, Keith O'Daniel, Helen Kulle, Paul Thorne, Jr.

**** FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD, 21531, (301)746-5577, (301)746-5195, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1909, Chartered: 1932, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Keith E. Fisher, Vice President: Edward B. Kelley, Secretary: Joy L. Fisher, Treasurer: Randy L. Humberson, Chaplain: Richard L. Sisler, Chief: Terry E. Spear. **Delegates:** Rodney Boldser, Wayne Anderson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE**, P.O. Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg, MD, 21532, (301)689-3356, (301)689-1679, Email: co53@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1975, Chartered: 11/01/1975, Joined MSFA: 2004, President: Wayne Lewis, Vice President: Dorothy Turner, Secretary: Winnie Davis, Treasurer: Tammy Frye, Chaplain: Valerie Vrieze, Chief: Jeff Brewer. **Delegates:** David Ogden, Lee Lewis. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** FROSTBURG FIRE DEPT. #1**, P.O. Box 461, 22 South Water Street, Frostburg, MD, 21532, (301)689-8444, (301)689-2938, Email: col6@@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 03/18/1878, Chartered: 12/09/1878, Joined MSFA: 1893, President: Harry Wolford, Vice President: Joseph Brumage, Secretary: Gary Tummino, Treasurer: Edward George, Chaplain: Harry Foor, Chief: Eric Yates. **Delegates:** Harry Wolford, Edward George, Eric Yates, Gary Tummino, Jimi Wolford. **Alternates:** Joseph Brumage, Dayne Lancaster, J.W. Dudley, Nathan Blubaugh, Darren Diaz.

FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, P.O. Box 70, Main Street, Fruitland, MD, 21826, (410)749-9421, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1909, Chartered: 1909, Joined MSFA:, President: Ed Leether, Vice President: Ernie Pope, Secretary: Gregory Twigg, Treasurer: Dave Twilley, Chaplain: Mike A. White, Chief: Robin Townsend. **Delegates:** Jeff Shrieves, Chris O'Baskey. **Alternates:** None listed.

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FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, P.O. Box 670, 2 South West Side Avenue, Funkstown, MD, 21734, (301)790-0090, (301)739-5244, Email: fvd10hose@aol.com, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1930, Chartered: 1935, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Steve Metzner, Vice President: Larry Iseminger, Secretary: Judy Bowers, Treasurer: Dale Hill, Chaplain:, Chief: Paul Hottinger. **Delegates:** Paul Hottinger, Jon Gift. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GAITHERSBURG WASHINGTON GROVE FIRE DEPT.**, 801 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, 20879, (301)948-0660, (301)948-6836, Email: cuzqwg@juno.com, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: Frank Jacob, Vice President: Freddie Pedreira, Secretary: Leslie Cohen, Treasurer: Garry Walker, Chaplain: Eugene Cummins, Chief: John Luper. **Delegates:** Ann Hughes, Mary Prater, Courtney McHenry, John Farr, Shidfar Shahriary. **Alternates:** Chris Fortier, Steve Hayes, Garry Walker, Margaret Eggelston, Joe Bradley.

**** GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 189, Galena, MD, 21635, (410)648-5050, (410)648-5906, Email: galenavfc@dmv.com, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1942, Chartered: 1942, Joined MSFA: 1942, President: Douglas Uhl, Vice President: Jack Duhamell, Secretary: Ray Long, Treasurer: Ethel Duhamell, Chaplain: Larry Jameson, Chief: Greg Bird. **Delegates:** Dick Powell, Chris Powell, Joyce Powell, Robin Powell. **Alternates:** None listed.

GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., 956 Galesville Road, Galesville, MD, 20765, (410)867-1521, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Nathaniel Scotten, IV, Vice President: Ray Hardesty, Secretary: Gladys Sears, Treasurer: Albert Bembe, Chaplain:, Chief:, **Delegates:** Nathaniel Scotten, IV, Douglas Parks. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY**, 3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD, 21048, (410)795-3456, (410)795-0208, Email: info@gambervfd.org, County: CARROLL, Website: www.gambervfd.org, Organized: 1963, Chartered: 1964, Joined MSFA: 1965, President: Dale Bollinger, Vice President: Dennis Brothers, Secretary: Jeannie Green, Treasurer: Clay Myers, Chaplain: Rose Pandolfini, Chief: Charles Green, Jr. **Delegates:** Robert Klinefelter, Dennis Brothers, Charles Green, Jr., Dale Bollinger, Mike Jordan. **Alternates:** Calvin Brothers, Daniel Green, Sr., Kevin Lentzner.

**** GEORGE'S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE**, P.O. Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD, 21539-0155, (301)463-6122, (301)463-6172, Email: co55@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1977, Chartered: 05/26/1977, Joined MSFA: 1988, President: Dennis Youngblood, Vice President: Harold Nicol, Secretary: Betty M. Dawson, Treasurer: James W. Dawson, Sr., Chaplain: Mary Guthrie, Chief: James Dawson, Sr. **Delegates:** Barbara Knippenberg, James W. Dawson, Sr., Dennis Youngblood, Harold Nicol, Betty Dawson. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 1163, 12002 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD, 12001, (301)253-0061, (301)515-8764, Email: president@gvfd29.org, County: MONTGOMERY, Website: www.gvfd29.org, Organized: 1989, Chartered: 1989, Joined MSFA: 1989, President: Michael Dmuchowski, Vice President: Dave Alger, Secretary: Martha Alger, Treasurer: Joy Pilpel, Chaplain: Laurel Weetall, Chief: Matthew Kenworthy. **Delegates:** R. Scott Colvin, Dan Poulin, Kevin Younkings, Joe Chornock, Mae Kenworthy. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 25, Girdletree, MD, 21829, (410)632-2128, (410)632-5664, Email: info@girdletree.org, County: WORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1953, Joined MSFA: 1953, President: John Merritt, Vice President: Virgil Duises, Secretary: Jeff McMahon, Treasurer: Jeff McMahon, Chaplain: Ralph Carman, Chief: Joe Truitt. **Delegates:** Virgil Dukes, Kenneth Dukes, Daniel Age. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 1268, 19 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD, 21060-1268, (410)766-5153, (410)766-5243, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1922, Chartered: 1922, Joined MSFA: 1937, President: Paul McGinnis, Vice President: Ed Branham, Secretary: Michele Davis, Treasurer: Paul G. Cogswell, Chaplain: Earl Lowe, Chief: Paul Cogswell. **Delegates:** Thomas Nevin, Jr., Paul McGinnis, John Davies, Earl Lowe, Tom Umberger. **Alternates:** Richard Wengert, Ed Branham.

GLEN ECHO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD, 20816, (301)229-9766, (301)229-9767, Email: amartindill@glenechofire.com, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1932, Chartered: 1932, Joined MSFA: 1933, President: Jeff Hearle, Vice President: Richard Bertaut, Secretary: Chris White, Treasurer: Marc Hersh, Chaplain:, Chief: NONE. **Delegates:** Thomas E. Jones. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GLENNDALE FIREASSOC.**, 11900 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD, 20769, (301)805-2400, (301)805-2438, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1928, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1929, President: Lee Lutz, Vice President: John Benjamin, Secretary: Erin Becraft, Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee, Chaplain:, Chief: Tony McGillin. **Delegates:** Laura Woods, Lee Lutz, Tony McGillin, H. Edward Woods, Sr., John Benjamin. **Alternates:** Sandi Lutz, Hugh Owens, Andy Peters, Earl Lutz, Jr., Larry Hudson.

**** GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 3671, 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD, 21071, (410)833-1262, (410)833-7362, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized:, Chartered: Joined MSFA:, President: Douglas Wolfenden, Vice President: Paul Wilhelm / Scott Rudow, Secretary: Kathy Reitz / Kathy Wolfenden, Treasurer: Richard Stem, Sr., Chaplain: Norman Obenshaim, Chief: Scott Warner. **Delegates:** Richard Stem, Sr, Frank Corasaniti, Mary Merriken, Dick Merrikan. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 35, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro, MD, 21636, (410)482-6196, (410)482-8378, Email: goldsbороfirecompany@yahoo.com, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized: 1948, Chartered: 1948, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: Joel T. McGinnes, III, Vice President: Timothy Reed, Secretary: Edna Talley, Treasurer: Vincent Ebling, Chaplain: Pastor Doug, Chief: J.T. Bortz, Jr. **Delegates:** David K. Wothers, Paul R. Gray, Shelly A.R. Gray, David K. Wothers, Jackson Reed. **Alternates:** Timothy Reed, Justin Parenteau, Brian Cahall.

**** GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 212 Broadway Avenue, Centreville, MD, 21617, (410)758-1422, (410)758-3528, Email:, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website:, Organized: 1889, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: D.J. Whitley, Vice President: Eddit Burton, Secretary: Marie McHugh, Treasurer: Donald Dowkins, Chaplain: Rev. Grier, Chief: Wayne Bloodsworth. **Delegates:** Lester A. Downes, Jr., Butch Kaufman, Donald Dawkins, Dan Tabler. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. #1**, P.O. Box 280, 6 Douglas Avenue, Lonaconing, MD, 21539, (301)463-2275, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1882, Chartered: 1883, Joined MSFA: 1893, President: John Shockley, Sr., Vice President: Gary Hadley, Secretary: Gene Kidwell, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Thomas Morgan, Chief: Robert Ritchie. **Delegates:** Robert Ritchie, C.B. Brouderder, Tim Connor, Bob Ritchie. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD, 21150, (301)334-1600, (301)334-1392, Email: hneel01@earthlink.net, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Isadore Skeweris, Vice President: Raymond O'Haver, Secretary: Helen Neel, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Stuart Harvey, Chief: Mike Steyer. **Delegates:** Helen Neel, Mike Steyer, Marshall Neel, Gary Pritts. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. BOX 181, 14026 GRACEHAM ROAD, Thurmont, MD, 21788, (301)271-2000, (301)271-2401, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1960, Chartered: 1960, Joined MSFA:, President: Brian Boller, Vice President: Wayne Wachter, Sr., Secretary: Crystel Willard, Treasurer: Pam Forrest, Chaplain:, Chief: Wayne Wachter, Jr. **Delegates:** Brian Boller, Wayne Wachter, Jr., Lowe Powell, Wayne Wachter, Sr., Beth Wachter. **Alternates:** Bob Morgan, Pam Forrest, Carol Boller, Crystal Willard, Vicky Martin.

**** GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 248, 107 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD, 21536, (301)895-5200, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 06/25/1922, Chartered: 1936, Joined MSFA: 1936, President: David Stein, Vice President: James Brenneman, Secretary: Menno Yoder, Treasurer: Herman Yoder, Chaplain: Wesley Yoder, Chief: Duane Stein. **Delegates:** Todd Dyche, John Vought, Anthony Bittinger, Steve Smith, Shawn Broadwater. **Alternates:** David Stein, Steve Miller, Keith Durst, Duane Stein, Jerry Omer.

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** **GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE**, Email:, County: Queen Annes, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert Sharp, Jr., Vice President: Jeremy Smith, Secretary: Clark McLaughlin, Treasurer: Phyllis Black, Chaplain: John Rediger, Chief: Steve McCombs. **Delegates:** Robert Sharp, Jr., Steve McCombs, Matt Coursey. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 35, 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20768, (301)345-7000, (301)345-0530, Email: firedept@erols.com, County: Prince George's, Website: gvfdrs@aol.com, Organized: 1955, Chartered: 1955, Joined MSFA:, President: Chris Fleshman, Vice President: Kenneth Stair, Secretary: Wayne L Lewis, Treasurer: Peggy Dutton, Chaplain:, Chief: Brian Rudy. **Delegates:** Chris Fleshman, Jason Morgal, Thomas Ray, Wayne Lewis, Matthew Kulle. **Alternates:** Robert Tripe, Amy Weinberger.

GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, P.O. Box 307, Greensboro, MD, 20768, Email:, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Curtis L. Harvey, Vice President: Ed Stoner, Secretary: Rick Faust, Treasurer: Karen Harvey, Chaplain:, Chief: Louis Chip House. **Delegates:** Rick Faust, Fletch Gowen. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY**, 21 North Church Streer, Thurmont, MD, 21788, (301)271-3413, (301)271-4990, Email: guardianhose@verizon.net, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1887, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Wayne Stackhouse, Vice President: Carry Duble, Secretary: Robert Oxendale, Treasurer: Russell Schantz, Chaplain: James Hamrick, Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. **Delegates:** Clarence White, Judith White. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **HACKS POINT FIRE CO.**, 1185 Glebe Road, Earleville, MD, 21919, (410)275-8308, Email:, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 1951, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA: 1953, President: Christa Neddo, Vice President: William Rothwell, Secretary: Kathleen Simmons, Treasurer: Robert Spurdle, Chaplain:, Chief: Frank Redford. **Delegates:** Robin Connelly, Bobbie Ann Sheldon, Dawn Bierlert, Shane Simmons, Natsea Wilson. **Alternates:** Robert Hahn, Brittney Bielert, Shawn Anderson.

** **HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. & HOSE CO.**, P.O. Box 231, 1341 North Main Streer, Hampstead, MD, 21074, (410)239-4280, (410)239-0523, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1900, Chartered: 1900, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert R. Rill, Vice President: Edgar Stagner, Secretary: Gary Wheeler, Treasurer: Dennis Rhoten, Chaplain: Bayard Bollinger, Chief: Richard Yingling. **Delegates:** Leon Fleming, Edgar Stagner, Robert Rill, Mark Bilger, Susan Fleming. **Alternates:** John Korman, Jeff Lowe, Richard Yingling, Terrance Shanahan, Gary Wheeler.

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HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, P.O. Box 416, 57 East Main Street, Hancock, MD, 21750, (301)678-6774, (301)678-5399, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1969, Chartered: 1969, Joined MSFA: 1999, President: Doug Shaw, Jr., Vice President: Mike Yonker, Secretary: Kathy Miller, Treasurer: Chris Harvey, Chaplain:, Chief: Mike Yonker. **Delegates:** Stephen McBee. **Alternates:** None listed.

HANCOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD, 21750, (301)678-7739, (301)678-6072, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 08/28/1928, Chartered: 08/28/1928, Joined MSFA:, President: Mike Stewart, Vice President: Tommy Leach, Secretary: Doug Shaw, Jr., Treasurer: Danny Pelton, Chaplain: Doug Snow, Chief: Bill Willison. **Delegates:** Greg Yost. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **HARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 5130 Harney Road, Taneytown, MD, 21787, (410)756-6464, (301)756-2879, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1951, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA: 1958, President: James Waybright, Vice President: Charlie Blocher, Secretary: Ricahard Yingling, Treasurer: Leonard Bowers, Chaplain: Jennings Martin, Chief: Donald Yingling, Sr. **Delegates:** Gene Curfman. **Alternates:** None listed.

HARWOOD-LOTHIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE, 5165 Solomons Island Rd., Lothian, MD, 20711, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **HAVRE DE GRACE AMBULANCE CORPS**, P.O. Box 465, 1601 Level Road, Havre De Grace, MD, 21078, (410)939-6658, (410)939-6665, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 1984, Chartered: 1984, Joined MSFA: 1984, President: Mark Hemler, Vice President: Christina Kane, Secretary: Susan Angellucci, Treasurer: Debbie Way, Chaplain: Martin Walsh, Chief: Mark E. Kane. **Delegates:** Louanne Schweers, Craig Triplett, Sharon Nance, Helen Schaefer. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 300, Hebron, MD, 21830-0300, (410)749-3037, (410)749-0511, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1937, Joined MSFA:, President: Donald Beach, Vice President: Wayne White, Secretary: Ginger Wilson, Treasurer: Dean Beach, Chaplain: Charles Smith, III, Chief: David Beach. **Delegates:** David Beach, Donald Beach, Bert Owens, Donald Phippin, Donnie Phippin. **Alternates:** Dean Beach, Ginger Wilson, Kara Phippin, Eric Beach, Curt Cantwell.

** **HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 777, 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD, 21032, (410)923-3990, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert Jones, Vice President: John Storm, Secretary: Rose Conrad, Treasurer: Dale Kepner, Chaplain: Billie Armstrong, Chief: Martin Orndorff. **Delegates:** John Storm, Martin Orndorff, Sherman Collins, Ruth Orndorff, Gary Collins. **Alternates:** Lynn Storm, Alex Graham, Ashley Hoover, Jason Culter.

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**** HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD, 21111, (410)887-1934, (410)357-4443, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.herefordfire.org, Organized: 1924, Chartered: 1924, Joined MSFA: 1926, President: Charles C. Frederick, Vice President: Ronald Campion, Secretary: Patricia Patterson, Treasurer: Donald Gerhardt, Chaplain: Debbie Bollinger, Chief: Kenneth Bollinger. **Delegates:** Richard Bilger, Edwina Bilger. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** HILLDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, 20903, (301)434-2400, (301)434-8152, Email: hvfdmud@yahoo.com, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1941, Chartered: 1941, Joined MSFA: 1941, President: Russell Hartung, Vice President: Mark Lamb, Secretary: Maura Ardikey, Treasurer: Betty Phifer, Chaplain:, Chief: Frank Gaegler. **Delegates:** Mark Lamb, Joseph Weisgerber, Russell Hartung, Christopher Everett, Dino Pignataro. **Alternates:** David Frost, Stephen Dubik, Alexia Plante, Steven Raab, Kelee Norris.

HILLSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., 1234 Larchmont Avenue, Hillside, MD, 20743, (301)420-2705, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Michael Keys, Vice President: Butch Jones, Secretary: Kim ?, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: Dale Sellers. **Delegates:** Michael Keys, Robin Johnson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 7, Hollywood, MD, 20636, (301)373-2900, (301)373-8772, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1956, Chartered: 1957, Joined MSFA: 1958, President: William C Mattingly, Jr., Vice President: Charles Mattingly, III, Secretary: John O Gatton, Sr., Treasurer: Steve Facini, Chaplain: Mendell Thompson, Chief: Robert Albert. **Delegates:** John Gatton, Sr., Bill Mattingly, John O. Gatton, Jr., Tammy Sweeney, Charles Mattingly, III. **Alternates:** Danny Davis, Dale Pilkerton, Sr., James Lloyd, Jimmy Hayden, Robbie Albert.

**** HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 79, 43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood, MD, 20636, (301)373-3131, (301)373-2033, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 11/07/1975, Chartered: 11/07/1977, Joined MSFA: 06/17/1986, President: Paul Payne, Vice President: Sarah Lacey, Secretary: Natalie Himes, Treasurer: John Miedzinski, Chaplain: Richard Williams, Chief: Joe Saunders. **Delegates:** Paul Payne, Joan Williams, Kimberly Sullivan, Stanley Williams, Jr., Charlie Russell. **Alternates:** Hattie Norris, Kelley Rhodes, Sarah Arbogast, Sarah Lacey, Willie Ridgell.

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**** HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD, 21634, (410)397-3311, (410)397-3024, Email: hivfc@safe.quik.com, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 04/30/1953, Chartered: 03/09/1953, Joined MSFA:, President: Mark Flowers, Vice President: Chuck Lewis, Secretary: Teresa Flowers, Treasurer: Rosemary Dean, Chaplain:, Chief: Mark Flowers. **Delegates:** Richard Yinger, Steve Lewis, Rosemary Dean. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.&RESCUE**, 15245 Prince Frederick Rd., Hughesville, MD, 20637, (301)274-4488, (301)274-9729, Email: zrosej@nswc.navy.mil, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 05/13/1946, Chartered: 07/30/1946, Joined MSFA: 1946, President: Jack Lowe, Jr., Vice President: Ed McPherson, Secretary: Donna McPherson, Treasurer: Jimmy Rose, Chaplain:, Chief: Mike Carroll. **Delegates:** Jimmy Rose, Jack Lowe, Duane Svites. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 482, 4030 Old Towne Road, Huntingtown, MD, 20639, (410)535-3331, (410)535-4438, Email: huntingtownvfd@chesapeake.net, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized: 02/22/72, Chartered: 02/02/72, Joined MSFA:, President: Eugene Farrell, Vice President: Chris Gadway, Secretary: Jessi Borden, Treasurer: Jason Jones, Chaplain: Rev. Daniel Leary, Chief: Jon Riffe. **Delegates:** Jonathan Riffe, Caroll Spriggs, II, JT Borden, Jessi Borden, Michael Nasti. **Alternates:** Ricky Hayes, Eugene Farrell, Crystal Willson, Chris Gadway, Jason Jones.

**** HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 178, 300 Charles Street, Hurlock, MD, 21643, (410)943-3110, (410)943-4335, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1924, Chartered: 1936, Joined MSFA: 1925, President: John Stichberry, Vice President: Brian Tolley, Secretary: Dorothy Stichberry, Treasurer: Ward Higgins, Chaplain: Charles Coulbourne, Jr., Chief: Vannie Weidler. **Delegates:** Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, Jerry Rhue, David Carrier, II. **Alternates:** Adam Corkran.

**** HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**, 25801 Frederick Rd., Clarksburg, MD, 20871, (301)831-8248, (301)831-8901, Email: hyattstownfire@yahoo.com, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized:, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1930, President: Scotty Testerman, Sr., Vice President: Douglas Bennett, Secretary: Peggy A. Webb, Treasurer: Fletcher Whitworth, Chaplain: Terry Reister, Chief: Douglas W. Edwards. **Delegates:** Scotty Testerman, Sr., Cecil Webb, LaRue Moxley, Jeffrey Gross, Douglas Edwards. **Alternates:** Peggy Webb, Terry Reister, Douglas Bennett, Janice Sadowski, John Johnson.

HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., P.O. Box 5275, 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD, 20782, (301)927-5770, (301)699-8947, Email: hvfdaa@yahoo.com, County: PRINCE GEORGES, Website:, Organized: 1888, Chartered: 1906, Joined MSFA:, President: Mathew Davy, Vice President: Thomas Alcone, Secretary: Lori Honk, Treasurer: Christopher Herbert, Chaplain:, Chief: T. David Hawg. **Delegates:** Mathew Davy, David Hawg. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** INDEPENDENT FIRE CO. #2**, P.O. Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD, 21401, (410)295-5226, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1838, Chartered: 1838, Joined MSFA: 1896, President: Reginald Chambers, III, Vice President: Lewis Jackson, Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio, Treasurer: George D. Clark, III, Chaplain: George Clark, Jr., Chief:, **Delegates:** Robert Grollman, George D. Clark, Jr., Lewis Jackson, III, George Clark, III, Reginald Chambers, III. **Alternates:** Robert Rawls, Anthony Capezio.

**** INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. #1**, 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD, 21702, (301)663-9612, (301)620-9534, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1818, Chartered: 1839, Joined MSFA: CHARTER, President: Bill Horine, Vice President: Martin Fuller and Walt Cramer, Secretary: Sharon Soper, Treasurer: Richard Deater, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Charles R. Handly. **Delegates:** Martin Fuller. **Alternates:** Michael Ambrose, Steve Hurst, Chuck Handley, Ronald Wachter.

**** INDEPENDENT JUNIOR FIRE CO.#3**, P.O. Box 2185, Hagerstown, MD, 21742, (301)733-3335, (301)733-3335, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website: www.enginethree.org, Organized: 1842, Chartered: 1872, Joined MSFA: 1892, President: Charles E. Elgin, Vice President: Woodrow Morris, Secretary: Dolores Dorsey, Treasurer: Terry Smith, Chaplain: Jane E. Bond, Chief:, **Delegates:** Charles Elgin, Woodrow Morris, Dolores Dorsey, Terry Smith, Linda Fetzer. **Alternates:** Henry Ingram, Ryan Evans, Marsina Taulton, Brian Elgin.

**** INDIAN HEAD VOL. FIRE DEPT & RESCUE SQUAD**, 4095 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD, 20640, (301)753-9400, (301)753-6130, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1948, Chartered: 1956, Joined MSFA:, President: Richard Bowie, Vice President: Andrew Thompson, Secretary: Cindy Collins, Treasurer: Larry Johnson, Chaplain: Mike O'Neil, Chief: Jeff Williams. **Delegates:** Richard Bowie, Jeff Williams, Danny Collins, Mike O'Neil. **Alternates:** Cindy Collins, Pam Williams.

**** IRONSIDES VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 158, 6120 Port Tobacco Road, Ironside, MD, 20643, (301)246-9090, (301)246-4228, Email: rescue58@wmconnect.com, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1964, Chartered: 1964, Joined MSFA:, President: Theodore Davis, Vice President: David Summers, Sr., Secretary: Janyce VanDeweert, Treasurer: Roberta Spalding, Chaplain: George Ryce, Chief: Roberta Spalding. **Delegates:** Theodore R. Davis, Louise Borrell, David Summers, Sr. **Alternates:** Roberta Spalding, David Spalding, Becky Sundberg.

**** JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 471, 3500 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD, 21131, (410)887-7780, (410)666-3745, Email: cao47@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1953, Joined MSFA:, President: Steve Watkeys, Vice President: Alston Paget, Secretary: Bobbie White, Treasurer: Howard Werdey, Chaplain: Joan Paget, Chief: Joe Tamborino. **Delegates:** J. Steven Watkeys, Rose Hobson, Bert Saghy, Fred Saghy, Ruth Altvater. **Alternates:** Curtis D. Wiggins, Sr.

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**** JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 353, 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville, MD, 21084, (410)692-7890, (410)692-7896, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 1929, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1930, President: Jim Bair, Vice President: Ben Murphy, Secretary: Steve Saneman, Treasurer: Laura Barwick, Chaplain: Terry Murphy, Chief: John Simpson, III. **Delegates:** Ben Kurtz, Steve Townsend, Mitch Vocke, Jim Bair, Bill Poole. **Alternates:** Ernie Tracey.

**** JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD, 21755, (301)473-5160, (301)473-9789, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1970, Chartered: 1970, Joined MSFA: 1970, President: Ben Ahalt, Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Sr., Secretary: Thomas W. Arnold, Treasurer: Susan Corun, Chaplain: Leo Harvey, Chief: James Lakin. **Delegates:** Jim Lakin, Lisle Hainline, Donna Gosbee, Ashley Corum, Mark Lakin. **Alternates:** Ed LaPole, Lisa Lapole, Stacy Lakin, Cory Lewis, Tyler Phelps.

**** JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 146, 7891 Max Blob's Park Road, Jessup, MD, 20794, (410)799-1314, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1932, Chartered: 01/03/1938, Joined MSFA: 12/16/1932, President: William A Hawkins, Vice President: Edwin Shipley, Secretary: Alvera Miller, Treasurer: Joseph Miller, Chaplain:, Chief: John W. Gouty. **Delegates:** William Hawkins, Ann Hawkins, Alvera Miller, Steve Maceiko, Margaret Gouty. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 1403 Old Mountain Rd. South, Joppa, MD, 21085, (410)679-1055, (410)679-3420, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 1951, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA: 1954, President: Edward Wimmer, Vice President: James Lyons, III, Secretary: Ron Sollod, Treasurer: Gary Skillman, Chaplain: Margaret Bullock, Chief: Derrick Lloyd. **Delegates:** Bill Lay, Louis Jonske, Jim Younger, John Brynes, Nikki Jomidad. **Alternates:** Ron Sollod.

**** JUNIOR FIRE CO. #2**, 535 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD, 21701, (301)663-4870, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1838, Chartered: 1840, Joined MSFA: 1893, President: Todd Johnson, Vice President: Timothy Shelton, Secretary: Karlea Brown, Treasurer: James Gauer, Chaplain: Rev. Harold Wright, Chief: Ronald Eury. **Delegates:** Keith Brown, Charles Abrecht, Rusty Hahn, Ron Eury, Timothy Shelton. **Alternates:** Deb Perkins, Rodney Scites.

**** KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. BOX 98, Kennedyville, MD, 21645, Email:, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1955, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1957, President: Peter N. Lott, Vice President: Daniel Quion, Secretary: Stephanie DeVille, Treasurer: Albert Clayton, Chaplain: Chaplain Paxton, Chief: Andy Krastel. **Delegates:** DannyQuinn, Peter Lott, Bob Dempsey, Phillip Lott, Jimmy Resser. **Alternates:** John Kastel, Andy Kestent, Albert Clayton, Bill Scott, Bunk Miller.

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**** KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 126, 140 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD, 21620, (410)778-4495, (410)810-0346, Email: kqars@verizon.net, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1960, Chartered: 1961, Joined MSFA:, President: Allan Schauber, Vice President: Robert Coleman, Secretary: Theresa Waldspurger, Treasurer: Jim Johnson, Chaplain: Kevin Kerr, Chief: Allan Schauber. **Delegates:** Allan Schauber, Larry Hastings, Kevin Kerr, Kathy Hastings, James Johnson. **Alternates:** Robert Coleman, Alex Dolgos, William Lobley, JoAnne Donovan, Travis Nelson.

KENT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., P.O. Box 27, 605 Main Street, Stevensville, MD, 21666, (410)643-5454, (410)643-5457, Email:, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA:, President: Judy Schulz, Vice President: Don Lewis, Secretary: Annie Gardner, Treasurer: Will Clark, Chaplain: Father Jennings, Chief: Paul Schlotterbeck. **Delegates:** Tracy Sshulz, Buddy Thomas. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 7701 Landover Road, Landover, MD, 20785, (301)773-6032, (301)773-2410, Email: mmattison@kentland33.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1950, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1951, President: Patch, Vice President: Tony Beil, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Pat Mann, Chief: Tony Heitzer. **Delegates:** Jini P. Neal, Harry Davis. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 65, Kingsville, MD, 21087, (410)887-5773, (410)592-8557, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA:, President: Dennis Eyre, Vice President: Stephen Belkoff, Secretary: Rita Saylor, Treasurer: Victoria Clayton, Chaplain: Ronald Cassett, Sr., Chief: Edward Griffiths, Jr. **Delegates:** Dennis Eyre, Bruce King, Gary Weer, Rita Saylor, Ronald Cassett, Sr. **Alternates:** Edward Griffiths, Jr., Ronald Hale, Ronald Cassett, Sr., Scott Taylor, Tim Berkeridge.

KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., P.O. Box 438, 249 East Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD, 21538, (301)453-3323, (301)453-3323, Email: kitzmillervfd@juno.com, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1932, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Jim Armstrong, Vice President: Jim Browning, Jr., Secretary: Sharon Paugh, Treasurer: David K. Burrell, Sr., Chaplain: Shirley Coleman, Chief: Shawn Nesselrodt. **Delegates:** Jim Armstrong, Sharon Paugh. **Alternates:** None listed.

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LAKES & STRAITS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., 2103 Farm Creek Road, Wingate, MD, 21675, (410)397-8154, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA:, President: Suzanne Short, Vice President: Virginia Lee Todd, Secretary: Lesli Hurley, Treasurer: Roy Weeton, Chaplain: Tom Armistead, Chief: Jack Short. **Delegates:** Suzanne Short, Virginia Lee Todd. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** LANDOVER HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 2357, 6801 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD, 20784, (301)773-2509, (301)583-1912, Email: jrroberts@co.pg.md.us, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Thomas L. Flint, Vice President: Dawn M. Hartman-Rowe, Secretary: Carol A. Flint, Treasurer: Nancy L. Roberts, Chaplain: Sheila King, Chief: John R. Roberts. **Delegates:** Thomas Flint, John R. Roberts, Nancy L. Roberts, Carol A. Flint. **Alternates:** Dawn M. Rowe, Evelyn J. Young, Kenneth L. Hall.

**** LANSLOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOC. #1**, P.O. BOX 7374, 140 LAVERN AVENUE, Lansdowne, MD, 21227, (410)887-1472, (410)887-1472, Email: cao360@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Pete Krascumas, Vice President: Jack Serio, Secretary: Jody Aiery, Treasurer: Crystal Fabian, Chaplain:, Chief: Dougals Brinkley. **Delegates:** Jon Scheckenburger, Ray Gil, Dave Ellis, Douglas Brinkley, John Miller. **Alternates:** Donna Kern, Vaughan Kaszak, Don Mooney, Dennis Dawson, Christy Dawson,

**** LAPLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 728, 911 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, MD, 20646, (301)934-9201, (301)934-4217, Email: treasurer@laplatafiredepartmen, County: CHARLES, Website: www.laplatafiredepartment.org, Organized: 1929, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1930, President: Ron Talley, Vice President: Luther Della, Jr., Secretary: Mary Winkler, Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy, Chaplain: Joseph Gardiner, Jr., Chief: Stephen C. Shahan. **Delegates:** Lynn D. Gilroy, Robert Hutchins, Ronald Talley, William Frazier, Michael Jackson. **Alternates:** John Shymansky, Luther Della, Stephen Shahan, John Latimer, Jr., Michael Gilroy.

**** LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. NO. 1**, P.O. Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD, 20725, (301)776-3600, (301)725-2026, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1902, Chartered: 1902, Joined MSFA: 1907, President: Victor Whipple, Vice President: Robert Grant, Secretary: Rose Maher, Treasurer: Steve Benton, Chaplain:

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Warren Litchfield, Chief: Richard Blankenship. **Delegates:** Joseph R. Robison, Craig Moe, Brian Moe, Vic Whipple, Rosa Maher. **Alternates:** Kevin Frost, John Maher, Gary Leisher, Bryan Lau, Robert Grant.

** **LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 1278, 14910 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD, 20725, (301)604-5055, (301)725-0654, Email: barry.johnson@laurelrescue.org, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website: www.laurelrescue.org, Organized: 1952, Chartered: 1952, Joined MSFA: 1952, President: David Morgan, Vice President: Barry Johnson, Secretary: Dawn Nakroshis, Treasurer: Pam Docarmo, Chaplain: Jeanne McCollum, Chief: David Morgan. **Delegates:** Cheryl Thompson, Michael Haggerty, John Howe, Christopher Reuhl, Jessie Ruehl. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD, 21502, (301)777-0871, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1933, Chartered: 1933, Joined MSFA:, President: Gary Barb, Vice President: Kim Pryor, Secretary: Kim Reichert, Treasurer: James H. Brant, Jr., Chaplain: Harold D. Border, Sr., Chief: Chris Pryor. **Delegates:** Chris Pryor, Bill Getson, Ed Kidwell, Gary Barb, Dick Hawkins. **Alternates:** Kim Pryor, Jim Cook, Earl Pryor, III, Earlo Pryor, Jr., Walter May.

** **LAVALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 3343 ,977 National Highway, LaVale, MD, 21502, (301)729-4458, (301)729-8191, Email: co52@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1969, Chartered: 1969, Joined MSFA:, President: Kenneth L. May, Vice President: Dianne Shoemaker, Secretary: Carol Femi, Treasurer: Lind Moore, Chaplain: Dale Evans, Chief: Capt. Gary Kamauf. **Delegates:** Ted Pryor, Jr., Ted Pryor, III, Walter May, Chris Pryor, Kim Pryor. **Alternates:** Diane May, Ryan Reichert, Kimberly Reichert.

** **LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT**, 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD, 20882, (301)948-1677, (301)948-8227, Email: marianivj@earthlink.net, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1952, Chartered: 1952, Joined MSFA: 1986, President: Clark Beall, Vice President: Ryan Gaskell, Secretary: Kandi Magruder, Treasurer: Steve Casey, Chaplain: Tom Musgrove, Chief: Stanley Buddy Sutton. **Delegates:** Clark Beall, Buddy Sutton, Kandi Magruder, Ryan Gaskell, Tom Musgrove. **Alternates:** Steve Casey.

** **LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 21431 Leiter Street, Hagerstown, MD, 21742, (301)733-7155, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1956, Chartered: 1956, Joined MSFA: 1961, President: Milton Bloom, III, Vice President: Kent Niedzieski, Secretary: Twylla Grove, Treasurer: Walter Kipe, Chaplain: Roberet Blair, Chief: Kirk Mongan. **Delegates:** Dan Grove, Sr., Clinton Stouffer, Dan Grove, Jr., Milton Bloom, III, Kirk Mongan. **Alternates:** Twylla Grove, Greg Kelley, Lloyd Emswiler, Charles Bureson, Randy Gaver.

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**** LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 50, Leonardtown, MD, 20650, (301)475-8996, (301)475-5850, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1928, Chartered: 1928, Joined MSFA: 1929, President: Wayne Miedzinski, Vice President: Gerald Abell, Secretary: Kevin Mattingly, Treasurer: John H. B. Gough, Chaplain:, Chief: John Trossbach. **Delegates:** Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas Trossbach, Jr., Carl Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., Clinton B. Duke. **Alternates:** Gerald Abell.

**** LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 299, 22855 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD, 20650, (301)475-8509, (301)475-1825, Email: president@lvrs.org, County: ST. MARY'S, Website: www.lvrs.org, Organized: 1975, Chartered: 1975, Joined MSFA:, President: Danny Bowles, Vice President: Rich Taylor, Secretary: Jean Wathen, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Robert Borland, Chief: Jaime Weber. **Delegates:** Mary D. Trossbach, Shirley Copado, Dean Gass, Larry Trader, Donna Whites. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** LEVEL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 3633 Level Village Road, Havre De Grace, MD, 21078, (410)734-6880, (410)734-7207, Email: kelopes@comcast.net, County: HARMOND, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1953, Joined MSFA:, President: Dale Burkins, Vice President: Ronald Thomas, Secretary: Karen E. Lopes, Treasurer: Sharon Worthington, Chaplain: Lorna Smith, Chief: Jason Gallion. **Delegates:** Gene Worthington, Dale Burkins, Alan Caudill, Russell Gallion, Sr., Marc Lipscomb. **Alternates:** Karen Lopes, Sandra Gallion, Lori Gallion.

**** LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD, 21701, (301)898-9988, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1970, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Donald Stull, Sr., Vice President: Charles Jenkins, Secretary: Lisa Spielman, Treasurer: Clarice Martin, Chaplain: Elza Hurst, Chief: Vicky Martin. **Delegates:** Donald Martin, Vicky Martin, Jean Wetzel, Mike Fogle, Kenny Miller. **Alternates:** Donald Stull, Jr., Charles Jenkins, Clarice Martin, Steven Stull, Karen Stull.

**** LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE & AMBULANCE**, P.O. Box 339, 21633 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD, 20653, (301)862-3331, Email: president@lpvrs.org, County: ST. MARY'S, Website: www.lpvrs.org, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1953, Joined MSFA: 1986, President: Ralph Stotler, Vice President: Mike Cahall, Secretary: Patricia Davidson, Treasurer: John Olsen, Chaplain: Anthony Sweeney, III, Chief: David Klobnock. **Delegates:** Eva Jones. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** LIBERTY ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 10010 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD, 21133, (410)887-0651, (410)922-1223, Email: lrvc.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.lrvfc.org, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: Steve Wolf, Vice President: Krista Meyers, Secretary: Melody Wayne, Treasurer: Lauren Kemp, Chaplain: Fred Pahl, Chief: Robert Kemp. **Delegates:** Walter Boyd, Sr., Jerry Wayne, Melody Wayne, Lehman Stern, Steve Miller. **Alternates:** Scott Wayne, Robert Kemp, Joe Dennis, Travis Francis, Krista Remmers.

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** **LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 33, Libertytown, MD, 21762, (301)898-9193, Email: djohnson@fredco-md.net, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1964, Chartered: 1964, Joined MSFA: 1965, President: Richard Hemp, Vice President: Dave Butts, Secretary: Pinoake Browning, Treasurer: Phyllis Gumphrey, Chaplain:, Chief: Darrell Johnson. **Delegates:** Chip Jewell, Jr., J. Pinoake Browning, Doug Welsh, Darrell Johnson. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 240, 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD, 21088, (410)374-2197, (410)374-9254, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1915, Chartered: 1915, Joined MSFA: 1915, President: Don Fair, Jr., Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Tim Warehime, Chief:. **Delegates:** Marianne Warehime, Susan Tawes, Tim Warehime, John Tawes, Don Fair, Jr. **Alternates:** Chuck Myers, Aimee Myers, Kevin Kidd.

****LINKWOOD-SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 66, 3905 Ocean Gateway, Linkwood, MD, 21835, (410)221-0169, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1957, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Joan Collins, Vice President: Scott Warrell, Secretary: Catherine D. Mooney, Treasurer: Tracy Fairall, Chaplain: David Tolley, Chief: Nathan Collins. **Delegates:** Sonny Willey, Jerry Willey, Sr., Nathan Collins, Keith Adkins, Steve Stack. **Alternates:** John Lewis, Dee Fairall, Dudley Bisker, Brad Dickinson, Ricky Dukes.

** **LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Rd., Lisbon, MD, 21765, (410)489-4646, (410)489-7632, Email:, County: HOWARD, Website:, Organized: 1944, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Albert Musgrove, Vice President: Thomas Esworthy, Secretary: Cindy Tyler, Treasurer: Simore Rockshok, Chaplain: Lisa Sparks, Chief: Gerald Bennett. **Delegates:** Tom Esworthy, Marshall Fleming, Albert Musgrove, Carey McIntosh, Eric McIntosh. **Alternates:** Jody McIntosh, Brian Haugh, Lisa Lawler, Tom Zinchiak, Curtis Lowery.

** **LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 1289, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD, 21613, (410)228-6235, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized:, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA:, President: Juanita Weber, Vice President: Edward Dean, Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Dawn Cook, Chaplain:, Chief: Jeffrey O'Hurley, Sr. **Delegates:** Linda Horsman, Frank Horsman, Bill Press, Mike Cheesman. **Alternates:** Juanita Weber, Eddie Deln, Rich Travers, Jr.

** **LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 4506 Long Green Road, Long Green, MD, 21092, (410)592-8337, (410)592-5776, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1929, Chartered: 1930, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Lawrence Hayes, Vice President: Kevin Gugliotta, Secretary: William Saur, Treasurer: Amber Butcher, Chaplain: Pastor Bolic, Chief: Ronald Harrison. **Delegates:** Rick Eyre, Joel McCrea, Johyn Gribble, Ron Harrison, II, Sherry Roberts. **Alternates:** Travis Over, Sherry Eyre, Amy Eyre, Katie Eyre, Brandon Butler.

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**** LONGMEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, MD, 21742, (301)797-5504, (301)797-7585, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1971, Chartered: 1971, Joined MSFA: 1972, President: Justin Mahue, Vice President: Samuel Murray, Secretary: John Latimer, III, Treasurer: Joseph Tutko, Chaplain: Alan Kipe, Chief: Jason Eckstine. **Delegates:** Jason Eckstine, G. William Haines, Justin Mahue, Samuel Murray, John Latimer, IV. **Alternates:** John Latimer, III, Joseph Tutko, Zack Thomas, Robert Flint, Adam Hopkins.

**** LOWER SOMERSET COUNTY AMBULANCE & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 406, Crisfield, MD, 21817, (410)968-2000, (410)968-9588, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1981, Chartered: 1981, Joined MSFA: 1981, President: George Nelson, Vice President: Juanita Nelson, Secretary: Ashley Mister, Treasurer: Scott Ward, Chaplain: Jerry McCready, Chief: Charles Cavanaugh. **Delegates:** George Nelson, Charles Cavanaugh, Fern Griffith, Scott Ward, DeeDee Cuetko. **Alternates:** Andrew Evans, Matt Sneade, Ronnie Hinman, Frankie Pruitt, Tim Collins.

**** LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.**, P.O. Box 26, Luke, MD, 21540, (301)359-3311, (301)359-2096, Email: amm15@meadwestvaco.com, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1922, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1936, President: Kathryn Bever, Vice President: Dan Beaver, Secretary: Philip Whetstone, Treasurer: Ronnie Eiles, Chaplain:, Chief: Wayne Rounds. **Delegates:** Wayne Rounds, Dan Beaver, Diane May, Phil Whetstone, Pat Amoroso. **Alternates:** Pete Pamepinto, Tim Dayton, Kathy Bever.

**** LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 232, Lutherville, MD, 21094, (410)252-3134, (410)252-3134, Email: burnkey@us.hilti.com, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1909, Chartered: 1909, Joined MSFA:, President: Kevin Burns, Vice President: Andrew Seabolt and Josh Kakel, Secretary: Janet O'Rourke, Treasurer: JP Macafee, Chaplain:, Chief: Capt. Steve Weatherby. **Delegates:** James Cann, James Doran, Lewis Smith, John Hartlove, Josh Kakel. **Alternates:** Robert Schott.

**** MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 23, 1154 Taylor's Island Road, Madison, MD, 21648, (410)228-8703, (410)228-8703, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1950, Chartered: 1952, Joined MSFA: N/A, President: Samuel M. Horseman, Vice President: Ronnie Reynolds, Secretary: Tiffany Kapela, Treasurer: Peggy Horseman, Chaplain: Donald Knauer, Chief: Matthew Werner. **Delegates:** Donald Knauer, Ronnie Reynolds, Anthony Kapela. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD, 21102, (410)239-2286, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1885, Chartered: 1923, Joined MSFA:, President: Richard Dell, Vice President: David Marshall, Secretary: Danny Bloskey, Sr., Treasurer: Ralph Dull, Chaplain: Terri Lankford, Chief: Donald Nott, Jr. **Delegates:** Ralph Dull, Malcolm Helwig, Danny Bloskey, Sr., Elvin Wagber. **Alternates:** None listed.

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MARDELA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., P.O. Box 299, Mardela, MD, 21837, (410)749-5997, (410)749-2239, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1922, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: Wallace Catlin, Vice President: David Whitelock, Secretary: John Flaig, Treasurer: Wallace Bennett, Chaplain: Bud Hooper, Chief: Phil Donohoe. **Delegates:** George Freeman, Wallace Bennett. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **MARION STATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 143, 28390 Crisfield Marion Road, Marion, MD, 21838, (410)623-3791, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1937, Chartered: 1937, Joined MSFA: 1954, President: Ray Somers, Vice President: Toby Swift, Secretary: Gary Powell, Treasurer: Robert Purnell, Jr., Chaplain: Dave Parke, Chief: Alan Butler. **Delegates:** Donald L Howard. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772, (301)952-0938, (301)952-8942, Email: mvfdc20@aol.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1925, Chartered: 1925, Joined MSFA:, President: Jay Tucker, Vice President: Donald Strine, Secretary: Donna Clark, Treasurer: Kevin Hodges, Chaplain: Roberta Strine, Chief: Timothy Clark. **Delegates:** Jay Tucker, Russell Wells, Jimmy Atchinson, Sharon Atchinson, Jeff Wyvill. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 400, 110 Firehouse Lane, Marydel, MD, 21649, (302)492-3394, (302)492-0677, Email:, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized: 1941, Chartered: 1941, Joined MSFA: 1941, President: Ralph Rossi, Vice President: Albert Lane, Secretary: Linda Bernett, Treasurer: Denise Madden, Chaplain:, Chief: Gary Madden. **Delegates:** Al Lane, Gary Madden, William Lepore, Todd Simonson, Gary Bolden. **Alternates:** John Melvin, Denice Madden.

** **MARYLAND CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 3498 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD, 20724, (301)498-6161, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1969, Chartered: 1970, Joined MSFA:, President: Nello Burian, Sr., Vice President: Joe Larsen, Sr., Secretary: Linda Street, Treasurer: Linda Henry, Chaplain:, Chief: Ray Smallwood, **Delegates:** Nello Burian, Sr., Kim Larsen, Mary Louise Snidow, Russ Anson. **Alternates:** Brian Sterkland, Michael Shepard, Greg Croft.

** **MARYLAND LINE FIRE PROTECTIVE ASSN.**, P.O. Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD, 21105, (410)887-1932, (410)343-0906, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 1943, Joined MSFA:, President: Jeffrey Rosier, Vice President: Charles Fogle, Jr., Secretary: Carolyn Rosier, Treasurer: Jack Carter, Chaplain: Tina Jones-Rosier, Chief: Jason Rosier. **Delegates:** Eugene M. Jones, Darlene Jones, Brett Jones, Charles Fogle, Jr., Jeffrey Rosier. **Alternates:** Jason Rosier, Matthew Underwood, Amanda Jones, Carolyn Rosier, John Rosier.

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**** MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD, 21767, (301)739-8515, (301)739-8516, Email: mgvfc@myactv.net, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1928, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1934, President: Edward Shindle, Vice President: Brian Pile, Secretary: Michelle Hutzell, Treasurer: Charles Shindle, Chaplain: Wayne Myers, Chief: Phil Ridenour. **Delegates:** Charles Shindle, Sr., Leonard Horst, L. Jason Baer, Phil Ridenour, Steven Eby. **Alternates:** Frank Ridenour, Ed Shindle, Bill Garrett, Dave Baer, Christopher Gelwicks.

MCCOOLE FIRE & RESCUE DEPT., 24931 Crooks Ave., McCoole, MD, 21562, (301)786-4311, (301)786-7890, Email: admin@mfv23.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1938, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA: 1939, President: Cody M. Pearce, Vice President: Joseph R. Braithwaite, Secretary: Justin Lambka, Treasurer: Charles E. Pearce, Chaplain: Joshua Wagner, Chief: Chuck Pearce, Jr. **Delegates:** Chuck Pearce, Jr., Code Pearce. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** MECHANICSVILLE VOL. RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 15, 28120 Old Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD, 20659, (301)884-2900, (301)884-2900, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1959, Chartered: 1959, Joined MSFA:, President: John W. Roache, MD., Vice President: John Breitmaier, Secretary: David Harrigan, Treasurer: Joyce G. Downs, Chaplain: Fr. Paul Gozaloff, Chief: Missy Raley. **Delegates:** Melissa Raley, David Harrigan, Jessica Vallandingham. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 37, 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD, 20659-0037, (301)884-4709, (301)884-4139, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1934, Chartered: 1937, Joined MSFA:, President: John Montgomery, Vice President: Paul Colonna and Dave Sampson, Secretary: Darene Kleinsorgen, Treasurer: Ferdinand Reetz, III, Chaplain:, Chief: Carol Craig. **Delegates:** William Wilkerson, William H Simpson, Sr., Carol Craig, Paul Colonna, John Montgomery. **Alternates:** James M. Adams Jr., David Sampson, John Raley, James Mattingly, Andrew McWilliams.

**** MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE RESCUE**, P.O. Box 5021, 2000 Leland Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21220, (410)687-5328, (410)687-6350, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Keith Hardesty, Sr., Vice President: Jim Akehurst, Sr., Secretary: Dave Presnell, Treasurer: James Sollenberger, Chaplain:, Chief: Captain Jim Sollenberger. **Delegates:** John Dulina, Chris Hyzer, Beth Stone, Keith Hardesty, James Akehurst, Sr. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 18001, Baltimore, MD, 21220, (410)687-3160, (410)687-4507, Email: cao220@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvfa.org, Organized: 1943, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Keith Hardesty, Sr., Vice President: Jim Akehurst, Sr., Secretary: Dave Presnell, Treasurer: James Sollenberger, Chaplain:, Chief: Captain Jim Sollenberger. **Delegates:** John Dulina, Chris Hyzer, Beth Stone, Keith Hardesty, James Akehurst, Sr. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 16634, 1913 Middleborough Rd., Baltimore, MD, 21221, (410)686-0214, Email: cao230@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvfa.org, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA:, President: Derek Bowser, Vice President: Derrick Wilmering, Secretary:, Treasurer: Joseph Funk, Chaplain:, Chief: Scott Taylor. **Delegates:** Derek Bowser, Debbie Peyton, Donna K. Imlering, Tracey Peyton. **Alternates:** None listed.

MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, P.O. Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD, 21769, (301)371-6097, (301)371-8986, Email: president@middletownvfd.org, County: FREDERICK, Website: www.middletownvfd.com, Organized: 1935, Chartered: 1935, Joined MSFA:, President: David B. Beaulieu, Vice President: Ron Huffer, Secretary: Deborah L. Loveless, Treasurer: Kent I. Faulkner, Chaplain: David L. Coblentz, Chief: Brent Harne. **Delegates:** Stefan Nalborczyk, Janie Nalborczyk. **Alternates:** None listed.

MIDLAND JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. ASSN., P.O. Box 53, Midland, MD, 21542, (301)432-6631, (301)432-6631, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1900, Chartered: 1900, Joined MSFA:, President: Eugene Thrasher, Vice President: James Dick, Secretary: Margaret Mills, Treasurer: Craig Alexander, Chaplain: Robert Blair, Chief: Harry Devlin. **Delegates:** Robert Knippenburg, Andy Cesnick. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 53, 14809 Railroad Street, Midland, MD, 21542, (301)463-6631, (301)463-6631, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1900, Chartered: 1900, Joined MSFA:, President: Eugene Thrasher, Vice President: Craig Alexander, Secretary: James Reno, Treasurer: Barbara Knippenburg, Chaplain: Robert Blair, Chief: Harry Devlin. **Delegates:** Robert E Knippenburg, Andy Cesnick, Barbara Knippenburg, Corey Gatian, Maggie Gatian. **Alternates:** Robert Blair, Jeff Cutter, Tim Marchinke, Candi Raynor, Eugene Thrasher.

**** MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD, 20746, (301)736-4342, (301)967-7152, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: , Chartered: , Joined MSFA: , President: Charles Phillips, Vice President: Les Hedrick, Secretary: Heather Burley, Treasurer: Thomas Warren, Chaplain: Les Hedrick, Chief: Mark Hendley. **Delegates:** Charles Phillips, Mike White, Tyrone Gale, Tony Johnson, Les Hedrick. **Alternates:** Thomas Warren, Dave Hansen, Carl McKlveen, Stephanie Tannahill, Lisa McElveen.

**** MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 10305 Crystal Falls Dr., Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)797-5555, (301)797-0078, Email: dalem33@aol.com, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1969, Chartered: 1969, Joined MSFA:, President: Eric Banfe, Vice President: Robert Spence, Secretary: Randy Young, Treasurer: David Banfe, Chaplain: Dale Martin, Chief: Terry Stouffer. **Delegates:** Dale Martin, Eric Banfe, Randy Young, Robert Spence. **Alternates:** Terry Stouffer, Tony Veney.

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**** MOUNT AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 702 North Main Street, Mount Airy, MD, 21771, (301)829-0100, (301)829-2353, Email: mavfc@adelphia.net, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA: 1926, President: Matt Heard, Vice President: Thomas Walters, Secretary: Carrie Brister, Treasurer: James Linton, Jr., Chaplain: Dennis Yocum, Chief: Ivan Browning. **Delegates:** Doug Alexander, Matt Heard, Jeff Lowman, Ivan Browning, Jay McElroy. **Alternates:** Dale Lowman, Gary Hubble, Sue Hubble, Heidi Halterman, Becky Brown.

**** MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD, 21545, (301)264-3311, (301)264-3145, Email: corrado@hereintown.net, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 10/14/1896, Chartered: 10/14/1896, Joined MSFA: 04/01/1925, President: Gerard McGann, Vice President: Crissy Cessna, Secretary: Kay E. Tharp, Treasurer: Jill Corrado, Chaplain: Lloyd E. Wade, Chief: Elwood Lashley, Jr. **Delegates:** Gerard J. McGann, Kay Wade, Lloyd E. Wade, Lacy Robison, Gunter Corrado. **Alternates:** None Listed.

**** MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 27440 Mount Vernon Rd., Princess Anne, MD, 21853, (410)651-2100, Email: station6@dmv.com, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1982, Chartered: 1982, Joined MSFA: 1982, President: Charles Fisher, Vice President: Sherri Majors, Secretary: Karen Dean, Treasurer: Cindy Pietroski, Chaplain: Michael Lokey, Chief: Kevin Jones. **Delegates:** Emmons Horner, Brian Barnette, Stacy Barnette, Charles Fisher, Kevin Jones. **Alternates:** John Barnette, Mike McIntyre, James McIntyre, Mike Lokey, John Murray.

**** MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 95, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD, 21773, (301)293-9817, (301)293-9828, Email: raymon115@aol.com, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1925, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Raymond F. Hinkle, Vice President: Lewis Crutchley, Secretary: Linda Frushour, Treasurer: Mark F. Hinkle, Chaplain: Glenn Lantz, Chief: Wayne Neal. **Delegates:** Carol Linton. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** NANJEMOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 4, 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD, 20662, (301)743-2115, (301)743-2151, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1949, Chartered: 1949, Joined MSFA:, President: Dan McClarren, Vice President: James Rye, Secretary: Kelly Crouse, Treasurer: John Robey, Chaplain: Rufus Washington, Chief: Doug Campbell. **Delegates:** Dan McClarren, Doug Campbell, John Robey, Brad Arbagast, Kelly Crouse. **Alternates:** Charles Perry, Richard Zagrodniched, Bruce Rye, Sam Linton, Arwin Vandergrift.

**** NECK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 954 Cooks Point Rd., Cambridge, MD, 21613, (410)228-2434, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 08/31/1951, Chartered: 1951, Joined MSFA: 06/23/1953, President: Robert Kramer, Vice President: Reve Winkler, Secretary: Shirley Kramer, Treasurer: Sandy Russum, Chaplain:, Chief: Dennis Russum. **Delegates:** Bob Kramer, Brian Holliday, Robert Kramer. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 113, 76 E. Main Street, New Market, MD, 21774, (301)865-5700, (301)865-8148, Email: fpdep1@xecu.net, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 02/24/1954, Joined MSFA:, President: Shirley King, Vice President: Paul Hackey, Secretary: Beth Yankey, Treasurer: Richard Stem, Chaplain:, Chief: Brian Yankey. **Delegates:** Jay Betts, Brian Yankey, Joyce Vincent, Sisty Vincent, Beth Yankey. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD, 21775, (301)898-0543, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA:, President: Jackie Matthews, Vice President: Matt Moser, Secretary: Helen Eyler, Treasurer: Joe Lenhart, Chaplain: Monroe Main, Chief: Gary Keller. **Delegates:** Joe Lenhart, Matt Moser, Mary Lenhart, Helen Eyler, Jackie Matthews. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** NEW WINDSOR FIRE & HOSE CO. #1**, P.O. Box 247, 209 High Street, New Windsor, MD, 21776, (410)635-6373, (410)848-6711, Email: info@nwfd10.org, County: CARROLL, Website: www.nwfd10.org, Organized: 01/27/1948, Chartered: 1948, Joined MSFA:, President: Daniel Wolfe, Vice President: Dale Lowman, Secretary: Penny Strine, Treasurer: Jack Coe, Chaplain: Neal Roop, Chief: Rick Fritz. **Delegates:** Rick Fritz, Eugene Smith, William Kreimer, Steve Koontz, Kristie Gable. **Alternates:** George Petry, Richard Warrenfeltz.

**** NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 82, Newark, MD, 21841, (410)632-3980, Email:, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 1929, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: James Scott, Vice President: Michael Donoway, Sr., Secretary: Debra Kuhn, Treasurer: Chris Seymour, Chaplain: Shirley Evans, Chief: William Kuhn, II. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 9, 12265 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD, 20664,(301)259-0029, (301)934-4778, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 2001, Chartered: 2001, Joined MSFA: 1993, President: Francis Warning, Vice President: Stephan Johnson, Secretary: Lisa Yates, Treasurer: Charles Thomas, Chaplain: John Thomas, Chief: George Hayden. **Delegates:** John Thomas, George Hayden, Charles Hicks, Mike Abell, Sandy Sherman. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** NORRISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 2134 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD, 21132, (410)638-3644, (410)638-3647, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 08/1994, Chartered: 08/1994, Joined MSFA: 09/1994, President: Robert Williams, Vice President: Andy Rohrbaugh, Secretary: Lauren Oborg, Treasurer: Kris Miller, Chaplain: Rev. Melissa McDade, Chief: Stan Gustatis. **Delegates:** David C. Leftwich, Bryan Isaacs, Travis Over, Jake Chaney, Lauren Nicholson. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** NORTHEAST FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 770, North East, MD, 21901, (410)287-2112, (410)287-6913, Email: admin@necf4.com, County: CECIL, Website: www.necf4.com, Organized: 1922, Chartered: 1922, Joined MSFA:, President: Howard Flower, Vice President: Paul Hantzberry, Secretary: Elizabeth Piatelli, Treasurer: Dottie Issacs, Chaplain:, Chief: Stevem Piatelli. **Delegates:** Howard Flower, Paul Hantzberry, Charles Stewart, Steve Piatelli, John Hamilton, IV. **Alternates:** Monica Penhollow, Charles Parrett.

**** NORTH POINT-EDGEMERE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 7500 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD, 21219, (410)887-7554, (410)477-0944, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1936, Chartered: 1936, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Shane Davies, Vice President: Adam Davies, Secretary: Stacy McElwee, Treasurer: Lester Kottraba, Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Lazor, Chief: Todd Aupperly. **Delegates:** Shane Davies, Jim Riegel, Sr., Lester Kottraba, Ronald McElwee, Todd Aupperly. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 293, Ravine Street, Grantsville, MD, 21536, (301)895-5520, (301)895-5618, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1972, Chartered: 1972, Joined MSFA:, President: Dana Green, Vice President: Tom Reilly, Secretary: Nancy Savage, Treasurer: Wendy Cardiff, Chaplain: Mary Friend, Chief: Andy Teter. **Delegates:** Rodney Bowser, Pat Bowser, Daqna Green, Kenneth Sines, Lucretia Sines. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 43, Oakland, MD, 21550, (301)334-3535, (301)334-2347, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1894, Chartered: 1894, Joined MSFA:, President: Bryan F. Callis, Vice President: Alex Mellott, Secretary: Michael Saunders, Treasurer: Alex Flanigan, Chaplain: Manning Smith, Chief: John Feather. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 27, 1409 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 21842, (410)289-4346, (410)289-8421, Email: rsteger@ocvfc.com, County: WORCESTER, Website: www.ocvfc.com, Organized: 1905, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA:, President: James L. Jester, Vice President: H. Stephen Price, Secretary: Scott Wells, Treasurer: H. James Smith, Chaplain: Douglas S. Gaggin, Chief: Christopher N. Lanmore. **Delegates:** Roger Steger, Roger A. Steger, Sr. **Alternates:** None listed.

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OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 21811, (410)641-8272, (410)641-6964, Email:, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 1976, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1976, President: James Englishmen, Vice President: Ronald Thorwart, Secretary: Jack Panuska, Treasurer: Jack Panuska, Chaplain: Glenn Offey, Chief: Thomas Meadows. **Delegates:** Jackie Carey, Will Gabeler. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD, 21113-1060, (410)674-4444, (410)672-0758, Email: joinovfc@verison.net, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 04/06/1931, Chartered: 04/06/1931, Joined MSFA: 05/19/1934, President: Robert L. Rose, Vice President: Wylie L. Donaldson, Secretary: Harry C. Wagner, Jr., Treasurer: Patricia A. Rose, Chaplain:, Chief: Charles D. Rogers. **Delegates:** John Rose, W.L. Donaldson, H. Wagner, Dave Lewis, R. Rose. **Alternates:** C. Rogers, P. Rose, M. Telfer, T. Odenthon, P. Gushel.

OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., P.O. Box 83, 8712 Oldtown Road S.E., Oldtown, MD, 21555-0083, (301)478-5151, (301)478-5400, Email: co13@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1958, Chartered: 1958, Joined MSFA: 1959, President: Robert Poper, Vice President: Kevin Bender, Secretary: Cindy Crabtree, Treasurer: Dennis Mallery, Chaplain: Rodger Long, Chief: Ken Wolford, Jr. **Delegates:** Rodger Long, Dennis Mallery. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 654, Pasadena, MD, 21123, (410)255-1505, (410)437-2948, Email: orchard_beach11@yahoo, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1930, Chartered: 1930, Joined MSFA: 09/25/1932, President: William Rambo, Sr., Vice President: William Milliken, Secretary: Donna Bushong, Treasurer: John Wenzel, Chaplain: John Wenzel, Chief: Walt Snyder. **Delegates:** William Rambo, Sr., Donna Bushong, John Wenzel, Mike Matula, Walter Snyder. **Alternates:** Tom Fenwick, Jim Goetz, Matt Ernest, Chuck Austin, Autumn Snyder.

**** ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 12210 Orleans Road, N.E., Little Orleans, MD, 21766, (301)478-2229, (301)478-3699, Email:, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1980, Chartered: 1980, Joined MSFA: 1980, President: Janet Elbin, Vice President: Robert Littleton, Secretary: Jennifer Fisher, Treasurer: Judith Sowers, Chaplain: Janet Elbin, Chief: David Yonker. **Delegates:** Janet Elbin, John Clingerman, Robert Littleton. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** OWINGS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 10401 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD, 21117, (410)363-1933, (410)887-1577, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1921, Chartered: 1921, Joined MSFA:, President: Wayne Trump, Vice President: Jeremy Scheinkier/Scott Kraus, Secretary: Jenny Nilsen, Treasurer: Phil Herbert, Chaplain:, Chief: Kevin Wallett. **Delegates:** Mike Fold, Craig Nelson, Jr., Craig Nelson, Sr., Scott Kraus, Ed Scawartz, Jr. **Alternates:** Susan Coroneos, Danny Bollinger, Kevin Wallett, Briana Palumbo, Robert Schwarts.

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**** OXFORD FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 421, 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD, 21654, (410)226-5110, (410)226-5206, Email: fgoodwin@oxfordfireco.org, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized: 06/02/1926, Chartered: 06/02/1926, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: Richard Schmitt, Vice President: Rachel Bane, Secretary: Stacy Dulin, Treasurer: Darin Clem, Chaplain: Rev. Rod Brown, Chief: Adam Mayock. **Delegates:** Richard Smith, Ronald Anderson. **Alternates:** None listed.

PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC., P.O. Box 208, Parsonsburg, MD, 21849, (410)742-2408, (443)260-0725, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1924, Chartered: 1924, Joined MSFA:, President: Julie Brown, Vice President: Leigh Taylor, Secretary: Dean Wilkinson, Treasurer: Bert Bunting, Chaplain:, Chief: Steve White. **Delegates:** Steve White, Eric Tyler. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Baltimore, MD, 21208, (410)486-9834, (410)602-8583, Email: cao320@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvfa.org, Organized: 02-04-1897, Chartered: 02/04/1897, Joined MSFA:, President: Thomas Barrett, Vice President: Lee N. Sachs, Secretary: L. Allen Roody, Treasurer: Phillip Goldsmith, Chaplain: Murray Redmen/Kathleen Reswick, Chief: Glenn C. Resnick. **Delegates:** Lee N. Sachs, Roger Powell, Glenn Resnick, Kathleen Resnick, Stuart Carter. **Alternates:** Stuart W. Carter, Aaron Robinson, John W. Berryman, Sr.

**** PIONEER HOOK & LADDER CO.**, 21 West Franklin St., P.O. Box 2799, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)733-3338, (301)733-3368, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Rodney McCoy, Vice President: David Pheil, Secretary: Donald Haynie, Treasurer: Christa Hoover, Chaplain: Jack Emery, Chief: Ernie Girardin. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 387, Pittsville, MD, 21850, (410)835-2323, (410)835-2424, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1929, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA:, President: William Wilkins, Vice President: Cathy Hall, Secretary: Shiloh Harris, Treasurer: George Whited, Jr., Chaplain: William Hastings, Chief: Mark Bratten. **Delegates:** Essel Farlow, Jr., William Wilkins, George Whited, Jr., Essel Farlow, III, Mark Bratten. **Alternates:** George Whited, III, Joshua Farlow, Bobby Bell, Richard Chapman, Jennifer Bratten.

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**** PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE CO.**, 2030 South Pleasant Valley Rd., Westminster, MD, 21158, (410)848-1977, (410)848-6008, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 03/20/1931, Chartered: 03/20/1931, Joined MSFA:, President: Stephen Wantz, Vice President: Michael Stewart, Secretary: Nancy Wagner, Treasurer: John E. Wagner, Chaplain: Donna Geiman, Chief: Michael Gist. **Delegates:** Michael Stewart, John Wagner, Gregory Stewart, Michael Swartzbaugh, Richard Smith. **Alternates:** Charles Simpson, Jeffrey Geiman, John Means, Sr., Susan Mott, William Wantz.

POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CO, P.O. Box 36, 137 Eighth Street, Pocomoke, MD, 21851, (410)957-3600, (410)957-2221, Email:, County: WORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1997, Chartered: 1997, Joined MSFA: 1998, President: Chris Larmore, Vice President: April Webster, Secretary: Keven Hall, Treasurer: Keven Hall, Chaplain: Mike Dean, Chief: Earl D. Webster. **Delegates:** Chris Larmore, April Webster. **Alternates:** None listed.

POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., P.O. Box 116, Pocomoke, MD, 21851, (410)957-2310, Email:, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 1888, Chartered: 1901, Joined MSFA:, President: Daniel Miles, Vice President: Bobby Cowger, Secretary: Merrill Lockfaw, Treasurer: Choppy Layton, Chaplain: Raymond Spence, Chief: Jimmy Landon. **Delegates:** Ron Taylor, Merion Butler, Sr. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY #2, INC.**, P.O. Box 326, 61 Main Street, Westport, MD, 21562, (301)359-3701, (301)359-3377, Email: co22@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1912, Chartered: 1912, Joined MSFA: 07/22/1, President: Mark Karalewitz, Vice President: William Mayles, Jr., Secretary: Steven Householder, Treasurer: Shawn Spalding, Chaplain: Phil Whetstone, Chief: Tim Dayton. **Delegates:** Tim Dayton, Judy Hamilton, Mark Karalewitz, Bill Kight, Lonzy Clark. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE**, 73 Glymont Rd., Indian Head, MD, 20640, (301)743-7700, (301)743-3787, Email: phvfd@earthlink.net, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 1950, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1952, President: Robert E. Collins Sr., Vice President: C. Dan Carpenter, III, Secretary: Jeffrey Clements, Treasurer: Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr., Chaplain: Gary Willett, Chief: Brian Phillips. **Delegates:** Robert E. Collins, Sr., C. Dan Carpenter, III, Charles W. Wills, Clarence D. Carpenter Jr., Jeff Clements. **Alternates:** Barbara Kile, Craig Kavlick, Maria Johnson, Kevin Grinder, Buddy White.

**** POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY**, 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782, (301)432-2130, (301)432-7792, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1966, Chartered: 1967, Joined MSFA: 1975, President: Caroline Martin, Vice President: Vickie Wetzell, Secretary: Jeanne Gray, Treasurer: Terry Rohrer, Chaplain: Everett Ingram, Chief: Ronnie Gray. **Delegates:** Ronnie Gray, Eric Gray, Caroline Martin, Amber Hewitt, Tracey Pearrell. **Alternates:** Arnold Martin, Jeanne Gray, Jeffrey Martin, Charles Payne, Clarence Webber.

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**** POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 4, 5085 Powellville Road, Powellville, MD, 21852, (410)835-8181, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1962, Chartered: 1962, Joined MSFA: 1963, President: Jerry Mitchell, Vice President: Franklin Donaway, Jr., Secretary: Kevin White, Treasurer: George Jones, Chaplain:, Chief: Willis Disharoon. **Delegates:** Walter Bratten, Willie Disharoon, George Jones, Charles Coulborne. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 44, Preston, MD, 21655, (410)673-7874, Email: andy@ccems.co.caroline.md.us, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1932, President: Andy Garey, Vice President: Troy Brooks, Secretary: Keith Bennett, Treasurer: Ken Doyle, Chaplain: Robert Wahl, Chief: Brian Milligan. **Delegates:** Russell Dukes, Jacob Garvey, David Wright, Bob Wahl, Brian Milligan. **Alternates:** David Stanley, Elaine Boyd, Janice Stanley, Troy Brooks.

**** PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT .** , P.O. Box 976, 450 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD, 20678, (410)535-2207, (410)414-3655, Email: pfvfd.two@verizon.net, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized: 1940, Chartered: 1941, Joined MSFA:, President: J. Dwight Armiger, Vice President: Wayne Hardesty, Secretary: Doyle Cox, Treasurer: Alan Billings, Chaplain: Michael Bowen, Chief: Thomas Scott, III. **Delegates:** J. Dwight Armiger, Doyle Cox, Michael Brown, Mark Carrico, Charles Zinn. **Alternates:** Vernon Horsmon, Sr., Joseph Reamy, Alan Billings, Thomas Scott, III, Christopher D'Agostino.

**** PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 346, 755 Solomon's Island Road South, Prince Frederick, MD, Email:, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert Estoque, Vice President: Diane Billings, Secretary: Tara Billings, Treasurer: Jenny Estoque, Chaplain:, Chief: Joey Windsor. **Delegates:** Ronald Estoque, Jenny Estoque, Thomas Tettimer, Cora Stockhausen, Cory Collison. **Alternates:** Charles Rawlings, Brent Jones, Valerie Brown, Pat Dize, Tracy Thomas.

**** PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY FIRE AND EMS DEPT.**, 9201 Basil Court, Largo, MD, 20875, (301)883-5200, (301)883-5212, Email: zrziarnicki@aol.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert McCoy, Vice President: Doug Bartholomew, Secretary: Susan Taylor, Treasurer: Terri Lloyd, Chaplain: Alvin Graham, Chief: Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr. **Delegates:** Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr., Robert McCoy, Robert McCoy, William Hawkins, Terry Lloyd. **Alternates:** Kevin Reilly, Kevin Roberts, Matt Tubia, Dennis Wood, Steve Williams.

**** PRINCE GEORGES VOL. MARINE FIRE & RESCUE.**, 13600 King Charles Terrace, Ft. Washington, MD, 20613, (410)451-8862, (410)451-8862, Email: jsdeme@aol.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Janet Demeritt, Vice President: J.D. Brooks, Secretary: Joann Benkoski, Treasurer: T. Clagett, Chaplain:, Chief: Jimmy Edelen. **Delegates:** Janet Ddmeritt, Jimmy Edelen, J. Gray. **Alternates:** None listed.

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PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD, 21853, (410)651-2144, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1914, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Ronald Haymaker, Vice President: Keith Widdowson, Secretary: Kenny Walston, Treasurer: Jack King, Chaplain: Richard Walton, Chief: Robert Murphy. **Delegates:** Robert Murphy, Ronald Haymaker. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD, 21286, (410)887-5774, (410)828-0860, Email: cao290@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvfa.org, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA:, President: Philip Darr, Vice President: Geoffrey Donahue and David Smi, Secretary: Susan Denning, Treasurer: Matthew Herweck, Chaplain:, Chief: Captain Thomas Rice. **Delegates:** Philip Darr, Matthew Herweck, Thomas Rice, David Smith, Geoffrey Donahue. **Alternates:** Steven Biddison, Edward Pearce, Jr., Dale Andersen, John McClean, Michael Kernan.

** **QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 226, 13520 First Street, Queen Anne, MD, 21657, (410)364-5612, (410)364-9888, Email:, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website:, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA:, President: Daniel L. McNeal, Vice President: Darla Coultas, Secretary: Tom DiFatta, Treasurer: Beverly McNeal, Chaplain:, Chief: Craig McNeal. **Delegates:** Billy Cooper, David Chaires, Craig McNeal, Scott Roe, Greg Hamilton. **Alternates:** None listed.

QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., P.O. Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD, 21658, (410)827-8377, (410)827-8926, Email:, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website:, Organized: 1934, Chartered: 1934, Joined MSFA:, President: John C. Lewis, Vice President: Bryon J. Callahan, Secretary: Suzanne Lane, Treasurer: Charles F. Russum, Chaplain: Charles Osberger, Chief: Lonnie L. Anthony. **Delegates:** John C. Lewis, Bryon J. Callahan. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD, 21557, (301)729-8229, Email: co47@allconet.org., County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1985, Chartered: 1985, Joined MSFA: 1986, President: Carol McKenzie, Vice President: Wes Foor, Secretary: Vicky Hartsock, Treasurer: Randall O'Brien, Chaplain: Wes Foor, Chief: Kenneth McKenzie. **Delegates:** Carol McKenzie, Ken McKenzie, Garth Nasser, Mike McKenzie, Wes Foor. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **REESE & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 1745 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, MD, 21157, (410)848-7172, (401)848-2396, Email: reeseo9@ccpl.carr.org, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1948, Chartered: 1948, Joined MSFA: 1948, President: David Davidson, Vice President: Chad Reese, Secretary: Barbara McComas, Treasurer: Marian Davidson, Chaplain: Robert Alexander, Chief: Donald Love. **Delegates:** Robert Alexander, Joseph Spangler, Sr., Randy Panos, Rick Schinzel, Norman Schaefer. **Alternates:** Joseph Spangler, Jr.

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**** REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 108 Main St., Reisterstown, MD, 21136, (301)833-1370, (410)833-0258, Email: County: BALTIMORE, Website: Organized: 1913, Chartered: Joined MSFA: 1916, President: James P. Snyder, Vice President: Michelle Crumbacker, Secretary: John Boblits, Treasurer: Brian Chick, Chaplain: Timothy Feaser, Chief: Robert Murray, Jr. **Delegates** James P. Snyder, Ted Schultz, Michele Crumbacker, John Wright, J.P. Snyder. **Alternates**: Teresa Snyder, Bobby Murray, Jr., Dorothy Schultz.

**** RESCUE FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 776, 307 Gay Street, Cambridge, MD, 21613, (410)228-1670, Email: County: DORCHESTER, Website: Organized: 1881, Chartered: 1882, Joined MSFA: 1881, President: Calvin Stack, Vice President: Juanita Weber, Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Timothy McCarter, Chaplain: Rev. Doug Ridoley, Chief: Jeff Hurley, Sr. **Delegates**: Calvin Stack, Frank Horsman, Michael Cheesman, Don Kinnamon. **Alternates**: Juanita Weber, Wayne Cook.

**** RESCUE HOSE COMPANY #1**, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD, 21401, (410)263-1116, Email: County: Anne Arundel, Website: Organized: 1879, Chartered: 1910, Joined MSFA: Charter, President: Charles W. Cadle, Jr., Vice President: Timothy Clough/Alfred Britton, Secretary: Alfred Britton, Jr., Treasurer: Denna Britton, Chaplain: Chief: Charles Cadle, Jr. **Delegates**: Charles W. Cadle, Jr., Timothy L. Clough, Alfred W. Britton, Jr., William Clark, Denna Britton. **Alternates**: None listed.

**** RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD, 20680-0520, (301)872-5571, (301)872-0632, Email: secretary@ridgevfd.org, County: ST. MARY'S, Website: www.ridgevfd.org, Organized: 12/18/1948, Chartered: 05/18/1949, Joined MSFA: 02/12/1950, President: John E. Gatton, Jr., Vice President: James Raley, Secretary: Philip R. Cooper, Jr., Treasurer: John Wathen, Jr., Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Karl A. Chimiak, Chief: Francis Raley. **Delegates**: John (Peanut) Gatton, Paul R. Balta, Francis Raley, Philip Cooper, Jr., John Wathen, Jr. **Alternates**: Edward Raley, Phillip Ridgell.

**** RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 456, 16515 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD, 20680, (301)872-5970, (301)872-5971, Email: County: ST. MARY'S, Website: Organized: 1949, Chartered: Joined MSFA: President: Joe Titus, Vice President: Frances Cullison, Secretary: Christy Ridgell, Treasurer: Christy Bright, Chaplain: Jack Cullison, Chief: George Gatton. **Delegates**: George Gatton, Christy Ridgell, Scot Best. **Alternates**: Joe Titus, Debbie Drury.

**** RIDGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgeley, MD, 21660, (410)634-2424, Email: bwicrashcrew@concast.net, County: CAROLINE, Website: Organized: 1905, Chartered: 1920, Joined MSFA: President: Rick Baker, Vice President: George Cohey, Secretary: Bob Utz, Treasurer: Bryan Ebling, Chaplain: Chief: Lou Hayes. **Delegates**: John Hurley, Michael Moore, Justin Elding, Rick Baker. **Alternates**: None listed.

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**** RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Rd., Capital Heights, MD, 20743, (301)336-3731, (301)499-5916, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1964, Chartered: 1964, Joined MSFA: 1967, President: David R. Crigger, Vice President: Richard S. Cunningham, Jr., Secretary: Ralph W. Downs, Jr., Treasurer: Gerald Hayden, Chaplain:, Chief: William O. Cunningham, Sr. **Delegates:** Lawrence H. Lee, W. Cunningham, Sr. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 602, 3123 Riva Road, Riva, MD, 21140, (410)956-2910, (410)956-2910, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1941, Chartered: 1949, Joined MSFA: 1949, President: John Fluharty, Vice President: Joel Greenwell, Secretary: David E. Carr, Treasurer: Maurice E. Carr, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** Maurice E. Carr, John Fluharty, David Carr, Joel Greenwell. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 6101 Roanoke Ave., Riverdale, MD, 20737, (301)985-4680, (301)699-0477, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1925, Chartered: 1925, Joined MSFA: 1925, President: Kenneth Gilroy, Vice President: Bruce Harrison & John Richards, Secretary: Sharon Shoemaker, Treasurer: Bruce Harrison, Chaplain: David Duffany, Chief: Todd Reedy, Sr. **Delegates:** Kenneth Gilroy, Sharon Showmaker, Todd Reedy, Bruce Harrison, John Richardson, Sr. **Alternates:** David Gardner, Tim Donoghue, Nathan Belle, A.J. Mutchler, Kurt Palman.

**** RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 4714 Queensbury Rd., Riverdale, MD, 20737, (301)927-0356, (301)699-3204, Email: whiting@jonez.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1923, Chartered: 08/26/1923, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: Stephen C. Lampher, Vice President: Gerard Dixon, Secretary: Barbara Stedman, Treasurer: Barbara Stedman, Chaplain:, Chief: Charles A. Ryan, III. **Delegates:** Gerard Dixon, Sr., Charles A. Ryan, III, Brian Carpio, Barbara Stedman, David A. Sutton. **Alternates:** David A. Whiting, Jeffrey Purcell, Chad Hasselberger.

**** RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 8506 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD, 21122, (410)255-1314, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Ed Kiser, Vice President: Todd Sink, Secretary: Kim Smith, Treasurer: Shari Fobare, Chaplain: William Zamontzy, Chief: Ken Hyde. **Delegates:** James Shipley, Russell Schlick, Dave Rictor, Bill Toft, James Evans. **Alternates:** Gary Smoot, Ed Kirer, Jr., George Smith.

**** ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 577, 21500 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall, MD, 21661, (410)639-7888, (410)639-2736, Email: chief_smith@firehousemail.com, County: KENT, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA:, President: Brian Jones, Vice President: Carolyn Jones, Secretary: Glenda Dierker, Treasurer: Bill Hynson, Chaplain:, Chief: John Toulson. **Delegates:** Brian Jones, Louanne Usilton, Bill Glenn, Troy White, Dickie Jacqueline. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 34034, 621 Seneca Road, BALTIMORE, MD, 21221, (410)887-0328, (410)780-1759, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA:, President: Tammy Medinger, Vice President: John Medinger, Secretary: Leroy E. Ogle, Treasurer: Frank Spangler, Chaplain:, Chief: Michael Stuart, Jr. **Delegates:** Tammy Medinger, John Medinger, Jim Ogle, Frank Spangler, Michael Stuart, Jr. **Alternates:** Fred Kerby, Steve Kerby, Howard French, Jerome Alchimowicz, Deborah Ledley.

**** ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 1547, 380 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD, 20850, (301)424-0310, (301)294-4721, Email: president@rvfd.org, County: MONTGOMERY, Website: www.rvfd.org, Organized: 1921, Chartered: 1921, Joined MSFA:, President: Eric N. Bernard, Vice President: John Bosco, Secretary: Lisa Hinde, Treasurer: Talianna Manne, Chaplain: Valentine K.Evney, Chief: Russell W. Dawson. **Delegates:** Eric N. Bernard, III, Russell W. Dawson, Patrick J. Young, John T. Ferguson, III, Peggy T. Miller. **Alternates:** Tom D. Kavanagh, Scott E. Emmons, Tim C. Jones, Mike Ader.

**** ROCKY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 117, Rocky Ridge, MD, 21778, (301)271-4991, (301)271-4991, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1949, Chartered: 1950, Joined MSFA: 1951, President: Dale Kline, Sr., Vice President: Bonnie Hurly, Secretary: Melissa Mathias, Treasurer: Bernard Wivell, Chaplain: Rev. James Russell, Chief: Steve Whetzel. **Delegates:** Leon Stover, Jr., Wilma Stover. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 8037 Philadelphia Rd., Baltimore, MD, 21237, (410)866-4042, (410)866-2598, Email: jmazza@us.ibm.com, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1930, Chartered: 1939, Joined MSFA:, President: Jack Mazza, Vice President: Scott Small, Secretary: Eileen Endryas, Treasurer: Chuck McJilton, Chaplain:, Chief: Charles Leiss. **Delegates:** Steve Stachowski, Eric Endryas, William Pearson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SAINT LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO.** P.O. Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD, 20685, (410)586-1713, (410)586-3031, Email: president@slvfd.com, County: CALVERT, Website: www.slvfd.com, Organized: 1982, Chartered: 1982, Joined MSFA: 1987, President: Donald Beyer, Vice President: Christopher Upton, Secretary: Roberta Baker, Treasurer: Keith Graham, Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine, Chief: Monty Parks. **Delegates:** Donald Beyer, Monty Parks, William Lankford, DAnn Weller, Robert Earnshaw. **Alternates:** Daniel Baker, Jr., Kit Upton, Rev. Howanstine, Danielle Wilt, Roberta Baker.

**** SAINT MARY'S ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT**, P.O. Box 709, 41550 Doctors Crossing Way, Leonardstown, MD, 20650, (301)475-3474, (301)475-4930, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1983, Chartered: 05/24/1983, Joined MSFA: 1994,

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President: Dennis Gordge, Vice President: Elizabeth Carroll, Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Debbie Kenney, Chaplain: George L'Heureux, Chief: Tom Hesbach. **Delegates:** George L'Heureux, Hattie Norris, Dennis Gordge. **Alternates:** None listed.

SAINT MICHAELS FIRE DEPT., 1001 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD, 21663, (410)745-9393, (301)745-9947, Email:, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized: 1901, Chartered: 1926, Joined MSFA:, President: Tom Swann, Vice President: Sean Guschke, Secretary: Holly Guschke, Treasurer: Jessica Boyd, Chaplain: Daniel Higgins, Chief: John Watts. **Delegates:** Jim Ferguson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SALISBURY FIRE DEPT #1**, 1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD, 21801, (410)548-3127, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1986, Chartered: 06/23/1986, Joined MSFA: 04/20/1986, President: Lee Smith, Vice President: Gerald Beauchamp, Secretary: Laraine Buck, Treasurer: Robert McCrorey, Chaplain: Roger Kindrup, Chief: David Walston. **Delegates:** David S. Walston, Robert F. McCrory, E. Lee Smith, Gerald Beauchamp, William Shockey. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SALISBURY FIRE DEPT #2**, P.O. Box 3381, 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD, 21801, (410)548-3125, (410)548-3112, Email: svfd2@comcast.net, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1930, Chartered: 1930, Joined MSFA:, President: William Ward, Vice President: Kurt Walbert, Secretary: Luanne Hapshire, Treasurer: Shari Sonaway, Chaplain: Roger Kordrup, Chief: Bill Nutter, Sr. **Delegates:** Bill Nutter, Sr., Bill Trego, William Ward, Dale Albert, Dave Bowland. **Alternates:** Bill Nutter, Jack Lynch.

**** SALISBURY FIRE DEPT. STATION 16**, 143 South Division Street, Salisbury, MD, 21801, (410)548-3122, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1872, Chartered: 1872, Joined MSFA:, President: Mark Cotler, Vice President: Kenneth Gaskin, Secretary: Tim Deacon, Treasurer: Walt Townsend, III, Chaplain: Roger Kurdup, Chief: David See. **Delegates:** Sheldon White, Tim Murrell, Ken Gaskins, Joel McCroy, Steve Records. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 295, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD, 20860 (301)774-7400, (301)774-4821, Email: info@ssvfd.com, County: MONTGOMERY, Website: www.ssvfd.com, Organized: 1924, Chartered: 1925, Joined MSFA: 1927, President: Paul Lilly, Vice President: Nancy Thornton, Secretary: Michael A. Valente, Treasurer: Stephen Lamphier, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: George W. Brown, Jr. **Delegates:** George Brown, Bruce Newcomer, Michael Valente, Paul Lilly, Nancy Thornton. **Alternates:** Joseph Aceto, Victoria Aceto, Constance Brown, Joanna Anthony, Jessica Lilly.

**** SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 905, 8925 Lincoln Street, Savage, MD, 20763, (410)498-5061, (301)776-0024, Email:, County: HOWARD, Website:, Organized: 1937, Chartered: 1937, Joined MSFA:, President: Derek Bezy, Vice President:

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Donald Hunley, Secretary: Theresa Thompson, Treasurer: Alan Conway, Chaplain: Mary McNamee, Chief: Norman Wines. **Delegates:** Michael Hitt, Francis Mowbray, Terry Thompson, Theresa Thompson, Norman Wines. **Alternates:** Thomas Parmer, David Hunley, Ronald Hunley, Michael Wilkerson.

SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., 6305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD, 20743, (301)336-2331, (301)499-2659, Email: eng8sqd@aol.com, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1915, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: William Lambert, Vice President: Mike Harrison, Secretary:, Treasurer: Colin Murchie, Chaplain:, Chief: David McGill. **Delegates:** David McGill, Jeff Mehaffey. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SECOND DIST. VOL. FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD, 20692, (301)994-0751, (301)994-2994, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1951, Chartered: 1961, Joined MSFA: 1957, President: Tom Spalding, Vice President: Arthur Pilkerton, Secretary: Cindy Bowes, Treasurer: Susanne Sebring, Chaplain: George L'Heureux, Chief: Thomas L. Crowder, Jr. **Delegates:** Robert Russell, James G. Adams, Joseph E. Knott, John Guy, Robert Lynch. **Alternates:** Tommy Crowder, Jason Bean, Mike Wilson, John Charles, Mike Roberts.

SECOND PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE, P.O. Box 346, 755 Solomon's Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD, 20678, (410)535-5365, (410)535-5365, Email:, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized: 1966, Chartered: 1968, Joined MSFA: 1968, President: Clarke Rawlings, Vice President: Ronnie Estogue, Secretary: Rebecca Anduson, Treasurer: Jerry Erroque, Chaplain:, Chief: Joe Windsor. **Delegates:** Tommy Turner, Clarence Rawlings. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SECRETARY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 56, 115 Myrtle Street, Secretary, MD, 21664-0056, (410)943-3545, (410)943-0330, Email: secretaryfiredept@comcast.net, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1937, Chartered: 05/21/1937, Joined MSFA: 05/14/1937, President: Samuel Yockey, Vice President: David Cox, Secretary: Julie Sellers, Treasurer: Alex Hardy, Chaplain: Fr. Anthony Greco, Chief: Bill Gullion, III. **Delegates:** Samuel Yockey, Michael Larrimore, William Gullion, III, Amanda Gullion, James Fraccaroli. **Alternates:** Greg Collins, Alex Hardy, Susan Kirwan, David Cox, Pete Kral.

**** SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 206, 21660 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD, 20609-0206, (301)769-3600, (301)769-3602, Email: sdvfd5@msn.com, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized: 1949, Chartered: 1949, Joined MSFA: 1950, President: John D. Nelson, Vice President: Donald J. Morgan, Secretary: Louis A. Hammett, Treasurer: John D. Tennyson, Chaplain: John H. Nelson, Jr., Chief: Michael Huseman. **Delegates:** Michael Huseman, John D. Nelson, John H. Nelson, Jr., George McWilliams, Anthony Hammett. **Alternates:** John A. Nelson, Donald Morgan, James Woodburn.

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**** SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD, 20609, (301)769-2287, Email: sdvrs@md.metrocast.net, County: St. Mary's, Website:, Organized: 1960, Chartered: 1960, Joined MSFA: 1988, President: Ronald Mattingly, Vice President: Donald Phetteplace, Secretary: Melissa Friess-Bailey, Treasurer: Steve Lawrence, Chaplain: Dec. George L'Heureux, Chief: Todd Hayden. **Delegates:** George Kennett, Allie Raley, Joan Raley, Jennifer Arnold, George L'Heureux. **Alternates:** Wendy Gibeau, Karen Colonna.

**** SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, 19303 Shaft Road SW, Frostburg, MD, 21532, (301)689-1535, (301)687-0121, Email: co17@allconet.org, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1938, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA: 1938, President: Ryan Chapman, Vice President: Roger Bennett, Secretary: Cassie Yates, Treasurer: Patty McGowan, Chaplain: Aaron Winters, Chief: Scott Yates. **Delegates:** Aaron Winters, Scott Yates, Ryan Chapman. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SHARPSBURG AREA EMS**, P.O. Box 307, 110 1/2 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782, (301)432-5348, (301)432-6456, Email: roaddoc@erols.com, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1968, Chartered: 1968, Joined MSFA:, President: William Myers, Vice President: David Rice, Secretary: Ashley Grimm, Treasurer: Walter Kipe, Chaplain:, Chief: Harry Hawbaker. **Delegates:** Sherry Smith, William Myers, Harry Gossard, Lester Bussard, Darryl Benner. **Alternates:** Tina Grimm, Ashley Grimm, Harry Hawbaker, Don Weigel, Kevin Willis.

**** SHARPSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 297, 110 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782, (301)432-6321, (301)432-5167, Email: heather@gossard@myactv.net, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1943, Chartered: 1944, Joined MSFA:, President: James Kelbflesh, Vice President: Harry E. Gossard, Secretary: Patty Benner, Treasurer: Shawn McCoy, Chaplain: Harry E. Gossard, Chief: Darryl Benner. **Delegates:** Harry E. Gossard, James Kelbflesh. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 307, 402 Church Street, Sharptown, MD, 21861, (410)883-3131, (410)883-3043, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1926, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: William White, Vice President: Ronald Marvil, Jr., Secretary: Brenda Marvil, Treasurer: Linda Lambrose, Chaplain:, Chief: Howard Bowden. **Delegates:** Ronald Marvil, Jr., Tom Bowden, Ted Fletcher. **Alternates:** Howard Bowden, Nathan Catlin, Herman English.

**** SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 16, 11620 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD, 21862, (410)641-2380, Email:, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 08/15/1945, Chartered: 08/15/1945, Joined MSFA: 11/01/1945, President: Michael Davis, Vice President: David Lewis, Secretary: Gary Michael, Treasurer: Mark Widgeon, Chaplain: Donald Patey, Chief: Chris Cropper. **Delegates:** Norman Cathell, David Pruitt, Warren Sinclair, Chris Cropper, Kimberly Iacona. **Alternates:** Joshua Webb, Jr., Orlando Bishop, Mark Widgeon, Joseph Sinclair, Joseph Lessman.

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**** SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE**, 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD, 20746, (301)423-7293, (301)423-3280, Email: silverhillvfd@comcast.net, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA:, President: Charles Diana, Vice President: Jeffrey Kramer, Secretary: Diana Diana, Treasurer: Linda Talton, Chaplain:, Chief: William King. **Delegates:** Charles Diana, William King, Steve Stamp, Diana Diana, Jeff Lramer. **Alternates:** Michael Stevens, Milton Thompson, Wayne Higdon, Mike Alfieri, Ralph Price.

**** SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20907, (301)587-3400, (301)588-3548, Email: ssfd@dstarpower.net, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1915, Chartered: 1918, Joined MSFA: CHARTER, President: Kenneth L. Heltzel, Vice President: George Peet, Secretary: Susan Myatt, Treasurer: Barry Contee, Chaplain:, Chief: Roger McGary. **Delegates:** Kenneth L. Heltzel, Burton Brenner, Susan Myatt, Hunter Heltzel, Jonathan Bart. **Alternates:** George Peet, James Foster, Jr., Stephen Lamphier, Sr., Bryon Honeywell.

**** SMITHSBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO**, 22 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD, 21783, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Phil Rohrer, Vice President: Glenn Reynolds, Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Buddy Blake, Chaplain: Julie Brigham, Chief: Steve Lewis. **Delegates:** Dale Fishack, Phil Rohrer, Glen Fishack, Ronnie Jeter, Erika Jeter. **Alternates:** Steve Lewis, Sam Ginn, Buddey Blake, Mike Lida, Wayne Williams.

**** SMITHSBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**, P.O. Box 411, 8 Maple Avenue, Smithsburg, MD, 21783, (301)824-3314, (301)824-3670, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1980, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1980, President: H. Wayne Williams, Vice President: Dr. Cantone, Secretary: Bonnie Winders, Treasurer: Valen Meadows, Chaplain: Joe Ralls, Chief: Rob Snider. **Delegates:** James Ukrich, Jon Snyder, Joseph Ralls, Krystine Gaudie, Garrett Snyder. **Alternates:** Brian House, Rose Ulrich, Wayne Williams, Rob Snider, Valen Meadows.

**** SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 83, 4718 S. Church Street, Snow Hill, MD, 21863, (410)632-2110, (410)632-3911, Email:, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 1897, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1900, President: Richard A. Mills, Jr., Vice President: Jim Phillips, Secretary: John King, Treasurer: Frank Brown, Chaplain: Chris Tyler, Chief: Alfred Larson. **Delegates:** Richard Mills, Jr., Bob Davis, Eric Mullins, Jay Bare, Ray Wooten. **Alternates:** Randal Mullins, John Coleman, Brian Riley, N. Warren Bevard, Ronnie Long.

**** SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD & FIRE**, P.O. Box 189, Solomons, MD, 20688, (410)326-6657, (410)326-6599, Email:, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA:, President: Bill Jones, Vice President: Ursula Pumphrey, Secretary: Heather Hanks, Treasurer: Ron Humphreys, Chaplain: Rev. Sud Shorb-Sterling, Chief: Jeremy Moore. **Delegates:** John R. Langford, Billy Jones, Renee

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Crampton, Ricky Smith, Chris Roper. **Alternates:** Tommy Moore, Bettie Smith, Shelly Miller, Robbie Robinson, Jim Taylor.

SOUTH HAGERSTOWN FIRE CO., 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)733-3337, (301)733-3498, Email:, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1932, Chartered: 1932, Joined MSFA:, President: Cecil Bittinger, Vice President: Marvin Niswander, Secretary: Todd Cochrane, Treasurer: Thomas Cochrane, Chaplain:, Chief: Wayne Hottle. **Delegates:** Diane Hottle, Marvin Niswander. **Alternates:** None listed.

SOUTHERN GARRETT RESCUE SQUAD, P.O. Box 378, Oakland, MD, 21550, (301)334-3000, (301)334-3000, Email:, County: GARRETT, Website:, Organized: 1973, Chartered: 1988, Joined MSFA: 1996, President: David C. Moon, Vice President: Melissa Green, Secretary: Amada Cusiby, Treasurer: Naomi Swartzentruber, Chaplain: Hazel Stewart, Chief: Jay Kestner. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD, 21864, (410)632-3030, (410)632-3075, Email: svfd200@ezy.net, County: WORCESTER, Website:, Organized: 09/30/192, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Thomas C. Beauchamp, Vice President: Harold M. Baker, Secretary: George E. Ward, Jr., Treasurer: Bruce W. Lambertson, Chaplain: David C. Selby, Chief: Neil A. Payne. **Delegates:** Thomas C. Beauchamp, Harold M. Baker. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 61, Sudlersville, MD, 21668, (410)438-3155, (410)438-2946, Email: www.55gbabyduck@aol.com, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA:, President: Kurt Wise, Vice President: Ira Russell, Secretary: Dan Garrett, Treasurer: Sylva Karbaum, Chaplain:, Chief: Francis Kinnamon. **Delegates:** Robert Nicholson, III, Robert Nicholson, Jr., Amanda Webb, Ben James Shelton. **Alternates:** None listed.

** **SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 58, Havre De Grace, MD, 21078, (410)939-4070, (410)939-5648, Email:, County: HARMFORD, Website:, Organized: 1902, Chartered: 1922, Joined MSFA:, President: Charles Packard, Sr., Vice President: Stephen Gamatoria, Secretary: Alyssa Mergier, Treasurer: Martin Walsh, Chaplain: Frank Roth, Chief: Scott Hurst. **Delegates:** Charles Packard, Sr., Lance Waller, Frank Roth, Walter Glenn, Scott Huret. **Alternates:** Ron Cardwell, Chrissy Liddell, Bill Lamamp, George Twombly, Tom Brochu.

** **SYKESVILLE-FREEDOM DIST. FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD, 21784, (410)795-9311, (410)549-8759, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1933, Chartered: 1933, Joined MSFA:, President: Joseph McCauley, Vice President: Robert Ruch, Secretary: Elizabeth Lubbeman, Treasurer: Susan Tarrant, Chaplain: Charles Barnhart, Chief: Glenn Ruch, Sr. **Delegates:** William Wagner, Lynn Gabeler, Dennis Beard, Joseph McCauley. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 7201 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD, 20912, (301)270-8209, (301)270-0546, Email:, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1894, Chartered: 04/17/1922, Joined MSFA:, President: Elmer E. Hamm, Vice President: Richard A. Willey, Secretary: Stephen D. Novik, Treasurer: Bruce O. Allen, Chaplain: David O. Hooker, Chief: James E. Jarboe. **Delegates:** James E. Jarboe, Elmer Hamm, Robert Jarboe, Richard Willey, Mike Devore. **Alternates:** Steve Novik, Leslie Deleon.

**** TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 39 East Baltimore St., Taneytown, MD, 21787, (410)756-6253, (410)751-0510, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1897, Chartered: 1916, Joined MSFA:, President: Earl Lockingbill, Vice President:, Secretary: David Newman, Treasurer: James Parker, Chaplain: Charles Barnhart, Chief: Bret Six. **Delegates:** Earl Lockingbill, Brett Six, Jeff Powell, Keith Phillips, Mike Clapsaddle. **Alternates:** Fern Haines, Charles Barnhart, Donald Shoemaker, Wayne Staley, Bethany Six.

**** TAYLOR'S ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 277, 501 Taylors Island Road, Taylor's Island, MD, 21669, (410)397-3524, (410)397-3524, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1957, Chartered: 1957, Joined MSFA: 1957, President: Bill Neild, Vice President: John Cutter, Secretary: Ed Bacon, Treasurer: Paul Mace, Chaplain:, Chief: J.B. Tieder. **Delegates:** J.B. Tieder. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** TENTH DISTRICT - MARBURY**, P.O. Box 522, Marbury, MD, 20658, (301)753-8215, (301)743-6096, Email:, County: CHARLES, Website:, Organized: 05/19/1951, Chartered: 05/19/1951, Joined MSFA: 11/15/1951, President: Bernie Dalcanton, Vice President: Charles Burroughs, Secretary: Thomas Milstead, Treasurer: Ida Jones, Chaplain: George Abell, Chief: Wallace Danielson, Jr. **Delegates:** Thomas Milstead, Dan Hudson, Kelly Hudson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE**, 27 N. Church St., Thurmont, MD, 21788, (301)271-7550, (301)271-0167, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1969, Joined MSFA: 1958, President: Jason West, Vice President: Joseph Wehage, Secretary: Joyce Shirley, Treasurer: Judith White, Chaplain: Jim Hamrick, Chief: Dennis Ott, Jr. **Delegates:** Judith White. **Alternates:**.

**** TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 297, 5979 Tilghman Island Rd., Tilghman, MD, 21671, (410)886-2101, (410)886-2677, Email: tivfc@goeaston.net, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized: 1925, Chartered: 1938, Joined MSFA: 1938, President: Mike Lipski, Vice President: David McQuay, Secretary: Debby Haddaway, Treasurer: Tim Anderson, Sr., Chaplain: Rev. Embert, Chief: Jeremy Cummings. **Delegates:** David McQuay, Dan Mautz. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 86, 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD, 21673, (410)476-3535, (410)476-3859, Email: trappevfd@verizon.net, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized: 01/18/1935, Chartered: 01/18/1935, Joined MSFA:, President: Lou

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Diefenderfer, Vice President: Daniel McCracken, Secretary: Kari Diefenderfer, Treasurer: Don English, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Hawkins, Chief: Ben Diefenderfer. **Delegates:** George McCracken, Craig McCracken, Shirley Quidas, Robert Quidas, Don English. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICES**, P.O. Box 144, 59 Main Street, Westport, MD, 21562, (301)359-3067, (301)359-0479, Email: co50@allconet.org., County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 09/1974, Chartered: 09/1974, Joined MSFA: 1999, President: Lonzy Clark, Vice President: April Clark, Secretary: James Mayhew, Treasurer: Crystal Clark, Chaplain: Rhonda Clark, Chief: Robert Pattison. **Delegates:** Dennis Steiding, Josh Clark, Lonzy Clark, Tim Connor, Eric Barbray. **Alternates:** Dennis Stiechey, April Clark, James Mayhew, Rhona Clark, Jason Wiltson.

TUEXO-CHEVERLY FIRE DEPT., 5711 Tuxedo Road, Hyattsville, MD, 20781, Email:, County:, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:, **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** TYLERTON FIRE & RESCUE CO.**, P.O. Box 655, 21140 Tuff Street, Tylerton, MD, 21866, (410)425-2420, (410)425-2420, Email:, County: SOMERSET, Website:, Organized: 1969, Chartered: 1985, Joined MSFA:, President: Sally Tyler, Vice President: Ronnie Corbin, Secretary: Missy Evans, Treasurer: Lindsay Bradshaw, Chaplain:, Chief: Lindsey Bradshaw. **Delegates:** Lindsey Bradshaw, Billy Clayton, Ronnie Corbin, Sally Tyler, Missy Evans. **Alternates:** Louise Clayton, Harvey Corbin, Danny Tyler, Bobby Smith, Ed Smith.

**** UNION BRIDGE FIRE CO.**, P.O. BOX 1050, Union Bridge, MD, 21791, (410)775-7422, (410)857-8775, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1887, Chartered: 1889, Joined MSFA: 1893, President: Thomas M. Garber, Vice President: Edgar C. Wentz, Secretary: Linda E. Bostian, Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer, Chaplain: Rev. Richard L. Michael, Chief: Chad P. Green. **Delegates:** Doug Bostian, Tom Garber, Chad Green, George Wentz. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** UNITED COMMUNITIES VOL. FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 939, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD, 21666, (410)643-1162, (410)643-1163, Email:, County: QUEEN ANNE'S, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: David Olds, Vice President: John Kirby, Secretary: Lindsay Graham, Treasurer: Buck Ferrin, Chaplain: Art Lohman, Chief: Mike Jordan. **Delegates:** Ron Siarnicki, Chris Tona, Tom Claric, Brad Childress, Ray Stokes. **Alternates:** Dan Porter, Lisa Tona, Rose Clark, Billy Finley, Kent Whalen.

**** UNITED STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. #3**, 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD, 21701, (301)694-1711, (301)694-1709, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1845, Chartered: 1905, Joined MSFA: CHARTER, President: Michael Kehne, Vice President: James Morgan, Secretary: Angela Hummer, Treasurer: James Morgan, Chaplain: Timothy S. May, Chief: W. Patrick Stevens. **Delegates:** Angela Hummer, Jerry Dorsey, Dave Smith, Karl Hummer. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE**, P.O. Box 8, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD, 20839, (301)972-8888, (301)407-0453, Email: umcvfd@hotmail.com, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA:, President: Dennis Minor, Vice President: George T. Hillard, Secretary: Teresa Meem, Treasurer: Ross Meem, Chaplain: Kennethr Fell, Chief: Earl Moore. **Delegates:** Bill Bliss, Bobby Bliss. **Alternates:** Janet Bliss, Mike White, Dennis Minor.

**** URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD, 21701, (301)831-1155, (301)662-7935, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1973, Chartered: 1973, Joined MSFA: 1974, President: Ronald Wilt, Vice President: Doug Smith, Secretary: Martha Norwood, Treasurer: Susie O'Beron, Chaplain: Earle Nicholson, Chief: Jim May. **Delegates:** Doug Smith, Carolyn Broudhurst, Chris Smith, Alice Hipkins, Martha Norwood. **Alternates:** Otis Norwood, Chris Smith.

**** VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 5, Vienna, MD, 21869, (410)376-3319, (410)376-3319, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized: 1935, Chartered: 1935, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert Horsman, Sr., Vice President: Kathy Sellers, Secretary: Pamela Travers, Treasurer: Debbie Horsman, Chaplain: Rev. Mary Ann Farnell, Chief: Reginard Sellers, Jr. **Delegates:** Pam Travers, Alfred Travers, Jr., Robert Horsmen, Sr., kathy sellers, Reginald Sellers, Jr. **Alternates:** Moody Gray, William Otten, III, Keifford Jackson, Vicky Wheatley, Debbie Thursman.

**** VIGILANTHOSE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 171, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727, (301)447-2728, (301)447-1724, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1884, Chartered: 1884, Joined MSFA: 1930, President: Frank Davis, Vice President: John Damskey, Secretary: Steve Valentine, Treasurer: Steve Hollinger, Chaplain: Fr. Frank Kiline, Chief: Chris Stanley. **Delegates:** Frank Davis, John Glass, Jim Click, Steve Hollinger, John Hollinger. **Alternates:** Guy Baker, III, Tom Vaughn, Chris Stanley, Jim Glass, Bob Rosensteel, Jr.

**** VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21227, (410)242-3131, (410)242-2907, Email: cao340@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvfa.org, Organized: 1906, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Robert Rausch, Jr., Vice President: James Adams, Secretary: Sheila Rausch, Treasurer: Larry Purkey, Chaplain:, Chief: Steve Pearsall. **Delegates:** Robert Rausch, Jr., Eric Snyder, Steve Pearsall. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. #1 OF CHESAPEAKE CITY**, 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD, 21915, (410)885-5951, (410)885-3353, Email:, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 04/13/1911, Chartered: 11/14/1911, Joined MSFA: 06/09/1925, President: Jeffrey A. Ritter, Vice President: John L. Loveless, Secretary: Paul Wildey, Treasurer: Donald Briscoe, Chaplain: John Melvin, Chief: Thomas H. Morris. **Delegates:** Donald L. Briscoe, Tommy Morris, Jeff Ritter, John Loveless. **Alternates:** Don Brisco, John Melvin, T.C. Cunningham, B.S. Felvel.

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**** VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF HALFWAY**, 11114 Lincoln Avenue, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)582-2223, (301)582-1075, Email: vfchalfway.org, County: WASHINGTON, Website: www.vfchalfway.org, Organized: 1949, Chartered: 1949, Joined MSFA: President: James Kimble, Vice President: Steve Heefner, Secretary: Brenda Dattillio, Treasurer: Curtis Hull, Chaplain:, Chief: Jeff Ringer. **Delegates:** Steve Heefner, James Kimble, Jeffrey Ringer, Ed Ernst, Jamie Drawbaugh. **Alternates:** Kim Anderson, Nick Dattillo, Kevin Greenlee, Tammy Drawbaugh, Brenda Dattiw.

**** VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK**, 1449 Susses Road, Baltimore, MD, 21221, (410)887-0329, (410)391-4718, Email: co250@comcast.net, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA: 1946, President: Anthony Schield, Vice President: John Alban, Sr., Secretary: Ryan Knapik, Treasurer: William Stump, Chaplain: Antonio DiLeonardi, Chief: Captain John J. Alban, Jr. **Delegates:** Anthony Schield, Robert Oerman, Francisco Guzman, Milton Hergot, John Alban, Jr. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD, 20602, (301)645-3000, (301)870-0136, Email: dstevens@waldorfvfd.com, County: CHARLES, Website: www.waldorfvfd.com, Organized: 1949, Chartered: 1949, Joined MSFA: 1950, President: Robert Hardy, Vice President: Matthew Stevens, Secretary: Ronald Marth, Treasurer: Barbara Stevens, Chaplain:, Chief: Dan Stevens. **Delegates:** William Cooke, Daniel J. Stevens, Thomas M. Edwards, Robert Hardy, William Olsen. **Alternates:** Vernon Monday, Barbara Stevens, Alicia Olsen, Matthew Stevens, Charles Pembleton.

**** WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE CO. 24**, P.O. Box 202, 73 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD, 21793, (301)845-8875, (301)845-6058, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1977, Chartered: 1977, Joined MSFA: 1978, President: Sandra Maxey, Vice President: Cindy Cramer, Secretary: Ellie Gilbert, Treasurer: Stan Mount, Chaplain: Patricia Collins, Chief: Topper Cramer. **Delegates:** Jeremy Heflin. **Alternates:** None listed.

WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTER FIRE CO., P.O. Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD, 21793, (301)898-9397, (301)898-4032, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website: www.walkersvillevfc.com, Organized: 1939, Chartered: 1940, Joined MSFA:, President: Austin Schroyer, Vice President: Brian Hildebrand, Secretary: Brenda Staley, Treasurer: James Graham, Chaplain: Shirley Zimmerman, Chief: Matt Staley. **Delegates:** David Kline, Austin Schroyer. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** WATER WITCH FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 324, 15 North Main Street, Port Deposit, MD, 21904, (410)378-4223, (410)378-9343, Email: waterwitchfireco@verizon.net, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 06/06/188, Chartered: 04/21/188, Joined MSFA: 06/08/1, President: Michael Lipka, Sr., Vice President: Donald Poist, Jr., Secretary: Kerry Abrams, Treasurer: Fred Mott, Chaplain: George Hipkins, Chief: Wayne Tome, Sr. **Delegates:** Mike Lipka, Sr., Kerry Abrams, Wayne Tome, Sr., Frederick Mott, Sr., Mike Lipkia, Jr. **Alternates:** Karen Mott, Walter Abrams, Steve Kenton, Brad Dixon.

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**** WEST ANNAPOLIS FIRE CO.**, 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401, (410)266-8066, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 11/10/1911, Chartered:, Joined MSFA: 1920, President: Douglas M. Beall, Vice President: Deborah Perry, Secretary: Andrew Clemenko, Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell, Chaplain: James Caulfield, III, Chief: Robert E., Jr. **Delegates:** Douglas Beall, Robert, Jr., Deborah Perry, Wayne Bender, Gayle Bender. **Alternates:** Russell Sears, Kenneth Blackwell, James Caulfield, III, Sharon Owen, Roland Tayman.

**** WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 12460 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD, Email:, County: HOWARD, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: John Coil, Vice President: Jim Piersall, Secretary: Teresa A. Beck, Treasurer: Stephen Fleming, Chaplain: Jeffrey Sturgess, Chief: Howard Mickey Day. **Delegates:** John Coil, Diana Coil, Carl Buell, Howard Mickey Day, Jim Piersall. **Alternates:** Norma Spicer, William Spicer.

**** WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 1348, 7609 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD, 20706, (301)577-0777, (301)731-5163, Email:, County: PRINCE GEORGE'S, Website:, Organized: 1945, Chartered: 1945, Joined MSFA: 1945, President: Mark V. Welch, Vice President: Scott Vazquez, Secretary: Michelle Elden, Treasurer: Melody Wilson, Chaplain:, Chief: John Alter. **Delegates:** Mark V. Welch, John Alter, Scott Vazquez, Brendon Burke, Billy Smith. **Alternates:** Melody Wilson, Dave Parsons, Pat Eubanks, Eric Crouch, Darrin Grant.

**** WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE CO. #4**, 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, (301)733-8615, (301)739-9124, Email: wefc@erols.com, County: WASHINGTON, Website:, Organized: 1872, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: James D. Schaffer, Vice President: Kelly Swain, Secretary: Dennis Martin, Treasurer: Terry Mose, Chaplain:, Chief: Robert Pereschuk. **Delegates:** James D. Schaffer, Clyde Tressler. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. #1**, P.O. Box 357, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD, (410)848-1800, (410)848-3407, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1823, Chartered: 1879, Joined MSFA: 1893, President: Daniel Plunkert, Vice President: William Brahm, Secretary: Richard Koons, Treasurer: Kristen Boyer, Chaplain: Rev. Fred P. Eckhardt, Chief: Jeff Alexander. **Delegates:** Fred Plunkert, Rich Raver, Bob Cumberland, Jr., Jeff Alexander, Daniel Plunkert. **Alternates:** Robin Stansbury, Bill Brehm, Marvin Hollinger, Jason Tyler, Charlie Tolle.

WESTSIDE-BIVALVE VOL. FIRE DEPT., P.O. Box 85, Bivalve, MD, 21814, (410)873-2140, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1937, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Donald L. Messick, Vice President: Jerry Nelson, Secretary: Aspyr Speakman, Treasurer: Rusty Dennis, Chaplain: William Frick, Chief: Brian Catlin. **Delegates:** Joseph Dickerson, Robert Gordon. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** WHEATON VOL. RESCUE SQUAD**, P.O. Box 1577, 11435 Grandview Ave., Wheaton, MD, 20915, (301)949-9673, (301)942-0740, Email: webmaster@wvrs.org, County: MONTGOMERY, Website: www.wvrs.org, Organized: 1955, Chartered: 1955, Joined MSFA: 1960, President: Thomas C. Brown, Vice President: Jeff Stewart, Secretary: Ray Tucker, Treasurer: Nick Hrabak, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: Allan Platky. **Delegates:** Tom Brown, Bob Lawson, Ben Mull, John Rives. **Alternates:** Rhonda Cohen, Allen Platky, Jay Gruber, Kris Hoxha, Steve Sobolewski.

**** WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE CO**, 1407 Pylesville Road, P.O. Box 222, Whiteford, MD, 21160, (410)452-8875, (410)638-3630, Email:, County: HARFORD, Website:, Organized: 1997, Chartered: 1997, Joined MSFA: 1997, President: Larry Holbrook, Vice President: Derek Hopkins, Secretary: Carol Mumpower, Treasurer: Patricia Krick, Chaplain: Donna Snodgrass, Chief: Frank Krick. **Delegates:** Larry Holbrook, Janet Holbrook, Matthew Mumpower, Carol Mumpower, Todd Dousa. **Alternates:** John Williams, James Williams.

**** WHITEMARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO**, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, MD, 21162, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Ken Bielecki, Sr., Vice President: Al Vaughn, Secretary: Sabina Muend, Treasurer:, Chaplain: Jack Bussard, Chief: Capt. Casey Novak. **Delegates:** Ken Bielecki, Sr., Casey Novak, Jack Amrhein, Richard Breach, Sr. **Alternates:** Heather Goulden, Dan Wilder, Jr., Don Chilcoat, Sr., Bill Schlogel, Michael Brudzinski, Jr.

**** WILLARDS VOL. FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 38, Willards, MD, 21874, (410)835-8678, (410)835-2466, Email:, County: WICOMICO, Website:, Organized: 1927, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA:, President: Dale White, Vice President: Julie Wittbank, Secretary: Albert Demoss, Treasurer: Joan Calloway, Chaplain: Ronnie Patey, Chief: Keith Twilley. **Delegates:** Keith Twilley, Kim White, Matt White, Ken Twilley, Dale White. **Alternates:** Brandon White, Keith Twilley, C.K. Twilley, Matt McCormick, Greg Wiltbank.

**** WILLIAMM. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE**, P.O. Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD, 21922, (410)398-7300, (410)620-0797, Email:, County: CECIL, Website:, Organized: 1892, Chartered: 1892, Joined MSFA: 06/10/1896, President: Donald Hicks, Vice President: Joseph Gipson, Secretary: Rosemary Culley, Treasurer: Norman Marquess, Chaplain: Rev. Hubert Jicha, Chief: Frank Lewis. **Delegates:** William Caldwell, David Caldwell, Joseph Gipson, John Denver, Wikkiam McCall. **Alternates:** Donald Miller, Kenneth Streets.

**** WILLIAMSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE**, 2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD, 21795, (301)223-8532, (301)223-6945, Email: info@wvas.com, County: WASHINGTON, Website: www.wvas.com, Organized: 1947, Chartered: 1947, Joined MSFA:, President: Scott Brown, Vice President:, Secretary: Carrie Ammons, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: **Delegates:** Karen Lowman, Harry Gossard, Brian Lowman. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE**, P.O. Box 422, 2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD, 21795, (301)223-9500, (301)223-6122, Email: s2chief@wcvfr.org, County: WASHINGTON, Website: www.williamsportfire.org, Organized: 1929, Chartered: 1929, Joined MSFA: 1929, President: Jay Grimes, Vice President: Craig Osborne, Secretary: Carrie Ammons, Treasurer: John Raidt, Chaplain: Bob Fraley, Chief: Will Ball. **Delegates:** Jay Grimes, Brian Lowman, David Menzies, Vicki Grimes. **Alternates:** Donald Bingaman, Michael Nokes, Craig Osborne, Carrie Ammons, John Raidt.

**** WINFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, 1320 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD, 21784, (410)795-1333, (410)795-1375, Email:, County: CARROLL, Website:, Organized: 1964, Chartered: 1965, Joined MSFA:, President: Scott Legore, Vice President: Robert Farver, Secretary: Kim Legore, Treasurer: Jeanne Legore, Chaplain:, Chief: Tim Warner. **Delegates:** Kevin Warner, Dave Wallace, Matt Paskowski, Rick Warner, Bob Hardesty. **Alternates:** Zach Warner.

**** WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, P.O. Box 9172, Baltimore, MD, 21222, (410)288-0710, (410)288-6095, Email: co27@bcvfa.org, County: BALTIMORE, Website: www.bcvfa.com, Organized: 1942, Chartered: 1942, Joined MSFA: 1943, President: Dale Copeland, Vice President: James Oliver, Secretary: Susan Bruzdziński, Treasurer: Deanna Beans, Chaplain:, Chief: John Schaeffer, Jr. **Delegates:** William Kalwa, Calvin Pffefer, Robert Francis, Tracey Geko, Tim Alrich. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** WOLFVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 12464 Wolfsville Rd., Myersville, MD, 21773, (301)293-1453, (301)293-1343, Email: dafddf21@aol.com, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1980, Chartered: 1980, Joined MSFA: 1980, President: David Doyle, Vice President: David Fox, Secretary: Sherri Fleishell, Treasurer: Gerald Lewis, Chaplain: Randy Reed, Chief: Michael Lewis. **Delegates:** Jim Fleishell, Sherri Fleishell, Diana Lewis. **Alternates:** None Listed.

**** WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**, P.O. Box 236, 529 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD, 21037, (410)956-3100, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1946, Chartered: 1946, Joined MSFA: 1956, President: Gary Haines, Vice President: Roy Faudree, Secretary: Margaret Stalsberg, Treasurer: Vicki Ogilvie, Chaplain:, Chief: Bobby Howlin. **Delegates:** Paul Mills, Mac Connell, Sr., Vicki Ogilvie, Bill Keyes, Mike Purcell. **Alternates:** Candy Hilgenberg, Roy Faudree, Brian Ogilvie, Melissa Gore, Mac Connell, Jr.

**** WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**, 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD, 21207, (410)265-8666, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 05/17/1941, Chartered: 05/17/1941, Joined MSFA: 07/15/1941, President: Donna Kern, Vice President: Jamelle Coles, Secretary: Barbara Walukewicz, Treasurer: Frank Seicke, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** William Letourneau, Donna Kern, Tom Richarts, Tom Skinner, Frank Seicke. **Alternates:** None listed.

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**** WOODSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**, P.O. Box 153, Woodsboro, MD, 21798, (301)898-5100, (301)898-5368, Email: wvfd16@starpower.net, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized: 1953, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA:, President: Angela M. Smith, Vice President: Jr. Cornell, Secretary: Lam Cornell, Treasurer: Donald Trimmer, Chaplain: Kay Ensor, Chief: Micky Fyock. **Delegates:** Michael Fyock, Diane Fyock, Dennis Herry, Angela Smith, Michael Offett. **Alternates:** None listed.

Associate Members

ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS ASSOC., 115 Glenmont Ave., Glen Burnie, MD, 21061, (410)766-4221, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized: 1958, Chartered: 1958, Joined MSFA:, President: Bertha A. Saghy, Vice President: Raymond Neall, Jr., Secretary: Dave Neall, Treasurer: Brian Turley, Chaplain: Linda Schlicht, Chief:. **Delegates:** Kevin Reilly, Harry Hobson. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** ANNE ARUNDEL CO. FIREFIGHTERS**, 8501 Veterans Highway, Millersville, MD, Email:, County: 21198, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Craig Harman, Vice President: William Milliken, Secretary: Kathy Gies, Treasurer: Evelyn Graf, Chaplain: Rev. John Long, Jr., Chief:. **Delegates:** Robert Couchenour, John Long, Jr., Kathy Gies, Robert Seibel, Chuck Austin. **Alternates:** David Lewis, Wylie Donaldson, Evelyn Graf, Craig Harman, Margaret Gouty.

BALTIMORE COUNTY REHAB 155, Email:, County:, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

BLACKWATER FIRE MANAGEMENT, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD ,21613, (410)228-2692, (410)228-3261, Email:, County: DORCHESTER, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: NO OFFICERS IN THIS ORGANIZATION. **Delegates:** Steve Stack, Bill Giese. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** BOX 234 ASSOCIATION**, 22 Walker Avenue, Pikesville, MD, 21208, (410)887-1290, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1954, Chartered: 1954, Joined MSFA: 2000, President: Bonnie Hand, Vice President: Wilson Holden, Secretary: Anida England, Treasurer: Debbie Jakobson, Chaplain:, Chief: Capt. Kurt Jakobson. **Delegates:** Bonnie Hand, Wilson Holden. **Alternates:** Rick Holden, Kurt Jakobson.

**** CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT**, P.O. Box 1909, 1030C Theatre Drive, Prince Frederick, MD, 20678, (410)535-0411, (410)535-0499, Email:, County: CALVERT, Website:, Organized: 1990, Chartered: 1989, Joined MSFA: 2000, President: Robert Bonner, Vice President: Erin Teates, Secretary: Kelly Zimmer, Treasurer: Gary Jenkins, Chaplain:, Chief: Rick Tallman. **Delegates:** Robert Bonner, Kelly Zimmer, Erin Teates,

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Rick Tallman, Danielle Dunn. **Alternates:** Courtney Shannon, Eileen Jenkins, Paul Lennarr, Betsey Fehn.

**** CAROLINE CO. VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSN.,** Email:, County:, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: L. Patti Gordy, Vice President: Doug Ramey, Secretary: Jan Blades, Treasurer: Keith Mowbray, Chaplain: Carol Price, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**** CAROLINE COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT,** P.O. Box 117, 11077 Garland Road, Denton, MD, 21629, (410)479-0488, Email: afroghollow@hotmail.com, County: CAROLINE, Website:, Organized: 1988, Chartered: 1988, Joined MSFA: 1999, President: Bryan Ebling, Vice President: Bryan Alexander, Secretary: Patti Gordy, Treasurer: Cathy Toomey, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** Bryan Alexander, Bryan Ebling, Judy Sullivan, Renee Bounds, Susan Tiffany. **Alternates:** Cathy Toomey.

**** CENTRAL ALARMERS INC,** 7856 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD, 21236, (410)661-9321, Email:, County: BALTIMORE, Website:, Organized: 1955, Chartered: 1955, Joined MSFA: 1999, President: Robert Pollock, Vice President: Al Vaughn, Secretary: Deborah Peyton, Treasurer: John Cromwell, Chaplain:,Chief:. **Delegates:** Al Vaughn, Cindy Sennett, Carol Vaughn, John Cromwell, Debbie Peyton. **Alternates:** Bill Stockum, John Peyton, Tracey Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Sue Lee.

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT, Annapolis, MD, 21401, Email:, County: ANNE ARUNDEL, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: Michael P. Lonergan. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

CITY OF CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT, P.O. Box 1702, 20 Bedford Street, Cumberland, MD, 21502, (301)759-6480, Email: wherbaugh@cin.cumberland.md.us, County: ALLEGANY, Website:, Organized: 1906, Chartered: 1906, Joined MSFA: 1999, President:, Vice President:, Secretary: Julie A. Davis, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: William G. Herbaugh. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY VOL. FIRE ASSOCIATION, Email:, County:, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

DEPT. OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ST. MARY'S COUNTY, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD, 20650, (301)475-8016, (301)475-4370, Email:, County: ST MARY, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Vice President: None listed Manager, Secretary: Stanley J. Williams. Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

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FREDERICK COUNTY DEPT. OF FIRE/RESCUE, 340 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD, 21702, Email: ckwn@starpower.net, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: James Mau, Vice President: 1st Timothy Ganley, 2nd Judy White, Secretary: Kiona Black, Treasurer: Mark Vassallo, Chaplain: David Coblentz, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE, 340 MONTEVUE LANE, FREDERICK, MD, 21702, (301)846-2282, (301)631-3466, Email:, County: FREDERICK, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: James May, Vice President:, Secretary: Edith Rhinehart, Treasurer: Paul Fink, Chaplain: Dave Coblentz, Chief:. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 400, Columbia, MD, 21046, (410)313-6000, (410)313-6027, Email: rfaith@co.co.md.us, County: HOWARD, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: W. Raymond Faith. **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE ASSN., 101 Monroe Street, 12th Floor, Rockville, MD, 20850, (240)777-2400, (240)777-2414, Email:, County: MONTGOMERY, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** Gordon Aoyaci, Thomas W. Carr. **Alternates:** Nne listed.

PROVIDENT AGENCY, P.O. Box 11588, 272 Alpha Drive, (800)447-0360, (412)963-0415, Email: cbens@providentbenefits.com, County:, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:.**Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

SMC DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY, PO Box 653, 23090 Leonard Hall Dr., MD, (301)475-8016, (301)475-4370, Email:, County: ST. MARY'S, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President: Vice President: Stanley J. Williams, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief:. **Delegates:** Stanley J. Williams. **Alternates:** None listed.

TALBOT COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SVCS, P.O. Box 514, Easton, MD, 21601, Email:, County: TALBOT, Website:, Organized:, Chartered:, Joined MSFA:, President:, Vice President:, Secretary:, Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: **Delegates:** None listed. **Alternates:** None listed.

**“The Mission of the
Maryland State
Firemen’s Association
is to Serve, Promote,
Advocate, and
Represent
the interest of the
Volunteer Fire, Rescue,
and Emergency Medical
Services of Maryland”**

CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

An Act to Incorporate the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward Israel, Edward S. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin H. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, William M. Crimmons, Hiram R. Heck, O. D. Golbert and their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Maryland State Firemen's Association", and by that name shall have perpetual succession and be capable in law to hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law and equity; to have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and bylaws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs provided the same shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or the United States; to elect officers and directors and generally to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this act, or to promote the objects and designs of the said corporation.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the object and purpose of this corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel who have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to insure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/ or emergency ambulance services, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the finds and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the volunteer fire and ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland, comprising the members of this corporation, shall annually in June, elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years) and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number as the Executive Committee; who together with the other officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the said corporation hereby formed shall have full power to receive subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of money, or real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and hold such property, to be applied by it to the objects of its incorporation.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward

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Israel, Edward E. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin R. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, O. D. Gilbert, William M. Crimmins and Hiram R. Heck shall be officers and managers of said corporation until the second Thursday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and shall serve as such until their successors are elected.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1894.

**STATE OF MARYLAND
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION
301 WEST PRESTON STREET
BALTIMORE 21201**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the within instrument is a true copy of the ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION as approved and received for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland, November 21, 1975 at 8:30 o'clock A.M.

RICHARD H. KELLER
CHARTER SPECIALIST, II
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE CHARTER OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FIRST: That the General Convention of the members of the Corporation, called by its governing body, and duly convened pursuant to the Constitution of the Corporation on June 17, 1975, upon recommendation of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation, the membership has voted to amend the Charter as follows:

SECOND: The Resident Agent of the corporation shall be: JAMES C. ROBERTSON, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

THIRD: The principal of the Corporation shall be located at the Fire Service Extension Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

FOURTH: The Charter is amended by striking out Section 2 and section 3 of the Charter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 2. And be it enacted, that the object and purpose of this Corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of the State of Maryland, to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to ensure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the Volunteer Firemen and volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of Volunteer Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Companies

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in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/or emergency ambulance service, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the findings and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance and Rescue companies of the state of Maryland composing the members of this Corporation shall annually, in June elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years), and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number of persons as may be provided by the Constitution of the Corporation to act as the Executive Committee; who, together with the other Officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Maryland State Firemen's Association has caused these presents to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and its Secretary, and to affix its Corporation seal hereunto this 17th day of June, 1975.

ATTEST:

CHARLES B. BURTON, Secretary

THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

by C. EDWIN TURNER, SR.,

President

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF MARYLAND, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of June, 1975, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared C. EDWIN TURNER, SR., President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, acknowledged the foregoing Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the said Corporation; and at the same time personally appeared CHARLES B. BURTON who made oath in due form of law that he was the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association at the time of the general convention wherein the foregoing Amendments were enacted and that the said Amendments were adopted and that the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing Articles of Amendment are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and notorial seal the day and year last above written.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

Articles of Amendment To The Charter Of The Maryland State Firemen's Association

The Maryland State Firemen's Association having had notice of proposed Charter Amendments in accordance with the Constitution of the Maryland State Firemen's Association as recommended by the Officers and Directors, and having had notice having

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attended the annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and a quorum of the Maryland State Firemen's Association having been present, and the ballots having been distributed, and the question of the Amendment having been passed as certified by the election judges of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, this Amendment to the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen's Association,

Witnesseth:

FIRST: That the Resident Agent of the Maryland State Firemen's Association shall be until his successor is duly appointed, Leonard T. King, 6047 Melbourne Avenue, Deale, Maryland, 120751.

SECOND: The principal office of the corporation shall be 6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740.

THIRD: Section 3 of the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is amended to add to the designated elected officers, the office of Financial Secretary.

FOURTH: With the incorporation of the amendments to its Charter hereinbefore made, the Maryland State Firemen's Association does reaffirm and republish its Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has caused these presentes to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and attested to by its Secretary, this 26 day of August, 1996.

TEST: Maryland State Firemen's Association Leonard T. King, Secretary By: Stephan D. Cox, President

STATE OF MARYLAND: COUNTY OF Baltimore: TO WIT: 1996, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the Maryland State Firemen's Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of the said corporation and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, and acknowledged the foregoing Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the said corporation; and at the same time personally appeared LEONARD T. KING, who made oath in due form of law that he was the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association at the time of the general convention when on June 18, 1996, the foregoing Amendments were enacted and that following proper notice to its membership, that said Amendments were voted on a adopted, and that the matters set forth in the foregoing Articles of Amendment are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and seal this 26 day of August, 1996.

Judith Lapide
SEAL

Notary Public

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*****CONSTITUTION*****

ARTICLE I- NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- The name of the Association shall be "The Maryland State Firemen's Association". "MSFA" shall be considered to represent the name of the Association when used, subsequent to this Section, in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2- Regular Membership- Regular members shall be the Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies whose stations are located in the State of Maryland, having equipment, personnel and facilities which comply with the provisions of this Constitution, and who have paid the initiation fee, yearly dues, and have elected delegates and alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. Nothing in this Article shall be constructed as affecting the membership status of any volunteer fire company or department, which was a

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member of the Association on July 1, 1975. The words "Member Companies" as used in following articles of the Constitution and By-Laws shall include "Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies", except in those instances where it is necessary to differentiate.

Each company desiring to hold membership in this Association shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars (\$ 5.00). Each active company shall pay to the Financial Secretary on or before the first of April in each year the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) as annual dues or in the case of new members, a pro rata amount for the current year (payable with the initiation fee), said sum constituting dues for the current fiscal year. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

Section 3- The MSFA is authorized to suspend a membership, so issued, at any time it determines that the Member Company is proven to be in violation of or no longer meets the qualifications as prescribed under this Article.

Section 4- Associate Membership- Any fire, rescue or ambulance company which does not otherwise meet the standards for membership in the MSFA; and any organization which provides direct services either in supporting any volunteer fire company, rescue company, or ambulance service, by the provision of collateral services which aid the volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland in providing their services, shall be entitled to apply and upon approval to become Associate Members of the MSFA. Such application would require review and approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Associate Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. In order to qualify as Associate Member, the applicant organization must provide services, which directly benefit career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies of the State of Maryland, such as providing for services at the scene of an emergency, fund raising for such organizations or other similar purposes. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose of the organization applying for Associate Membership, and that it is effectively a non-profit organization; that it is an organization which does not exist for the profit of any individual member thereof, but for humanitarian purposes. The annual dues for Associate Membership would be fifty dollars (\$ 50.00). The first year's dues plus a five-dollar (\$ 5.00) initiation fee must accompany the application. Twenty dollars (\$ 20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships. Associate Members once approved as such, are entitled to attend activities of the MSFA. However, Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote with regard to the business of the MSFA.

Section 5- Sustaining Membership- Any organization which desires to provide pecuniary support or otherwise collaterally support any program or purpose of the MSFA, and the existence of which as an entity does not otherwise contain any conflict with respect to the purposes of the MSFA, may apply to the MSFA as a Sustaining Member. The application for such membership would be required to be submitted to the Executive Committee of the MFSFA for review and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Sustaining Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is

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subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. The application shall identify the applicant with regard to the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, the primary business of the applicant, the nature of activities in which the applicant is involved; other than its primary business, the reason for the application, the type of pecuniary or collateral support the applicant proposes to provide to the MSFA, and the nature and constituency of its directors or membership or any other persons having a directorial or managerial interest in the applicant organization. The application will be accompanied by the first year's annual dues of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 250.00), plus a five-dollar (\$ 5.00) initiation fee. Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships. The applicant, upon approval as a Sustaining Member, would be entitled to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA and, by invitation, selected meetings of the Executive Committee of the MSFA, but would have neither a right to a seat in the Annual Convention and Conference nor a right to vote with respect to the affairs of the MSFA. The Sustaining Member shall receive the Maryland State Firemen's Association Trumpet magazine, window decal, and an appropriate recognition award as approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 6- The President shall designate a Special Committee to study and report on the application of any person, firm or corporation for either Associate or Sustaining Membership and to, thereafter, report to the Executive Committee its recommendations with respect to the applicant. Such Special Committee would consist of no less than two (2) members of the Executive Committee, two (2) past presidents of the MSFA, the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee. In addition, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, up to three (3) additional members-at-large may be appointed to the Special Committee to study and make a recommendation with respect to the application for Associate or Sustaining Membership. This committee shall not exist beyond the recommendation for any subject application.

Section 7- The Executive Committee shall report on the approval of all Associate or Sustaining Memberships at the Annual Convention and Conference. Such report shall be made prior to the preparation and distribution of ballots, thereby providing the right of the delegates registered and voting to call for reversal of action by the Executive Committee with regard to such approval or disapproval of Associate or Sustaining Memberships. This reversal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 8- Individual Membership- An Individual Membership will entitle an individual to participate in MSFA functions, participate in all benefit programs offered by the MSFA, that have been approved for Individual Membership by the Executive Committee. Individual members of the MSFA would not be eligible to vote at the Annual Convention and Conference. To qualify for Individual Membership in the MSFA, each individual would have to be a member of a Regular Member Organization, as outlined in Article I, Section 2 or, of an Alarmers or Canteen organization. Each individual member would be required to

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pay annual dues, as set forth by the Executive Committee.

Application for an Individual Membership will be made through the Office of the Secretary, who will maintain a listing of all Individual Members. Each Individual Member will be assigned a membership number, which will be issued only one (1) time.

Section 9- Silver Lifetime Membership- An individual may purchase a Silver Lifetime Membership. A Silver Lifetime Member will be entitled to the same benefits as the Individual Membership and shall not be eligible to vote. However, a Silver Lifetime Membership would require a onetime payment, as set forth by the Executive Committee. Members who purchase a Silver Lifetime Membership will not be authorized a return of their funds, for any reason.

Section 10- Gold Lifetime Membership- Any Individual Member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary and outstanding manner as to promote and advance the MSFA, who is nominated by an Individual or Regular Member, and is approved as such by the Executive Committee; and every individual who has served as the President of the MSFA shall be awarded a Gold Lifetime Membership. Gold Lifetime Members will be entitled to the same benefits as the Individual Membership, except as otherwise addressed in the Constitution and By-Laws of the MSFA. Gold Lifetime Members shall not be assessed dues.

Section 11- The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is a member of the MSFA, without voting privileges and without obligation to pay dues.

Section 12- Member companies of the MSFA and members of those companies shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or members of those companies who are accused of misconduct as defined in the Constitution and By-laws of the MSFA shall be subject to a hearing by the Executive Committee. Misconduct shall be defined as acting in such a manner and fashion so as to expose the MSFA or the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services to negative publicity and ridicule by failing to act to remedy an event of misconduct by a member(s) of its Company. Upon a Member Company or member(s) of a company violating this provision, the Executive Committee shall direct the MSFA Secretary to notify the company, in writing, of the specifics of the misconduct and request a representative of the company to appear before the Executive Committee at a specific time and place. The Executive Committee in executive closed session shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and Bylaws violation. The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member.

ARTICLE II- ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- The Annual Convention and Conference shall be held annually in June. Business sessions shall be at the call of the President. The President shall develop an Order of Business for the Annual Convention and Conference, to be approved by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee Meeting in the new calendar year. The Order of Business shall enumerate the business session planned and provide, at a minimum, for Reports of Officers; Reports of Committees; Nomination of Officers; Voting

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for Officers and Constitution and By-Laws changes; Unfinished Business; New Business; Good of the Association; and any other Business to come before the Annual Convention and Conference in the Business Sessions. The location of the Annual Convention and Conference shall be chosen by a majority of the votes of the Delegates, Alternates, or others qualified, present and voting on the official ballot, at least three (3) years in advance. Each Member Company shall be entitled to cast five (5) votes and the Past Presidents one (1) vote each.

Section 2- Should there, for any cause, be a need to change the place and/or time for the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the Executive Committee shall have the power to select the place and the Secretary shall notify the Member Companies of the place chosen, three (3) months prior to the time of the meeting. In case the Annual Convention and Conference is not held for any cause at the time fixed in Section 1, then it shall be held at a subsequent date during the year. The date to be determined by the Executive Committee and notice thereof to be given to the Member Companies by the Secretary.

Section 3- After the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the President shall call the delegates to attend Special Conventions and Conferences at times and places named by him, whenever the Executive Committee shall deem Special Conventions and Conferences necessary. Counting from the Centennial, the Association shall schedule a Special Convention and Conference, to be held thereafter, on each 25th year anniversary.

Section 4- All Past Presidents shall be entitled to seats in and participate in the proceedings of the Annual Convention and Conference. (See Article B of these By-Laws).

Section 5- Parliamentary Procedure- Rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the meetings of the MSFA in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws and any special rules that the MSFA may adopt.

ARTICLE III- REPRESENTATION AND RULES

Section 1- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to the benefits of the Association in full.

Section 2- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to elect annually five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference, who shall be the representatives of their respective organizations for one (1) year and entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences during the year for which the dues of their Member Company has been paid in accordance with Article I, Section 2. No delegate may represent more than one (1) Member Company and no delegate's name shall appear on more than one (1) Credential List.

Section 3- Each Member Company electing delegates and alternates to the Annual Convention and Conference shall furnish said delegates and alternates with proper credentials certifying to their election, and signed by the President or Secretary of the organization, which shall be forwarded to the Recording Secretary of the Association on or before the third day of June in each year.

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Section 4- Any Member Company, who is delinquent in paying their dues by April 1st, shall automatically be suspended. The Financial Secretary shall notify the Member Company that it has been suspended for failure to pay dues. If the Member Company does not pay dues, after the notice, within sixty (60) days, the Member Company will not be permitted to register at the Annual Convention and Conference. If the Member Company does not pay dues before the close of the Annual Convention and Conference, the suspended company's membership will be terminated. The terminated company may reapply for membership, pursuant to Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution, and shall pay all dues, in arrears, with the application.

Section 5- Membership and Voting- Member shall be defined and qualified as recited in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution. Qualified new members shall have the right to participate in the business of the MSFA at Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences as provided in Article III, Sections 2 and 3.

Delegates or Alternates otherwise qualified pursuant to terms of this Constitution shall have the right to vote on all matters properly submitted during Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences.

Past Presidents shall have the right to participate as voting Delegates during the Annual Convention and Conference as provided by Article II, Section 4.

Section 6- Fiscal Year- The Fiscal Year of the MSFA shall be July 1st through June 30th. Following the close of the Fiscal Year, the books of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the Financial Review Committee and a report of their status made to the Executive Committee, and to the Association at the next Annual Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1- All elected officers of this Association shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Chaplain, and a Board of five (5) Trustees. The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Chief Chaplain shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees. The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall be elected in alternate years, so that their terms of office do not end in the same year. This initial transition to alternating years will result in the Treasurer being elected for a two (2) year term and the Financial Secretary being elected to a one (1) year term at the June 2007 Convention and Conference. The Financial Secretary will then be elected for a full two (2) year term at the June 2008 Convention and Conference.

Section 2- A majority of the votes of those qualified present and voting shall be required to elect. Each Member Company shall be entitled to five (5) votes. Voting shall be

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by printed ballot or voting machine. For any office or place of next Annual Convention and Conference where there is only one (1) nominee, the nominee shall be declared elected or chosen and the office and place shall not be listed on the ballot.

Section 3- Whenever there are more than two (2) candidates, after each ballot when there shall be a failure to elect, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped until two (2) remain.

Section 4- The President shall preside at all conventions and conferences, appoint all committees and in collaboration with the Chief Chaplain, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and the Recording Secretary appoint Chaplains, Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Financial and Recording Secretaries, if required. The President shall sign orders on the Treasurer for payment of money, and countersign all orders issued by the Board of Trustees for the payment of benefits. In making committee appointments, the President shall be guided by the concept of regionalization as provided for in the Constitution, Article VIII (Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board).

The President shall visit or cause to be visited by the First and/or Second Vice-Presidents as many Active Member Companies and respective bodies of Active Member Companies as possible, the delinquent Member Companies, and the companies or departments that do not belong to this Association.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall make an annual report to the Association and shall perform all other duties as may be required of him by the Association.

The President, after conferring with the Executive Committee, shall annually meet with the Governor with regard to the State Budget to provide for funding requests for the funds to be administered by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

The actual expense incurred by the President and/or Vice-Presidents in making the visits specified above, after they have been properly itemized and approved by the Executive Committee, shall be paid by the Association in the following amounts not to exceed: the President- Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 2,500.00) and the First/ Second Vice- President- One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000.00) each.

It shall be the duty of the President to invite through the Secretary, the Governor of the State of Maryland to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. The invitation shall go forward to the Governor at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Annual Convention and Conference, and the President shall provide a period of time on the program to suit the Governor's pleasure.

Section 5- It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President in the case of the death, resignation or inability to act of the President to assume the duties of the President. In the event of the death of both the President and the First Vice-President, or if either be unable to attend the duties of the President, the Second Vice-President shall assume these duties, if necessary.

Section 6- In the absence of the President, the First and Second Vice-Presidents from any convention and conference, one of the delegates shall be called to the chair by a vote of the convention and conference.

Section 7- The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for that

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purpose a complete record of all Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences and all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall publish each year the proceedings book of each Annual Convention and Conference. The Recording Secretary shall receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association and keep a record thereof. The Recording Secretary shall make an annual report to the Association and also such reports from time to time as the President and Executive Committee may require. The Recording Secretary shall, provide to the meeting of each Annual Convention and Conference, a roll of Member Companies entitled to representation therein, by reason of having complied with the provision of Section 1, Article III, and another roll of Past Presidents, delegates and alternates entitled to a seat in the convention and conference and deliver the rolls together with credentials of the delegates and alternates-elect to the committee on credentials appointed by the convention and conference. The Recording Secretary shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the President. The Recording Secretary shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses, not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000.00).

Section 8- The Financial Secretary shall receive all monies and turn them over to the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall keep in a book, provided for that purpose, a complete record of all the monies received by the MSFA. The Financial Secretary shall give bond, to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the President. The Financial Secretary shall mail bills to each Member Company in January of each year. Said bills to contain a notice, prominently displayed, that dues are payable in advance and will be considered in arrears after April 1st. The Financial Secretary shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 500.00).

Section 9- The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary and safely keep all monies belonging to the MSFA. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for the payment of bills of the MSFA, along with the President, the Financial Secretary, or Committee Chairman on whose budgeted funds the check is being drawn, after the expense has been submitted to the Budget and Revenue Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at the first session of each Annual Convention and Conference, giving an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, accompanied by the vouchers thereof. The Treasurer shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the Financial Secretary. The Treasurer shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed Eight Hundred Dollars (\$ 800.00).

Section 10- The Board of Trustees shall have control and management of the money annually appropriated to the MSFA by the State of Maryland, and shall not order the expenditure of any of it for any other purpose than paying of the benefits provided for in Article VI.

The Board shall meet after the adjournment of each Annual Convention and Conference and organize by the election of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary from among its number, who shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Board shall also meet prior to the first session of each Annual Convention

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and Conference and at such other times and places as it may be called together by its Chairman. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall receive and mark, tie and keep a record of all claims for benefits and perform all other duties as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall receive the sum not to exceed One Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$ 165.00) for general expenses of his office, such as investigations, etc. The Board of Trustees shall make a report, in writing, to the MSFA at each Annual Convention and Conference. The Trustees shall each receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00).

Section 11- The Chief Chaplain shall have had formal training of the Word of God, shall have served as a Priest, Rabbi, or Minister; and shall be recognized as a clergyman by the religious group of which he is a member; and shall be elected from any of the Member Companies of this Association, and his duties shall be those that the President shall call for him to perform. If because of Ministerial duties or other reasons he requires assistants, he shall submit his request to the President, together with names. The President may appoint a Chaplain or Chaplains, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference. The Chaplains shall have the responsibilities of conducting the Memorial Service at the Annual Convention and Conference, including the compilation of a list of deceased members. The Chief Chaplain shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$ 350.00). Each Chaplain shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00).

Section 12- No Officer, Committee Chairman, or Member shall at any time or in any way, by writing or otherwise, take into their hands any matter being handled by an Officer or Committee, without first consulting said Officer or Committee Chairman in charge.

Section 13- Failure of an Officer to perform his duties shall be deemed just and sufficient cause for suspension from office in the MSFA by the Executive Committee.

Section 14- Travel reimbursement for officers, if any, not covered elsewhere in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be based on mileage traveled one way. The Executive Committee shall set the rate so that travel costs can be included in budgets to be presented to the Executive Committee at its budget meeting. The Executive Committee shall set the amount allowed for overnight stay, if any. Any reimbursement authorized shall be for Officers attending Executive Committee meetings.

Section 15- The appointed officers of the MSFA shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of the Executive Committee Members, Office of the Parliamentarian, and Office of the Attorney. The appointed officers shall hold their office for one (1) year or until their successors are appointed by the President of the MSFA.

Section 16- The immediate Past President, who shall be an ex-officio member and twelve (12) appointed members shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Members shall be appointed with the provision that no more than one (1) appointed member shall be from any one (1) region represented in the Association.

The Executive Committee shall hold at least three (3) meetings during each year,

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one (1) within thirty (30) days after their appointments, one (1) at least twenty (20) days before each Convention and Conference, and others at the discretion of the President at such times and places as shall be designated by the President. Other meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by a majority of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall fix the amount of and approve the bonds of the Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, if applicable; make all contracts for work to be done or supplies to be provided by this Constitution; and approve Committee Chairman out of pocket expenses incurred by them incident to the performance of their duties. The Executive Committee shall approve the budget as submitted by the Budget and Revenue Committee, with the right to alter the budget as submitted, within its discretion, as in the best interest of the MSFA.

Any vacancy occurring in an elective office shall be filled by an individual recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The officer so selected shall serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference; if the term, for which the vacancy occurred does not expire at that Annual Convention and Conference, the term of the successor elected there shall be for the balance of the vacant term.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to call Special Conventions and Conferences through the President. The Executive Committee shall make an annual report to the MSFA and shall look after its interest generally. At all of its meetings a majority shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those present shall decide all questions. (The Executive Committee shall only receive or make payment of money or contracts during its period of office.)

The Executive Committee shall take an annual inventory of all equipment, supplies, etc., owned by the Association, listing name of article, value of same and in whose custody said article is maintained. This inventory shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book. No property belonging to the Association shall be disposed of without the consent of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee and the Elected Officers shall manage the affairs of, and the Executive Committee shall transact all business of the MSFA requiring action between the Annual Conventions and Conferences. The Executive Committee shall review and approve, or disapprove with recommendations all recommendations for grants, loans, or low interest loans made by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. The Executive Committee shall confer with the President of the MSFA, with respect to requests for funding to be made for the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board, to be presented to the Governor by the President of the MSFA.

The Executive Committee Chairman shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 500.00).

Section 17- The Office of the Parliamentarian shall be consultant to and advise the President or other Officers and Committee Chairman on any questions that may arise in interpreting the Constitution and By-Laws. The Parliamentarian shall be present at all meetings during the Annual Convention and Conference to assist the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary inquiry and to call attention of the presiding officer to any error in the proceedings that may affect the substantive rights of any member or may otherwise

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do harm. The Parliamentarian shall speak when requested by the presiding officer.

Section 18- The Office of the Attorney shall render advice and assistance to the officers and committees on all legal matters involving the MSFA, as requested.

Section 19- All elected and appointed officers and committee members shall turn over to the Executive Committee, all records, equipment, monies and any other property of the Association, upon completion of their term of office or service on a committee.

Section 20- Any officer who requires an assistant, may request, of the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to appoint one (1) or more assistants. An assistant officer shall serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference, unless removed earlier by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The duties of each assistant officer shall be within the scope of the duties of, and as determined by, the elected Officer to whom that assistant assists. Each Assistant Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$ 200.00).

ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES

Section 1- The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

Emergency Medical Services Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Financial Review Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Convention and Conference Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

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

Training Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Historical, Archives & Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

Legislative Committee- Chairman and one (1) member from each county represented in the MSFA, all to be appointed annually.

Public Relations Committee- At least five (5) members all to be appointed annually.

Safety Committee- At least five (5) members, terms of two (2) years with three (3) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and two (2) members to be appointed in even-numbered years.

Scholarship Committee- At least seven (7) members, three (3) to be appointed every even year for a two (2) year term and four (4) to be appointed in odd years for a two (2) year term.

Standards Committee- At least seven (7) members, terms of two (2) years, with four (4) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and three (3) members to be

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appointed in even-numbered years.

Firefighter Of The Year Committee- At least nine (9) members, appointed annually.

Statistical Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Transportation Committee- At least five (5) members, terms to be for two (2) years, with two (2) members appointed in even years and three (3) members appointed in odd years.

Budget & Revenue Committee- Six (6) members, plus the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall constitute the Budget & Revenue Committee. Two (2) members to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Planning Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

Special Activities Committee- At least nine (9) members, all to be appointed annually.

17 State Circle Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Hall Of Fame Committee- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.

Data Systems Committee- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.

Ways & Means Committee- At least six (6) members, all to be appointed annually.

Awards Committee- To be appointed annually, and to include as members the Chairman of all awards committees and a Chairman, not a member of any such committee.

Incentive Programs Committee- A Chairman and at least nine (9) members, but not more than twenty-three (23) members, who shall cover the various areas of the State.

Section 2- The Standing Committees shall be appointed annually by the President, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association.

A subcommittee for a specific purpose may be appointed under any Standing Committee. Such subcommittee shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the subcommittee shall be a member of the Standing Committee. Reports from the subcommittee shall be presented through the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Section 3- Committee members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

The Committee Chairman shall report the activities of the committee, as directed by the President, to the Executive Committee and to members of the MSFA in convention and conference assembled. The failure of a committee member to perform prescribed duties shall be reported to the President, in writing, by the Committee Chairman. The President may remove and replace the offending committee member, who will be notified,

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in writing, by the MSFA Secretary. Said offending committee member may request, in writing, a hearing by the Executive Committee at its next scheduled meeting. In that event, the Executive Committee will either support or reverse the President's action.

Any appointee to a Standing or Special Committee of the MSFA, or to any Government, Regular or Special board, Commission, study group or administrative agency of this State; or any appointee to any committee or commission of another State or political subdivision; or any appointee to any organization shall report on his or her committee's or commission's activities to the Executive Committee and to the Member Companies of the MSFA in convention and conference assembled. A list shall be appended to the By-Laws, naming such personnel and the non-MSFA bodies on which they are serving; listing terms of appointment, including date each person's term ends; describing briefly the purpose of each group; and showing a minimum schedule of reports to the MSFA, the schedule to be set by the Executive Committee. Such list shall be updated continuously (without need for the Amendment process) as information becomes available or as Executive Committee reporting requirements change.

Section 4- Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the President shall fill any unexpired term vacancy in any committee. In newly established committees with staggered terms, lots shall be drawn to determine length of terms of those initially appointed.

Section 5- Travel reimbursement, if any, shall be based on mileage traveled one way. The Executive Committee shall set the rate so that travel costs can be included in budgets to be presented to the Executive Committee at its budget meeting. The amount allowed for overnight stay, if any, shall be set by the Executive Committee. Any reimbursement authorized shall be for: 1) personnel attending meetings of MSFA Committees of which they are members and 2) Chairmen of MSFA Committees attending meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI- BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES

Section 1-(Death)- (Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-203). For the purpose of requiring that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association pay a certain amount of death benefits to certain persons if a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad dies under certain circumstances, regardless of the district in which the decedent died or whether the decedent died while acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire company or rescue squad; authorizing under certain circumstances a designated relative of the decedent to collect death benefits; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to death benefits and volunteer firefighters and individuals serving on volunteer rescue squads.

(A) In this section, "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

(B) (1) The Board shall pay death benefits under this section if a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad dies:

(l) As a direct result of actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or from a fire;

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(II) While performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;

(III) While actively participating in the ambulance advanced life support, or rescue work of a volunteer fire, ambulance, or rescue company or volunteer advanced life support unit in the State; or

(IV) While providing emergency or rescue assistance, whether acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire, ambulance, or rescue company or advanced life support unit.

(2) The Benefits shall be paid from the treasury of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in an amount the Board determines, but not less than Two thousand two hundred dollars (\$ 2,200.00), regardless of:

(I) The district in which the decedent died; or

(II) Whether the decedent died in:

1. This State

2. One of the following adjacent states- Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Virginia; or

3. The District of Columbia

(3) The benefits shall be paid to:

(I) The surviving spouse, or dependent child or children;

(II) If no one is eligible under item (I) of this paragraph then dependent parent or parents;

(III) If no one is eligible under item (I) or item (II) of this paragraph, the surviving child or children of the decedent in equal shares;

(IV) If no one is eligible under item (I), (II), or (III) of this paragraph, the surviving parent or parents; or

(V) If no one is eligible under item (I), (II), (III) or (IV) of this paragraph a surviving sister, brother, or grandparent of the decedent in equal shares.

(C) If there is a surviving spouse or a dependent child or children, the case shall be laid before the Board, and if the facts are established as provided in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-203, the surviving spouse and child, or children as the case may be, shall be placed on the "Disabled Firemen's and Rescue Squadmen's List", and the surviving spouse, while remaining unmarried, shall be entitled to receive a benefit from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in an amount determined by the Board, to be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amount as the Board may decide, until remarriage.

(D) Each of the children of the deceased firefighters or individuals serving on a rescue squad shall receive a benefit from the Maryland State Firemen's Association in an amount determined by the Board and be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amount the Board may decide, until the children each attain the age of eighteen (18) years.

(E) Any child or children of a deceased volunteer firemen, rescue squadsman or ambulance personnel whose death has been caused by an accident resulting from active participation in the performance of his/her duties or while going to or from the scene of any emergency

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or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the company, after having graduated from an accredited high school, shall have the right and privilege of attending schools of higher education at the expense of the MSFA, which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the said MSFA.

(F) This by-law shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect volunteer firefighters and individuals serving on volunteer rescue squads who have died, on or after July 1, 1996, while fighting a fire or performing any official task under circumstances that would cause the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to pay death benefits under this by-law.

Section 2-(Disablement)- For the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association pay a certain benefit to a person who is a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad who is disabled under certain circumstances, regardless of the district in which the person was disabled while acting alone at the direction of or with a fire company or rescue squad in this State or certain neighboring states; and generally relating to benefits for volunteer firefighters and individuals who serve on volunteer rescue squads.

(A) In this section, "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

(B) A person who is a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad is eligible to receive a benefit from the Board if:

(1) The person is temporarily or permanently disabled:

(I) As a direct result of actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or while going to or from a fire;

(II) While performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;

(III) While actively participating in the ambulance advanced life support, or rescue work of a volunteer fire, ambulance, or rescue company or volunteer advanced life support unit in the State; or

(V) While providing emergency or rescue assistance, whether acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire, ambulance or rescue company or advanced life support unit.

(2) The person is supported by the recommendation of the fire company or volunteer rescue squad of which the person is a member.

(C) Benefits under this section shall be paid from the treasury of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in an amount and in a manner that the Board determines for as long as the beneficiary is disabled.

(D) Benefits under this section shall be paid to a beneficiary regardless of

(1) The district in which the beneficiary was disabled; or

(2) Whether the beneficiary was disabled in

(I) This State

(II) One of the following adjacent states- Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Virginia; or

(III) The District of Columbia

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(E) The secretary of the Board shall place and keep the name of each beneficiary under this section on a "Disabled Firemen's and Rescue Squadmen's List".

(F) Any child or children of permanently disabled volunteer fireman, rescue squads man, or ambulance personnel whose disability has been caused by an accident resulting from active participation in the performance of his/her duties or while going to or from the scene of any emergency or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the company, after having graduated from an accredited high school, shall have the right and privilege of attending schools of higher education at the expense of the MSFA, which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the said MSFA.

Section 3- Claims for benefits paid by the Association shall be made in accordance with the following "Rules of Procedures for Obtaining Benefits" as adopted by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Executive Committee. The term widow as used in the article shall include widower.

The following rules of procedures shall be in effect in the administration of the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-202 and 7-203 as amended. These rules shall be in lieu of all rules heretofore adopted provided that the Trustees of the MSFA may amend or abrogate any rules in order to further the proper administration of the law.

RULE NO. I

POSTING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES

A copy of these Rules, together with any other notices prepared and sent out by the Trustees for the purpose of giving instructions or conveying information to persons interested in or entitled to benefits under the provisions of the law, shall be kept conspicuously posted in or about the station of every Volunteer Fire Company, Volunteer Ambulance or Rescue Squad in the State of Maryland. The Trustees shall, annually, provide notification and information on benefits and scholarships available to the recipients of benefits from the Board of Trustees.

RULE NO. II

PROCEDURE IN CASE OF DISABILITY OF A QUALIFIED MEMBER

A. DUTY OF INJURED MEMBER

Each qualified member must, within ten (10) days after the beginning of his disability, file or cause to be filed with the Chief or Secretary of his Company (or a member acting in either capacity) a properly filled-in signed and notarized copy of the form entitled "CLAIM FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS" (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (2/2007)). (Injured Members Report-Section)

B. DUTY OF THE COMPANY

The Chief or Secretary of the Company (or a member of the Company acting in either capacity) must take the following action:

(1) Within ten (10) days after the beginning of the disability of a member of the Company, fill in, execute and place in the mails or otherwise cause to be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, "CLAIM FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS" (MSFABT FORM 2 (2/2007) section (Fire Company's Report).

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(2) Within ten (10) days after the beginning of the disability have the physician attending the disabled member complete the "CLAIM FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS" (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (2/2007) section (Physician's Report) and sign and forward same to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

(3) Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the completed form "CLAIM FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS" (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (2/2007) as soon as possible after receipt from disabled member.

(4) Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the "COMPANY RESOLUTION" (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/2000) completed at a regular or special meeting of the company approving the claim. (No payment will be made prior to receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of a copy of the resolution).

(5) If a disability lasts longer than ten (10) days, including Sundays and Holidays, submit such other information as may be required by the Board of Trustees.

RULE NO. III

PROCEDURE IN CASE OF DEATH OF A QUALIFIED MEMBER

A. DUTY OF THE COMPANY

The Chief or Secretary of the Company (or a member acting in either capacity) must take the following action:

(1) If there is a surviving spouse or children, secure from the spouse or the person responsible for the child or children, a filled-in, signed and notarized copy of the form entitled "CLAIM FOR BENEFITS BY ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS OF DECEASED" (MSFA-BT FORM 5 (2/2007) and forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

(2) Fill in, execute and place in the mails or otherwise cause to be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees a copy of the "CLAIM FOR DEATH BENEFITS" (MSFA-BT FORM 3 (2/2007) and "COMPANY RESOLUTION" (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/2000)). This must be filed for every death, even if deceased members leave no spouse or children. (No benefits will be paid by the Board of Trustees prior to receipt.)

(3) Have the physician attending the deceased member complete the "CLAIM FOR DEATH BENEFIT" (MSFA-BT FORM 3 (2/2007) section (Physician's Report) and signed and forward same to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. 20

(4) Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the "COMPANY RESOLUTION" (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/2000) completed at a regular or special meeting of the company approving the claim. (No payment will be made prior to receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of a copy of the resolution.)

RULE NO. IV

PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF LOSS OF LIMB

A. Following procedures as stated in Rule No. II and

B. Each qualified member must, within ten (10) days after the beginning of his disability, file or cause to be filed with the Chief or Secretary of his Company (or a member acting in either capacity) a properly filled-in signed and notarized copy of the form entitled "SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM FOR LOSS OF LIMB" (MSFA-BT FORM 4 (2/2007).

Section 4- If at anytime there is not a sufficient amount in the hands of the Treasurer to pay a death benefit of Five thousand (\$ 5,000.00) dollars to a spouse or minor

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child or children, the Treasurer shall apply to the appropriate State Government Authority for sufficient additional funds to provide the said sum of Five thousand (\$ 5,000.00) dollars.

Section 5- The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to investigate any claim made for benefits under the provisions of the Article and should a majority of the Board of Trustees determine that the claim is not a just one, in spirit as well as in letter, it shall not be paid.

Section 6- The surplus of the Relief Fund, left each year in the hands of the Trustees shall be invested by the Board of Trustees. All moneys not invested shall be deposited in a bank under National or State supervision.

Section 7- Any company or officers of a company endorsing a false claim or misstating the true facts of the accident shall be **SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AT THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), VOLUME ON CR 8-402, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SECTIONS THEREOF.**

Section 8- The Board of Trustees shall maintain and publish a procedural guide on procedures for applying for benefits under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Federal Public Safety Officer's Death Benefits Program and under similar Maryland programs.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

Section 1- This Constitution may be amended or revised at any Annual Convention and Conference by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendments, provided the proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted, in writing, by the Executive Committee or a member company of this Association and forwarded to the Executive Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference. The proposed amendment or revision to be in the hands of the Secretary, at least sixty (60) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 2- Upon receipt of the amendment by the Executive Committee, in accordance with section 1, the Recording Secretary shall mail at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference, copies of the proposed amendments to all member companies in order that the amendments may be acted upon by the said member companies before the Annual Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE VIII- VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD

Section 1- There is herewith established pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 8, Sections 202-209, a Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

Section 2- The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board ("Board") shall be comprised of twelve (12) persons, who shall be appointed by the President as prescribed in this section, from twelve (12) regional districts, which have been determined by virtue of the number of fire companies located in each district and other geographic consideration, and which are constituted as follows:

Allegany, Garrett Counties	1 Member
Washington, Frederick Counties	1 Member

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Carroll, Howard Counties	1 Member
Harford, Cecil Counties	1 Member
Baltimore County	1 Member
Anne Arundel County	1 Member
Prince George's County	1 Member
Montgomery County	1 Member
Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's Counties	1 Member
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's Counties	1 Member
Talbot, Dorchester Counties	1 Member
Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester Counties	1 Member

Board members shall be appointed annually by the President for the stated terms, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. A Board member should not be appointed to serve concurrently as an Executive Committee Member. The following credentials should be considered for selection of members to the Board:

- * Ten (10) or more years of fire organization experience
- * Operational fire service experience
- * Administrative fire service experience
- * Financial Background

Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years with four (4) members appointed each year. Of the initial twelve (12) appointments, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually by the President.

Section 3- Board members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

A) The Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is unable to fulfill the term of appointment. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Board, maintain all records of the Board and initiate and receive correspondence on behalf of the Board.

B) Initially, the Board shall meet and consider, adopt and publish such rules of procedure as is necessary to carry out the functions of the Board as mandated by the aforesaid statute and shall thereafter enact or amend such other rules and regulations as it might be necessary to carry out its purpose. The Board, shall in addition to the foregoing, provide for applications for a low interest loan or grant and provide for distribution of such applications. The rules and regulations enacted by the Board shall include but not be limited to, the following provisions:

- 1) That any volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company of the State of Maryland be entitled to apply for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the statute, to the Board, irrespective of affiliation of the applicant;
- 2) Develop loan and grant criteria;
- 3) Develop loan and grant terms;
- 4) Develop criteria for the loan and grant application process;

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- 5) Develop criteria for prioritization of loan and grant requests;
- 6) That the business of the Board be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.
- C) The Board shall meet as and when necessary to consider or otherwise act upon applications that are pending or as is otherwise necessary to transact the business of the Board. The Board Secretary shall make notification of the meetings to all appropriate parties.
- D) The applications submitted to the Board shall be complete and shall have attached thereto the following:
 - 1) Applicants audited financial statements for the most recent two (2) years. For applicants that do not have audited financial statements, each application must have attached thereto financial statements in the form requested by the Board for the applicants most recent two (2) year period along with IRS Form 990 for each year presented on the financial statements.
 - 2) A completed Non-Discrimination Certificate.
- E) The Chairman of the Board shall regularly report on the business of the Board to the Executive Committee of the MSFA. No action with respect to any applicant or application recommended by the Board shall be valid unless the Executive Committee of the MSFA approves the same. Initially, all rules and regulations proposed by the Board in reference to its operation, including application forms, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the MSFA; and thereafter, any amendments to the rules or regulations or changes in any application forms are subject to the herein approval of the Executive Committee of the MSFA.
- F) The provision of an application form to an applicant, or the approval by the Board and Executive Committee of the MFSA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.
- G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MFSA the rate of interest charged on the loans.
- H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.
- I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.
- J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the, herein before, statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.
- K) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Association, which shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland by August 30 of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX- FOUNDATIONS, BOARDS, AND AGENCIES

Section 1- The MSFA Foundation is a corporate entity related to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Foundation raises funds which provide benefits to the

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Association. The Foundation reports on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Association.

Section 2- The President shall appoint representatives to all government boards and commissions established by Government agencies, wherein the MSFA is requested to send the name of one (1) or more individuals to the appropriate Appointment Secretary, for the Government body making the request.

Section 3- Where a board or commission has been created, wherein one (1) or more members of the voluntary emergency services would be appropriate to serve as members and where no specific request has been made of the MSFA, the following action shall be taken. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee shall direct the Secretary to send to the Chief Executive of the Governmental body creating or establishing the board or commission, one (1) or more names of persons to be considered for appointment as appropriate to represent the interest of the Maryland voluntary emergency services.

*****BY-LAWS*****

ARTICLE A- STATUS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1- By-Laws shall not be enacted contrary to the form and substance of the MSFA Constitution.

Section 2- Any of the By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendment at any Annual or Special Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE B- CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- All those entitled to seats in the Annual Convention and Conference shall be entitled to vote upon every question; but no member shall vote on any question in which they have a direct pecuniary interest. The presiding officer of a convention and conference shall not vote unless there is a tie. (Note: See Articles II and III of the Constitution).

Section 2- If any ten (10) member companies require it; the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the records of the MSFA.

Section 3- Any ten (10) member companies may call for the "previous question" and if it is ordered all debate shall cease and the pending question shall be at once put to the convention and conference.

Section 4- The President of the Convention and Conference shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Convention and Conference. In case of an appeal the point of order may be debated.

Section 5- Any person called to order shall immediately take his seat until the point of order is decided, when he shall be again entitled to the floor and while speaking shall confine himself to the question and shall not use any personalities or indecorous language.

Section 6- At least one (1) delegate or one (1) alternate from one hundred (100) different Member Companies, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any convention and conference.

Section 7- No Member Company, Association of Member Companies, Auxiliary, individual or any other person, shall be allowed to conduct any raffle, benefit, or solicit alms, in any way, on the floor of the MSFA Convention and Conference.

Section 8- The order of business at the Annual Convention and Conference will be developed in accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the MSFA Constitution.

ARTICLE C- ASSOCIATE/SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- Associate/Sustaining Members are entitled to the rights and subject to the limitations specified in Article I of the MSFA Constitution.

Section 2- Associate/Sustaining Members shall not use the logo of the MSFA without special permission of the Executive Committee.

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Section 3- Associate/Sustaining Members shall not display FD tags on vehicles owned by them unless they are otherwise qualified, pursuant to the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 13-615.

ARTICLE D- STANDARDS, FIRE COMPANIES/DEPARTMENTS

Section 1- THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENTS ARE:

a) Active company membership consisting of at least twenty (20) members including at least three (3) active line officers.

b) At least three (3) trained active operators to be appointed to drive and operate the pumper. These operators shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the pumper and will be under the guidance of the Chief Officer.

c) A minimum of ten (10) active members in the company shall have successfully completed at least the Firefighter I training, as conducted by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course.

d) The company shall maintain records in which the following information shall be recorded:

1) Date of Fire

2) Time Out

3) Time In

4) Attendance

5) Whether Extinguished by Booster, Chemical or Pumper

6) Size and Amount of Hose Used

7) Lives Lost

8) Firemen Injured It is recommended that the Maryland Fire Information Reporting forms be used.

e) That a heated Fire Station of adequate size and construction be provided for the housing of apparatus and equipment.

f) The Company must have a suitable means of receiving an alarm of fire and alerting Company membership.

g) Continuing active membership of other than Ambulance Companies

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shall be contingent upon the passage of an inspection made from time to time by Standards Committee.

h) All Companies or Departments, other than Ambulance Companies, shall be required to pass an inspection made by the Standards Committee prior to acceptance.

i) If personnel are being carried on rear step, no less than two (2) persons are to be so located when apparatus is responding to or returning from an emergency.

Section 2- PUMPER MINIMUM STANDARDS:

a) A motor pumper of at least 750 GPM capacity (500 GPM if ordered prior to July 1, 1984) listed by ISO or its successors. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's G.W.V. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. This pumper shall be qualified for acceptance by means of an acceptance test, if new, and a service test, if used. If canopy cab is present, there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance: i.e., door, gate, bar, chain, etc. The pumper shall be in good operational condition, not loaded beyond the maximum allowable gross weight. It shall be equipped as follows:

1) Twenty (20) feet of hard suction and strainer to comply with N.F.P.A. recommendations in existence at the time the apparatus was built. Where adequate water supply exists, twenty (20) feet of soft suction, sized to pump capacity of the pump, with 4 _" female coupling on one end and pump barrel size on the other end. (MSFA recommends all pumpers carry at least twenty (20) feet of soft suction.)

2) Booster tank to be full and have a minimum capacity of three hundred (300) gallons for companies with approved water supply and five hundred (500) gallons capacity for companies without approved water supply. Apparatus purchased after July 1991, must have a minimum five hundred (500) gallon booster tank.

3) One thousand (1000) feet 2 _" or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) hose for companies with approved water supply, five hundred (500) feet 2 _" or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) for companies without approved water supply. Apparatus purchased after July 1991 will carry One thousand two hundred (1200) feet 2 _" or larger fire hose.

4) Two hundred fifty (250) feet 1 _" to 2" hose (NST coupling). Apparatus purchased after July 1991 will carry four hundred (400) feet 1 _" to 2" (NST coupling) fire hose.

5) One hundred fifty (150) feet _" or larger hose, preconnected to apparatus and equipped with combination fog and straight stream nozzle. Thread for any chemical booster hose shall be NST, if apparatus is equipped with booster line.

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(Items 3,4, and 5 to be tested annually to manufacturer's specifications and carried on pumper at all times).

- 6) One (1) 14 foot minimum roof ladder with folding hooks.
- 7) One (1) 24 foot minimum extension ladder (fire service approved) and one (1) 10 foot folding ladder with bracket.
- 8) Two (2) pike poles, 6 foot and 8 foot minimum.
- 9) One (1) forcible entry bar, 30 inch minimum.
- 10) One (1) pick head axe and one (1) flat head axe (fire department type).
- 11) Two (2) 2 _ " or equivalent nozzles, shut off type with fog tip or combination, 200 GPM and one (1) play pipe with 1", 1 1/8", and 1 _ " tips.
- 12) Two (2) 1 _ " nozzles, shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, 95 GPM.
- 13) Two (2) 2 _ " double female couplings.
- 14) Two (2) 2 _ " double male couplings.
- 15) One (1) 2 _ " wye reducer with two 1 _ " shut-off discharges.
- 16) One (1) reducer, 2 _ " female to 1 _ " male.
- 17) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2 _ " NST, with swivel.
- 18) Four (4) 2 _ " spanner wrenches.
- 19) Two (2) adjustable hydrant wrenches with bracket.
- 20) Two (2) salvage covers, 12 feet X 14 feet minimum.
- 21) Four (4) ladder straps or rope or chain hose tools.
- 22) One hundred twenty-five (125) feet 9,000 lb. Tensile strength life line kernmantle. All other utility ropes at the discretion of the department.
- 23) One (1) broom.
- 24) One (1) mop.
- 25) One (1) shovel.
- 26) One (1) First Aid Kit per NFPA Pamphlet 1901 or revised editions.
- 27) Two (2) portable electric hand lanterns with mounting brackets.
- 28) Two (2) portable extinguishers, one (1) 80 BC rating powder type, one (1) 10 BC rating CO2 type.
- 29) Four (4) self-contained breathing apparatus (meeting NFPA 1981 requirements), certified for thirty (30) minutes or more of operation, with alarms or timers and spare cylinders for each.
- 30) Warning signals (Light, bell, siren, whistle) to be in good working condition.
- 31) Apparatus shall have a means of communications from rear step to driver (buzzer, bell or intercom).
- 32) A minimum of twelve (12) sets of turn out clothing (coats with liners, boots, gloves, and helmets). Boots to have puncture-resistant insoles. Coats, gloves, and helmets to be heat resistant, as approved for fire service. This equipment need not be kept on pumper.
- 33) Audible back-up alarm on all new apparatus.
- 34) All equipment to be maintained ready for service at all times.

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35) One (1) 2 _" Underwriters relay fitting with shut off gate and 2 _" swivel, female threads NST, preconnected to pump.

36) Eight (8) thirty minute safety flares.

37) All apparatus shall meet Maryland State Department of Transportation standards; lighting, axle loads, tire size, frame capacities, height, length, width, etc.

38) One (1) set emergency road triangles (3).

39) One (1) each per crew member: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.

40) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: four (4) surgical masks, four (4) eye protection devices, four (4) protective gowns, two (2) red biowaste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water-soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol scrub.

b) Annual testing of all Class "A" pumpers and fire hose to meet NFPA 1901 or revised edition. Annual compliance to be handled by County Fire Authorities and results submitted to Standards Committee on forms as provided by MSFA.

Section 3- PUMPER-TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS:

a) A motor pumper of at least 1,000 GPM pump capacity. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or its successors, as a registered emergency vehicle. All apparatus shall be in the Preventive Maintenance Inspection Program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. If canopy cab is present there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance, i.e. door gate, bar, chain, etc. The safety devices shall be in working order. Standards for pumps are primarily based on NFPA 1901, Standards for Pumper. These pumps are required to have slow closing valves on larger intake and discharge valves, and intake relief system, interlocks to prevent the accidental movement of the apparatus during pumping operations. Gauges should be NFPA approved.

b) The water tank size will be One thousand five hundred (1,500) usable gallons minimum. Other requirements added for the water tank include: sumps with cleanouts, piping vents and overflows to behind the rear axle, and provisions for quick filling and dumping of any tank over one thousand five hundred five hundred (1,500) gallon capacity. It shall be equipped as follows:

1) Two (2) 10 feet hard suction hose with a strainer, a double female swivel connection on one end of the suction hose and on the other end should be local large hydrant thread, to comply with NFPA standards in existence at the time the apparatus was built. Twenty (20) feet of soft suction, sized to pump capacity of the pump, with the local hydrant outlet connection on one end and the pump intake connection on the other end.

2) Booster tank to be full and have a minimum capacity of one thousand five

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hundred (1,500) usable gallons. Venting of the tank to capable of handling gallons discharged.

- 3) Eight hundred (800) feet 2 _ " or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) hose.
- 4) Four hundred (400) feet of 1 _ " to 2" fire hose. All hose is to be tested annually to manufacturer's specifications and is to be carried on pumper at all times.
- 5) One (1) 14 foot minimum roof ladder with folding hooks.
- 6) One (1) 24 foot minimum extension ladder (fire service approved) and one (1) 10 foot folding ladder, which either shall be mounted or compartmentalized.
- 7) Two (2) pike poles, one (1) 6 foot and one (1) 8 foot minimum.
- 8) One (1) 30" minimum forcible entry bar, which must be mounted.
- 9) Two (2) axes, one (1) pick head and one (1) flat head (fire department type), which shall be mounted.
- 10) Two (2) 2 _ " or equivalent nozzles shut off type with fog tip or combination, 200 GPM.
- 11) One (1) play pipe 1 _ " with 1", 1 1/8", and 1 _ " tips.
- 12) Two (2) 1 _ " nozzles shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, variable flow.
- 13) Two (2) 2 _ " double female couplings.
- 14) Two (2) 2 _ " double male couplings.
- 15) One (1) hose clamp.
- 16) One (1) 2 _ " wye reducer with 1 _ " shut-off discharges.
- 17) One (1) reducer, 2 _ " female to 1 _ " male.
- 18) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2 _ " NST, with swivel.
- 19) One (1) rubber mallet, suitable for use on suction hose connections.
- 20) Four (4) combination spanner wrenches with brackets, to be mounted.
- 21) Two (2) adjustable hydrant wrenches with brackets, to be mounted.
- 22) Two (2) salvage covers, 12 feet X 14 feet minimum, water repellent.
- 23) Four (4) ladder straps or rope or chain hose tools.
- 24) One hundred twenty-five (125) feet 9,000 lb tensile strength lifeline kernmantle. All other utility ropes at the discretion of the fire department.
- 25) One (1) long handle broom.
- 26) One (1) long handle mop.
- 27) One (1) long handle shovel.
- 28) One (1) pair, insulated bolt cutters with 7/16" throat opening minimum cut, non-electric.
- 29) One (1) toolbox with hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, and other assorted tools.
- 30) One (1) First Aid Kit per NFPA pamphlet 1901 or revised edition.
- 31) Two (2) portable electric hand lanterns, with mounting brackets, to be mounted.
- 32) Two (2) portable extinguishers, one (1) 80BC rating powder type, one (1) 10BC rating CO2 type with brackets, to be mounted.

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- 33) Four (4) self-contained breathing apparatus (meeting NFPA 1981 standards) certified for thirty (30) minutes or more of operation, with an alarm and a PASS device and spare cylinders for each breathing apparatus.
- 34) Two (2) wheel chocks mounted in readily accessible location.
- 35) Apparatus shall have a means of communication from rear step to driver (buzzer, bell, or intercom).
- 36) One (1) 2 _" underwriters relay fitting with shut-off gate and 2 _" swivel, female threads, NST, preconnected to pump.
- 37) Eight (8) thirty (30) minute safety flares.
- 38) One (1) set of three (3) emergency road triangles.
- 39) One (1) 2 _" quarter turn valve, relay valve.
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- 40) One (1) siamese (2 _" female X 2 _" female X 2 _" male, clappered).
- 41) One (1) two-way radio to meet county standard with outside speaker and microphone or headset at the pump panel for convenience of the pump operator.
- 42) All equipment to be maintained ready for service at all times.
- 43) At the rear of the tank, 4 _" or greater size gated discharge gravity or jet dump NST. (Optional)
- 44) One (1) portable tank with capacity of holding the water of the pumper tanker. (Optional)

Section 3A- TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS-TANKER WITH PUMP

a) The vehicle shall consist of a motorized piece of apparatus of minimum capacity to carry the equipment listed below without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's G.V.W. The vehicle shall be equipped with an audible back-up alarm and necessary warning devices. It must be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. If canopy cab is present, there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance: i.e., door, gate, bar, chain, etc., in working order. The tanker should be in good operating condition. The vehicle must meet MSFA standards, which are primarily based on NFPA 1903. It shall be equipped as follows:

- 1) Tank capacity: one thousand five hundred (1500) useable gallons, or larger.
- 2) Pump, five hundred (500) GPM with relief valve and one (1) 1 _ inch gated inlet, and two (2) 2 _ inch dischargers, or P.T.O. pump used with jet dump capable of dumping at least five hundred (500) GPM. All threads to be NST. Apparatus purchased after July 1991, will have a seven hundred fifty (750) GPM pump.
- 3) Piping tank to pump, five hundred (500) GPM flow.
- 4) Tank refill, five hundred (500) GPM flow.
- 5) Venting of tank to be capable of handling gallons discharged.

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- 6) Fill tower, top of tank, to be a minimum of 5" with quick release lid.
- 7) Two hundred (200) feet 1 1/2" or larger fire hose and nozzle.
- 8) Two hundred (200) feet 2 1/2" fire hose.
- 9) Two (2) wheel chocks mounted in readily accessible locations.
- 10) Two (2) hydrant wrenches.
- 11) Two (2) spanner wrenches.
- 12) Two (2) hand lights.
- 13) One (1) rubber mallet.
- 14) Two (2) 2 1/2" double females.
- 15) Two (2) 2 1/2" double males.
- 16) One (1) 2 1/2" female X 1 1/2" male.
- 17) Assorted hose gaskets.
- 18) One (1) fire extinguisher, 80BC rated, powder type, and vehicle bracket.
- 19) One (1) shovel.
- 20) Eight (8) road safety flares.
- 21) One (1) first aid kit per pamphlet 1903.
- 22) One (1) two way radio to meet county standards with outside speaker and microphone.
- 23) One (1) set emergency road triangles (3 each).
- 24) One (1) each per crew member: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.
- 25) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of four (4) each surgical masks, four (4) each eye protection devices, four (4) each protective gowns, two (2) red bio-waste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water-soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

Section 3B- TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS- TANKER WITHOUT PUMP

a) The vehicle shall consist of a motorized piece of apparatus of minimum capacity to carry the equipment listed below without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's G.V.W. rating. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. If a canopy cab is present, there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance: i.e., door, gate, bar, chain, etc. It shall be equipped as follows:

- 1) Tank capacity: One thousand five hundred (1,500) usable gallons or larger.
- 2) Discharge at five hundred (500) GPM flow with capacity of connecting suction hose from pumper.
- 3) Venting of tank to be capable of handling gallons discharging and filling.

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- 4) Fill tower at top of tank to be a minimum of 5" width, with quick release.
- 5) One hundred (100) feet 2 ½" fire hose for refilling.
- 6) One (1) wheel chock.
- 7) Two (2) hydrant wrenches.
- 8) Two (2) spanner wrenches.
- 9) Two (2) hand lights.
- 10) One (1) rubber mallet.
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- 11) Two (2) 2 ½" double females.
- 12) Two (2) 2 ½" double males.
- 13) One (1) extinguisher, BC rated, powder type, with vehicle bracket.
- 14) Eight (8) safety flares.
- 15) One (1) first aid kit per NFPA 1903.
- 16) One (1) set emergency road triangles (3 each).
- 17) One (1) each per crew member: respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.
- 18) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: four (4) each surgical masks, four (4) eye protection devices, four (4) protective gowns, two (2) red bio-waste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water-soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

Section 3C- TANKER EQUIPMENT-SUGGESTED-NOT MANDATORY

- 1) Folding tank
- 2) Hard suction hose.
- 3) Soft suction hose.
- 4) Shallow drafting strainer.
- 5) Two (2) self-contained breathing units.
- 6) One (1) 2 ½" nozzle.
- 7) One (1) tool box and necessary tools.
- 8) Two (2) axes, one (1) flathead and one (1) pick head.
- 9) One (1) forcible entry bar.
- 10) One (1) ten foot pike pole.
- 11) One (1) ladder.
- 12) One (1) salvage cover, 12 foot X 14 foot.
- 13) Rear of tank, a minimum 4 ½" gated discharge, gravity or jet dump, NST.
- 14) One (1) 2 ½" quarter turn valve.

Section 4- LADDER TRUCK MINIMUM STANDARDS

The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed manufacturer's G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible

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devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. If canopy cab is present the entrance must be equipped with a safety device, i.e.; door, gate, bar, chain, etc. The vehicle must meet MSFA Standards, which are primarily based on NFPA 1904, Standards for Aerial Apparatus.

The ladder truck may consist of a hydraulic aerial ladder or a hydraulic platform with a minimum of sixty-five (65) feet above ground level.

Testing of aerial and ground ladders and safety belts is to be done by authorized personnel and records are to be maintained.

The following equipment shall be maintained on the truck:

- 1) One hundred fifteen (115) feet of ground ladders (MSFA recommends one hundred sixty-three (163) feet).
- 2) Six (6) pike poles: two (2) 6 feet, two (2) 8 feet, and two (2) 12 feet.
- 3) Five (5) Axes: three (3) pick head and two (2) flat head.
- 4) Four (4) Electric Hand Lights
- 5) Four (4) Shovels: two (2) scoop and two (2) dirt
- 6) Two (2) Brooms, two (2) Mops, and two (2) Squeegees.
- 7) One (1) Heavy Duty Staple Gun.
- 8) Two (2) Prybars, 50" minimum.
- 9) Forcible entry tools.
- 10) Two (2) Life Lines, One hundred fifty (150) feet 5/8" and One hundred fifty (150) feet __", plus two (2) One hundred fifty (150) feet Utility Lines (Three thousand {3000} lb. tensile strength Kernmantle).
- 11) Two (2) rolls eight (8) mil. (.008) Plastic- Minimum fifteen lb. roll.
- 12) One (1) Bucket and mop wringer.
- 13) One (1) can (at least three (3) lbs.) assorted nails.
- 14) Six (6) Sprinkler stops, with wrench.
- 15) Four (4) Spanner wrenches, assorted sizes.
- 16) One (1) insulated, heavy duty Wire Cutter, #6 wire.
- 17) One (1) Carpenter's Hand Saw or Power Saw.
- 18) One (1) Hacksaw with three (3) blades.
- 19) One (1) Power Saw with carbide blade.
- 20) Assorted wood plugs.
- 21) One (1) "K" Tool Door Opener.
- 22) Four (4) Life Belts, assorted sizes.
- 23) Two (2) pitch forks, four (4) prongs.
- 24) One (1) First Aid Kit, to meet First Responder requirements.
- 25) Two (2) Sledge Hammers, minimum eight (8) lb.
- 26) Three (3) pairs Safety Goggles.
- 27) One (1) Generator (AC), minimum five thousand (5,000) watts.
- 28) Three (3) five hundred (500) watt Floodlights.
- 29) Five hundred (500) feet Electrical Cable, minimum 12-3.
- 30) Two (2) five thousand (5,000) CFM 16" or one (1) eleven thousand (11,000) CFM 24" Smoke Ejectors, explosion proof motors.

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- 31) Two (2) 2 _ " double female Hose Adapters.
- 32) Two (2) 2 _ " double male Hose Adapters.
- 33) Six (6) thirty (30) minute Road Flares.
- 34) One (1) Chimney chain with Chimney Brush.
- 35) Two (2) Metal Buckets, minimum twelve (12) quart.
- 36) One (1) Chimney Shovel.
- 37) Four (4) Masks, self-contained, with audible alarm and four (4) spare bottles (NFPA 1981 Approved). (One {1} self-contained Breathing Apparatus complying with NFPA 1981, open circuit self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighters, for each seating position {see section 2-1} but not less than four {4}).
- 38) Three (3) Portable Fire Extinguishers, in mounting brackets, one (1) twenty (20) lb. ABC, one (1) fifteen (15) lb. CO2, and one (1) 2 _ gallon water.
- 39) Eight (8) Rope hose tools or ladder straps.
- 40) One (1) detachable or permanently mounted Ladder Pipe on end of ladder, with stack tips and fog nozzle, five hundred (500) GPM or more.
- 41) One (1) Hammerhead Wall Pick.
- 42) One (1) Bolt Cutter, minimum 36".
- 43) One (1) Two-way Siamese, with shut off valve, 2 _ " or larger.
- 44) One hundred (100) feet three 3" fire hose for ladder pipe or have built-in piping.
- 45) Two-way communication from ground to tip of fly of ladder or basket.
- 46) Communication from rear step to cab.
- 47) Two-way radio with local county frequencies.
- 48) One (1) Tool box containing the following small tools for fireground operation (NFPA 1904): One (1) Hacksaw, with blades; One (1) Keyhole Saw, One (1) 12 inch (305mm) Pipe Wrench; One (1) 24 inch (610mm) Pipe Wrench; One (1) Ball Peen Hammer; One (1) pair Tin Snips; One (1) pair Slip Joint Pliers; One (1) pair Lineman's Pliers; Assorted types and sizes of screwdrivers (flat blade and phillips); Assorted sizes of Adjustable Wrenches; and Assorted sizes of Combination Wrenches.
- 49) One (1) Hose Roller.
- 50) One (1) set Emergency Road Triangles (3).
- 51) One (1) each per crewmember: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.
- 52) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: Four (4) each surgical masks, Four (4) each eye protection devices and Four (4) protective gowns, Two (2) red Biowaste bags, Two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, Ten (10) plastic trash bags, Twenty-four (24) paper towels, Twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, Two (2) water-soluble bags, and Two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

**ARTICLE E- MINIMUM STANDARDS AMBULANCE COMPANIES MIEMSS
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Section 1- The minimum standards herein have been jointly developed by the

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MSFA and MIEMSS and thus also constitute the standard for the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program. Upon successful completion of a voluntary inspection conducted by MIEMSS personnel, Certificate of Excellence decals for the ambulance and a Certificate of Excellence wall plaque for the station will be issued by MIEMSS. Minimum standards for MSFA member fire and rescue companies operating Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be Line Officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section "e" of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of the apparatus and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each ambulance shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC Rules and Regulations. Where communications equipment, provided by the State EMS Communications System, is operated, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time to MIEMSS or State EMS Communications System contracted maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS Communications System guidelines.

e) After July 1, 1995, it shall be the standard of every ambulance belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on a mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations level course. One (1) of these attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland EMT-A certification (or higher-level certification) issued through MIEMSS. The EMT-A (or higher-level attendant) must care for the patient and ride in the patient compartment during transport. The second attendant, or another person who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver. The driver shall be trained as an emergency vehicle operator.

f) Each ambulance shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or by reciprocity with a bordering state. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm and safety devices.

g) Each company which submits an application for membership in the MSFA and which operates a BLS ambulance shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee, or its designees, prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if the company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended.

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h) Member companies which have not previously operated an ambulance and undertake to do so shall, pass an inspection by the MSFA EMS Committee, or its designees, prior to initiating such a service.

i) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

j) Each ambulance shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland guidelines and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and shall be appropriately marked. All reusable items, especially those that are most often left with the patient at a hospital (boards, MAST, etc.), must be clearly marked. Due to the fact that patients are most often transported to trauma centers outside the immediate response area, the following minimum information is required: **Ambulance Number (A31, M7, etc.), Company Name (not just initials), County and State Name, and Permanent Accessible Phone Number Including Area Code.**

k) The equipment in each ambulance and all records relating to its maintenance and operation as such shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA. Every ambulance shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

GENERAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

- 1) Twenty-four (24) each Sterile gauze pads (4" X4" minimum)
- 2) Two (2) rolls 2" adhesive tape (some hypo-allergenic must be available)
- 3) Two (2) rolls 1" adhesive tape (some hypo-allergenic must be available)
- 4) Twelve (12) each Cravats (Triangular Bandages)
- 5) Twelve (12) rolls 4" self-adhering gauze bandages
- 6) Four (4) each Cold packs
- 7) One (1) box Assorted plastic bandage strips
- 8) Six (6) each Sterile sanitary napkins (or highly absorbent dressings)
- 9) Five (5) each Sterile Trauma Dressings (5"X9" minimum)
- 10) One (1) each Poison Kit
- 11) Three (3) each glucose supplements
- 12) One (1) each Penlight (narrow beam flashlight is acceptable)
- 13) One (1) each Adult BP cuff, regular and obese (sphygmomanometer)
- 14) One (1) each Pediatric BP cuff (sphygmomanometer)
- 15) One (1) piece Non-adherent material for occlusive dressing (18"X25" minimum-metal foil is not acceptable)
- 16) One (1) each Adult PASG with passive relief valves
- 17) Two (2) liters Sterile saline or sterile water
- 18) Two (2) each Sterile or clean sheets for burns (individually wrapped)
- 19) One (1) box Exam gloves (assorted sizes-OSHA standards will be followed)
- 20) Two (2) each Emesis basins
- 21) One (1) each Urinal

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- 22) One (1) each Stethoscope
- 23) One (1) pair Bandage Scissors
- 24) One (1) each Container of disinfecting solution for ambulance (OSHA standards will be followed)
- 25) One (1) box Facial tissue
- 26) One (1) each Maryland Triage tag kit
- 27) One (1) each Sterile obstetrical (OB) kit containing: One (1) large towel or receiving blanket, Four (4) pairs sterile gloves (assorted sizes), Twelve (12) each sterile 4X4 gauze pads, Four (4) each umbilical clamps or ties, Two (2) sanitary napkins (or comparable absorbent dressings), One (1) bulb syringe for suctioning, and One (1) pair blunt scissors. (A commercially available OB kit may be substituted for these items)
- 28) One (1) each Rescue shears
- 29) Four (4) each Surgical masks
- 30) Four (4) each Gowns through which blood and/or body fluids cannot penetrate
- 31) Four (4) each Eye/face shields (NOTE: May be combined with surgical masks) NOTE: Items 29-31 may be combined into a bio-hazard kit carried on the ambulance.
- 32) Five (5) each Plastic, seal able bags with bio-hazard stickers
- 33) One (1) each bedpan
- 34) Two (2) each IV solution hangers
- 35) One (1) trash can

PORTABLE FIRST AID KIT

- 1) Twenty-four (24) each Sterile gauze pads (4"X4" minimum)
- 2) One (1) roll 2" adhesive tape (hypo-allergenic)
- 3) One (1) each Rescue shears
- 4) Eight (8) each Cravats (triangular bandages)
- 5) One (1) set Oropharyngeal airways (assorted sizes, 0-5)
- 6) One (1) each Ring cutter
- 7) One (1) each Stethoscope
- 8) One (1) each BP cuff (adult sphygmomanometer)
- 9) One (1) each Bandage scissors
- 10) One (1) each Penlight (narrow beam flashlight is acceptable)
- 11) Six (6) rolls 4" self-adhering gauze bandages
- 12) Two (2) rolls 6" self-adhering gauze bandages
- 13) Four (4) each Sterile trauma dressing (5"X9" minimum)
- 14) One (1) each Patient Marking pen
- 15) One (1) each Kit large enough to carry above equipment (dust and water resistant)
- 16) Two (2) pairs Exam gloves
- 17) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal Airways (assorted sizes)

AIRWAY MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

- 1) One (1) each Portable oxygen resuscitator of at least 300 L capacity. Two (2) size "D" or one (1) size "E" extra medical oxygen (green for steel cylinders, unpainted brushed metal for aluminum or stainless steel cylinders), shall be free of grease and oil and shall bear a current hydrostatic test date. Unit shall be equipped with an appropriate thread or pin indexed yoke, a reducing valve limiting line pressure to 50 PSI, and a cylinder pressure gauge to indicate the amount of oxygen remaining. Additionally, a variable flow valve (not gravity dependent) and a flow meter capable of delivering at least 15 LPM shall be attached.
- 2) One (1) each on board installed piped oxygen resuscitator of at least 3,000 L capacity shall be available. Cylinder shall be properly color coded for medical oxygen, shall be free of grease and oil, shall be accessible for replacement, preferably from outside the patient compartment, and shall have a hydrostatic test date of less than five (5) years old. Unit shall be equipped with an appropriate thread or pin indexed yoke, a reducing valve limiting line pressure to 50 PSI, and a cylinder pressure gauge to indicate the amount of oxygen remaining. Additionally, at least one (1) oxygen wall outlet with plug-in variable flow valve, and a flow meter capable of delivering at least 15 LPM shall be installed.
- 3) Two (2) each Adult oxygen masks and cannulas, transparent, single use: Nonrebreather and Nasal Cannula.
- 4) Two (2) each Pediatric oxygen masks and cannulas, transparent, single use: Partial rebreather (Simple Face Mask) and Nasal Cannula.
- 5) Two (2) each Oxygen connecting tubing.
- 6) One (1) each Hand operated adult bag resuscitation unit with oxygen inlet, reservoir tube, clean adult and pediatric masks, without pop-off valve or with selective pop-off valve (clear recommended).
- 7) One (1) Hand operated infant bag resuscitation unit with oxygen inlet, reservoir tube, clean infant mask, and pop-off valve (clear recommended).
- 8) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal Airways (assorted French sizes).
- 9) One (1) set Oropharyngeal Airways (assorted sizes, 0 to 5).
- 10) One (1) Portable suction unit, battery powered with a minimum twenty (20) minute continuous operation. Assorted catheters and rigid suction tips. Must be able to develop 11.81 inches of water vacuum (300 mmhg) within four (4) seconds of clamping.
- 11) One (1) On-board, piped suction unit capable of providing a free air flow of at least twenty (20) LPM at the end of the delivery tube and a vacuum of 11.81 inches of water (300 mmhg) within four (4) seconds of clamping. The suction force shall be adjusted for use in children and intubated patients. The suction force must be reliable, such as from engine manifold and/or a permanent election suction pump powered by the vehicles' alternator/batteries.

LINEN SUPPLIES

- 1) One (1) each Pillow (Non-absorbent or disposable).

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- 2) One (1) each Pillowcase.
- 3) Two (2) each Sheets.
- 4) Two (2) each Towels.
- 5) Two (2) each Blankets (cotton or other non-conductive material).

CARRYING DEVICES

- 1) One (1) each Cot with mattress, four (4) wheels and adjustable head position.
- 2) Two (2) safety straps, minimum. (OSHA standards should be followed).
- 3) One (1) each Auxiliary Litter.
- 4) One (1) each Stair Chair (Items 3 and 4 may be combined.)

IMMOBILIZATION EQUIPMENT

- 1) Two (2) full spinal immobilization devices that meet OSHA standards.
- 2) One (1) half spinal immobilization device that meets OSHA standards.
- 3) One (1) orthopedic stretcher.
- 4) Six (6) 9 inch straps (speed clips, etc. or an equivalent for immobilizing two (2) patients on two (2) long boards).
- 5) One (1) adult leg traction splint with ankle hitch.
- 6) One (1) pediatric leg traction splint with ankle hitch.
- 7) Two (2) padded board splints (54"X3").
- 8) Two (2) padded board splints (36"X3").
- 9) Two (2) padded board splints (15"X3").
- 10) Two (2) sets of head immobilization devices (head blocks, blanket roll).
- 11) Two (2) sets extrication collars (Five (5) sizes per set. Note: Soft cervical collars do not provide adequate immobilization for undiagnosed potential injuries).
- 12) One (1) Child safety seat that meets federal specification FMVSS-213.

SAFETY ITEMS

- 1) One (1) fire extinguisher (5 lb. multipurpose dry chemical).
- 2) Two (2) hand lights.
- 3) One (1) each NO SMOKING sign in the patient compartment.
- 4) Three (3) each Reflective triangles that meet D.O.T. standards.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (SPLASH PROTECTION)

It is recommended that each riding member have their own protective gear (meeting NFPA standards). Should this not be available, the company will supply gear for members responding on that call.

- 1) One (1) each per crewmember present Protective coats.
- 2) One (1) each per crewmember present Helmet.
- 3) One (1) each per crewmember present Turnout pants and boots.
- 4) One (1) pair per crewmember present Safety Goggles.
- 5) One (1) pair per crewmember present Firefighter gloves.

EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT

Unless an emergency vehicle capable of providing extrication support is within a ten (10) minute response and is routinely dispatched with the ambulance from its or another

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station on every call that would reasonably require such support, then certain access and extrication equipment should be carried on the ambulance. The following is the minimum extrication equipment that should be available at all times:

- 1) One (1) each Wrench, 12" open ended.
- 2) One (1) each Screwdriver 12" standard slot blade.
- 3) One (1) each Screwdriver 12" Phillips type.
- 4) One (1) each Hacksaw.
- 5) Six (6) each Hacksaw blades (Carbide type).
- 6) One (1) each Pliers, Channel-lock, adjustable.
- 7) One (1) each Pliers, 10" Vise grip.
- 8) One (1) each Hammer, 2-5lb., 15" handle.
- 9) One (1) each Fire axe, butt, 24" handle.
- 10) One (1) each 24" Wrecking bar.
- 11) One (1) each Spring-loaded punch.

The following equipment is recommended but not required:

- 12) One (1) each Crowbar 51" with pinch point.
- 13) One (1) each Bolt Cutter with 1 _ " jaw opening.
- 14) One (1) each Portable power jack and spreader tool.
- 15) One (1) each Shovel 49" with pointed blade.
- 16) Two (2) each Rescue rope, each 50 feet long, _ " diameter.

AMBULANCE VEHICLE

Refer to COMAR Section 11.14.02- Department of Transportation Standards

- 1) Functional climate control system (heating and cooling).
- 2) Functional emergency warning lights.
- 3) Functional emergency audible warning devices (horn excluded).
- 4) Functional head, tail, and signal lights.

SANITATION STANDARDS

- 1) Freshly laundered linen or disposable sheets and pillowcases or their equivalent will be used in transporting patients and changed after each use. At least one (1) complete change will be carried in the ambulance at all times. Moisture-proof protective covers shall be provided for the mattress and for any reusable pillows.
- 2) First aid supplies shall be stored in a clean container, free from dust, moisture, insects, and rodents.
- 3) The ambulance interior shall be cleaned after use. When patients with known infectious diseases have been transported, the patient compartment should be disinfected in compliance with organizations Infection Control Plan that meets OSHA bloodborne pathogen standards (CFR29.1910.30).
- 4) Suitable containers shall be provided for trash and soiled supplies.
- 5) An approved container to safely dispose of sharps (glass, needles, etc.) shall be provided on the ambulance.
- 6) Implements intended for use in a patient's nose or mouth shall be separately wrapped and properly stored and handled. Should such implements be

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contaminated through use, it should be disposed of, if disposable, and disinfected, if reusable. Of particular concern are suction tubing and catheters, diaphragms, oxygen delivery devices, resuscitator bags and face masks. These items should be checked after each use and on a regular basis for debris and contamination.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT (RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED)

- 1) One (1) each respirator for each crewmember as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 2) One (1) each Body Substance Isolation Kit. A second kit consisting of four (4) surgical masks, four (4) eye protection devices, and four (4) protective gowns for each crewmember.
- 3) One (1) each AED.
- 4) One (1) each Pulse Oximeter.

ARTICLE F- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS (MICU)

Section 1- Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies, performing ALS with a mobile intensive care unit (MICU). A MICU is an ambulance equipped to render ALS and transport the patient to a medical facility. Minimum standards for MSFA member ALS companies operating at the MICU level are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section (e) of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications systems, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, it shall be the standards of every MICU belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations Level course. One (1) of those attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher-level certification issued through MIEMSS. The attendant with the higher-level certification shall ride in the patient compartment and shall be responsible for patient care during transport. The second attendant or other person, who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver.

f) Each MICU shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the MVA, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

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g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates a MICU shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if a company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each MICU shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and appropriately marked. The equipment on each MICU and all records to its operation and maintenance shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA.

j) Each MICU shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

1) All the items required on a basic life support ambulance as set forth in Article "E" of the MSFA By-laws.

2) The following specialized ALS supplies and equipment (Note: The following items and kits may be carried in combination with other items or kits and shall be carried in appropriate containers free from dust, moisture, insects and rodents.):

ADDITIONAL ALS EQUIPMENT

- 1) One (1) each Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator with quick look capability (adult and pediatric) (Note 1 & 2).
- 2) Two (2) each Adult defibrillator pads (Note 3).
- 3) Two (2) each Pediatric defibrillator pads (Note 3).
- 4) Two (2) sets Monitoring cables.
- 5) Six (6) sets Monitoring electrodes.
- 6) Two (2) sets Adult pacing pads (Optional Note 4).
- 7) One (1) set Pediatric pacing pads (Optional Note 4).
- 8) One (1) set Spare monitor/defib batteries.
- 9) One (1) each Spare EKG paper.
- 10) One (1) each Tube electrode paste or jell pads (Note 4).
- 11) One (1) each PDR or equivalent index (Optional).
- 12) One (1) each Copy of Maryland Medical Protocols.
- 13) One (1) each Gastric tubing (8, 10, 12, 14fr).
- 14) Two (2) each Appropriate size lavage syringes.
- 15) One (1) each Pneumothorax Kit.
- 16) One (1) each Glucometer Kit (Optional).

MEDICATIONS & DELIVERY DEVICES (NOTE 5)

- 1) Five (5) each Adenosine- 6 mg each.
- 2) Four (4) each Albuterol- 2.5 mg each.
- 3) Two (2) each Nebulizers.
- 4) Eight (8) each Atropine Sulfate- 1 mg each.
- 5) Two (2) each Calcium Chloride- 1 g each.
- 6) Two (2) each Dextrose 50%- 25 g each.
- 7) Two (2) each Diazepam (Valium)- 10 mg each.
- 8) Two (2) each Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)- 50 mg each.
- 9) Two (2) each Dopamine- 800 mg each.
- 10) Six (6) each Epinephrine 1:10,000- 1 mg each.
- 11) Two (2) each Epinephrine 1:1,000- Multi dose (or 5 amp set).
- 12) Two (2) each Furosemide (Lasix)- 100 mg each.
- 13) Two (2) each Glucagon- 1 mg each.
- 14) Four (4) each Lidocaine 2%- 100 mg each.
- 15) Two (2) each Morphine Sulfate- 10 mg each.
- 16) Two (2) each Naloxone (Narcan)- 2 mg each.
- 17) Two (2) each Nitroglycerin- Spray/Tab (Note 6).
- 18) Two (2) each Sodium Bicarbonate- 50 mg each.
- 19) Two (2) each Terbutaline
- 20) One (1) each Controlled access system.
- 21) Four (4) each 1cc syringes with 25 g needles.
- 22) Eight (8) each 3-5 cc syringes.
- 23) Four (4) each 18 or 19 g needles.
- 24) Four (4) each 1 _ in. 21 g needles.

INTERVENOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- 1) Six (6) each IV catheters gauges (14,16,18,20,22,24).
- 2) Three (3) each Red Top tubes.
- 3) Three (3) each Purple Top or any tube w/anticoagulant.
- 4) Two (2) each Vacutainers.
- 5) Two (2) each IO needles.
- 6) Two (2) each Saline lock (Optional).
- 7) Two (2) each 20 cc of normal saline (for Saline Lock) (Optional).
- 8) Eight (8) sets IV Administration Sets (4 capable 10-15 drops per minute).
- 9) Six (6) each 1000 cc bags Ringers Lactate.
- 10) Site Preparation Materials.
- 11) One (1) each Portable Sharps container.

INTUBATION KIT

- 1) One (1) set Miller blades (0,1,2,3,4).
- 2) One (1) set McIntosh blades (1,2,3,4).
- 3) One (1) each Adult laryngoscope handle.
- 4) One (1) each Pediatric laryngoscope handle.

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- 5) Two (2) each ET tubes (6,7,8,9) cuffed.
- 6) Two (2) each ET tubes (2.5,3,3.5,4,5) uncuffed.
- 7) ET Tube holders (Optional).
- 8) Two (2) each Adult stylette.
- 9) Two (2) each Pediatric stylette.
- 10) Two (2) rolls 1" adhesive tape.
- 11) Four (4) each 10 cc syringes.
- 12) One (1) each Adult Magil forceps.
- 13) One (1) each Pediatric Magil forceps.
- 14) One (1) each Surgical lubricant (tube or packets).
- 15) One (1) each Lidocaine 10% or Benzocaine spray 20%.
- 16) One (1) each Lidocaine 2%- Jelly.
- 17) Spare laryngoscope bulbs and batteries (Optional).

Notes:

- 1) Cardiac monitor shall have capability of synchronized cardio version, and pacing capability where EMTPs respond on the unit.
- 2) Units with Defib Pads that offer "quick look" are acceptable in lieu of quick look paddles.
- 3) Required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 4) Not required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 5) Packaging of medications may vary but quantities must be met.
- 6) One (1) bottle of tablets or one (1) multidose spray.

**ARTICLE G- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS
(CHASE VEHICLES)**

Section 1- Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) companies performing ALS with a chase vehicle (ALS Unit). An ALS Unit is a vehicle equipped to render ALS, transport the ALS provider and equipment to the scene to provide patient care, and accompany the patient to the appropriate medical facility on an ambulance.

Note: This section does not apply to companies operating a chase unit to upgrade an ALS equipped ambulance from basic life support staffed to ALS staffed.

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ALS service. For purposes of membership in the MFSA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section "e" of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the ALS unit and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications system, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any

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reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, each ALS unit belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least one (1) attendant certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials- Operations Level Course. That attendant shall possess a current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher certification issued through MIEMSS. The CRT or higher-level certification shall be responsible for patient care. A second attendant, or other person, not certified to the level of CRT (or higher) may be the driver.

f) Each ALS Unit shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates as an ALS unit shall be required to pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each ALS unit shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Equipment shall be in good condition and shall be appropriately marked. The equipment on each ALS unit and all records relating to its operation and maintenance, shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative of the MSFA. Each ALS unit shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

Notice: This section does not apply to companies operating chase vehicles to upgrade an ALS equipped ambulance for BLS staffed to ALS staffed, unless the ALS equipment is carried on the chase vehicle.

Note: The following items and kits may be carried in combination with other items or kits and must be carried in appropriate containers free from dust, moisture, insects and rodents.

ADDITIONAL ALS EQUIPMENT

- 1) One (1) each ALS radio to communicate with on-line medical control.
- 2) One (1) each Cardiac monitor with quick look capability (adult and pediatric) (Note 1 and 2).
- 3) Two (2) each Adult defibrillator pads (Note 3).
- 4) Two (2) each Pediatric defibrillator pads (Note 3).
- 5) One (1) set Monitoring cables.

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- 6) Six (6) sets Monitoring electrodes.
- 7) Two (2) sets Adult Pacing pads (Optional) (Note 4).
- 8) One (1) set Pediatric Pacing pad (Optional) (Note 4).
- 9) One (1) set Spare monitor/defibrillator batteries.
- 10) One (1) each Spare EKG paper.
- 11) One (1) each Tube electrode paste or jell pads (Note 4).
- 12) PDR or equivalent index (Optional).
- 13) One (1) each copy of Maryland Medical Protocols.
- 14) One (1) each Gastric tubing (8,10,12,14fr).
- 15) Two (2) each Appropriate size lavage syringes.
- 16) One (1) each Pneumothorax Kit
- 17) Glucometer Kit (Optional).
- 18) Pulse Oximeter (Optional).

MEDICATIONS AND DELIVERY DEVICES (NOTE 5)

- 1) Five (5) each Adenosine- 6 mg each.
- 2) Four (4) each Albuterol- 2.5 mg each.
- 3) Two (2) each Nebulizers.
- 4) Eight (8) each Atropine Sulfate- 1 mg each.
- 5) Two (2) each Calcium Chloride- 1g each.
- 6) Two (2) each Dextrose 50%- 25 g each.
- 7) Two (2) each Diazepam (Valium)- 10 mg each.
- 8) Two (2) each Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)- 50 mg each.
- 9) Two (2) each Dopamine- 800 mg each.
- 10) Six (6) each Epinephrine 1:10,000- 1 mg each.
- 11) Two (2) each Epinephrine 1:1,000- Multi-dose (or 5 amp set).
- 12) Two (2) each Furosemide (Lasix)- 100 mg each.
- 13) Two (2) each Glucagon- 1 mg each.
- 14) Four (4) each Lidocaine 2%- 100 mg each.
- 15) Two (2) each Morphine Sulfate- 10 mg each.
- 16) Two (2) each Naloxone (Narcan)- 2 mg each.
- 17) Two (2) each Nitroglycerin- Spray/Tab (Note 6).
- 18) Two (2) each Sodium Bicarbonate- 50 mg each.
- 19) Two (2) each Terbutaline.
- 20) Controlled access system.
- 21) Four (4) each 1 cc syringes with 25 g needles.
- 22) Eight (8) each 3-5 cc syringes.
- 23) Four (4) each 18 or 19 g needles.
- 24) Four (4) each 1 1/2" 21 g needles.

INTRAVENOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- 1) Six (6) each IV catheters gauges (14,16,20,22,24).
- 2) Three (3) each Red top tubes.
- 3) Three (3) each Purple top or any tube w/anticoagulant.
- 4) Two (2) each Vacutainers.

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- 5) Two (2) each IO needles.
- 6) Two (2) each Saline lock (Optional).
- 7) Two (2) each 20 cc of normal saline (for Saline lock) (Optional).
- 8) Eight (8) sets IV Administration Kits (Four capable 10-15 drops per minute).
- 9) Six (6) each 1000 cc bags Ringers Lactate.
- 10) Site preparation material.
- 11) One (1) each Portable Sharps.
- 12) Litter mounted pole (Optional).

INTUBATION KIT

- 1) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal airways (sizes 22-34).
- 2) One (1) set Miller Blades (0,1,2,3,4).
- 3) One (1) set McIntosh Blades (1,2,3,4).
- 4) One (1) each Adult laryngoscope handle.
- 5) One (1) each Pediatric laryngoscope handle.
- 6) Two (2) each ET Tubes (6,7,8,9) cuffed.
- 7) Two (2) each ET Tubes (2.5,3,3.5,4,5) uncuffed.
- 8) ET tube holders (Optional).
- 9) Two (2) each Adult stylette.
- 10) Two (2) each Pediatric stylette.
- 11) Two (2) rolls 1" adhesive tape.
- 12) Four (4) each 10 cc syringes.
- 13) One (1) each Adult Magil forceps.
- 14) One (1) each Pediatric Magil forceps.
- 15) One (1) each Surgical lubricant (tube or packets).
- 16) One (1) each Lidocaine 10% or Benzocaine spray 20%.
- 17) One (1) each Lidocaine 2%- Jelly.
- 18) Spare laryngoscope bulbs and batteries (Optional).

OTHER

- 1) One (1) each Portable First Aid/Trauma Kit (Note 7 and 9).
- 2) One (1) each BP Cuffs (Adult & Pediatric).
- 3) One (1) each Stethoscope.
- 4) One (1) each Portable Oxygen Kit.
- 5) One (1) each Portable Suction.
- 6) One (1) each Body Substance Isolation Kit (Note 8).
- 7) Long Backboards and straps (Optional).
- 8) Short Backboards and straps (Optional).
- 9) Head Immobilization equipment (Optional).
- 10) Two (2) each Blankets.
- 11) Gloves (Note 9).

SAFETY ITEMS

- 1) One (1) each fire extinguisher (5lb multipurpose dry chemical).
- 2) Six (6) each 30 minute red road flares or three (3) D.O.T. reflective triangles.
- 3) Two (2) each Hand lights.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 1) One (1) each per crewmember protective coats (turnout or comparable).
- 2) One (1) each per crewmember safety helmets.
- 3) One (1) pair per crewmember boots (3/4 or 1/4 length with turnout pants).
- 4) One (1) pair per crewmember gloves.
- 5) One (1) pair per crewmember safety goggles.

ALS VEHICLE

- 1) Functional climate control system (both heating and cooling).
- 2) Functional emergency warning lights.
- 3) Functional emergency audible warning devices (not horn).

Notes:

- 1) Cardiac monitor shall have capability of synchronized cardiac version and pacing capability where EMTPs run on the unit.
- 2) Units with Defib pads that offer "quick look" are acceptable in lieu of quick look paddles.
- 3) Required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 4) Not required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 5) Packaging of medications may vary but quantities must be met.
- 6) One (1) bottle of tablets or One (1) multidose spray.
- 7) Kit should be able to provide patient care per Maryland protocols at the patient side.
- 8) Sufficient number for EMS crew manning unit.
- 9) Per Seal of Excellence- BLS criteria.

ARTICLE H- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES

Section 1- The minimum standards for volunteer rescue companies are:

a) The following rescue equipment shall be carried on a motorized piece of apparatus with a minimum 1/2-ton capacity to carry same without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. All personnel staffing this unit shall have protective clothing available.

b) Active company membership consisting of at least ten (10) trained members including two (2) officers; a heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of apparatus and equipment; and a suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company members.

c) Member companies operating a rescue squad shall maintain on their roster a minimum of ten (10) members who have successfully completed the forty (40) hour basic course in rescue procedures, the intermediate course of Rescue Instruction, or the Rescue

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Technician course as offered by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course.

d) Minimum equipment to be carried and the standards are:

- 1) Axes- One (1) pick head, one (1) flat head, and one (1) pry.
- 2) Bars- One (1) 12" Halligan and one (1) 30" Halligan.
- 3) Blankets- Six (6) cotton and wool.
- 4) Breathing- Two (2) positive pressure one-half hour (future purchases to be one-hour) self-contained breathing apparatus with two (2) spare bottles and one (1) positive pressure O2 resuscitator with demand valve and aspirator.
- 5) Chain- Two (2) 10' 20 ton capacity and two (2) 10' 10 ton capacity.
- 6) Chisels- One (1) air chisel with 100' section of line.
- 7) Cutting tools- Bolt cutters; one (1) large pair and one (1) small pair.
- 8) Electrical- One (1) 5 KW stationary or portable generator with a five (5) gallon safety can and one (1) quart of oil. 200 feet electrical line with twistlock connectors, one (1) 3-way electrical junction box and assorted pigtailed/adapters. Four (4) 500-watt portable lights with twist-lock connectors.
- 9) Fans- One (1) explosion-proof 16" smoke ejector.
- 10) Emergency Care- One (1) first aid kit; one (1) long back board; one (1) short back board or extraction immobilization device; one (1) stokes basket and fifty (50) triage tags.
- 11) Fire Extinguishers- One (1) 20 lb dry chemical; one (1) 20 lb Halon or CO2.
- 12) Lifting- One (1) 1/2 ton come-along; one(1) 20 ton porta-power; two (2) 10 ton jacks (manual or hydraulic).
- 13) Ladders- One (1) 10'-16' two (2) section fire service rated ladder; one (1) attic ladder.
- 14) Picks- One (1) point and chisel type; one (1) tunneling.
- 15) Poles- Two (2) 6' pike poles with hooked end.
- 16) Rope- One (1) each 150 ft 9,000 lb tensile strength life line (Kermantle). All other utility ropes at the discretion of the department.
- 17) Salvage Covers- Two (2) salvage covers 12'X12'.
- 18) Saws- One (1) rescue type circular saw with assorted tips/blades; one (1) chain saw; one (1) skill saw; one (1) hacksaw; one (1) hand saw.
- 19) Shovels- Two (2) long handled pointed shovels; two (2) scoop shovels.
- 20) Sledges- One (1) sledge hammer, 10 lb; and one (1) non-sparking, 8 lb.
- 21) Small Tools-One(1) tool kit containing: one(1) 2lb hammer;one(1) 3lb hammer; two (2) hatchets; one (1) claw hammer; one (1) hacksaw with at least six (6) extra blades; one (1) 8" crescent wrench; one (1) 10" crescent wrench; one (1) 12" crescent wrench; one (1) pair tin snips; one (1) 8" or 10" pipe wrench; one (1) sheet metal cutting tool or crash axe; one (1) pair of regular pliers; one (1) pair 6" diagonal pliers; one (1) pair of long needle-

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nose pliers; one (1) 3/4" cold chisel; one (1) broad blade brick chisel; one (1) 1" star drill; one (1) set Allen wrenches; and one (1) spring loaded center punch.

22) Miscellaneous- Two (2) street brooms; two (2) mops; one (1) mop wringer with bucket; two (2) squeegees; two (2) battery powered hand-lights; cribbing (amount to be determined by the department); one (1) gas tank; one (1) radiological detection apparatus; and one (1) box of road flares.

23) One (1) each per crewmember: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.

24) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: Four (4) each surgical masks, four (4) each eye protection devices and four (4) protective gowns, two (2) red biowaste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty four

(24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol scrub.

ARTICLE I- MINIMUM STANDARD BLS FIRST RESPONDER UNITS

Section 1- The following items in the quantities indicated shall be carried on the BLS First Responder Units:

- 1) One (1) each Stethoscope.
- 2) One (1) each Pediatric BP Cuff.
- 3) One (1) each Adult BP Cuff, regular and obsess (sphygmomanometer).
- 4) One (1) each Penlight.
- 5) One (1) each Bandage Scissors.
- 6) One (1) each Suction unit (hand powered or equivalent).
- 7) One (1) each Patient Marking Pen.
- 8) Twenty (20) each Sterile Gauze Pads (4"X4").
- 9) One (1) roll 2" Adhesive Tape.
- 10) Six (6) each Cravats.
- 11) Four (4) each Sterile Trauma Dressing (5"X9").
- 12) Four (4) rolls 2" Self-adhering gauze bandage.
- 13) Four (4) rolls 4" Self-adhering gauze bandage.
- 14) One (1) set Oropharyngeal airways (assorted sizes 0-5).
- 15) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal airways (assorted sizes 22-34).
- 16) One (1) Nasal Cannula (Adult Size).
- 17) One (1) each Non-rebreathing Face Mask- Child and Adult sizes.
- 18) Four (4) sets Examination Gloves (Latex Safe Gloves are preferred) and BSI Protection.
- 19) One (1) each Bag Valve Mask- child and adult with appropriate mask (including sizes 0&00).
- 20) One (1) each Kit large enough to carry the above equipment.
- 21) One (1) each Bottle (500cc) sterile water normal saline.
- 22) Two (2) each Cold Pack.

- 23) Two (2) each OB Kit.
- 24) One (1) each Thermal Blanket.
- 25) One (1) each Oxygen cylinder, tubing and regulator.
- 26) Two (2) each HEPA Masks.
- 27) Two (2) each Gowns through which blood and/or body fluids cannot penetrate.
- 28) Two (2) each Eye/face shields (Note: May be combined with HEPA masks).
- 29) One (1) AED (Recommended But Not Mandatory Until 7/1/2006).
- 30) One (1) Adult Epinephrine Auto Injector.
- 31) One (1) Pediatric Epinephrine Auto Injector.

ARTICLE J- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MARINE UNITS

PFD's Must Be Used On All Marine Units When On The Water

Section 1- Inland Water Marine Utility Units

a) Inland water marine utility units shall consist of a powerboat with carrying capacity of not less than six hundred (600) and draft not to exceed twelve (12) inches. Total power shall not exceed the BIA rated capacity for the boat.

b) They shall conform to all appropriate regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland Marine Police for boats of the above class, including fire extinguishers, floatation devices, signaling devices and safety gear.

c) Inland water marine units shall be equipped with the following items, which may be carried on the tow vehicle:

- 1) One (1) standard first aid kit/bag mask.
- 2) Marker buoys with fifty (50) feet throwing line.
- 3) One (1) anchor with line.
- 4) One (1) grappling or drag bar with line.
- 5) One (1) emergency motor tool kit with spark plugs.
- 6) One (1) bailing device.
- 7) One (1) waterproof hand light.
- 8) One (1) line throwing gun (optional).
- 9) One (1) full backboard (optional).
- 10) Two (2) twenty-five foot (25') mooring lines.
- 11) One (1) Fire Department Portable Radio.

Section 2- Open Water Rescue Units

a) Open water marine fire/rescue units shall consist of a power boat not exceeding BIA capacity and the following specifications:

- 1) Sixteen (16) up to twenty-five (25) feet in length.
- 2) Seventy-four (74) inch minimum beam.
- 3) One thousand four hundred (1,400) pound minimum carrying capacity.
- 4) Eighteen (18) inch maximum draft.

b) Safety equipment- They shall conform to all appropriate regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland Marine Police for boats of their class, including fire extinguishers, floatation devices, signal devices and the following safety gear:

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- 1) Minimum of one (1) 15 lb ABC fire extinguisher and/or minimum one hundred fifty (150) GPM water pump.
 - 2) One (1) bailing device.
 - 3) Binoculars (7X50).
 - 4) Marine compass.
 - 5) Fathometer (Optional).
 - 6) Global Positioning System (Optional).
- c) Radio equipment:
- 1) One (1) marine VHF radio; twelve (12) channels and to include channels sixteen (16) and twenty-two (22).
 - 2) One (1) Fire Department Portable Radio.
- d) Open water marine rescue units shall be equipped with the following additional equipment, which may be carried on the tow vehicle:
- 1) One (1) trauma kit.
 - 2) Two (2) marker buoys with line and anchors.
 - 3) Four (4) mooring/utility lines thirty feet (30') by three-eighths inch (3/8") nylon.
 - 4) One (1) anchor with line one hundred twenty-five feet (125') by one-half inch (1/2") nylon.
 - 5) One (1) rescue throwing bag with seventy-five feet (75') nylon line.
 - 6) One (1) grappling hook or drag bar.
 - 7) One (1) emergency tool kit.
 - 8) One (1) ring buoy or rescue tube with line.
 - 9) One (1) waterproof hand light.
 - 10) One (1) spot/search light.
 - 11) One (1) boat hook or eight (8) foot pike pole.
 - 12) One (1) pair of oars or paddles.
 - 13) One (1) full backboard or rescue sled.
 - 14) One (1) bag mask resuscitator or oxygen kit.
 - 15) One (1) portable pump (150 GPM minimum with one hundred feet (100') of one and one-half inch (1 1/2") fire hose and combination nozzle (Optional).

Section 3- Open Water Marine Fire/Rescue Units

- a) Open water marine fire/rescue units shall consist of a power boat with the following specifications:
- 1) Twenty-five feet (25') minimum length (may be larger).
 - 2) Eight feet (8') minimum beam.
 - 3) Twenty inch (20") maximum draft.
 - 4) Seventy (70) gallon minimum fuel capacity.
 - 5) Two thousand two hundred (2200) pounds minimum load capacity. Load capacity shall be in excess of motor and fire pump weights.
- b) Power- Total power shall not exceed the BIA rated capacity for the boat.
- c) Safety Equipment- The hull shall be manufactured with floatation and shall

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comply with all regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland Marine Police for boats of the above class.

d) The following additional equipment shall be carried:

- 1) One (1) fifteen (15) lb ABC fire extinguisher.
- 2) Dual bilge pumps.
- 3) Binoculars (7X50).

e) Fire Equipment:

- 1) Pump capacity five hundred (500) GPM minimum (to meet pump test rating from draft).
- 2) Hard suction with strainer or thru-hull draft of appropriate size for capacity of pump.
- 3) One (1) hose one and three-fourths inch (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") by one hundred fifty feet (150') with sixty (60) GPM nozzle.
- 4) Two (2) lengths of hose one and one-half inch (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") by fifty feet (50') with sixty (60) GPM nozzle.
- 5) One (1) length of hose three inch (3") by fifty feet (50') supply line.
- 6) Pre-piped monitor with fog nozzle.
- 7) Dual gated two and one-half inch (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") manifold with gauges.
- 8) One (1) one inch (1") Navy nozzle with applicator and adapter.
- 9) Foam educator with five (5) gallons of AFFF three percent (3%) foam.

f) Optional Fire Fighting Equipment:

- 1) Two (2) fire rated breathing apparatus.
- 2) Two (2) Nomex marine firefighting suits.
- 3) One (1) pickhead axe.
- 4) One (1) pry bar.
- 5) One (1) pike pole ten feet (10') long.
- 6) One (1) twenty (20) pound CO2 fire extinguisher.

g) Rescue Equipment:

- 1) One (1) full backboard or rescue sled.
- 2) One (1) bag mask resuscitator or oxygen kit.
- 3) One (1) trauma bag.
- 4) One (1) swim platform or boarding ladder.
- 5) One (1) flare kit.
- 6) One (1) emergency sea anchor.

h) Additional Required Equipment:

- 1) One (1) Danforth type anchor with five/eighths inch (5/8") by one hundred fifty feet (150').
- 2) Ground tackle for anchor.
- 3) Four (4) mooring/utility lines one-half inch (1/2") by twenty feet (20').
- 4) One (1) boat hook eight (8) feet long.
- 5) One (1) ring buoy or rescue tube with line.
- 6) One (1) emergency tool kit.
- 7) Four (4) fenders eight (8) inches by twenty (20) inches.

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- 8) Four (4) Type II adult Personal Floatation Devices.
- 9) One (1) Type II child Personal Floatation Device.
- 10) Four (4) Type III commercial grade Personal Floatation Devices for crew members.
- 11) One (1) marine compass.
- 12) Two (2) windshield wipers.
- 13) Two (2) floodlights.
- 14) One (1) spot/search light.
- 15) One (1) red and amber emergency light.
- 16) One (1) marine VHF radio (all channel capability).
- 17) One (1) portable Fire Department Radio.
- 18) One (1) electric whistle.
- 19) One (1) six (6) foot paddle.
- 20) One (1) color display depth meter.
- 21) Four (4) marker buoys with anchor and line.
- 22) One (1) rescue line bag.
- 23) One (1) grappling hook or drag bar or drag line system.
- 24) One (1) power hailer (Ten (10) watt minimum).
- 25) Two (2) waterproof hand lights.

i) Optional Equipment:

- 1) One (1) Global Positioning System.

ARTICLE K- COMMITTEE DUTIES

NOTE: For duties of the Executive Committee, refer to MSFA Constitution, Article IV, Section 16.

Section 1- The **Emergency Medical Services Committee** shall represent the Ambulance and Rescue Services in the member companies in formulating standards to comply with regulations as deemed necessary under the Emergency Medical Service of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The committee shall provide information to and cooperate with the Firemen's Training Committee in the development of a Ten (10) Year Training Plan, including such training relating to the provision of Emergency Medical Services.

Section 2- The **Financial Review Committee** shall examine and audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Trustees, and all Officers of the Association, Committees or individuals receiving operating appropriations from the Executive Committee, and report, in writing, the results of its examinations during the second session of each Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 3- The **Convention and Conference Committee** shall make arrangements for the Annual Convention and Conference and, as needed, shall coordinate activities with local organizations.

Section 4- The **Constitution and By-laws Committee** shall formulate and present proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to the Executive Committee, providing the proposals have been submitted, in writing, in accordance with Article VII,

Section 1, entitled "Amendments".

Section 5- The **Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee** shall develop and promote a statewide year-round fire prevention program. The program shall be planned and promoted to inform the people of Maryland of all age groups. The program shall be developed and carried forward in cooperation with the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the State Fire Marshall, who will serve as technical advisors to the Committee. The Committee may enlist the aid of any interested organization, group or individuals at the discretion of the Fire Prevention Committee or at the direction of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall furnish a written report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, and it shall present a complete report of Committee activities during the year to the delegates assembled at the Annual Convention and Conference. The Committee shall maintain liaison between the Governor's Fire Prevention Conference and the MSFA.

Section 6- The **Training Committee** shall promote programs responsive to the needs of the fire service located within the State of Maryland and shall continue the development of a ten (10) year training program which reflects the future needs of the Maryland Fire Service; in addition, the Training Committee shall be the official voice of the MSFA in fire service training matters with the University of Maryland and other vocational or educational organizations of this State. The Committee shall advise and collaborate with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in the conduct of courses of instruction for the Maryland Fire Service; and shall encourage and assist in developing regional schools and local and other specialized courses in the State. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee enabling legislation, which will maintain and advance the necessary fire service training plans or programs. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee and a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 7- The **Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee** shall compile historical data relative to fire, emergency medical services and rescue activities in Maryland. This committee shall represent the MSFA in all matters relating to the Volunteer Firefighter's Room and shall coordinate appropriate MSFA activities including, but not limited to, furnishing and decorating with those activities of the University College, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland. The Committee shall endeavor to locate and acquire items for exhibit in a permanent museum and perform such other duties as may be required by the MSFA.

Section 8- The **Legislative Committee** shall formulate and monitor the passage of such legislation as may be to the interest and benefit of the MSFA. The Chairman of the Committee shall register as the legislative agent for the MSFA and shall direct others that assist him in this endeavor to also register. The Chairman shall keep records and file reports as required by the laws of Maryland and shall assure that any person registered in behalf of the Association also keeps and files records required by law. The Chairman shall report regularly and seek advice from the Officers and Executive Committee on positions of the MSFA, but shall have the authority to act by lone judgment when time is of the essence, being ever mindful of the goals and aims of the MSFA.

Section 9- The **Public Relations Committee** shall compile information of interest to fire, emergency medical services, rescue companies and the public, making this information generally known throughout the State, by whatever method that can be used to the best interest of the MSFA. The Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Association and shall submit a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 10- The **Safety Committee** shall promote a statewide safety program among member companies. The program will be planned so as to provide companies with material and literature on safety on the scene of any emergency and driving of equipment to emergencies, drills and parades. The Committee will cooperate with the Firemen's Training Committee, the Emergency Medical Services Committee, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or its successor, and any such agency that promotes safety. The Committee will have published in the bulletin of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, its successor, or other such publications, information on accidents as well as precautions to be taken for the best interest and welfare of personnel. The Committee will make a report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and will present a complete report for the year to the delegates at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 11- The **Scholarship Committee** shall by June 1st in cooperation with scholarship committees of appropriate universities, colleges, academies, or other institutions of higher learning within Maryland determine to provide or deny grants or loans to new applicants or continuing students. The Committee shall in proper cases award, to the extent funds are available, such grant or loan to an eligible applicant or student participating in a course related to fire or health services including, but not limited to, fire sciences or emergency medical services.

The Committee may use funds provided through resources of the MSFA Foundation or from other sources. The Committee is authorized to solicit funds for grants or loans from any source it deems proper. The Committee shall from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations relating to its duties, eligibility of applicants or recipients, acceptable sources of funds to be solicited or regulations dealing with liability of a given recipient to repay part or all of any grant or loan.

Section 12- The **Standards Committee** shall study and keep abreast with fire fighting, emergency medical services and rescue requirements and make recommendations for any changes that would improve the standards of this Association, and to make inspections or perform such other duties as may be required by the Association.

Section 13- The **Firefighter Of The Year Committee** will be responsible for receipt of the nominations and selection of the recipient of the annual MSFA award. The Committee will solicit nominations for the National Volunteer Fire Council's award and submit appropriate names to that group.

Section 14- The **Statistical Committee** shall assist and cooperate in the formation and operation of a uniform statistical reporting system by the State. The Committee shall encourage the use of the uniform statistical reporting system by all member companies of the MSFA and shall obtain and compile other statistical information

as may be required by the MSFA.

Section 15- The **Transportation Committee** shall provide to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successor, as required, proof by MSFA that applicants for special "FD" license plates are eligible members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company, or auxiliary thereof. The applicable fees and time periods shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee on its own motion or on the request of the Transportation Committee. It shall be responsible for notifying companies and auxiliaries of current procedures for obtaining such plates or validation stickers for them. The Committee should maintain a close working relationship with the M.V.A. concerning any matters that may affect the emergency services organizations or their members. The Committee shall also maintain liaison with the Maryland Toll Facilities Administration to continue the special privileges provided for authorized emergency vehicles.

Section 16- The **Budget And Revenue Committee** shall establish and maintain procedures to implement the budget, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall supervise the compilation of the MSFA annual budget and submit same, with recommendations, to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Section 17- The **Planning Committee** shall in conjunction with the Presidents and Executive Committee develop short and long range goals and plans of the Association.

Section 18- The **Special Activities Committee** shall devise and manage fundraising activities, primarily to assist with financing the Annual Convention and Conferences.

Section 19- The **17 State Circle Committee** shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the building at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, for so long as it is leased to the MSFA, including such duties as formulation of a budget based on maintenance and operating expenses, recommending alterations in conformity with guidelines of the Maryland Historical Society, preservation of the building as a show place for the MSFA, and establishing exhibits of selected MSFA memorabilia.

Section 20- The **Hall Of Fame Committee** shall be responsible for naming persons to the MSFA Hall of Fame, Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award, and the Roll of Honor, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Fire/EMS/Rescue Service.

Section 21- The **Data Systems Committee** shall establish a mechanism for collecting and recording information on the type and value of each kind of financial support provided or available by counties and municipalities to fire/emergency medical services/rescue companies in each jurisdiction. All appropriate information on equipment, buildings (including federally and/or state owned structures), membership, alarms, etc., is to be included in the database. Gathering and use of the information is to be coordinated with the Statistical Committee and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

Section 22- The **Ways And Means Committee** shall operate the MSFA's annual raffle and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

Section 23- The **Awards Committee** shall coordinate functions of the MSFA Committees responsible for the selection and making of awards.

Section 24- The **Incentive Programs Committee** will be responsible for monitoring incentive programs, coordinate the collection of information for programs such

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as LOSAP, Income-Tax Modification and other programs that might come about, to provide for volunteer firefighters, rescue, and emergency medical personnel.

ARTICLE L- NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1- This organization prohibits discrimination in membership or other activities on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap. The Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association have been revised and updated with the amendments approved at the 116th Annual Convention and Conference held at Ocean City, Maryland, June 14-20, 2008.

Dennis Skinner
Chairman
Constitution & By-laws Committee

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE OF DEADLINE DATES FOR AWARDS

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Award</u>
March 31	Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
March 31	Scholarship Awards
April 15	Zembower Fire Service Training Award
April 30	Accident and Injury Prevention Award
April 30	Fire Prevention Awards
April 30	Silver Spring Fire Prevention Trophy
May 1	Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
May 1	Colburn Trophy
May 1	Family Appreciation Program Award
May 1	Firefighter of the Year Award
May 1	Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award
May 1	Gladhill-Thompson Award
May 1	Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., EMS Person of the Year Award
May 1	Miss Fire Prevention Contest
May 1	Hall of Fame Award
May 1	Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award
May 1	Smith N. Stathem, Jr. P.P. Memorial Safety Award
May 15	Roll of Honor
Parade	Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award

**Check your Awards Manual or msfa.org (Awards Manual)
For details and specifics for each award.**

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PAST PRESIDENT C. OSCAR BAKER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Rookie
Firefighter/EMS Provider

Award Sponsor: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company or Carroll
County

Award Administered By: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the elected officers
of the Maryland State Firemen's Association



Background: The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was established by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 2002. The award was established to honor Chief C. Oscar Baker for his sixty (60) years of active service to the citizens of Mount Airy and the surrounding communities, Carroll County and the State of Maryland. Chief Baker has served as President of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, President of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association and President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (1978-79). Chief Baker retired as Fire Chief of the National Bureau of Standards and then served as the Volunteer Coordinator for Carroll County for several years. He was a field instructor for the Fire Service Extension and later the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute for several decades. Chief Baker has served as Chair of several committees of the MSFA, including: the Training Committee, Hall of Fame and the Centennial Committee. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company saw it fitting to honor someone who is beginning their emergency service career with an award to encourage them to reach the high level of service and dedication to the citizens we all serve that Chief C. Oscar Baker exemplifies. The award is to be presented annual during the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Award Rules:

1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. Any active member of a member department of the MSFA may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Members of Junior/Cadet Fire Departments/Companies are not eligible for this award.
4. Nominee must have less than 24 months of membership to the sponsoring department.

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5. Nominee that transfers from one department to another is not eligible, unless their total time of service is less than 24 months.
6. Nominations in the form of a resume must be submitted on an individual basis only and on official letterhead or department stationary.
7. Nominations must be submitted to the MSFA Secretary no later than **May 1st** of each year. Late entries will not be considered.
8. The elected officers of the MSFA will judge nominees.
9. The mailing address for entries is: Jacqueline Olson, MSFA Secretary
424 Greenland Beach Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21226
10. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President of Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual's name on the master trophy.
11. The master trophy will have the award date name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA annual convention and conference, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual's fire company. The personal trophy also suitably endorsed will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever. The selected winner will also receive the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue/red and the gold medal is inscribed as Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year, with the year and the MSFA Seal in the center.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
2002	Chris McDonald	Maryland City	Anne Arundel
2003	Matthew Rose	Odenton	Anne Arundel
2004	Derek R. Dods	Mt. Airy	Carroll
2005	Rachel Goucher	Middletown	Frederick
2006	Jeffery A. Martin	Potomac Valley	Washington
2007	Jennifer Chafin	Branchville	Prince George's
2008	Michael Offutt	Woodsboro	Frederick

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FRANCIS L. BRANNIGAN INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education

Award Sponsor: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors, and the Maryland Chapter of the International Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

Award Administered By: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

Background: The Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award was first established by Professor Francis L. Brannigan in 1977. Professor Brannigan was the first and longtime Professor with the Montgomery College Fire Science Program and a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. This award is presented annually by the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors in recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education in Maryland.

Award Rules:

1. In order to be considered for the award, the following should be addressed in the nomination:
 - A. The contribution during the previous calendar year with any specific information related to fire, rescue, and EMS training and education.
 - B. The contribution made to fire, rescue, or EMS training and education during the years prior to the previous calendar year.
2. Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland fire and rescue service or the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors to be considered.
3. Nominations should be sponsored by a chapter member and submitted in a narrative format with as much specific information as possible to:
Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
Upper Eastern Shore Regional Office
Wayne C. Colburn
601 Safety Drive
Centreville, MD 21617
4. All nominations must be received no later than **May 31st** of each year.

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5. The award is presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Previous Recipients:

1977	Francis L. Brannigan	1992	George A. Morgan
1977	Warren E. Isman	1993	Leon M. Fleming
1978	Kurt Eisenschmidt	1994	Clarence "Smiley" White
1979	Theodore L. Jarboe	1995	Leonard E. Yox
1980	MFRI Staff	1996	Robert L. Rose
1981	Mary Beth Michos	1997	W. Newton "Skip" Carey
1982	John McNeece	1998	William Luberman
1983	Not Awarded	1999	Elaine Wedding
1984	Harry Devlin	2000	
1985	W. Newton "Skip" Carey	2002	Jackie Carey/Stephan Cox
1986	Judith K. White	2003	
1987	State Fire Marshal's Staff	2004	
1988		2005	Jack Hulet
1989	Herman E. Rhue	2006	Mike Crawford
1990	Milton Zepp	2007	
1991	Andrew I Levy	2008	Earl Powell

COLBURN TROPHY AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Act of Heroism

Award Sponsor: Princess Ann Volunteer Fire Company

Award Administered By: Board of Trustees



Background: At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June, 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn, Jr. The award is to be awarded in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for some outstanding act of heroism or from some act for the good of the Association. Qualifications and awards to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as judges. This cup is to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association with appropriated ceremonies.

At the 66th Annual Convention in Ocean City in June 1958, due to the lack of space for more recipients names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; That it will be retained by the recipient for keeps." Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

The recipient will receive the Colburn Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is solid red and the gold medal, with red, white and blue enamel paint is inscribed as the "Medal of Heroism", with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules: Nomination submitted for consideration must follow the following requirements:

1. Must be on fire, rescue, or ambulance department stationary giving detailed summary of his/her outstanding actions or reason to be considered.
2. Must be received by the Board of Trustees prior to **May 1st** of each year.
3. Must be mailed or delivered to:

Gene Worthington, P.P.
MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
3663 Old Level Road
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

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Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1933	Reuben R. Palmer	Kensington	Montgomery
1934	Wilber R. Dulin	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
1935	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1936	Captain Austin Leithiser	Susquehanna Hose	Harford
1937	Marion E. Rose	Northeast	Cecil
1938	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1939	John A. Hornberger, Sr.	Waterwitch	Anne Arundel
1940	Bernard P. Odum	Takoma Park	Montgomery
1941	William A. Kral	Bel Air	Harford
1942	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1943	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1944	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1945	Cpt. George C. Arnold	Glen Echo	Montgomery
1946	Vernon Listman	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
1947	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1948	Walter Jackson	Hancock	Washington
1949	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1950	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1951	Charles A. Pastrana	Independent	Anne Arundel
1952	Chief Spencer J. H. Brown, Sr.	Sandy Springs	Montgomery
1953	Amous C. Bear	Goodwill	Washington
1954	Edward S. Hall, Jr.	Herald Harbor	Anne Arundel
1955	Carl W. Pollette, Jr.	Hebron	Wicomico
1956	William McWilliam	North Beach	Calvert
1957	Alferd E. Johnson, Jr.	Rockville	Montgomery
1958	Chief Clinton Ditz	Crisfield	Somerset
1959	Robert Hook	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
1960	Sam Villani	Ocean City	Worcester
1961	Victor L. Talbert	Boulevard Heights	Prince George's
1966	Colin C. Colgan	Tuxedo Cheverly	Prince George's
1963	Ivan Reynolds	Perryville	Cecil
1963	Roland Rapacelli	Perryville	Cecil
1964	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1965	James Ewing	Forestville	Prince George's
1966	Dpty. Chief Baron L. DeKalb	Takoma Park	Montgomery
1967	Kenneth Frock	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
1968	Chief Lee Webster	Deal Island-Chance	Somerset
1969	William F. Padgett	West Lanham Hills	Prince George's
1970	Captain George Duke	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1971	Robert Ridgeway	Beltsville	Prince George's
1971	Charles Hall	Beltsville	Prince George's
1972	W. Frederick Coursey	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1973	John A. Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery

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1974	Deputy Chief Bruce B. Bell	District Heights	Prince George's
1975	Balmes N. Hildalgo	Rockville	Montgomery
1976	David Schultz	Bowie	Prince George's
1976	David Ploor	Bowie	Prince George's
1977	Jack E. Montgomery, Jr.	Accokeek	Prince George's
1978	Laurel Volunteer Fire Co.	Laurel	Prince George's
1979	Timothy Thorne	Upper Montgomery	Montgomery
1980	Lt. James Kenneth Frank, Jr.	Kensington	Montgomery
1981	Sgt. Timothy DeRuyscher	College Park	Prince George's
1982	Thomas J. Campbell	Kensington	Montgomery
1983	Lt. David C. Jones	Wheaton	Montgomery
1984	Sgt. Thomas C. Brown	Wheaton	Montgomery
1985	Maggie Cooley	Upper Montgomery	Montgomery
1986	Lt. Michael J. LaVelle	Rockville	Montgomery
1987	Captain Richard Corcoran	Bay District	St. Mary's
1987	George Frye	Bay District	St. Mary's
1988	Robert D. Cowan	Deale	Anne Arundel
1989	Dpty. Chief George Brown, Jr.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
1990	Charles Raines	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1990	Michael Frazer	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1990	Michael Willie	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1991	Helen A. Kulle	Forestville	Prince George's
1991	Kurt Talbert	Forestville	Prince George's
1992	W. Newton "Skip" Carey	Ocean Pines	Worcester
1993	Jonas Rudzki	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
1994	Lt. Richard Weber	Wheaton	Montgomery
1995	William Merrill	Princess Anne	Somerset
1996	Todd Baldwin	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1997	Captain Eric Strongburg	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
1998	Captain John Frank	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
1998	Fred Labelle	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
1999	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
2000	Chief Charles E. Jester	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
2001	<i>Not awarded</i>		
2002	John Ferguson, IV	Rockville	Montgomery
2002	John Berry	Rockville	Montgomery
2003	Clay Stamp	Ocean City	Worcester
2003	Lt. Robert "Bo" Duke	Ocean City	Worcester
2004	Philip S. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
2005	David Yankey	New Market District	Frederick
2006	H. Edward "Eddie" Woods	Glenn Dale	Prince George's
2006	Michael Moore	Glenn Dale	Prince George's
2007	Brian Thrasher	Huntingtown	Calvert
2007	Michael Nasti	Huntingtown	Calvert
2008	Adam St. John	Wheaton	Montgomery

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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Citizenship and Exemplary Job Achievement

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association
Firefighter of the Year Committee



Background: The Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) established the Firefighter of the Year Award in 1978, to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference each year from nominations received from the member department or individuals. Qualified nominations will be judged by the Firefighter of the Year Committee appointed by the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The committee solicits your support in this fine program and asks that you select someone in your department or from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the award.

Award Rules: The rules and guidelines for the Firefighter of the Year Program are as follows:

1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. Any active member of a department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Nominations must be submitted on an individual basis only on official letterhead or department stationery with the official MSFA Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached. Form must be signed with title of person submitting the nomination. A photograph of the nominee shall be submitted with the form.
4. Nomination must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee no later than **May 1st of each year**. Any late entries will not be considered. The mailing address for the entries is:

John O. Gatton, Sr.
Chairman, MSFA Firefighter of the Year Committee
24429 Mervell Dean Road
Hollywood, MD 20636

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5. Guidelines for selection of nominee:
 - A. Outstanding citizenship, i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/her department and community at large, etc.
 - B. Exemplary job achievement, i.e., lecturing at school on fire safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising, etc.
 - C. This award will be for calendar year only.

NOTE: This award will not be judged on acts of heroism. All heroism nominations should be directed to the Colburn Trophy Award.

6. Awarding of the Firefighter of the Year Plaque and Certificates:
 - A. Award to be made at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
 - B. Winner to receive large plaque annually
 - C. Winner receives the Firefighter of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red and white and the gold medal is inscribed as Firefighter of the Year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
 - D. Awarding of plaque and medal to be made by the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
 - E. Certificates will be presented or mailed to all nominees.
 - F. Recipients name will be placed on a large plaque in the Volunteer Firefighter's Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park. Plaque donated by the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department of Montgomery County in memory of Chief Spencer J. H. Brown, Sr., Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1978	Herman E. Rhue	Hurlock	Dorchester
1979	Richard A Ayers	Community FC, Rising Sun	Cecil
1980	James J. Snyder	Laytonsville	Montgomery
1981	Eugene L. Worthington	Level	Harford
1981	Joseph G. Burris	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1982	Tony Sterling	Salisbury	Wicomico
1983	Thomas Y. Miller	Level	Harford
1984	Harry A. Pafel, Jr.	Fallston	Harford
1985	Ted F. Jackson	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1986	Diane May	Luke	Allegany
1987	Rhonda J. Thomas	Level	Harford

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1988	David C. Leftwich	Delta-Cardiff	Harford
1989	William J. Dousa, Jr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1990	L. Jason Baer	Goodwill	Washington
1991	Francis T. Mowbray, Jr.	Barton Hose	Allegany
1992	Michael E. Tarquini	Level	Harford
1993	James Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery
1994	Steven W. Leatherma	Middleton	Frederick
1995	Barbara A. Knippenburg	Midland	Allegany
1996	James "Deacon" Dick	Midland	Allegany
1997	Francis D. Jester	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1998	Joseph Wayne Hardesty	Prince Frederick	Calvert
1999	Joseph Wayne Hardesty	Prince Frederick	Calvert
2000	Joseph Della-Camera	Prince Frederick	Calvert
2001	Jim Lyons	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
2002	Jeff Williams	Indian Head	Charles
2003	James E. McClelland	Capital Heights	Prince George's
2004	Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
2005	William Hill, Jr.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
2006	Aimee Cenate	Mechanicsville	St. Mary's
2007	Derrick E. Lloyd	Joppa Magnolia	Harford

MARBERY F. GATES SERVICE CUP AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Fifty (50) Years of Continuous and Faithful Service

Award Sponsor: Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame Committee



Background: This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over sixty (60) years of active service performed by charter member, Mr. Marbery F. Gates of Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. The initial and first award was presented to Mr. Marbery F. Gates on June 15, 1981, at the 86th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Mr. Gates served on the MSFA Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989.

Award Rules:

1. The Marbery F. Gates Service Cup is to be awarded to an individual selected by the MSFA as deserving of this honor; such individual to have at least, but not less than 50 years of continuous and faithful service to organizations within the Association.
2. The Master Cup will have the award date, name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual's fire company. The Personal Cup also suitably endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.
3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbery F. Gates Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee is 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.
4. Each individual nominated will receive a plaque recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service. Each individual will also receive a Governors Citation.

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5. The MSFA will solicit nominations annually during the month of March to be presented by May 1st, and to; notify the President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department no later than May 20th of said selection, to allow preparation of the individual trophy and the recording of the individual's name on the Master Cup.
6. Nominations in the form of a resume shall be submitted **No Later Than May 1st of Each Year** to:
C. Dan Carpenter, III
Chairman
MSFA Hall of Fame Committee
1106 Cornwall Drive
La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1981	Marbery F. Gates	Rockville	Montgomery
1982	Chief Leslie B. Thompson, P.P.	Damascus	Montgomery
1983	G. Mitchell Boulden, P.P.	Singerly	Cecil
1984	Frank Middleton	Pittsville	Wicomico
1985	Chief Byron H. Miller	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
1986	William Holley	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1987	B. Harrison Shipley, Jr., P.P.	Ellicott City	Howard
1988	John R. Williams	Delta-Cardiff	Harford
1989	Chief Ralph N. Small, Jr., P.P.	Boulevard Heights	Prince George's
1990	John W. Smith, P.P.	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
1991	Henry Harrison Purdy	Easton	Talbot
1992	Chief Smith N. Stathem, P.P.	Pikesville	Baltimore
1993	Chief C. Oscar Baker, P.P.	Mt. Airy	Carroll
1994	William "Barney" Miller	Barton	Allegany
1995	Chief Charles B. Burton, P.P.	Landover Hills	Prince George's
1996	Chief Millard Purcell	Bel Air	Harford
1997	David E. Kirk, P.P.	Bowling Green	Allegany
1998	Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill	Damascus	Montgomery
1999	Chief Gerald A. Glaubitz, P.P.	Morningside	Prince George's
2000	Deputy Chief Albert Harris, Jr.	Glen Echo	Montgomery
2001	William F. Cooke	Waldorf	Charles
2002	John W. Means, Sr.	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
2003	Joseph R. Robison, P.P.	Laurel	Prince George's
2004	William H. Smith, Jr.	Luke	Allegany
2005	Daniel B. Smith, Sr.	Aberdeen	Harford
2006	J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne	Baltimore
2007	John W. Berryman, Sr.	Pikesville	Baltimore
2008	Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.	Damascus	Montgomery

CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company in Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated –
Montgomery County, Maryland

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention
Committee

Background: In memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) and a man whose impact on the fire service was felt nationwide, the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County, Maryland) with the foreknowledge and endorsement of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Gibbons family, shall sponsor the annual A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award for the best appearing company in the MSFA Convention Parade.

Starting with the 1992 MSFA Convention, a trophy will be awarded by the parade judges at the regular award ceremony following the parade and will be presented to the best appearing company for their edification and personal safekeeping until the following MSFA Annual Convention. At that time, during the opening ceremony, the trophy will be formally surrendered to the Convention Chairman, who will then present a permanent award to the surrendering company. The trophy will then remain on display until it is re-awarded.

The perpetual trophy and permanent award will be provided by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County) in memory of our brother, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, who served with profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capacities, including President and Fire Chief.

Because Marvin was the driving force behind the annual MSFA Convention Parade and because he personally choreographed the opening ceremony of our convention it was universally felt that this award, having an impact upon both the annual parade and opening ceremony, would be a fitting tribute and memorial to this great man.

The award shall be presented to the company which, in the sole opinion of the parade judges, presents the best overall appearance considering such factors as: number of and composition of units, number of personnel in uniform, decorum, demeanor, and esprit de corps.

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SECTION 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT - The following announcement was submitted to the MSFA for inclusion in the Awards Information Manual:

Name of Award: Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award.

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company/Department in Line of Parade, Annual MSFA Convention Parade.

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (Montgomery County).

Award Judged By: MSFA Annual Convention Parade Judges.

SECTION 2 – CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS

Arthur Marvin Gibbons was born on April 14, 1927 in Washington, D.C. For over forty-two years, Chief Gibbons made significant and lasting contributions to the fire service of his community, Montgomery County, the State, and the Nation.

In his community, Marvin joined the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 and served as Fire Chief for sixteen years and as President for four terms. In 1961, he was named Montgomery County "Fireman of the Year".

At the county level, Marvin worked enthusiastically for "Bill 1" which established a seven member Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Fire Board. This committee developed policy for the fire and rescue services of Montgomery County. Chief Gibbons served as chairman or vice-chairman of the Fire Board for fourteen years. During his tenure, he spearheaded the movement of establish the county's Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This program was the first of its type to recognize the service of volunteer fire and rescue personnel and has spread throughout our nation.

Also while Chairman of the Fire Board, Marvin helped to established the Heart Mobil which was the forerunner to the current Paramedic Program. In addition, he was personally involved with the building of the Public Safety Training Academy. Chief Gibbons hired the first Training Officer, the late Warren Isman and hired the first Director of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. Chief David B. Gratz. Both of these individuals went on to become known internationally in the fire service community.

When Chief Gibbons recognized that Montgomery County lacked adequate mutual aid agreements, he attacked the problem. He used his common sense and uncommon persuasive abilities to forge the mutual aid agreements that now exist among all metropolitan area jurisdictions.

Upon retiring from the Fire Board, Chief Gibbons was elected Chairman Emeritus. Chief Gibbons also served as President of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Association.

At the state level, Chief Gibbons, for many years, worked tirelessly for the MSFA Convention, organizing the parade, choreographing the opening ceremonies, and serving as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee. In 1977 Marvin was elected President of the MSFA. Following his tenure as President, Chief Gibbons continued his work with the Association

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on numerous committee. In 1981, Chief Gibbons was elected to the "Hall of Fame."

His efforts just prior to his death were more national in scope. Chief Gibbons was instrumental in establishing a National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial erected at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This memorial, and the annual ceremony which recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their fellow citizens, was truly one of Marvin's proudest achievements. In 1990, Chief Gibbons was honored with an award for outstanding service from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his work in overseeing the design and construction of the Memorial.

Chief Gibbons held honorary memberships in the following organizations: Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George's County; Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County; Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Upper Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Wheaton Volunteer rescue Squad, Montgomery County.

Chief Gibbons was a life member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a charter member of Heroes, Inc.

On May 16, 1993, the Fire and Rescue Service Wing of the Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy was dedicated in memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

Marvin Gibbons was raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Anacostia High School. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado for 23 months in the Pacific during World War II. Chief Gibbons married May Ann Campbell. They raised two sons, Michael C. and A. Marvin III. Marvin's grandchildren include: Lauren A., Michael C. II, Kelly L., and Marvin IV.

Chief A. Marvin Gibbons passed away on December 13, 1990 at his home in Lighthouse Point, Florida.

Marvin was admired for his accomplishments, love for his wit, and respected for his decency. He saw the good in every person. A friend of both the mighty and the meek. Marvin nonetheless possessed uncommon humility.

Those of us who knew Marvin personally will never forget his happy demeanor, caring personality, and high values. Those who did not have that special privilege will still have his remarkable legacy of good works.

Marvin Gibbons will always be a beacon of honor and genuine hero to the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 3 – THE MEMORIAL AWARD

1.1 INTRODUCTION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award consists of four major components: the pedestal, the felt field, the granite base, and the speaking trumpet. In addition, the award also includes a support for the trumpet and a dust cover. Each of the major components represents a specific aspect of the life of A. Marvin Gibbons.

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- 1.2 PEDESTAL - The pedestal forms the foundation of the A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award. Just as Marvin Gibbons was in life, this pedestal is robust, solid, and distinguished looking. The pedestal. Made of solid mahogany, is octagonal in shape and measures forty inches high and approximately twenty-five inches across. The pedestal rests on a one inch base plate. In the top surface of the pedestal is a circular felt field. This felt field is red, Marvin's favorite color. The felt field measures approximately eighteen inches in diameter. Upon this surface rests the granite base.
- 1.3 GRANITE BASE - The base of the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award is made from Elberton dark blue-gray granite. The stone measures twelve and five-eighths inches long, eight inches wide, and two inches high, has a smooth bottom, polished top, and rough sides with rounded corners. This granite resembles the gravestone of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.
- 1.4 SPEAKING TRUMPET - The Speaking Trumpet is an exact duplicate of the antique speaking trumpet presented to Chief Gibbons by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department upon his election to President of the MSFA. The Speaking Trumpet was cast in bronze from a mold made from the original trumpet. The bronze trumpet was then polished and chrome plated. Chief Gibbons instituted the use of chrome to accent equipment and apparatus in order to build pride within the Department. The red, white and blue braid and tassels are a ceremonial halyard representing the patriotism of Chief Gibbons.

SECTION 4 - ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 SET-UP AND RELOCATION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award should be displayed is a dry, level location. Care should be taken to protect the pedestal base molding from damage. After an appropriate location has been decided, determine where the front of the Award will face. Place the pedestal in position and rotate until the "pointed" portion of the dust cover groove is facing away from the front. Place the granite base in the center of the felt field with the name plate toward the front. Align the rear side of the base with the "pointed" portion of the dust cover groove. Place the plastic trumpet holder (plastic rod) in such a fashion that the ends point toward the front. Place the Trumpet on the plastic holder so as to tilt the trumpet toward the back. The Trumpet should rest on the holder. Adjust the location (front to back) to space the Trumpet evenly over the granite base. Lift the dust cover over the Trumpet and place in groove with "seam" of dust cover at the "pointed" portion of the groove. Check the alignment of the Trumpet by standing at the front; the dust cover seam should be invisible behind and in line with the Trumpet.
- 1.2 MAINTENANCE AND CARE - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award has been designed with minimum care required. The pedestal requires only occasional dusting. Prior to returning the Award to the next MSFA Convention, the pedestal should be waxed with a good grade

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furniture wax. The dust cover should maintain the granite base and Speaking Trumpet relatively dust free. Prior to returning the Award to the next convention, simply dust the trumpet with a soft cloth. The granite base may be wiped with a damp cloth. The dust cover should be cleaned with the plastic cleaner provided.

- 1.3 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried insurance on the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award. The insurance is now provided under the MSFA insurance coverage. In the event of damage or theft, please contact Secretary and Convention Chairman Leonard T. King, P.P. immediately (1-800-KIN-MSFA access 13)

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and support of the following individuals and organizations during the design and production of this award: Abe Lincoln Flags, Banners & Gifts, Vienna, Virginia; Acme Plating Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Clements Industries, Inc., Ashton, Maryland; Continental, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; Day Memorials, Beltsville, Maryland; John J. Habert, Ellicott City, Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland; William Thrift, III, Bowie, Maryland; Wood Creations, Dunkirk, Maryland.

The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townsend Jones, Maureen G. Saval, Joseph A. Weisgerber, George W. Willie.

Previous Recipients:

1992	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1993	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1994	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1995	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1996	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
1997	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1998	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
1999	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2000	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2001	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2002	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2003	Galena Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2004	Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department	Queen Anne's County
2005	Galena Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2006	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2007	Easton Volunteer Fire Company	Talbot County
2008	Easton Volunteer Fire Company	Talbot County

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GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Award Sponsor: Mr. Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill, and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Elected Officers



Background: This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen's Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson.

Award Rules:

1. Eligibility - - -

A. The following are eligible:

1. Members of the "Official Family" (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, etc.).
2. Bona fide members of member fire companies or;
3. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state, or;
4. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state.

B. The following are not eligible:

1. The judges
2. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance

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of the act or acts considered for the award

2. Criteria - - -

- A. The Candidate accomplished assigned (or assumed) duties in such a manner as have been clearly exceptional among all who have performed like or similar duties in a superior manner and/or;
- B. The candidate developed and improved methods and procedures, or produced an innovation or invention which accomplished extraordinary results for the MSFA or the U.S. Fire Service; or
- C. The candidate may have exhibited great courage and voluntary risk of personal safety or personal possessions in the face of danger, over and beyond the call of duty, in performing an act or acts which resulted in direct benefit to the MSFA and/or its members (which this award is given for a "heroic" act it shall be given

to the candidate if no other award (cash or otherwise) has been granted previously in connection with the same act); or

- D. The candidate may have rendered outstanding service related to his/her activities for the Maryland State Firemen's Association comparable with the above and relating to the following:
 - 1. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits or meritorious recognition for the Association or its members, or;
 - 2. Contributed to/or developed a valuable program for the benefit of the future of the Association and its members.
- 3. Time Period - - - Although it is realized that to be fully effective an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award.
- 4. Preparation of Award Certification - - - Factual information will be prepared as separate correspondence in the form of a proposal for each candidate. It shall list the candidates' accomplishments in accordance with the above criteria (Section 2).
- 5. Submission of Nominations - - -

- A. The name or names of prospective recipients shall be submitted to:

Jacqueline M. Olson, Secretary
424 Greenland Beach Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21226

before **May 1st of each year** or at least 30 days before the Annual Convention

- B. If no candidates are submitted to the judges, the judges shall

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select a qualified candidate.

6. The Judges - - -
 - A. the judges shall be the elected officers of the MSFA.
 - B. A simple majority of the judges present and voting shall be necessary for a decision.
7. The Award will be presented to the recipient annually at the Annual Convention and Conference and to be inscribed with his/her name. He/she will be presented with a miniature trophy for his/her possession at the following Annual Convention and Conference. After the trophy has been filled with the names of the recipients, the award will be retired to the Volunteer Firefighter's Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park.
8. The recipient will also receive the Gladhill-Thompson Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Gladhill-Thompson Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1974	Chief Leslie B. Thompson, P.P.	Damascus	Montgomery
1975	Chief Ralph N. Small, P.P.	Boulevard Heights	Prince George's
1976	Robert J. Smith, P.P.	West Lanham Hills	Prince George's
1977	Chief Lewis C. Grabille	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
1978	Chief Joseph R. Robison, P.P.	Laurel	Prince George's
1979	Edgar Snyder	Manchester	Carroll
1980	Roy L. Wood, P.P.	Beltsville	Prince George's
1981	Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, P.P.	Hillandale	Montgomery
1982	Chief Gerald A. Glaubitz	Morningside	Prince George's
1983	William A. Hawkins	Jessup	Anne Arundel
	Award known as the "Gladhill Trophy" prior to 1984		
1984	Chief Gene L. Worthington	Level	Harford
1985	Chief Charles W. Riley, P.P.	Abingdon	Harford
1986	Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill	Damascus	Montgomery
1987	Chief William J. Fleshman, P.P.	Beltsville	Prince George's
1988	William Denver	Elkton	Cecil
1989	Chief J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne	Baltimore
1990	Anne Hawkins	Jessup	Anne Arundel
1991	David E. Kirk, P.P.	Bowling Green	Allegany
1992	Chief Leonard T. King, P.P.	Damascus	Montgomery
1993	Chief John W. Smith, P.P.	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
1994	Chief Charles B. Burton, P.P.	Landover Hills	Prince George's

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1995	Charles W. Wills	Potomac Heights	Charles
1996	John Shuhart	Barton	Allegany
1997	Robert Jacobs	Citizens Truck	Frederick
1998	Chief Thomas A. Mattingly, P.P.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1999	Lee N. Sachs	Pikesville	Baltimore
2000	Chief Ron J. Siarnicki	Prince George's County	
2001	Richard L. Yinger, P.P.	Citizens Truck	Frederick
2002	C. Oscar Baker, P.P.	Mt. Airy	Carroll
2003	Roger N. Powell	Pikesville	Baltimore
2004	Robert W. Saville	Bowling Green	Allegany
2005	Wylie L. Donaldson	Odenton	Anne Arundel
2006	Margaret King	Maryland State Firemen's Association	
2007	Doyle E. Cox	Prince Frederick	Calvert
2008	Louis J. Jonske	Joppa Magnolia	Harford

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Distinguished Service to the Maryland State Firemen's Association or an Individual Department or County Fire or Rescue Service

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association
Hall of Fame Committee



Background: The Hall of Fame Award was established by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1979 as a result of a recommendation from Past President Eugene J. C. Raney to recognize the distinguished service of individuals. The first emphasis is to be service to the MSFA and then service to the individuals department and local jurisdiction. Through the year 1985 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the MSFA is the primary consideration, with service to the member's company and county to be considered also.

Award Rules:

1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.
2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS company, either living or deceased, and up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS company, either living or deceased.
3. Names of individuals for nomination to the Hall of Fame may be submitted by:
 - a. The nominee's home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - b. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - c. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, or
 - d. An individual member (s) of the Hall of Fame Committee

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4. Nominees must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service to be eligible for consideration.
5. Nominations will not be limited to members of individual fire, rescue, or EMS departments/companies of the MSFA.
6. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominees individual department/company or county may be considered.
7. All nominations must be received, in writing, by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, by **May 1st of each year** to be considered. Until selected, a letter of nomination for an individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year.
8. Selection of nominees to the MSFA Hall of Fame will be made annual by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.
9. All individuals selected to the MSFA Hall of Fame will receive two (2) certificates, (one for the individual and one for their station,) a pocket card, a lapel pin, shoulder patch, decal and a hat. Each inductee will also receive the Hall of Fame Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/white/blue and the gold medal is inscribed as "Hall of Fame" and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center. Induction and presentations will take place at the Annual Convention and Conference.
10. The names of individuals selected to the Hall of Fame shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book of the MSFA along with the year the selection was made.
11. A permanent plaque may be installed in the Volunteer Firefighter's Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MSFA offices at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, and the MFRI Regional Training Center. These plaques will list the individuals that have been inducted, along with the year the selection was made. The plaques at the Regional Training Centers will list only inductees from the geographical area.
12. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to:
C. Dan Carpenter, III
Chairman
1106 Cornwall Dr.
La Plata, MD 20646
301-609-8651

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Previous Recipients:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1979		
Eugene J. C. Raney, P.P.	Kensington	Montgomery
Gov. J. Millard Tawes, P.P.	Crisfield	Somerset
G. Mitchell Boulden, P.P.	Singerly	Cecil
John W. Smith, P.P.	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Ted C. Gardner, P.P.	Riverdale Heights	Prince George's
Philip H. Beard, P.P.	Walkersville	Frederick
James N. Jarman, P.P.	Ocean City	Worcester
Robert L. Smith	Frederick	Frederick
William A. Wilson	Midland	Allegany
Walter Bennett	Sykesville	Carroll
Spencer J. H. Brown, Sr., P.P.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
Vincent A. Simmel	Cottage City	Prince George's
Joseph H. Kelly, P.P.	Benedict	Charles
Showell T. Culver	Hebron	Wicomico
Dr. James P. Swing	Cambridge	Dorchester
Noah Joffee	Bowie	Prince George's
John Meech	Avalon Shores	Anne Arundel
George R. Lindsay	Hagerstown	Washington
Cromwell C. Zembower	LaVale	Allegany
B. Harrison Shipley, Sr., P.P.	Ellicott City	Howard
Thomas G. Basil	Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Jesse A. Fisher	Annapolis	Anne Arundel
B. H. Ford	Crisfield	Somerset
Phil Ryan	Mount Rainier	Prince George's
A. J. Fairal	Laurel	Prince George's
John O. Cockey	Glyndon	Baltimore
John S. Pritchard	Grantsville	Garrett
Curtis C. Larrimore	Easton	Talbot
Roy L. Morgan	Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Floyd B. Heimer	Branchville	Prince George's
Felix Foote	Lonaconing	Allegany
Rev. James W. Minter	Hereford	Baltimore
F. L. Hiser	Bel Air	Harford
Theodore W. Veneman	Riverdale	Prince George's

1980

Herman Dilg	Hillandale	Montgomery
Frank Middleton	Pittsville	Wicomico
W. Bartgis Storm, P.P.	Frederick	Frederick

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Heney A. Marschalk	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Ralph N. Small, Jr., P.P.	Boulevard Heights	Prince George's
Joseph R. Robison, P.P.	Laurel	Prince George's
Pierce M. Damewood	Beltsville	Prince George's
Marbery F. Gates	Rockville	Montgomery
Irving W. Johnson	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Charles S. Sewell	Abingdon	Harford

1981

Ermon O. Dill	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
J. Francis Fatkins	Clarysville	Allegany
David E. Kirk, P.P.	Bowling Green	Allegany
Roland E. Duke	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
John McNulty	Linthicum	Anne Arundel
Leslie B. Thompson	Damascus/Chestertown	Montgomery/Kent
Hon. Louis L. Goldstein	Prince Frederick	Calvert
A. Marvin Gibbons, P.P.	Hillandale	Montgomery
William A. Chenoweth	Pikesville	Baltimore
William W. Fox	Landover Hills	Prince George's
Robert C. Byrus	University of Maryland - MFRI	
Richard J. Mooney	Lansdowne	Baltimore
George W. McCullough	Lansdowne	Baltimore
Edward M. Dunn, Sr.	Powhatan Beach	Anne Arundel
Lewis C. Graybill	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
George W. Colburn, Jr., P.P.	Princess Anne	Somerset
Clair Loughmiller	Morningside	Prince George's
Charles B. Burton, P.P.	Landover Hills	Prince George's
William M. Moore, P.P.	Frederick	Frederick
John A. Hornberger	Water Witch	

1982

Charles W. Havens	Westminister	Carroll
Charles N. Ringer, P.P.	Hagerstown	Washington
Joseph Shuhart, Sr.	Barton	Allegany
John J. Barth	Cambridge	Dorchester
Severn H. Cooper	Mardela Springs	Wicomico
Charles Mumma	Rocky Ridge	Frederick
John F. Stevens, Jr.	Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Chester S. McCarthy	La Plata	Charles
Paul F. J. Lopore	Savage	Howard
Edgar M. Snyder	Hampstead	Carroll
Gerald A. Glaubitz, P.P.	Morningside	Prince George's
Howard A. Kellar, P.P.	Pikesville	Baltimore

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J. Edward McClain, III	Delmar	Wicomico
William L. Williams	Salisbury	Wicomico
John H. O'Lexey	Jessup	Anne Arundel
Joseph C. Stuckey	Corrigansville	Allegany
Robert E. Wood	Glen Echo	Montgomery
Charles Edwin Turner, Sr., P.P.	Centreville	Queen Anne's
Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill	Damascus	Montgomery
C. Robert Entwisle	Forestville	Prince George's

1983

Harry C. Walters	Corrigansville	Allegany
Lawrence D. Beardmore	Morningside	Prince George's
D. Edgar Hurlock, Jr.	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
Kyle I. Lenahan	Elkridge	Howard
Sterling M. Frock	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
John K. Williams	Funkstown	Washington
George E. Mayer, Sr.	Easton	Talbot
Gilbert Perdue, Sr.	Snow Hill	Worcester
John W. Dell	Burtonsville	Montgomery
Maurice E. Gray	Union Bridge	Carroll
Byrd J. Raby	Potomac Heights	Charles
Byron H. Miller	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
James Meredith Marshall	Cambridge	Dorchester
Chester William Shimer	Westernport	Allegany
Herman B. Hare, P.P.	Hampstead	Carroll
William E. Denver	Singerly	Cecil
David E. Black, Sr.	Manchester	Carroll
Joseph Worthington	Level	Harford
Robert N. Dempsey, P.P.	Kennedyville	Kent
Fred A. Grier, Jr.	Salisbury	Wicomico

1984

John Ward Means, Sr.	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P.	Pikesville	Baltimore
David S. Dryer	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Montgomery
William H. Berry	Rockville	Montgomery
James K. Nicholson	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
Albert G. Parlett	Linthicum	Anne Arundel
Frank L. Leizear	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
Daniel Bennett Smith, Sr.	Aberdeen	Harford
William J. Fleshman, P.P.	Beltsville	Prince George's
Thomas P. Collins	Beltsville	Prince George's
Jesse L. Kimble	Barton	Allegany

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Russell Denbow	Level	Harford
Roy L. Wood, P.P.	Beltsville	Prince George's
C. Oscar Baker, P.P.	Mt. Airy	Carroll
Peter Paul Lochary, P.P.	Bel Air	Harford
J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne	Baltimore
Norris J. Beard	Laurel	Prince George's
Samuel Ahmuty, Sr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Garyton Colvard Echols, Jr.	La Plata	Charles
Edgar S. Freeman, III	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel

1985

Charles W. Riley, P.P.	Abington	Harford
Harry J. Devlin	Midland	Allegany
W. Newton Carey, Jr.	Salisbury	Wicomico
Joseph A. Weisgerber	Hillandale	Montgomery
William T. Dorsey	West Friendship	Howard
Lindsay L. Browning	Mt. Airy	Carroll
Arthur Lowman	Mr. Airy	Carroll
Bill R. Bliss	Upper Montgomery	Montgomery
James J. Snyder, Jr.	Laytonsville	Montgomery
Robert E. Mumma	Rocky Ridge	Frederick
Scott Lambert Smith	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
Melvin F. Schwearing	Independent Hose	Frederick
Catherine Small	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Donald E. Stitely	Guardian Hose	Frederick
Orville J. Morgan	Federalsburg	Caroline
William F. Cooke	Waldorf	Charles
Clyde Kreitzer	Manchester	Carroll
Stanley H. Patterson	Cockeysville	Baltimore
Herbert L. Corbin	Westminster	Carroll
Calvin W. Growden	Bedford Road	Allegany

1986

William G. Holley	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
Charles W. Wills	Potomac Heights	Charles
Robert J. Smith, P.P.	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Thomas L. Tharp, P.P.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Ralph E. Dull	Manchester	Carroll
Herman Rhue	Hurlock	Dorchester
James E. Lamberson	Barton	Allegany
Edward E. Raynor	Riviera Beach	Anne Arundel
Joseph Harrison	Cordova	Talbot
Robert H. Everhart	Rockville	Montgomery

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1987

William A. Hawkins	Jessup	Anne Arundel
Don Dunnington	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Montgomery
Henry H. Purdy	Easton	Talbot
Malden B. Miller, Sr.	Manchester	Carroll
Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr., P.P.	Potomac Heights	Charles
L. Willys Wilson	Bedford Road	Allegany
B. Harrison Shipley, Jr., P.P.	Ellicott City	Howard
Robert W. Saville	Bowling Green	Allegany
William Barney Miller	Barton	Allegany
T. Neville Cunningham	Aberdeen	Harford

1988

H. E. "Sonny" Cannon	Brunswick	Frederick
Francis E. "Dutch" Philpot	Shaft	Allegany
Charles R. Stallings, P.P.	Pikesville	Baltimore
Dennis Skinner	Avalon Shore	Anne Arundel
Robert Renner	New Midway	Frederick
Elmer E. Dunn, Sr., P.P.	Powhatan Beach	Anne Arundel
Carroll J. Parrish	Woodlawn	Baltimore
William H. Smith, Jr.	Luke	Allegany
George Comp, Jr.	Deer Park	Garrett
Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.	Damascus	Montgomery

1989

Aaron Winters	Shaft	Allegany
Edwin F. Preston, P.P.	Arbutus	Baltimore
Clarence D. Carpenter, III	Potomac Heights	Charles
Russell Sears	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Thomas L. Reynolds, P.P.	Queen Anne's-Hillsboro	Queen Anne's
Roger N. Powell	Pikesville	Baltimore
Robert N. Stevenson	Midland	Allegany
Richard H. Carter, P.P.	Glen Burnie	Anne Arundel
Luther A. Della, Jr.	La Plata	Charles
John W. Hoglund	MFRI – University of Maryland	

1990

Robert H. Shimer, P.P.	Westernport	Allegany
Anne Hawkins	Jessup	Anne Arundel
Robert E. Collins	Potomac Heights	Charles
John O. Gatton, Sr.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
Donald J. Ware	Baltimore Pike	Allegany
Amos E. Joiner, Sr.	Goodwill-Centreville	Queen Anne's

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C. Danny Davis, Jr., P.P.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
Rocco J. Gabriele	Rosedale	Baltimore
Dr. R. Adams Cowley	MIEMSS/Shock Trauma Center – University of MD	
Herchel C. Armour	Charlestown	Cecil

1991

Richard H. Carter, P.P.	Glen Burnie	Anne Arundel
Robert P. Cumberland, Jr., P.P.	Westminster	Carroll
George Blanco	Midland	Allegany
Calvin S. Stack, Jr.	Rescue, Cambridge	Dorchester
Robert P. King	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
Philip M. Hurlock, P.P.	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
Francis D. Jester	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
John Shuhart	Barton	Allegany
Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., P.P.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
Bruce Zembower	Beltsville	Prince George's

1992

Martin G. Kurtz, Sr.	Jarrettsville	Harford
Ronald Poole	Clear Spring	Washington
Leslie M. Dulin	Kennedyville	Kent
S. Richard Powell	Galena	Kent
Dennis H. Bonner	Bowman's Addition	Allegany
William B. Lay, Sr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
W. Carroll Craig, Jr.	Level	Harford
James "Jim" Marrow	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
Howard Springer, P.P.	Havre De Grace	Harford
Eugene Curfman	Union Bridge	Carroll

1993

Lawrence R. Woltz	College Park	Prince George's
Melvin Delbert Zang	Deale	Anne Arundel
Donald F. Knauer	Rescue, Cambridge	Dorchester
Vernon D. Horsmon, Sr.	Prince Frederick	Calvert
Eugene L. Worthington, P.P.	Level	Harford
Gordon M. Touhey	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
Spencer J. H. Brown, Jr.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
Ronald E. Watkins	Damascus	Montgomery
Rodney H. Duvall	Damascus	Montgomery
William W. Olsen	Waldorf	Charles

1994

Noah W. Callis, Jr.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
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Paul M. Stackhouse	Rockville	Montgomery
Edwin C. Sokel, Jr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
Michael W. Robinson	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
Carl B. Edelin, Jr., P.P.	Kensington	Montgomery
Kenneth T. King	Damascus	Montgomery
John R. Williams	Delta-Cardiff	Harford
William C. Benjamin, Jr.	Aberdeen	Harford
Joan Robison	Laurel RS	Prince George's
Bernard J. Smith, P.P.	Lansdowne	Baltimore

1995

Paul M. Fabiszak	Hereford EMS	Baltimore
Wilbur O. Marshall	North Beach	Calvert
John E. "Jack" Snoddy	Greenbelt	Prince George's
Paul H. Sterling, Jr.	Wheaton	Montgomery
Raymond Adkins, P.P.	Berlin	Worcester
Charles E. "Chiep" Jewell	Libertytown	Frederick
Horace Wright	Woodsboro	Frederick
James Lee Deskins	Accokeek	Prince George's
Jack V. Reckner, P.P.	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
Albert D. "Mickey" Harris	Glen Echo	Montgomery

1996

Joseph B. Carroll	Seventh District	St. Mary's
John Crisman	College Park	Prince George's
Hartwood H. Cornell	Woodsboro	Frederick
John T. Ferguson	Rockville	Montgomery
John O. Gatton, Jr.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
William R. Huttenloch	Forestville	Prince George's
Charles J. Mattingly, III, P.P.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
Roger A. Steger, Sr., P.P.	Ocean City	Worcester
Richard B. Thomas, Jr.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
Richard L. Yinger, P.P.	Citizens Truck	Frederick

1997

George Anderson	St. Leonard	Calvert
Elwood H. Banister	Cockeysville	Baltimore
Richard K. Brooks, III	Norrisville	Harford
George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr., P.P.	Chestnut Ridge	Baltimore
Vernon M. Pessell	Braddock Heights	Frederick
James E. Cross	Marlboro	Prince George's
R. Keith Fairfax	Bay District	St. Mary's
Ronald B. Graf	Riviera Beach	Anne Arundel

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Hon. Roland E. "Fish" Powell	Ocean City	Worcester
James Benny Shelton	Sudlersville	Queen Anne's

1998

James T. Ferguson, Jr.	St. Michaels	Talbot
Patti Gordy	Caroline County ALS	Caroline
George W. Hardy	Denton	Caroline
David C. "Rusty" Leftwich	Norrisville	Harford
James B. Lions, III	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
John M. Murphy	MIEMSS – University of Maryland	
John B. Lewis, Jr.	Citizens Truck	Frederick
Lee N. Sachs	Pikesville	Baltimore
Ronald J. Siarnicki	Prince George's County	
Stephen D. Cox, P.P.	Bel Air	Harford

1999

John T. Baker	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Wayne F. Fretterd	Denton	Caroline
Ronald B. Grabenstein	District 16	Allegany
Louis J. Jonske	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
John C. Korman	Hampstead	Carroll
David L. Kyle	Flintstone	Allegany
William R. Massey, Jr.	Indian Head	Charles
Harry W. Stone, Jr.	Deep Creek	Garrett
Charles R. Wisner	Independent Hose	Frederick

2000

John F. Bender	Aberdeen	Harford
Mark A. Bilger	Hampstead	Carroll
Richard S. "Stormie" Combs	Machanicsville	St. Mary's
Steven T. Edwards	MFRI – University of Maryland	
Lester A. Downes, Jr.	Goodwill-Centreville	Queen Anne's
Robert E. Halley	Hacks Point	Cecil
Robert E. Knippenburg, P.P.	Midland	Allegany
David W. Lewis	Riviera Beach	Anne Arundel
J. Barry Monroe	Arbutus	Baltimore
Charles E. Turner, Jr.	Goodwill-Centreville	Queen Anne's

2001

John Berryman, Sr.	Pikesville	Baltimore
William "Bill" Boyd	Liberty Road	Baltimore
Delegate Norman Conway	Salisbury	Wicomico

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Lewis Espey	Abingdon	Harford
Mary Ann Gibbons	Hillandale	Montgomery
Dr. Robert J. Wilson	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
Donald L. Howard	Marion	Somerset
Mayor James N. Mathias, Jr.	Ocean City	Worcester
James T. Riegel, Sr.	North Point-Edgemere	Baltimore
Terry E. Thompson, P.P.	Savage	Howard
Sam Vallaningham	Ridge	St. Mary's

2002

William E. Radisch	Chillum-Adelphi	Prince George's
G. Austin Smith	Oxford	Talbot
Frederick Robert "Bob" Seibel, II	Cape St. Claire	Anne Arundel
Clinton B. Duke	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
Richard K. Wengert, Sr.	Glen Burnie	Anne Arundel
Thomas F. Altman	Clear Spring	Washington
Joseph A. Cooper	Bay District	St. Mary's
Raymond Allen Ryan, Jr.	Community Fire Co. of Perryville	Cecil
R. Dale Lowman	Mt. Airy	Carroll
Douglas C. Alexander	Mt. Airy	Carroll
Louise Dell	Burtonsville VFD Auxiliary	
Col. David M. Mitchell	Maryland State Police	
James C. Roberston	State Fire Marshal	

2003

Timothy F. Dayton	Potomac	Allegany
John Thomas "Jack" Gosnell	Jacksonville	Baltimore
Steven V. Hales	Ocean City	Worcester
William "Bill" Hawkins	Capital Heights	Prince George's
Wayne T. Higdon	Indian Head	Charles
Benjamin W. Kurtz	Jarrettsville	Harford
Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
J. Alan Thomas	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
J West Thomas	Goodwill	Queen Anne's
Calvin "Pete" Walbert	Cresaptown	Allegany
William E. Barnard	State Fire Marshal	
Robert R. Bass, MD	MIEMSS	
Donald Lewis	Maryland State Police	

2004

Doyle E. Cox	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr.	English Consul	Baltimore
George J. Gatton, Jr.	Ridge VFD	St. Mary's

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Hobart B. Howell, Jr.	Fallston	Harford
James E. Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Barbara A. Knippenburg	Midland	Allegany
Rev. Aloysius T. Newman	Charles County MICU	Charles
Raymond F. Stevens, Sr.	Chesapeake City	Cecil
Frank J. Underwood	Allentown Road	Prince George's
Joan W. Williams	Hollywood VRS	St. Mary's
Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.	Governor	
John M. McCruden	Baltimore County Fire Department	
John H. Spearman	R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	

2005

Delma "Dutch" Birgfeld	Kensington	Montgomery
Louis A. D"Camera	Odenton	Anne Arundel
John J. Denver	Singerly	Cecil
Rev. J. Harvey Dixon	Salisbury	Wicomico
J. Franklin Hawley	Susquehanna Hose	Harford
Steven J. Kesner	Cresaptown	Allegany
Richard L. Smith	Oxford	Talbot
Richard W. Stem, Sr.	Glyndon	Baltimore
Paul H. Thorn	Forestville	Prince George's
Edwin F. Thurston	Forestville	Prince George's

2006

William A. "Butch" Frazier	La Plata	Charles
W. Mitchell Vocke	Jarrettsville	Harford
Judith White	Guardian Hose	Frederick
Stephen T. Cropper	Ocean City	Worcester
Donald "Doc" Moltrup	Hyattsville	Prince George's
Carlos Alfaro, Sr.	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Thomas L. Flint, II	Landover Hills	Prince George's
H. Edward "Eddie" Woods	Glenn Dale	Prince George's
	Arundel	Anne Arundel
Laura A. Woods	Glenn Dale	Prince George's
	Arundel	Anne Arundel
Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr., P.P.	Ridge	St. Mary's
Dr. John L. Bryan	Department of Fire Protection Eng.	U of MD
Margaret King	Maryland State Firemen's Association	

2007

Judy A. Lau	Laurel	Prince George's
Rev. Harry Hetz	Beltsville	Prince George's
Robert W. Jacobs, P.P.	Citizens Truck	Frederick

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John C. Spiker, Sr.	Lake Shore	Anne Arundel
Richard Baker, Jr.	Mt. Airy	Carroll
Jacqueline Olson	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Susan T. Schell	Norrisville	Harford
William Hildebrand	Chestertown	Kent
Marcine D. Goodloe	Kensington	Montgomery
Andrew B. White	Kensington	Montgomery
Brenda Fosler Johnson	R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	
W. Faron Taylor	Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office	
John R. Fraizer	Baltimore City Fire Department	

2008

William Reinecke	Fallston	Harford
Charles Abrecht	Junior Fire Co. No.2	Frederick
Hugh D. Owens	Glenn Dale Fire Association	Prince Geo.
James M. "Jimbo" Magruder, Sr.	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
John W. "Jack" Gouty	Jessup	Anne Arundel
Earl "Dick" Baker, Sr.	Winfield and Community	Carroll
Robert D. Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Fred L. Plunkert	Westminster Fire Eng.& Hose Co. #1	Carroll
Kenneth E. Bush	Easton	Talbot
Austin D. Amos	Community Fire Co. of Perryville	Cecil
James L. Radcliffe	R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	
John W. Ashworth	University of Maryland Medical System	
Patricia Gainer	MIEMSS	

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JOSIAH A. HUNT, M.D., (EMS PERSON OF THE YEAR) AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding EMS individual of the year

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Emergency Medical Services Committee and the Convention and Conference Committee



Background: The Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person of the Year) Award was established in 1991 and accepted by the Executive Committee. Doctor Hunt was a local physician in Harford County who was very instrumental in the establishment of ambulance service in that area. He often would leave his practice to ride on the local ambulance providing quality emergency medical service to the communities of Harford County. The original award was donated by the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company of Harford County to honor Dr. Josiah A. Hunt.

The award was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishments by an EMT/A, or above. The award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland Emergency Medical Services community.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be from a member company of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. The nominee must be submitted by an active member company of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA).
3. The nominee must be submitted on an individual basis only and the nomination must be on official letterhead or company stationary and signed by at least two (2) officers of the company.
4. Only one nominee may be submitted from any one member company.
5. Nominations and letters of resume must be submitted to the Chair of the MSFA Emergency Medical Services Committee, **No Later Than May 1st**.
6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT/A or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of five (5) years service to the Maryland Emergency Medical Service Community.

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8. Recipient of the award will receive the EMS Person of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue and white and the gold medal is inscribed as "Josiah Hunt EMS Person of the Year", with the MSFA Seal in the center.
9. Submit nominations to: Charles W. Wills
Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee
32 Elder Place
Indian Head, MD 20640

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1991	Josiah A. Hunt, MD	Harford	
1992	Sharon Eskins	Calvert ALS	Calvert
1993	Leon Hayes	Waldorf	Charles
1993	Charles W. Wills	Potomac Heights	Charles
1994	Barbara Knippenburg	Midland	Allegany
1995	Dr. Frank Baranco	Lutherville	Baltimore
1995	Richard K. Brooks	Norrisville	Harford
1996	Paul Fabiszak	Hereford EMS	Baltimore
1997	Lee Sachs	Pikesville	Baltimore
1998	Rose M. Murphy	Eldorado-Brookview	Dorchester
1999	Margaret E. Wedding	Ironside RS	Charles
2000	Joan Williams	Hollywood RS	St. Mary's
2001	Steve Kesner	Cresaptown VFD	Allegany
2002	Linda A. Dousa	Abingdon	Harford
2003	Jackie Carey	Ocean Pines VFD	Worcester
2004	Vernon C. Monday	Waldorf	Charles
2005	William Deer	Indian Head	Charles
2006	Susan Hubble	Mt. Airy	Carroll
2007	Bernice Arnold	Seventh District VRS	St. Mary's
2008	William Dousa	Abingdon	Harford

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MISS M.S.F.A. FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST

Purpose of Award: To select a spokesperson for Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee with Out-of-State Judges

Background: The Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) sponsors an annual Miss Fire Prevention Contest at the Annual Convention and Conference. The individual selected will represent the MSFA at fire prevention, public education, and other activities throughout the State of Maryland, acting as a spokesperson for the fire prevention and fire safety activities.

Award Rules:

1. Must be single, never married, and have no children or be pregnant.
2. Must be between sixteen (16) and twenty-four (24) years of age. Contestants under the age of 18 years must have a parental/guardian consent form signed and must be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.
3. If seeking college or advanced education, contestant must attend a school in the State of Maryland.
4. One contestant per county and Maryland Fire Chief's Association Miss Fire Prevention. If your county does not have a Miss Fire Prevention Contest, a decision will be endorsed at your county level as to who will represent your county. A letter of endorsement from the county association must accompany your application.
5. A panel of judges in the preliminaries will interview contestants. These judges will officiate the stage portion of the contest.
6. Judges are not associated with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Ladies Auxiliary, or members of Maryland companies or departments.
7. Preliminary judging will be held on Monday morning. The stage portion of the contest be held on Monday afternoon at 1530 hours during the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference.

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8. Preliminary judging will be calculated in the same point system as stage judging, with a total of 100 points. Contestant's preliminary judging consists of the following:
 - A. Fire prevention questions selected from list included in packet.
 - B. Presentation on a fire prevention related subject (5 minutes.)
 - C. Interview questions by judges.
9. Stage judging will be calculated in a point system, with a total of 100 points.
 - A. Fire prevention knowledge 0 – 50 points
 - B. Speaking ability and poise 0 – 40 points
 - C. General appearance 0 – 10 points
10. Application deadline is **May 1st**. If your county contest occurs after this deadline, then your current Miss Fire Prevention is eligible.
11. This is not a talent or beauty contest.
12. The contestants selected as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up are required to attend the following activities:
 - Convention activities on days and times designated (a tentative schedule included)
 - Awards ceremonies; various events and times
 - Selecting winner of the \$10,000 Raffle.
13. The newly elected MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up must vacate any previously held state or county titles, unless the term of the title will be completed within two months of her reign. In the event her county is unable to obtain a representative, the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention may continue her county role for a two month period.
14. Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and the First Runner-up will take an oath of office immediately after they are crowned.
15. If MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is unable to attend any functions, it is her responsibility to contact the MSFA First Runner-up to fulfill her commitment.
16. A monthly activities report must be submitted (by mail) by the last day of each month to the Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, who will distribute to the MSFA President, MSFA 1st Vice President, and MSFA 2nd Vice President. Forms will be provided to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up.
17. A quarterly written report (summary of events and input) must be submitted by the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson at the quarterly fire prevention meeting. The Chairperson will distribute the report to the MSFA President, MSFA 1st Vice President, MSFA 2nd Vice President and the Executive Committee Chairperson at the Executive Committee meeting. Forms will be provided to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up. Reports will be submitted from both Miss Fire Prevention representatives.

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18. The annual written report (summary of year's events) must be submitted by May 1st for printing for the MSFA Convention and Conference book. The report must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, the Miss Fire Prevention Chairperson.
19. A packet of information will be given to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up:
 - Name, address, and phone list of the following:
 1. MSFA President
 2. MSFA 1st Vice President
 3. MSFA 2nd Vice President
 4. LAMSFA President
 5. Executive Committee Chairperson
 6. Fire Prevention Committee's and Chairpersons
 7. Transportation (ADC Books) will be passed down each year
 - Itinerary of mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Conference, parades, banquets, carnivals, etc.
 - Upcoming seminars: subjects and expenses
 - Proceeding book

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

County _____

Escort _____

Parents _____

Present School/College/Job _____

Hobbies or activities you participate in _____

Date chosen as Miss Fire Prevention _____

The winner of the contest MUST attend the convention events as outlined in the contest rules and as listed in the agenda which will be given to all contestants. You must also give full support to the MSFA and LAMSFA during your reign by attending State and County functions when requested, to the best of your ability. If you win and you hold another State or County title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree to give up those titles upon becoming MSFA Miss Fire Prevention.

If chosen, I agree to all of the above. Signature _____

All applications must be returned by **May 1st** unless your county president has made previous arrangements.

Mail applications to: Kristi Gable
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
65 Pleasanton Road
C33
Westminster, Maryland 2157

Parental/Guardian Consent Form
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention will give her full support to all State, County and local functions by attending and participating to the best of her ability as the representative of the MSFA. She will be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.

I agree to all of the above.

Signature _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Contestants under the age of 18 years must submit consent form with application.
No exceptions

Previous Recipients:

1980	Terri Judge	2001	Heidi Johnson
1981	Kimberly Ann Kessler	2002	Katie Ritter
1982	Melanie Susan Webster	2003	Sarah Blackowicz
1983	Cheryl Reese	2004	Michelle Gallion
1984	Carolyn Boone	2005	Kristi Gartrell-Kemp
1985	Alica Kozier	2006	Erin Drumheller
1986	Verna Fleming	2007	Brittany Myers
1987	Tammy Connors	2008	Colleen Frances
1988	Terri Gartner		
1989	Jennifer I. Laird		
1990	Bonnie Rae Crispin		
1991	Nicole Bordogan		
1992	Jennifer Harman		
1993	Susan Truslow		
1994	Jennifer Weedon		
1995	Melissa Ann Turner		
1996	Heather Langley		
1997	Rachael Testerman		
1998	Jessica A. White		
1999	Anne Marie Histon		
2000	Rachael Lyons		

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual's contributions and determination in promoting the betterment of Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services through successful legislation and the legislative process.

Award Sponsor: Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Legislative Committee

Background: The Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award was created to honor an individual who served over 20 years actively representing the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services, throughout the State, in a legislative capacity both in the House of Delegates and the State Senate. In 1998, the Maryland General Assembly recognized Senator Amoss' dedication to the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services by renaming Senate Bill 508, the "Senator William H. Amoss Fund." Introduced in 1985 by Senator Amoss, the 508 Bill was created to financially assist the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services department on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association's legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association's legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or stationary. A photograph of the nominee shall also be submitted.
3. All nominations must include the following:
 - a. A letter of recommendation/resume
 - b. Accomplishments of the nominee
4. All nominations must be received by May 1st of each year.
5. The judges shall be the MSFA Legislative Committee
6. All nominations are to be submitted to:

Chairman
MSFA Legislative Committee
17 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1904

Previous Recipients:

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| 1999 | Senator William H. Amoss – Harford County |
| 2000 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County |
| 2000 | Charles W. Riley, P.P. |
| 2001 | Senator Thomas M. Middleton – Charles County |
| 2002 | Delegate John F. Wood – St. Mary's County |
| 2003 | Bernard J. Smith, P.P. |
| 2004 | Delegate Richard B. Weldon, Jr. – Frederick County |
| 2005 | C. Daniel Davis, Jr., P.P.
Pat Gainer – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
James Brown – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System |
| 2006 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County |
| 2007 | Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County |
| 2008 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County |

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ROBERT H. SHIMER ADMINISTRATIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Fire, Rescue or EMS Administrative Person

Award Sponsor: Shimer Family

Award Administered By: Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award Committee



Background: The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year award was established by the Shimer family and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee on February 22, 2004. The award was established to honor Robert H. Shimer, for the years of dedicated service he gave the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service as a President and a Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. President of the Allegan-Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, President of the Allegany County Fire-Rescue Board and President of the Potomac Fire Company. Mr. Shimer was also an active member of the State Fire Prevention Commission, Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council and the Emergency Numbers Service Board. This award has been established in honor of Mr. Shimer for his many years of dedicated service to the community of Westernport, Allegany County and the State of Maryland.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a volunteer from a member company that is in good standing with the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. Names of individuals for nomination for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award may be submitted by:
 - A. The nominee's home fire, rescue, or EMS department/company on official letterhead, or
 - B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, or
 - C. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, on official letterhead, or

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- D. An individual member of this committee or a Past President of the MSFA.
3. The nominee must have not less than ten (10) years of service with his/her department or company.
 4. The nomination must be submitted for an individual's effort only and, therefore, submission of the nomination is to recognize the one individual and not a group, department or company.
 5. The nomination must be submitted in the form of a resume/bio. Including information on his/her department or company activities, administrative positions held within the company or department, county, regional or state association. Information should also be included on job achievement, establishment of programs, fund raising, community activities, and the reason the nominee should be selected.
 6. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective, an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award, however an accumulation of the previous five years of accomplishments may be added.
 7. The nomination must be mailed and received by the Shimer Award Committee no later than May 1st at the following address:
Robert W. Jacobs
Chairman
Shimer Award Committee
410 East Ninth Street
Frederick, MD 21701
 8. The Award will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the Shimer family shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the award that will be given.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
2005	Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.	Damascus	Montgomery
2006	Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
2007	Ronald J. Siarnicki	United Community	Queen Anne's
2008	Philip M. Hurlock	Church Hill	Queen Anne's

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SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of fire prevention efforts by an individual

Award Sponsor: Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office



Background: The Silver Spring Trophy was established in 1981 by the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Executive Committee. This award is presented each year at the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most in fire prevention for his/her community. The award is for an individual effort and, therefore, submission on the entry must be for one individual rather than a group or department effort. The intent of the award is to recognize fire prevention activities which the individual performs within his/her community. The trophy is held by the individual for one year and then passed on. The winner will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The individual will also receive the Silver Spring Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is silver/blue and the silver medal is inscribed as Silver Spring Fire Prevention and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The recipient must be a volunteer firefighter
2. The individual must be nominated by their fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.
5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State Fire Marshal's Office on later than April 30th.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).

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8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal's Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee's procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the nominee's name, title, fire department name, and other pertinent information.
11. Nominations shall be submitted to: MSFA Annual Fire Prevention Contest, State Fire Marshal's Office.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1957	Vincent Napoli	Gaithersburg – Wash. Grove	Montgomery
1958	Edgar Young	La Vale	Allegany
1959	Alvin R. Adkins	Delmar	Wicomico
1960	J. Clinton Duke	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1961	J. Clinton Duke	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1962	John Mowatt, Jr.	Bladensburg	Prince George's
1963	J. Clinton Duke	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1964	Charles Forwood	Bowleys Quarters	Baltimore
1965	Robert A. Smith	West Lanham Hills	Prince George's
1966	Joseph G. Wenrich	Greenbelt	Prince George's
1967	Orville G. Faulkner, Jr.	Lansdowne	Baltimore
1968	Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1969	Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1970	Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1971	Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1972	Paul W. Piker	North Point-Edgemere	Baltimore
1973	Paul W. Piker	North Point-Edgemere	Baltimore
1974	Ralph N. Dull	Manchester	Carroll
1975	Burton A. Clark	Laurel	Prince George's
1976	Roger Mattingly	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1977	R. Alan Ryan, Jr.	Perryville	Cecil
1978	Garrett Zour	Providence	
1979	Edward T. Clopper	Funkstown	Washington
1980	Frank P. March	English Consul	Baltimore
1981	Robert Twilly	Delmar	Wicomico
1982	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1983	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1984	C. Daniel Davis	Hollywood	St. Mary's
1985	Faye Reider	Perryville	Cecil
1986	Judith White	Guardian Hose	Frederick
1987	Donald C. Brightwell	Mt. Airy	Carroll

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1988	Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1989	Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr.	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1990	Charlotte A. Mandrages	Baden	Prince George's
1991	Cindy Tarouini	Level	Harford
1992	Brian Boyd	Indian Head	Charles
1993	Rhonda Polk	Level	Harford
1994	Brian Boyd	Indian Head	Charles
1995	Eugene Mellon	Mt. Airy	Carroll
1996	Denise Hansen	Bay District	St. Mary's
1997	Joseph Wayne Hardesty	Prince Frederick	Calvert
1998	Joseph Wayne Hardesty	Prince Frederick	Calvert
1999	Bridget Timberman	Gamber	Carroll
2000	Jeffery Williams	Indian Head	Charles
2001	Harold Younger	Mechanicsville	St. Mary's
2002	James Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery
2003	Diane May	Luke	Allegany
2004	Debbie Gatrell-Kemp	Winfield Community	Carroll
2005	Jeffrey Williams	Indian Head	Charles
2006	Jeffrey Williams	Indian Head	Charles
2007	Lauren Johnson	Bay District	St. Mary's

SMITH N. STATHEM, JR., P.P., MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual contributions toward firefighter/EMS safety.



Award Sponsor: The family of Smith N. Stathem, Jr. "Smitty" as he was affectionately known was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), Past President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and Past Chief of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

Award Administered By: MSFA Safety Committee

Background: The Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award was established in 1998 by the MSFA Safety Committee and the family of Past President Stathem. The award was accepted by the Executive Committee in 1997. This award is to be presented each year at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most to promote firefighter/EMS safety within his/her department/company and or the State. The award is for an individual effort. The intent of the award is to promote safety within the member department and to encourage the safety officer program. The trophy is held for one year and relinquished at the following MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. At that time, the past-year recipient will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The winner of this award will also receive the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Safety Award Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is green/white/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Smith N. Stathem, Jr., Safety Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a member of an organization that is a member of the MSFA.
2. The submission must be on the official MSFA Nomination Form and include the name and contact information on the person recommending the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the "endorsed by" line of the form.

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3. The nomination must include complete detailed information on the efforts performed by the individual during the previous calendar year. Supporting exhibits and documentation must be submitted in detail.
4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety Committee on later than April 1st.
5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-affiliated representatives from the safety industry.
6. All nominations are subject to investigation by the Safety Committee and Judges.
7. A Safety Committee member can nominate any member of MSFA.
8. MSFA Safety Committee members are not eligible to be nominated for the award.
9. Submit your nominations to Chairperson of the MSFA Safety Committee.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1999	Joseph Zienda	Bay District	St. Mary's
2000	John P. Caulder	Bay District	St. Mary's
2001	Philip R. Cooper	Ridge	St. Mary's
2002	Wayne Higdon	Indian Head	Charles
2003	William Van Arsdale, Jr.	Fallston	Harford
2004	John T. Durrer	Waldorf	Charles
2005	George Ghiess	Fallston	Harford
2006	Thomas L. Flint, II	Landover Hills	Prince George's
2007	Charles Penelton	Waldorf	Charles
2008	Mark A. Gorham	Susquehanna Hose	Harford

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ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of a Department's Participation in Formal Training.

Award Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Training Committee.

Background: The Zembower Fire Service Training Award was established in 1976 by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) and a member of the Training Committee for many years. The Zembower Fire Service Training Award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The original award was based solely on the formal training offered by MFRI, however, in 1995 the award was changed to include formal training offered by other recognized agencies as well.

The award consists of a trophy which is presented to the winning department at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. The department is permitted to display the trophy until the next convention. The trophy is then returned for presentation to the next recipient. The department surrendering the trophy is then presented with a plaque for permanent display. First and second runner-up awards are also presented. The first runner-up award is sponsored by the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in honor of former Treasurer Bob Stevens. The second runner-up award is sponsored by the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in honor of former Chief Herman Dill.

Award Rules:

- 1 This award is to the dpeartment which has the highest average number of formal training hours per active member. For Training includes:
 - All courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI
 - Formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Academies
 - Courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
 - Courses sponsored by the Nationa Fire Academy, and
 - Refresher training classes in the following areas:

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- CPR
- AED
- CEU
- Bloodborne Pathogens

In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket card or certificate and verifiable by the organization providing the training. The training year will be from July 1st through June 30th of the year prior to presentation of the award.

2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report of the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.
3. To be considered for this award, complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than April 15th to:
MSFA Training Committee
c/o Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742

APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. CROMWELL ZEMBOWER
TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, _____ THROUGH JUNE 30, _____

Department Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City _____ County _____
Zip Code _____

On an attached sheet, list all the courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI, formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Academies, courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS, and courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy which your department has participated in during the the training year noted above. Enter all information as requested and be as accurate as possible to ensure eligibility. All Formula for Computing Points:

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- 1 Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students successfully completing that course or seminar to determine the number of student hours for that course or seminar. The training information will be based on information provided by the sponsoring organization.
- 2 Total the student hours for all courses and seminars.
- 3 Divide the total number of student hours (in #2) by the number of active members in the department from current Statistical Report.
- 4 The result is your training hours per active member.
- 5 Enter training hours per active member.

Layout for Course List to Quality for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award – Enter all information in columns using the following format: Full Name of Student; Social Security Number; Location/Host Company; Ending Date; Class Title; Course Hours; and Total Student Hours_____

Total Number of Active Members from MSFA Statistical Report _____

Number of course hours for MFRI courses_____.

The hours should be similar for courses sponsored by local agencies.

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic	110
EMT – Bridge	24
Emergency Medical Services Officer I	48
First Responder Basic	42
First Responder Refresher	12
Aerial Apparatus Operators	6
Aerial Apparatus Operator (Combined TCO & AAO)	24
Arson Investigation for Officers	6
Fire Command I	27
Fire Officer I	60
Fire Officer II	42
Firefighter I	93
Firefighter II	57
Fireground Operations I	24
Fireground Operations II	24
Protective Envelope & Foam	9
Pumps	30
Special Fires	24
Sprinkler & Standpipe	6
Truck Company Operations	24
Emergency Vehicle Driver in Service	12
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course	39
Rescue Technician	60
Rescue Specialist I	45
Rescue Refresher	27
Instructor Training I	30

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Instructor Training II	54
Hazardous Materials Operations	24

One day seminars are considered 6 hours and two day seminars are considered 12 hours. Seminars may include Executive Development Seminars, Chief Officer Seminar, Hazardous Materials Training, Confined Space Training, Rescue Weekends, etc. CPR training and other classes offered in stations must be documented with the number of hours of all students. Documentation can include AHA or ARC pocket cards, or a signed letter from a certified instructor. All courses will be reviewed by the Training Committee for verification and acceptance of the appropriateness of the training for award consideration.

The following list of National Fire Academy courses is not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC; IRHMICI; MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation; MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support – Hazardous Materials.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Department/Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1976	Huntingtown VFD	Calvert
1977	Huntingtown VFD	Calvert
1978	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
1979	Deer Park VFD	Garrett
1980	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1981	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1982	Potomac Heights VFD	Charles
1983	Leonardtown VFD	St. Mary's
1984	Community Fire Company of Millington	Kent
1985	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1986	Bedford Road VFD	Allegany
1987	Church Hill VFD	Queen Anne's
1988	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1989	Glen Burnie VFD	Anne Arundel
1990	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
1991	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
1992	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
1993	Church Hill VFD	Queen Anne's
1994	Lineboro VFD	Carroll
1995	Blue Ridge Summit VFD	Pennsylvania
1996	Lineboro VFD	Carroll

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1997	Savage VFC	Howard
1998	Fifth District – Clarksville VFD	Howard
1999	Fifth District – Clarksville VFD	Howard
2000	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2001	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
2002	Rockville VFD	Montgomery
2003	Indian Head VFD	Charles
2004	Urbana VFC	Frederick
2005	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2006	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2007	Walkersville VRS	Frederick
2008	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FAMILY APPRECIATION PROGRAM AWARD

Purpose of Award: To recognize families of Volunteer Fire/EMS members whose families must sacrifice time with the member for the good of the community.

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association Recruitment and Retention Committee

Award Administered By: Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee

Award Rules:

1. Open to any volunteer member of the Maryland fire/EMS service who has a family (spouse, child, children.)
2. Member **MUST** be active in their capacity as a member.
3. Candidates will be nominated by their company, with the form signed by the chief, president, or other officer using official nomination form.
4. The committee will divide the State into various regions using the MFRI regions as models.
5. A sub-committee of the MSFA – Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee will select the winners based on the nomination form content and the following factors:
 - a. Number of entries versus numbers of packages available
 - b. Evaluation of nominations by regions
 - c. Each region will have a proportionate number of awards
6. A lottery may be used to determine the final winners if more qualified applicants exist than awards available.
7. Nominations must be received by May 1st.
8. Awards will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference
9. Awards will be redeemed in accordance with the vendors condition.
10. Members of the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee, Executive Committee and MSFA Presidents are excluded from the program.

Family Appreciation Program Award Nomination Form

Nominee must:

- Exhibit consistent positive effort toward training, response, and administrative duties
- Exhibit consistent positive effort to attend meetings, help with fund raising, and work on committees
- Exhibit overall effort to support the team concept (NOTE: Not necessarily the team leader, but an active member of the team)
- Active member for at least one year
- Narrative of 250 words or less Typed or printed. This award is NOT based on a single act of heroism, but rather the consistent community volunteer effort in the fire/rescue service
- No attachments

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Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone:(Day)_____ (Evening)_____

County _____

Department or Squad _____

Name and Title of Nominator: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

Telephone:(Day)_____ (Evening)_____

Mail 3 copies of this page + 3 copies of narrative to:

Marcine Goodloe, Chair
MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
4122 Mitscher Court
Kensington, MD 20895

All nominations must be received by May 1st.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company/Department</u>	<u>County</u>
2008	Barbara "Bobbie" Stevens	Waldorf VFD	Charles

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Ocean City, Maryland
June 18, 2008 – 1300 hours**

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Maryland Company Making The Best Appearance
Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Easton

Maryland Company Making The Second Best Appearance
Cordova

President's Award
Ocean City VFD

Company Coming The Longest Distance
Campbell County Public Safety, Campbell City, Va.

Company Coming The Second Longest Distance
Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Easton

Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Cordova

Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Montgomery Co Pipes and Drums

Company With Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel
Easton

Best Senior Band
Westminister Marching Band

Second Best Senior Band
Kent Co. Community Band

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Best Drum and Bugle Corps
Fire Brigade of Greater Baltimore

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
Silver Starletts

Majorettes Making The Best Appearance
Silver Starlettes

Majorettes Making The 2nd Best Appearance
High Voltage

Majorettes Making The 3rd Best Appearance
Starlites

Best Appearing Pom Pom
Laurel Pom Pom

Best Comic Entry
Hector the Fire Saftey Clown

2nd Best Comic Entry
Jimmy Crisman - Budweiser Pooper Scooper Team

Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform
Ocean City

Second Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform
Branchville

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance
Branchville

Best Fire Prevention Entry
Easton

Second Best Fire Prevention Entry

Third Best Fire Prevention Entry -

Best Appearing Adult Queen
Megan Callahan

Second Best Appearing Adult Queen
Jennifer Gross

Third Best Appearing Adult Queen
Jordon Fairbanks

Fourth Best Appearing Adult Queen
Kaitlyn Kemp

Honorable Mention Adult Queen
Stacie Jarret
Michelle Lyons

Best Appearing Junior Queen
Alexandria Upp – Cecilton

Second Best Appearing Junior Queen
Kaitland Collins

Third Best Appearing Junior Queen
Sarah Lincomb

Fourth Best Appearing Junior Queen
Kaite Frances - Carroll Co.

Honorable Mention Junior Queen
Heather Ely - Harford County

Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention
Harlie Englebach – Crumpton

Second Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention
Courtney Setter - Easton

Third Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention
Sarah Taylor – Ridgely

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Honorable Mention

**Karli Abbot
Isabelle Upp**

Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief

William Elborn IV

Second Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief

Timothy Hardesty, Jr.

Honorable Mention Junior Fire Chief

**Christian Pardee
Donny Long**

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company

Arcadia VFD Juniors

Second Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company

Elkridge VFD Juniors

Fire Engines - 1500 GPM And Over Making The Best Appearance

East New Market

Second Place

Cockeysville

Third Place

Glen Burnie

Honorable Mention

**Funkstown
Water Witch
District 16 E7
Bandywine
Ocean Pines
Liberty Road
Delmar**

Fire Engines - 1250 GPM And Over Making The Best Appearance

E?-306 Marion

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Second Place
E - 32 Bay District

Third Place
E-38 Trappe

Honorable Mention
E-51 Church Hill
E-1103 Powellville
Hurlock
Cordova E-52
Pocomock City
E- 4 Kennedyville
E-311 Beltsville

Fire Engines - 1000 GPM And Over Making The Best Appearance
Fruitland

Second Place
Ocean City Unit 709

Third Place
Parsonburg

Honorable Mention
Crisfield

Fire Engines - 750 GPM And Under Making The Best Appearance
Girdletree

Best Appearing Pumper-Tanker
ET 301 GirdleTree

Second Place
Oxford

Third Place
Hebron

Best Appearing Rescue Pumper
RP604 Berlin

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Second Place

Parsonberg

Third Place

Savage

Tanker Making The Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)

Pleasant Valley

Second Place

Chesapeake City

Third Place

Chestertown

Brush Truck Making The Best Appearance

Trappe

Second Place

Sudlersville

Third Place

Mechanicsville

Honorable Mention

Queenstown

Neck District

Aerial Truck Or Elevated Platform Making The Best Appearance

Prince Frederick

Second Place

Glyndon

Third Place

Oxford

Squad Truck Making The Best Appearance

Easton

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Second Place
Orchard Beach

Third Place
Rockville

Ambulance Making The Best Appearance
Easton

Second Place
Trappe

Third Place
Lexington Park

Honorable Mention
Cordova
Chesapeake City
Crumpton
Berlin

Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit (Canteen, Forestry, Haz. Mat., Etc.)
Sandy Spring- Air Boat

Second Place
Cambridge – Hazmat

Third Place
Boston Whaler

Honorable Mention
Bethesda Chevy Chase Ambulance

Best Appearing Company From Delaware
Selbyville

Second Place
Delmar

Best Appearing Company From Pennsylvania
King of Prussia

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Second Best Appearing Company From Pennsylvania

Best Appearing Company From Virginia
GreenBacksville

Second Best Appearing Company From Virginia
Campbell County Va. Public Safety

Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older) 1924 Mack Ladder
Berlin

Second Place
1969 Pirch Branchville

Third Place
1953 Barton American Ocean City

Honorable Mention
1930 Brockway Cabin John Park
1954 Mack Sandy Spring

Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older)
Fruitland 1959 Chief's Car

Best Appearing Emergency Apparatus Over Twenty Years Old (in service)
OC 1985 Mini Pumper

Second Place
Pittsville 1958 Barton American

Third Place
Rockville 1983 Mack Squad

Honorable Mention
Clinton 1976 Pumper
Parsonburg 1980 Pumper

Fire Service Color Guard Making The Best Appearance
Montgomery and Howard County

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Second Place
Hampstead VFD Juniors

Third Place
Easton VFD

Honorable Mention
Cordova

Best Appearing Adult, Non Fire Service Color Guard
Westminster Band

2nd Place
Kent County Community

Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascott
Ocean City - E3 Bulldog

2nd Place
Hard Luck Award

Judges Awards
Budwiser Clydesdale Horses
Forestry Vehicle E 55
Cecilton 1946 Pumper
Hughesville Engine 22
Ocean Pines
Campbell County Va. Public Safety
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company
Red Knights _ Jerry Rhve
Maryland Forestry
Riva Tanker 3