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## Seal of the Maryland State Firemen's Association

The Great Seal of Maryland was used by the Maryland State Firemen's Association during its first two years (1893-1894.) The 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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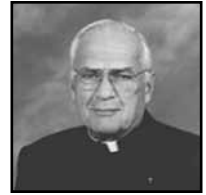
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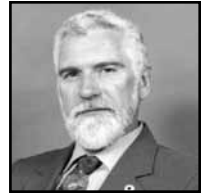
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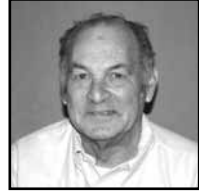
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*John W. Smith	1954-55	West Annapolis
*Ted C. Gardner	1955-56	Riverdale Heights
*Philip H. Beard	1956-57	Walkersville
*James N. Jarman	1957-58	Ocean City
*Howard B. Springer	1958-59	Havre de Grace
*Ralph N. Small, Jr.	1959-60	Boulevard Heights
*Jack V. Reckner	1960-61	Earleigh Heights
*Howard A. Keller	1961-62	Pikesville
*Leslie B. Thompson	1962-63	Damascus
*David B. Kirk	1963-64	Bowling Green
*Herman B. Hare	1964-65	Hampstead
Raymond I. Atkins	1965-66	Berlin
*Joseph H. Kelly	1966-67	Benedict
*William A. Moore	1967-68	Frederick – United
*Peter Paul Lochary	1968-69	Bel Air
*Charles N. Ringer	1969-70	Hagerstown
*Gerald A. Glaubitz	1970-71	Morningside
*Thomas L. Reynolds	1971-72	Queen Anne's Hillsboro
*Richard H. Carter	1972-73	Glen Burnie
*Roy L. Wood	1973-74	Beltsville
Edwin F. Preston	1974-75	Arbutus
*C. Edwin Turner, Sr.	1975-76	Centerville

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*Elmer E. Dunn, Sr.	1976-77	Powhatan Beach
*Arthur Marvin Gibbons	1977-78	Hillandale
C. Oscar Baker	1978-79	Mt. Airy
*Charles B. Burton	1979-80	Landover Hills
Robert N. Dempsey	1980-81	Kennedyville
Thomas L. Tharp	1981-82	Odenton
*Smith N. Stathem, Jr.	1982-83	Pikesville
*Charles W. Riley	1983-84	Abingdon
*Robert J. Smith	1984-85	West Lanham Hills
Leonard Thurston King, Sr.	1985-86	Damascus
Clarence Daniel Carpenter, Jr.	1986-87	Potomac Heights
Robert P. Cumberland, Jr.	1987-88	Westminster
*Robert H. Shimer	1988-89	Potomac-Westernport
Joseph A. Robison	1989-90	Laurel
Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.	1990-91	Leonardtown
Bernard J. Smith	1991-92	Lansdowne
*William J. Fleshman	1992-93	Beltsville
Philip M. Hurlock	1993-94	Church Hill
Richard L. Yinger	1994-95	Citizens Truck
George A. "Fred" Cross	1995-96	Chestnut Ridge
Stephan D. Cox	1996-97	Bel Air
Charles Daniel Davis, Jr.	1997-98	Hollywood
Robert E. Knippenburg	1998-99	Midland
Carl B. Edelin, Jr.	1999-00	Kensington
Roger A. Steger, Sr.	2000-01	Ocean City
Charles J. "Jenks" Mattingly III	2001-02	Hollywood
Gene Worthington	2002-03	Level
Terry E. Thompson	2003-04	Savage
Robert W. Jacobs	2004-05	Citizens Truck
Lee N. Sachs, Esq.	2005-06	Pikesville
Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr.	2006-07	Ridge
Paul H. Sterling, Jr.	2007-08	Wheaton
Frank J. Underwood	2008-09	Branchville

**PAST SECRETARIES**

*William M. Crimmins	1893-1896	Frederick
*John J. Stump, P.P.	1896-1898	Cumberland
*Charles V. Wantz	1898-1901	Westminster
*William M. Crimmins	1901-1903	Frederick
*Harry T. Levely, P.P.	1903-1905	Annapolis
*James Peaarre Wantz	1905-1907	Westminster
*Harry I. Smith	1907-1909	Cumberland
*Joseph E. Hollar	1909-1911	Sparrows Point

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*Edward Stevenson	1911-1913	Lonaconing
*Charles L. Davis	1913-1915	Westernport
*William Weagly	1915-1917	Westminster
*J. Hall Wright	1917-1919	Easton
*George R. Lindsay	1919-1921	Hagerstown
*Lawrence C. Cooney	1921-1923	Sparrows Point
*George R. Lindsay	1923-1939	Hagerstown
*Benjamin R. Benson II	1939-1940	Towson
*Ted C. Gardner, P.P.	1940-1953	Riverdale Heights
*Floyd B. Heimer	1953-1973	Branchville
*Charles B. Burton, P.P.	1973-1977	Landover Hills
*William B. Fox	1977-1979	Landover Hills
*William E. Denver	1979-1980	Elkton
William F. Cooke	1980-1981	Waldorf
*Charles B. Burton, P.P.	1981-1993	Landover Hills
Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.	1993-2008	Damascus
Jacqueline M. Olson (Now Serving)	2008-	Ferndale

**PAST TREASURERS**

*Hiram R. Heck	1893-1905	Frederick
*G. Walter Wright, P.P.	1905-1907	Cambridge
*John W. Brittingham	1907-1909	Salisbury
*Walter W. Wittig	1909-1911	Frostburg
*William B. Usilton, Jr.	1911-1913	Chestertown
*Russell P. Smith	1913-1915	Cambridge
*Edward Stevenson	1915-1917	Lonaconing
*Peter B. Cain	1917-1919	Midland
*Frank C. Ort	1919-1921	Midland
*A. C. Fry	1921-1923	Frostburg
*Frank C. Ort	1923-1924	Midland
*W. B. Davis	1924-1927	Silver Spring
*Frank C. Ort	1927-1924	Midland
*Frank W. Truitt	1934-1939	Ocean City
*Elmer S. Knight	1939-1945	Frostburg
*William A. Wilson	1945-1975	Midland
*David E. Kirk, P.P., Emeritus	1975-1990	Bowling Green
*Robert W. Saville	1990-2003	Bowling Green
John Shuhart	2003-2004	Barton
Gene Curfman	2004-2005	Union Bridge
Ronald J. Siarnicki (NowServing)	2005-	United Communities

**PAST TRUSTEES**

*W. H. A. Hamilton, P.P.	1906-1925	Hagerstown
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*J. H. Cunningham, P.P.	1906-1913	Westminster
*Philip E. Porter, P.P.	1906-1918	Annapolis
*John J. Stump, P.P.	1906-1933	Cumberland
*John dep Douw, P.P.	1906-1909	Annapolis
*Palmer Tennant, P.P.	1907-1911	Hagerstown
*Lloyd T. MacGill, P.P.	1907-1908	Frederick
*Glenn H. Worthington	1907-1910	Frederick
*Peter C. McFarland, P.P.	1911-1925	Lonaconing
*John B. Baker, P.P.	1912-1917	Manchester
*F. G. Kelch, P.P.	1917-1919	Raspeburg
*Roy L. Morgan	1918-1942	Annapolis
*S. J. Kelly	1919-1922	Hyattsville
*William H. Collier, P.P.	1922-1932	Salisbury
*Robert Strobel	1925-1929	Hagerstown
*Harry L. Smith	1925-1943	Cumberland
*A. Shepard Bayly	1926-1934	Cambridge
*Leo M. Moore, P.P.	1929-1946	Have de Grace
*B. Horace Ford, P.P.	1933-1937	Crisfield
*Marc Bryant	1934-1936	Denton
*Eugene J. C. Raney, P.P.	1936-1948	Kensington
*Curtis C. Larrimore	1937-1952	Easton
*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
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.	1999-2009	Pleasant Valley

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Philip N. Hurlock, P.P.	2000-2005	Church Hill
Robert Knippenburg, P.P.	2004-2005	Midland
Steven V. Hales	2005-(NServ)	Ocean City
Terry E. Thompson, P.P.	2005-(NServ)	Savage
Clarence "Chip" Jewell	2005-2005	Libertytown
Gene Worthington, P.P., (Now Serving)	2005-	Level
C. Daniel Carpenter III (Now Serving)	2006-	Potomac Heights

**PAST FINANCIAL SECRETARIES**

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

**PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

<b>Conv Num.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Department</b>
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 Pt.
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
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 Pt.
26	1918-19	*Russel P. Smith	Cambridge

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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 Jeffe	Bowie
49	1941-42	*Noah Jeffe	Bowie
50	1942-43	*Noah Jeffe	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
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

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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.	Centreville
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.	Leonardtown
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	Richard K. Brooks III	Norrisville
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
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

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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	2008-09	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	2009			
Salisbury	1898	1919					
Westport	1913	1920					
Westminster	1899	1901	1906	1914	1926	1933	

**PROGRAM**  
**117th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE**  
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***SATURDAY, June 13, 2009***

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 14, 2009***

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 15, 2009***

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

Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award

Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award

Honey Award

Firefighter of the Year Award

Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award

Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award

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

Zembower Fire Service Training Award

Scholarship Awards

Family Appreciation Award

Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

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

Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents

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

**SECOND SESSION**

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

1245 Recognition of Guests and Organizations

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

Update on the Maryland Residential Sprinkler Initiative – Douglas Alexander

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

Vickie Pritchett Project Manager for Fire Team USA

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

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

**“Fire Team USA is about bringing resources to your department to help you enhance the Fire**

**Protection that your community offers. Creating partnerships in the community and working**

**with all stakeholders is important to improving the public policy on Fire Protection”**

1330 Reading and acceptance of 2008 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

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

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

1830 **BASKET BINGO**—Convention Center—Ballroom C (Doors Open at 1730 hours). Admission includes 6 face cards for 20 games and one door prize ticket. Food will be available for sale.

1930 **MONDAY NIGHT LUAU** – Rear of Convention Center - Admission by ticket  
The luau includes Live DJ, Pipe and Drum Bands Performances, Food, Free Gifts and Dancing.

*Menu* - Whole Roasted Pig with barbecue sauces available, Sweet & Sour Barbecue Chicken, Hawaiian

Fried Rice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit Salad, Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Much Much More.

**TUESDAY, June 16, 2009**

0800 **VOTING** – Convention Center – Main Ball Room - (Voting open for two (2) hours)  
Should a second ballot be needed it will be announced from the convention floor.

**THIRD SESSION**

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

Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

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

0900 Exhibits Open

0930 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION - An Examination of the Charleston, South Carolina Sofa Super Store Fire** - J. Gordon Routley, Fire Protection Engineer, NFFF, IAFC

Peter Piringer, Director of Community Outreach and Public Information Officer – Montgomery

County Fire and Rescue Service. "On June 18, 2007, the Charleston, SC Fire Department suffered

the tragic loss of nine firefighters in the Sofa Super Store Fire. This presentation describes the

incident that occurred and the lessons that should be taken from it to prevent future tragedies."

Report of Association Officers

Report of Standing and Special Committees

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



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Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board – Chair Michael Robinson

Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Director Richard Muth

Maryland Department of Homeland Security

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

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems – Dr. Robert Bass, Director

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report – Director John Spearman

Report of the Election Judges

1230-1530 **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** – Outside Rear of Convention Center Games, DJ, Free Giveaways, Food, Music and Entertainment for the entire family.

Admission by ticket

Menu - Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Cucumber

and Onion Salad, Pepsi, Beer, Ice Cream, Watermelon and much, much more.

**1400 EDUCATION AND TRAINING SEMINARS**

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

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

1630 Exhibits Close

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

Reception and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

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

***WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2009***

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

Admission by Ticket. 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**

**PROTECTING THE AMERICAN WAY**

**Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief & Larry Schultz, Deputy Fire Chief District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural was most likely the largest mass gathering for a National Special Security Event (NSSE) in the history of our Country. This spectacular event represents nothing less than the freedom and democracy of the United States, as the power of a nation is peacefully transferred from one person to another. The public safety aspect was handled nearly flawlessly by all of the many responders that participated.

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This presentation will provide the attendees with some insight as to how to plan, implement and critique an event of this size and magnitude, which hosted over 2.25 million spectators.

0950 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

1000 Remarks by Past President **Frank Underwood**

Remarks by Newly Elected Officers

Introduction of Executive Committee

Installation of Assistant Officers

Final Report of Convention Committee

1100 Unfinished Business and New Business

\$10,000. Raffle Drawing

1300 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1245 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 18, 2009**

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

**FRIDAY, June 19, 2009**

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

**MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS**

**Monday, June 15, 2009**

Presentation by Dr. Keisha Pollack, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland. *Improving The Health of Maryland Firefighters.*

**Monday, June 15, 2009**

Presentation by Jason Averill, Group Leader, Bldg. And Fire Research Lab, NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. *Multipurpose Study on Firefighter Safety, Staffing and Deployment.*

**Tuesday, June 16, 2009**

Presentation by Thomas Stone, Fire Chief, St. Bernard Parish Fire Department, Chalmette, LA. *"Don't Let This Happen To You.*

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

Presentation by Fire Chief Dennis Rubin and Larry Schultz, Deputy Fire Chief, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department. *Protecting the American Way.*

# MEMORIAL



John Berryman, Trustee  
Pikesville/Beltsville VFD



Betty Alt, Chaplain LABSFA  
Flintstone Ladies Auxiliary



J. Donald Mooney  
Lansdowne VFD



Captain George Linnell  
Landover Hills VFD  
LODD



Sgt. Richard Finley  
Beltsville VFD  
Prince George's Cty. Police  
LODD



Sgt. Ryan Baumann, US Army  
Bay District VFD

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Chief Charles F. Clough, Jr.  
Sudlersville VFC  
LODD



FF Thomas E. Rice, Sr.  
Baltimore Cty. Fire Dept.  
LODD



FF/Paramedic Brian Neville  
Baltimore County Fire Dept.  
LODD



EMT/Sgt Tonya Mallard  
Waldorf VFD  
LODD



Trooper 1/C Mickey Lippy  
Maryland State Police  
LODD



Pilot Stephen H. Bunker  
Maryland State Police  
LODD

**117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the  
Maryland State Firemen's Association  
Ocean City, Maryland – June 13-19, 2009  
Joint Memorial Service  
Sunday, June 14, 2009**

**(Prelude music playing)**

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

**MSFA Assistant Chaplain George L'Heureux** asks everyone to turn off all cell phones and pagers and to rise for the presentation of colors and the Bagpipers. Once the Bagpipers form to the left of the main aisle. Once the Bagpipers have cleared the stage, the Honor Guard posts colors including the Fallen Firefighters Falf and returns. MSFA and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents enter, followed by the Sea-of-Blue (uniformed personnel march in and music continues until all are seated.)

**MSFA President Frank Underwood and LAMSFA President Lois Hetz** welcome everyone to the 117<sup>th</sup> Joint Memorial Service.

**MSFA President Frank Underwood introduces Teresa Jacobs who sings the National Anthem.**

“Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, who 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 start spangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** Ladies and Gentlemen, Brothers and Sisters thank you for attending this evening. Your presence means more than you know to those here who have lost a loved one we are honoring. Tonight we are doing twelve special tributes along with over 300 recognitions. I also have added a special poem that was written by one of our after the tragic loss of her Chief. Stacey Faust, from the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, will be sharing her poem with you and I am sure it will touch your heart.

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 50:20 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 morning than

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a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take heart. We pray it will comfort us. Father, we also honor a military member tonight, we pray for those who are defending our freedoms this night. Father shield them and protect them as they make it possible for us to gather peacefully to honor our brothers and sisters who answered their last alarm. Amen.

**Presidents Underwood and Hetz** unveil the Fallen Firefighter's Cross.

**MSFA Assistant Chaplain Pete Walbert** reads from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Ecclesiastes 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 reap; 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 human heart so that people cannot discover what God has ordained, from the beginning to the end of their lives.

**LAMSFA Vice Chaplain Barbra Sue Nelson** reads the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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; they 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.

**MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long:** We will now have video tributes of our dearly departed members of the MSFA and LAMSFA.

**The Chaplain Long and Vice Chaplain Nelson** place a rose in a vase as each individual is recognized in the video. MSFA Trustee John W. Berryman. LAMSFA Chaplain Betty Alt (2008). MSFA Executive Committee Chair J. Donald Mooney. LODD Chief Charles F. Clough, Jr., Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company. LODD Captain George Linnell, Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department. LODD FF/Paramedic Brian Neville, Baltimore County Fire Department. LODD FF Thomas E. Rice, Sr., Baltimore County Fire Department. LODD EMT/SGT Tanya M. Mallard, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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LODD MSP Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mickey C. Lippy. LODD MSP Pilot Stephen H. Bunker.  
LODD PG County Police Officer Richard Finley. Military Ryan P. Baumann.

Following the video President Underwood and President Hetz make presentations to each family that include the U.S. Flag.

Stacey Faust of Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company reads the poem "Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven" which she wrote the night her Fire Chief, Charles F. "Buck" Clough, Jr. was killed in-the-line of duty.

The alarm rings out  
Turn out gear is donned  
All rushing about  
And engines climbed on  
Then it's off to the scene  
To do what they must  
Saving a life  
Or building up trust  
Of a small frightened child  
The weak and the frail,  
They do what they know  
They respond without fail.

But life has its twists,  
Its bumps and its turns  
Life isn't simple  
As everyone learns.  
No one is better  
Each equals the other  
Everyone here  
Is a sister or brother.  
But a life that is lost  
In the midst of a call  
Brings new meaning to life  
To the great and the small.

A Last Call on earth  
Doesn't mean it's the end  
There's a First Call in Heaven  
For those we call "Friend".  
And once the Last call  
Has been sounded out loud

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A reverent hush  
Falls over the crowd  
And there in the quiet  
Inside of each soul  
Comes a First Call from Heaven- The ultimate goal.

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

**Allegany**

Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company – Richard H. Ware  
Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company – Adolph Norris  
Barton Hose Company No.1 Auxiliary – Hilda V. Broadwater  
Barton Hose Company No.1 Auxiliary – Doris L. Miller  
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Laurie R. Baird  
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Mary E. Felton  
Bowman's Addition Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Lela P. Boyd  
Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Erma Sleeman  
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – Robert L. Burket  
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – William F. Matthews  
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Matilda McCray  
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Dorothy K. Agress  
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Earl R. Paul, Jr.  
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Mendelsson L. Simmons  
Elerslie Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Nancy L. See  
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Betty Alt  
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – James L. Roby, Sr.  
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Ethel M. Smith  
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Charles H. Stotler  
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 Auxiliary – Roberta V. McGuire  
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Joseph L. Sevinski  
George's Creek Ambulance Service – Aaron M. Mowbray  
George's Creek Ambulance Service – Margaret Stafford  
Good Will Volunteer Fire Company #1 Auxiliary – Jannett Neat  
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Royce E. Dowlan  
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department &  
LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad – Joseph M. Eshleman, Jr.  
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Walter "Pete" Glass  
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – Clayton "Bud" Hall  
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – William A. Pritts, Sr.  
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Shirley Stimier  
LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad – David L. Kirk  
Midland Fire Company #1 Auxiliary – Hilda McGowan  
Midland Fire Company #1 – Daniel P. O'Brien



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Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Goldie E. Cartwright  
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department – Nile R. Walters  
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department – Robert B. McKenzie  
Tri-Towns Ambulance & Rescue Service – Kara R. Shambaugh  
Tri-Towns Volunteer Fire Company – Harold M. Simmons

**Anne Arundel**

Arundel Volunteer Fire Department – Marie L. Jorden  
Anne Ruandel Alarmers Association – James S. Kirkley  
Arminger Fire Company – Harry E. Card, Jr.  
Brooklyn Community Volunteer Fire Company - James N. "Jimmy" Chavis  
Deale Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad  
Ladies Auxiliary – Virginia T. Browning  
Deale Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad  
Ladies Auxiliary – Margaret E. Gross  
Deale Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad  
Ladies Auxiliary – Margaret Whittington  
Earleight Heights Volunteer Fire Company – Harry M. "Chick" Danley  
Earleight Heights Volunteer Fire Company Harry C. Hardy, Jr.  
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Emerson E. Deale, Jr.  
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Kenneth S. Leitch  
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – Charles B. "Bert" Kirby  
Jessup Volunteer Fire Company – John W. Gouty  
Rescue Hose Company #1 – James A. Ridout, Jr.  
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Chief Ronald B. Graf  
7<sup>th</sup> District Volunteer Rescue Squad – William L. Gee  
West Annapolis Volunteer & Improvement Company – Roland B. Tayman  
West Annapolis Volunteer & Improvement Company Auxiliary – Evelyn Vice

**Baltimore County**

Arbustus Volunteer Fire Department – Edward Rottman  
Arbustus Volunteer Fire Department – J. Barry Munroe  
Box 234 Association – Edward Freund  
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters \*  
Vicinity Ladies Auxiliary – Susan Crisic  
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters \*  
Vicinity Ladies Auxiliary – Rosalie Eichelberger  
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters \*  
Vicinity – Rev. Walter Emala  
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters \*  
Vicinity – Thomas W. Kikas  
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters \*  
Vicinity Ladies Auxiliary – Marlene Morris

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Ladies Auxiliary of Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Mary E. Taylor  
Hereford Volunteer Ambulance Association – Robert Miller  
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – M. Patricia Kurrie  
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Thomas E. Rice, Sr.  
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Herbert W. Seidel  
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – Harry E. Card, Jr.  
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – J. Donald Mooney  
Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Company – Michael C. Lippy  
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – John W. “Bud” Berryman, Sr.  
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Jerome N. Goldberg  
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Raymond W. Mitchell  
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – Michael W. “Bill” Parcell  
Providence Volunteer Fire Company – Thomas E. Rice, Sr.  
Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company – Raymond “Ray” Wolfe  
Violetville Volunteer Fire Department – William N. Lucas, Jr.  
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Marie Roleck  
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Louise Wood  
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Pauline Lowe

**Calvert**

Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department and  
Rescue Squad – William “Bill” Schrom, III  
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department – William M. Brooks  
Auxiliary of North Beach Volunteer Fire Department – Myrtle Lee Brooks  
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department – Dawn M. Dellar  
Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad & Fire Department – Ursula Pumphrey  
St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department &  
Rescue Company #7 – Robert Terwillinger

**Caroline**

None

**Carroll**

Gamber & Community Fire Company – Garrett M. Lindsay  
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Mickey C. Lippy  
Gamber & Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Dolores Sullivan  
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose  
Company #1 Auxiliary – F. Marie Grimes  
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose  
Company #1 Auxiliary – R. Jannette Hoffman  
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose  
Company #1 Auxiliary – C. Jerry Slonaker  
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose

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Company #1 Auxiliary – Arthur D. Kemp  
Harney Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Shirley Clingan  
Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – Donald E. Graf  
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – Mary Danner  
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Auxiliary – June Lippy  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Marvin G. Alexander  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Edward Chaney  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Robert Harrison  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Jean King  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Mable M. Molesworth  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Charles Norris  
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Charles Norwood  
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – Wilbur H. Blacksten  
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – Rebecca Harman  
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – George F. “Bud” Petry  
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – Peggy G. Schlee  
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Margaret Bankert  
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Kenneth S. Armacost  
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Caroline L. Leister  
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Evelyn Leister  
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Donald L. Ripley  
Sykesville-Freedom District fire Department Auxiliary – Mary Cook  
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 – James L. Carl  
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Stanley W. King  
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – Ira “Sonny” Burdette  
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Betty Nelson  
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – Charles A. Mann  
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – Harry A. Zook  
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Roland “Sonny” Fritz, Sr.  
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Robert Harrison  
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – L. Wayne Logue

**Cecil**

Charlestown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Genevieve P. Patchell  
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Betty Lou Cornett  
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Robert E. Fost  
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Delia Lee  
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton – Helen Widdoes  
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – James D. Bedwell  
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Robert T. Foard, Sr.

**Charles**

Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department – Leroy B. Gamber

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Charles County Rescue Squad – James “Doc” Gross  
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Auxiliary – Mary Ester Pilkerton  
Innsides Volunteer Rescue Squad – John C. Barrett  
Innsides Volunteer Rescue Squad – John “Jerry” Dugan  
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department – Leroy B. Gamber  
Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad – Christopher Wright  
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Tonya Mallard

**Dorchester**

Elliott Island Volunteer Fire Company – Odessa W. Shorter  
Rescue Fire Company – Hampton Booze  
Rescue Fire Company – J. Clayton Brooks  
Rescue Fire Company – Major Hurley  
Rescue Fire Company – Luke Messick  
Rescue Fire Company – Granville Tubman

**Frederick**

Guardian Hose Company – Robert E. Shriner  
Independent Hose Company #1 – Lester W. Baker  
Independent Hose Company #1 – Donald E. Eaves  
Independent Hose Company #1 – Gloria Horine  
Independent Hose Company #1 – Shirley W. Main  
Independent Hose Company #1 – William Shook  
Independent Hose Company #1 – Paul R. Wisner  
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Dorothy Arvin  
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Ruth Ingram  
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – William R. Koontz  
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Thelma Maught  
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Daniel C. Poole  
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Floratella Riggs  
Junior Fire Company #2 Auxiliary – Cindy L. Deater  
Junior Fire Company #2 – Laura A. Hartle  
Junior Fire Company #2 – Mitchell J. Nytko, Sr.  
Junior Fire Company #2 Auxiliary – Sarah Lucille Bowings  
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Gloria J. Keller  
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company – Marianna Koogle  
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Eva Leatherman  
United Steam Fire Engine Company #3 – Ruth J. Burall  
United Steam Fire Engine Company #3 – Robert L. Shankle  
Urbana Volunteer Fire Company – Julia N. Flook  
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Luther Horine, Jr.  
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Hugh McGovern, Sr.  
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Nina Valcarcel

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Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – Robert W. Compton  
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – Clayton C. Lenhart  
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – Roger C. Smith  
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Pauline Schindeldecker

**Garrett**

Accident Volunteer Fire Department – Jonas L. Fazenbaker  
Accident Volunteer Fire Department – Harold R. Kahl  
Bittering Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Ferne A. Beachy  
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Doretta B. Duckworth  
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – Benjamin F. Shaffer  
Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad  
Department Auxiliary – Maxine A. Ross  
Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Auxiliary – Fern M. Lininger  
Gorman Volunteer Fire Department – Isadore J. Skeweris  
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department – Charles C. Bender  
Kitzmillier Volunteer Fire Department – Ervin C. Green  
Oakland Volunteer Fire Department – Quentin N. Shaffer

**Harford**

Aberdeen Fire Department – Roy L. Willis, Jr.  
Abingdon Fire Department – Rose R. Cervin  
Abingdon Fire Department – Mary Ann Davis  
Abingdon Fire Department – Lorna M. Schloer  
Citizens Volunteer Fire Company – Kemper R. Yowell  
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – George E. Reeves  
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – Howard R. Springer  
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Norman L. Blackwell  
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Richard H. Henderson  
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Joyce Streett  
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Pearl M. Shipley  
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary – Viola Thompson  
Level Volunteer Fire Company – W. Carroll Craig, Jr.  
Level Volunteer Fire Company – Burton M. Parker, Jr.  
Susquehanna Hose Company – Burton M. Parker, Jr.

**Howard**

Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – Jimmi Merson  
Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – Samuel Merson  
Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – Edgar G. Shilling, Sr.

**Kent**

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company – Frankline Legg, Sr.

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Galena Volunteer Fire Company – Dolly Robbins  
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – Gwendolyn L. “Gwen” Dempsey  
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – George L. “Bud” Kennedy  
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department – Tommy Russum  
Kent-Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad – Franklin Legg, Sr.  
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Elizabeth Ashley  
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Jody Morrison

**Montgomery**

Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – E. Madeline Moxley  
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Lorraine Virginia Watkins Taylor  
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – Ernest A. Hand  
Gaithersburg-Washington Gove Volunteer Fire Department  
Auxiliary – Marie Sherwood  
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Walter E. Belt  
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Martin R. Styer  
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Betty C. Villotti  
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – James O. Downes  
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – Barney B. Hilalgo, Jr.  
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – Gary R. Shifflett  
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Spencer A. Brown, Jr.  
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – John V. Clark  
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – John C. Kern  
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Harry C. Musgrove  
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Shirley J. Fiske  
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department - Robert W. Hamilton  
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Mark E. McKenzie  
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – Betty G. Rudasill

**Prince George’s**

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Company – William D. Farren  
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph F. Perrie, Jr.  
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – A. Preston Gregory  
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department  
Auxiliary – Frances L. Hancock  
Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department – Glenn A. Townsend  
Bowie Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Martin “Marty” Schultz  
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – Richard E. May  
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Bill Duvall  
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Albert Gryskewicz  
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Bernie Harris  
Glen Dale Fire Association – Thomas H. Miskell  
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Thomas H. Miskell

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Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Robert “Dad” McDermott  
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Mark E. “Milk” McKenzie  
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – George H. Linnell  
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – Victor H. Size  
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue  
Squad – Robert W. Terwilliger  
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue  
Squad & Auxiliary – Virginia Susan Ward

**Queen Anne's**

Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company – Calvin S. Lucas  
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department – Calvin S. Lucas  
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Joan T. Nielson  
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Dorothy “Dot” Thompson  
Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department – Ressie Adkins  
Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department – Emerson Tarr, Sr.  
United Communities Volunteer Fire Department – Victor Size

**Somerset**

Marion Volunteer Fire Department – William G. Adkins  
Marion Volunteer Fire Department – Dennett L. Butler  
Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company – Betty Jones

**St. Mary's**

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – Paul Leibe  
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – John R. Abell, Jr.  
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – George C. Duke  
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Francis X. Wood  
Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad – Timothy McGrath  
Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad – Nancy E. Norris  
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Sylvester “Sonny” Adams  
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Raoul Denton  
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Richard “Rickey” Diehl  
Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad – Dawn Mehrkam  
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Samuel B. Vallandingham  
Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad – Robert F. “Cookie” Cook  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Reese McKay  
7<sup>th</sup> District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Doris E. Hammett

**Talbot**

Eastern Volunteer Fire Department – Giles M. Alderman  
Oxford Fire Company – Beth Bradley

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Oxford Fire Company – Michael Bradley  
Oxford Fire Company – Ralph D. Nixon  
Oxford Fire Company – Cecelia Smith  
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – Floyd A. McCracken

**Washington**

Hancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Mary Hill  
Hancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Idella Lucas  
Hancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Alverda Jones  
Independent Junior Fire Engine Company #3 – Catherine F. Dorsey  
Independent Junior Fire Engine Company #3 – Leonard McCarney, Sr.  
Independent Junior Fire Engine Company #3 – Richard O. Rohrer  
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – Harold P. Byrd  
Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Lillian “Pat” Kline  
Western Enterprise Fire Company #4 – Larry A. Vaughn

**Wicomico**

Ladies Auxiliary of Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company – Thelma G. Jones  
Ladies Auxiliary of Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company – Verena S. Pusey  
Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Company – George R. Freeman  
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Doris Toadvine Fletcher  
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – James Goslee  
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – Allen A. Lankford  
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – Donald I. Wheatley

**Worcester**

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Charles E. Elliott  
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Gennette McCabe  
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Roland E. Thomas  
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Granville D. Trimper  
Showell Volunteer Fire Department – Thomas R. “Roger” Bloxom  
Showell Volunteer Fire Department – John F. Shockey

Following the recognition of deceased member the Westminster Ban played TAPS and ECHO.

**The Flag folding is then performed by the Honor Guard with Jackie Olson Reading the meaning of the flag folding ceremony as Gene Worthington, Past President folded the flag to present to the Honor Guard.**

The Flag Folding Ceremony is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the Flag of our uniformed personnel. It represents the same religious principals, on which our Country was originally founded.



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The portion of the flag denoting honor, is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states of our veterans served in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States at the Ceremony of Retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under the watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nations honored dead.

The next morning it is brought out and at the Ceremony of Reveille is briskly run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

Tonight we will honor our personnel who wear a different uniform. A uniform of a person that defends our homeland everyday. Tonight, we will defer from the traditional reading and replace the words with a fire service perspective. We do not, in any way, mean any disrespect to our military veterans. We have chosen a series of words that best characterize the true identity of our American heroes.

The first fold stand for Initiative. For those who are not afraid to train and dedicate themselves to the fire service and the protection of their communities.

The second fold stands for Honor. Which needs to be bestowed upon a group of individuals who remain consistent in service across the nation.

The third fold is for Courage. To all of those who place themselves in harms way each and every day to afford safety to both friends and strangers.

The fourth fold is Valor. In recognition of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice carrying out their duties in the fire service.

The fifth fold is Strength. In heart, body and soul, both inner and outer, that is required to meet the challenges in the post 9/11 world.

The sixth fold is Bravery. We are the breed that rushes into the eye of the storm while others seek safe refuge.

The seventh fold is Patience. A special fold with a distinct crisp line. A line of caring that spans from care of children, elderly and injured in the time of crisis.

The Eighth fold is for Appreciation. For Firefighters who hold a special sense of fragility of the human being. Each moment of service we can give to others in one that is cherished. We appreciate being able to help others with no desire to be recognized by those we serve.

The ninth fold is Dedication. In our profession, be it career or volunteer, we are all herald as professionals. We all love this profession, especially those of us who volunteer. Guess

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the percentage of those of us here tonight, that serve our citizens as both a career and volunteer firefighter. Find this love of duty in any other profession.

The tenth fold is Faith. Many firefighters who have seen life given or taken in the course of their duty have some taste of what faith truly is. Faith can be more than just religion. It can be a belief in what you do and those you work with.

The eleventh fold is Ingenuity. Like the various stars and stripes of our great flag, personnel in the fire service always find ways to make things work and to have confidence in their ability to succeed in their mission. This is patterned after our ancestors who crafted our story of freedom.

The twelfth fold is for Family. The family is the binding fiber of our service. Be it relatives through bloodlines or our brothers and sisters in the fire service. Our group is truly one high family dedicated to community and to each other in good times and in bad.

The thirteenth fold is for Freedom. Firefighters fall into a mold of our past fighters for free will and personal freedom. Our creed is to prevail in times of crisis and any in any situation that might threaten the public safety.

The final Tuck. As the red and white stripes are wrapped into the blue as the light of day vanishes into the dark of night. May we never forget those who have given their lives to our public safety community. God be with you until we meet again.

The Fire Brigade Pipes and Drum then performed Amazing Grace.

**LAMSFA Chaplain Darby Byrd:** Please stand and join me in reciting the 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 every. Amen. (Audience AMED)

The Bagpipers lead the procession out of the hall via the center aisle. As they exit the stage down the center aisle, the Chaplains and President follow off stage and go to escort the families of deceased out. The the Sea of Blue follows the Bagpipers.

**MSFA Chaplain Emeritus, J. Harvey Dixon:** This concludes our memorial service. Thanks for your presence and support of these families who've lost a loved one in the past year. Please go by the snack table and visit with the families, firefighters and friends. Thanks again for your support.

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Ocean City, Maryland – June 13-19, 2009**

**Opening Ceremonies  
Monday, June 15, 2009**

(Musical interlude by the Westminster Band)

**Richard Brooks:** Please be seated.

**President Frank Underwood:** Heck of a way to start. We lost the little hammer (used to ring bell) Oh well. My name is Frank Underwood and I am the President the State Firemen's Association and on behalf of me, I'd like to open the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Volunteer Firemen's Association. Thank you. (Applause) And now we will have Hoby Howell with a safety message.

**Hoby Howell:** Thank you. Good morning and welcome. Please take a moment and silence all your cell phone. But them on vibrate so that your neighbor next to you doesn't have to listen to it ring and when you get that important call from your wife, your girlfriend or whatever, you can take it. What happens if we have an emergency and you are asked to leave the room and the doors are locked? What do you do? Have you checked the exits as you came in today? Do you know what exit to take to this room? Your neighbor's not going to help you. Because he is wanting to leave the room as well. So make sure sometime today, as you get up and leave, you know if you are sitting on this side of the room (he points to his right) and see what exit takes you to the outside for your safety.

Our Safety Committee members are wearing these high visibility vests this morning. If they ask you to move away from the exit, please do so. It is for your safety. Thank you and have a wonderful Convention. (Applause)

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** Let us pray. God of hope, Lord of our hearts, Give us vision to inspire us that working or resting, we may always think of you. Open our lips that we may speak words of wisdom. Be with those who have come to speak with us. Open our ears that we may hear the wisdom of others. Open our minds that our think shall discover others. Open our hands that we may share generosity in all that we do. Open our hearts that our feelings may show your love. Open eyes that we may look to the future. We praise you for guidance, gifts, wisdom over this past year. We praise you for the officers who have served this Association. We praise you for keeping President Underwood healthy and able to lead our Association. We thank you for those who have come here to support this convention with their labor. We thank you for the safe travel you have given those in attendance. Father God now that we open the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference we ask that you be with us with your wisdom and knowledge. We ask this all through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Will the Past Presidents please take their positions and rise.

Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Frank Underwood escorted by his wife Rene and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary Lois Hetz escorted by her husband Harry.

(Presidents enter the room to the interlude by Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA)

(Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Please be seated. Join us now as we take a trip across the great state of Maryland.

(Westminster Band plays as counties are introduced)

Alleghany County  
Anne Arundel County  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore County  
Calvert County  
Caroline County  
Carroll County  
Cecil County  
Charles County  
Dorchester County  
Frederick County  
Garrett County  
Harford County  
Howard County  
Kent County  
Montgomery County  
Prince Georges County  
Queen Anne's County  
Somerset County  
St Mary's County  
Talbot County  
Washington County  
Wicomico County  
Worcester County

And Ladies and Gentlemen the Great State of Maryland.

**Richard Brooks:** Please welcome the Volunteer Firefighter Flag.

(Musical Interlude plays – "With Fags Unfurled")

(Westminster Band Plays – "Washington Post March")

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(Single Bagpiper plays "Amazing Grace")

(Westminster Band plays – "America the Beautiful.")

Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Pipes and Drums and, the Fire Brigade of Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums)

**Richard Brooks:** The Maryland State Firemen's Association Fallen Firefighters Flag. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Flag. The Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial Flag.

**Richard Brooks:** Please be seated. Ladies and gentlemen on behalf of President Underwood and President Hetz, would you please help them in welcoming the Greater Fire Brigade of Baltimore Pipes and Drums and the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Pipes and Drums. (Applause) And now enjoy Shenandoah. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** May I have the presentation of colors by the combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard.

**President Lois Hetz:** Please join me in 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.

**Richard Brooks:** Our National Anthem will be performed by Mr. Tim Koenig.

(Applause)

Retirement of Colors.

**President Frank Underwood:** Everyone please be seated.

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

Music performed by the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Pipes and Drums and the The Fire Brigade of Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums. (Applause and cheers as they exit the hall)

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies and gentlemen, a warm gratitude for the Westminster Municipal Band. (Applause and cheers)

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time I would like to introduce the Mayor of Ocean City, the Honorable Rick Meehan.

**Mayor Rick Meehan:** Thank you Frank. Good morning everybody. On behalf of the Mayor and City Counsel and all the citizens of Ocean City, I want to welcome you all to Ocean City and I can't tell you how glad we are to see each and every one of you here, in Ocean City, for this Convention. You know they say our summer starts around Memorial Day and we have a lot more activities going on in Ocean City, more so than ever. But I can tell you, by tradition, the kick off to our summer season is when the Maryland State Firemen's Association comes to Ocean City. A tradition we hope will last for many many years to come. And we want to sincerely thank you for being here this week. We are also

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very proud of you and the service you give to your communities. I know how proud we are in Ocean City of our fire department and our volunteer organization. And the hours and time they put in serving their communities. Volunteerism gets more and more difficult all the time with all the other challenges we face today. I commend you all for giving that time back to your communities and to your fellow citizens. And I really hope you take the time to enjoy the time you are in Ocean City this week and reflect on all the time you have given your communities.

First of all, I want to thank your Convention Committee for putting together such a fabulous convention. These Opening Ceremonies were absolutely terrific and I'm sure they inspired you as it did those of us that were standing back stage. These are tough times and I know it was difficult for some to come to Ocean City this week and I know it is a difficult time for some of the departments. We're facing that same thing here in Ocean City so it's particularly gratifying to see you here today. Ocean City is having a very good season this year. We have set records almost every weekend since April on the numbers of people that are visiting Ocean City and I think that's good news for everything. I think that's good news for the State. People are out and about, they're putting money back into the economy and hopefully this is the beginning of something that going to be good for all of us as this economy begins to grow a little.

You all came to town on a great weekend; I know you ran into a little bit of traffic when you came into town this weekend. That's the good news, had a lot of things going on in town. Not only were we welcoming your convention, your attendees also we're hosting the future leaders of America. They were here in numbers, large numbers better known as the high school graduating class of 2009. I'm not going to tell you they don't present some challenges they do, our goal is that they all come here, have a good time, and are safe while they are here and were return them home to their family and friends safely. And that's what happens now. There's still quite a few in town. You just didn't notice them on your way in this morning because they're not up yet. Later on in the afternoon you'll see them out and about.

We also hosted this week thirty veterans from Walter Reed hospital, the wounded warriors. We're happy to see them in Ocean City and have them enjoy Ocean City. (Applause)

We also hosted our second annual air show yesterday and I hope some of you had the opportunity to see this event; did you get to see this? What a fabulous event. Talk about a patriotic event. Nothing starts the day off better. Yesterday was Flag Day and to start the day off with the US Navy Leap Frogs doing their parachute jump and planting the American Flag on the beach in Ocean City, then presenting that flag to one of our veterans from the American Legion was a great way to start the day. It was a great event and I hope you all had the opportunity to see it while you were here.

This week is going to be a big week in Ocean City I know there's a lot planned in your convention, I want to congratulate your convention committee and your leaders, both Fran and Lois for a great job you've done on your behalf this year. A difficult and trying year of

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leaders of any organization and they've done a terrific job. With that I'd like to invite them out on stage. I have one for each of you. This is a key to the town. I'm presenting as mayor, our city council and all the citizens of Ocean City. This is for our heartfelt gratitude for your conventioners for bringing your convention to Ocean City and for all that you do for the state of Maryland, all that you've done for your organizations this past year, this is a token of our appreciation, really it's a heartfelt token and we want to thank you very much. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** This turned out pretty good. I'm going to have two keys to two cities so I can have beach front property as well. I came up here several months ago and talked to the Mayor, basically told him what the Maryland State Firemen's Association needed, we needed some resources; we needed some help because it's getting awful expensive to come to Ocean City to have a convention. We needed some help working with them on the addition, the renovations to the building over the next few years. I'm happy to say that all of that has become possible thanks to the Mayor and the city council. First off they're working with us with the renovations and second they helped us the other night with the Presidents dinner tremendously, they've done a great job. The Mayor has said his door is always open, course if you've ever been to his office when you open it there's water. Mayor, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and myself personally, I want to thank you for opening your door, inviting us in, talking to us and inviting us back here time and time again. It has been a great honor to deal with you this year. We have a resolution for you. I'm not going to read it all but basically it says Thanks. That's what it means.

**Mayor Meehan:** Thank you very much.

**President Frank Underwood:** Now to help the environment out here in Ocean City you get one of our hats. This is a unique hat it's only to be worn at budget hearings when the MSFA is out in the audience. He is a mug for the drinks you will need after we leave and here is a bag of goodies to remember us. Thank you so much.

**Mayor Meehan:** Thank you all very much. I look forward to your parade on Wednesday. We will be in the parade. We look forward to having you here all week and again we want to thank you for visiting Ocean City. We hope to see you for many years to come in our resort. Thank you all very much. Have a great week.

**President Frank Underwood:** Let we'll have the Fire Chief of Ocean City, Chief Larimore.

**Fire Chief Larimore:** Well good morning. Welcome to Ocean City. As the mayor asked, how many got to see the air show this weekend? It was an incredible show. As we all know unfortunately there is some people overseas, to put it mildly, did not treat the United States very fair a few years ago, I'll tell you what to stand out on the beach yesterday and watch the Thunderbirds, Blue Angles and the force the US has you can only imagine what our adversary said a few years ago when they woke up one morning and they saw that fleet. You gotta say we were there to make their day. I mean want an awesome sight. It

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would bring tears to anyone's eyes. With that please, ladies and gentlemen, let's not forget we still have our armed forces overseas that are fighting to allow us the freedom we have. Ladies and Gentlemen let's give our armed forces a round of applause. Let's let them hear you from Ocean City. (Applause)

I realize I'm singing to the choir, we're all in public safety; we're here to do a good job. We're here to help people in their time of need. The thought of our armed forces and our men and ladies who are overseas and doing the job they are doing, I don't think anyone can appreciate it any more than we can. Thank you for that round of applause.

Ladies and gentlemen, it was a year and ten days ago we in Ocean City took three great organizations, the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department that had a 110 year history, our Fire & EMS division and our Fire Marshal's Office and we merged them into one, one Fire Department. I get asked two questions every day. Chief how's it going and Chief how did you do it. Let me answer first question, its going great. We have a very strong department. The volunteer side is growing, the career side is awesome, we have new officers, and its working and we're doing great. Please if you get the opportunity stop and talk to some of our people. We'd love to talk to you and update you and let you know the fire service is stronger than ever. We are very proud of that. The second question, how did I do it? I have to tell you, it wasn't me. I have three deputy chiefs and five assistant chiefs and some very good officers. We have a mayor, city council, and city manager, Dennis Dare, it was a team effort, everybody came together and one thing that's common throughout the fire service is how many firemen have you seen that didn't have a heart? I mean a true heart. They want to do a good job. This was an opportunity to bring three good groups together, get everybody on the same page to do an even better job. I'm here to say, it does work. Not only a true combination department, the volunteerism and career and I'm sure we will have growing pains, but we're here to do a good job. Ladies and gentlemen if there's anything in the world we can do for you, department wide, I know I'm speaking for all our personnel, please contact us, stop in a fire house, and call us. Have a good time this week, learn a little bit, be safe. It's truly an honor to be here. Have a good day. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Chris, on behalf the MSFA, we have a resolution for you. My tradition is I'm not going to read the whole thing, but it says thank you for all the help you do while we're here in town for the week and throughout the season. We come for our executive committee meetings and other meetings and other meetings in your jurisdiction and we appreciate the work you do and welcoming us in your homes. Thank you. (Applause) Chris, we have a mug for you. You and the mayor can go out one evening. You can wear this when you go to budget meetings if front of the mayor. Here's a whole bag of goodies for you to enjoy. Once again, thank you

**Fire Chief Larimore:** Have a good week folks. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Like to introduce Joe Thiebold, Public Safety.

**Joe Thiebold:** Welcome. One thing about coming up third is they already said everything



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I need to say so I'll be brief. Enjoy your stay, if you need something you know where to find one of us. Just turn around. I'm very proud of the combination system we have in this city, it works flawlessly. I want to thank you for everything you do. The commitment you do for your communities to the residents and visitors of this great stat, your families for the time they put forth to allow you to do that job. Public safety is a commitment of a team working together police, fire, EMS and communications. The system does not work without each one in sync and working together. Thank you, enjoy yourself, if you need something, you know where to find us. Have a good week's convention. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** On behalf the Maryland State Firemen's Association we have a resolution basically saying the same thing. Thank you for inviting us into your town and taking care of us year round when we do come to visit. You get a mug, a hat and a bag.

**Joe Thiebold:** Thank you have a good week. (applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** This one is easy. Representing the Governor, Brian Moe, Deputy Secretary of State.

**Brian Moe, Deputy Secretary of State:** Good morning. It is my pleasure to be here on behalf of Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown, and to extend best wishes to the Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Governor O'Malley and his Administration, believe that public safety is one of the most sacred responsibility that any government holds. Maryland's firefighters, first responders, are important partners in keeping Maryland safe. This is a great responsibility and we partner with you and we rely on you, thank you for your courage, you talent and your fortitude. For that we say thank you and please keep us the good work.

This past year was a very tough and challenging year, but your President and Officers were very helpful and worked very hard in Annapolis and around the state. For that we congratulate the President and Officers for a job well done.

Although we were only allowed to fund you at the past levels this year, we didn't lose anything. In actuality we did gain a little bit. Roughly 50K to the widows/orphans fund. Put if it wasn't for your Officer, certainly your crew in Annapolis, Danny Davis and Richard Yinger you probably would have been one of those axed people who would be an issue down the road. They did a great job. They did a tremendous job representing you and the Governor wanted to thank both of them for the work they have done and certainly all the officers and Frank and the rest of the Presidents for a job well done. In closing, on behalf of the Governor and people of the State of Maryland, we say thank you for your dedication and service. We would like to say good luck to the new president and officers. We look forward to working with them. And certainly have a great convention. Thank you.

(Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Brian, we need you to relay a message to the Governor;

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he has helped us tremendously this year. He has been accessible to the Fire Service when asked. So we want to thank him for the service he is doing for us. For the tremendous help we had with the Medevac this year, his help has been tremendous. We want to give this Resolution to him thanking him for his service to the MSFA. Thank you so much.

And here again, uniquely, I've never seen my name in porcelain or ceramic. You get one of the free mugs; you get one of the hats, and one of the tremendously heavy goody bags. Thank you. And personally, that you for everything you have done for me this year and the family. And next I would like to introduce Speaker of the House, Michael Bush.

**Michael Bush, Speaker of the House:** Good morning. I am here on behalf of all the members of the General Assembly. To thank you for your commitment and service to the quality of life for the citizens of the State of Maryland. I want to bring up a couple of the special things that took place this year.

As many of you know, we have finest Shock Trauma Center in the country. And it was at risk as to whether we would buy the new helicopters or not for an aging fleet. It has been there for 25 years and without the help of the volunteer firemen, professional firemen, and the likes of Danny Davis and Richard Yinger and all the other members of the leadership of this group, that would not have happened. And it has been great to have the General Assembly members who have come out of the ranks of this organization. People like Jim Malone, who was an advocate for EMS and the medical system this past year. People like Barry Glassman of Harford County and the job John Bahaman did chairing the Committee. And no one and I mean NO ONE, is more supportive than the two down here on the Eastern Shore – Jim Mathesis and Norman Conway. Norman Conway is totally committed to the fire service. This year, although it didn't make the budget, the \$7.5 Million to build the Maryland Training Center in Harford Co. was put back in. Even in the toughest of economic times, by Chairman Norman Conway. It is because we believe in what you do that it makes it a better place to live in.

Each and every one of us that are in the General Assembly can reflect on that day of 911. A horrible day in our history when people were running from those two towers in New York. At the same time people were escaping to save their lives, the proud men and women of the police department in New York went into that blaze knowing they were putting their lives on the line. Many of them lost it as well. And many of us asked ourselves, "could we do that"? And that is an answer only an individual can answer for himself. But thank God, there were the professionals from the fire service and the Police service that made the commitment of service to do that. Even in putting their lives on the line, and I want to thank each and every one of you for doing that for all the citizens of Maryland and keeping us in the forefront. I want to let you know that our members of the General Assembly are committed to keeping Maryland number one in the fire service and public safety. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Mr. Bush, more than one time we sat in this man's office waiting for a head count to find out what our next step was going to be. It is unbelievable

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where the fire service gets invited, to sit in the office with a man of your position, who really cares about the fire service. I call you Michael but it is Mr. Bush. We want to thank you for the MSFA so much for your leadership in helping us get over these hurdles that were tearing us apart. Thank you so much for all you did. You get a free hat, a free mug and one of our tremendous goodie bags. He doesn't have much room in his office for our stuff. You can get rid of some of the police stuff and put fire stuff there.

Next I'd like to introduce Mike no it should be Frank Kratovil from the first district.

**Mr. Kratovil:** Good morning. Welcome to Maryland's Eastern Shore and gorgeous Ocean City and as most of you don't know this is the first Congressional District, my district. I'd like to think that we have one of the more beautiful districts in the country. Welcome, I'm very happy to be with you. It's a pleasure to welcome the Maryland Firemen's Association to our region of this great state and it's a privilege to have the opportunity to be with you this morning to say a few words. My wife came down last night for the beginning of the convention, for the ceremony last night, and I was here last year for that. It's always a very moving experience as I'm sure many of you agree. I was also last week at the ceremony of the Fallen Firefighters in Annapolis. I'd like to congratulate the leadership of the Association and all of the volunteers that do so much to put these events on. This is truly one of the remarkable events that I attend in terms of circumstance and it's worth it for those who do not come to come to see what a wonderful job you do.

I want to take a minute to mention Brian Moe who was here representing the Governor, but also our Mayor of Ocean City, Rick Meehan who is such a gracious host not only for you folks, but for all the folks that come down to Ocean City over the summer months. Again I want to thank the leadership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for again choosing the eastern shore for the convention and conference. It's obviously especially important in these tough times to have organizations like this Association to come to Ocean City. I want to thank you for that. More importantly I want to thank all of you for everything you do in our communities across Maryland to keep us safe. As the father of four young boys, as many of you know I have four young men ages 11, 9, 7, and 5 I cannot tell you how much I value the work of the men and women in my community who put their lives on the line to keep the rest of us safe. Our policemen, EMT, and particularly our firemen known as your family make sacrifices each day so that others can sleep better at night. For that all of you should be commended and celebrated at these conferences in a justifiable way to do that.

On Capitol Hill I have gotten behind several initiatives designed to better protect you and your colleagues in the line of duty and help you do a better job and help you be safer. Right at the top of the list is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which featured new FEMA firefighter assistance grants. This program provides funding for the first time for bricks and mortar construction, upgrade of fire house facilities, as well as \$210 Million in competitive grants for non federal fire stations. Funds can be used to modify, upgrade or construct no federal fire stations in our state or local fire companies are eligible to apply. FEMA has developed draft guidance and I encourage all of you to contact my office for any

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assistance you need in applying for these grants so that Maryland can take advantage of the funding that is there and available. Again I want to thank all of you for what you do, for the time and hours, and the sacrifices that you make to keep the rest of us safe. Have a great conference. Please stay as long as you like in Ocean City and I look forward to seeing you again next year.

**President Frank Underwood:** Well Frank it's been a lot of parades over that last two years to get elected and I don't think you missed any of them while running for office. On behalf of the fire service we know you're in town for us and we really appreciate what you do and being a friend of the MSFA is a benefit for us. If you need us holler and we'll do what we can. Here you go, put in it whatever you want to and one of the fantastic budget hats and a bag of goodies.

**Mr. Kratovil:** Thank you. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next is Bart Kennedy from Senator Mikulski's Office.

**Bart Kennedy, from the Office of Senator Mikulski:** Good morning. It is good to be here to offer greetings from Senator Mikulski and to thank you for all that you do, day in and day out. You do it on your own time and often on your own dime. Know that Senator Mikulski is on your side. She recognizes that you put in one shift at work to make a living and another shift at home to make living worthwhile. And then you put in a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift at your volunteer fire department or EMS unit. That's why she's also putting in a shift fighting for you to get you the funding you need to keep us safe in our homes and communities.

She has written to the Chair and ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee to ask that they fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the Safer Act at their fully authorized levels - \$1 Billion each. She has also written to the IRS Commissioner opposing new rules that classify volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel as employees. This is unfair and places an undue burden on the departments and the volunteer firefighters. She has also co-sponsored the Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Support Act of 2009. The Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Support Act provides federal financial support for State and Local incentives for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighter and EMS personnel. This includes:

- A financial match for any state, city or county government.
- That has or establishes a volunteer Firefighters and EMS incentive program
- Eligible incentives include
  - Retirement Benefits
  - Travel and training reimbursement
  - Health insurance assistance

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- Life insurance
- Tuition and school loan forgiveness
- Property tax deductions

The bill is supported by the NVFC and the American Ambulance Association. We will continue to fight for you every day in every way. Thank Team Maryland Partners: MFRI, Governors Grants Office, MEMA in getting the word out through grant workshops across the state that help departments in knowing what and how to apply. Thanks to Dave Lewis with MFRI and Merril Oliver with the Governors' Grants Office. To Beth Stone with MSFA Grants Committee and MEMA. Please continue to count on Senator Mikulski if you have recently submitted a grant, please contact me and I will get a support letter for your application. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** Bart, You ready, you get one of our mugs, a hat and an entire bag of goodies to take back to the office and drive Mrs. Mulkulsi crazy. Everything that happens, I get messages from Bart. It's a constant day and night thing. The other night something pop up about funding. It didn't take much till the emails were flying across the state of Maryland and the politicians were calling left and right asking what they could do. Thank you and would you express our love and affection for what she does for the fire service.

Next I'd like to introduce Lillian Ricardo from the National Volunteer Fire Council. This program will review the research efforts conducted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Volunteer Fire Council and introduce the benefits that could be afforded to Maryland Firefighters.

**Lillian Ricardo:** Good morning, my name is Lillian Ricardo from the National Volunteer Fire Council and I serve as the health and safety project coordinator for the NVFC. The National Volunteer Fire Council represents the volunteer fire service on a national level. We provide information and resources involving legislation, standards, regulations all affecting the volunteer fire service programs, such as Fire Core, the National Junior Fire Fighter Program and the National Health Fire Fighter program. Many of you are probably aware that heart attacks are the number one cause of line of duty deaths among firefighters. That has been the trend for several years now. Since 2003 the NVFC implemented and developed a program call the Heart Healthy Fire Fighter to combat this unhealthy trend. The program has been very successful in outreaching to the fire service in providing prevention information on heart healthy as well as overall health of firefighters. Recently the NVFC has been fortunate enough to partner with the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health on a FEMS sponsored research grant focusing on the Maryland Fire Service and Health and Wellness within the fire service. Today I am here to introduce LaKeshia Pollack from John Hopkins University and Dr. Pollack is a faculty member of John Hopkins as well as the research center. So I'll turn you over to Dr. Pollack. (Applause)

**Dr. Pollack:** Thank you. Good morning everyone. I love when people respond back.

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Lillian, I thank you for that wonderful introduction. I want to begin by thanking the Maryland State Firemen's Association for giving us a few minutes to make some brief remarks about what we are doing.

As Lillian mentioned, I am a professor at John Hopkins University and we have been privileged to work with the NVFC about this very important issue. FEMA has decided to devote a number of resources to us to help us address this issue of heart attacks in the fire fighter and they have given us a research grant to talk with fire fighters in Maryland to figure out what we can be doing better to address this issue. For me this is a really personal issue. My brother is a volunteer fire fighter in New York and has been for some time. I believe in my heart that what we find out here will not just benefit fire fighters here but across the country as well.

So part of what we are doing and why we are here today is because we are talking to fire fighters. We are doing focus groups having small groups and leadership groups. We have a meeting later this month and we have in the schedule tomorrow to talk to individuals. One is at 2:15 and the other is at 4:15. So if you have time and don't have something conflicting with the time, we'd love to talk to you. Lillian will be outside the back of the hall to sign people up, up to ten persons per session. We're going to have some snacks tomorrow. Believe me it will really be rewarding and I think we'll have some great conversations. Just to hear from you guys what we should be doing is a better way to address this issue.

We really hope you'll make some time to talk with us. There are some benches outside of room 205 and we'll be there to sign you up for up to twenty people. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Underwood:** Come here ladies. You are very fortunate; you get one of the silver plated hats. On behalf of the MSFA I'd like to welcome you here to our convention and hope all goes well for you. One of you will get one of these beautiful mugs to take back to the office and make everyone else jealous.

I've got two announcements before we go into the next thing. Caucuses today, those of you that are interested. Room 201 will be Southern Maryland, room 202 will be Eastern Shore Firemen's Association, 203 will be Montgomery County, room 205 will be Anne Arundel County and mezzine board room will be Prince Georges County. The other, I have two cars parked illegally at the senior center: License number WF 0048 and FD 1980. You're illegally parked at the senior center.

Harford Cecil caucus will be on the back deck after the second session.

We have the Gladhill Thompson award, PP Leonard King and Chief Darin Long to present.

**Chief Long:** Good morning. My name is Darin Long and I'm chief of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department. I'm here this morning to assist with the Gladhill-Thompson award which is the highest award given at the convention each year. Buck Gladhill the founding member of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department was the main driving force to establish our department in 1944. He told me several times he was tired of seeing

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buildings burn down in Damascus. Damascus was protected by Mt Airy, Hyattstown and Gaithersburg which was quite a distance.

He was also responsible for bringing public water to Damascus.

Chief Leslie B. Thompson joined the department in 1952 and became very good friends with Buck. I would like to call up to the stage last years recipient, Lou Jonske. If Lou's in attendance. Is Lou here today? We'll move on to the recipient this year.

A very well deserving recipient this year. I'm going to ask PP Leonard King to name this year's recipient and tell you about him. Thank you.

**Leonard King:** As Chief Long said, Buck Gladhill was our charter founding member and he was the last charter member survived until his passing. He worked hard for this great Association as well. The volunteer fire fighters room, all those mugs that so many people have at their home in trophy cabinets that have the different apparatus from throughout the state. Buck Gladhill was responsible for that. People were to pay him for them. I don't believe half the people paid buck for them.

Chief Long is presenting Lou Jonske with last year's award. As the chief pointed out the Gladhill-Thompson is the highest award of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This year's recipient is most deserving and is a past president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I don't think he knows about it yet. He works hard all year long. In fact in these economic times I'd say he's working harder than when he was President of MSFA. The 2009 recipient of the Gladhill-Thomspson award is: C. Danny Davis from Hollywood. (Applause)

**Chief Long:** Lou, I'd like to present you with your trophy. The one you should receive was damaged. I'll present you this one and send the replacement to you upon receipt.

**President Underwood:** Baltimore Counties caucus will be in room 217 after the session.

Next is the Colburn Cup and Trustee Steve Hales will be presenting.

**Steve Hales:** Thank you Mr. President. Members of this great Association it's an honor to be before you today to make this presentation. I'd like to introduce the trustees if they would come forward. It's nice to put the face with the name. Presently on stage is PP Gene Worthington, our secretary PP Terry Thompson, member board of trustees Mr. Carpenter, and Mr. John Means hopefully your making your way up here as I speak.

The Board of Trustees received five nominees this year for heroic duties throughout the state of Maryland. It is an honor to stand here and recognize the individuals. Unfortunately it can only be one who is recognized as the winner. The ones I am reading to you are receiving honorable recognition and certificates.

Members of the Hollywood Fire Department please come forward. At approximately 10:45 AM a customer came into a barber shop for a haircut. He had walked approximately one

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mile and was out of breath which was unusual for him. There were two brothers on duty. John Gatton and his sister, Kimberly. There were approximately eight customers waiting to get a haircut when this medical emergency started. They were alerted by the customers asking if the gentlemen normally acted this way. The gentlemen slumped over onto the inquiring customer and appeared to be in respiratory distress, making snoring sounds. The barbers began immediately performing CPR. 911 representatives were called and people throughout the community whose names I will read will be recognized for participating in this heroic deed. The nominees are: FF John Gatton Jr. EMT Kimberly Sullivan, Chief Robie Albert, Assistant Chief Doug Ensley, Lt Chris Sealy, Safety Officer Steve Facini, FF Ernest Rogers, FF Mike Sullivan, FF Meade Tingula, and Detective Wild of the Maryland State Police. Ladies and Gentlemen we thank you for this service to your community. It is an honor to be amongst you. We appreciate on behalf of your community these services. Thank you (applause)

I'd like to have officers and members of the Westminster Hose Company # 1 to come forward. On February 9, 2008 an alarm was struck for a dwelling fire on North Colonial Ave in Westminster. Upon arriving a two story structure was involved with heavy smoke and showing that someone was trapped inside. As the attack was initiated the victim could be heard screaming. FF Wissom was lead. The victim was found by the dryer which was heavily involved by fire and smoke. The victim was quickly evacuated from the building and handed over to EMS who were waiting on the scene and later transported to Carroll hospital center. Without FF Wissom's quick response to access the victim there is no doubt that the outcome would have been tragically different. I would like to recognize this fire fighters and officers here. Thank you for your service. It's a honor to be amongst you as well. We appreciate your services to your community. (Applause)

Representatives from Laurel Fire Department # 1 please come forward. The nominee for this award from Laurel is FF Ken Wilson. FF Wilson was on his way home from work when he heard a call go out for a child entangled into a seatbelt causing the child to be strangled. Ken was on his way home driving on I 95. He stopped because the call was close. MSP was on the scene and had removed the child from the car. Ken identified himself to the trooper opened the child's airway, initiated CPR. The PGFD arrived on scene as dispatched. Without Ken's actions the outcome would have been much different. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I like to recognize FF Wilson. Thank you PP Robinson for accepting. (Applause)

If I could have representatives from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department come forward. At 2019 hours engine 32 arrived on the scene taking a hydrant in front of the trailer with heavy smoke and smoke conditions existed. The crew of engine 32 advanced an attack line to the front door. They split crews under the leadership of Sgt Wahrenbrock. Engine 32, they started knocking the fire down in the front room and performing search in the area of the rear of the trailer where there's indications of victims trapped. Sgt Wahrenbrock and FF Brian Tuscom with great risk to themselves located both subjects in the back room. They started to remove the female subject and as soon as they headed



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down the hallway handed her of to crews from squad 3. The second subject was a male found in a large bathroom and was handed over to Deputy Chief Downs and FF. Blazen. Both subjects were removed from the trailer within eight minutes after engine 32 had arrived on the scene. Ladies and Gentlemen it is very obvious again; if it had not been for the actions of the crews these folks would not be with us today. Again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees we thank you for your service. (Applause)

I would like to ask for representatives of the Princess Anne FD to please come forward on my left. Ladies and Gentlemen the Colburn Cup comes from the Princess Anne FD who sponsor it. They will explain it to you at this time. I would ask that Chevy Chase Squad Officers Lt. Curtis Warfield and FF John Klaven please come forward. (Applause)

When we were asked to review and judge the Colburn Cup nominees, it takes several weeks to come to a conclusion because we feel no deed should ever go unrewarded. Quite frankly, in our lives, this is an everyday occurrence. But there are some that come to our attention through the Colburn Cup that stand out and need to be recognized. Today we are going to recognize from Bay District Sgt. Wahrenbrock and FF Brian Tuscom with the Colburn Cup.

These gentlemen arrived on the scene of a two story building with a large volume of smoke was emitting from the building. They were met by several hysterical neighbors. Something a lot of us in the fire service are familiar with when there is an entrapment. The Captain made a decision to try and rescue the children who were located in the dwelling. They made an initial attack. They went into the dwelling, Lt. Curtis Warfield and Firefighter John Klavon. They had arrived on the scene and raced up the stairs through advancing flames and thick smoke and passed the Captain as he was coming down the stairs. They find and enter the bedroom where there were three cribs. Once in the room it was very heated and involved in smoke. They could only use the feel method, as we are trained to do, to locate the victims. The victims were located, the necessary medical service was provided to them and they were removed from the dwelling. Quite a horrendous operation. Brotherhood, fellowship and training all being shown in this and scarifies made by unselfish people.

I will call on Princess Anne for the presentation. It is alright to stand up and recognize these folks.

Good morning. The members of the Princess Anne Fire Department are to issue the George W. Colburn Cup Award for an act of heroism. We haven't given this trophy for an extremely long time and very pleased to give it to this year's recipients. (Applause)

Would the Trustees still remain. Ladies and gentlemen to correct a mistake I made, Bethesda Chevy Chase is the winner of the Colburn Cup. I apologize for that mistake. Ladies and gentlemen, one final comment. The Board of Trustees serves at your pleasure, by an election to a 5 year term. We are saying goodbye to one of our own. Mr. John Means has decided to retire and we want to recognize John for his dedication and service. Not only to the Trustees but to the Association. I would like to call Gene Worthington up to

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read the Proclamation we are bestowing on John.

Gene – John, if you would come on over please. It is always a pleasure. John has been our senior person on the Trustees since all of us come on board. The younger members and he has kept us straight over these ten years. Presented to John W. Means, Sr. in grateful appreciation of ten years of outstanding dedicated service and noteworthy contributions to the Maryland State Firemen's Association while serving as Trustee. That was recommended and approved by our Board. Congratulations and thank you very much. (Applause and standing ovation.)

**John Means:** They kinda caught me unaware. I appreciate it. I enjoyed all the years of service. I thought it was time to let a younger man step in. I have a good one I know is going to step in my shoes – Doug Alexander – so thanks a lot for everything and see you around. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next is the Hall of Fame – Danny Carpenter III, Chair of the Hall of Fame for his report.

**Danny Carpenter III:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers, Past President, Delegates and Guests. It gives me great pride to announce the new inductees into the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame.

At this time I would like to recognize my committee. Vice Chair Ben Kurtz, C. Oscar Baker, Past President; George A. "Fred" Cross, Past President; Robert M. "Bob" Dempsey, Past President; John T. "Jack" Ferguson, III; John O. Gatton, Sr., Marcine D. Goodloe, Stephen V. Hales; Donald Lee Howard, William B. Lay, Sr., David "Rusty" Leftwich; Charles J. "Jenks" Mattingly, III, Past President; James T. Riegel, Sr.; Richard Smith; Ray Stevens, and Harry Stone.

This year the committee had 32 nominations submitted for the Hall of Fame. We can only induct 10 each year and it is a pretty hard job. At this time as I will read the names of the individual inductees to come forth or a representative of their department.

Charles H. Austin, Orchard Beach VFD  
Donald L. Briscoe – Volunteer Fire Company #1 Chesapeake City  
Chief George W. Brown, Jr. – Sandy Spring VFD  
Linda A. Dousa – Abingdon VFC  
Anna M. Jonske – Joppa-Magnolia VFC  
David McQuay – Tilghman Island VFD  
Gayle P. Moreland – Deal VFD  
John E. "Sonny" Rose – Odenton VFD  
Robert W. Ryan – College Park VFD  
William G. Wilkerson – Mechanicsville VFD

Each year the Hall of Fame can induct up to 3 members, Individuals who are not fire or rescue departments and this year the committee has selected two persons. And at this

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time I would like to call President Frank Underwood for some remarks and to read the names.

**President Frank Underwood:** First off I need the Command of Aviation to come up on stage please. (Applause)

First I want to read the dedication of the book. We are pleased to dedicate the 117th Convention Program Book to the Maryland State Police Aviation Division. Through the many years of responding to calls for service, we have seen a positive outcome that is second to none. The Aviation Division has worked close with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Shock Trauma, as well as our other partners to maintain the highest level of service to Maryland. Over the years we have been challenged in many ways and taking on those challenges in order to improve our system. This past year has seen significant challenges to the system that we have built and one that the citizens of Maryland have come to expect. The tragic incident that claimed 3 of our colleagues and a patient shook the public safety community. We will have a place in our hearts for the Trooper 2 crew and will ever strengthen to resolve and continue to make the system even better.

The second challenge was a political challenge by a few in Annapolis. This effort was to dismantle the Maryland Medevac System. This was clearly an effort that would take public safety back at least 30 years and a cost to many Marylanders would be their lives. This clearly brought all public safety together and sent a message to Annapolis that the legislation was not acceptable to the thousands of emergency service providers in the field. Our compliments to the Maryland State Police Aviation Division for all the efforts in testifying, preparing data and answering questions and leading the fight that was directed at the ill piece of legislation.

Special thanks to Major A.J. McAndrew for his passion and devotion to our system. He did a great job.

To President Underwood, Legislative committee, Danny Davis and Richard Yinger and to the many fire service personnel who spent many hours in Annapolis and at home to defeat these proposals, thank you for all your efforts which you did at these legislative sessions. And now it is my honor, I got to pick these two guys, AJ and Dan Cornwell, congratulations to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations gentlemen. (Applause)

**A.J. McAndrew:** Good morning. My name is A.J. McAndrew. I'm the proud commander of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command. It's these men and women who everyday go out and risk their lives to save the lives of others. This year it was never more apparent than the bond between the Maryland State Police Aviation Divisions and the men and women of the Volunteer Fire and EMS has together.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> when our helicopter went down it was very obvious that we not only work hard in Annapolis but we also bled together and died together. We will always remember pilot Steve Bunker, Trooper Flight Paramedic Mickey Lippy and EMT Tonya

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Mallard of the Waldorf Fire Company. One of the first calls I made that evening was to Frank Underwood. Frank met me at the scene, he came to the accident site and he was there when we removed the bodies of our fallen heroes. We rose from those ashes and we came back much stronger than we ever were and we couldn’t have done it without the men and women of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We ended up getting \$52.5 million to start replacing our aging Medevac fleet. (Applause)

We got another \$600,000 for additional safety equipment for our current fleet of helicopters. None of this could have been done without Frank, his presidents, Danny Davis, Richard Yinger, Doyle and Roger. I’ll forever be in your debt. Two nights ago we pinned Flight Paramedic Wings on Frank. He’s proudly wearing them today; he’s an honorary crew member. Today and this isn’t because I’ve witnessed Frank’s driving skills and that he drives a little too fast up and down Rt. 50. Along with the men and women of the Aviation Command, I’d like to present this Stetson to Frank Underwood and make him an Honorary State Trooper – Frank (Applause and cheers) Thank you very much.

**Dan Carpenter:** At this time I’d like to excuse the Hall of Fame Inductees. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association Hall of Fame committee also has the duty of selecting the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup. This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department in 1981 for the honoree with over 60 years of active service by charter member, Marbery F. Gates of the Rockville Fire Department in Montgomery County, MD.

The 1<sup>st</sup> award was presented to Mr. Gates on June 15, 1981 at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Convention. Mr. Gates served on the Maryland State Firemen’s Association’s Board of Trustees from 1969 – 1989. This year the committee received 31 nominees for a total of 1724 years of service. Each individual will receive a Governor’s Citation along with a plaque for their years of service. At this time I’ll read the list and ask each individual to come on stage to receive a presentation. If they are not here would representative of their department come up.

<b>Name</b>	<b>YRS</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
William Walter Boys, Sr.	60 yrs.	Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company
Jerry N. Anderson	58 yrs.	Abingdon Fire Company
William W. Olsen	52 yrs.	Waldorf VFD (William “Bill” Cooke)
Joan “Joanne” Robison	56 yrs	Laurel Volunteer Fire Department
James F. “Jim” Penhollow	60 yrs	North East Fire Company
William “Bud” Ewing	53 yrs	North East Fire Company
Vernon Stewart	50 yrs	North East Fire Company
James “Jimmy” Ewing	53 yrs	North East Fire Company
Charles “Saltwater” Stewart	51 yrs	North East Fire Company
George Rhudy	67 yrs	North East Fire Company
Gene Price	65 yrs	North East Fire Company

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Burton Brenner	51 yrs	Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr.	56 yrs	Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
R. Keith Fairfax	51 yrs	Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Leland "Bubby" Bowman	59 yrs	Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Leroy C. Stull	57 yrs	Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Robert Eugene Buck	50 yrs	Benedict Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, Inc.
Louis F. "Freddie" Burris, Jr.	50 yrs	Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
James W. "Jimmy" Burroughs	52 yrs	Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
William B. "Bill" Groome	60 yrs	Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
William H. Simpson, Sr.	57 yrs	Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Chief George W. Brown, Jr.	50 yrs	Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Chief Bill R. Bliss	56 yrs	Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Dept.
Charlie Phillips	60 yrs.	Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Chief Walt Snyder	50 yrs	Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department
Robert N. "Bob" Dempsey, P.P.	53 yrs	Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
James "Bennie" Shelton	50 yrs	Sudlersville Fire Company, Inc.
Thomas P. "Penny" Collins	61 yrs	Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department
Paul McGinnis	52 yrs	Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Richard Wengert	70 yrs.	Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
John Davies	54 yrs	Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Ladies and gentlemen that a total of 1,724 years of service on stage. (Applause)

At this time I'd like to call up the President of Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Eric Benard to make remarks and the presentation.

**President Eric Benard:** (Pres. Rockville VFD) Good morning. On behalf of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, the Officers and Members, men and women, I'd like to thank you coming and we'd like to honor the nominees of the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup. Marbery was a charter member of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. He served over 70 years as an active volunteer firefighter joining on our first day – March 21, 1921. He served 25 years as the President. He served on our Board and he passed away in 1991. We remember him today with this award.

These men before you have served as active volunteers for at least 50 years. Let's look back then the magic of TV. Back then it was black and white, you had rabbit ears, and I think it was 28" maximum. Let's look at the year 1958 – 1959. We have a crisis today with the gas process, back then they did too, they were in the depth of a recession. Unemployment peaked at 7.2%. Gas was 25 Cents a gallon, a gallon of milk was \$1.00 and postage stamps were \$ cents. Unfortunately the postal service did not run any smoother than today. Tops hits of the day – Elvis had 4 of them: Don't, Don't Ask Me Why, I Beg of You, and Hard Headed Woman.

Some interesting people were born in 1958 – Madonna and Jeff Foxworthy. We started to get into debt with VISA and American Express were first introduced in 1958. And these

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gentlemen know from the fire house Cocoa Puffs were introduced in 1958. Along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Pizza Hut in Kansas City. We know about the crisis in the automobile. Industry and history has repeated it today. In 1958 the Ford Edsel was introduced and made its first appearance. We began importing Toyota and Datsuns in 1958. The Hula Hoop was introduced. The Dodgers moved from Brooklyn to LA and the micro chip was introduced.

We at Rockville believe there is no greater calling than being a volunteer. A volunteer firefighter. Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless. These men here today have dedicated themselves, their time and their lives to the volunteer fire service. Martin Luther King said "We are prone to judge the success of an individual by the index of our salary or the size of our automobile rather than the quality of our service to humanity."

You may know Paul Revere as a very famous patriot and American. Do you know what he did for a living? He was a silversmith. That's not what we remember him for, we remember him for his volunteer service.

Winston Churchill wrote that we make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give. These men have given to their community. There can be no greater honor, there can be greater calling.

As you heard these volunteers being called forward, they moved a little slower. It was not because of the dedication in their heart and not because of the don't want me here. 1724 years service is incredible. The Rockville Volunteer Fire Department honors these men. We don't ever question the dedication or devotion of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers. The Titanic was built by professionals. I would like to introduce our Fire Chief, Russel Dawson.

**Chief Dawson:** Thank you Eric. On behalf of the members of the department I would like to congratulate all the nominees. 1,724 years service – only 15 more years and I'm there.

This year's recipient of the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup, joined his department at the age of 14. Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He's still active member and an active responder today. During his fire department tenure he served continuously as an operational or administrative officer since 1960. He served as President on two occasions separated by 27 years and as Fire Chief for 15 years. As Fire Chief he promoted delivery of high quality service that included an emphasis on training. Under his leadership his department was awarded their Counties' highest award for training 12 separate times. His initiatives included actively participating in community activities purchasing of apparatus, including his department's 1<sup>st</sup> aerial apparatus and rescue pumper which were dedicated to him. Our recipient has also been very involved in his counties' fire and rescue association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association where he has served on the Executive Committee since 1998 and chairs the Exhibits Committee. He's been elected to his County's and the Maryland State Firemen's Associations' Hall of Fame.

The Officers and Members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department are proud to

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present the Marbery F. Gates Service Sup to Odenton's Volunteer Department's Chief Wylie Donaldson, Jr. Congratulations Chief Donaldson. It also comes with a Governor's Citation.

In addition to the individual trophy, the large trophy in the center will be remaining at the Odenton Station for the next year. Chief Donaldson.

**Chief Wylie Donaldson:** Well I don't know what to say with all these men here with a lot of time, 1700 and some years but I appreciate the trophy and all the folks that came from Odenton, I think I have family back there. Thank you. Thank you very much to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

**Dan Carpenter:** Thank you. At this time would everyone report to the side for pictures.

**President Frank Underwood:** If there's anyone from the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, please come to the back to pick up your plaque. Next we have Amber Reamy, who is the Editor of the Volunteer Trumpet.

**Amber Reamy:** That is a tough act to follow when you see all those years as a volunteer. Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I stand before you today as the Editor of the Volunteer Trumpet for the last time. I would be remiss if I didn't thank several people. First and foremost, Past President Bobby Balta for giving me the wonderful opportunity I had for the last 3 years.

However, I jokingly say he got me into this mess. Past Presidents Sterling and Underwood for allowing me to continue and realizing the importance of the Volunteer Trumpet. Richard Smith, you're been there every step of the way as well.

There is one person the Volunteer Trumpet could not do without. This person has taken the trek from the first addition when I took over as editor. He has contributed a story in every edition except this edition. This gentleman is Emmons Horner. Would you please come to the stage with your lovely wife. Emmons you have been there every step of the way and your stories have brought life back to the Volunteer Trumpet. You've been an iatrical part in changing the voice of the Volunteer Trumpet to make it one that meets with the members companies of the Maryland Stat Firemen's Association.

Please accept this as a token of my appreciation. It reads:

Presented to Emmons Horner in appreciation of his effort to the publication of the Volunteer Trumpet. His contributions of articles and support of the Trumpet has become an outstanding resource for firefighters across the state. Many thanks from your firefighters.

Presented by me – Editor of the Volunteer Trumpet at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference June 15, 2009. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next we're going to have Leonard King with the Presentation of the Honey Award.

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**Past President Leonard King:** I'd like to have Mrs. Jean Means come out, the recipient from last year. I want to present her with permanent replica, I've asked Chief Long of Damascus to help make the presentation. This year the trophy is only half as big as you got last year. I'm proud to present this to you.

**Jean Means:** I'm so honored to receive this award. (Applause)

**Leonard King:** Now moving to the 2009 Recipient. The 2009 recipient has spent many years of service to her organization. She served as President of her home auxiliary. She serves also President of the County Auxiliary and she is a Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. She has also served her county in other ways as well. She is active in her church and the Boys Club. She volunteers in other way within her county and the Community of Beltsville. Would a member of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department please escort Mrs. Peggy Zembower up on stage.

On behalf of my father and me, I would like to present to you the Honey Award. It is the highest award of the State Ladies. Congratulations.

Mr. Jack B. Johnson. On behalf of the County Executive of Prince George's County, I'd like to congratulate Peggy Zembower on receipt of the Honey Award for your service to Prince George's County, the State of Maryland and Beltsville.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next we will have Bobby Jacobs will present the Shimer Award.

**Bob Jacobs, Past President:** Good morning everyone. Today I have the great privilege to present the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award. Going back some years and at the request of the Shimer Family and with the endorsement of the MSFA, the award was established in 2004 to be presented annually for service provided by Past President Robert H. Shimer in honor of his many years of dedicated service to the state of Maryland.

This prestigious award recognizes an individual for their achievements, activities and administrative positions they have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirement is not restricted to this past year but could include 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 for many different roles he held during his career. His passion for the services has touched each of us over the years. This award is a tribute to him for the deserved recognition that he earned as a member of the Emergency Services. I'm not sure we have a representative of the family here or not. However, at this time I want to read the names of those nominated at this time and if you are here please come forward.

Dolly Izsaka  
Michael Larimore  
Gayle P. Moreland  
Michael A. Snelner



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Samuel B. Yockey  
Susa Koram  
Jerry W. Dorsey  
Loan Keeney

I believe this is Gayle? Right? Well I do not see any other people coming forward at this time. What is nice is that Gayle is the winner of the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award. (Applause)

**Gayle Moreland:** I just want to say I am very proud to be associated with this award. It is a great gift to be able to do administrative work so that the fire department can go on in that aspect. Thank you all very much. (Applause)

**Bob Jacobs:** Thank you everyone.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next will be Firefighter of the Year presented by John O. Gatton, Sr.

**John Gatton, Sr.:** Good morning ladies and gentlemen it is a pleasure to stand before you to present the 2008 and yes 2008 is correct, Firefighter of the Year. Before I start, I would like to introduce the rest of my committees. Vice Chair is William E. Radisch and he cannot be with us, his wife has had major surgery and I would ask if you would keep her in your thoughts and prayers. The other members of the committee are David Brady, Eldon Budnick, Jr., J. Edward Cross, James Jarboe, A. Edwin Joiner, Kenneth King, William B. Lay, Sr., David C. "Rusty" Leftwich, Bill Smith and James J. Snyder. If they would come forward please.

This year we had fewer nominations than last year. We had 10 nominees, which is not good when you consider we have 370+ member companies. We would ask that each one of you that has a firefighter of the year award in your individual companies suggest that you nominate them. You need to get of rid of the jealousy and nominate these people.

The first part of our report is on page 51 of the Convention Program Book. We sent out packets this last year. We also have this information on the MSFA website for not only this but all the other awards. Please participate in all of those.

Like I said, we have 10 nominees. I'd like to read the 10 nominees we have and if they come forward, we have a certificate to present to them.

Scott Bellavue – Mechanicsville  
Lester DeJanious – Rock Hall  
Darren Long – Damascus  
Donald Evict – Odenton  
Ryan Foster – Cresaptown  
Karin Mann – Cabin John  
Robert Norman – Arbutus

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Stephen Piatelli – North East

Christopher Scully – Hollywood

Warren Trossbach – Leonardtown

The winner this year was submitted by the Chief of the fire department. I would like to read some excerpts from the letter. It is too lengthy to read the entire letter. I am going to try and use generic terms so as not to give it away.

“During the year 2008 our candidate had many different accomplishments. Our member was tasked with the program membership, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month would be responsible for inventory checks, apparatus checkout, and the overall repair or replace damaged or missing equipment. This proved to be a huge success much to the liking of our members. Today he still leads the way for this program's success. On his own, on any given day you'll find our candidate going over the equipment to make sure we are ready to respond to the next emergency. For many years, our volunteer fire department had a very successful Fire Prevention Program. As in most fire departments, call volume rises; more fund raising is needed to offset the costs of new equipment and family demands increase, giving little time for important programs, such as Fire Prevention. Our candidate had seen the need for change. During this year our candidate kept track of all fire prevention activities. This program proved to be difficult but a rewarding task.

Our candidate was able to put together a Fire Prevention Book that had been lacking in our department for many years. Our candidate's efforts provided our department with an Honorable Mention for 2009 at the Maryland State Firemen's Convention. Our candidate continues this program today with a great deal of success.

As Chief of the Fire Department, I had seen the need for implementation up-grading our SOP's and SOG's. Our candidate again proved to be a valuable assistant with this endeavor. The candidate's input and knowledge proved to be the key to several changes. Many of these policies we have in place today are a direct reflection of our candidate's efforts.

Many operational changes were made during the beginning of 2008. One of the changes was the Chief Engineer Position during this time the new Chief Engineer had many changes in mind to better serve the department with a large fleet. Many of our maintenance records and repair facilities were in desperate need of makeover. These changes proved to be too much for one person to handle on his own. Once again he offered his assistance; with his help we now have a more modern record keeping system and a repair and maintenance schedule as well as a repair up-date on our apparatus fleet. During the 2009 Banquet, this candidate was awarded “the 2008 Firefighter of the year” for his company. The candidate attended 215 calls, attended over 100 hours of training, worked the annual carnival, worked at preplanning for fire prevention, worked on the Knox Box system and was very successful in all his endeavors. It is with a great deal of pleasure for me and the committee to present the 2008 Firefighter of the Year to Christopher Scully of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

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Chris will get a jacket with "2008 Firefighter of the Year", a patch for his dress uniform, a medal and a ribbon also for his dress uniform and a plaque for his station. Chris thought he was coming to see his father get an award. So he's surprised. Congratulations. We look forward to having a lot of work to do for the Firefighter of the Year award next year. Thanks and please nominate your personnel.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next will be the Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award presented by Charlie Wills.

**Charlie Wills:** Thank you very much Mr. President. It is my pleasure to be here today. I would like to have my Committee members join me on stage: Daniel Green, Sr., Susan Grote, Chris St. John, Charley Simpson, Marianne Warehime, H. Wayne Williams and Joan Williams.

Now is last year's winner of the Josiah Hunt EMS Award here? Ok now that we're ready. Actually I think we had a husband and wife completing the team for this award. I meant to congratulate them and forgot. Why anyone would want to give this lovely trophy back for a plaque is beyond me but they keep doing it. To present the trophy back is Mr. Bill Dousa and this is Bill's plaque. (Applause)

This year we had four nominees and I would like to acknowledge each of the nominees if they are present, if not could a member of their department please come up:

The first nominee is Rodney Ballentine, Jr. – Winfield VFD

The second nominee is Harold Hathway – North East VFC

The third nominee is Shawn D. Johnson – Arbutus

I'm glad someone is here!

This young lady in 2008 had 913 calls and in 2007 had 1,156. In her career as a volunteer with her company she has had a total of 1,156 calls. It is with a great deal of pleasure and I'll ask the President to come forth and present the Trophy to this year's Josiah Hunt Award to Mary H. Grussing from Kent-Queen Anne Rescue Squad. I don't know what kind of lies they told you Honey but they told me they were having a heck of a time getting you over here. With those kinds of numbers do you ever leave the Island? Ok folks I know this is the firemen's convention but let's have a round of applause for the lady who won the Josiah Hunt EMS Award. (Applause)

Would you care to say something?

**Mary H. Grussing:** I am just saying thank you. This award is not just mine. We work as a team and through the years I have had great support and team work and it's been good to serve Kent-Queen Anne Rescue Squad. Like the energizer bunny, I continue to serve and will as I can. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next will be Chief Ivan Browning of the Mt. Airy Volunteer

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Fire Company with Past President C. Oscar Baker who sponsors the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award.

**Chief Ivan Browning:** Good morning everybody. The Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire company would like to proudly present this year's C. Oscar Baker, Past Pres. Rookie of the Year Award.

It was established in 2002 for outstanding service to a fire company from a member in their first year or so of service. When looking at this award, all nominees should show a commitment to their company through training, incident responses, fund raising and other activities. As well as serve the company on a daily basis and help promote the company. The Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company is proud to acknowledge that Mr. Baker here is in his 68<sup>th</sup> year of service to his fire company and also the State of Maryland (Applause) whole purpose of this award when it was established, because he has been with our fire company and done so much across the state through the years, is to set an example for the younger members, like me, and throughout the state so they can be active and support their company in the coming years and keep that tradition going. Without further ado, we would like to call up the finalists. So if you are here, please come up on stage or a member from that company.

The 1st nominee is Jonathan Mattingly of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. If you or a representative is present would you come up please.

The 2nd nominee is Daniel Sheffield of the Laurel Fire Department. Again if someone could come up or if Mr. Sheffield is here.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> nominee is Kenneth Walton III from the Secretary Volunteer Fire Company

We have some nice plaques for the runners up and thank you for your submittal for the award. Please keep it up throughout the years.

Our winner this year of the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award joined his fire company on November 28, 2007, just before 2008. During this time he has been involved in many of his company's activities, both operationally and administratively. He is a senior in high school and has high aspirations of one day becoming a Paramedic and we all know how much training that takes. His high school schedule is a lot but he still finds time to volunteer. And during his first year he has completed Fire 1 and has almost completed EMT. This nominee is at the fire house several times a week and during that time he has run 138 calls his first year. 115 of these were fire calls and 23 EMS calls while going through EMS Class.

He is always willing to make sure the engines and medic units are ready to respond. He usually can be found doing check outs on his own without help from anybody in the company. He's also busy on the housework. He can be found doing housework around the station.

He is very independent early on in his tenure with the fire company which shows a lot. Not

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only operationally but administratively at all the fund raisers – the annual carnival, pancake breakfasts, the Arts Festival, the Children's Day – he contributes numerous hours to his company throughout the year. His company sponsored him for this award and they feel he's going to be with them for a long time. And we acknowledge that by giving Charles Cadden from the Arbutus Fire Company the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year award for his dedication to his company. (Applause)

Unfortunately Mr. Cadden is in Florida today with his family. Representatives are here to accept this honor. We're going to let the representatives say a few words. They will keep the trophy at the fire house and he gets a ribbon to wear on his uniform.

**Doug Simpkins:** Good morning as the company Commander in Arbutus it is my pleasure, along with our President John McDowell to accept the award for Chuck Cadden. Chuck is every company commander's dream. He came in totally green, we broke him of that. We showed him what it was all about and what it is to be committed to be a volunteer. The training he has taken exemplifies his need, his want to serve our community. We will be more than happy to present him with his ribbons to wear on his dress uniform along with honoring Mr. Baker, with the trophy to be presented to Chuck and to remain on display at the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company. Thank you ladies and gentlemen. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next is the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award presented by Safety Committee Chairman Hoby Howell.

**Hoby Howell:** Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to bring before you these individuals who were nominated for the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award. I would ask that these individuals come forward, Mark Buhl from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and Mark A. Gorham from the Susquehanna Hose Company, Inc., last year's 2008 recipient to receive his plaque. Once again we are pleased to have with us Smith Stathem's daughter Barbara Hammond to help present the award. Barbara would you like to address the audience?

**Barbara Hammond:** I am here to present the Safety Award in honor of my Dad, Smith N. Stathem, Jr., and Past President.

**Hoby Howell:** Thank you Barbara. Would you please first of all present Mr. Gorham with his plaque as the 2008 recipient, thank you. We are pleased to announce, 2009 Recipient of the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award goes to Mark Buhl of the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in Southern Maryland. Present the trophy please. We want to congratulate all who were nominated this year for their accomplishments in safety.

I want to express special thanks, to all these individuals, who stand before you today on your Maryland State Firemen's Association Safety Committee. These individuals travel countless miles each year to attend meetings, seminars, Executive Meetings. Thank you all.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next will be the Zembower Fire Service Training Award by Chairman Johnie Roth.

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**Johnie Roth:** Thank you, Mr. President and guests and Delegates of the Convention. My name is Johnie Roth. I am one of the Co-chairs for the Maryland State Firemen's Association Training Committee along with Skip Mahon. Our report can be found on page 91 of the Convention Program Book. And before we begin with this year's recipients of the Zembower Award, I'd like to introduce Peggy Zembower representing the Zembower Family and presenting this year's awards.

The Zembower Award recognizes departments throughout the state of Maryland who have excelled in their training hours. It is a combination of the hours as well the times the students who have participated within the criteria of the MSFA.

First, before we present this year's recipients, we would like to have a representative from St. Leonard's Volunteer Fire Department who was last year's winner. If a representative will come forward and receive your plaque please, to take back to your station, is there a representative from St. Leonard's, if so, please holler because we can't see you. OK. Congratulations to St. Leonard's. (Applause)

This year nominees are up from a couple of years ago. Starting with the second runner-up from Prince George's County – Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. With 91 active members totaling 48, 1hour training per member. If a representative please come forward while they're on their way up. 1st runner-up from Independent Hose Company #1 of Frederick County, with 57 active members and 53 hours of training per member will a representative please come forward either from their company or county.

Finally, this year's winners are no stranger to this award, from St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department. This year's recipient of the Zembower trophy. From Calvert County with 56 active members at 157 hours per member.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next will be the Scholarship Committee with Chair Dale Fishack, Jr.

**Dale Fishack:** Good morning ladies and gentlemen it gives me pleasure to give the Scholarship Report. Before we do that we have some of our supporting partnering groups that have some presentations to make to the President.

So would John Denver from Delmarva Power please come forward for this presentation?

**John Denver:** Good morning. On behalf of the Emergency Services Partnership Programs of Delmarva and PEPCO it's good to be here at your 117<sup>th</sup> annual convention. I have with me, Pete Peterson, manager of the Emergency Services Partnership Program of PEPCO and Linda Tipton the new public affairs manager for Delmarva power. As you may have heard I retired earlier this year and Linda is the new program manager. The program will continue with the scholarships and we're also a gold member sponsor as well as a sponsor of the golf tournament for a total of \$ 12,500.00 this year. We would like to present the President with a check. (Applause)

**Dale Fishack:** The next group I would like to present to you as a supporter of our program

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is Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and I'd like to introduce Jim Radcliff for the presentation.

**Jim Radcliff:** On behalf of Shock Trauma and Shock Trauma Board of Visitors it's a pleasure to support this committee. To look back at all the graduates, and being a graduate myself from Baltimore, it's a pleasure to present the MSFA a \$ 10,000.00 check for the committee. (Applause)

**Dale Fishack:** Next we have a special presentation from the Chairman Emeritus, Bill Olsen. Bill Olsen has a presentation to make to the association.

**Bill Olsen:** Good morning, before I make the presentation it's about the Himer award. Ms. Josephine Himer has supported this award each year with \$ 2,000.00 since 1985. She's in excess of \$ 85,000.00. These are two plaques that were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Himer upon his retirement, they were given to me by Mrs. Himer about six years ago and I thought it would be fitting to present them to Frank and he can present them to Historical & Archives. Thank you. (Applause)

**Dale Fishack:** Ok we'll get to the time we've been waiting for and that's the announcement of the recipients to this year's scholarships awards, we're happy we're going to support nine students for the 2009 – 2010 school year. If the committee would come out and line up we'll announce the recipients. As their name is called if they will come to the stage we have a certificate for them...if they will please remain on stage for a photo.

The first student is being supported by Bill Olsen, and that is Nathan Gift. (Applause) The next is being supported by Delmarva Power and the Maryland State Firemen's Association and that is Drew Haven. Drew is not able to be with us today. Drew recently accepted a job with the Winchester Fire Department. We wish him well in his new job and his school endeavors. The next recipient is William Price and he is being supported by Delmarva Power and the MSFA. (Applause) The next recipient is being supported by Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and that is Andrew Hughes. The next recipient is Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and that is Ava Omdivar. (Applause) Next and also being supported by Shock Trauma is Robert Schapiro. (Applause) Being supported by Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and Mrs. Himer is Cora Domsky. (Applause) Being supported by MSFA Debra Scott. (Applause) Also being supported by MSFA Ralph Thompson. (Applause) Ralph was in traffic and finally made it. The last one to be announced this year being supported by the MSFA and the LAMSFA William Flannagan.

That concludes my report for today. Let's give them another round of applause. (Applause)

**President Underwood:** Next we have John Denver with the family appreciation awards.

**John Denver:** Each year the recruitment and retention committee has the competition for the family appreciation award and the idea is to make an acknowledgement that this is a family organization and we all have families and families also sacrifice time and companionship when people are involved. So, this year the recipient is John McCann from the North East Fire Department. I understand John is not here. If a representative of

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North East would come forward. (Applause)

**President Underwood:** Next is the Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year presented by Pinoake Browning.

**Pinoake Browning:** Good morning. I am Pinoake Browning. I am President of the Chesapeake Society of Fire Service Instructors, one of the sponsors of the Instructor of the year along with Skip and Jackie Carey. The instructor of the year has been referred to as a miracle worker doing the impossible with ease. He started out as a part time instructor, worked as a part time technician, and didn't know the meaning of part time. He has been referred to as the energizer bunny on steroids. One of the other letters of his nomination used a Chinese proverb to describe him: Go to the people live among the people learn from them love from them start with what they know build with what they have be the best the leader instructor when their task is accomplished and the work is done the people will remark we have done it ourselves. If a lot of the stuff I'm not going to read it makes him sound like a saint. It exemplifies some of the things Brannigan did years ago. He does get tired and gets grumpy at times, but if you work relentlessly for twenty hours a day, you would too. I will ask a couple people who don't know they are going to be asked, will Wayne Johnson, Chief of Bay District VFC and Robert Braddock, President of Bay District please escort this year's nominee, George Fairfax to the stage. I see brother Keith is here as well. Making the presentation will be Skip and Jackie Carey. Also here to congratulate George is Director of MFRI, Steven Edwards. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** The last thing we have before lunch is the recognition of the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. As I call your name, please come out on stage.

Raymond Adkins	65-66
Edwin Preston	74-75
C. Oscar Baker	78-79
Robert Dempsey	80-81
Thomas Tharp	81-82
Leonard King	85-86
Clarence Daniel Carpenter, Jr.	86-87
Robert P. Cumberland, Jr.	87-88
Joseph Robison	89-90
Thomas Mattingly, Sr.	90-91
Bernard "Bernie" Smith	91-92
Phillip Hurlock	93-94
Richard Yinger	94-95
George A. "Fred" Cross	95-96
Stephan Cox	96-97
Charles Daniel "Danny" Davis	97-98
Robert Knippenburg	98-99
Carl B. Edelin, Jr.	99-00



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Roger Steger	00-01
James Charles "Jenks" Mattingly	01-02
Gene Worthington	02-03
Terry E. Thompson	03-04
Robert W. Jacobs	04-05
Lee Sachs, Esq.	05-06
Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr.	06-07
Paul H. Sterling, Jr.	07-08

One second before you guys go. I have one thing I've got to get. I might as well do it while everybody is here. And especially it is designated to one person. I took this job a year ago. And there's a certain man here when I told him, he starts out as an intern – does not start out as a doctor. Mr. Phil, would you please come forward sir. He has gotten promoted to Intern 1<sup>st</sup> Class over the year. And the man has spent numerous hours working. So Phil from me, I am giving you the MSFA Doctorate Award – To Dr. Phillip M. Hurlock, signed by Frank J. Underwood.

Thank you Phil. I want to thank all the Past Presidents for helping me out this past year. It has been a tremendous year and I am proud of every single one of you for putting efforts forward and helping the Association, not only in the past but what you have done recently. Thank you very much guys – I appreciate it. (Applause)

Ok. Committee Member Badges are now available at the Registration Desk now. It seems to have been a problem yesterday. But they are ready to go now – that's Committee Member and Chair Badges.

Next we'll have the Benediction by Pop-in-Training, Barnard. (Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.)

**Assistant Chaplain Deacon Charles Barnhart:** Please rise for prayer. Gracious Father we give you thanks for this morning's activities here at this great convention center. We give you thanks for all those who were recipients of awards. And we know that all of those nominated for awards well deserved. Father we ask you to bless us now as we break for lunch. We ask that your blessings be upon us as we fellowship with one another. We ask that you'll be with us this afternoon as those who are nominated this afternoon from this floor to assume the offices of this great Association for next year. Again, we give you thanks for all the many blessings you give to all of us. We ask this in all our prayers in Jesus name. Amen.

**President Frank Underwood:** Meeting is adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

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**MSFA President Frank Underwood:** I would like to call the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference to order. We will now have Hoby Howell with a Safety Message.

**Hoby Howell:** Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon. Not many of you out here this afternoon. I guess you all feel safe; you don't have to hurry and get out of the room. I know that everybody took any alternate route to get out of here this morning. Didn't they? I don't hear anyone so I guess that was the case. We want everyone to be safety conscious while you are here in Ocean City. When you get home this afternoon or this evening, whatever the case, take time to show your family how to get out of your condo, motel, hotel, whatever may be. You definitely want to let your children and your wife know so in case there is fire while you are down here loving life. So be safe and have a nice time. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time I would like to introduce our out of state guests. First, from the Delaware Volunteer Firemen' Association I would like to introduce President Warren F. Jones. Mr. Jones:

**President Warren F. Jones –** Thank you Frank, it is a pleasure to be with you. I had 14 of my people here this morning for the Opening Ceremonies. We want to wish you the best of luck on your Conference and bring you greetings from the 1<sup>st</sup> state, the great state of Delaware. Our Conference is September 12 – 19, 2009. You certainly are welcome to come to Dover and enjoy our fine state and our fine Hospitality. Thank you very much and good luck on your conference. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** From the great state of Pennsylvania, President James Malaney, Jr., is he here? Come on up if you'd like to say something.

**President James Malaney:** I would like to introduce the other folks. Charles Myers, Past President, Allen Steel, Past President. From the Keystone State, I would like to thank you for the invitation and we hope you come up to our Conference and Convention. It will be held in King of Prussia this year. I hope your Convention goes well. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** From the Commonwealth of Virginia, Past President Allen Brennan. Is he here?

From West Virginia, President Doug Mongold. Is he here?

From Cumberland Valley Association: First Vice President Walter Robinson. Would you

like to say anything? Nope. Thank you for being with us.

As usual we have a good time when we go to the State Firemen's Convention. They treat us great. They feed us. Appreciate you taking the time to come to the great State of Maryland.

Next we have the report from Director Richard Muth, MEMA.

**Director Richard Muth, MEMA** - Thank you Frank. Good afternoon everyone. This is my second time that I have been able to speak to this group. It is always a privilege and I certainly thank you for giving me this opportunity.

I am very excited to tell you a couple of things we have done at the Emergency Center the past year. Just to give you a little background. Gov. O'Malley was looking of someone with a lot of local experience – which I did have coming from the Baltimore County Fire Service. And I believe that is what has allowed me to hit the ground running on those issues closely related to the fire department issues. I think one of the most notable things to happen this past year, right here in Ocean City. Last summer we were discussing a very active hurricane season. At least that's what was depicted at that time. And so when we go into hurricane season, we always work with the local jurisdictions for these hurricanes plans and those types of things. And one of the of the areas that had been overlooked for a number of years, were the seasonal workers coming into Ocean City who had no transportation and little or no family here. We knew that would put an impact on the local government's ability to respond for the visitors that were here in Ocean City if they had to. So along with Ocean City and the county, we were able to develop a very comprehensive plan to evacuate these foreign workers to a safe place. And actuality has been replicated in a couple of other neighboring states. We're very proud of that.

I do want to mention the very close relationship we had with Frank Underwood. It has been great this past year. Frank and I met monthly on many different issues. I think we have managed to resolve most of the issues through a corporative effort from both our offices.

The Revolving Loan Fund, which we had some issues as well as the Senator Amos Fund. And by a lot of hard work from Frank and his staff, we have come a long way in overcoming those obstacles. And I think in the very near future, those monies will be flowing again to all of you. So my hat is off to Frank for helping resolve the issue.

Probably one of the most complex things I had to deal with was the Inauguration this past year. Being at a local level, I never had to deal with or know the state involvement. We had two of the assistants from Washington, D.C. but we still had to work with the Train Tour thru Maryland. Well over a hundred miles from the Maryland line in Cecil County and down through Prince George's County to D.C. There was a lot of local involvement between the local agencies and us.

A lot of really valuable lessons were learned that we will be able to use in the future for

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any type of emergency that may transpire. A lot of work, but a great learning experience.

The last think I want to say is that a lot of the communications throughout the state have improved in all areas. We don't always work with the fire department but Police and other agencies what would be critical to any large scale emergency – which is what we are charged to deal with.

We continue our 24 hour, round the clock emergency center. It takes in all emergency calls from across the state requesting assistance and we'll continue to do that.

So once again, for allowing me a few minutes to speak with you, thank you. I'll be available for to speak with you if you have questions.

Again, thanks to Frank and his administration for the great job you do. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next I would like to introduce Jason Averill, Group Leader, Building and Fire Research Laboratory, NIST – Gaithersburg, MD. For a special presentation entitled Multipurpose Study on Firefighter Safety, Staffing and Deployment.

**Jason Averill:** I want to thank the Maryland State Firemen's Association for wanting us to share some of our preliminary results for today. This has been a project three years in the offing at this point. Any time we can build bridges the search committee and the community will actually put in practice that's a great thing.

The Program/Study – Multiphase Study on Firefighter's Safety and the Deployment of Resources. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This project has involved over one hundred different people. It is a joint collaboration, at the highest level, between NIST Research Laboratory, the IAFF, the IAFC and Worcester-Polytechnic Insurance and the Center of Public Safety Excellence and Urban Institute to help with the statistical analysis.

NIST is a non-regulatory federal agency within the U. S. Department of Commerce. Its mission is to promote innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement in science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life.

- Problem – many fire departments are operating under constraints of the systems designed years ago.
- Most departments collecting data on various components of their population but do not use data effectively.
- It is inevitable that problems with be confronted with threats of station closure, staffing decrease, or unit elimination.
- Few indicators of effectiveness and quality have been identified and defined.

Project objectives are to optimize a municipality's capability to deploy resources to prevent and mitigate adverse events that occur in risk/hazard filled environment.

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- Objectives and Core Values
- Model Overview
- Part I – Data Collection
- Part II – Field experiments
  - Fire
  - EMS
  - Preliminary Conclusion

We are working with Montgomery County Fire Department and Fairfax County Fire Department in the seating program to see how variables affect them.

Multiphase Today on Firefighter safety and the Deployment of Resources.

- Laboratory Experiments
- Everyone is aware of NFPA 1403
- All of these experiments are based on safety under NFPA 1043.
- All of these experiments are stated in NFPA 1403

We are going to build a custom burn building

We need to know what fuel is used. First was pallets and straw.

Test results

- Fire growth rate
- Compartment affects
- Field Structure

Field Test - Fire

- There are two phases and testing required.
- Split into 2 components.

Again the test participants are Montgomery and Fairfax Counties Fire Departments

The burn building is 32' by 63'. The building is divided into 8 rooms, hall and stairway. A 2<sup>nd</sup> burn building constructed to the variables. It has 8" poured re-enforced concrete walls and finished inside like a normal home would be.

First set of tests:

- Master task list developed by team's technical experts
  - Who performs which task on the fire ground and keeps a log and notes
  - Crew roles and cue cards
  - Trained timers record task start and stop times
  - Fireground video and radio communications recorded for data redundancy

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- Physiological Monitoring
  - 1 Trained monitor will do data logging
    - Time to task matrix
      - 2 person, close (60's) stagger (x3)
      - 2 person, FAR (120') stagger (x3)
      - 3 person, close stagger (x3)
      - 3 person, far stagger (x3)
      - 4 person, close stagger (x3)
      - 4 person, far stagger (x3)
      - 5 person, close stagger (x3)
      - 5 person, far stagger (x3)

(Total of 24 test)

Using 3 engines and a truck.

- Room and Content Test
  - Six task times from test replicates average for intervention overlays.
    - Front door breach
    - Water on fire
    - Target room window vented
    - Window adjusted to burn room vented
    - 2nd floor window vented
    - 2nd floor window vented
  - 1403 Compliance
    - No firefighter inside during any test
    - Ventilation performed from outside
    - Suppression performed with remote monitor
  - Tenability conditions monitored in target room
    - CO/CO<sub>2</sub>, o<sub>2</sub>
    - Temperature
    - Smoke obstruction
  - Fuel package changed to be representative of a living room configuration
    - Thermocouple (slide showing the furniture used same furniture in each test)
    - Heat Flux
    - Video Camera
  - Preliminary Results – Fire
    - The 4 person crews completed the same number of tasks on the fire ground (on average) 7 minutes faster than the 2 person crews.
    - The 4 person crews completed the same number of fire ground tasks (on average) 5 minutes faster than

the three person crew.

- The 4 person crews were able to complete necessary fire ground tasks nearly 30% faster than the 2 person crews and nearly 25% faster than the 3 person crew.
- Preliminary Results – 5 person crew
  - On the low hazard residential structure fire, adding a 5<sup>th</sup> person to the crews did not show any additional decrease in fire ground task times.
  - However, it must be noted that this has been documented in other studies to be significantly different from medium and high hazard structures partially in urban setting.
- Preliminary Result: Water on fire time
  - There is nearly a 10% difference in the “water on fire time” between 2 and 3 person crews.
  - There is an additional 5% difference in the “water on fire time” between the 3 and 4 person crews. (i.e. 15% difference between the 4 and than 2 person crew)
  - There is an additional 5% difference in the “water on fire” time between the 4 and 5 person crews (i.e. 20% difference between the 5 and 2 person crews)
- Preliminary Results: Laddering and venting
  - The 4 person crew operating on a low hazard structure fire can complete laddering and ventilation (for life safety and rescue) 30% faster than the two person crew and 25% faster than the 3 person crew.
- Preliminary Results: Search and Rescue
  - The 3 person crew started and completed a primary search/rescue 20% faster than the 2 person crew.
  - In the same structure, the 4 and 4 or 5 person crews started and completed primary search 10% faster than the than the 3 person crews and 30% than the 2 person crew.
  - A 10% difference is equivalent to just over one minute. In this time period, the ground environment changes exponentially between victim rescue or body recovery.
- Preliminary Results: Engine Arrival
  - Task time completions for 2 early tasks were faster for replication with shorter staggers between 1st and engine arrivals.
    - Advancing and deploying a backup line
    - Placing ground ladders
    - This is an important consideration to overall

station location and full alarm response capability

- EMS Field Experiments
  - Why EMS research?
  - The Issues
    - On scene staffing – how many on labor-intensive calls.
    - Where to place the ALS providers
      - First response engine
      - Transport
    - 1 + 1 staffing on ambulances
    - ALS or BLS ambulances
- EMS Field Experiments
  - Patient access/removal
    - Three story, garden apartment residential response
    - Engine arrives 7 minutes/ambulance 3 minutes later
    - Gather equipment
    - Patient on 3rd story
    - Stair chair down
    - Engine crew sizes – 2, 3 and 4 person crews/ambulances with 2
    - Time to task measures
  - Trauma
    - Fall from height of 25'
    - Gym/construction site
    - Awake confusion with decreasing mental status
    - Cyanotic/Irregular respirations
    - Bleeding – laceration head
    - Angulated (closed) tib/fib fracture of right leg
    - Vomits/respiratory arrest
  - Medical/Cardiac
    - Living room – sitting on sofa
    - No history, 55 years old
    - 200 lbs.
    - DISP – cold/grey/wet/nausea/dull pain/pressure
    - Patient slumped over sofa. Responders witness arrest
    - First shock unsuccessful (ALS)
    - Deliver CPR/Intubate/Drugs



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> shock (BLS) successful
- Patient has pulse/not breathing
- Preliminary Results: ALS Arrival
  - The person first responder, crew with 2 people ambulance performed at task in 1.5 minutes faster than 2 person first responder crews.
  - The 4 person first responder crews with 2 person ambulance performed all tasks in 2/6 minutes faster than 2 person crews
  - The crews with one ALS on the engine + 1 ALS on the ambulance performed 2 minutes faster than the crews with no ALS on engine and one ALS on the ambulance.
  - The crews with 2 ALS providers on the ambulance performed similarly to the crews having 1 ALS on the engine and 1 on the ambulance
    - Less than a minute's difference on the overhaul scene time.
    - We have not yet analyzed the difference in times ALS skills we delivered
    - The 4 person first responder crews with a 2 person ambulance performed all tasks in 3.4 minutes faster than the 2 person crews
    - Crews with 2 ALS on the ambulance took about 2.3 minutes longer to finish than the one with 1 ALS on engine and 1 ALS on ambulance.

**Final Message:**

- The intent of this study is to determine how well the fire service decision makers match resources to risks and what factors are important in making better decisions about these matches in the future .. Recognizing that decisions must be made in light of available funding in the community and the level of service the community expects.
- Overall goal is to reduce firefighter injury and death by making better decisions about resources deployed in a risk-filled environment.  
(Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Jason, here is my mug and our goody bag. We will now have the report of the Credentials Committee.

**Rick Hemphill, Chair:** We have 273 companies registered and eligible to vote.

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**President Frank Underwood:** We will now have the acceptance of the Convention and Conference meeting for last year. Jackie Olson:

Jackie Olson, Ferndale VFD accepted the minutes as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> North Point-Edgemere  
– Ed Johnson

**President Frank Underwood:** Motion carries. We will now have nomination of Offices. Are there any nominations for the office of President? Lee Sachs

**Lee Sachs PP:** Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon. For the last two years Roger has served this Association as one of our Vice Presidents and has done an outstanding job listening, learning, and counseling. He has taken an active role under the tutelage of Presidents Sterling and Underwood in advancing our legislative agenda and was an intrigal part of MSFA's strong effort this past year to retain our world renown EMS system. He has participated to some extent in just about every committee of this Association. Prior to that as MSFA attorney he was intimately involved in the affairs of the Association as its attorney for 35 years. Working with more than 35 Presidents. Imagine that he worked with 35 different Presidents reviewing legislation affecting our service advising the legislative committee and officers of the association on relevant matters in addition to the other duties of that position. He has been a member of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Co for 37 years. Was an active provider for a number of them and has continued to assist the Company and the Baltimore County Firemen's Association on an as needed basis. His law practice includes involvement in fire service related matters for a number of persons and companies within the volunteer fire and EMS system. He has been active in the community at large as wel,l particularly with the American Diabetes Association and his local community association in Reisterstown for whom he chaired a number of events year after year. He is a Lt Colonel in the Maryland National Guard. Yes ladies and gentlemen Roger N. Powell is an accomplished military and family man who is extremely well versed in the history and operations of the MSFA. His service has been recognized by his peers who has elected him to the MSFA hall of fame in 1989 and in 2003 awarded him the Gladhill trophy award for outstanding contributions to the MSFA. It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding the bride's father would supply the son-in-law with all the mead he could drink, mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was the honey month, as we know today as the honey moon. What does this have to do with us? It's simple, Roger the honey moon is over and it's time to put into play all the lessons you've learned and the skills you've developed. We're confident you will lead us as your predecessors have to new heights in the evolution of our history. It is my privilege to place into nomination for the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association the name of Roger N. Powell. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Ok. Do I hear a second for that nomination? For those persons making a second of the nomination we ask that you report up here to the right of the main hall and when your name is called.

**Baltimore Co President Buddy Staigerwald:** It is my pleasure to second the nomination

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of Roger N. Powell for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The distinguished lists I have before me also second the nomination. The Past Presidents that are seconding the nomination are: Lee Sachs, Roger Steger, Steve Cox, Gene Worthington, Fred Cross, Bernie Smith, Robert Dempsey, Joseph Robinson, Phil Hurlock, Danny Davis, Bobby Jacobs, Ray Adkins, Paul Sterling, Richard Yinger, Oscar Baker, Bobby Balta, Tom Mattingly, Charles "Jenks" Mattingly, Bob Knippenburg, Ed Preston, Tom Tharp, Bob Cumberland, and Carl Edelin. The County Associations that are also endorsing Roger are, and we are calling the Association and the representative here for him are: Allegany, President Pete Walberg, Anne Arundel President Robert Gochenauer, Baltimore myself, Carroll Mark Bilger, Past President, Cecil Joseph Pisona, Dorchester Calvin Stack President, Frederick Michael Mickey Fiet President, Harford Albert "Cubby" Bair President, Kent-Queen Anne's Marie McCue President, Montgomery Marcine Goodloe President, Prince George's William "Buddy" King President, Somerset Donnie Howard President, Southern Maryland Vol. Firemen's Association President Jimmy Rose, Talbot President Haines, Washington Glen Fishack President, Wicomico Don Messick President, and Worcester Mike Dean President. If I could ask the Baltimore County

delegation to please stand and join me at the front of the stage, I'd greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** Are there any further nominations for the office of President? Going once, Going twice, three times. I need a motion to close nominations.

**Tom Mattingly Leonardtown:** Move to close nominations.

**Mark Bilger Carroll County:** Second

**President Frank Underwood:** Nominations for First Vice President and I'd like to call to the stage C. Danny Davis.

**Danny Davis:** Thank you Mr. President. President Underwood, officers, delegates and distinguished guests. It is a great honor to stand before you and place in nomination for First Vice President Doyle E. Cox. Last year I had the honor of nominating him for second vice president. He has served this association as second vice president with pride and dignity. He has travelled throughout the state listening to your concerns and keenly aware of the problems facing the fire and EMS services. Doyle spent a great deal of time in Annapolis this past year testifying on bills when he was asked to. During his tenure with the association he has served on various committees and has served as chairman of the executive committee twice. As second vice president, Doyle worked closely with President Underwood and First Vice President Powell in addressing the needs of Maryland's fire service. Doyle is a proven leader. Please join with me in supporting and electing Doyle E. Cox, First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** I need a second and I would like to call Jimmy Rose to the stand please.

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**Tom Mattingly:** Mr. President Tom Mattingly. I'd like to take the opportunity to nominate again Doyle Cox for the high office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you to the officers, member delegates and ladies to the Maryland State

Firemen's Association. It is my honor to nominate Doyle Cox to this high office of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doyle has demonstrated to the association his understanding of the issues facing the volunteer fire and rescue service in Maryland. He has continued to work with dedication and commitment since 1974 when he first served on the MSFA legislative committee. Over the years since 1974 he has served on many committees of the association including the five year planning committee, hall of fame, president's car committee, membership

awards and executive committee. He has had the opportunity to serve and the chair of the Executive Committee twice. During the past year as your Second Vice President he has travelled thousands of miles and spent countless hours representing this association and its members. He has worked with President Underwood and the leadership from around the state to successfully defeat proposals to dismantle the Medevac system. He has displayed leadership and the planning skills vital to the success of the MSFA. He is no stranger to many of you because he has travelled across this great state countless days and nights. While he served his home company in Prince Frederick in 1974 his association in Calvert County and the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association with distinction. In all his years of service he has held positions that have developed the skills needed to lead this great association. His primary goal is to listen to your needs and recommendations to work to develop a sound long range plan for our future and to be an active member of a strong team within the MSFA. An important role of the long range plan will be the recruitment of new volunteers and the marketing of this association. As you can see Doyle has a plan to strengthen this team. He has a vision for the fire and rescue service and he has a desire to lead the MSFA. It is with great pride that I offer the name of Doyle E. Cox for the office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and ask for your unanimous support.

**President Frank Underwood:** The chair recognizes Jimmy Rose Southern Maryland Association.

**President Jimmy Rose:** As I call your name would you please come up in front of the stage? Seconded by the following Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr., Charles "Jenks" Mattingly III, Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr., Raymond Adkins, C. Oscar Baker, Stephan D. Cox, Robert Cumberland, Jr., Robert N. Dempsey, Carl B. Edelin, Jr., Philip M. Hurlock, Robert W. Jacobs, Leonard T. King, Sr., Robert E. Knippenburg, Edwin Preston, Lee N. Sachs, Bernard J. Smith, Roger A. Steger, Sr, Paul Sterling, Thomas L. Tharp, Terry E. Thompson, Gene Worthington, Richard L. Yinger. Seconded by the following officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: Frank J. Underwood, President, Roger N. Powell First Vice President, Ronald J. Siarnicki Treasurer, Rev John Long Chief Chaplain, and Rev J. Harvey Dixon Chief Chaplain Emeritus. Seconded by the following: Al Billings Past Chief Pr Frederick

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Volunteer Fire Department, Mark Carrico Vice President Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Dept, Herby Dowell President North Beach, Monty Parks Chief St. Leonard, and Billy Lankford Safety Officer St. Leonard. Regional and County Association Officers: John O. Gatton, Sr., PP SMVFA, Dan Carpenter PP SMVFA, Willie Wilkerson 2<sup>nd</sup> VP SMVFA, John Wathen Treasurer SMVFA, Joan Williams PP SMVFA, Shirley Copado Secretary SMVFA, John Nelson PP SMFBA, Joseph Cooper Secretary St Mary Co Fire Board Assoc, Dan Stevens Chief Waldorf, Tommy Edwards President Charles Co VFA, Charles Wills EMS Chief Potomac Heights, Vernon Monday President Charles Co VFA, Pat Bowser PP ACVFA, Steve Kesner PP AGVFA, John Shuhart Treasurer AGCFA, Wylie Donaldson PP AACVFA, Craig Harmon President AACVFA, Marcine Goodloe President MCVFA, Darin Long Chief Damascus, James Snyder PP MCVFRA, Ron Watkins PP MCVFRA, Robert Russell PP PGCVFA, Donnie Strine PP Marlboro, Craig Moe PGVFRA, Tom Flint PP Landover Hills, Donnie Howard SCVFA, Emmons Horner PP SCVFA, Richard Smith PP TCVFA, Glen Fishack President WCVFA, Jason Baer PP WCVFRA, Jason Webber WCVFRA, Skip Mennes WCVFRA, Richard Blair Treasurer WCVFRA, David Walston PP WCVFA, David Farlow PP WVFA, Steve Hales PP WCVFA, John Guntow OCVFD, and the remainder of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association.

**President Frank Underwood:** Call for the band

**President Frank Underwood:** Are there any other nominations for the office of First Vice President? Any other nominations for the office of First Vice President? I need a motion to close.

**Robert Seibel Cape St Claire:** Mr. President I move the nominations be closed.

**Chesky Arbutus:** Second

**President Frank Underwood:** Are there any nominations for the office of Second Vice President. The Chair recognizes Wylie Donaldson.

**Wylie Donaldson:** Thank you Mr. President. It is with a great sense of pride and honor that I stand before you and offer the name of David W. Lewis for the office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. David joined the Odenton Vol Fire Co on October 12, 1972 and has maintained all requirements for active membership since that date. He has served in numerous positions within our company as an active line officer, as an administrative officer, and on too many committees to name. In his thirty seven years of service with the Odenton Fire Co he has been recognized on numerous occasions with both internal and external awards for his service contribution. David has also maintained an active role in the AACOVFA. He has served twice as the association's President 1983-1984 and again 2006-2007. He has served continuously since 1988 as chairman of the board of trustees overseeing and managing the association's LOSAP program and other member benefit programs. In recognizing his service to the AAVFA he was twice named with the individual of the year award 2001 and 2007. This award is the

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highest award that the association presents to an individual for service to his community the county and the state. David has also been inducted into the AACFA hall of fame. David's role with the MSFA goes back to 1978 when he was asked to accept the position of the statistical committee. He also played a key role in 1982 as chairman of the first data systems committee that was charged with developing capabilities that would enable MSFA to take advantage of the growing personnel computer technologies. Since those early days David has held numerous committees such as executive, statistical, data systems, training, haz mat, grants, volunteer incentive, volunteer recruitment and retention, standards, five year planning committee, and the volunteer assistance trust fund. The MSFA recognized David for his contributions to its member companies with his induction to the hall of fame in 2000. David is most proud of his assistance to the member companies over the past several years through the grants committee and volunteer company assistance fund. This has allowed him to develop relationships with many of the member companies of the MSFA and given him the incentive to seek office within the MSFA to continue work on behalf of those member companies. As the previous testimony attests, David has the experience, the desire and the motivation to serve the MSFA well as your next second vice president. It is for these reasons and more that I am proud to offer the name of David W. Lewis as candidate for the Second Vice President and ask that you join me in supporting his nomination and election. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time I call for the second of the nomination of Second Vice President Tom Tharp.

**Tom Tharp:** Thank you Mr. President. It is a particular honor for me to be here today. It was thirty years ago today that this body nominated someone from Anne Arundel county for this position. Although there has been quite a drought, I am more than delighted to add my 2<sup>nd</sup> for David W. Lewis for the position of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

I have a number of people who would like to 2<sup>nd</sup> David's' nomination. When I call your name, if you are here, please come to the front of the stage, it would help matters. Among the following past presidents; Edwin Preston, C. Oscar Baker, Robert Dempsey, Leonard King, Sr., Robert Cumberland, Joseph Robison, Thomas Mattingly, Sr., Bernard Smith, Philip Hurlock, Richard Yinger, George "Fred" Cross, Stephan Cox, Charles Daniel Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Roger Steger, Sr., Charles "Jenks" Mattingly, Sr., Gene Worthington, Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs, Paul "Bobby" Balta, and Paul Sterling. I know that David was not able to reach everyone but if there are any other Past Presidents, who would like to support David, please join us at the front of the stage.

In addition the following Officers: Secretary Jackie Olson, Financial Secretary Fred Cross, Chief Chaplain John Long, Trustee Steve Hales, Trustee Gene Worthington, Executive Committee Stuart Carter, Doug Alexander, John Guntow, Bill Hiildebrand, Jim Seavey, Steve Kesner, Buddy Schweers, Dan Stevens, Ralph Thompson, Paul Sterling, and other

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fire service notables from around the state: Barbara Knippenburg, Craig Harmon, Buddy Stegerwalh, John Dulina, Beth Stone, Doug Alexander, Calvin Stack, Tom Blades, Hoby Howell, Julianne Casey, Marie McQue, Marcine Goodloe, Donnie Howard, Emmons Horner, Jimmy Rose, Steve White, and also all the members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, and the entire membership of the Anne Arundel County Fire Services.

Thank you Mr. President

**President Frank Underwood:** Strike up the Band. Ladies and gentlemen let's hear it for the Westminster Band. (Applause) Are there any other nominations for the office of Second Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the office of Second Vice President? At this time I will accept a motion to close the nominations for Second Vice President.

Mr. President – Robert Seibel from Cape St. Clair VFD, in Anne Arundel County – motion to close the nominations for Second Vice President.

Ed Woods, Glenn Dale VFD in Prince George's County – second the motion to close the nominations for Second Vice President.

**President Frank Underwood:** All those in favor say "aye" opposed say nay. Motion carries. At this time I would like to accept nominations for the office of Secretary. I'd like to introduce Jay Olson, Ferndale VFD.

**Jay Olson:** Good afternoon. Mr. President, Vice Presidents Powell and Cox and Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It is a great pleasure to place into nomination, Jackie Olson for the office of Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Jackie is currently serving as the Secretary of the MSFA and has done an outstanding job over this past year. She served as Assistant Secretary for 8 years as well as Chairman of the Safety Committee and a member of the Convention and Conference Committee. She started in the fire service in 1989. She holds the rank of firefighter/EMS and continues to be an active member. She served as President of the Ferndale VFC and President of the Anne Arundel County Firemen's Association and Secretary for the Maryland Fire Chiefs.

Jackie has been involved in the fire service for 20 years and continues to show support and commitment to her community, county and state. It is an honor and privilege for the Ferndale VFC Officers and members and the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firemen's Association to place into nomination for the Office of Secretary of MSFA – Jackie Olson. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** I now call for a 2nd for the Office of the Secretary. I will introduce Mr. Philip Hurlock, Past President please.

**Past President Phil Hurlock:** Thank you Mr. President. It gives me great pleasure to 2nd the nomination of Jackie Olson for the position of Secretary of the MSFA. Also 2nd the nomination: Past Presidents as I call your name please come forward to the front of

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the stage. Mr. Raymond Atkins, PP, Mr. Robert Dempsey, PP, Mr. Tom Tharp, PP, Mr. Leonard King, PP, Mr. Clarence Carpenter, PP is unable to be here, Mr. Bob Cumberland, PP, Mr. Joe Robison, PP, Tom Mattingly, PP, Bernie Smith, PP, Phil Hurlock, PP, Richard Yinger, PP, Fred Cross, PP, Stephan Cox, PP, Danny Davis, PP, Robert Knippenburg, PP, Carl Edelin, PP, Roger Steger, PP, Jenks Mattingly, PP, Gene Worthington, PP, Terry Thompson, PP, Robert Jacobs, PP, Lee Sachs, PP, Bobby Balta, PP and our immediate PP Paul Sterling. Thank you Mr. President.

**President Frank Underwood:** Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? I will entertain a motion to close nomination for the Office of Secretary.

Mr. President – Ed Woods, Glenn Dale VFD, Prince George's County, move nomination be closed.

**President Frank Underwood:** I need a second to that motion.

Mr. President, Past President – Fred Cross move nominations be closed.

**President Frank Underwood:** All those in favor please signify by saying aye, those opposed, nay. Motion carries. I will now open the floor for the Office of Treasurer for the MSFA. I'd like to call on Bob Jacobs to come forward please.

**Bob Jacob, PP:** Good afternoon everyone. I would like to bring before you, this body, the nomination of Ronald J. Siarnicki for the office of Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Ron has been serving in this position for more than three years 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 carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office of Treasurer. Ron has worked diligently and has shown great expertise in organizing the financial affairs of this organization and will do everything possible to assure we are financially solvent and secure for whatever the future brings to this great association.

Ron has been involved for over 30 years with the fire service 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 fulltime commitment to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation as the Executive Director. He is an active member of the United Communities Fire Company in Stevensville. I would also like to thank Ron for chairing the Convention and Conference Committee and his leadership of planning this convention and conference this year.

It truly has been my pleasure working with Ron since he took over the office of Treasurer and I am completely confident of making this nomination knowing that he will do a great job in that position. Thank you.



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**President Frank Underwood:** At this time I will call for a 2nd to the Office of Treasurer. I'd like to call Fred Cross, Past President from Chestnut Ridge VFD.

**Fred Cross:** Thank you Mr. President. It is indeed a pleasure for me to second the nomination of Ron Siarnicki for the Office of Treasurer. When he took over as Treasurer, we became a true financial team and not a Treasurer's Office and a Financial Secretary's Office.

The following people would like to second his nomination: Lee Sachs, Mitch Vocke, Chris Hyzer, Steve Kesner, Jackie Olson and Steve Cox. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** Is there any other nomination for Treasurer? Is there any other nomination for Treasurer? At this time I'd like to accept nominations be closed.

Frank Corasaniti, Glyndon Volunteer Fire Company, moved nominations be closed.

John Spiker, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department, moved nominations be closed.

**President Frank Underwood:** It has been moved to close nominations. All those in favor signify by saying aye, those opposed nay. Motion carried. At this time I'd like to accept nominations for Chief Chaplain. At this time I will call upon Jay Olson, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department.

**Jay Olson:** The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company and the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firemen's Association would like to nominate John F. Long, Jr. for the Chief Chaplain of the MSFA. John has been a volunteer firefighter/EMT since 1975 and is serving as Chaplain for the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firemen's Association at this time. Beside his chaplaincy qualifications, John is certified in Incident Management, a vital asset for the emergency services.

He has been serving as the Chief Chaplain for the past four years. John also serves on the Maryland Local Assistance State team for the Fallen Firefighters Foundation assisting family and company members during a line of duty death. It is the dedication and caring that we feel make Rev. John F. Long, Jr. the right choice for the Chief Chaplain's Office of the MSFA. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time I call for a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the nomination. I'd like to have Bob Gottenhour, member of Arundel VFC and First Vice President of the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firemen's Association.

**Bob Gottenhour:** On behalf of the Arundel Volunteer Fire Company and the Anne Arundel Volunteer Firemen's Association it is my distinct pleasure to 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination of John F. Long, Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain.

**President Frank Underwood:** Are there any other nominations for the office of Chief Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for the office of Chief Chaplain? I need a motion to close nominations.

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John Spiker, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department, moved nominations be closed. Frank Corasaniti, Glyndon Volunteer Fire Company, moved nominations be closed.

**President Frank Underwood:** All those in favor signify by saying nay, opposed say nay. Motion carries. At this time I'd like to take nominations for Trustee. I'd like to have Terry Thompson, Past President. To please come forward.

**Terry Thompson, Past Pres.:** Mr. President, Officers, Delegates and Alternates, Past Presidents and guests. I am honored to stand before you today to nominate Doug Alexander for the Office of Trustee. Doug is a husband, father, grandfather and a dedicated emergency volunteer who has served Carroll County and the State of Maryland for over forty years.

I have been afforded many opportunities by this organization but standing here today to speak about a true gentleman who I consider such a close friend, one that my children call "Uncle" is one of the highest

Doug joined the Mt. Airy Fire Department as a junior member in 1965 following in the footsteps of his father. In 1968 Doug became a senior member of the department. He has served as both administrative and operational positions during his tenure including 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Board member, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief and many others.

On a county level, Doug has served Carroll County citizens in various positions including 2 years as Second Vice President and 1 year as First Vice President. In May of this year, he became the President of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association. Furthermore, he has been honored by his peers when in 2003 he was inducted into the Carroll County Hall of Fame.

His service to the MSFA has been nothing less than stellar. Doug began serving on the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002 as the representative for Carroll and Howard Counties and ascending to the Chairperson 2003-2004.

He has continuously represented Carroll and Howard Counties on this governing body of the organization. Moreover he was inducted into the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 2002 and has served as Chairperson of the Rural Water Supply Committee.

In 2005 Past President Lee Sachs recognized Doug's commitment to making Maryland safer and appointed him Chairperson of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Residential Sprinkler Committee. No community in the recent history of our Association has been as successful as this group under the exceptional leadership of Doug Alexander. Doug is truly an

Outstanding and dedicated leader in the emergency services. Today I ask you to help in the future of the MSFA by joining the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, The Carroll County Emergency Services Association and their members in his endeavor of obtaining the position of Trustee. Thank you.

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**President Frank Underwood:** I need a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the nomination. I recognize C. Oscar Baker, Past President from Mt. Airy.

**C. Oscar Baker, Past President:** Thank you Mr. President. The grandson and I would like to 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination for Doug. I have known Doug since he was about that size. He used to come around the firehouse with his father. And you can rest assured with his legacy, his integrity, as a member of the Board of Trustees, matters of the Board will be well taken care of when represented by him. And for that reason I 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination of Doug Alexander. Thank you.

**Mark Bilger:** Good afternoon. I am Mark Bilger, immediate Past President of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association. It is a great honor to stand before you to read the following names of those who 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination of Doug Alexander. All five current members of the Board of Trustees – John Means, Sr., Steve Hales, Gene Worthington, P.P., Danny Carpenter, Terry Thompson, P.P. Also all 12 members of the current Executive Committee; 16 Past Presidents of the MSFA; 6 county associations: Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Washington and Dorchester.

Doug followed me through the chairs of Carroll County Association. He believes in team work. He is a strong leader and we're very proud of him in Carroll County. Again, I would ask you to provide your support to him and vote for him as Trustee. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Are there any other nominations for the office of Trustee? Are there any other nominations for the office of Trustee? I moved nominations be closed. I need a motion.

Dave Lewis, Odenton VFD, moves to close the nominations, Mark Bilger, Hampstead moves to close the nominations.

**President Frank Underwood:** All in favor say aye, those opposed say nay. Motion carries. I will now take nominations for the site of the 2014 convention.

Roger Steger, PP move we come to Ocean City.

Ed Woods, Glenn Dale VFD 2nds the nomination of Ocean City.

**President Frank Underwood:** Motion to close nomination. Made by Jenks Mattingly, PP, Hollywood

2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Corasaniti of Glyndon VFC.

**President Frank Underwood:** All those in favor signify by saying aye and Opposed nay. Motion carries. I'll now recognize Ben Kurtz.

Ben Kurtz, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company. I make a motion that the Secretary casts a unanimous ballot except for Secretary and the President casts the Ballot for Secretary. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Seibel, Cape St. Claire VFD. Motion carried.

**President Frank Underwood:** The judges and Tellers are:

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For Roger Powell	Stuart Carter – Teller	Glen Resnick – Judge
For Doyle Cox	Danny Davis – Teller	John Gatton, Sr. – Judge
For Dave Lewis	Bob Seibel – Teller	John Spiker – Judge
Jackie Olson	Sonny Rose – Teller	None
	Debbie Perry – Teller	
Ron Siarnicki	None	None

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time I call on Dennis Skinner for the report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee.

**Dennis Skinner:** Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. My full report is on page 43 of the Program Book. There are five questions on the ballot concerning the Constitution and Bylaws. All 5 pertain to SOP's for the Association.

#1. Is how to prepare an SOP.

#2. How to prepare a request for expense reimbursement for MSFA Officers.

#3 & #4. How to prepare a request for expense reimbursement for MSFA Committee Meetings. #5. Establishes a SOP for the operation of and maintenance of the Presidential vehicle fleet.

The Association requests you vote for all 5 questions on the ballot. Voting will be conducted from 8 am to 10:00 am on the main ballroom floor.

At this time I would like to thank my committee members for their assistance during the year and thank the Officers and Executive Committee. Thank you.

**President Frank Underwood:** Any questions? I have a couple of announcements. First the Prayer Breakfast is tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. and NOT 9:00 as printed on the tickets.

We would like everyone to attend the seminars schedule this afternoon. Miss Fire Prevention contest is at 3:45 in this room. Basket Bingo tonight. Please make sure you visit our exhibitors. I will now call on Margaret Goudy for the raffle.

**Margaret Gouty, Chair the Special Activities Committee:** Good evening all of you lucky people. Special Activities Committee has had a phenomenal day and I mean phenomenal! We are drawing for the Fireman Fountain. He can be used either outside or inside w/ wo alcohol. Then tomorrow make sure you come down and get your tickets for the large engine mailbox.

Winner for today is Laurie Wiggins. There is no address or phone number, so we'll hold the ticket down at our booth. Make sure you get your tickets for tomorrow. Thank you.

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(Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** One more announcement. Additional bus passes are being printed and will be available tomorrow morning. At this time I would ask Pete Walbert for the closing prayer.

**Assistant Chaplain Pete Walbert:** Thank you Frank. Everyone stand please as we have our closing prayer. Let us pray:

Our most precious and heavenly Father, thank you Lord for being with us and our Officers of the State Firemen's Association. We ask you Lord to give us guidance and give us safety as we continue with the activities later today and this evening. Lord we ask you in your son's name. AMEN.

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time we will recess until tomorrow morning at 8:30 am Voting starts at 8 am.

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**Tuesday, June 16, 2009  
3<sup>rd</sup> Session**

**Call to Order by President Frank Underwood:** I would now like to open the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Session. First we will have the opening prayer by Chaplain Hetz.

**Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz:** Let us stand. Let us pray. Our Lord and our God we thank you for the night of rest You have given us. We ask for Your wisdom on the day ahead and the decisions that are made. Father we thank You for our Emergency Response Personnel from across the state that commit themselves and have dedicated themselves to serving lives and property. We ask that you would bless them. Bless their families, bless this convention. Father we would just ask that You extend Your hand of mercy to those who are suffering and on the bed of affliction; that you would bring healing to their bodies and strength to their souls. Comfort those who grieve. And Lord we would be remiss if we did not remember our Armed Forces that protect our way of life and give us the ability to have free assembly such as this. We ask that You bless them, protect them and be with their families as they wait anxiously at home. For all things we thank you. Amen.

**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, invisible with liberty and justice for all. You may be seated.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next we will have the safety message from the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Hoby Howell.

**Hoby Howell:** Thank you Mr. President. I got good news this morning. Bus passes are available downstairs. They ran out the other day. So go get your bus passes and ride the bus for your safety. Cell phones, turn them on vibrate once again this morning. So your neighbor does not have to listen to it ring.

Good morning. I hope everybody in this audience has checked out the exits, because this hall down here gets very small (he is pointing to his right, audience left.) if you have to exit very fast. So make sure of your exits once again. I see everybody that's coming is here this morning. So you must have had a good night, and a safe one at that. So thank you very much and have a good session.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next will be the Fire Prevention Committee with Chairman Bob Collins.

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**Bobby Collins:** Good morning everyone. Thank you President Underwood. This morning we have, the first thing we have is a presentation by VFIS and that's Terry Poland and Mensinger. They are going to make a presentation to the Fire Prevention Committee. We use their money to promote fire prevention throughout the year. So at this time we would like for them to come out along with President Underwood.

Good morning. On behalf of Glatfelter Insurance group and Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, I would like to present this check for \$1,000 to the Fire Prevention Awards Committee. And thank this association for all you do for its members and citizens of this state everyday day. Thank you. (Applause)

**Bobby:** That's good; they give us a check every year. We really appreciate that and I would like to thank VFIS again for that. My report is on page 53 of the Convention Program Book. I'd like to thank Jack Wagner, from the Fire Marshal's Office and his people who work with him at the Fire Marshal's Office for judging the books and selecting the winners. And also tomorrow at 9 a.m. they will be judging the floats out here in front of the Convention Hall. So if anybody has any floats, pass the word that they will be judged tomorrow at 9 a.m.

We had about 30 or 40 Little Fire Chiefs and Little Miss Fire Prevention. They filled up the stage. It was a very nice showing on that and we thank Kristi and Richard Brooks our MC. They did an outstanding job.

Last night they had a Miss Fire Prevention Contest again. And those who were here saw a very nice program. Kristi Gable did an excellent job. We had 9 contestant entered in the Miss Fire Prevention Contest. The winner Erin Drumheller representing Maryland Fire Chiefs, will be with us here today. Actually she is out on the stage. Miss Fire Prevention and first runner-up, Jennifer Barciz from Washington County will be making presentations as the Companies come up to receive their awards. And they'll be handing out awards, as I said, later on in the program.

I also would like to thank Marie Warner. If you go outside and down the hall to Room 207, we have a display up there; also there is a lot of information available. Pick-up whatever you would like. There is a lot of Fire Prevention and life safety information out there for everything from babies to elder people. So there's a nice display out there and we thank them for working with us on that display.

This year we had 22 entries. Down from last year when I believe we had 26. I know the companies out there are doing Fire Prevention. It's very easy, keep your cadets and young people involved and do one of the books for your company.

Also handing out awards today are the State Fire Prevention Commissioners. They will be handing out awards to the top candidates in each category. Commissioners Richard Yinger, Richard Brooks, Little Fire Chief Eric Gordon. He was up here last night along with Richard Brooks. I guess he has taken care of Richard – somebody's got too. Also Commissioners Howell, Darcey, and LaPore, they are all up here and going to make the presentations.

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The members of the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee that are up here are: Chairman Emeritus Tom Collins, Allen Ryan, Jr., Ed Thurston, Jim Jaboe, John Spiker, Emmons Horner and Kristi Gable.

We are going to start handing out awards. First we are going to do Year Round Projects (from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). And we also have a Single Project Award. Starting with the Year Round Project:

Class I – We had two entries – Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department EMS, if there is anyone here from these departments or their county, please come pick-up the award. Also in Class I is the winner, Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

Each year we have people that sponsor these plaques and this year Class I was sponsored by C. Oscar Baker, PP in memory of Arthur R. Lowman.

Class II – Year Round Project: Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department, Carroll Manor Fire Company, Inc. and the winner is New Midway Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Would they please come up? (Applause)

Sponsor for the award was Steven J. Collins in memory of Richard R. Boring. If the winners would please stay up here. We have some cash awards to hand-out later. Bel Alton, Carroll Manor and New Midway. Is anyone coming up for them? Cobb Island picking up for Cobb Island. Is there anyone here for Carroll Manor or New Midway? If not, would a representative of the County Association pick-up their awards.

Class III – Year Round Project: Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Company; Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department; and Indian Head Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Squad, Inc. with Indian Head the winner of Class III. Sponsor for this award is Janet Pfeiffer in memory of James A Kimble. (Applause)

Class IV – Year Round Project. Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. is the only entry for Class IV and is the winner. This award was sponsored by Abingdon Fire Company. (Applause)

Class V – Bowie Volunteer Fire Department, Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and the winner is Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. This award is sponsored by Les Hanson in memory of Denise Hanson. A few years back Denise was a member of our committee and she has passed on. We thank Les for sponsoring that. (Applause)

Class VI – No entries.

Class VII – Year Round Project – Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association is the only entry and the winner. This award is sponsored by Jessup Volunteer Fire Department in memory of John H. O'Lexin. (Applause)

Class I – Single Project – This was a combination winner of Cobb Island, Bel Alton, and



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Newberg Volunteer Fire Departments. This award is sponsored in memory of David S. Tovey and Loretta Hall. (Applause)

Class II – Single Project – No entries.

Class III – Single Project - Potomac Fire Company #2, Inc., Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. and the winner is Potomac Fire Company #2. This award is sponsored by Tom Collins in memory of William G. Collins. (Applause)

Class IV – Single Project - Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad and was the only entry and winner. (Applause)

Class V – Single Project – Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. and Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. The winner is Bowie Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. (Applause)

We have some checks to hand out to the top 10 from the State Fire Marshal's Office, who were the judges. The checks range from \$50.00 to \$200. You can take these checks home and use them toward some type of fire prevention project.

Starting at #10 – Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. \$50.00

#9 – Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. \$50.00

#8 – LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. \$50.00

#7 – Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. \$50.00

#6 – Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS, Inc. - \$50.00

#5 – Potomac Fire Company #2, Inc. - \$50.00

#4 – Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (Single Project) \$75.00

#3 – Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (Year Round) \$75.00

#2 – Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. \$100.00

#1 – Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Year Round) - \$200.00

The projects are down in Room 206; you can stop by and pick them up this morning. If the company is not here, would someone from their county association stop by and pick-up the project and take their book home with them. You can pick it up anytime this morning.

Also, as you have seen, are a lot of chances to get an award if your company would just participate. Twenty-two participated this year and everyone was recognized. Everybody is a winner and we congratulate them for the outstanding job they did putting these books together. If anyone has any questions as to how to start a book, please contact any member of the Fire Prevention Committee and they would be happy to help you with it, and/or refer to the rules in the Proceeding Book. We thank everyone who participated and won today. (Applause) Next we will have the Silver Spring Award presented by Burton

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Brenner who will make the announcement of the Award.

**Burton Brenner** – Good morning. GOOD MORNING! AHHH that is much better. Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Firefighters, Emergency Services Personnel, Auxiliaries and everyone from their respective fire companies, rescue squads from across the State of Maryland. The President, Board of Directors, the Fire Chief of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire department welcomes you to this 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention.

Again, I have the honor of addressing this Convention, recognizing the men and women who as firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics, IV Tech, Auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the great State of Maryland. The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention excellence is born from the efforts of those who came before. Some still are here to guide us and those who have gone from our physical midst and yet are remembered here today for their contributions over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement in the field of fire prevention as judged by one's peers.

The trophy symbolizes what we strive to do in the field of fire prevention in EVERY community in this state. For excellence in the field of Fire Prevention for the year 2008, it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy, from Carroll County a Lieutenant, a firefighter, an EMT and IV Tech, Christina Flanagan of the Sykesville – Freedom District Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

She has developed a puppet show from Sesame Street, a program of "Get Low and Go," which is a maze and "Sammy, the Smoke Alarm, amidst many other things. She has visited over 2,300 people in the year 2008.

I want to thank all of you very much for your kind attention this morning. Have a great convention and let's have some new contributions to the fire prevention program in 2009. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** Next I'd like to introduce the State Fire Marshal, Bill Barnard for his report.

**Bill Barnard:** Good morning! 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 Presidents, Frank J. Underwood and Lois Hetz. Your terms of office have been very productive and your service is one the entire Association can be quite proud of! This morning, it is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Thanks to your efforts, in 2008 we saw the number of fire deaths decrease by over 35 percent when compared to 2007. The total number of fire deaths in 2008 was 60, which was a dramatic decrease from the 94 fire deaths experienced in 2007 and ties with 2006 as an historic low since fire death statistics were first compiled. This milestone was once again reached through a coordinated effort. Congratulations to all local jurisdictions and fire

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department's that experienced a NO Fire Deaths or a decrease in fire deaths during 2008. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a crucial role in helping make our State safer from the devastating effects of fire. **Unfortunately, the number of fire deaths in 2009 has increased somewhat, please keep up your fire prevention efforts, they do make a difference!**

With assistance provided by the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee led by Doug Alexander, local initiatives mandating residential sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings have continued. In January, after many years of planning and false starts, Anne Arundel County was finally successful in passing residential fire sprinkler requirements. The OSFM is proud to partner with the MSFA in these important life safety efforts. The OSFM stands ready to assist the MSFA Sprinkler Committee as it continues to deliver workshops and presentations educating our fire service, the public, and policy makers to the community, value of residential fire protection.

In September of 2008 the International Codes Council (ICC) held final action hearings in Minneapolis, Minnesota, concerning proposed changes to the 2009 edition of ICC Model Codes. On September 21, 2008, many members from the Maryland fire service were present when ICC voting members overwhelmingly approved residential fire sprinkler requirements for all newly constructed one and two family homes by a vote 1282 to 470, along with a separate requirement for townhomes. Many building officials joined fire marshals, fire service leaders and members of your Association voting to approve these life saving requirements. This was a tremendous step forward for home fire safety.

Following this historic vote, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) filed an appeal of the action. Fortunately, after a hearing, the ICC Board of Directors voted unanimously to reject the appeal submitted by the NAHB.

More recently, some organizations who opposed the residential fire sprinkler requirements began looking to state legislatures to pass laws that would either prevent local adoption of the 2009 edition of ICC codes or specifically block residential fire-sprinkler requirements. Fortunately, we have not experienced this type of activity in Maryland and most other states have successfully fought against this tactic.

Like the MSFA, the PSFM followed the 2009 session of the Maryland General Assembly with a great deal of interest, closely monitoring many issues impacting Maryland's fire and emergency services. I must commend the MSFA for the concern and cooperation demonstrated as member of the Maryland Legislative Fire Service Working Group. With an emphasis of protecting Maryland's citizens as its highest priority, the MSFA fought hard for the protection and preservation of important services. The ability of the MSFA Legislative Committee, led by Past President Danny Davis, to get the word out and energize individuals on important issues has been impressive and you should be proud of the positive impact made by the MSFA.

I would like to personally thank the MSFA for supporting the OSFM Departmental Bill:

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"State Fire Marshal-Fire Sprinkler Contractor-Licensing" that passed on the final day of the session. This Bill closed a loophole in the fire sprinkler contractor law that allowed licensed contractors to sub-contract fire sprinkler work to not licensed sub contractors. Many other bills of interest were monitored throughout the session including, House Bill 14-"Environment a Brominated Flame Retardants – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Prohibition." This chemical compound has been found to be a health and safety issue. For the second year in a row it did not clear the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

As State Fire Marshal, I firmly believe the strong partnership enjoyed by our respective organizations has much to do with the success we have had in reducing deaths and injuries from fire. As an example, the Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Fire Fighter Protection Act we worked to pass in the 2007 legislative session became effective on July 1, 2008. I am pleased to report that during the second half of 2008, there were only three fire deaths directly attributed to smoking related fires as opposed to nine fire deaths experienced before July 1, 2008. This is an example of how working together, the Maryland fire service has improved the lives of citizens and firefighters alike. Once again, it is rewarding to see how hard work pays off. Congratulations, we all share in this success.

The partnership we share extends to local and State agencies along with private industry. The public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of nearly 10,000 smoke alarms over the past eight years. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans are also helping communities reduce the risk of injury and death from fire.

As in past years, the OSFM has seen a number of personnel changes with the agency; however, when compared to 2007 the changes seem minor. In 2008 seven Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFM) left the agency and they were replaced by six new DSFM's. All of the new DSFM's have successfully completed their initial law enforcement training and have been assigned to regional offices to continue and complete their training.

During the past year the agency lost the services of two long servicing accelerant detection canines, Canyon and Isaiah. One newly trained accelerant canine, Charlie, began serving the OSFM in December after graduating from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Accelerant Canine Program in Front Royal, Virginia.

Early in 2009, the OSFM Fire Protection Engineer assigned to the Headquarters Office left the OSFM for a position in the Federal Government. His departure has had a significant impact on the number of plan reviews and inspections performed by the Engineering staff.

On a positive note, funding for construction of the new Hagerstown State Police Barrack was approved. The new building, when completed, will become the home to the OSFM Western Regional Office.

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Our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at an incredible level. In 2008, the OSFM conducted in excess of 1,200 fire investigations. Of those, some 480 cases were determined to be criminal in nature. Deputy State Fire Marshals had a closure rate of 29%. This closure rate far exceeds the national average of 17 – 19%. OSFM staff members completed over 18,000 fire safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. An increase in plan reviews were completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. 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.

As challenging as the past year has been with the economic downturn, I still anticipate the opportunity, with your support, to continue moving the agency forward in the months and years that lie ahead. Let me assure you, the staff of the OSFM clearly understands its mission and is ready to confront any challenges the future may hold. The OSFM will strive to create opportunities and success, even during these difficult times. The citizens of the State of Maryland deserve nothing less than the highest level of service.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our nominees for Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2008,

Deputy State Fire Marshals  
Brian Quick, Upper Eastern Region  
Matt Stevens, Lower Eastern Region  
Don Brenneman, Southern Region  
Ed Ernst, Western Region  
Michael Selvage, Northeast Region  
Bruce Bouch, METRO Region  
William Potts, Bomb Squad

Each of these individuals represents their peers with great distinction. Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work every day, 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 DSFM of the Year selection committee is extremely difficult and this year is 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.

Please join me in recognizing their accomplishments!!!!

**President Frank Underwood:** I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2008, Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year.

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During 2008, he excelled in each aspect of his chosen profession.

In the field of investigating, he led his region by personally handling 39 investigations. Of those investigations, 41% were determined to be criminal in nature and he was able to close 68% of his criminal cases with an arrest. While maintaining a high closure rate he was also able to conduct 137 fire safety inspections. His experience and sound judgment in the field of investigations and code enforcement continue to be a valuable asset to his region. His work during 2008 was not limited to investigations and inspections. He serves on many agency wide committees including Fire Files, serves on the agency interview board for new applicants, functions as his region's field training officer, provides presentations and demonstrations to area civic groups, and teaches introduction to arson and explosives to all new law enforcement personnel in the region. He served as a lead investigator in a series of arsons by coordinating a complex surveillance operation over several square miles utilizing all regional assets with no additional expense to the agency. If this was not enough, he also serves as a bomb technician with the agency bomb squad. This Deputy truly shines as a mentor to other personnel in the region and the agency. In the words of his supervisor, "his willingness to provide guidance and assistance with allowing his fellow deputies to get the credit and gain experience is a laudable attribute."

I couldn't agree more. He has excelled in each discipline with enthusiasm and zeal. It is my honor to present you, the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2008,

Deputy State Fire Marshal Matthew D. Stevens. (applause)

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 Roger Powell and Kathy Knipple. On behalf of all the men and women of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, we wish you both much success during your term of office! (Applause)

**President Underwood:** First please don't forget the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Registration brochures are available on the SFMA and MFRI websites or at their booths in the hall. Please plan on attending the training seminars held in the east hall beginning at 1400 hours today. Also please visit our vendors; they are important to the conference.

Our next special presentation will be held by Fire Chief Thomas Stone. Thomas Stone has been with the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department for thirty one years. The past 19 years as Fire Chief. He is the chairman of the St. Bernard Parish LEPC and 911 communications district. He teaches fire fighting for the Deep Land Community College and NIMS WMD awareness for the University of New Orleans. He is married and has three children. Mr. Stone, please, big welcome for Chief Stone. (Applause)

**Chief Stone:** Good morning. Sorry, I didn't need these before Katrina, but after dealing with FEMA, I can't see straight. Thank you for inviting me to such a beautiful city and a very important state when it comes to the fire service in the United States. I appreciate that. Having the National Fire Academy in your state is important in my book. If they let me back in, I'll come back. I've been there about 13 times.

St Bernard Parish is located next to the city of New Orleans. We are a community of about 70,000 citizens. Prior to Katrina making land fall we ran out of 10 fire stations with 116 fire fighters on an average. We serve a community that is very close knit. It was not odd to have three generations of one family living on the same street. We were very heavily industrial with two refineries, three gas plants, and the largest sugar refinery in America. We were very proud of our community. When Katrina hit, it threw us for a loop. We had water from two and one half feet deep to twenty five feet deep in our entire Parish which you call a county. Louisiana, we're under Neapolitan clause, so we still call things parishes. Some of the water stayed up as long as three weeks and only four weeks later, part of our community flooded again for hurricane Rita. It really hurt us. I have a four minute video. This is a song written by one of our Captains, he was writing a song for a Disney movie, and the song is called "Dreams" and I know shortly after Katrina, a Disney movie came out called "Dreaming". He never got to deliver it. It shows you a little about the flooding and damage in our community. You'll see damage to our fire houses and a pile of furniture in front of a house that belongs to me. Everything we had, we were told you had to throw it away. One Hundred and seven of our fire fighters lost everything they owned. You'll see our citizens on the busiest ferry landing in the State of Louisiana, some of them only in their underwear because that's how they got out of their homes. You'll see them in a large warehouse next to the river. We brought them to the river because that was the only dry point because of the levees and sent them to parts unknown. We didn't know where they were going. We estimated that about 8,000 of our citizens did not evacuate, many for different reasons, pets, financial reasons, it's very expensive to put your family on the road, evacuate and stay in a motel for two or three days. You'll see the first camper I lived in when they got me out of sleeping in the closet on the floor for weeks. I thought I was a King in a little 27 foot camper. You'll see the ship, the suburban that was a ferry ship they brought in. We staged one of our task forces on it. That's where all of our firefighters ate, on the Nova Scotia. I let the video run at this time. I have a presentation after that.

That was a very pretty song wasn't it? He did a nice job in writing it. That showed you the flooding. We set up or firefighters in task forces so they could get a break. Actually for the first six days we didn't have any outside help except for the military helicopters. The Coast Guard was great. The slide presentation will come on in a minute. The last time I looked, in 2005 I thought Louisiana was part of the United States, at least East Louisiana was. I found out that we became our own little third world country. Our first Urban Search Rescue team did not come from the US. It came from Canada, Vancouver # 1. They worked two entire days before we saw a US bonifide search and rescue team. That's just uncalled for. We preach about terrorism and how fast help would come, then to have a natural disaster that was worse than a terrorist could hit us. You must realize Katrina affected the land

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mass the size of Great Britain, from Alabama to Texas and the US was not prepared for it. I'll take you through the lessons learned. I'm sorry you couldn't sit in on my presentation yesterday. It was a lot more thorough. We had two hours then.

That was a picture of an incident commander at a train wreck in 2004. This is where St Bernard's Parish is located. We're located next to New Orleans, actually on an island. You must either take a ferry or cross a bridge to come into St Bernard's Parish. In the 1800s we had a huge land mass but when the Corp of Engineers put the levies in the Mississippi, it stopped our spring floods and now we have coastal erosion. We lose the size of a football field every twenty minutes. Isn't that unbelievable? We did have people with a sense of humor. There's garden of the month with all the marsh grass. We followed our hurricane guidelines. We had guidelines set up for 72, 48, 24 and 12 hrs before landfall, and we had preparations we would go through before the hurricane hit. Just like all other fire departments, we followed these guidelines and they worked great until the flooding, then there were no guidelines, we threw them out the window. We had taken four apparatus and put four foot extenders on the exhaust. I didn't know they needed to be 20' tall snorkels. Those trucks were completely flooded. We got activated, started preparing Friday night and we had what's call a hurricane Conference call, which the State of Louisiana puts on with the National Weather Service. We have the Southeast Task Force, FEMA, and some counties in Mississippi all participated every four to six hours. We made sure we participated in every one. We brought in essential personnel on Saturday and Sunday had a platoon call back. Administration feared overtime costs which delayed call back which hampered call backs. This made us move personnel around during tropical storm condition force winds which we don't like to do. We were over ridden by the Parish President, who is like a Mayor. Although the CEO was on our side the President over rode and it caused a lot of problems. We broke into three task forces and put about 30 fire fighters in three strong buildings, including our high schools, auditorium, and sugar refinery. We evacuated all ten of our fire stations for the first time in our history. We also had a group in our Government complex, a command group at communications, and four brave souls at the high school, which was a shelter of last resort. They started with 40 people and quickly exceeded 400 during the height of the flooding. One task force was assigned to the court house. We delivered supplies but upon arrival they found that the Judges and their families had taken over the building. They relocated to Shamon high school which was an act of God. Most of the rescues took place. They went from 200 people to 2,000 people. The bad this is that all the food at both high schools was on the first floor and all the food was lost. We had a massive task of how do we feed all these people. We went into all the grocery stores and took all food not contaminated. We didn't talk to the paramedics and EMT's for four days. We heard a tornado hit the school and we were concerned. Fire Departments are great at command and control. You take away communications and we have problems. Our repeaters flooded. We put people on building roof tops to relay messages on our simplex channels. That's how we communicated. This is a house in the middle of the street. Someone wrote wicked witch on it. Another house down the street has a big bull's eye on it. We would go up to people and tell them we want to rescue them and they would say



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no the water is going to go down. We used the 1965 hurricane guide from Betsy on how quickly the water is going to go down. The problem is that our area is one large bowl that fills with water and becomes a large toilet bowl. To get it out you have to break levees and it takes days to go down. After three days, their batteries went dead, no bathroom, it was August and the heat was unbearable, they desperately needed to be rescued. Our fire fighters were great. Their professionalism, their pride in their jobs, they had lost everything they owned they were still out there doing their job. The ingenuity, they were geniuses, they got boats running. They would take parts of one boat to get another one running. At one time I was the fire Chief of the Largest Boat Fire Department you've ever seen. We commandeered, next time we'll borrow, we're being sued for that. Even Ace hardware, thought they were the helpful hardware store. They're suing us for \$ 60,000 dollars. The military, state police and sheriff's department went in too. They can't sue them so they're suing the fire department. We will make sure we document everything we borrow next time.

We had ten stations, two totally destroyed. Engines 11 & 12 were completely wiped off the face of the earth. Station 11 had been rebuilt in 1999 to FEMA standards after the 1998 hurricane. We had three that could be repaired, even though it took three years to repair them. We now have seven stations under various stages of renovation. In August it will have been four years since Katrina and we still do not have Fire Stations that are rebuilt. It's been a difficult ride. Two of our stations and headquarters flooded again during Rita. The progress we made moving mud out, we had to start all over. This is our Central station. It had six inches of water on the second floor. It's been repaired but FEMA didn't put the floors back on the first floor. They left the cement and cinder block walls. It's not like we had before. We need to put our foot down when dealing with disaster relief and not take no for an answer. They are designed to restore to before the disaster and we need to make sure that happens. Station seven is the first of the new stations to be reopened and it will open in July. We will be rated for our Insurance rating on July 20. It's like kicking you when you're down. We were a class II department before Katrina and I'm told the insurance companies must receive the premium they are due. There's station 11. You can see the three posts. This station covers the largest gas processing plant in the US and it's not rebuilt yet. The top picture show where the apparatus pictured at bottom was under this water. It was parked on a bridge and the brakes failed. We've replaced 14 apparatus quickly. We lost 10 engines, 2 quints, 2 foam units, 1 mini pumper, 1 portable pump, 1 fireboat, and 9 staff units. I told the chief officers, let's keep a few vehicles and park the rest. We parked them in the sugar refinery on piles of sugar along the Mississippi. We only had two suburban's survive, the Fire Chief's and the Deputy Fire Chief's. Even equipment that only went through 2 - 3 feet of water, the salt water shorted out the computer systems causing us to spend thousands of dollars each week to keep apparatus moving. We had fires during the flooding. We were able to verify for the insurance company the fire occurred during the flooding. After the waters went down we had a number of arson fires, fire after fire because people didn't have flood insurance. Our fire boat sank; white caps were coming in from the west. The boat got caught in the overhang of the building, filled

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with water and sank. The new guidelines state, if the water is coming from the west side, we move the boat to the east side.

This is a terrible map. This is our fatality map. We had 129 fatalities in our Parish. We have 13 people who are bonafide missing. We had the infamous St. Rita's Nursing Home in our Parish. You saw some of these survivors from St. Rita's on the floor on mats in the video at the Parish jail. It was one of only five buildings in the Parish that didn't flood. One of our Captain's father passed away at St. Rita's. We actually had some firefighters go in there who discovered the bodies. Even though we knew the people were in there, we didn't know how many. So that is a map you never want to see in your community. We all lost friends. The Chaplain of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association stayed in his church. He has not been found. Father Red Bernard christened my 3 children and buried my Mother. He was just an unbelievable gentleman. He was excellent and he has never been found. His brother died in the line-of-duty in our fire department in 1987.

You can see that Maryland came in with an incident management team including a fire chief and Deputy Mayor. The Baltimore Fire Chief was on a decon detail for 2 days. We realized we not only had to decon people that we pulled out of the water, we needed to decon vehicles as well.

Everywhere you looked there was 8" to 10" of mud – EVERYWHERE, every street, every lot and every structure. So everything that had to be set up. We had to move them out and clean it up first. So not only were we firefighters, we became "the mud movers."

We actually want to a four day on eight day off schedule. The firefighters had families living all over the country. So we had people in St. Louis, Dallas, Orlando, Little Rock and Atlanta. So we worked four days and had eight days off. We had shift change at noon and 11:00 a.m. for our staff. And then would have an incident action plan for a 24 hour operational period. And it took the Maryland IMT and Chesterfield, Virginia and the IMT from Ohio 8 or 9 days out after Katrina the 1<sup>st</sup> one but we continued to use them as part of our action plan through April 14, 2006. Then we sent back to 24 on and 48 off regular schedule. It was very difficult, we had a field briefing every morning and we split our people up into task forces. We would assign them a task of the day. We would put maps in there for finding where the tasks that were assigned. For example the water service was located. Because we lost our water plant and had no water to fight fires. We also did one for gas service every day. We could make these up-dates in the Incident Management Plans and then we would let everyone know what is going on.

We actually commandeered an Exxon Oil Refinery. That is where we set up in one of their main fire stations and the seat of the government set-up in their administrative building. Had it not been for 2 of our oil refineries and a couple of our other industries, we would not have survived.

I did not want anyone to lose their job. They rescued thousand. They did not deserve to be laid-off. We did everything we could for the community. They'd say we need this and I

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would say we can do it. Then one of the Chief's would say later – how are we going to do that? I'd say we are going to do it. We did everything. We delivered safely to people. We washed mud off anything and everything. The Decon Vas people came in set up a clinic, we had to clean up the mud so they could set up the clinic. When FEMA said to set up the recovery tent, we had to go in there remove the mud and wash it down when they set up the tent. I didn't want anybody laid off. And you have to remember we lost our tax base.

The Super Wal-Mart you saw had only been open 8 weeks. They replaced the old Wal-Mart. They made the announcement last week that they'll reopen in March – more than 4 years later.

You can see the mud that was everywhere. It was inside and outside of structures. You see the guys removing a car from the driveway for an elderly couple. If we put it in the right of way, it would get towed for free. If we left it in their driveway, they were responsible for removing it. The permits department in the lower right corner of the slide; and you can see we had to buy, off the state contract, a Bobcat to clear the mud. So we also used it to overhaul fires. The firefighter in the slide is wearing SCBA as he clears a storage container. We would have to wear SCBA where ever there had been a fire, such as the big storage facilities where you have all the individual binds. We had fires everywhere.

We had to replace our apparatus right away. So we immediately went to work on producing the specs. So you need to get someone who knows how to spec out apparatus. I had a District Chief who was great at it and he went ahead and retired. He didn't even take his drop money. He's now a refinery fire chief. So we bought a couple of Quints from KME. One was a demonstrator and one was being built. And we needed pumpers right away, so we got them. We didn't take any donated apparatus. I kept telling people if we're going to repair junk, we'll repair our own junk. Nobody is going to send you a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year old piece of apparatus. What are they sending us? Thirty or thirty-five years old apparatus. We really appreciated it but it was not what we needed.

I actually had firefighters telling the mayor, council personnel and others they thought I was losing it because I did not want the donated apparatus. So we have 14 pieces of new apparatus that sit outside because I have no place to put it. So you need to get your specs ready right away.

We had to look for compatible apparatus first – comparable to what we had. It will be hard because we had fully welded stainless steel bodies with 1,000 gallon tanks and mid ship mounted pumps. FEMA looked all over the country and could not find anything. And then that in turn opened the door for new apparatus purchase. They purchased some under Category B which is an emergency category which pays 100%. They do these public assistance work sheets. So if they give us something in Category B it moved forward immediately, because FEMA came up with a new word that was not even in my vocabulary – de-obligate and de-obligate is a terrible word. That means they have agreed to purchase something for you. So while we were manufacturing our apparatus for six to eight months, they came back and de-obligated all the purchase orders of the project worksheets on

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them with the agreement with these manufacturers because we did the NFPA bid matrix and we were able to convince them that that was the way to get apparatus the quickest and awarded two different companies. So move rapidly and don't accept the word de-obligate.

How's that for a fire station (Picture on slide)? When the guys came to set up the tent that day, I told them I bet you didn't know you'd be setting up a fire station today. We actually have two stations like that, where we have tents for apparatus and trailers for our firefighters. We had to make do with what we had and we still have to supply coverage. So we went from tent fire stations to 3 stations and 2 temporary stations. That's another one (slide showing the audience another tent station). We're getting rated and the rating bureau said we're not going to be able to count apparatus that are not under a roof. So the State Fire Marshal told me not only will he declare that a permanent structure and the we have permanent occupancy of the structure. So we played the game. (Slide) That's one of our fire stations that have been repaired. That was before it was completely repaired and we are still waiting for the signs to back on the building (another slide) Central Fire Station. I was telling you about not having the walls put in theft floors not properly repaired. So now we are going to go after some of the stimulus money to refinish the station completely. And I hope we get a good evaluator who reads our narrative and sees we need to finish repairing the station. FEMA didn't even want to put up flag poles in front of the station. How un-American is that? (Slide) And that's another one of our stations 1 & 10 look like big barns. But they are effective. (Slide) This is all the organizations that were working together that helped put us back together. Our fire department, FEMA, the Parish government, our management company, A & E firms. You know everybody is supposed to work together in harmony. This is how it actually work (slide). Is that amazing?

I had to bring Congressman Melas' secretary, Mandy, into a meeting and one FEMA guy said something. Then the other guy I across the table contradicted him. The FEMA guy in the corner who I thought was sleeping stood-up and said they are both wrong. This is how it works.

I looked at Mandy; you see what they tell you. So you need to document the meeting, document the names of the people, tape the meetings because they'll say FEMA didn't say that. (Sigh) It was like going to war with them. over fire stations, like going to battle. Isn't this crazy? This is the United States of America. We can build a mall in Iraq but we can't build fire stations in Louisiana. Something is wrong.

This is the PW (slide) process. They give you a project officer. We would tour facilities and then they would write up the project worksheet. They would rotate out sometimes and not do any work. Ninety days would go by and then a new group would come in and they would have to start all over. One fire station we measured I don't know how many times, 5, 10, 15 times, re-measured the same station. We go reassessed seven different times. Two guys showed up and they were fire fighters. That's a good thing, FEMA DOES USE FIREFIGHTERS. They said we're here to assess the fire department. I said that's great. So I took them around. Two days later, forgive me, the very next day there were three more. They said we're here to assess the fire department. I said I go assessed

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yesterday by FEMA Bob and Bill. They said we're assessing you today; we are Tom, Dick, and Harry. In three weeks I was assessed seven different times. The last group showed up and I said this will be the last time we are assess, I hope you have a camera and you need to take plenty pictures, and they did. I bet you all seven assessment teams were paid. You do your project sheet with your mitigation. They look at it, it gets justified, and it gets obligated. That's how it's supposed to work. You need to put arrows back and forth both ways because someone changes it. If there's no justification, that gets thrown out. They tell us to move all our living quarters to the second floor. We say ok. FEMA changes people and they come in and say that's improvements, you can't do that. There are many versions to the project worksheet. There may be five to six versions. You do a project worksheet on facilities, a worksheet on vehicles, a worksheet on your equipment, and buildings. Make sure you fill out your ICS sheets. Use your work logs. NIMS is a federal mandate. When you operate in a disaster, make sure you document what you do. People were working for 24 hours a day and they say they will only pay for 20. Then I find out that NOPD got paid for 24 hours a day. Document your costs. Document everything. You have to justify the fire station. The apparatus is bigger and the fire station they need bigger doors. You have to meet the NFPA codes, the state codes and the commercial building codes. Standards change and FEMA didn't understand. The state fire marshal required the building to be having sprinklers or couldn't occupy it, FEMA didn't understand. They said we're not paying for that. We pointed out it was mandated by the fire marshal, per code. We had to justify every station. We had to go to meetings and put it on the board. The architects would stand up and go over it item by item. This slide shows the start of a justification packet. It contains 91 pages. That was justification just to build a fire station. We talked with the NOFD and the architects to provide justification. Do you know how much money that could cost? The numbers of hours and work required just to provide justification. And of course invite FEMA to your groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings, get the publicity, pat them on the back because we need to continue to operate We found that fighting them publicly doesn't help, so we fight them behind closed doors and thank them publicly. Just again justifications. This is fire station two being rebuilt. This is the rendering of it. Looks pretty nice, doesn't it? Little modern, but we're going back to the way we built fire stations 100 years ago in New Orleans area, living quarters on top, apparatus bays downstairs. If a flood comes, clean out the apparatus bay and put the engine back in. This is fire station seven. It went from a two- bay, but double bay to a three bay so we gave up a bay. It should be completed in July. Station 2 should be open in August. We should have five of the seven open by December 31<sup>st</sup>. We ran into a problem with a contractor that's building two of them. We ran into a problem at station 5, the steel had to come down and concrete had to come up and they have to start all over. You got to have resident inspectors. You have to watch your people. We've had a rash of divorces. We've had counselors and they still have problems. So watch them. We have more people taking happy pills. Our community has a high suicide rate and domestic violence. So we have to watch our people. I took a little longer than the time allotted. Yesterday I went into it a little more in detail. I want to thank you for inviting me. I want to thank the State of Maryland for what you did for our Parish after Katrina. Thank you very much.

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**President Underwood:** Tom I want to thank you for coming up her. First you get a hat. That's to keep your head above water. Second you get a mug to bail water with; we really appreciate you coming up. You get a citation. It says thanks. You coached baseball and the played in Fla. Understand they played last night and did good. They won. Thanks again for coming.

Next a couple announcements. We need the representatives to report to the \$10,000 booth from Hebron, Rocky Ridge, and Virginia Hughes from Germantown. We also found a thumb drive with the name Vince on it. It would be good to have a phone number.

Next is the report of officers. First off the report of the President.

Myself, I would like to thank everyone publicly for the past year and I'm planning on short speeches. The report is in the book. Thank you. (Applause)

Next is the First Vice President.

**Vice President Powell:** Good morning. I also would like to thank everyone for all their support this year. My report is on page 26 of the program book. Thank you. (applause)

**President Underwood:** Second Vice President. (applause)

**Second Vice President Cox:** Good morning. First of all my report is on page 29 of the convention book. I would like to thank all the members from Southern Maryland for all that you've done for me and all the help you've given me. Thank you (applause)

**President Underwood:** Office of the Secretary.

**Secretary Olson:** Good morning. My report is on page 33 of the convention book. I would like to take a moment to thank my assistant secretaries, secretary emeritus Leonard King, Kristi Gable, Joe Cooper, Ron Watkins, and Richard Snader. Of course without them our office would not run as smoothly as it does. I appreciate their help. I thank you for the privilege to serve as your secretary last year. Thank you. (applause)

**President Underwood:** Office of the Treasurer.

**Treasurer Siarnicki:** Well good morning to all of you and I would like to extend greetings to everyone who is attending our annual conference and convention. The office of the treasurer has been working the last twelve months with the financial team to make sure our fiscal affairs are in a well state.

As you know we've been working with the VCAFP the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Program and those issues with the review being conducted by the State of Maryland. I must report that review is ongoing. We will continue to do everything to make sure our member companies are receiving the support from that program and that we don't create too much of a hardship to the companies as we change some of the reporting procedures.

I must say I need to thank the financial team for their efforts in pulling together the review of the budget and making sure we have tightened down our expenditures. That's always a

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tough thing to do. But it's needed and it's starting to show some benefits to the association as a whole. I would like to thank the members of that team which include the Presidents, our Secretary, the Financial Secretary Fred Cross, his assistant Chris Hyzer, budget chair Steve Kesner, and the assistant treasurers PP Bobby Jacobs, PP Lee Sachs, and Mitch Vocke because this team works hard to make sure your financial affairs are in order. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. But most of all we are going to work hard to make sure we stay a sound physical organization.

**President Frank Underwood:** The Financial Secretary, Fred Cross

**Fred Cross:** Good morning. My report is in the book. I'm not sure what page it's on. It will give you something to look for. I would like to thank all companies for getting your dues in on time this year. We had them all before we came to convention which is great.

We tried a new process this year; we mailed out invoices and returned your dues in a timely manner. Have a great convention and I thank you very much.

**President Frank Underwood:** Office of the Chief Chaplain .My report can be found on page 39 of the program book. I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial service this year. If you have any comments, send them to me via email.

At this time I have a special presentation who will be our guest speaker tomorrow morning for Prayer Breakfast. (Shows video on the Jewish Nation and ministers and rabbis talking on the subject.

**President Frank Underwood:** We will now have the report of the Executive Committee. Craig Moe.

**Craig Moe:** Our report will be found on pages 39 and 40 of the Program Book. I want to thank President Underwood for appointing me to the Executive Committee, as well as the others on the Executive Committee. They have worked tirelessly this past year and appreciate we their dedicated and hard work.

Also I want to congratulate the President on a very successful year. Your leadership and guidance has not one unnoticed and we want to thank you again very much.

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time is there any reports from the Standing or Special Committees? If not we'll go on to the Legislative Committee from Danny Davis and Richard Yinger.

**Danny Davis:** Thank you Mr. President. My report is in the Program Book on page 59. As you have heard this week about the fun and games this year at Annapolis. We had several Bills that were going to affect our EMS system and the structure of state agencies and without your help we would not have been able to stop them. As I said at first without your help none of this could have been accomplished. I want to thank you for your FAXs, Emails, and Phone calls and for talking directly to your elected officials in Annapolis. And none of this would have been accomplished. We had a successful session. We won that

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battle but we have not won the war. I believe the two will be back next Session and we will have another year similar to this one. So keep your computers warmed up.

We also have the honor to present the Senator Amos Award this year to two people. The first is here today. Joining us for the presentation of the award is the President and Vice President of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Our first winner is a Junior Senator. I've know this person since he was a commissioner. In fact the first time I saw him, my wife made the comment that he was too young to be a commissioner and if you see him now, you'd probably think he is too young to be Senator. He has worked his way up through the rank. He is one of us. His door was always open this year. He probably put his job on the line because of some of the actions he this year. But he was one of the ones leading on floor against the EMS Bills. So without further ado, I'd like to present the Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Award for Legislator of the Year – Senator Barry Glassman. (Applause and cheers).

**Senator Barry Glassman:** It's bad when your own family lies to get you down here. Not unusual but it is bad. Listen it is a pleasure and an honor to accept this award. Particularly because Senator Amoss served District 35 and that seat I represent. And it has been working. It has been great working with Danny and all the others as well. We had a difficult year this year. And a couple of Senators had some strange ideas. So we had to fight them. We followed them everywhere they sent across the State, I tried to be everywhere they went across the state or had a member of the Fire Caucus show-up. So we need to be vigilant. And keep your eyes open for bills that may surface.

Now one of these Senators is about 3 times my size and represents Cecil County, and the Shore, I don't want offend Cecil County. When I got home one night I debated him in a television booth, he was so big and I was schrumged I squeezed in a corner when I debated him. Someone asked me if was scared of him because he is so big. It just reminded me of an old county song, "When I'm fighting for you, I'm ten feet tall and bullet proof." So it didn't matter how big he was. I'll always be there for the volunteer fire service. I was born and raised in Harford County and I'll fight for it as long as I am in the Maryland Senate. Thank you very much from having me. I appreciate it very much.

**President Frank Underwood:** I made a special trip to Annapolis to see Barry get sworn in as a Senator. It has been a pleasure working with you. And on behalf of the State Association, first off we want to give you a hat. We know that all the offices in Annapolis legislature have firefighter paraphaila on their ways, so hopefully this will be one of many things you get from us to thank you for your time and effort, especially this year doing what you did to help kill those Bills. You don't know how much we appreciated, and of fo course you get a goody bag as well. (Applause)

**Danny Davis:** Our other recipient was unable to be here today. He is a Senior Senator as well. He is a member of the Budget and Taxation Committee. He's the one we went to on a Friday afternoon to get his help to try and get the Bills special order, so we would have



time to get some more support in opposition to the Bills.

He did it for us. He lead the battle on 11 3 Bills on the floor. On Monday he gave us his office to use, all night if we wanted to. He gave us access to his computer, he was always a friend but this year he has REALLY a true friend. Senator DeGrange from Anne Arundel County. We will see to it that he gets his award even if we have to schedule at an Anne Arundel County Firemen's Association Meeting.

Again, thank you for all your help. We look forward to working for you this coming year. We will keep you advised. Have a good Convention.

**President Frank Underwood:** Next is Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Director, Steven Edwards.

**Steven Edwards, MFRI Director:** Thank you. It's certainly a pleasure to be here this morning and on behalf of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute present my report. I'd like to start by congratulating President Frank Underwood, the officers and members for their strong support of MFRI and their strong support of training and educational programs throughout the state. It's very much appreciated and obviously working together we all do a great job in that regard. I'd like to thank the MFRI faculty and staff and our field instructors. They contribute a tremendous amount every year. Last year our Institute conducted 1,180 separate training programs. We trained 36,745 students. That's a lot of work. A lot of effort. It takes a lot of good quality dedicated people to make that happen. Again our faculty, staff and field instructors work day in and day out to make that happen and we really appreciate that. I'd also like to especially like to recognize the coordinator of our Southern Maryland Regional Training Center, George Fairfax who was presented the Instructor of the Year Award here yesterday. He's been with MFRI for a long time both in a part time and full time capacity. Anybody that knows George know he does not stop. He's in constant motion working on behalf the students and our programs day in and day out. I'd like to just mention a few things regarding the Institute's year. Obviously you've heard about the legislation and activities in Annapolis this year. Senate bill 764 would have affected our department which was a move to create a new department and remove MFRI from the University of Maryland at College Park. This would have had an adverse effect on our programs. I don't think it would serve anyone well in the emergency services. Fortunately that was defeated, defeated quite heavily I must say, but I would like to thank all the individuals, all the companies and associations that stood up on our behalf and made it well known that they appreciate the current system and thought it worked quite well and we just need to move forward, so thanks to you for that. The big news from the General Assembly was the MFRI North East Training Center Project. When the budget first came down construction money for that project was moved out to another year, that would have disrupted our ability to construct that project on time which would have affected the counties of Harford, Cecil, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County who primarily use that center. We were able to receive \$7.7 Million in this year's budget to allow that project to move forth. We had a lot of support for that, no question, Delegate Norm Conway who is chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and Past Chief of the

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Salisbury Fire Department was critical in our success there. An individual who just left this stage, Senator Barry Glassman work on our behalf as well, Senator La Grande, Delegate Roudolph, Delegate Mary Delaney James and others from the Cecil Harford area kept that project moving forward. I'm pleased to say as of May 6<sup>th</sup> we have the Architect and Engineering firm on board. Keep the date.

We certainly thank the Maryland State Firemen's Association who met with the Governor on our behalf

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time we will have the report of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Committee by Vice Chair Lynn Gilroy

**Lynn Gilroy:** On behalf of the Secretary of Higher Education, Dr. James E. Lyons, Sr., Chairman Michael Clemens and all the members of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and training Commission I bring you greetings.

Over the last year this commission has been dedicated and focused on a comprehensive, inclusive and forward looking strategy to more effectively foster and manage the delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS education and training in the State of Maryland. We consider this training, and delivery programs, to be one of the best in the nation.

We would like to congratulate President Frank Underwood for a successful year in leading the MSFA through a turbulent time. His leadership skills in weathering the recent legislative session have shown the full measure of this man.

We also would like to thank incoming President, Roger Powell and all our partners for their candid participation in helping us develop a consensus standard for conducting live fire training in acquired structures.

Our future work includes insuring the funds are available for participants of the Charles W. Riley Fire-Rescue-EMS reimbursement program for college bound personnel. We are also exploring the feasibility of acquiring and operating a fire and rescue driven training, testing and research facility.

Finally, the commission is paying close attention to national EMS education standards in working with MIEMSS to help insure that this state's emergency services academies will continue to be eligible to have their EMS-paramedic programs nationally accredited.

We look forward to working with the new officers of the MSFA in the coming year and wish you well for the balance of the convention.

**President Frank Underwood:** I will now call for the report from the Maryland Instructor Certification Board by Joseph A. Weisgerber, Chair.

**Joseph Weisgerber:** I would like to start by reporting that the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board is about to complete its 29<sup>th</sup> year of operation. During those 29 years, the Board has had excellent attendance and participation no only from the member organizations, but also from the sponsoring agencies that nurture and support the state

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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 2009, the MICRB held its 139<sup>th</sup> meeting. As of that meeting, there were 688 Certified State Emergency Services Instructors, 251 Evaluators, and 16 Instructor Trainers. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Ocean City Convention Center, in conjunction with the MSFA Convention.

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

- The Board sent letters to the appropriate House and Senate Committees stating its opposition to House Bill 1146 and Senate Bill 764, which would have removed the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute from the University of Maryland. The students, instructors, and emergency services departments associated with MFRI are proud of its affiliation with the University and the level of prestige it represents. The program has prospered and benefited emergency services providers for the nearly 80 years it has been a part of the University and the MICRB sees no sound reason to change.
- The Board has already begun compiling a list of issues to be addressed in the review and revision process for the Certification Standards for Emergency Services Instructors. This is an On-going process, and input is always solicited from instructors, sponsoring agencies and others. The current version of the Standards was approved by The Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and became effective in October 2007.
- 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.
- Anne Arundel Community College requested and was granted sponsoring agency status. The Community College conducts Emergency Medical Technician training programs.

The Board is always available to assist instructors and their sponsoring agencies in clarifying any issues they may have with the Certification process. Thank you. Applause.

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**President Frank Underwood:** I'd like to call on Monty Mitchell with his report from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division.

**Monty Mitchell:** Good morning. President Underwood, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests. I bring you greetings on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources Secretary John R. Griffin and Forest Service Director/State Forester Steven W. Koehn.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on the activities of the Maryland Forest Service over the past year.

Wildfire response for 2008 was on par with averages with the Agency responding to 583 wildfires that burned 2,339 acres. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning, Arson, and Equipment use. The Forest Service also conducted 25 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 537 acres. Nationally, Northern California experienced an unprecedented number of fire starts in July 2008. Maryland once again answered the call and dispatched three of our highly specialized twenty-person wildland fire crews and 10 single resource fire personnel to assist in the fire fight. Year to date in 2009 the agency has responded to 346 incidents burning 4,792 acres.

Last year, Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 33 volunteer fire departments in eleven counties receiving \$80,290 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$189,593 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Project included equipping of brush units, wildland protective equipment, upgrades to communications equipment, and other small toll purchases such as chain saws and fire hose.

The 2009 VFA grant period is currently open. There is \$93,000 in funding available to departments this year and again the maximum grant award will be \$3,000 per department with a \$6,000 or greater project cost. Applications are available from the MFS website and the deadline for submission is Tuesday, June 30 – only 2 weeks away!

MFS Equipment upgrades continued in 2008 with the replacement of two Type 6 Engines (Brush Trucks), one each in Western and Central regions of the state. The Agency also acquired a Marsh Master II amphibious unit for the suppression of marsh fires on the Eastern Shore. The unit can quickly track in a fireline and is also equipped with a 110-gallon unit.

Basic Wildfire classes were held in the fall of 2008 and spring 2009 with 69 students completing the courses. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) launched a new online version on the basic wildfire training classes S-130/S-190 and Maryland is participating in the program. The student can complete 32 of 40 classroom hours online and then participate in an 8-hour field day practical to complete the instruction and certification. Approximately 30 students have already completed the course online and also completed the field day certification.

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Our Wildland Fire Camp was held in May with 135 participants from the agency and volunteer and career fire departments. It provides a simulated large fire incident training and also advanced wildfire training for returning firefighters.

This year MFS has completed the red card certification of 135 statewide and they will be available for dispatch nationally

This spring, the agency launched a new in-state Wildland Fire Crew Volunteer program. Volunteer crewmembers can be utilized to assist the Service on large incidents, extended attack operations, and additional staffing on high fire danger days for suppression, prevention, and preparedness activities. The necessary training and equipment is provided by the Department.

The Firewise Maryland program had another successful year with six Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) completed in the Western region of the state in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties. Two Maryland communities have gained national recognition of the Firewise Communities USA program. Through three federal hazard mitigation grants the program will be expanding this year to the Eastern and Central regions of the state and continue the development of additional Community Wildfire Protection Plans. I encourage all departments to look at the benefits of planning, preparing, and mitigation efforts to prevent wildfires in their location communities.

In conclusion, The Agency appreciates the long standing partnership with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and its members in the protection of our communities from wildfires. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Frank Underwood:** At this time, I'd like to have the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report – from Director John Spearman.

**John Spearman:** Good morning. This has been a year of tremendous sacrifice, challenge and opportunity. In fact, in the last three decades, there has been no bigger challenge to our system. Every aspect of the system, as we know it, the nation's model, was questioned.

Our system is 40 years old and so challenges and questions are a natural part of change and development; we accepted these challenges with open arms. We know that change, however difficult, is necessary but any change must serve the basic principles and mission of a system that has proven its value over nearly four decades and circumstances and events demanded that we answer three questions:

- Which aspects of the Maryland Model are sound and working?
- Which aspects are being poorly implemented and need to be improved?
- Which, if any, aspects should be completely discarded?

We, all of us, from the provider in the field, to the bedside physician and nurse, to the delegates, senators and governor debated each of these questions in practically every available forum. And we debated them vigorously, with passion, because lives depended

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on our answers. But we did more. We didn't just talk among ourselves, we're true believers, and we invited experts from around the nation to engage in this urgent debate. We asked them to put their opinions and expertise on the table for all to see. Investigative reporters from local and national newspapers and television interviewed any and every critic of our system. Talk radio hosts and internet bloggers fired up the debate. Passionate dialog took place in the schools and the grocery stores, on the sidewalks and in our cars, in firehouses and executive suites and in the op-ed pages of leading National newspapers. The citizens of Maryland and the Nation weighted in on these burning questions.

At the end of the day, the fundamental question of whether the principles on which this system has been built services the citizens of Maryland were decisively answered. The nation's experts in trauma and EMS have assessed and reaffirmed that the Maryland System remains a model for the nation.

The Governor and the Legislature have confirmed this assessment and renewed their commitment to its preservation.

The citizens of Maryland have voiced their regard and support for this model and its unparalleled safety net. Those voices were heard.

You, more than anyone else, have seen and been a part of the lifesaving stories that demonstrate the value of this system. The challenges of the past year called for extraordinary vision and fearless leadership. Let me say on behalf of Shock Trauma, thank you to all of you that helped us meet that challenge.

To fire and EMS leadership who made their voices heard in a fashion unprecedented since the time of RAC, to the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association; to the Maryland State Police, to the Maryland Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Associations, to the Maryland Legislative Fire Caucus and to all the other shock trauma partners across the state.

I want to acknowledge a very special relationship with MSFA President Frank Underwood and the leadership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association who diligently worked the Legislature, coordinated rallies and put on display the awesome power of our united coalition. And finally, to each and every one of you who represented the thousands of dedicated women and men whose passion for the preserving life stands at the core of the stat EMS and trauma system.

Now allow me to share with you a brief overview of Shock Trauma's work in 2009.

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This year defending and securing the Maryland System came at a very high cost. Our hero's gave all for the system they loved. It has affected us each individually and as a body. This spring we continued to answer the call. We continue to answer the call. This spring rallied to halt those who would destroy the system. We celebrate the success of another year of saving lives:

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**President Frank Underwood:** We will now have the report of the Election Judges.

Thank you Mr. President. The report of the election judges for 2009. The following officers were unopposed and elected by a single ballot cast by the Office of Secretary with the exception of the election of the Office of the Secretary and the ballot for that office was cast by the President.

- President – Roger Powell, Esq.
- First Vice President – Doyle Cox
- Second Vice President – David Lewis
- Secretary Jackie Olson
- Treasurer – Ronald Siarnicki
- Chief Chaplain John Long
- Trustee – Doug Alexander

There were a total of 374 companies in good standing as recoded by the Secretary. The Credential Committee reports that 274 of those companies in good standing are registered at the convention. 226 eligible companies exercised their privilege to vote. There were a total of 22 Past Presidents registered at the convention. Each Past President was eligible to cast one vote. Each registered company is eligible to cast five votes, time's 226 registered companies to exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,130 eligible company votes. A total of 1,130 eligible company votes and 21 Past Presidents votes provided a total of 1,151 eligible votes. At two-thirds majority of eligible voters is per votes cast per amendment, the following are the vote counts for the proposal placed before the membership.

The proposal number 1 –	912 for	99 against proposal	PASSED
The proposal number 2 -	917 for	93 against proposal	PASSED
The proposal number 3 -	904 for	70 against proposal	PASSED
The proposal number 4 -	912 for	87 against proposal	PASSED
The proposal number 5 -	907 for	81 against proposal	PASSED

This concludes the report of the election judges. Thank you Mr. President.

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**JOINT INSTALLATION OF THE MSFA & LAMSFA OFFICERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009**

**LAMSFA President Lois Hetz** – I call the Ladies Auxiliary Installation of Officers to order.

**MSFA President Frank J. Underwood** – We call the 117<sup>th</sup> Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Installation session to order.

**Richard Brooks** – Good evening. My name is Richard Brooks it is a pleasure to be with you this evening and serve as your Master of Ceremonies this evening for our joint installation of officers for the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. It is a wonderful time. Many of you have supported your candidates for years. You are here from the home company and the counties and many of us from across the state who have enjoyed two wonderful people out going and two wonderful people who are incoming as well as their officer cadre. As we have the Presentation of the Colors by the Montgomery County Honor Guard and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drum of Greater Baltimore.

**Richard Brooks:** Please remain standing for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. At this time I will call MSFA Chaplain Rabbi Block to the podium for the Invocation. In the presence of the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel of Maryland, our new officers have accepted the responsibilities confer upon them. They have promised to serve with dignity and courage and up-hold the ideals and values of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Upon their shoulders falls the task of highest leadership. May God grant them the strength and courage they will need to face opportunities the coming year will provide and let all of us here rededicate ourselves to the great and noble task of providing for the safety of the citizens of Maryland and promise and give our support to the new officers who will lead us. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Audience Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies and Gentlemen we have enjoyed the services of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Service Honor Guard and the Pipes and Drums of the Greater Baltimore Fire Brigade. Ladies and gentleman, let's give them a round of applause. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Will the joint Honor Guard please take their places. We would like to begin now with the procession and Installation of Officers and we begin with our presiding officers, those people who have spent the last twelve months serving us as Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Would you please welcome the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Mrs. Lois Hetz from the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Prince George's County, escorted by her husband, the Reverend Harry Hetz, our chaplain? They are also joined in the



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procession by our President Frank J. Underwood from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George's County, welcome. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** We are joined by Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and we welcome Alvera Miller (1965-1966), and Marie Soutor (1988-1989). We also have in our audience, already seated Janet Pheffer (1992-1993) and Joan Cumberland (1998-1999). Mary Jane Tegler (1980-1981), Rose Pandolfini (2007-2008). Men's Presidents – Robert Dempsey (1980-1981), Chief Roger Steger, Jr. (2000-2001)

**Richard Brooks:** We will now introduce the incoming Officers for 2009-2010) (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Beginning with our Ladies Auxiliary Officers: Color Bearer – Lori Denbow from Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary escorted by her husband, Jeff Denbow. Her Page is Christine Deckard and her Past President is Sharon Worthington (1995-1996). (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer – Stephanie Holsinger, Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County, escorted by Chief Buddy Sutton. Her Page is her mother, Mary Bladen and her Past President is Bessie Marshall Chairman, Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985)

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Guard – Marcia Roth, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County and she is escorted by her husband, Johnie Roth, Jr.. Her Page is her son, Eric Roth and her Past President is Patricia Deamond (2006-2007).

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Historian Nancy J. Jones, Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Charles County, escorted by her husband, Otis Jones. Her Page is her granddaughter, Miranda Namm and her Past President is June Black (1989-1990)

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary vice Chaplain is Vivian M. Boyd, Capital Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George's County and she is escorted by her husband, Ron R. Boyd. Her Page is Mary M. Russell and Lesa Free and her Past President is Sharon Worthington (1995-1996).

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain is Barbara Sue Nelson, Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department, St. Mary's County and she is being escorted by her husband John "Speedy" Nelson. Her Page is Mary C. Nelson and her Past President is Barbara McWilliams (2005-2006).

**Richard Brooks:** MSFA Chief Chaplain – Rev. John F. Long, Jr., Ferndale Volunteer Fire Department, Anne Arundel County.

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary is Darby Byrd, Dentsville Volunteer EMS Department Ladies Auxiliary, Charles County, escorted by her husband,

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Kevin Byrd. Her Page is Cyndi Wood and her Past President is Eloise Healy (1994-1995).

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Financial Secretary Ann F. Price-Davis, Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Baltimore County, and escorted by her husband, Michael Davis. Her page is her mother, Cathie Price and her Past President is Leone Gatton (1985-1986).

**Richard Brooks:** MSFA Financial Secretary, George A. "Fred" Cross, Past President (1995-1996), Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County. His Escort is granddaughter, Anna Banks.

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, Carol Hayden, Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County, her escort is the Vice President of Kensington VFD Aux., Don Phillips. Her Page is her mother, Elsie Hayden and her Past President is Peggy Zembower (1986-1987).

**Richard Brooks:** We regret that our Treasurer, Ron Siarnicki, is not with us this evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he returns home to United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Queen Anne's County to attend the funeral of 23 year old Mike Schwak.

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Recording Secretary, Sherry Soper, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Frederick County and her escort is Cecil Wood. Her Page is Ruth Martin, Friend and Treasurer of Woodsboro Auxiliary and her Past President is Peggy Webb (2000-2001).

**Richard Brooks:** MSFA Secretary, Jacqueline M. Olson, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County, and her escort is her son, Tyler Olson.

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice President, Teresa Ann Crisman, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George's County, and her escort is Frank Nicholson. Her Page is Kitty Garner and her Past President is her mother, Mary Frances Crisman (1990-1991)

**Richard Brooks:** MSFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dave Lewis, Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County and his wife, Gloria is his escort.

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President, Sandi T. Lutz, Glenn Dale Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary and her escort is her husband, Lee Lutz. Her Page is her granddaughter, Camryne L. Free and her Past President is Eloise Healy (1994-1995).

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies and gentleman please rise to our newly elected President Kathy Knipple, Junior Fire Company #2 Ladies Auxiliary, Frederick County; her escort is Clarence "Chip" Jewell. Her Pages are Conference Chair Brenda Harrison and Conference Co-Chair Jean Wetzel. Her Past President is Betty Grabenstein (1999-2000). (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** And now let me introduce the 2009-2010 MSFA President Roger Powell from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County. He is escorted tonight by

his Wife, Iris Powell. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Ladies and Gentlemen would you all please be seated. Well good evening to all of you. Ladies you look lovely. Ladies you look lovely on the other side as well. Gentlemen you look well. Good to see you. The worse part here is anxiety making sure that you come up the steps in once piece. That's best. So we say walk slow – that's wonderful. It is a wonderful night for all of you as you begin to pursue your offices for the next year and some of you for the next several years. But we need to have just a little bit of work done in order to get to that point. At this time we have two wonderful people that we heard highlighted at our banquet earlier this week. A successful year, a challenging year and a year of unity. And for her final remarks, I would invite the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association to the podium, Mrs. Lois Hetz, Madam President.

**President Lois Hetz for her remarks** - Good evening everyone. The year has flown by. From the ladies auxiliary perspective I believe it's been a great year. We have grown by three new members auxiliaries and we've supported the men in Annapolis.

The Bessie Marshal Fund has extended its coverage and has paid 40 cases this year, providing financial assistance to non-line-of-duty injuries and illness.

It has been my honor to travel across this great state to represent the LAMSFA. In those travels while participating in events, I have had opportunities to participate in similar events. I have had the opportunity to witness history as auxiliaries achieve milestones in 50, 60 years of service. I have had the opportunity to support these milestones with these auxiliaries by providing service citations. It is truly an amazing accomplishment for all our great auxiliaries and their members. The many fund raisers and the tens of thousands of dollars that have been raised in the support of the fire department.

I thank God for sustaining us through the years as I have gone through the offices and for His wisdom and guidance step by step all the way. I have made many friends and truly appreciate all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes for their success and accomplishments.

Thank you for the many gifts, invitations from both local and county auxiliaries. Thank you for allowing me to learn about you and thank you for allowing me to be part of your meetings, banquets and celebrations. Celebrating your accomplishments.

To my officers and committees thank you for supporting the LAMSFA and me. It is through all the efforts of our achievements that LAMSFA is successful.

President Underwood, thank you Frank for all you have done to support the LAMSFA and me this year. Thank you very much.

To the incoming presidents, Kathy Knipple and Roger Powell, I wish you both great successes in your term as president. To each one of you in the audience, thank you for coming and thanks for taking time from your schedule to come and share in these events.

May God bless you in the days ahead? Thank you. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** And now it is a pleasure to introduce the Maryland State Firemen's Association President Frank J. Underwood for his final remarks.

**President Underwood:** The only way I've learned that I won't cry during a speech, it is not say anything and that is usually what happens. Who knew, when we took office that we would have to fight for our rights to be an individual group the way we are. When I took the oath of office, all I thought it was going to be was to fight for money. I'd like to proudly known, in my heart, that everybody got together and fought for our cause. It was unbelievable what has happened. Within the first week I had my first line-of-duty death that I had to attend. It wasn't much after that, that we lost our beloved Don Mooney. Somebody I go to see at the hospital every month, actually every week and get him all stirred up but it was fun. I am going to miss him. We would happen to be going through the times of proven safety of our helicopters and won't you know it, the next week we had a helicopter crash. Everything was down and you felt like kicking a can across the road, but just couldn't do it. Sadly you just sat there all day looking at those bodies of our fellow friends and family. But then we had a water main break and believe it or not, that helped us. That saved us and brought us back and then the ninety days at Annapolis proved that we are the number one and the best in the world. You can't improve on the best, you might tweak it but we are the best. As individuals we may not be a lot, but as a group we are powerful and we are great. So it didn't take much after that, unfortunately when Mr. Trouble got killed, the trooper that sat with us all day got killed. It didn't take much after that, Mr. Clough got killed, one of our chief's. Unfortunate, but you know out of it all, I think we are a better family. We stuck together through thick and thin. And I want to thank you all, thank my family – both fire and personal – for being there and not being mad at me at the end of my year – so far anyway. Anyway thank you all. It has been a fantastic year. Thank you.

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Mr. President. And if you could perform one more official task. Could you please escort Madame President? We asked you to take a place center stage and face the audience for a moment. Ladies and gentlemen to say this year has been marked with challenges would be an understatement but to say that this year is filled with success is a true statement. Would you please honor our Presidents for an outstanding year during their term of office for the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association? (Applause) Would you please return and take a seat and if you would look at this as your first opportunity for a rest. You are now graciously going to pass the torch. And at this time, I will ask the Ladies Auxiliary installing officer, Past President Rose Pandolfini to come forward and install the Ladies Auxiliary Officers. Madame President.

**Past President Rose Pandolfini:** Ladies if you will stand. Raise your right hand and repeat your name where I say mine. I, Rose Pandolfini, to solemnly promise to fulfill the duties to the office to which I have been elected. And to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I will protect

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and maintain all properties and monies entrusted to my care and turn same over to my duly elected successor at the completion of my office. So help me God. Congratulations ladies, you are now duly installed. Ladies and gentlemen, these are your new officers for the coming year. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Congratulations ladies it is a pleasure and we will look forward to seeing you. Past President Pandolfini, before you leave, would you make the presentation of the Past President's pin to Lois.

**Past President Rose Pandolfini** – President Hetz would you please come forward. It is my privilege and honor – we have been very good friends for so many years – to pin this on you. And we the past presidents, look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our lunch of the Past Presidents and inducting you into our family. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Lois if you would, if you would remain here please as I introduce a very nice gentleman, Harry Hetz who has a presentation.

**Harry Hetz:** I have never gotten so much grief over a gift. I have been chided, encouraged, cohered to get this gift. Lois let me present you with your past president's ring. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Harry. And Madame Past President, would you perform your first official task and past the trappings of the Office to Kathy Knipple, that being the seal, the shadow box and gavel.

**Lois Hetz:** Kathy it is my privilege, and I am happy to do so. To present you with the Presidents Seal, to hang in your house or your fire house, if you feel comfortable to do so, to show this is the home of the president. And this is the shadowbox with the old badges and helmet and one thing I can remember is my mother wearing that helmet. And this is the gavel, use it wisely, use it well and only use it when you need to. Congratulations. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** I should have said your rest is over and you have work to do. You can rest again – very good. Kathy congratulations. It has been a long trip to get to that chair and we are going to look forward to this. We are now going to move to the Installation of Officers to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. And I will invite Past President Roger Steger, Jr. to install the MSFA Officers. Chief Steger.

**Past President Steger:** Please rise and raise your right hand and using your name where I use mine and if Leonard were here I would get out my paper and read it but he won't let me do it. I, Roger Steger, do solemnly swear to uphold the rules, regulations and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. And I will to the best of my ability, carry out the duties of the Office to which I have been elected. And I will, at the completion of my term, turn over all records, monies and equipment entrusted to me. So help me God. Ladies and gentlemen here are your new officers for this year – 2009-2010. Congratulations. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Chief Steger, before you leave us, would you please pass on the Past

President's ring and Past President's badge to President Underwood.

**Chief Steger:** Frank you didn't think this day would come did you? It came fast and you did a great job. Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Past President, I would like to present you with this Past President badge. Show everyone what it looks like because there's not one in here. The badge did not arrive on time and if I had thought about it, I would have brought mine and used it. But anyway I will present it to you. On behalf of the Past Presidents, we would like to present you with one of the jackets that we were giving out yesterday and welcome you aboard. (Applause) He already has his name tag.

**Richard Brooks:** Frank you can get some mileage out of that on Thursday morning. We have a special guest here tonight. It gives great pleasure to introduce this man, who knows both of these Presidents, please welcome Mr. Roy Dyson. (Applause)

**Sen. Dyson:** Good evening. How are you all? Frank and Lois? You know one of the great things about this is that you start out and call him Mr. Underwood and ends of Frank and Lois. It is because they are in my office so much during the 90 day session, that I wish it would hurry up and get over with. No not true at all. I got down here, in Ocean City, today, actually yesterday. I was driving down the street and people were walking around and they have hoods on and they look so cold. I want to welcome you all to the winter meeting of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. What I have here is a proclamation, from the Governor for Frank and I also have one from the Maryland General Assembly, and that is from me, and I am not going to read them but if you'll come up. If you will come up, I will present them, they say wonderful things. I don't know but anyway. Thank you very much for everything. We also have one for Lois Hetz. It is from the Governor and it talks about your term. It talks about the wonderful things you done. I also have one from me and it is very sincere. Thank you very much. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks.** Thank you Senator. He just looked at me as we passed behind stage. That man has been here year after year supporting us and as I walked by I said Congressman. It is nice to see you. Mr. President, and do me the honor please. Come and get Madame President and go to the center of the stage. Ladies and gentlemen, we have given these two people our confidence that they will lead our organizations for the next year. It is our responsibility to stand behind them as a sign of our dedication and to President Kathy Knipple and President Roger Powell, would you please stand and acknowledge our commitment. (Applause) And if you would escort Madame President this way, we would enjoy hearing your first remarks as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

**President Kathy Knipple:** Officers, Past Presidents, Auxiliary Members, Honor guests and Friends. It is with great pride that I stand here tonight as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I started my travel through the chairs twelve years ago with my husband by my side. Unfortunately he is not here with me tonight, but I am sure he is proud of me in my accomplishments to become President

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of this great organization.

I want to thank Chip Jewell and Charlie Albrecht for being my escorts for the past several years in John's place. I want to thank my fire company, Junior Fire Company of Frederick and their auxiliary for their support. Would they please stand. I also would like to thank the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association and their Auxiliary, would they please stand. Thank you all very much for your support. I want to thank my Past President Betty Grabenstein for all her support and to Brenda Harrison, my Page and for being there when I needed someone to travel with to my many invitations I have received over the past 12 years. Thank you to all the auxiliaries for the invitations I have received over the years and for all their friendships. Now I want to thank the rest of my family and thank them for their support. My son Richard and his wife Paula and Ethan, my son Michael and his daughter, Lacey who lived with John and me for many years. I don't see them out there; I don't know where they have gotten too. Oh! (As her family comes out behind her on stage.) They understood all the times I had to be away and could not be with them. And I thank you all very much for that. To MSFA President Roger Powell, I am looking forward to serving with you this year. To the officers of the MSFA, I promise you the support of the LAMSFA and I am looking forward to a very successful year. To my fellow officers I am looking forward to a great year together. I give you my support and dedication, that all our goals will be successful in the coming year. Thank you. Her family joins her on the podium. Mom we would like to give this to you in your travels around the state. We are very proud of what you have done and achieved. I am sure Dad is very proud of you as is looking down on you now. So thank you for everything. She shows everyone the nice travel bag.

**Richard Brooks.** Kisses all the way around on the stage. That is a good thing. Senator Dyson, please.

**Senator Dyson:** Kathy, would you like to come up here? I am going to read them all on this one. This is from the Governor of the state of Maryland to you. And it says, it is known that, on the behalf of the citizens of Maryland recognition of a special tribute to honor you for your service to the people of Maryland. With congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your installation to the President of the LAMSFA. And as citizens join together to express our gratitude for your on-going efforts for the State, we are pleased to offer you this Governor's Citation dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009. And this one is from me. I keep saying it is from me but it is really from the General Assembly and I signed it there. Again it gives me great pleasure to present this citation for recognition of your election to President of the LAMSFA. Thank you so much. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Thank You Senator. Kathy we have a presentation to you from the Maryland State Fire Marshal, Mr. Bill Barnard.

**Fire Marshal Bill Barnard:** Good evening Madame President. On behalf of all the men and women in the State Fire Marshal's Office and in recognition of your election to President of the LAMSFA. We wish you continued success and we Thank you for your dedication and your exceptional dedication and cooperation in advancing the cause of Fire

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and Life Safety in Maryland. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Mr. Bernard. Next we have Chief Todd Johnson and Chief Mickey Fylock from Frederick County.

**Chief Fylock:** Good evening, on behalf of Frederick County Government and the County Commissioners. I have a certificate of Recognition for Kathy and I want to tell her how proud they are of her. On behalf of the Association, I've known this lady a long time and I had the honor and privilege to work with her late husband at the Communication Center and you're right. I can just see him push his glasses back and say – "well Kathy, if we are going to do it – let's do it!" I learned a long time ago, at an early age, that the backbone of our association and our states is the Ladies Auxiliaries. I know with Kathy at the helm, we will stay strong and I want to thank you and let you know how proud I am of you. (Applause)

**Chief Johnson:** Hi Kathy, as you know I wear several hats. I am here tonight on behalf of Frederick Mayor, William Jeff Helzsinger with a certificate declaring today as Kathy Knipple Day in Frederick. It is signed by the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick.

**Richard Brooks:** I am going to ask Chief Johnson, president of Junior Fire Company and President of the Ladies Auxiliary Jane Bropts to join us.

**Chief Johnson:** Kathy, first of all congratulations on your election as President of the LAMSFA. We have several presentations to make. First this is from the Company. We know you will be travelling many miles over the coming year and this is to help you out. It is a company credit card to help with the expenses. She then opens a present from the auxiliary which contains more luggage and a card enclosed that contains a pocket of money.

**President Kathy Knipple:** thanks her auxiliary for their gifts.

**Chief Johnson:** Kathy, this is from the Board. You served with me for many years on the Board and this will assist you in the office work you need to do and as you travel around the state. The Board presented her with a portable office. We hope these tokens will help you as you travel the state.

**President Kathy Knipple:** Thank you very much.

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you all. Next we have the President of the Frederick County Ladies Auxiliary, Jean Wetzel and President of Independent Hose Company Auxiliary, Stacy Rumpf. Ladies.

**Jean Wetzel:** Kathy on behalf of the Frederick County Auxiliary and the Frederick Firemen's Association, we would like to present you with this check.

**President Kathy Knipple:** it is a check for \$300.00. Thank you.

**Stacy Rumpf:** Kathy, on behalf of Independent Hose Company, we would like to present you with these flowers and a check. We wish you all the best this year and we will support



you.

**President Kathy Knipple:** Thank you all very much.

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you ladies. It is a pleasure to welcome to the podium, Sandy Lutz, Senior Vice President of the MSFA to speak on behalf of the Officers of the LAMSFA. Sandy.

**Senior Vice President Sandy Lutz:** Madame President – doesn't that sound good Kathy? President Kathy Knipple – WOW!!! Kathy you have worked hard to get to this point. Your fellow officers are proud of you and the opportunity to serve with you. We know you will keep us on course the next twelve months. We are here to support and help you with anything you will be challenged with.

To President Powell and the Officers of the MSFA, we congratulate you on achieving your goal. As we look forward to assisting you and your officers and the members of the MSFA this coming year. President Knipple and her officers want to thank the Auxiliaries, the MSFA members, families and friends joining us this evening and sharing in this time with the newly elected officers of the MSFA and the LAMSFA. We hope everyone has a fun and safe time while you are in Ocean City. Thank you.

**Richard Brooks.** Thank you Sandy. It is now my pleasure to introduce the President of the MSFA for his remarks and introductions. Mr. President.

**President Roger Powell:** I stand before you a humble man.

Before I say anything else, it is important to thank and acknowledge those without whom and without whose support, I would not be in this position.

First, I want to thank God for giving me the wisdom and strength which has enabled me to reach this day. I pray that He will continue to guide me as I begin my year as president.

Secondly, I want to thank my company and my county association for their support which has been absolute and given without reservation.

Then, there are those who have mentored me and advised me – Don Mooney, God rest his soul, Fred Cross, Bernie Smith, Gene Worthington, Richard Yinger, Phil Hurlock, Bobby Jacobs, Tom Mattingly, Danny Davis, Leonard King and Paul Sterling.

Finally, there are my wives (for me it takes two, just ask them!). I could not have come this far – Lee and Iris to you, my thanks and my love.

I sincerely hope I didn't leave anyone out. To Frank and Doyle, I appreciate your support and advice. To put it bluntly, it's been a hell of a year. Frank, I thank you for helping prepare me for this moment. There is no way to explain the extent of responsibility. To understand, you really must live the experience. Doyle, I look forward to continuing to work with you this coming year as we have throughout the year now ending. From both of you I have received the greatest gift one can give – lasting friendship. To Dave, I together with

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Doyle will do my best to teach you what you need to know just as I was taught.

What I have learned and observed during the many years I have served this association. Each incoming President begins his term of office standing on the shoulders of all who came before him. That sturdy base and that base are formidable! One only needs to look around to see the wisdom and dedication which is represented by the past presidents. Substantially all of whom make themselves available to those such as me who aspire to lead the MSFA.

Like those who have come before me, I have through my years of service formulated an agenda which I hope to initiate beginning on Thursday morning at which time I will discuss my plans.

For now, allow me to say that I pledge my time, talent and ability to the task of leading the MSFA the next year. I pledge that I will carry out the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and will strive to become one of those foundation stones I earlier mention and that I will always be accessible and that I will strive to lead the MSFA on to greater glory. To the Ladies, I look forward to working with you in the year ahead. I look forward to traveling throughout the State with Kathy and so let me finally say, thank you.

**Richard Brooks:** Roger, stay right here. Good job Mr. President. I appreciate the materials that you have established, including you have two wives publically and that you blew kisses to both of them. Thank you. Mr. President we do have a few presentations for you. I would ask Mr. Glen Resnick, Chief of Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, to come forward. I am going to leave alone that you have two wives and that Glen is wearing a skirt! I am going to leave it alone! (Cheering as Mr. Resnick comes on stage.)

**President Roger Powell.** My Pipes Band has been here for the convention. Glen and two of my other members of the Company are in the band. You guys are terrific! (Applause)

**Chief Glen Resnick:** Thank you. First of all to correct it, I am the Chief Officer and not the President. I would like for all of the members of Pikesville and the Baltimore County Firemen's Association to please rise and be recognized and to show support to our incoming President. (Applause) I would like to congratulate all if the Officers of the MSFA an LAMSFA for a job well done and Frank, I still love that fan.

The success of any organization is to pass the torch to competent leadership. That is exactly what the MSFA continues to do. This year is definitely no different. On behalf of the officers and members of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to congratulate all of the Officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA. We look forward to your guidance and leadership.

To our new President, Roger Powell, I know firsthand your dedication, your commitment and your tireless work efforts that you bring to this organization. After all, you follow in a good blood stream of the MSFA Presidents - From Pikesville VFC, Mr. Chas Stallings (1942-1948), Mr. William Chenowith, (1953-1954); Mr. Bo Keller (1961-1962); Mr. Smith

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Stathem (1982-1983); your other wife, Lee Sachs (2005-2008) and now you. Yes that makes six presidents to the MSFA from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company. It is an honor to officially call you Mr. President. We look forward to working with you and we look forward to much success during your Presidency.

On behalf of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to present you with a gift. Now I know as President, you don't get much down time. But when you do, we want you to use it well and enjoy it. And maybe get some time to relax while using it. And, again to everyone be well and stay safe. Congratulations.

**Richard Brooks:** Three minutes and 12 months worth of materials. They want you to open your gift. Don't be dainty, tear the paper. You guys are killing me. Lois I was about ready to move you. It's a Bose radio. Roger, please stay here. Senator Dyson would you please return to the stage.

**Senator Dyson:** When I arrived here tonight, Johnny Gatton tells me it takes 13 or more years to become President. Before I read these citations, I want to let you know that this year in Annapolis was the greatest. This year was the greatest in my opinion for the fire service. The greatest year for the people of Maryland. Granted they may not know it, but they are the safest. We did not lose a helicopter. That could have happened. You folks did all the leg-work for us and God Bless You – you did one hell of a job. (Applause) You should be proud of yourselves. (Applause)

Roger please come to the podium to receive the following: On behalf of Governor O'Malley I have a citation, it is a special tribute to you for your service to the citizens of Maryland. The second citation is from the Maryland General Assembly for official citation on your election to the office of Maryland State Firemen's Association President.

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Senator. State Fire Marshal, Bill Barnard, would you please join us.

**Fire Marshal Bill Barnard:** Roger on behalf of all the men and women of the Office of the Fire Marshal; we congratulate you on your election to President of the MSFA. We wish you continued success and thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your continued and exceptional support for Life Safety in Maryland. We are here to partner with you all the way. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Roger we have a special gentleman, who closed up his shop early and came all the way to Ocean City to see you. He represents Baltimore County, Mr. Bartenfelder. (Applause)

**Mr. Bartenfelder:** Good evening and congratulations to all of the new Officers. Thank you for all the volunteers out there for the great job you do throughout the year.

I have a resolution here from Baltimore County Counsel, who is very proud of Roger. Roger if you will please join me. I have known Roger for several years. But when I went to put this resolution together, I found out a lot more about him than I knew. So I am going

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to read the entire resolution.

The Baltimore County Council congratulates Roger N. Powell on his election to the office of President to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. And,

Whereas Roger entered the field of fire service in 1973 as an active member of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company while also serving as an attorney for the company; and Whereas he also served as legal counsel for the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association for more than 20 years; and, Whereas for more than 35 years, Roger has reviewed legislation and advised the officer of the MSFA and advised them of legal matters that affected the MSFA. He has been a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for more than 33 years and principal editor of the Fire Laws Book since 1982.

For his dedication to the fire service, he received the Gladhill-Thompson Award in 2003; elected to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame in 1989; Elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the MSFA in 2007 and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in 2008; and Whereas, on June 16, 2009 Roger Powell will be sworn in as President of the MSFA; an organization that is to serve, promote, and advocate the interest of all fire, rescue and Emergency Medical Services Departments of Maryland and the individual members of the MSFA of Maryland and the individual members of the MSFA and be available to assist in all available aspects in the needs and activities including Management, Administration, Budget, Operations and Logistics.

Now therefore, be it resolved before the Baltimore County Council, of Baltimore County, Maryland, that the members of the Baltimore County Council joins with all those assembled on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the MSFA Convention and Conference in Ocean City, Maryland to celebrate the election of Roger N. Powell as President of the MSFA and offers its best wishes for future success of the President and other officers of this organization as they continue to provide exceptional performance, valor, and community service to the citizens of Maryland.

Congratulations Roger. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Mr. Bartenfelder thank you very much for making the trip to Ocean City to visit with us. I hope you have a few minutes to stay and meet all the officers here on stage and several others. I would caution you not to be like our Past President and President that it is 55 mph all the way to Baltimore. Next we have the President of Baltimore County Firemen's Association, Buddy Stagerwald.... Mr. President and delegation.

**President Stagerwald:** Good Evening. It is my great honor and privilege on behalf of Baltimore County Firemen's Association to extend greetings to all the honored guests and families and distinguished officers, both LAMSFA and MSFA here tonight. It is a great honor that I have because I have had two presidents, Lee Sachs and now Roger going into office from Baltimore County. We are afforded a great honor in Baltimore County by not just having these presidents available to us, but as you can see we have a delegation here with us tonight and I want to take a moment to introduce them and talk a little bit about

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Baltimore County for a second and Roger to you and then I am going to pass to my Senior Vice President John Dulina and we will present Roger with a Proclamation. We have our Senior Vice President John Dulina, we have with us Division Chief Mike Robinson from Baltimore County Fire Department and if he'll come up here with me right now. I have our representative to the Executive Board – Stu Carter, Vice President of Administration Beth Stone, and my Vice President of Operations, Tom Jeffers. The reason I say all this is because we in Baltimore County afford a relationship of career and volunteers and Joe Bartenfelder, our councilman, a relationship that extends a true partnership with the rescue and fire service in Baltimore County to work as one. We, in Baltimore County, look to the MSFA and we look for Roger to serve proudly. Roger is one of us and one of our own. We look also to Ann Price-Davis to serve the LAMSFA proudly. I thank you and congratulations to all the officers and I wish them a successful year. I am now going to ask Mike Robinson to say a few words on behalf of Fire Chief of Baltimore County.

**Mike Robinson:** Thank you Buddy. I am here tonight representing Fire Chief John Hollman and on behalf of Chief Hollman and the Baltimore County Fire Department, I would like to congratulate all the newly elected and installed officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA. Having served on the MSFA Executive Board for 8 years, I can tell you, after being involved in numerous committees over the years, that the dedication and commitment put forth by the officers, there are not words to truly embrace what that experience is about. They truly dedicate their lives and I think at times, we're not as appreciative and tolerant of all the issues that surround their service. So on behalf of the Baltimore County Fire Department, I commend you. As President, Stagerwald eluted to, the Baltimore County Fire Department is not really a fire department, we refer to it as a fire service. We are truly a partnership between career and volunteers working together to save life, property and protect the environment. Critical to that relationship we have is leadership. And the leadership that Roger Powell has exhibited over the past 30+ years in the fire service is really tremendous. I have the honor to serve with Roger in a number of capacities, I have even employed him as an attorney before and I can tell you his is competent. I want to say, on behalf of Baltimore County Fire Service, that we will pledge our support to Roger throughout the year and we will pledge our support to Roger throughout the year and the resources of Baltimore Fire Department are at your disposal anything you need, all you have to do is just give us a call and we will support you in any way possible. So in closing again we are competent that Roger will serve the Association well. He has a hard act to follow being #6 in lineages from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department who's been serving in our county for 112 years. So Roger we congratulate you and your election and we wish you the best in the coming year. Thank you. (Applause)

**John Delina:** Roger if you'll come up please. Baltimore County Firemen's Association recognizes Roger N. Powell of the Pikesville Fire Company for his 37 years of service. As an attorney to the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, the Baltimore County Fireman's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association and hereby congratulates him as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and wishes him every success as he serves the volunteer companies of Maryland.

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And it is signed by President Stagerwald and our Secretary, John Frank. Congratulations.  
(Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you all and thank you all for that unified presentation. Roger we have 1 last presentation for you and I would invited Peg Mooney to come forward for something special.

**Peg Mooney:** Roger, you know when you started down this path to reach this spot, Don use to ride along with you. This is really from Don. Not from us – OK. He's been here all week – I know, but he needed us to put this together for you.

I am going to help you unpack it. The bag says "Safety First" ok? Everyone goes home we hope. When Don first started riding he would come home and just shake his head and say – "He's insane, he drives like you wouldn't believe," he's about as bad as "BLEEP BLEEP" who we won't mention. This is for you. This is a guide for drivers over 55. And there's a whole piece in there for seniors. OK. No Fred also would ride in the back seat and pray. We have a driving waiver for passenger riding with Roger Powell and a person in the back seat has to pray. A St. Christopher's metal – even though we know you are Jewish, we figured you needed all the help you could get. Ok. These are stress balls for people in the car. There's a lot of information here about RR crossings and school busses and all kinds of government things. There's a jacket for you in case you have to get out of the car should someone else have an accident. There are other things in the package. Remember these aren't from us. They are from Don and we thank you very much and we're grateful that you and Don were friends and you've gotten this far. (Applause)

**Richard Brooks:** Peg thanks for coming and thanks for being in Ocean City. It's great to see you – I can only imagine how Don would have made that presentation. I know you all have the same vision. If there would have been something in the statement about Bernie Smith taught him how to drive. Hope Bernie's here maybe not. Next we have from the Transportation Committee Mr. Tom Flint for a joint presentation.

**Tom Flint:** Good evening everybody. The Transportation Committee really has come a long way in the last 10 years. This year alone we are over 11,600 active tags and did 8,000 entries. It is through the success of the hard work of the people we have working with us. That wouldn't be possible but I see one present out here that's helped us and I see several coordinators from the counties and if it wasn't for those people and the Ladies Auxiliary help we wouldn't be here today. We're here today to honor the two people to get this far and I think they deserve it. The two really work hard and they deserve it. Kathy and Roger would you come up please. We want to present to them their tags. Kathy your Ladies Auxiliary tag for 2009 and for Roger Powell – he gets his 2009 tag. Congratulations to both of you. (Applause)

I want to say thank you to the Past Presidents, Ladies and Gentlemen, you have been great to work with and also thank you Frank for remembering the little people all the way up.

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**Richard Brooks:** Ladies and gentlemen, we know there are other presentations and gifts to be made and we invite you to do that after the program. At this time I invite our Chaplain, Rabbi Block for the blessing of our newly installed officers. Chaplain....

**Rabbi Block:** In the wilderness Aaron blessed the people and I would like to bless you with that biblical blessing that dates back to Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon each and every one of you and be gracious to you. May God grant you his choicest blessings that of Serenity, inner peace, God bless you." (Rabbi Block repeated each of the phrases in Hebrew and then in English.)

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Chaplain. Ladies and gentlemen you begin on a new venture, it will be 12 months, no one knows the challenges that lay ahead, no one can predict that the future will bring but what we offer you is our faith. We have faith in your abilities. We have faith in your experience and as we rose before and offer our confidence, we know that you will use that confidence to carry out the tasks that lie ahead and when those challenges present themselves and they will, because no one goes thru these 12 months unscathed. You will bring them to a successful conclusion. You will bring us all together back here in June of next year. We wish you all the best. (Applause)

Will our Vice Chaplain, Vivian Boyd, come forward and offer the benediction.

**Vice Chaplain Vivian Boyd:** Would everyone please stand. Thank you. Heavenly Father as we come to a close of our installation program, we thank you for the dedication and commitment of our officers and leaders through the years, especially Presidents Underwood and Hetz as they completed their terms of office. We thank you for the wisdom, guidance and travelling ministry you have provided them.

As we turn to our new officers we thank you for Presidents Powell and Knipple and the new term for the officers of the MSFA and the LSMSFA. We ask for your blessing upon them for the coming year, grant them wisdom and understanding for the challenges that lie ahead and grant them health to fulfill the duties of their respective offices.

Father we thank you for allowing us to be called Emergency Services and Auxiliaries to serve our communities across this great state. We ask for your continued mercy over our departments and auxiliaries and that you will continue to bless our hands that we will offer relief during these situations and times of need. Dismiss us now with thy presence and peace and as we retire this evening. We thank you Father for all things.

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Chaplain Boyd. This concludes our Installation of Officers for 2009. Thank all of you for being with us. Please take time to greet our officers this evening. We hope to see you at 10:00. Have a nice evening.

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Session 4**

**Call to Order by President Roger N. Powell:** I call the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference into session and for our Invocation this morning, the Assistant Chaplain, the Rabbi Kenneth Block will give the invocation.

**Invocation by Chaplain Rabbi Block** - Our God and God of all people we must often revive the gladness of gratitude. Let's all rise and put ourselves in God's presence this morning. Thank you. Our Father, God, we thank you for life itself, for sight, hearing, smell and touch. Thank you, oh Lord for the certainty forever renewing vital force infuses us and vibrates in the glory about us. We give thanks for the beauty of nature and its gifts and pray we may share as richly as we have received. We stand in wonder before the birth of children; the miracle of their growth; their love and laughter. We are grateful for love and the opening of hearts between man and wife, parents and children. We give thanks for our freedom in this land while knowing its frailty and recognizing our obligation to nurture and protect it. We are gratified for the blessings we enjoy in this land and hope that we can share in its renewal of its vigor.

We are grateful for gifts of knowledge and conscious enabling us to know truth from falsehood right from wrong. We give thanks to you, oh Lord who shares with us a spark of your glory and wisdom involving us in the frame which is both yours and ours, the partnership of completing the work of creation. The day is short, the task is great, we are not required to complete it but neither are we at liberty to sustain from it. AMEN

**President Roger N. Powell:** We now have a safety message from the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Hoby Howell.

**Hoby Howell, Chair of Safety Committee:** Good morning. The Safety Committee would like to congratulate the newly elected President Roger Powell and all the officers.

Here we are, it's Wednesday, the last session and most of you will be en route to the parade. Please remind all your members in the parade to please abide by the rules and everyone be safe. Enjoy the rest of the week with your family and loved ones and everyone be safe. Also on your way home this week, drive to stay alive. Your Safety Committee has had a wonderful week with you. Thank you very much.

**President Roger Powell:** We will now call upon Richard Brooks, Chairman of the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission for a presentation.

**Richard Brooks:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. If I could have the



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State Fire Marshal and Tom Collins come out. Right over there commissioner. You got away from us yesterday when we were having the State Fire Prevention Commission meeting and we didn't want to let this go because of your tenure on the State Fire Prevention Commission has been long and distinguished and I might say a lot of miles. When we have the meeting in Laurel, you're travelling from down here. We know the personal debt you pay and we want to show our gratitude. What we have here is a State of Maryland Governor's citation.

Be it known that on behalf of the citizens of the state in recognition of the hard work and dedication you have demonstrated during your term of service for the Maryland Fire Prevention Commission and in honor of your long standing commitment to the safety of our citizens during which you have set the standard for others to follow and, as an expression of our gratitude, great respect and sincere best wishes for continued success, we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor's citation signed by Martin O'Malley, the Lt. Governor and the Secretary of state.

Tom, you have been 10 years – one four-year term followed by a second and then two years waiting for a replacement and you have missed one meeting out of all those. Ladies and gentlemen – a tremendous individual. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** Are there any communications or announcements from the floor? Are there any communications or announcements from the floor? We have Convention resolutions and I need a motion from the floor to accept the resolutions. Please state your name and company. Joe Antoszewski – Arbutus – accept and Robert Seibel – Cape St. Clair – second.

**President Roger Powell:** All in favor, please say aye, opposed say nay – so ordered. We now are pleased to call upon Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief and Larry Schutz, Deputy Chief and Mayor Adrian M. Fenty.

**Deputy Chief Schutz:** I want to congratulate you on another successful convention. Thank you for the opportunity to spend about 30 minutes with you this morning to talk about the venture we went through with the Presidential Inauguration and to highlight how proud we are of the members of our organization who stepped up to the plate in front of a world-wide media to make it a safe event for everybody. I have about 30 minutes to go over a year's worth of planning. I'd like to go through these slides.

It starts with great bosses like the Fire Chief and Mayor. We had two key messages for everyone that attended:

1. Everyone who attended would be safe and would be responded to if they had any needs.
2. We wouldn't spare resources to make sure that happened especially in light this would be a historical inauguration and the number of visitors who would converge on the National Capital region would be unprecedented at that time, so we couldn't do it without great thought.

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Our city – The city of Washington has a population of 600,000 and day population swells to about 6 million folks with visitors and workers in a 69 square mile, small and dense city. We have 175 Embassies, 17 Universities, many hospitals and other buildings within the city.

The history of the Department – In 1871 DC Fire Department was organized coming from the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department. We have 40 ALS/BLS transport units, 33 engine companies which at least half are ALS companies, 16 Truck Companies, 3 Heavy-duty Rescue Companies, and Hazardous Materials Unit. Just in general, the department responds to about 160,000 responses which average about 410 per day on a budget of about \$190 million. The mission of the Inauguration was clear and concise to develop plans to address terrorism in the event of any weapons of mass destruction, any health and safety, fire prevention and medical transport. DCFD was tasked to provide plans for those components of the Inauguration. There were tremendous pressures on our agency.

One is that this would be a worldwide media event. All eyes would be on the department to see how we perform so we knew there would be pressure. We knew the amount of resources for this event would exceed our capabilities. Within the National Capital Registry is a mutual aid agreement but it's limited to Northern Virginia and within Maryland, Prince George's County and Montgomery County. Getting resources from those areas is easy. We work under the mutual aid agreement and we work those areas on a daily basis. But on that day we needed to reach out to the state of Maryland. We received transport vehicles from the Eastern Shore to the western end of the state. There were a lot of local obstacles: EMS protocol to work through to make that happen, that took about 1 – 2 months to prepare that. We were going to ask for a pre-declaration statement under the Robert Stafford act. I'll talk about that in a bit, but that comes with some political concern when you do that.

We would have to fund the event at the end of the event and at the end of the day. The Federal Government would reimburse, it's now six months later, we spend about \$2 million and we had to use operating funds. Those are some of the agency pressures.

The Threat around the world is steady. Interestingly, we began to see a rise through-out the world of using fire and police as vehicles for terrorist events. So we knew that not only was that an issue, but terrorists were getting uniforms of fire and police to get through security gates so we had to begin to prepare for that.

As well as that, there was an immersing threat to disrupt the inauguration the day before. That caused us to revise our plans as we got to show time. The threat picture continued to change until we got to the day and we had to continue to deal with it on a steady basis.

One of the biggest things we had to deal with was an increased risk within the community as far as fire and EMS services. If you were anywhere in the state of Maryland you received a host of friends and neighbors that came to watch the inauguration and needed a place to stay. Everyone's community began to swell. It was no different than in Washington, D.C. In DC we have some strict and robust codes and laws on renting properties and rooms.

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During the inauguration all laws were held in balance. Anyone could rent any room or property to anyone who wanted to come here and stay. We knew that would add to our fire and EMS risks. They took all the bars, and there's a substantial number in the city, and allowed them to stay open until 0400 in the morning. Our biggest risks were what we deal with daily but we knew they would be exacerbated.

A little about crowds - normally in the district there isn't a month that goes by that we don't host 2-3 events like the state of the union, a marathon, the inauguration, 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. In general the 4<sup>th</sup> of July brings about 5 or 600,000 people. First amendment demonstrations bring 3-400,000 people. At the Clinton inauguration we saw 800,000. At President Bush's inauguration we saw about 750,000 so we were very comfortable with events that bring up to 1 million people. We had two events that exceeded those numbers, the Million Man March and the 2004 Right to Life March, each brought about 1 and 1/2 million. We knew our department could handle events up to 1 million but this event would take added measures.

Here is a quick overview map of what the city looked like that day. The rest area outlines area from the Capitol to F Street to the White House to the freeway was the exclusion zone. You could not get in that area unless you were credentialed to be in that area. It was a huge lock-down area. As you know, your greatest strength can be a weakness in those types of circumstances.

The area extending to George Washington University was a secondary security area. This is how the city was locked down for the event. The way to get to the inauguration was by two ways. You could get to the Capitol and there were about 350,000 ticketed persons for that or go to the parade route, Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House. Outside of that anybody that wanted to see anything else had to converge at the Mall. If you saw the picture of the Million Man March, there were about 800,000 people in the Mall. We knew there would be greater numbers of people and the infrastructure of the city could not handle that. So we needed to plan for the people going to the Mall. The problem was you could not cross Pennsylvania Avenue North to South. One way was go west to George Washington University then south into the Mall, the other was come out of the Capitol then 3rd Street toward the Mall. This shows the challenges and pressure that faces just to get to the Mall and about a million and a half people needed to do this.

I talked about the Robert Stafford Declaration. The only way we could get resources from Maryland was for the Mayor to declare an emergency under the Stafford Act. This makes it easier, you're telling people this is a huge event that exceeds resources and help is needed. If you think about it from a political standpoint, you don't want to distract people from coming to your city and the Mayor has to say this is bigger than I can handle. The mayor is dedicated to public safety, he made the declaration and we were able to receive the help from the State of Maryland and we appreciated that.

Resources - DCFD had to do this event plus handle daily events. The number of people coming to the event would tax the daily workload. We had to handle the inauguration

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without using any daily resources.

We have 17 EMS resources we dedicate only to special events so we have those 17 transport units. We got 30 from the National Capital region their mutual aid and an EMAC request to the State of Maryland for 40 additional units. We entered this with 70 transport units and made a request to FEMA for an additional 140 ambulances. On inauguration day we went into the event with about 200 ambulances. Throughout the event we rarely had 10 available at any one time. There was a great amount of pressure on the department.

The event wasn't only Tuesday. It started in Maryland with the Whistle Stop tour then the Opening Ceremonies where they brought out Bono and other big entertainers. It was decided to put on a big bash on Sunday with entertainers in hopes that people from Virginia and Maryland would come out Sunday and stay home inauguration day. For the most part that came true. It brought huge crowds Sunday, Monday was the National Day of Volunteerism, Tuesday the inauguration, Wednesday inauguration rally with about 500,000 people and Thursday was the annual Right to Life March that brought about 600,000 people. This was an incredibly busy week for our department.

This is a snap shot of the balls throughout the city. There were over 200 unofficial balls throughout the city that occurred during that time. Deconfliction was a term used frequently during that time. At the end of the day we were very pleased how things went but it didn't go without resolving some problems.

This is a picture of the Fire Department's Command Chart. Incident action plans had to be developed. The action plans had to be developed. The action plan for the day of the event was 75 pages. Our planning team did an outstanding job - great work.

We embedded FBI agents with Battalion Chiefs. It was the best and most efficient way for the intelligence community to know what was going on at all times. Phone pagers weren't working at all times. So embedding them with our 7 Battalion Chiefs was the most efficient way to do that.

This slide goes over what the fire department was responsible for: Life Safety, Fire Prevention, Hazardous Materials, Fire Suppression and EMS. Those were the areas we were responsible for.

The Life Safety Plan: we needed resources to make sure all bars were inspected because of the additional hours. Every hotel must be inspected before an inauguration. That is a great amount of work that started a year prior to the event.

Metro stations were inspected and we knew they were the biggest vulnerability to our homeland.

This is a slide outlining the call process for EMS. People could call 911 but because of the number of cell phones we'd receive 8 – 9 calls for the same incident. Because most people were visitors, they gave geographic descriptions like I'm in the building that looks like a pencil or I'm in the White House or I can see the sign 13 but cannot see anything else. We

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received numerous calls for each incident.

We had a number of first aid stations and mass casualty areas designated. A total of 30 first aid stations and the one with the least number visited treated 150 patients.

Hazardous Materials was another area of concern, if there's any powders or bottles of liquid on the parade route, a team of 4 hazardous materials persons did a quick response, obtained a sample, analyzed and cleared without anyone knowing what was going on.

A number of Rapid Response Teams were staged around the Capital. Decontamination Plan was developed for gross decon of personnel, fire suppression had apparatus staged throughout the area from the Capitol down the parade route to the White House. Additional units were deployed to provide appropriate coverage of the area. Communication was greater than anticipated. Although we planned for massive communications, there were a number of challenges. In addition we started Sunday night with a fatal fire at 1830 Kilbourne Place, a set of row houses in an area where there were numerous celebrations occurring. Fire killed a lady trapped on the second floor. Units from the north arrived quickly but units from the south were blocked because of the bar traffic.

We began staggering equipment for the Sunday event at midnight Saturday. There were about 1 million people for the opening. People even sat on the porta-johns looking for good seats. One of our crews was using a Gator for a medical call; the crowd took the Gator and used it to see the concert. The crew as calling for help and others even stood on top of the engines attempting to locate them. City-wide incidents consisted of a 26' tall Double Decker bus trying to go under a 24' overpass. In general, that day we had 42 responses with 2 cardiac arrests. Both arrests were saved. We felt this was a good practice for the main event.

On Inauguration Day units were staged at 0130 hours. All units needed to be swept for explosive devices and locked into the event. Crowds began arriving at 0200 in temperatures of 19 – 25 degrees. Persons were told if they leave they may not get back into the area. Based on that, people did not leave and the Fire Department had medical calls to address these issues.

The command for the incident was run from the Fire Operations Center. The first medical call was received and continued at a rate of 1 every 8 seconds for the next 8 hours. Most calls were hypothermia type calls.

About 8000 people arrived via Union Station but because this was part of the program, Union Station was shut down about 10:00 am. Everyone was moved out of Union Station with nowhere to go. As a result about 7,000 people sat in the 3rd Street tunnel for about 8 hours never making it to the mall.

Metro Stations were so crowded a lady was pushed into the tracks in front of a train. After 40 minute extrication, she was successfully removed. There were unbelievable crowds throughout the area. In general there were a number of peaceful protests.

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Units could not move due to the size of the crowd. There were thousands of people in the streets. This ceremony symbolizes the peaceful transition of power within the democracy.

The hospitals within the DC-Maryland area received over 300 persons. No hospital was put on diversion. One of the calls was for Senator Kennedy, who had a seizure. We have units in the President's motorcade used to attend to him quickly. Our Friendship Fire Association served about 1,000 meals to firefighters that day.

If you watched the parade you saw a horse in the parade that got spooked by some noise and put his hoof thru one of our hazmat response vehicles. The horse was taken to the animal hospital and is fine.

Every Inaugural Ball needed to be protected with fire, EMS personnel with the last concluding at 04:30 am everyone thought the event went well and concluded for the day only to return the next morning with major incidents. At 7:53 a.m. we had a double fatal fire on North Capital Street followed by 4 minutes later by a 2 alarm fire and 17 minutes later a fire in a Giant Food Store. There was a massive clean up within the city consisting of removal of 10,000 porta-pots and 200 tons of solid waste.

Metro had 1.5 million riders within 8 hours. The department responded to 1,900 EMS calls within the 12 hours of the inauguration, specifically there were 500 calls to the mall areas with 311 transports. Response times ranged from 11 seconds to 45 trying to find the patient. On that day we used about 1,900 of our numbers at a cost of over \$1 million. It took over a year to plan and within 12 hours it was all over.

This is a tremendous way our department can assist in the transition of power in our Government System. We are extremely proud of the personnel of the DCFD. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** Deputy Chief Schulz we would like to thank you for that wonderful presentation. We would like to present you with our convention mug and hat and bag full of goodies and a resolution expressing our thanks for your appearance today. Thanks so much. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** Are the ladies ready to come in. Yes? If 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Cox can begin escorting the ladies to the stage. President Kathy Knipple if you would join us at the podium, we'd like you to introduce your officers. Let me first introduce the President of the LAMSFA for 2009-2010 – Kathy Knipple from Frederick.

**President Kathy Knipple:** Good morning everyone. It is a pleasure to stand before you as the President of the LAMSFA. We will be here for you and if there is anything the officers need, they just have to ask and we will be happy to help them. At this time let me introduce my officers:

Senior Vice President – Sandi Lutz – Glenn Dale VFALA – Prince George's Co. Junior Vice President – Teresa Ann Crisman – Greenbelt VFDLA – Prince George's Recording Secretary – Sherry Soper – Woodsboro VFDLA – Frederick.  
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Vice Chaplain – Vivian Morgan Boyd – Capital Heights VFCLA – Prince George's Historian – Nancy Jones – Indian Head VFDLA – Charles

Guard – Marcia Roth – Sandy Springs VFDLA – Montgomery

Color Bearer – Stephanie Holsinger – Laytonsville VFDLA – Montgomery Color Bearer – Lori Denbow – Level VFCLA – Harford

Bessie Marshall Fund Chair – Elaine Huttenloch, P.P., Forestville VFDLA – Prince George's Conference Co-Chair – Brenda Harrison – Junior Fire Co. #2 LA – Frederick

Conference Co-Chair – Jean Wetzel – Lewistown District FCLA – Frederick Thank you all.

**President Roger Powell:** Thank you Kathy. The chair now recognizes Past President Frank J. Underwood for his remarks.

**Past President Frank J. Underwood** – I got notes but I left here so fast last night in my underwear, I didn't know what to do. Ladies and Gentlemen it's been a different type of year over the past year. We would have never thought when I took office last year that we would have been through the process that we have gone through. It wasn't about a week or so, after I took office, that we had our first line of duty death. After that we lost Don Mooney. After that we started with the helicopter safety hearings, of all things, and wouldn't you know it, a week later we had the crash of Trooper 2. Things really got bad at that point, everything kind of looked dismal and as fate would have it, we had a water main break on River Road of all places. It gave us a little excitement and gave us a little more fire power when we went to the testimony for the helicopters.

Next we had the Christmas Party, I enjoyed and I thank everybody who came and I thank Greenbelt for helping me through that.

January hit and Annapolis hit and that is when things truly started. Little did we know that someone would try and destroy our complete fire and EMS system the way we know it today? We have been here for 117 years and the system actually longer than that. We had a lot of testimonies; the partners all stuck together and united the fight. We don't know what is going to happen. We won the first battle, whether we won the war or not we do not know.

Wasn't much after that we lost Chief Clough. Very unfortunate circumstances, very young family. But there again, there was not much we could do except hope and pray. My suggestion is, we don't know who is going to be here next year, we don't know how our system is going to do next year but, we are all family and we stick together as family. Just work with your people and keep the MSFA strong as it has been for these past 117 years.

On a personal side, I want to thank everyone who has supported me and my family for the past year. My family has had one heck of a time. They have enjoyed the trips with the ladies; they have enjoyed the Executive Committee meetings. By the way, I want to thank the four companies that sponsored the Executive Committee Meetings. All of them did a

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fantastic job. It was just wonderful.

So anyway, I am going to go play with my new granddaughter shortly and wish the officers the best of luck next year. Thank everybody for supporting and doing what they have done for the MSFA and me. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Thank you.

I have got some quick resolutions to read. First one goes to my home station, Branchville VFC, who since 1984 has supported me in my sometimes nitwit ideas I come up with – but they have been there. And that is what you want a station to do – be there and support you, no matter how strange things seem. Branchville, I have a resolution here for you and it says, bottom line:

Now be it hereby resolved by the Officers and Delegates of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of Maryland State Firemen's Association express the gratitude and thanks of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company for its support of President Underwood during his last term.

And the next one is to Branchville's Ladies Auxiliary. I am not going to read it again. But those ladies have come forth not only for the Executive Committee Meeting but I also had the

Cumberland Valley Association almost a month ago. Here again, they get up early and help, cook and they do. Anything I have asked them, they have come forth and done and been a great supporter of me and the organization.

The last one here is to Prince George's County. They have stepped forward and we have a new Acting Fire Chief for Prince George's County that has come forward to the volunteer system, stepped up and told us we are needed. Now is a time to put up what it really boils down to. I look forward to working with him. But he and the people of the career staff have been very supportive of me over the years. To the legs of my county association and this association and they have guaranteed me they will support us. And I would like to make sure they get the recognition they deserve. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** Don't go anywhere Frank. Just what Frank needs – more recognition. However, traditionally, we certainly want to recognize our past president, immediate past president with a resolution acknowledging his services, I am not going to read the whole thing; I am just going to read the end. That whereas the officers and delegates of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference wish to acknowledge President Underwood for his substantial efforts and contributions; now be it resolved by the officers and delegates of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to acknowledge the service, leadership and accomplishments of President Underwood. And be it further resolved that a copy of the resolution be a part of the minutes of this convention and a copy of the resolution be presented to Past President Underwood the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2009. Signed by President Powell and Secretary Olson.



**Past President Frank Underwood:** Thank you very much buddy. I kid Roger about eating and food. I did not know how relevant that was until I tried to get him some gift cards at some all you can eat places. And when they found out it was for him, they refused to sell them to me. (Laughter)

**President Roger Powell:** Thank you.

I stand before you, newly elected President, as a humble man: Before I say anything else, it is important to thank and acknowledge those without whom and without whose support, I would not be in this position.

First, I want to thank God for giving me the wisdom and strength which has enabled me to reach this day. I pray that He will continue to guide me as I begin my year as president.

Secondly, I want to thank my company and my county association for their support which has been absolute and given without reservation.

Then, there are those who have mentored me and advised me – Don Mooney, God rest his soul, Fred Cross, Bernie Smith, Gene Worthington, Richard Yinger, Phil Hurlock, Bobby Jacobs, Tom Mattingly, Danny Davis, Leonard King and Paul Sterling.

Finally, there are my wives (for me it takes two, just ask them!). I could not have come this far – Lee and Iris to you, my thanks and my love.

I sincerely hope I didn't leave anyone out. To Frank and Doyle, I appreciate your support and advice. To put it bluntly, it's been a hell of a year. Frank, I thank you for helping prepare me for this moment. There is no way to explain the extent of responsibility. To understand, you really must live the experience. Doyle, I look forward to continuing to work with you this coming year as we have throughout the year now ending. From both of you I have received the greatest gift one can give – lasting friendship. To Dave, I together with Doyle will do my best to teach you what you need to know just as I was taught.

What I have learned and observed during the many years I have served this association. Each incoming President begins his term of office standing on the shoulders of all who came before him. That sturdy base and that base are formidable! One only needs to look around to see the wisdom and dedication which is represented by the past presidents, substantially all of whom make themselves available to those such as me who aspire to lead the MSFA.

Like those who have come before me, I have through my years of service formulated an agenda which I hope to initiate beginning on Thursday morning at which time I will discuss my plans.

For now, allow me to say that I pledge my time, talent and ability to the task of leading the MSFA the next year. I pledge that I will carry out the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and will strive to become one of those foundation stones I earlier mention and that I will always be accessible and that I will strive to lead the MSFA on to greater glory. So

help me God.

And now I will recognize First Vice President Doyle Cox.

**Frist Vice President Doyle E. Cox:** Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. President Powell, Second Vice President Lewis, Officers, Past Presidents, committee chairs, members and delegates and guests to the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It gives me great pride to stand before you today as your First Vice President. It was an honor to serve you last year as your Second Vice President where I learned so much. I enjoyed every meeting I attended and every banquet that Kathy and I attended. We were welcomed with open arms and made so many friends, new friends. Last year was a learning year for me as we traveled across the state attending the various county association meetings, banquets and MSFA committee meetings. I listened to your concerns and your needs and gave advice where I thought it was appropriate. This is also going to be another year of learning. I am still a student and will continue to learn from you and our great leaders so I can better serve you. President Powell, I pledge to you my support. To help you with the many issues that are facing us and will be facing us as leaders of this Association.

Vice President Lewis, I also pledge to you my support and provide you guidance as you fulfill the duties of Second Vice President. To my wife, Kathy, my friend, my companion, my advisor, my supporter, this is the person that is by my side whenever and wherever needed. She has dropped things or rearranged her schedule to be with me on special occasions. From day one she has always said to let her know where and when she is needed to be. To you, thank you for being the person you are by helping me and giving me the freedom that is needed to pursue my dreams and my goals.

To the members of Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, my home company – thank you. To the members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, you are a group of individuals who have gone out of your way to help me to the level I have reached today. The campaign committee under the leadership of John O. Gatton, Sr. and C. Dan Carpenter III, I do not know what I would do without you, you are an awesome group. To the members of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, you are great. And a group that I cannot leave out is the Southern Maryland Ladies Auxiliary; this is another group that goes out of their way to provide support.

Special thanks also goes to the Past Presidents, without your support, advice, and guidance, I do not know where I would be. Thank God you are still there willing to assist when needed. And yes, I will continue to seek your advice and guidance.

To you, the members of this Association, I thank you for your support, friendship. I look forward in serving you as your First Vice President. And I want to thank you, for the service that you are providing to your community and this great State as volunteer fire, rescue and EMS providers. And as the late Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein would always say "God Bless you all real good." Thank you. (Applause)

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At this time I would like to make a couple of presentations, if my wife would come out and join me. Mr. President, thank you for all you have done. Next if Jackie Olson would please come out.

**Kathy Cox** this is for Jackie to thank her for all the help she has given me in learning what is expected of me as his wife.

**First Vice President Doyle Cox:** We have a gift for Iris Powell, the President's wife and we will see that she gets it. (Applause)

If Mr. Bruce Surett is in the audience, if he would please report to the command post in the back?

President Roger Powell: The chair now recognizes Second Vice President Dave Lewis.

**Second Vice President Dave Lewis:** It is indeed an honor to stand before you as your new Second Vice President. Little did I imagine when my volunteer fire service career began some 37 years ago that I would someday stand for the highest office in the Maryland State Firemen's Association? I can still hear the voices of great people of the likes of Charlie Burton, Johnny Boy Smith, Pierce Damewood, and Ralph Small who encouraged me to make a run at the office during my early days. I always pushed back and told them, "It was not my time." Well, I guess "my time" has finally come because here I am today making the first step towards that highest office of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This past year has indeed been a learning experience for me as I have traveled over 12,000 miles across this state, visiting each of your county associations and learning about your issues and concerns. As was cleverly said the other day by 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up Miss Fire Prevention Queen, Stacie Jaret, during her farewell address at the Fire Prevention Queen Contest, I would like to thank the inventor of the GPS who has allowed me to find places across this state that I never even knew existed.

I congratulate Past President Frank Underwood for a successful year and President Roger Powell and Vice President Doyle Cox for taking the next steps up the ladder of the MSFA Presidency. My special thanks to First Vice President Doyle Cox who has allowed me to shadow him during the past year as I traveled across the state and asked the many questions that were required as I prepared myself for the position that I am accepting today. And certainly, my thanks to each of the Past Presidents of the MSFA who have offered me their guidance and support, especially to Past President Tom Tharp, Steve Cox, Joe Robison, Phil Hurlock, Gene Worthington, and Lee Sachs who I have leaned especially heavy upon for guidance.

Thanks to Director Steve Edwards of MFRI who has been a strong supporter of the MSFA and has given me the work flexibility to allow me to pursue this office.

I wish to give my very special thanks to my wife, Gloria, our two children, Tracy and David Jr., and our grandchildren Ashley, Tina, and Noah, who have given me the motivation and encouragement to make this journey. A special thanks to my Mom and Dad who brought

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me up with the understanding that you can be whatever you want to be if you work hard at it. Everyone who has walked this path before says that you cannot complete this journey without the support of family and I am thankful for the love and support of my wife, children and grandchildren.

A special thanks to my extended family, the members from my home company of Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary, who understand the commitment that this position requires and the time that will be spent away from company obligations. I would especially like to thank Wylie Donaldson who has served as my Chief and my President but more importantly as a mentor to me as I progressed through my volunteer fire service career. And to Doris Cowen and Diane Pumphrey who have always been among my strongest supporters.

And Certainly, I extend my sincere thanks to the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter's Association who are my strongest supporters and have given me the backing to allow me to take on this challenge.

To you, the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I pledge my undivided support and attention over the next three years and make myself available to listen to your concerns and issues, assisting wherever and whenever I can. I thank you for your support and words of encouragement and look forward to serving as your newly elected Second Vice President. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** We will now hear from the Secretary, Jackie Olson.

**Jackie Olson, Secretary:** Good morning. I just would like to thank everybody for your support this past year and allowing me to serve you again for another year. The Secretary's office does work as a team and I really could not be as successful as we are without my assistants; which are, Secretary Emeritus Leonard King, Kristi Gable, and Joe Cooper who really does a great job over there at Registration, Ron Watkins, and Richard Snader.

Again if there is anything I or my office can do for you, don't hesitate to call. And again thank you. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** We will now have remarks from Financial Secretary Fred Cross.

**Fred Cross, Financial Secretary:** Good morning. It is a pleasure to be back with you all again. I want to thank everybody for their support the last year. I am here for another. If anybody needs anything my email, phone number and address are in the book. Thank you all very much and have a good year. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** We will now hear from Treasurer & Convention Committee Chair Ron Siarnicki.

**Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer:** Good morning. As the Treasurer of the MSFA I want to thank each and every one of you for your support in me as the Treasurer for another 2 years. It's been a very interesting journey dealing with the financial aspects of the Association. But

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it's been rewarding seeing the progress we've made. We've been thru some tough issues, dues increases, audits by the State and other activities, but, I'm here to tell you we have things under control, we're comfortable where we're going, we have a plan in place and the financial team is moving forward to support your financial interests. I also want to thank all of the people who have helped me along the way, especially the assistant treasurers, Past President Lee Sachs, Past President Bobby Jacobs, and Mitch Vocke for making the treasurer's office function this year. We're going to move forward this year with the same team to ensure the fiscal matters are in place. I would like to thank my home company, the United Communities Volunteer Fire Company for supporting me and providing the time for me to do this job. I apologize for not being at the Installation last night but unfortunately one of our members, Mike Swank, 21 years old died of cancer this week-end after a two year battle. That's why I went back for the viewing last night and the rest of our crew went back for the funeral today, unfortunately those things happen and we're trying to make that work. But again, I appreciate all your support. We've got a lot of work ahead starting with the Executive Committee tomorrow and I think things will go well. So I want to thank you for your support as Treasurer. (Applause)

The other piece I was asked to do was going ahead and give the Convention Committee Co- Chair report. I want to thank the entire Convention Committee for their tireless efforts this year. My appreciation to the Steering Committee for stepping up to the plate as we realigned the entire Committee and decentralized many of the functions of the convention this year. We have begun to operate this convention utilizing an Incident Command System which is very comfortable to us in the fire service. I must say it's been very effective to the final outcome of this week's activities.

As you probably know we have implemented several changes to the convention this year and eliminated some things to deal with the budget issues, but we hope we've made it a better event overall. I will tell you as we make changes to enhance the educational and networking components we are in fact open to suggestions and comments if we need to revisit something. We need to monitor how things are going. As we say, "Nothing is set in stone" and that is true in this organization.

This year we've added a new item for attendees to give us feedback. There is a Convention and Conference Survey that will provide us feedback on how you think things are going and will help plan the Convention for next year. I'm going to, in a minute, ask the Convention Steering Committee and the Go Team to come and be recognized then they're going to come down and hand out some surveys to you. There is a ballot box at the registration table to place them in. There's also one at the bus pass table in the lower lobby. So please take some time to give us some input because two things are going to happen very critically within the next two weeks. The critique for the convention will be held the first week of July and MSFA two year retreat will be held in the middle of July in Southern Maryland. One of the major items on the agenda is the convention and conference. We're going to take a look at how things are going, we know there's been a lot of turmoil with regard to costs and there's a lot of turmoil dealing with Ocean City, the construction, rates

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and costs. So I think all that's going to be on the table for discussion.

Please remember the parade begins at 1 p.m. The trophies will be given out back again. There will be some refreshments provided here at the convention center for those of you who will be here for the trophy presentations. My personal thanks to Presidents Underwood and Hetz for their confidence in me serving as you Convention Committee Chairman and to all the Association Officers for their support last year.

Of course, best wishes to the newly elected officers as we plan for next year's event which will be located here in Ocean City, June 12-18, 2010. I am happy to report that I have met with the Convention Center Staff and there will be no construction going on at that time. So next year's convention will not be affected by the addition to the back deck of the building. After that, we're not sure but we understand the renovation project will affect the 2011 and 2012 conventions.

I also want to thank my Steering Committee because they've done a lot to help and I'm going to ask the Convention Committee, Steering Committee and the Go Team, those members that do all that work behind the scene consisting of members of different fire departments including career department – Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Montgomery, and individuals from my home company and individuals throughout the state who help, so I'm going to ask them to come out. Also I want to thank the state agencies that have stepped up to the plate. The State Fire Marshal's Office, MIEMSS, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, all the people that make a difference. Ladies and gentlemen these are the people that make it happen behind the scenes and now they are going to give you the surveys. Please take the time to fill them out. Mr. President, thank you for giving me this time. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** Will Treasurer Siarnicki and Trustee Doug Alexander please come out with Past President Sterling to swear in our two elected officers.

**Past President Paul Sterling:** Gentlemen raise your right hand and repeat after me using your name where I use mine. I, Paul Sterling 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 properties 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.

**President Roger Powell:** The Chair now calls on Chief Chaplain John Long for his comments.

**Chief Chaplain John Long:** Thank you Mr. President. As always, the Chaplains are here to assist you. If there's anything you need, anything the chaplains can assist you with, please let us know. If there are any prayer requests, you can send them to [prayer@MSFA.org](mailto:prayer@MSFA.org) and we'll get those distributed to the Chaplains. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** I'd like to now announce the Executive Committee for 2009-

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2010. Stuart Carter, Chairman, Pikesville, Baltimore County; Dan Stevens, Vice Chairman, Waldorf, Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties; Wylie Donaldson, Odenton, Anne Arundel County; Bill Hildebrand, Chestertown, Kent, Queen Anne and Caroline Counties; Craig Moe, Laurel, Prince George's County; Mark Bilger, Hampstead, Howard and Carroll Counties; Dave Keller, Citizens Truck Company, Frederick and Washington Counties; John Guntow, Ocean City, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; Steve Kesner, Cresaptown, Allegany and Garrett Counties; Buddy Schweers, Jr., Susquehanna Hose Company, Harford and Cecil Counties; James P. Seavey, Sr, Cabin John Park, Montgomery County; Ralph Thompson, Hurlock, Dorchester and Talbot Counties; Immediate Past President, Frank Underwood, Ex-Officio Member, Branchville.

Past President Paul Sterling please come forward to install the Executive Committee.

**Past President Paul Sterling:** Gentlemen raise your right hand and repeat after me using your name where I use mine. . I, Paul Sterling 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 properties 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.

**President Roger Powell:** The Appointed Officers for 2009-2010 who have already been approved by the Executive Committee. When I call your name, if you would please come out on stage to be sworn in: Robert Jacobs, P.P., Assistant Treasurer; Lee N. Sachs, PP, Assistant Treasurer; Mitch Vocke, Assistant Treasurer; Chris Hyzer, Assistant Financial Secretary; Deacon Charles Barnhart, Assistant Chaplain; Rev. Frederick Bahr; Assistant Chaplain; Rev. Marvin Jackson, Assistant Chaplain; Rabbi Kenneth Block, Assistant Chaplain; Rev. David Coblentz, Assistant Chaplain; Rev. Harry Hetz, Assistant Chaplain; Deacon George H. L'Heureux, Assistant Chaplain; Calvin "Pete" Walbert, Assistant Chaplain; Chaplain Emeritus Rev. J. Harvey Dixon, Assistant Chaplain; Joe Cooper, Assistant Secretary; Kristi Gavle, Assistant Secretary; Richard Snader, Assistant Secretary; Leonard T. King, Secretary Emeritus, Assistant Secretary; Michael W. Farlow, Esq. Association Attorney; Parliamentarian Richard Brooks.

**Past President Paul Sterling:** Ladies and Gentlemen raise your right hand and repeat after me using your name where I use mine. I, Paul Sterling 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 properties 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.

**President Roger Powell:** Is there any unfinished business to come before the Association? Is there any unfinished business to come before the Association? Is there any unfinished business to come before the Association? Is there any new business to come before the Association? Is there any new business to come before the Association? Is there any new business to come before the Association? State your name and your company.

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**Glen Fishack:** from Washington County. At this time we are one of the fastest growing counties and we are requesting a By-Law change for next year at the Convention and we're asking for our delegate. We represent 30 volunteer companies and we have a territory that runs 75 miles from Sandy Hook to Hancock and to the Pennsylvania line. With our delegate from Frederick County, the two counties are asking for this together. At this time we'd like to give you a copy of the by-law changes and we'll be at the Executive Meeting tomorrow, also to present it. Thank you.

**President Roger Powell:** Thank you Mr. Fishack. Is there any other new business to come before the Association? Is there any other business to come before the Association? Is there any other business to come before the Association?

**Mr. President Robert Seibel,** Cape St Clair. One thing you missed earlier is the 3 resolutions. The one of yours and 2 from Past President Underwood. Move we adopt.

**President Roger Powell:** Is there a second to approve these resolutions read from the podium? Is there a second to approve these resolutions read from the podium?

**Ronald Watkins, Damascus:** Second.

**President Roger Powell:** All in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. Motion carries. The Chair recognizes Doug Alexander.

**Doug Alexander:** Good morning. On behalf of the 14 member companies of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association. It gives me great pleasure to announce the candidacy of Mark A. Bilger for Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Mark has been a volunteer first responder for 27 years. He has most recently served as the President of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association 2008-2009. He's currently an active member of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Department in Carroll County. He also served as President and is a life member of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department in Baltimore County where he resided previously. Mark has been involved in several MSFA Committees since 1972 including Fire Laws Book and Statistical Committee and he served a year on the Executive Committee. He was inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame in 2000. Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association asks that you support Mark A. Bilger for Second Vice President at next year's convention. Thank you.

**President Roger Powell:** Last call for anyone wanting to purchase \$10,000 raffle tickets down stairs. Iris won \$100 last year, so anyone can win.

I have an announcement: The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Safety Conference will be held Tuesday, September 22 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physical Lab in Laurel. Registration applications are available down stairs at MFRI's booth and the State Fire Marshal's booth in the hall in the front.

As you all know, we recognize those in the fire service who serve our country in the military



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at this time. We have a number of resolutions; I will read one in its entirety and then read the names of the others.

Whereas we live in a country built on principles by citizens' involvement and to maintain the rights and freedom that we enjoy in the United States of America. And, whereas, our nation's defense force includes many people who are placed in dangerous positions ensure our freedoms are protected and, whereas, 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 whereas, 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 David Rauhouse, Arnold VFC, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2009, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference. Presented this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 signed by President Roger N. Powell and Jacqueline Olson, Secretary

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

Arnold VFC

Jeffrey Hirsh  
Michael Nipsner  
Mark Sapler

Bay District

Mark Bull

Bel Air

Erin Mentzer  
Jonathan Rogue

Benedict

Brawny Magnuson  
Chuck Cusick  
Robert Clark

Berwyn Heights

Brant Woodhouse  
Milton Herrod  
Arthur Gordon  
John Robinson  
Matthew Dwyer

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Bethesda Chevy Chase

Dave Taylor  
Jennifer Hoffman  
Megan Gollan  
Megan Day  
Michael Burke  
Clinton  
Jamie Rankin  
Amanda Hoffsteder  
Nathan Morgotta  
Robert Randall III

Cresaptown

Erin Green  
Earl Paul III

Easton

Allen Knotts  
Greenbelt  
Greg Giftloth  
Augustine Garcia  
Amanda Crisman  
Anthony Arnold  
Andrew Moffet

Hollywood

Patrick Rader  
M.B. Abell

Leonardtown

Steven Vallandingham

Mechanicsville

Justin Tyson  
Potomac Valley  
Kyner Purell  
Salisbury  
Joel Dixon  
Joel McCroy  
John Black  
Savage  
Charles Lombard  
Andrew Welsh

Secretary

Verlon Dukes  
Michael Stivers  
Solomons

Gary Chapman  
Steven Finch  
John Carlson  
Julie Rovoe  
Union Bridge

J. Phillip Dorr  
Brandon Milberry  
Jeffrey Milan

*(Names taken from tape, tried to verify spelling.)*

**President Roger Powell:** I am sorry for any mispronouncing of names. Anyone wanting to pick these up for the individual can do so back stage. Thank you. (Applause)

Next we have Resolutions for the multi-generational families in the volunteer emergency services. I'll read the first in its entirety and then read the names of the rest of the families and their departments.

Be it known to all the Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association recognizing the long tradition in the fire service of multi-family involvement in the fire service. We wish to acknowledge the multi-generational the Hubert Crisman family. Here to serve the College Park Fire Department for many years. The members of this family who have followed in Hubert Crisman's footsteps are John Michael Crisman, who is his son, Amanda

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Crisman who is his daughter. We honor Hubert for instilling so strongly in his family the importance of the emergency services in the community. Furthermore we recognize and applaud each of the members of Hubert's family for taking the time out of their schedules that is required to support the emergency services in our Maryland communities. Finally we commend the College Park Volunteer Fire Company for encouraging family involvement in its daily operations. Each of these family members are to be commended for carrying on the tradition of the emergency services whether their interest is EMS, fire or rescue or for their support teams for their station. Today, on this 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference the Officers and members of the MSFA recommend your efforts and commend you all.

In addition to the Crisman family we have resolutions for:

Charles Miedzinski Family – Hollywood VFD  
Robert Miedzinski Family – Leonardtown VFD  
Ann Parlett Family – Howard County Fire Rescue Auxiliary  
Samuel MacIntire Family – Rock Hall VFD  
F.R. Diefenderfer Family – Trappe VFD  
Charles English Family – Trappe VFD  
Michael Ballard Family – Halfway VFD  
Hilda Baker Family – Takoma Park  
Ronald Grabenstein Family – District 16 VFD Margaret Hardman Family – Bowman's Addition VFD Merrill Warfield Family – Damascus VFD  
Ernest Ray Family – Fruitland Fire Company #3  
Everett Ingram Family – Independent Junior FC  
John Hartley Family – Bethesda Chevy Chase  
Mary Jane Scully Family – Leonardtown VFD  
Donald Boarman Family – Boulevard Heights VFD  
Robert Owens Family – Ridge VFD

Finally, we would like to recognize top responders for their fire companies. As with the two previous Resolutions, I will read the first in its entirety and read the individuals and their department.

Let it be known to all that the combined Emergency Services of the State of Maryland respond to many 1,000's of calls. A small subset of this group has demonstrated a significant amount of dedication to their communities by responding to more calls than any other in the company in the year 2009. We offer our sincerest congratulations too as we recognize James R. Hurlock. James responded to 119 fire calls during the year 2009. James' contribution to the Crumpton Volunteer Fire Company is well known to all it's members. The Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association recognized your accomplishment and encourage you to continue to be an example to the other members. We also thank you for taking the time to care about your community and for your continued support of the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services. Presented this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009:

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Anthony Mitchell – Odenton VFD  
Thomas Trossbach – Leonardtown VFD  
Jason Goldberg – Cabin John Park VFD  
Charlie Moyer – Clinton VFD  
Ryan Glenn – Clarysville VFD  
Gene Kelly – Herford VFD  
Dena Stewart – Takoma Park VFD  
Joe Beckman – Arbutus VFD  
J. Andrew Bell, Sr. – Leonardtown VFD  
Pete Walbert – Cresaptown VFD (And he's one of our Chaplains)  
Charlie Moyer – Bethesda Chevy Chase  
Jack Ross – Liberty Road VFD  
J.W. Wathen – Ridge VFD  
Heather Roby – Odenton VFD  
Preston Pratt – Solomons RS & VFD  
Harry Goldman – Cabin John Park VFD  
Andrew Rosenbloom – Bethesda Chevy Chase  
Eric Meredith – Crumpton VFD  
Mary Grussing – Kent Queen Anne Rescue  
Deanna Stewart – Takoma Park  
William White – Benedict VFD  
Andrew Owlet – Hereford Ambulance  
Edward Rybert – Arbutus VFD  
Sara Stosic – Cresaptown VFD  
Jason Gill – Bethesda Chevy Chase  
Joseph Klosic – Liberty Road

(Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** At this time I would like to have our Queens, Erin Drumheller, Miss Fire Prevention and Jennifer Barciz, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up please come out to give you greetings.

**Erin Drumheller:** Hello everyone. I'm Erin Drumheller and I represented the Maryland Fire Chief's Association and I'm really looking forward to a great year with the MSFA and the LAMSFA. If there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you. (Applause)

**Jennifer Barciz:** Hello, my name is Jennifer Barciz and I represented Washington County. I am the MSFA 1st Runner-up. I look forward to seeing everyone at meetings and attending all your events. Thank you. (Applause)

**President Roger Powell:** Lou Jonske, Chair of Ways & Means Committee with the \$10,000 Raffle report.

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**Lou Jonske, Chair Ways & Means Committee:** President Powell, Officers and members of the MSFA and MSFALA. The 2008-2009 raffle which was conducted from June 2008 through June 2009, yielded at total of \$54,000. The expenses are approximately \$18,000., which leaves a profit of \$36,000.

Counter sales at the 2009 Convention produced \$6,000 and the remaining \$48,000 was realized by the special events that the committee attended and by the sales returned by the member companies. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

The committee has had a very busy year. We have attended the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland Bar-B-Q Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ocean City's Sunfest and Springfest.

Although every county returned money, 38% of the MSFA member companies did not!

This annual raffle has the potential to exceed \$75,000, but it takes ALL the member companies to at least **try and sell the chances**. This committee goes out in the heat, the cold, and the rain at the special events to sell tickets and then to hear all the excuses why a company cannot sell one chance. For the companies that have sold their tickets by Christmas check with the Executive Committee member that represents your area. If that doesn't work, contact myself or Mitch. We will get the tickets to you.

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies auxiliaries, and special individuals. Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company sold 9,610 chances, Betty Pilkerton sold 2,750 chances, and Chuck Austin sold 6,250 chances. This is why the raffle is a success.

Many thanks are in order to the MSFA & LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the raffle. Without you, we could not have such a successful year.

First ticket for \$10,000 – Savage Volunteer Fire Company 2nd ticket for \$1,500 – Evelyn E. Graf

3<sup>rd</sup> ticket for \$500 – Eileen Davis

4<sup>th</sup> ticket for \$100 – James Dawson, Sr.

5<sup>th</sup> ticket for \$100 – Stacey Snyder

6<sup>th</sup> ticket for \$100 – Tracy Sandidge

7<sup>th</sup> ticket for \$100 – Catherine R. O'Neill

8<sup>th</sup> ticket for \$100 – Cody Hopkins

Thank you everybody. I'll see you again next year.

**President Roger Powell:** Is there anything for the Good of the Association? Is there anything for the Good of the Association? Is there anything for the Good of the Association?

**Chip Jewell:** Mr. President, Chip Jewell, Libertytown, Frederick County. In regard to the earlier statement from Washington County; this Association has grown. It's membership,

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which is to be commendable, but with growth comes change and in Frederick and Washington Counties, membership has increased by 50% since representation in the Association/Executive Committee. We will be meeting in July in Frederick County and will plan to support that amendment also. Thank you.

**President Roger Powell:** Thank you. Let me just take a moment to read the schedule for the rest of the afternoon and week.

The Parade will leave the Inlet at 1 p.m.

Buses for the judges will leave the Convention Center at 12 Noon. The Exhibits close at 1 p.m.

Trophy presentation, if there is no conflicts, will be presented at 5:30

The Executive Committee will meet tomorrow (Thurs.) at 9 a.m. in Room 206. The Golf Tournament, at Eagles Landing, will begin at 7:30 a.m.

I now call upon Chaplain Emeritus, Rev. J. Harvey Dixon for the closing prayer.

**Rev. Dixon:** Let us stand please. Thanks for your support. We wish you a safe trip home. And let's each one do what we can do to make this a brighter Association this year. Let us pray. Father we pause in your presence this morning to say thanks. Thanks for the way you have given guidance to this Conference. We pray that you would continue to guide and direct the officers, those that are changing offices and moving out into different positions and those who are accepting new roles. We pray that You give strength and guidance to this Association, each officer, each member that we may serve this State and our respective communities. Help each of us to realize that it is important that we are a unique part of this Association. Truly for the way you'll give guidance and direction. Your blessing upon us as we part today. We will thank you. We do ask these blessings for our good and Your glory. Amen

Thank you.

**President Roger Powell:** I declare the 117<sup>th</sup> Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association concluded.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Vice Presidents Powell and Cox, Executive Committee Members, Past Presidents, Ladies Auxiliary, Members of the Association and Partners:

First I would like to thank Pittsville, Smithsburg, Chestertown, Branchville and Greenbelt for having opened their doors for my Executive meetings and Christmas party. Everyone did a great job of making the members of the MSFA feel welcome. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to the people who spent the whole weekend cooking the wonderful meals that were served during the weekends.

Little did I know that when I took this job I would spend my year as president fighting for the existence of our being? Who would have ever believed that the EMS system and our medical system would be on the chopping block? We knew going in that money would be a problem in Annapolis this year. However, that did not seem to be the problem.

As many will testify it seemed to be more of a power question than the money. It took a lot of work on behalf of the MSFA and all of our partners to defeat the bills trying to disrupt our system. I want it to be known that our Legislative Committee worked their fingers to the bone along with our Ladies Auxiliary who put in many hours to make the outcome possible.

It has been a long time since the Fire Service marched on Annapolis. We had fire trucks, ambulances, Chief's cars, Firefighters, Police, Doctors, Nurses, Pilots, Ladies Auxiliary and many more. That day made us all proud. Everyone together as a group standing up for what we believe in. Thank you one and all for your help.

The next step was the emails, faxes, letters and pounding on doors. I was told that the Fire Service is the toughest nut to crack in Annapolis. All someone has to do is to say something about our system and we show up by the hundreds. True. We believe in what we do and how we do it. Pride is the word that holds us together and without that we wouldn't be anything.

On a sad note, during the year we lost many of our brothers and sisters.

I offer our condolences to the families of Cpl. Richard Findley, Chief Victor Size, Joshua Lynott, J.J. Ferreira, Jon Robert Hansen, Henry Wynkoop, and Chief Charles "Buck" Clough and thank them for letting the MSFA be a part of their lives. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

We also lost our beloved Chief J. Donald Mooney, who served the fire services for many years with great distinction. I was honored to be with his family and offer our assistance during their time of need. I miss going by the hospital and as Peg puts it "getting him stirred up." I also thank the Mooney family for all their love and help while I was laid-up and for letting me use Donald's electric "go-cart" at Ocean City. I just wish that it could have had a little more horsepower so that I could have beaten Leonard in our race at the convention center.

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And then there was the helicopter crash. I will never forget the phone calls on the morning of September 28th First it was Dr. Bass saying that Trooper 2 was lost, then A.J. McAndrew telling me that the chopper was down off Walker Mill Park. I left immediately for the scene and spent the next thirteen hours helping out in any way that I could. My heart goes out to the families who lost their loved ones that night.

This year has been one of ups and downs. Through it all we have stuck together with our partners and given each other great support. We proved that by working as a united team we can fight for what is right and successfully reach our goals.

I would especially like to offer thanks to the members of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary for their unwavering support of my goal to become the President of the MSFA, and for taking care of my family and I last year when I had my heart attack. Operation Ocean City will always be close to my heart.

Most of all I would like to thank my wonderful family, Renee, Chris, Carol, Emily, Jen & Joel, for being there to help me at all hours of the day and night during the last five years. I could never have done this without you. I love you all so much and I am looking forward to spending more time with you!

Sincerely,

Frank J. Underwood, President

***REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT***

President Underwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cox, Executive Committee Chair Craig Moe, elected and appointed officers, committee chairmen, delegates and guests.

You only get one opportunity to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as you hopefully earn the right to succeed to the high office of President. My year as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President has been enlightening, challenging, demanding and fulfilling.

I have continued to learn the responsibilities of the office to which I aspire and at the same time have devoted substantial amounts of time to planning.

I have to the greatest of my ability attended county association meetings and conventions and functions and committee meetings of the MSFA committees both performing my duties as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and in planning for the future. It has been both humbling and fulfilling for me to receive the support that has been offered to me throughout the state and at the same time my travels have led me to understand the depths of the responsibility I will assume if I am fortunate enough to be elected as president.

Sometimes events dictate how an organization will function. This year, the tragedy in September of the crash of Trooper Two set off a fire storm of events which required the attention and all of the skill and talent of our officers and of our EMSOF partners not only to respond to the tragedy itself but to respond to the aftermath in the legislature.

This legislative session required an extraordinary effort by our legislative committee,



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your officers and for many of you working together with Maryland State Police Aviation, MIEMSS, MFRI, and Shock Trauma to deal with and oppose a number of bills which were unabashedly intended to dismantle Maryland State Police Aviation, MIEMSS, MFRI, and the system in which we provide services as Volunteer EMS providers. We spent countless hours in meetings and in the legislature determining how best to deflect the legislative onslaught represented by these bills. Our efforts of course bore fruit beginning with the March 4th rally on lawyer's mall in front of The State House and throughout the appearances and testimony offered in committee hearings on the bills which climaxed in a floor fight on the senate floor led by Senators DeGrange, Senator Glassman and Senator Colburn. All of the threatening legislation was defeated and our system was preserved.

Not only were we successful in defeating the bills that sought to dismantle our EMS system, but in addition, we were successful in helping to secure 53.5 million dollars for the purchase of three new helicopters for Maryland State Police Aviation to continue to provide multi mission services as has been the custom since the inception of the unit.

In this year of financial crisis and budget crisis, it was gratifying after several meetings with the Governor to not only have our budget requests fulfilled instead of being "cut", but, to secure an additional \$50,000 for the trustees. Monies for the VCAF were impacted in an interesting fashion. Heretofore, VCAF monies were paid from the EMSOF fund. Two years ago, delegate Conway established an additional resource for VCAF through the traffic ticket supplemental fine fund, which has provided a supplemental fine for guilty findings for people who appeared in court on traffic cases. After deduction for administrative expense for the courts, half of the proceeds went to State Police Aviation and half of the proceeds went to the MSFA to supplement our VCAF funds. Because of the financial crisis, the budget provided us for the same total we always received for the VCAF funds, but, did not provide us with the additional monies which were represented by the traffic ticket fine proceeds; so that instead of getting an additional million dollars more or less, we received only the monies equivalent to the original million designated for the fund.

In addition, the MSFA has continued to struggle with the seemingly never ending saga of the audit of the VCAF fund regarding which substantial time and effort has been invested by Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Past President Lee Sachs and Past President Fred Cross.

In regard to the MSFA committees whose meetings I attended, I would be remiss if I did not thank each and every chairman and member of each committee for their devotion of their time and talents to performing the duties of their committees. This was a great help to me in my continuing education and planning process to attend the meetings to observe the functioning of the Maryland State Firemen's Association literally at the grass roots level.

I don't wish to embarrass myself or anyone by attempting to list names of those who have made contributions to the MSFA this past year as they are too numerous to mention, however I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank each and every one for their dedication of their time and their talent to contributing to the functioning and betterment of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

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Regarding the matter of my ability to be able to perform the duties of my office, I have received unequivocal support from many past presidents none of whom have shied from responding to my request for information to help guide me in the course of my performance of my duties.

Additionally, I assure all of those of you who have any doubt, that no one could do this job without the support of their wife and family, without the support of their company, without the support of their county association, and especially without the support of those who have sacrificed to accompany me on my thousands and thousands of miles of travel and to attend countless meetings; Past President Lee Sachs, Past President Fred Cross, Past President Bernard J. Smith. In addition, to those who have been always available whatever my needs might have been and who include Past President Gene Worthington, Past President Joe Robison, Past President Danny Davis, Past President Richard Yinger, Past President Phil Hurlock, Past President Bobby Jacobs, Past President Roger Steger, and Past President Paul Sterling.

I look back with gratitude and satisfaction believing that I have done well in performing my duties on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and look forward with anticipation, trepidation and humility in hopes that I will be capable in performing the duties of president as successfully as those who have gone before.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roger N. Powell, 1st Vice President

***REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT***

President Underwood, First Vice President Powell, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, Delegates and Guests to the 117th Annual Convention and What a year this has been! It has been a great honor to serve you as your Second Vice President. I have enjoyed every meeting I attended and every banquet that Cathy and I attended. We have been welcomed with open arms and made so many new friends. This was a learning year for me, as we traveled across the state attending the various County Association Meetings, Banquets and MSFA Committee meetings; I listened to the concerns and needs of the member companies, committee members, and individuals. Annapolis was an eye opener, how the legislative process takes place. The legislative meetings, testifying before a committee hearing and tracking bills, which was all new to me. Yes, I have assisted many Past Presidents going through the chairs, you would think I should have known everything about the Office of Second Vice President, but you know, I had not been in this position and there was so much to learn. I am still a student and will continue to learn from our great leaders so I can better serve you.

This has also been a very sad year, with the crash of Trooper 2, where we lost EMT Tonya Mallard, Waldorf VFD; MSP Trooper First Class Mickey Lippy; Helicopter Pilot Stephen Bunker. The loss of Chief Charles Clough, Jr., Sudlersville VFC. ; involved in a vehicle accident while responding to a call and the loss of some of our senior members

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and auxiliary members, such as J. Don Mooney, an advisor, a teacher and most of all a friend. A person that told you how it was and not necessarily what you wanted to hear. My condolences to each family member on the loss of their loved one and to the organizations on the loss of your member and to this association for the knowledge we have lost.

During the year, the Office of the Secretary of State has kept the association up to date on professional solicitors. They indicated that several Department/Companies and or EMS Squads in the state are using professional solicitors. The Office of the Secretary of State has requested that if you are using one of these individuals, organizations, companies or planning to enter into an agreement with one, make sure that they are registered with the Maryland Office of the Secretary of State. In accordance with section 6-603 of the Maryland Solicitations Act, public safety solicitors may not make agreements with fire department and or rescue squad organizations unless the public safety solicitor has applied to register with the Secretary of State.

As we prepare for the Annual Convention and Conference this year, it has been reported that many of the committees that present awards have received a small number of nominations. You have heard me say many times that this is one of the best recruitment and retention tools we have and many do not take advantage of it. Let's recognize our members for their efforts and accomplishments. In the upcoming year, I will be working with President Powell and the committees on promoting the awards.

President Underwood, congratulations on your year as President of this great association. There were many challenges this year, which you handled well and I want to thank you for your assistance and support. It was great to have some of those talks on the long rides we shared. Vice President Powell thank you for your assistance you provided during the year. I am looking forward to working with you the new Second Vice President, the Committee Chairs as well as the Executive Committee and the Officers to make this association better in the year ahead of us. Secretary Olson, I thank you and your assistance for the many hours of hard work you provide to the association. A Special Thanks to Mr. Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer; Mr. Fred Cross, Financial Secretary and the Financial Team for all of your hard work in getting our finances in order as well as all of the work that has gone into the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. No one will ever know how many hours have been committed on this project. Again thanks for all of your dedication and hard work.

To the members of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and Committee Members, thank you for the many hours you have committed to this association. There have been some issues this year, but with your leadership, they have been resolved.

A Special Thanks goes to Chairman Davis and Vice Chairman Yinger of the Legislative Committee for their hard work in Annapolis this year. As stated in my report to the Executive Committee in April at Chestertown, Annapolis was very tense this year with the hearings on Senate Bills 649, 650, 764, 1041 and others relating to the Emergency Services. Many e-mails were sent to the County Association Presidents and individuals requesting their support in contacting their elected officials. I want to thank each and every one of you for

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the overwhelming effort you put into defeating these bills. There were many long hours dealing with these issues and we will never know the cost. However, we proved that the Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel still have a strong voice in Annapolis. During the debate on the Senate Floor, several of the senators indicated that they had received many calls, e-mails and letters from the Emergency Service Providers opposing these bills and that is what made the difference. If it had not been for the efforts of these two individuals in coordinating a lot of the action, the bills would not have been defeated. Again thanks to every one for a job well done and especially to Chairman Davis and Vice Chairman Yinger for their hard work in keeping the officers and members of the association informed on what was going on.

Special Thanks also goes to the Past Presidents, several individuals in this group of leaders over the years have guided me through many different situations. Many of you have also provided me with advice and words of wisdom. All of which has been so helpful. To each of you, I will continue to seek your advice and guidance from time to time.

To the members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, you are a group of individuals that has gone out of your way to help me to the level that I have reached today. The Campaign Committee under the leadership of John O. Gatton, Sr. and C. Dan Carpenter III, I do not know what I would do without you, you are an awesome group. To the members of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, you are great. And a group that I cannot leave out is the Southern Maryland Ladies Auxiliary; this is another group that goes out of their way to provide support. To the members of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, my home company, thank you.

To my wife, Cathy, my friend, my companion, my advisor, and my supporter, this is the person that is by my side when ever and where ever needed. She had dropped things or rearranged her schedule to be with me on special occasions. From day one, she has always said to just let her know when and where. Thank You for being the person you are.

I look forward to another learning year that I am sure will have several challenges that will be facing the association as I move up to the Office of First Vice President. As always, I am here for you. I look forward to receiving your assistance in the years ahead, as we continue to face the challenges that are ahead of us.

In closing, the late Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein would always say, "God Bless you all real Good", and thanks for the opportunity to serve you, the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS Service of this great State of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doyle E. Cox, Second Vice President

***REPORT OF THE SECRETARY***

President Underwood, Vice Presidents Powell and Cox, Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Friends and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It has been a pleasure

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and an honor to have served you during this past year as Maryland State Firemen's Association Secretary. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their support and guidance this past year as I tried to fill the shoes of Secretary Emeritus Leonard King.

The Members of the Secretaries Office have attended all of the Executive Committee Meetings and other functions that required our assistance and all items of correspondence have 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 Congratulate Frank Underwood on his successful year as MSFA President and wish him well in his future endeavors. I would like to recognize Executive Committee Chair, Craig Moe for his leadership skills and the professionalism that he displayed in running the meetings. The 2008-2009 Executive Committee Meetings were held 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 19th, 2008 - Ocean City (Convention Center)
- August 23rd & 24th 2008 - Branchville VFC & RS (Prince George's County)
- December 6th & 7th 2008 - Pittsville VFC (Wicomico County)
- February 21st & 22nd, 2009 - Smithsburg Community VFD (Washington County)
- April 25th & 26th, 2009 - Chestertown VFD (Kent County)
- June 14th 2009 - Ocean City (Convention Center)

I would like to express a sincere thanks to the Assistant Secretaries for their dedication, hard work and commitment to this office, it has been truly remarkable and I cannot thank them enough for their assistance. First, I would like to say a big thank you to Secretary Emeritus, Leonard King for his support and friendship as I stepped into this new position as MSFA Secretary, he is always there to advise and keep me on track and in line. I would also like to recognize Assistant Secretary Joe Cooper for his countless hours of recording, transcribing and preparing the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings. He does an awesome job and this task is one that is very much appreciated by this office, as well as the Association Membership. I 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 in the Secretaries Office as Logistics is very important and he does a great job keeping us going at the Executive Committee meetings.

I would also like to thank our new addition to the Secretaries Office, Kristi Gable for her assistance this year and for always being there for whatever needs to be done, great job as well. Also, thanks to Richard Snader who is another new addition to the Secretaries Office for keeping us informed and up-to-date on daily information regarding our organization, he serves our office and association well.

As Secretary Emeritus, Leonard King always stated "The Secretaries Office is very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals that provide a vital service to this Association

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and without their willingness and hard work, this job would have been that much harder to accomplish." My sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks goes out to them. I would also like to thank Past President Phil Hurlock for his dedication and commitment to this organization, he stepped up last year when we needed help and his leadership skills, guidance and support helped us to keep this office on track and able to perform our duties and responsibilities to this organization.

To the many individuals of this Association that have contributed to the Secretaries Office to help during the meetings and annual convention/conference and other occasions we say thank you.

I would also like to thank Treasurer Ron Siamicki, Financial Secretary Fred Cross and their assistants for their teamwork and support this past year; it is greatly appreciated and provides an essential link in the overall operations in the managerial aspects of this Association.

To MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Lois Hetz, Congratulations on your successful year and best wishes on your future endeavors. I would also like to wish the incoming MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Officers best wishes on the upcoming year.

I am very fortunate to have so many great individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them have to help carry out the duties and responsibilities of this office and to serve you, the members departments, organizations and individuals of the volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical services of Maryland.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my husband, Jay and my son, Tyler for their understanding of my dedication and commitment to this organization and for their love and support. I would also like to thank my home company, Femdale Volunteer Fire Company for their continued support and assistance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline M. Olson

## ***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 (MSFA) would like to extend to all in attendance at the 117th Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. As we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, 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 fulfilling the duties and responsibilities as your Treasurer and again, it has been most rewarding to me as I continue to serve the Association. Since taking this position nearly four years ago, my experiences have been especially rewarding and yet challenging as we have finally seen much success

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with our revamping of our organizational financial matters, while still dealing with the state's fiscal inquiry into the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Program (VCAF). This audit is not over yet as the state legislature continues to make more requests for information and documentation concerning these loans. I hope that by next year's convention, this will finally be completed and we will again be making necessary low interest loans and grants to our association membership. If you can remember, last year we as an organization were really faced with an internal fiscal crisis and yet were able to overcome those issues with the same amount of dedication and work effort as being put into the VCAF. You can be assured that we are doing all we can to bring this matter to closure.

Often times I refer to the MSFA Financial Team when I talk about our association funds. This group of dedicated individuals is actually made up of the Treasurer's Office, Financial Secretary's Office and the Budget Committee. These three entities are now reporting to the Executive Committee as a single entity and I must take a moment to thank all of them for making this new system work. The Financial Team will continue to work on addressing every fiscal issue we, as an organization, face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to us. Looking to the future will continue to bring new challenges and we must be prepared to think critically when considering every action we take. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Underwood, Vice Presidents Powell and Cox along with all of the officers of the Association including Secretary Olson, Financial Secretary Fred Cross and his assistant Chris Hyzer for their help and support all year long. I would also especially like to thank my Assistant Treasurers; Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs and Mitch Vocke, for helping me maintain a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility in this office as we worked through the year. They have helped make a real difference to the end result and for that I am deeply grateful. I would be remiss if I did not extend my thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Craig Moe, helped greatly to manage the financial affairs of our organization. We would not be where we are today without their help, guidance and support.

Finally, my thanks to all of you for what you have done to assist the Office of the Treasurer 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 purpose of this great Association. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ronald Siamicki, Treasurer

***OFFICE OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY***

I would like to start my report by thanking the member companies for responding to the invoices that were sent out before the first of the year. By sending out the invoices early it not only got money in to the MSFA treasury, but it made my job easier, since after the first of the year I have to deal with all of the monies that come in for the convention.

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The members of the MSFA financial team have been and still are dealing with the auditors and the Department of the Military. The team has spent countless hours going back through old reports and files in order to retrieve all the information that has been requested. Thanks to P.P Lee Sachs and MSFA Treasure Ron Siarnicki this task has been as performed in a very professional way and with as little confusion as possible.

I would like to thank all the members of the Financial Team, for all their help over the past year. Under the leadership of Treasure Ron Siarnicki the team has worked together to make sure the MSFA funds were placed where and when they were needed.

I would once again like to thank my assistant Chris Hyzer for her help again this past year. She completed each and every task that she was given and was a team player all year. Again THANKS CHRIS.

The MSFA Officers and the Executive Committee were always available for help and assistance whenever I asked for it, without their assistance my position would have been a lot more time consuming.

Once again thanks to all the Officers and Members of all the companies of the MSFA for making my years as your MSFA Financial Secretary so enjoyable. I could not have done my job without everyone's cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr.  
Financial Secretary

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN**

Greetings from the Chaplain's Corp. The Chaplains of the MSFA are here to assist you. We are located across the state and are available to you 24/7. Saying that, I wish to thank the Chaplain Corps for their dedicated service this past year and all you have done.

Since the 2008 convention, the movie Fireproof was released. I would encourage every firefighter, EMT and all couples to watch this movie. After viewing, the movie couples should engage in a small group bible study. This study group will go through the bible and strengthen your relationships.

Right now, our country is going through a difficult time. You may be one of the unfortunate ones who are now unemployed. We pray that you are able to turn your misfortune into something productive. Many people in the state of Maryland are facing financial problems. We have witnessed lately the unthinkable act of fathers taking their family's lives and then taking their own in desperation. In my county we have seen an increase in calls for single suicide attempts. As we answer calls from people who are attempting or have completed their attempt, be aware that these calls take a toll on the responders. Take time to read up on stress management, share information with your fellow brothers and sisters about the effects of stress and ways to handle it. Know who your CISM and Chaplains are and how to get in touch with them. Officers, be alert to incidents that involve suicide, your members



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are responding to. If you feel that intervention is necessary get the crew assistance as soon as possible.

Employee Assistance Programs are a great source to help your members that are experiencing all sorts of problems. Make sure if your company is covered by an EAP program that the phone number or website is made available to the membership. Posting that information and promoting it in your company meetings will help your members become more familiar with the program.

This year's memorial service is paying special tributes to more line of duty deaths than I can ever remember in one year. Pray for the families of our fallen brothers as they deal with their grief.

Have a great convention and may. God keep you safe at the ocean and while you serve your communities.

God Bless  
John F. Long, Jr.  
Chief Chaplain

## ***REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

President Frank Underwood, Vice Presidents Roger Powell and Doyle Cox, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests to the 117th Annual Convention to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve this past year as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee was present and active at each of our quarterly meetings held throughout the State. I am grateful for your dedication and support to the volunteers and member companies of the MSFA. To Vice Chairman Stu Carter, I look forward to working with you in the coming year. I know you will work tireless and with dedication to serve the Officers and members of the MSFA.

I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their interest support and dedication to serve. Many issues were discussed and many important decisions were made that affect the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS services of this Association. Each decision that was made was in the best interest of the member companies of the Association. On behalf of the Executive Committee I want to congratulate President Underwood for his dedication to this Great Association and his tireless efforts on behalf of all volunteers in this State. We would also like to thank Secretary Olson and her Assistant Secretaries for all of the support and assistance they gave to the Executive Committee during our meetings. Last to all the Committee Chairs thank you for your dedicated work!

It will be very important for the Officers of this Association to continue their efforts to fund the position of Executive Director. The position of Executive Director will be important now and in years to come to support the day to day operations of the MSFA and to be a single point of contact for MSFA members. It also needs to be noted again that the MSFA

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continues to support the legislative efforts in Annapolis. We must work with our legislators to allocate more funding for the Fire, Rescue and EMS providers in the State.

Let me again thank President Underwood, Vice Presidents Powell and Cox for their leadership and guidance, and knowledge that have made our Association stronger. In closing, I want say that I was much honored to fill in as Chairman of the Executive Committee these past two years after the untimely death of Ms. Judy Lau, who would have served as the MSFA first woman President. Judy Lau was a most qualified person to serve. Judy was a dedicated volunteer to the Fire, Rescue and EMS services in this State and she will never be forgotten. Thank you again.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Craig A. Moe, Chairman

### ***REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

This year provided your Trustees with the opportunity to again improve the Manual of Benefit Instructions and may be reviewed on the MSFA web site. Please take time to familiarize your officers with this vital information.

We approved Two Line of Duty Deaths and provided their Surviving Spouses with Benefits. These Benefits included Benefits for two minor children of each recipient. In addition to these Benefits upon qualifying and acceptance to College, a Benefit is available to the surviving children.

Numerous requests for Disability claims were received. Several were not eligible and were denied. Please take time to review these requests before forwarding to the Trustees for review. Even though we have limited funds, we want to pay qualifying Benefits for our members.

The Trustees were able to approve, this year, additional funds for Disability Claims. We will continue to try to improve these services.

The Trustees worked with our Legislators and Legislative committee in securing additional funds from the Governor's Budget and are very appreciative for the additional funding. Needless to say, again Funds are severally restricted and this makes for numerous challenges every year for your Trustees.

I would like to recognize Trustees: John Means, Sr. Vice Chair, C. Daniel Carpenter III, PP Gene Worthington, Secretary, and PP Terry Thompson. These members have provided the dedication and foresight that we all depend on. I would also like to mention that all Benefits for Line of Duty Deaths, the first check was delivered in person by this committee to the surviving spouse and their families. Trustee John Means has decided to retire as a member of the Trustees Board. Please take a moment to thank John for his years of dedication. On behalf of the Trustees I wish to thank John for his foresight and good nature attitude. Please join me one last time "John, Thank You for a job well done, You will be missed. Thank You for the opportunity to serve."

Sincerely,  
Stephen V. Hales, Chair

### ***REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE***

Thank you President Frank Underwood, 1st Vice President Roger Powell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Doyle Cox for letting me assume my husband Ron Graf's Committee. Special thanks to Doyle Cox for all his help and the members of the committee who work so hard to get our firefighter recognized.

There was a change in the date of some awards and were distributed with the convention packets. The changes are all on the website. This year we also added the Three Generation, Top Responder and Military award. These individuals will get Certificates of Recognition. Best of Luck to you Roger in your year as President and good luck to the others seeking office in the association. It will be my pleasure to serve you next year on the awards committee as chairperson.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Graf, Chairperson

### ***REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE***

The past year for the Constitution and By-laws Committee was a time of transition as member William Press resigned due to relocation and Marie McHugh resigned for personal reasons. The Committee welcomed new member Robert Allen, North Beach Fire Department.

The committee held meetings in Sykesville, North Beach, and Fallston. The goal of the Committee for the year was to establish Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) so that the Association could be more responsive to changing financial conditions and administrative changes within the Association.

The initial areas for the establishment of SOPs were expense reimbursement, travel reimbursement, and the Presidential vehicle fleet. As a result the following five (5) amendments will be on the ballot at the Convention and Conference in Ocean City.

**Question One: Constitution, Article III** - Adds Section Seven (7) which establishes SOPs and defines how SOPs will be processed.

**Question Two: Constitution, Article IV, Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 20 and 21** - Removes specific amounts for Officers' reimbursement of expenses, establishes a SOP for reimbursement and requires that Officers request a budget for reimbursement through the Budget and Revenue Committee.

**Question Three: Constitution, Article IV, Section 14** - Removes travel reimbursement for Officers from the Constitution and establishes a SOP for Officer's travel reimbursement based upon recommendations of the Budget and Revenue Committee.

**Question Four: Constitution, Article V, Section 5** - Removes travel reimbursement for Committee Chairman from the Constitution and establishes a SOP for Committee Chairman's travel reimbursement for attending Executive Committee meetings based upon recommendation of the Budget and Revenue Committee.

**Question Five: Constitution, Article IV** - Adds Section Twenty-one (21) which establishes a SOP for the operation and maintenance of the President's vehicle fleet.

The Committee requests that you vote **for** the five questions on the ballot. Please keep Vice Chairman and Parliamentarian Bill Wagner in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from injuries from a serious fall.

The Committee would like to issue its annual reminder to any member company that is planning to submit an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws that it needs to be submitted to the Association Secretary, in writing, no later than January to allow time to be processed for inclusion on the ballot at the Convention and Conference in June.

The Committee stands ready to assist the Officers, Executive Committee, Committees and members of the Association as needed.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dennis Skinner, Chairman

## ***REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE***

President Underwood, Vice-Presidents Powell and Cox, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA): through the commitment, efforts and hard work of many caring people, the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA is being provided for the betterment of our association, its membership, their families and the State of Maryland's Fire and Rescue Services as a whole.

As with anything in our lives, the only constant element we can expect to occur is change and with the Convention Committee there is no exception to that fact. A lot of significant changes have occurred this year as did last year. Since I took over this position with the Association last year, I made a commitment to streamline the convention process and decentralize the planning and work efforts of the committee. I am happy to report that a new format for the committee of the whole is fully functional and that would include the creation of five co-chairs and five vice- chairs that are helping to manage all of the day-to-day activities of your Convention and Conference. I would be remiss if I did not, at this time, thank my predecessor Chairman Emeritus and Past President Leonard King for all he did to bring this event to what it is today. He helped us over the years to become one of the best regional fire service trade shows in the nation.

Since last year's event, the Steering Committee, along with each of the newly formulated sectors, Administration (Co-Chair Past President Lee Sachs, Vice-Chair Jackie Olson), Exhibits (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger), Finance (Co-Chair Past President Robert Jacobs, Vice-Chair Past President Fred Cross),

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Production (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand), and Program (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz), have been hard at work preparing for our week at the beach. We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year's Convention and Conference.

Each year the Joint Officers' Banquet is a very well planned out and enjoyed event. This year is another fine example. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Chris and Lisa Tona, Pat and Kim Dempsey and Tim Clark) for their extra attention to details provided with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the banquet guests, Elaine Huttenloch for the banquet program presentations 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 activities. Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain's Office, along with Elaine Huttenloch and other team members are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program. This year you will see that the start time for the event is 5:00 p.m. with an intention to allow more family time that evening after the service. Also, no refreshments will be provided this year for this activity and for the Installation of Officers as we work to control our costs in this very turbulent economic time.

Assistant Secretary Joe Cooper, Rick Hemphill and the entire registration team have put in many hours taking care of all the credentials listings, delegate check-ins and of course the voting activities and are to be thanked for their efforts.

The most up-to-date informational programs will be featured in the numerous seminars and main program presentations on the convention floor in order 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, Director Steven Edwards at MFRI and Dr. Bass at MIEMSS for their devotion and assistance.

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will provide a fitting tribute to all who serve the State of Maryland and especially our entire first responder community. Our continued theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors accompanied with a special video presentation. Thanks to Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, 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.

The joint Awards Ceremony will follow the opening and thanks to the Awards Committee, especially Evelyn Graf, Doyle Cox, Past President Bobby Balta and the Ladies Auxiliary

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Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. Don't forget about the Basket Bingo Monday night since Matt Heard has been working hard to make it an excellent event.

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

Individuals such as Carlos Alfaro, Chris May 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 run smoothly. Ed Joiner; thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Jim Hall, Bill Huttenloch, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, John Spiker, Ben Kurtz, Bill Hawkins, John Gatton, Sr., J. Franklin Harvey, Greg DeHaven, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, John Guntow, Hoby Howel, Laura Woods, Past Presidents Worthington, Preston and Cumberland, Teresa Crisman, Fran Crisman, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, backstage and logistics areas for all events during the week. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center backstage well organized and managed without a flaw.

Each year, the display of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services proves to be very beneficial to our membership and even with the downturn in the economy, we have been able to bring some new vendors to display their wares. Through our convention you will be able to visit more suppliers and equipment dealers during this one week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet the technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions just by visiting the exhibit booths. We owe a big "Thank You" to all of the exhibitors for supporting our Convention and Conference and a special thanks to Exhibit Chairs Wylie Donaldson, Past President Lee Sachs and their team for another year of great exhibitors.

For all the folks who sell the event tickets, offer bus passes, handle the mad rush in the lower foyers and provide information and guidance to conference attendees, my personal thanks for a job well done, often under very trying times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your constant delivery of those friendly smiles is greatly appreciated. That team includes Pat Cross, Joan Robison, Rose Davis, Dennie Mattingly, Glema Balta, Chris Yinger and Sandy Jacobs along with Nancy Cox, Cheryl Hanna, Kari Kent, Anna Banks, and of course Dave.

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

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conduct their events this week, as well.

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring revenue into our coffers. My thanks to Margaret Gouty and her team at the Special Activities Booth and to Lou Jonske, Mitch Vocke and their crew for the tireless effort put forth all year with the \$10,000.00 Raffle.

Again, this year we are planning an array of social events, including the All You Can Eat Picnic, Monday Night Bay Side Deck Party, Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade/Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Installation and many more which require a lot of planning, coordination, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the individuals for their dedicated work in producing these various events. With the continued efforts of the committee to curb costs, a decision has been made to eliminate the fireworks display on Monday night. We will see how the Deck Party goes without fireworks and evaluate the results for next year. A special thanks to Past President Fred Cross, Chuck Austin and Secretary Jackie Olson for another great Golf Outing. Good job guys.

The parade requires many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to Past President Roger Steger, Bill Hildebrand, Bruce Surette and your entire team for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Town Transportation Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Town Government including the Mayor, 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 Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year to make everything happen for a successful Convention and Conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center management and staff, including David Swift, Reatta Tate, and the entire gang for all of their assistance, cooperation and dedication they demonstrate all during the planning process for our annual event.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Chairman

***REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE ISSUES COMMITTEE***

Good Morning, I would like to thank President Frank Underwood for re-appointing our committee to address our emergency vehicle issues during the year. Our committee has addressed questions/concerns by e-mail, as everyone's schedule is busy and we feel we can perform our duties, without traveling.

Questions/concerns we discuss during the year as we received from our member companies/departments were:

1. Procedures/polices for red lights on private vehicles for fire/EMS officers and fire police authorized operations, we recommend each person authorized to use red lights complete the authorization form and print on their company/department letterhead,

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then place a copy in their vehicle and company/department file. Maryland Fire Laws "TR 22-2 18 (3) Audible and Visual Signals on Vehicles."

- A. Driver's license requirements to drive/operate Class A or B emergency vehicles in the State of Maryland, which can be done with one of the following
  - B. Non-commercial class A or B license,
  - C. Commercial class A or B license, with current DOT physical card and endorsements for the type of vehicle (air brakes, tanker, etc),
  - D. Current Maryland class C or equivalent other state license, completion/passage of MFRI or VIS emergency vehicle operator course and emergency vehicle operator card authorized by your Fire Chief or his designee, Maryland Fire Laws "TR 16-102 (12)."
2. Can we continue to take a Class A and/or B emergency vehicle to the MVA office to test for a non-C.L. or C.L. license?

Yes, the non-commercial Class A and B skills are still being administered at the MVA offices to operators of Fire Apparatus. The trucks may be used for either non C.L. or a C.L., providing the applicant holds the appropriate learner's permit. Those applicants utilizing the equipment to obtain a CDL will be required to show a valid DOT card. Any Fire Department that is a participant in the ETP (Employer Testing Program) will need to administer their operators the skills test in accordance with their EPT agreement."

3. Is the DOT physical card required for vehicles over 10,000 GVW?

"No, DOT cards are only required for operators of commercial motor vehicles (CMV) over 10,000 lbs. GWWR however, if the driver has a CDL he/she will be required to have a valid DOT card in his/her possession."

4. Is a DOT physical card required for Class A or B emergency vehicle operators with a non-CDL license or Emergency Vehicle Operator Card?

"No, the driver does not need a DOT card."

5. Operators wishing to obtain an Emergency Vehicle Operators Card issued by the Fire Chief or his designee needs to have some type of learner's permit while meeting the required training before the Chief can present the card, we would like to know if we could draft a letter that would follow the Emergency Vehicle Operator Card layout that could be typed on that department/company letterhead and signed by the Chief or his designee.

"The intent of the EVOC was to allow emergency vehicle operators to drive the fire apparatus on his/her non-commercial class C license. Mr. Steger you may want to contract Maryland Fire and Rescue Education and Training Commission to get some direction on this matter."



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Chief Dan Stevens has a draft proposal and is going to present to the MFRETC at their June 2009 meeting. We will provide an up-date after the meeting.

I would like to thank our committee for serving with commitment and dedication for the betterment of our membership and we look forward to continuing our service to our association.

Sincerely,  
Roger A. Steger, Sr., Chairman

***REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORK GROUP***

The Executive Director Work Group met in the fall of 2008, when we designated PP Paul Sterling to be our point person during the 2009 Legislative Session to pursue the funding for the Executive Director program approved by the Executive Committee in the fall of 2007.

We were unable to make any progress during the Session; we were advised by our President that State funding was not available.

All of our previous work in preparing ads, application forms and a process for seeking and reviewing applications is in place and can be implemented on short notice. We are confident that we will be able to move forward in the coming year and are committed to making a strong effort to do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee N. Sachs, Chair

***REPORT OF THE FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE***

President Underwood, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 117th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, It has again been a pleasure for this committee to continue to serve you and this great Association.

This year, we again took the same approach as last year. In January, 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.

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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 Underwood 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 2008 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor. Enjoy your convention and PLEASE NOMNATE for this and all awards contests next year. Good Luck!

Respectfully submitted,  
John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman  
Bill Radisch, Vice Chairman

***REPORT OF THE  
FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE***

President Underwood, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guests, and Delegates to the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. The committee has been working over the past two years on producing the 2009 Edition of the Book. This edition contains all the content of the 2006 edition along with the various pieces of new and amended legislation that was passed by the legislatures in Annapolis and signed in to law by the Governor in 2007 and 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

***REPORT OF THE  
FIRE PREVENTION/LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE***

President Underwood, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, our Committee continues to promote Fire Prevention and Life Safety through our wonderful state of Maryland. We have worked close together with the State Fire Marshal's Office, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary Fire Prevention Committee.

This year we continued to support the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference held in September, and Life Safety Educator's Seminar held in the spring. This year's Life Safety Educators Seminar was low attendance. Members of our Committee along with members of MFRI will work together to come up with a better attendance.

Theresa Ann Crisman, Marie Warner-Crosson, Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Audrey and Ed

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Thurston continue to do an outstanding job on the Risk-Watch Program. This Committee works very hard in the prevention to ensure that children are kept safe from unintentional injuries. They participate in many conferences held throughout the year with display and hand out material.

Peggy Webb, Emmons Homer, and Allen Ryan continue distributing visual smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing to people upon their request. Emmons alone has distributed 364 alarms over on the Eastern Shore. Outstanding Job!

Tom Collins continues to work on Bill Board Displays. Presently we have two bill boards. They are located on Rt.50, Berlin Eastbound, and Rt.50 Cambridge Westbound. Tom has been working with Fire Marshal's Office and MFRI to design another sign "Fire Safety is Your Responsibility".

Kristi Gable and her sub-committee have updated our current Miss Fire Prevention Program and have organized a Junior Miss M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention for this year's convention. Kristi and her sub-committee have done an outstanding job.

Miss Fire Prevention, Colleen Frances, and Miss Fire Prevention First Runner Up, Stacie Jarot, have both had an outstanding year promoting fire prevention and life safety activities throughout the state. Congratulations for a job well done.

I would like to thank M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary Fire Prevention Committee, and William Barnard, State Fire Marshal, for all their support and their attendance at all of our meetings. My thanks to all of the M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention Committee members for their support and hard work that they do in promoting fire prevention and life safety throughout this year.

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

**REPORT OF THE  
HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**

President Underwood, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 117th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, this year the deadline for submitting nominations was changed from May 1 to April 15. This was done to give the Chair more time to make copies and get them to the committee members. There were several nominations that came in late and caused a second mailing. Next year nominations will be closed April 15, 2010.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee received thirty two (32) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and thirty one (31) nominations for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

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

Book.

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

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will be given during the presentation of awards on Monday, June 15, 2009, during the awards ceremonies.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Dan Carpenter III, Chair

### ***REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FIRE AND EMS CAREER TECH COMMITTEE***

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

A problem that we continue to monitor and investigate is the high failure rate among the Career Tech students in EMT and other classes. We have discussed the problem with several counties. We have examined the various methods that the counties are taking to address the problem and will continue our dialogue with the counties that are using innovative ways to solve the problem and raise the pass rate among the participants in the programs.

Some counties have not experienced the problem and others seem to be improving. It appears that motivation of the students may have a large role in the pass/fail. We will continue to focus on this challenge during the coming year.

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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. It is important that we preserve that feature in the program.

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

We will continue to monitor the programs throughout the state and continue to study the failure rate situation. 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 HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE***

The Historical & Archives Committee has held only two meetings this year due to the high cost of gasoline prices. Although meetings were few, we continued to encourage all members to promote the gathering of inventory and the histories of the fire companies within their local areas a number of fire companies to include Sandy Spring, Westminster, Lake Shore, and Laytonsville have submitted their histories and all have been inventoried for placement into the archives. The committee also received items from Rev. Pearce Damewood's fire collection which was also inventoried.

Thanks to our dedicated members of the committee, we were able to polish and replace the items in the glass display cases and re-hang plaques that were taken down for the rehab at the Volunteer Firefighter's Room at College Park.

We have continued 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 continue this project. We have currently interviewed three of our veteran members and hope to have these compiled into a single video for future presentations at County Associations across the state. We hope this video presentation will promote the importance of interviewing our seasoned members to capture the history of the Maryland Fire Service.

Once again, please visit the Historical & Archives booth at Convention, as we will have

copies of inventoried historical photographs for purchase.

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 of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, assisted with the Joint Memorial Service and Opening Ceremonies at the 2008 Convention and Conference, providing a combined Color Guard for both. Michael Fold from the Baltimore County Fire Department Honor Guard, served as Commander for the combined Color Guard.

Members of the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Honor Guard served as escorts for the families at the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening. A member from the MSFA Honor Guard Committee and the Baltimore City Fire Department's Honor Guard were asked to participate in the presentations to honor the family members.

The Harford County team also preformed a "Flag Fold" during the Memorial Service. The standard "Interment" flag was folded as the Pipes and Drums played *Amazing Grace*.

Vice Chairman Beard once again took care of the line up of the "Sea of Blue" for the Joint Memorial Service.

On Monday morning for the Opening Ceremonies, personnel from the various Honor Guards made up the "Combined Color Guard" to "Present the Colors", which was again led by Michael Fold, of the Baltimore County Fire Department Honor Guard. Members of the MSFA Honor Guard Committee along with personnel from the various Honor Guards, posted the County Flags on stage for the Opening Ceremonies. As I have done in the past, for the Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning, I assisted Vice Chairman Beard with the lineup for the Honor Guard personnel for the posting the County Flags and other tasks that he needed my assistance. As always, Vice Chairman Beard, did an excellent job.

At the 2008 Conference and Convention, we held an Honor Guard "Challenge and Workshop" in place of the Annual Honor Guard Competition. We had teams participate in the Challenge portion and additional personnel from other teams take part in the Workshop portion.

The "Challenge" part of our Tuesday event was to take members of the teams and combine them with members of other teams to complete a task. The room was set up as though it were a funeral home, or chapel. Teams drew a task and were then given a very short amount of time to look over the room, to determine how to make it work. They were also asked to use members from other teams, which is what made this an additional challenge.

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Because personnel from different teams may never have worked together, they had to plan how best to incorporate these personnel and perform the task. Everyone seemed to enjoy the interaction.

Once the "Honor Guard Challenge" was completed, a hands on workshop took place. Members of the MSFA Honor Guard Committee and members from some of the teams that participated in the challenge, gave instruction and assisted attendees with "how to" questions. The attendees were given the chance to learn how to fold the flag over the casket, carry the casket and casket watch. Some of the attendees were from Honor Guards that were just starting out, or were in the process of forming a team.

I thank Vice Chairman Greg DeHaven and committee member Tyrone DeMent for their hard work putting this together and Vice Chairman DeHaven for overseeing that.

At our meeting in January 2009, we discussed the situation of budget cuts with the career fire departments and how it will impact the Honor Guards attending the Convention and Conference.

Our plan is that we will contact the Commander of each Honor Guard, to see if they can send one member for a combined Color Guard. This combined Color Guard, will present the Colors at the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening and the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning. The combined team can be as small as five, counting a team leader / commander.

A suggested change for the Opening Ceremony would be, instead of having the Honor Guards carry and post the County Flags; they would be pre-posted on the stage. At the point where they normally would be brought in, a video presentation, having the County Seal, or Baltimore City Seal, along with a special photo of that area would be shown on the video screen. The Flag would have a spotlight on it for that short time, to highlight it.

Vice Chairman Beard, advised the committee, that the MSFA now has a casket that is the property of the MSFA, for use by the Honor Guards for training and for use at the Convention and Conference. The casket will be kept in the MSFA trailer.

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 handled via a conference call to the members.

Details for what will be needed at the 2009 Convention and Conference will be taken care of at the Convention and Conference Committee meeting in May.

The Honor Guard Committee chairs and members, wish to thank President Underwood for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association during the 2008 — 2009 term.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

President Underwood, Vice Presidents Powell and Cox, Officers, Past Presidents, members of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests, the 2009 Legislative session started on January 14 and concluded at midnight on April 13. This session was one of the most hectic I have seen. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 2654 bills. Of these, 76 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The breakdown of these bills was:

Support: 21  
Oppose: 8  
Monitor: 20  
Local: 27

All of the bills the MSFA opposed were either defeated or withdrawn.

Three very important bills were introduced in the Senate (Senators Astle and Pipkin) that would have affected the current Medevac service. They were SB649, SB650, and SB764. SB650 and SB764 would have greatly impacted the Medevac system and Emergency Services. SB650 would have changed the makeup of the helicopter fleet, dividing it into two separate divisions with different helicopters and would contract out the Medevac portion. The MSP Aviation Division along with commercial helicopters would bid for the "on-scene" transport service.

SB764 would have set up a cabinet level emergency services department and placed MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, MEMA, MFRI, and others under this cabinet position. SB649 was a re-introduction of a bill from last year that would pay up to \$150,000 for "on scene" transports by commercial helicopters from MESOF. Delegate Smigel cross filed these bills, which were later withdrawn. We sent out an urge message to all on "our" e-mail list asking them to contact the Budget & Taxation and Finance Committees urging them to vote against these bills. A rally was held on March 4, 2009 to show opposition to these bills. There were over 250 people and 24 pieces of Apparatus at the rally.

Several Delegates and Senators spoke in opposition to these bills. The hearing for these bills was scheduled for the same day as the hearing, but was rescheduled for the following week. We had over 120 people in attendance for the hearings. As a result of our opposition, the rally, and e-mails; SB650 and SB764 did not come out of committee. However, Senator Garagiola introduced SB1041. This bill would have delayed purchase of Medevac helicopters for two years. Senators Pipkin and Astle added amendments to this bill that would in a nutshell have done the same thing as SB650 and to some extent SB764. With the help of Senator Glassman and Senator DeGrange, a lot of e-mails, SB1041 was defeated on second reader in the Senate. We were also pleasantly surprised when SB649 failed in the Senate.

**SB 1063 — Joint Emergency Medical Services Oversight Committee.** This bill was introduced by Senator Pugh. The MSFA, along with MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, and MSP



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Aviation, supported the bill. Senator Pipkin and Astle amended the bill by changing the make-up of the Oversight Committee specifying that three members had to come from the Senate Finance Committee. This was not to our liking, but we could live with the amendment. Bill passed the Senate, but was amended in the House to include adding two members to the EMS board and striking the three members from the Senate Finance Committee. This amended bill passed the House, and then was sent to a House/Senate conference committee where it died.

**HB434/SB883 — State Government — Commemorative Days — Firemen and Rescue Workers Memorial Service.** HB434 received an unfavorable report out of House Committee. Senator Dyson sponsored SB883 which passed the Senate, but failed in the House in the closing hours of the session.

**HB265/SB289 — Public Safety — Emergency Medical Services Board — Membership.** These bills would have added a MSP pilot and another member from the Public to the EMS board. Both bills failed in the Senate.

**HB71/SB802 — Higher Education — Edward T. Conroy Tuition Waiver Program.** Both bills passed.

**HB1523 — State Fire Marshal — Fire Sprinkler Contractor — Licensing.** Bill passed.

**HB100 — Budget -** MSFA maintained its current funding level; however there was an increase in the MSFA Trustees fund. Bill passed.

**HB102 — Capital Budget—** Bill contains funding for the North East Regional Training Center. Bill passed.

**HB167 — Charitable Gaming — Regulation — County Gaming Commissions —** Failed in House Ways and Means Committee.

**SB649 - Transportation - Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund - Transport by Privately Owned Helicopter.** Failed third reader in Senate

**SB650- Medevac Helicopter Improvement Act of 2009.** Failed in Senate Committee

**SB104I - Maryland Health Care Commission - State Police - Helicopter Emergency Medical Services.** Failed second reader in Senate.

There were two “move-over” bills (HB622/HB989) introduced in the House. Both bills again failed in committee. We need to educate our legislators in the importance of this “move-over” legislation in providing some safety for highway incidents.

The Committee especially thanks the following for their efforts on behalf of the MSFA: Assistant Secretary of State Brian Moe, Senator Barry Glassman, Senator Roy Dyson, Senator James DeGrange, Senator Richard Colburn, Senator Vema Jones, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, Delegate Galen Claggett, Delegate Richard Weldon, and

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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 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 Rose Davis, chairperson of the LAMSFA Legislative Committee. Rose, you and the other ladies did a tremendous job. We are proud to have the following ladies as a part of the team; Rose Davis, Betty Radish, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Barbara Mc Williams, and Carene Housenfluck. Heartfelt thanks to President Lois Hetz for her assistance and support during the year.

I would like to thank Richard Snader, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Daniel Davis Jr., Chairman  
Richard L. Yinger, Vice Chairman

***REPORT OF THE INCENTIVES PROGRAMS COMMITTEE***

President Underwood, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 117th Annual Convention.

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

The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. Two counties have had changes in their programs since our last convention. Howard County's basic monthly payment increased from \$200 to \$250 and their monthly payment for each additional year of certified service increased from \$8 to \$10. Calvert County increased their death benefit to \$6000, an increase of \$3000. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet may be kept current. A copy of the latest LOSAP Summary Chart is attached.

**TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)**

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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 2008 is unavailable. A total of 12,968 qualified in Tax Year 2007, an increase of 259 over 2006. Ten counties showed a decrease and 13 showed an increase in qualifying volunteers.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

Thank you for caring and your prayers during Joe's and my health issues. I love you all and God Bless you.

Incentive Programs Committee

Joan Robison

Anne Hawkins

Joe Cooper

Patricia A. Bowser

Donald M. Phillips

Stuart Carter

C. Douglas Bostian

Donald Lee Howard

Gary Crampton

Ken Bush

County Point System Coordinators

Allegany - Cheri Llewellyn

Anne Arundel -David Lewis

Baltimore - Stuart Carter

Calvert - Mona Marsico

Caroline - William Cooper

Carroll - Douglas Bostian

Cecil - Shirley Herring

Charles - Skip Massey

Dorchester - Vernon L. Hurley

Frederick - Dianne Sears

Garrett - Patricia Bowser

Harford - J. Alan Thompson

Howard – Steve Fleming

Kent - - Judy Hickman

Montgomery – Kathy Zeiger

Prince George's - Joan Robison

Queen's Anne's-Marie McHugh

St. Mary's - Joe Cooper

Somerset - Donald Lee Howard

Talbot - Ken Bush

Washington - Skip Menzies

Wicomico - Michael W. Farlow

Worcester - Norman Cathell

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Robison, Chairman

**LOSAP SUMMARY**

\$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 5 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

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

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)							
COUNTY	AGE	YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE	BASIC PAYMENT PER MONTH	MAXIMUM BENEFITS	SURVIVING SPOUSE	BURIAL BENEFIT	COST OF LIVING
Anne Arundel	50	25	\$250	\$250	\$150	None	None
Baltimore	60	25	\$260	\$260	None	\$5,000	None
Calvert	55	25	\$400 + \$4(a)	\$500	50%	\$6,000	None
Caroline	65	25	\$135 paid quarterly	None	50%	None	Periodic Review
Carroll	60	25	\$125 + \$8	None	None	\$5,000	None
Cecil	55	25	\$200 + \$4	\$300	50%	\$1,000	None
Charles	60	25	\$221 + \$8.84 (a)	None	75%	\$5,000	Based on CPI
	55	25	75% + 75%	None	75%	\$5,000	Based on CPI
Frederick	65	25	\$100 paid quarterly	N/A	None d)	None	Periodic Review
Harford	55	25	\$300 + \$6	\$450	50%	\$5,000	None
Howard	50	25	\$250 + \$10	None	None	None	None
Kent	65	25		\$150	None	None	None
Montgomery	e)	25	\$230 + \$11.50 (a)	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
	60	15	\$138 + \$9.20	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
	65	10	\$92 + \$9.20	\$345	50%	\$5,000	None
Prince George's	55	25	\$225 + \$4 ((	None	50%	\$5,000	Equal to career fire fighters
Queen Anne's	65	25	(h)	\$150	None	None	None
St. Mary's	60	20	\$200 + \$8 (f)	None	50%	Line of Duty Only	Equal to State
	55	20	\$150 + \$8	None	50%	Line of Duty Only	Equal to State
Talbot	62	25	\$175	None	None	\$5,000	Periodic Review
Washington	62	25	\$200 + \$15)	\$350	75%	\$4,000	None
Worcester	60	25		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Town of Ocean City and the City of Salisbury have programs.							
a) per month added for each full year of certified service over 25 years							
b) changes yearly based on the Consumer Price Index							
c) cannot be increased or decreased by more than 4%							
received and a minimum award of \$10,000							
e) age 55 with 25 years of service before 1996 or any age with 25 years of service after December 31, 2003							
f) per month added for each full year of certified service over 20 years							

)h) \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 20 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

amount equal to the total annual contributions made on behalf of each volunteer plus investment earnings per month added for each additional year of certified service

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## **REPORT FROM THE MARYLAND DNR FOREST SERVICE**

President Underwood, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests. I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources Secretary John R. Griffin and Forest Service Director / State Forester Steven W. Koehn.

Wildfire response for 2008 was on par with averages with the Agency responding to 583 wildfires that burned 2,339 acres. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning, Arson, and Equipment use. The Forest Service also conducted 25 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 537 acres. Nationally, Northern California experienced an unprecedented number of fire starts in July 2008. Maryland once again answered the call and dispatched three of our highly specialized twenty-person wildland fire crews and 10 single resource fire personnel to assist in the fire fight.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 33 volunteer fire departments in eleven counties receiving \$80,290 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$189,593 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.

Equipment upgrades continued in 2008 with the replacement of two Type 6 Engines (Brush Trucks), one each in Western and Central regions of the state. The Agency also acquired a Marsh Master II amphibious unit for the suppression of marsh fires on the Eastern Shore. The unit can quickly track in a fireline and is also equipped with a 110-gallon suppression unit.

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) launched an online version on the basic wildfire training classes S-130 / S-190 and Maryland is participating in the program. The student can complete 32 of 40 classroom hours online and then participate in an 8-hour field day practical to complete the instruction and certification. In addition, the course is still being offered in the traditional classroom format in the spring and fall each year.

This spring, the agency launched a new in state Wildland Fire Crew Volunteer program. Volunteer crew members can be utilized to assist the Service on large incidents, extended attack operations, and additional staffing on high fire days for suppression, prevention, and preparedness activities. The necessary training and equipment is provided by the Department.

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The Firewise Maryland program had another successful year with six Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) completed in the Western region of the state in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties. Two Maryland communities have gained national recognition of the Firewise Communities USA program. Through three federal hazard mitigation grants the program will be expanding this year to the Eastern and Central regions of the state and continue the development of additional Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

I encourage all departments to look at the benefits of planning, preparing, and mitigation efforts to prevent wildfires in their local communities. The Agency appreciates the long standing partnership with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and its members in the protection of our communities from wildfires. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 117th MSFA Annual Convention!

Respectfully Submitted  
Monte R. Mitchell  
State Fire Supervisor

### ***REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION***

The Foundation had quite a diverse and challenging year. It was a year of great sadness, one full of transition and ended with joy. Great sadness started the year with the passing of our chairman, Don Mooney. Our transition consisted of selecting new Officers and doing a restructure of the committees. We ended the year with joy as we saw the successful completion of the enhancement project to the site.

The loss of Don cannot be measured by any means. He was our only chairman since the formation in 1997. The Foundation bestowed the ranking of Chairman Emeritus for his years of service and commitment. This acknowledgment was made at the annual Gala to his family. Peg continues her work assisting us with the historical and archive information.

New Officers were selected as follows, Gene Worthington President, Bob Ringle Vice Chairman, Robin Browning Secretary and Dennis Beard Treasurer. We thank all of them for their dedication. We did a complete makeover of the committee structure appointing some 13 different ones to carry on the functions and tasking of the Foundation. Thanks to all of them for their continued work. Our meeting attendance continues to grow and we would invite anyone wanting to be a part to those meetings.

The memorial park has undergone a major renovation with the completion of the enhancement project last fall. We added a water feature, walkways, benches, more shrubbery and flowers, and a feeling of quietness. We have also entered into a maintenance contract with Walnut Hill Landscaping to maintain the park. We invite all to visit the site.

Unfortunately this year we will be adding six names to the wall during the annual ceremony. Chief Rod and his committee have been working diligently to make this a memorable event for all.

Our fundraising efforts continue with the sales of bricks, DVD's, pictures and this year we

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are introducing for sale a wooden replica of the memorial. Stop by our booth for a firsthand look at our items.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Worthington, President

### ***REPORT FROM MISS FIRE PREVENTION***

It is outright impossible to put into words how much this past year experiences as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention have meant to me. As a 19 year old college student I feel truly blessed to be a young person and have had the opportunities that were given to me. Not many teenagers and young adults have the chance to spend a year working with some of the best life safety initiative personnel in the country, building networking experiences that last for a lifetime. The people I have had the pleasure of meeting, and the places I have been to will forever leave a lasting impression on me that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

This past year I have put in over 7,000 miles worth of travel time, which was at times difficult factoring in my first year of college; however, the help and support from my family and the MSFA has been overwhelming. Never before did I think that I would have so many people standing behind me willing to help and do whatever it took to get the job done. I would like to especially thank President Frank Underwood for his support this past year; I speak for both myself and my parents when I say that without him travel this year would have been much more stressful, if not impossible.

To the new girls who will receive the honor that I have had this past year, I wish you the best of luck; I know that you will work hard and have a blast as much as Stacie and I have had this year. Also to the fire prevention committee and the entire MSFA I am extremely grateful for your help this year, and I could not have exceeded my goals without you.

At the end of this intense and exciting year, I can proudly say that I have preformed my duties as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention to the best of my ability. I have been gifted with the experience of a lifetime, and realized that if just one child remembers to practice their escape plan, or one family remembers to change their smoke alarm battery, every brochure passed out, every mile, every hour dedicated to the job is worth it. The job of MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is truly one that changes lives, especially your own.

Sincerely  
Colleen Frances,  
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

### ***REPORT FROM MISS FIREPREVENTION 1ST RUNNER UP***

To the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary, I

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would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as a fire queen. I have traveled 15,224 miles this past year representing the Maryland State Firemen's Association as Miss Fire Prevention 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up. I'm 20 years old and I'm attending Towson University. My major is Physical Education. I'm an active member at the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department. It has been a great experience traveling around to so many fire departments. I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind to me this past year. You made me feel like I was a member of your company.

My best wishes to the incoming queens who will be selected at the annual convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacie Jaret,  
Miss Fire Prevention I Running

**REPORT OF THE  
NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION**

President Underwood, Vice-Presidents Powell and Cox, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2008 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Annual Report. I hope it is useful to the association and the fire service community as a whole to highlight our activities this past year and moreover to strengthen the relationship that exists between our two organizations. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff we wish you a most successful annual conference and convention.

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

The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland. Donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations fund many of the Foundation's programs. A grant from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance supports programs for survivors and coworkers of firefighters killed in the line of duty. Another grant from the U.S. Fire Administration provides support for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held in October of each year. The Everyone Goes Home® Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives program is funded by a Fire Act Grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

**Family Support**

- Sponsored the third annual Fire Service Survivors Conference in Washington, DC, with more than 100 attending
- Held a PSOB (Public Safety Officers Benefits) Summit for the fire service and survivors to discuss the program's status and recommendations



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- Expanded Fire Service Survivors Network – 274 members in 41 states and the District of Columbia
- Members made 64 direct family contacts with families of 2008 firefighters and 16 contacts with the families of 2007 fallen firefighters the families of 2007 fallen firefighters
- 72 members sent 2,518 Remembrance cards to families on the anniversary of their loved one's death
- Provided publications and newsletters to families
  - Sent "Tinsel and Tears" brochure, which provides information on how to cope with the holidays, to 61 family members of firefighters who died in 2008
  - Sent Foundation newsletters to 6,000 survivors and fire service members
  - Prepared and sent five issues of *The Journey* dealing with loss and survivor-to-survivor support—each issue was sent to more than 3,000 survivors
  - Fulfilled requests from survivors for 932 grief brochures
- Provided information on Federal, State and Local benefits and resources
- Provided books on grief and recovery through a Lending Library

### Scholarships

- Awarded 92 scholarships to spouses, children, and stepchildren from 32 states
- Partnered with Motorola Foundation, MasterGuard, and ICMA-RC to provide more than \$228,000 in scholarships
- Recruited scholarship recipients for the NFFF Scholarship Alumni Association for survivors who have received scholarships and completed their education

### World Trade Center Fire Service Survivors Support

- Sponsored *The Link* newsletter, sent to 960 households of FDNY survivors
- Sponsored Kids Connections events for 389 children of FDNY firefighters who died on 9/11
- Supported counseling for coworkers of FDNY firefighters who died on 9/11

### Local Assistance State Teams (Last)

- Continued to expand the LAST program which trains fire service personnel at the local level to assist departments and families when a line-of-duty firefighter fatality occurs
- Provided training for LAST program as follows:

**February 15-16, 2008 — Emmitsburg, MD — 32 people**

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**July 11-12, 2008 — Emmitsburg, MD —34 people**

**August 8-9, 2008 — Ralston, NE — 35 people**

To date, a total of 245 LAST members have been trained

LAST teams are now functional in 47 states and the District of Columbia

LAST teams assisted the families and departments with 113 fatalities

**Fire Service Support**

Delivered 17 ***Taking Care of Our Own***<sup>®</sup> trainings, which provides guidance for fire departments in dealing with a line of duty death, in 13 states

- 429 fire service officers from 22 states attended
- Expanded *Chief to-Chief Network* to provide professional and personal support
- Fulfilled requests for Resource Guides & LODD SOPs for fire departments

**National Memorial Weekend**

- Honored 101 firefighters from 34 states who died in 2007 and 9 from previous years
- Provided lodging, meals, and travel assistance to families
- Enhanced Incident Command System to manage activities
- Hosted 1,063 survivors who attended the Memorial Weekend
- More than 6,000 attended the National Memorial Service
- Offered 26 group sessions for 558 survivors
- Involved 149 Honor Guard units from 30 states and 221 family escorts from 39 states and the District of Columbia
- More than 100 survivors from previous years returned to manage family registration and Family Day activities
- Broadcast Candlelight and Memorial Services live and streamed over the internet provided both instruction and an opportunity for advocates to discuss goals and plans for the future
- Wichita and Sedgwick Counties in Kansas and the North Dakota Fire Service adopted the Initiatives
- State Advocates were named for Rhode Island and North Carolina

**Line-of-Duty Death Prevention Program**

Continued *Everyone Goes Home* 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives program to reduce firefighter line-of- duty deaths:

- A study by Oklahoma State University was funded which established a list of "best practices" designed to minimize line-of-duty death and injury
- The Virginia Fire Chief's Association adopted the Firefighters Life Safety Advocate Program and placed it under their Health and Safety Committee
- *Courage to Be Safe* train-the-trainer classes were conducted in Iowa, Washington, Louisiana, New Jersey, and Oklahoma
- *The Courage to Be Safe* class was delivered at Missouri Winter Fire School
- The Initiatives-Program Advocates Safety Summit provided both instruction and an

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- *The Safety Through Leadership* initial course was developed and piloted at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.
- A survey was completed to gather feedback from fire service professionals regarding their awareness and perceptions of the resources available through the *Everyone Goes*

### *Home* 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program

- Production of the Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kit Volume 3 began
- Formed a Partnership for Public Education with the Vision 20/20 organization
- Conducted a Behavior Health Planning Meeting to launch strategic steps to implement the 13th Firefighter Life Safety Initiative: Firefighters and their families must have access to psychological support and counseling
- To date, all members of 466 fire departments nationwide have signed the pledge to always wear seat belts
- Sent monthly *Everyone Goes Home* newsletters, news alerts, and media e-mails to 138,246 recipients

### **National Memorial Park**

- Expanded Walk of Honor to include:
  - 1,054 inscribed bricks (total is more than 7,000)
  - 30 logo bricks (total is more than 40)

### **Public Awareness**

Firehero.org website

- Website server hosting was changed in 2008 from a Windows based server to a new Linux based server (with Apache Tomcat installed) to accommodate the technology chosen for the new Firehero.org website. This move included relocating the existing EveryoneGoesHome.com website and the new Firehero.org website sections that have been redeveloped.
- Development work began on the backend of the new website in spring of 2008 and was completed in November.
- 940,463 hits (includes pages, images, scripts, etc.)
- 556,162 sessions (visits)
- A new section was developed for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament. Golf.firehero.org is designed as the flagship page for all National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournaments.
- The new Memorial Weekend section (weekend.firehero.org) was developed to make it easier for new families, fire service and the general public to understand what the Memorial Weekend is all about.

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- During the month of October, the Memorial Weekend section had 864,065 page views, most of which can be attributed to photo slideshow pages viewed.
- Weekend.firehero.org was updated live during the Memorial Weekend and a live video feed was also established through Motorola for broadcasting the Candlelight and Memorial Services.
- Section Updates - Firehero.org

Family Resources - The Foundation worked on revamping the family resource section of its website to expand and reorganize content. These modifications will be launched within the new firehero.org website.

At-A-Glance Feature (About Us) –The Foundation worked on adding an “at-a-glance” feature to the “About Us” section of both the current and the new firehero.org website. This collection of pages and documents include information on our programs and mission, our annual reports, financial information, and other important information.

Pre-1981 Section (Memorial Park) - A new section page was created for information and plans for the Pre-1981 section of Memorial Park. These modifications will be launched within the new firehero.org website.

Send-a-Friend Links - The send to a friend feature was added to the website. This marketing tool allows users to refer or recommend specific pages on our website to other users.

## EveryoneGoesHome.com Website

- 2008 Total to Date (Jan 1, 2008 — Dec 31, 2008) - 5,198,169 page views
- New Sections — EveryoneGoesHome.com

Resource Kits - A new section was launched with materials from the Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kits Volume 1 and 2. These sections contained training materials including instructor guides, PowerPoint presentations, and videos. A preview of the Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kits Volume 3 has been posted and requests for that volume are being taken online.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Page - A frequently asked questions page was launched including some of the most asked questions we receive about the program, the Foundation, and the Everyone Goes Home® Program

## Section Up-dates – EveryoneGoesHome.com

Send-a-Friend Links – The send to a friend feature was added to the website. This marketing tool allows users to refer or recommend specific pages on our website to other users.

Take 5 for Safety Drills - An archive of Take 5 for Safety Drills was added to the resource section of the website.

Media, Resources, Advocates, and Homepage to Wide Screen Template -The learning media center, advocates, resource and front page of the website were all reformatted within a new wide screen template. This allows more content above the fold (or scroll) and better organization of content on the page.

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Field Resource Kit - The "downloadable resource kit" was revamped and more resources were added to give viewers a better idea of what the program is about and resources that are available to help teach and spread the word about the Everyone Goes Home ® Program.

### Requests, Contact Us Forms

Received 1,437 contact us form requests through the EveryoneGoesHome.com website.  
5,225 subscriptions to the EveryoneGoesHome.com Newsletter List  
4,876 requests for Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kits Volumes 1 & 2  
995 requests for Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kit — Volume 3

### Corporate Newsletter

- Four issues of a newsletter were sent to approximately 275 corporations

### Trade Shows

- Exhibit Booths
- Firehouse World - San Diego, CA
- CFSI Day on the Mall — Washington, DC
- CFSI Dinner — Washington, DC
- International Association of Arson Investigators Conference — Denver, CO
- Pennsylvania Fire Expo — Harrisburg, PA
- NFPA World Safety Conference Las Vegas, NV
- New York State Fire Chiefs Conference — Lake George, NY
- Maryland State Firemen's Association Conference — Ocean City, MD
- Firemen's Round-up — Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH
- SC Fire Rescue Conference — Myrtle Beach, SC
- Firehouse Expo — Baltimore, MD
- Fire Rescue International — Denver, CO
- Pittsburgh Fire Expo — Pittsburgh, PA
- NJ State Firemen's Association — Wildwood, NJ

### Presentations by Staff & Fire Service Survivor Network Members

- 84zh Annual Summer Fire School — Ames, IA
- Washington State Chief Officers Academy — Snohomish, WA
- CTBS-EGH Program - Cleveland, OH
- Grattan-Singer Hose Company 3 Annual Firefighter Memorial Parade — Simpson, PA
- USFA Home Smoking Campaign, Wash., DC
- CFC Kick-Off, New Carrollton, MD
- CFC Kick-Off, Washington, DC
- Near Miss Symposium-IAFC, San Diego, CA
- Safety Day, Long Island, NY
- LODD Prevention, Prince Georges Fire Academy, MD
- WFIS LODD Prevention, Glendale, AZ

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- York County Fire Department, York, PA
- Recruit Class LODD Prevention, Frederick County Fire Training, MD
- NFPA TC000/LODD Prevention Overview, Las Vegas, NV
- AFSA, Turf Valley, MD
- Cumberland Valley Fireman's Association, Cumberland, MD
- Spotsylvania Fire Academy, Fredericksburg, VA
- Susquehanna FOOLS, Lancaster, PA
- FEMA Safety Day, Washington, DC
- PBI Open House Keynote Speech, Charlotte, NC
- Warren Lodge Charity Dinner, Baltimore, MD
- Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute Dinner — Harrisburg, PA

## **Board of Directors**

Congress established the structure and goals for The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in its enabling legislation. The members of The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Board of Directors serve six year terms. They represent the private sector, the fire service and government. All members have a strong interest in fire safety. The Board establishes Foundation priorities and supervises all activities. The Board also oversees the administration of donations for the benefit of The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park, the Memorial Weekend, and services for the survivors of fallen firefighters. In 2008 the Board met on February 13 in Washington, DC, and on July 30 and October 4 in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

### **Chief Dennis Compton, Chairman**

International Fire Service Training Association, AZ, term expires 2012

### **Hal Bruno, Chairman Emeritus**

ABC News (Retired), MD, term expires 2011

### **Vina Drennan**

Fire Service Survivor, NJ, term expires 2010

### **Deputy Chief William Goldfeder**

Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, OH, term expires 2009

### **Chief Leonard King**

Maryland Fire Service, term expires 2009

### **Mark Moon**

Motorola, IL, term expires 2012

### **Dianne Lerman**

State Farm Fire and Casualty, IL, term expires 2013

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**Harold Schaitberger**

General President, International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington, DC, term expires 2009

**Seth Statler**

Treasurer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC, term expires 2013

**Chief Phil Stittleburg**

Chairman, National Volunteer Fire Council, Washington, DC, term expires 2013

**William Webb**

Executive Director, Congressional Fire Services Institute, Washington, DC, term expires 2013

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Los Angeles Fire Department, CA

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Fire Service Programs Specialist

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Jon Siarnicki

***REPORT OF THE NFPA STANDARDS COMMITTEE***

President Underwood, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests 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 Underwood 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. All members are encouraged to wear their seatbelts at all times while on the equipment. A new bylaw change will be forth coming, which will be needed for the standard for the safety vest. We are in the process of combining the Federal Law with the State Law.



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I have fielded several questions from various parts of the state. Remember that the MSFA Standards are the minimum 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-laws 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 passed 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 Data Communications Assistant to work with any County Association or company for updates. 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Huttenloch, Chairman

**REPORT OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE  
COUNCIL DELEGATES**

Over this past year the NVFC continued its good work on many fronts for the benefit of volunteer fire, rescue and EMS providers all over the country. One of the highlights was the Spring Board Meeting, which was held in Old Town Alexandria with representatives of 44 States present. In addition to its routine work the Board elected Officers for a two year term, and, over many hours during parts of three days, hashed and rehashed the two-hatter issue, and adopted, with near unanimity, the Resolution that is attached, to let our constituency know that the NVFC is indeed behind them and will do what is necessary, tempered with its need to keep in communication with others in our role as their chief spokesman, to let the world know of the unfairness of the IAFF's policy toward two-hatters. There was much discussion at various stages of the meeting, but in the end the group came together and adopted a very clear and telling condemnation of the policy. Another Resolution was also adopted, committing NVFC to setting up an online clearing house for personnel negatively affected by the IAFF policy to report their experiences and engage in networking with others similarly affected.

The Advocacy Committee, of which Mr. Seavey is a Member, has the lead in working with NVFC Staff to pursue these two Resolutions to their most effective implementation.

The finances of the NVFC for the current year were also reviewed, and all present were favorably impressed with the result, which showed a balanced budget outcome, notwithstanding the state of the economy generally.

One of the ways the revenue was enhanced was the creation of a new class of NVFC affiliation, "All Staff Department Membership", by which, for \$10 per Company Member per year (as distinguished from the \$30 annual fee for Individual Members), an entire Company becomes NVFC members. The Texas Association of Volunteers has already turned in \$30,000 in new revenue to NVFC for its Member Companies. Remember that

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one of the benefits of All-Staff or Individual memberships is a \$10,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy through VFIS, far more costly than the dues if separately purchased in the marketplace.

As of the moment, only nine of our 365 Departments in Maryland are NVFC Members, and there are only 15 Individual Members. That is a challenge for all of us to communicate with our constituents and encourage them to affiliate with the only national organization that advocates the interests of the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS providers.

The NVFC continues to achieve, many accomplishments that are to our benefit. We will continue to work towards the betterment of the organization and the stature of volunteers everywhere.

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

The National Volunteer Fire Council advocates the rights of volunteer, career, or paid-on-call firefighters to serve multiple organizations or communities.

The NVFC also recognizes that every organization (including trade groups, unions and volunteer fire departments) has the right to adopt a constitution and bylaws and set rules and qualifications for membership, so long as their membership requirements are neither illegal nor discriminatory

But the NVFC also believes that, if the rules are discriminatory against our constituency, the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS providers of this great Country, then it is our duty to speak up and remind all that electing to volunteer, and to choose what one does in his or her spare time, so long as not illegal, is the inalienable right of every citizen, assured by our Constitution and the laws and regulations that are its progeny.

We believe that any effort to restrict the free choice of a firefighter or EMS provider to volunteer in his or her community is an affront to that provider's freedom and the right of those who live in the community to receive the benefits of the commitments of their neighbors who want to serve.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has held that volunteer members of fire, rescue, and EMS squads are not considered employees for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act, specifically stating that "The section plainly eliminates any impediment to individuals who wish to volunteer their time and talents to public agencies for civic, charitable, and humanitarian purposes" (*Benshoff v. City of Virginia Beach*, 180 F.3d 136, 148 (1999)).

In a number of States of these United States volunteer firefighters, who serve also as career firefighters for their livelihood; have been harassed by the IAFF, which, in the view of the NVFC, constitutes discrimination against volunteer firefighters which, in turn, diminishes the assurances guaranteed to all citizens by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the

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Constitution.

We encourage others to speak up, and to reaffirm that the First and Fourteenth Amendments are still alive and well, and that those who violate it should be reminded of its history, and its significance as among the guiding principles of life in these United States of America.

### ***RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL***

That the NVFC Statement attached hereto is adopted by the Board of Directors this 3rd day of April, 2009; and, That a copy of the Statement be immediately communicated to the President of the United States, all members of Congress and the Secretary of Labor and the Attorney General; and, That a copy of the Statement be immediately communicated to the International Association of Fire Chiefs and to the International Association of Firefighters; and, That the Advocacy Committee of the NVFC is directed to launch an aggressive public awareness campaign to alert the citizenry to the harassment actions having been undertaken by the IAFF.

**[NOTE BY LNS ON 4/4/09 AFTER CONCLUSION OF BOARD MEETING: THIS IS THE VERSION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON 4/3/09 AS THE OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NVFC IN PLACE OF ALL PRIOR APPROVED AND UNAPPROVED DRAFTS.]**

### ***REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT***

President Underwood, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Powell, 2nd Vice President Cox. It is my pleasure to report that the Planning Committee had four meetings in this past year and we discussed ways to make positive changes for the coming years. We looked at some committee's duties to make sure they have a time line and ideas to keep moving the association in a positive manner. We also had a meeting with all the Presidents to give our recommendations for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted by,  
David R. Keller II, Chair

### ***REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE***

The Public Information Committee has been somewhat quiet this year, with few requests for assistance from the Committee Chairpersons or the officers. We have assisted on several occasions with projects that were ongoing from the various Associations throughout the State.

In preparation for the upcoming Convention and Conference, the Committee will be getting press releases out to the newspapers and news outlets throughout the State highlighting

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the Convention activities. PIO member Ron Watkins has been designated to be the spokesman to the media as needed for interviews, etc. As in the past, the Information Table will be manned with personnel from the Volunteer Trumpet and PIO Committees 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. A photo station will be set up in the rear of the stage area, next to the Control Center for photos of visiting dignitaries and award winners. These will be provided to the Data Processing Committee personnel for the MSFA Web Site and for press releases as needed.

We would like to thank President Underwood and all the officers for working with us throughout the year and providing guidance and input. We appreciate the opportunity to help the Association in any way.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. Michael Kelley, Chairman

***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 seven counties, and 82 of 157 municipalities in the state. Two additional counties have 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 those 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 with this mission. Our Position Paper on Residential Sprinklers is available on the MSFA website. This clearly defines our position 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.

Many members of the committee attended the IRC Hearings in Minneapolis where a historic vote of IRC members took place making residential sprinklers a requirement in the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code. This code is used by many jurisdictions across the state. 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 four

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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 succeed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Alexander, Chair

**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 one seminar in the state. Drills were held in Pleasant Valley, Carroll County in the fall of 2008, and in Marlboro, Prince George's County in the spring of 2009. 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.

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 Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company, the Clinton, Baden, Brandywine, and Marlboro Volunteer Fire Departments, for their assistance and efforts in holding the drills this year. These groups did an outstanding job as hosts for the exercises.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Alexander, Chair

**REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Scholarship Committee continued to improve this year on the revisions that were put in place nearly five years ago. They included new funding streams for our applicants and the continued lobbying for support of the Maryland State Higher Education tuition reimbursement for all who serve as active members of a State of Maryland fire and rescue department regardless of their resident status and for the continuation of this valuable program.

The committees annual meeting of the year is scheduled for May 13, 2009 at which time the 13 applications received for scholarships for the '09-'10 school year will be reviewed and selected for awards. The committee will continued to use the conference call format this year as they have in the past as this has allowed for greater participation from the

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members of the committee and provided the committee an avenue to accomplish more of its objectives.

Scholarships were awarded to 10 students this past year bringing the total, to date, 176 students who are members of the Maryland Fire Service. This is an outstanding accomplishment for both this association and the scholarship committee members.

Funding for the awarded scholarships this past year came from the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Connective Power, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Josephine Heimer, Bill Olsen, and several in the names of the Past Presidents of the association.

As Chair, I would like to recognize the outstanding efforts that have been put forth this past year. Since the time I began serving on the Scholarship Committee each and every member has show exceptional dedication to the stewardship of the funds they distribute.

Finally, I wish to thank President Underwood, 1st Vice President Powell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cox for having the confidence in me to serve as Chairman. I hope that I have led the committee as they have wished and it has met their expectation. My dedication has always been to support our students in whatever capacity needed. I hope I have demonstrated my dedication and commitment to this committee both as a member and chairman.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

***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, Frank J. Underwood and Lois Hetz. Your terms of office have been very 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.

Thanks to your efforts, in 2008 we saw the number of fire deaths decrease by over 35 percent when compared to 2007. The total number for 2008 was 60, which was a dramatic decrease from the 94 fire deaths experienced in 2007 and ties with 2006 as an historic low since fire death statistics were first compiled. This milestone was once again reached through a coordinated effort across Maryland. Congratulations to all local jurisdictions that experienced a decrease in fire deaths last year. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies continue to play a crucial role in helping make our State safer from the devastating effects of fire.

With assistance provided by the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee led by Doug Alexander, local initiatives mandating residential fire sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings have continued. In January, after many years of

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planning and false starts, Anne Arundel County was finally successful in passing residential fire sprinkler requirements. The OSFM is proud to partner with the MSFA in these important life safety efforts. The OSFM stands ready to assist the MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee as it continues to deliver workshops and presentations educating our fire service, the public, and policy makers to the community value of residential fire protection.

In September of 2008 the International Codes Council (ICC) held final action hearings in Minneapolis, Minnesota, concerning proposed changes to the 2009 edition of ICC Model Codes. On September 21, 2008, many members from the Maryland fire service were present when ICC voting members overwhelmingly approved residential fire sprinkler requirements for all newly constructed one and two family homes along with a separate requirement for townhomes. Many building officials joined fire marshals, fire service leaders and members of your Association voting to approve these life saving requirements. This was a tremendous step forward for home fire safety.

Following the historic vote to require residential fire sprinklers in the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code, with an effective date of January 1, 2011, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) filed an appeal of the action. Fortunately, after a hearing, the ICC Board of Directors voted unanimously to reject the appeal submitted by the NAHB.

More recently, some organizations who oppose the residential fire sprinkler requirements began looking to state legislatures to pass laws that would either prevent local adoption of the 2009 editions of ICC codes or specifically blocked residential fire-sprinkler requirements. Fortunately, we have not experienced this type of activity in Maryland and other states have successfully fought against this tactic.

Like the MSFA, the OSFM followed the 2009 session of the Maryland General Assembly with a great deal of interest, closely monitoring many issues impacting Maryland's fire and emergency services. I must commend the MSFA for the concern and cooperation demonstrated as a member of the Maryland Legislative Fire Service Working Group. With an emphasis of protecting Maryland's citizens as its highest priority, the MSFA has fought hard for the protection and preservation of important services. The ability of the MSFA Legislative Committee, led by Past President Danny Davis, to get the word out and energize individuals on important issues has been impressive and you should be proud of the positive impact made by the MSFA.

The MSFA supported the OSFM Departmental Bill: "State Fire Marshal—Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing" that passed on the final day of the session. This Bill closed a loophole in the fire sprinkler contractor law that allowed licensed contractors to sub-contract fire sprinkler work to non-licensed sub-contractors. Many other bills of interest were monitored throughout the session including, House Bill 14 "Environment Brominated Flame Retardants — Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether — Prohibition." This chemical compound has been found to be a health and safety issue for firefighters, as well as an environmental issue. For the second year in a row it did not clear the Senate Education,

Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

As State Fire Marshal, I firmly believe the strong partnership enjoyed by our respective organizations has much to do with the success we have had in reducing deaths and injuries from fire. As an example, the Cigarette Fire Safety Fire Protection Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act we worked to pass in the 2007 legislative session became effective on July 1, 2008. I am pleased to report that during the second half of 2008, there were only three fire deaths directly attributed to smoking related fires as opposed to nine fire deaths experienced before July 1, 2008. This is an example of how working together, the Maryland fire service has improved the lives of citizens and firefighters alike. Once again, it is rewarding to see how hard work pays off. Congratulations, we all share in this success!

The partnership we share extends to local and State agencies along with private industry. The public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of nearly 10,000 smoke alarms over the past eight years. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans are also helping communities reduce the risk of injury and death from fire.

As in past years, the OSFM has seen a number of personnel changes within the Agency; however, when compared to 2007 the changes seem minor. In 2008 seven Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFM's) left the Agency and they were replaced by six new DSFM's. All of the new DSFM's have successfully completed their initial law enforcement training and have been assigned to regional offices to continue and complete their training.

During the past year the Agency lost the services of two long serving accelerant detection canines, Canyon and Isaiah. One newly trained accelerant canine, Charlie, began serving the OSFM in December after graduating from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Accelerant Canine Program in Front Royal, Virginia.

Early in 2009, the OSFM Fire Protection Engineer assigned to the Headquarters Office left the OSFM for a position in the Federal Government. His departure has had a significant impact on the number of plan reviews and inspections performed by the Engineering Staff.

On a positive note, funding for construction of the new Hagerstown State Police Barrack was approved. The new building, when completed, will become home to the OSFM Western Regional Office.

Our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at an incredible level. In 2008, the OSFM conducted in excess of 1,200 fire investigations. Of those, some 480 cases were determined to be criminal in nature. Deputy State Fire Marshals had a closure rate of 29%. This closure rate far exceeds the national average of 17-19%. OSFM staff members completed over 18,000 fire safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. An increase in plan reviews were completed by our



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staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. 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.

As challenging as the past year has been with the economic downturn, I still anticipate the opportunity, with your support, to continue moving the Agency forward in the months and years that lie ahead. Let me assure you, the staff of the OSFM clearly understands its mission and is ready to confront any challenges the future may hold.

The OSFM will strive to create opportunities and success, even during these difficult times. The citizens of the State of Maryland deserve nothing less than the highest level of service. We look forward to working closely with your incoming Presidents, Roger N. Powell, Esq. and Kathy Knipple. We wish them tremendous success during their terms of office!

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

***REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE***

The Statistical Committee has been active this year building an online database that will make the process much easier for the member departments to be able to provide data in the future. Presently the member departments can go online to the Statistical page of the MSFA WEB SITE and enter their information into an ACCESS DATABASE where the data can be retrieved in various formats. Next year, if you have previously entered your information, by just entering your MFIRS or EMAISE number the data can be retrieved and only the changes from the previous year need to be entered. This will save our members a great deal of time and aggravation having to completely resubmit their statistical information.

The MSFA receives numerous requests for information throughout the year from local, state, and federal agencies. The information is used to protect and defend the funding that the individual departments receive from the various benefactors. It is used by our MSFA President's and MSFA Legislative representatives to argue the need for greater support from state and federal legislators in acquiring additional monetary support. However, the Statistical Committee cannot provide accurate reports if the data is not there. Our local and state legislators cannot make justifiable decisions without complete and accurate information. Our members cannot receive additional assistance if we cannot justify the need in these sparse monetary times.

As of May 1, 2009 only 22% of the Departments have submitted their Statistical Reports.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobby Balta, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE**

President Underwood, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cox, Officers, Delegates and Guests to the 117th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This year the Training Committee picked up where it left off last year with the primary concentration on NFPA 1403. In addition, the following items were part of the Committee's charge:

- 1 Training and Education requirements of NIMS/ICS JAW Homeland Security Presidential Directive — 5 (HSPD-5) and compliance status around the state.
- 2 Continue to ensure the education of NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training Evolutions.
- 3 Continue to participate in discussions on the level of training required for Basic Firefighter to participate in Live Fire Burns.
- 4 Continued discussion on aspects of Acquired Structural Burn Live Fire Instructors. Meetings were held this year at MFRI Headquarters, College Park and Baltimore County Fire Academy, Sparrows Point, Maryland.

Discussions ensued on the above subject matter. It appears that member companies throughout the state are maintaining their requirements to be NIMS compliant. In addition the committee received positive feedback as a result of the NFPA 1403 document that was prepared and given to member companies to use as a guideline if said company had no policy or procedure to follow regarding Live Fire Training/Acquired Structures.

In January 2009, a summit was held to adopt a Consensus Standard requiring the minimum of Firefighter I training before participation in Live Fire Burns. The MFRETC and the Council of Academies are still discussing and preparing to recommend to the MFSP the qualifications for Acquired Structural Burn/Live Fire Instructors.

MFRI's new EMT-B Refresher training (on-line) has seen very positive results. This program is being managed centrally and each region is scheduling practical sessions to compliment the on-line portion.

The Training Committee will be putting on a seminar at the 2009 MSFA Convention. This seminar will consist of a two hour classroom lecture with a one hour site visit to be announced. The class will be Co-Instructed by Chief Dan Stevens from Waldorf and Captain Alan Keyser, Montgomery County. We have met with Vice Presidents Powell and Cox and discussed some new initiatives for next year. We are looking forward to another good year.

We would like to thank all the members of the committee, partner agencies and Maryland Counties for their support, time and dedication to this committee and the task of keeping Maryland in the forefront of the Fire and Rescue and EMS service.

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

## ***REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE***

The committee's focus this year was to complete the 2008 Recertification of member companies that have MSFA logo license plates. In February 2008, the process was begun with the mailing of the recertification packages and completed with the last packages going out in February 2009. There were 371 recertification packages prepared and sent to County Coordinators during this period of time.

Several meetings and numerous working sessions were held to complete the process and also to open, verify and deposit the funds received from the member companies. Data input training was conducted for new committee members.

In reviewing the completed packages, it appears that there are a number of companies that no longer have MSFA tags that were listed in the recertification of 2003. The decrease in tags is the result of companies obtaining their own tags, members moving out of the State, no longer members or the death of members. This has had an impact on the dollar amount of fees collected. The amount of recertification fees received from March 2008 to April 2009 was \$23,980.00. This is down from the fees collected in the 2003 Recertification. However, there are still 133 companies that have not sent in their packages. The committee will be contacting the County Coordinator assigned to these companies.

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

There were approximately 600 new tags issued this year. This number remains to be consistent with prior years.

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. Special thanks go to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, Ann McGill and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint for the work done this year in getting the recertification packages out to the companies. Our MVA Representative, Lame Sauer, has been very helpful this year with tag issues and I appreciate her efforts also. 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 Underwood for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas L. Flint I, Chair

**REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY  
ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD**

President Sterling, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 117<sup>th</sup> 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 \$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 \$418,549.00 for a total balance available of \$698,359.74.

We have five loans pending for approximately \$1.9 million. The Committee is still accepting loan and grant applications from all companies. All 12 copies of your loan and/or grant applications must go through 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.

Joseph R. Robison, Chairman  
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE WATER CRAFT COMMITTEE**

President Underwood, Vice Presidents Powell and Cox, Chairman Moe, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 117th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The Watercraft Committee addressed several issues involving emergency response over the past year. Please refer to the bulleted information below for details on each of these matters.

- **ESF-9:** As part of the state Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) there are 16 emergency support functions or ESF. ESF-9 is the Search and Rescue annex and covers all aspects of technical rescue, including water rescue. It came to the attention of the Watercraft Committee, due to our past work with MEMA, that this document was being redrafted without the input of the MSFA whose member companies will be involved in any activation of the state EOP. Attempts to engage MEMA in discussions concerning this included a formal written request for inclusion of both the MSFA and MFCA in the development of this document,

and that due to the diversity of the potential responders under this annex MEMA serve as the primary agency for the annex. After much discussion with senior MEMA staff, Director Muth has stated that MEMA will be the primary agency and both MSFA and MFCA will have representation in the development of the document. A draft of the document including changes felt necessary to represent the volunteer fire and rescue responders has been submitted to MEMA.

- **Resource Typing and Credentialing:** In the course of working on the ESF-9 issue it was also discovered that MEMA had begun work on resource typing and credentialing. It was felt that the MSFA should also be involved in this process and inquiries were made to MEMA as to both the status of this work and the inclusion of MSFA. As part of NIMS each state is to maintain a resource list of specific resources that can be deployed for large ultra- and inter-state incidents. For detailed information on resource typing and credentialing please go to the NIMS website at [www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/) then chose NIMS Components followed by Resource Management, you will then see Credentialing and Resource Typing as an option. The Watercraft Committee has been very involved in resource typing and credentialing over the past five years, however many other fire, rescue disciplines have the potential to be involved in typing and credentialing. MEMA has agreed to have MSFA representation in this process. They have recently received a grant to assist with this process and will be convening work groups in the near future. While participation by individual departments in typing and credentialing is voluntary and may not be something that all will want to participate in, nor will it affect normal day-to-day or mutual aid responses, it is critical that we both have those resources that meet typing and credentialing criteria listed for response and that we encourage member companies to strive in meeting typing and credentialing standards. Both of these actions will strengthen our ability to serve the public.
- **Department of Natural Resources regulations concerning display/possession of registration and possession of boater safety certificate:** Current state law requires any motorized vessel to display both a registration sticker and numbers on the bow of the vessel. The paper registration is also required to be on the vessel. These requirements are difficult to meet for those departments that utilize inflatable rescue boats, especially when they are stored deflated. Additionally those responders born after July 1972 are required to have completed a boater safety course (available on-line at [www.boat-ed.com/md/](http://www.boat-ed.com/md/)) and have that certificate in their possession while operating a vessel. The Watercraft Committee endorses the need for the boater safety course for all boat operators; however given the nature of emergency response it is difficult to assure that operators will have the certificate in their possession. While there has been no known citations of fire/rescue boats for violations of these laws it is felt that consultation needs to be done with DNR concerning possible changes to the law allowing exemptions or clarification that fire/rescue vessels

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are already exempt from these provisions of the law. The Watercraft Committee has consulted with both the MSFA Legislative and Executive Committees on this matter at the April Executive Committee meeting and will be contacting DNR to begin exploration of these compliance issues.

In light of the above issues, particularly those related to credentialing, 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.

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.

The Committee would like to thank President Underwood and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. A special note of appreciation needs to be made for PP Sterling for his invaluable assistance in addressing the ESF9 issue. 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  
\$10,000 RAFFLE**

President Underwood, officers and members of the MSFA and MSFALA. The 2008 raffle, which was conducted from June 2007 through June 2008, yielded a total of \$ 55,000.00. The expenses totaled \$18,136.00 which left a profit of \$36,864.00.

Counter sales at the 2008 convention produced \$6,721.00 and the remaining \$48,279.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended and by the sales returned by the member companies. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$19,486.00. This is the sixth year in a row that Harford has led in sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

Although every county returned money, 37% of the MSFA member companies did not!

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies

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 auxiliaries, and special individuals who have worked very hard to make the raffle a success.

The returns by county were:

Allegany	\$2,477.00	Dorchester	\$706.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 565.00
Anne Arundel	\$2,017.00	Frederick	\$2,051.00	Somerset	\$308.00
Baltimore	\$2,329.00	Garrett	\$787.00	St. Mary's	\$1,559.00
Calvert	\$695.00	Harford	\$19,486.00	Talbot	\$200.00
Caroline	\$200.00	Howard	\$695.00	Washington	\$1,275.00
Carroll	\$1,531.00	Kent	\$1,069.00	Wicomico	\$594.00
Cecil	\$950.00	Montgomery	\$4,017.00	Worcester	\$343.00
Charles	\$1,736.00	Prince Georges	\$2,689.00		

### **Expenses for 2007-2008 Raffle**

\$ 12,500.00 Prizes  
 \$ 3,611.00 Printing  
 \$ 2,000.00 OC Sunfest & Springfest fees  
 \$ \$ 25.00 Raffle license (Worcester Co)  
 \$18,136.00 Total Expenses  
 \$ 55,000.00 Total Sales  
 \$18,136.00 Total Expenses  
 \$ 36,864.00 Total Profit

### **Prize Winners for 2007-2008 Raffle**

1<sup>st</sup> \$10,000 Dick Wood — Ridge, MD  
 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500 Brian Polk — Havre de Grace, MD  
 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500 Mike Phillippi — Oakland, MD  
 4<sup>th</sup> \$100 Harry Weidner — Baltimore, MD  
 5<sup>th</sup> \$100 Roger Twigg - Baltimore, MD  
 6<sup>th</sup> \$100 Iris Powell — Pikesville, MD  
 7<sup>th</sup> \$100 Jerry Hege — Hampstead, MD  
 8<sup>th</sup> \$100 Sandy Brown, Rising Sun, MD

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

The committee has had a very busy year with the 2008-2009 raffle. We have attended the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland Bar-B-Q Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ocean City's Sunfest and Springfest.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
 Anna Jonske, MSFALA Co-Chairman

Louis Jonske, Chairman  
 Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
2009-117th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE BALLOT-2009  
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 [ ]

**Amendment #1**

Constitution: Article III – Add Section 7 – **There shall be a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) administrative and operational Manual maintained by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee which shall contain administrative and operational procedures approved by the President and the Executive Committee. SOPs will be developed in accordance with SOP A001 “Preparation and Control of Standard Operation Procedures.”**

FOR [ ]      AGAINST [ ]

**Amendment # 2**

Constitution: Article IV – Section 4 – Paragraph 5 – [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.]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 7 – Paragraph 1 - [The Recording Secretary shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 8 – Paragraph 1 - [The Financial Secretary shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 9 – Paragraph 1 – [The Treasurer shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 10 – Paragraph 2 – [The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall receive the sum not to exceed One Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$165.00)



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for general expenses of his office, such as investigations, etc. The Trustees shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 11 – Paragraph 1 – [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).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 16 – Paragraph 9 – [The Executive Committee Chairman shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Fire Hundred (\$500.00).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 20 – Paragraph 1 – [Each Assistant Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 21 – Add the following: **MSFA Officers will be reimbursed for expenses occurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with SOP A002 “Expense Reimbursement”.**

FOR [ ]                      AGAINST [ ]

**Amendment #3**

Constitution: Article IV – 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 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.]

Constitution: Article IV – Section 14 – **Travel reimbursement for Officers attending the MSFA Executive Committee Meetings shall be in accordance with SOP A003 “Travel Reimbursement.”**

FOR [ ]                      AGAINST [ ]

**Amendment #4**

Constitution: Article V – Section 5 – [Travel reimbursement, if any, shall be based on millage 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) Chairman of MSFA Committees attending meetings of the Executive Committee.]

Constitution: Article V – Section 5 – **Travel reimbursement for Committee Chairmen**

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or their designated representative shall be in accordance with SOP A003 “Travel  
Reimbursement.”

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**Amendment #5**

Constitution: Article IV – Section 21 –The MSFA presidential vehicles are provided for  
the use of the President and Vice Presidents for official business of the Association  
as authorized by the Executive Committee. Rules for the operation and maintenance  
of the President’s vehicles shall be in accordance with SOP A004 “Operation and  
Maintenance of the President’s Vehicle Fleet.”

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Lois Hetz  
Beltsville Auxiliary  
Prince George's County  
2008-2009



Kathy Knipple  
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**PROGRAM LADIES AUXILIARY**

*of the*

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Ocean City, Maryland

**SATURDAY, June 13, 2009**

1800 **JOINT OFFICER'S BANQUET** – Main Ball Room - By Invitation Only

**SUNDAY, June 14, 2009**

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

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

11:00-13:00 **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

**MONDAY, June 15, 2009**

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 Frank J Underwood** - Convention Center Main Ball Room

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**Presentation of Colors** – Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands

**REMARKS FROM:**

Mr. Brian Moe representing Gov. O'Malley

**OFFICIAL WELCOMETO OCEAN CITY**

Hon. Rick Meehan – Mayor of Ocean City

Chief Chris Larmore – Ocean City Fire Chief

Joe Theobald – Emergency Services Director Ocean City

President James L. Jester – Ocean City Vol. Fire Company

**Remarks from Bart Kennedy, Office of Senator** - Barbara Mikulski

0900 Exhibits Open

**Special Program Presentation –**

*IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF MARYLAND FIREFIGHTERS*

**Dr. Keisha Pollack, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland**

This program will review the research efforts being conducted by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Volunteer Fire Council and introduce the benefits that could be afforded to Maryland Firefighters.

0945 **Joint Awards Ceremony**

Gladhill-Thompson Award



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Colburn Cup Award  
Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award  
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award  
Hall of Fame Awards  
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. Statthem, 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 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents

1145 **Past Presidents' Luncheon** - Room 209 – By Invitation Only

**FIRST SESSION**

**11:45-12:30 – Registration**

**1:00 Call to Order** – President – Lois Hetz

**Presentation of Color – Color Bearers** Marcia Roth and Stephanie Holsinger

**Invocation** – Chaplain Darby Byrd

**Pledge to the Flag** – President Lois Hetz

**Conference Song** – Music Chairman Susan Derlunas

**Welcome** – Convention Chairman Flo Collins

**Greetings**- Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

**Nomination of 2009-2010 Officers**

**Reading of Election Rules** by Corresponding Secretary Ann Price-Davis

**Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents**

**Recognition of Guests**

**Recognition of MSFA President** – Frank Underwood

**Report of the Credentials** – Chair Fran Fusco

**Approval of Minutes** – Recording Secretary Teresa A. Crisman

**Report of the Treasurer** – Sherry Soper

**Report of the Financial Secretary** – Carol Hayden

**Awards ceremony**

Jane Todd Award – Perryville Ladies Auxiliary

Hall of Fame Induction Chairman Leone Gatton, P.P.

**Reports of the officers**

**Reports of the committee chairman**

**Communication and Bills** – Corresponding Secretary Ann Price-Davis

**Unfinished Business**

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

**Benediction** – Vic Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson

**Recess**

3:45 **Miss Fire Prevention Contest** – Main Ball Room

4:30 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours

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- 5:00 **Exhibitors Reception**—Convention Center—Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside – By Invitation Only
- 6:30 **Basket Bingo**—Convention Center—Ballroom C (Doors Open at 5:30)
- 7:30 **Monday Night Bayside Deck Party** - Rear of Convention Center

**TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2009**

**SECOND SESSION**

- 8:00–8:45 **Registration**
- 8:00-8:45 Balloting** – For Election of Officers  
(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 Lois Hetz  
**Invocation** by Chaplain Darby Byrd  
**Recognition of Guests**  
**Report of the Fire Prevention Committee** - Chairman Marcia Garnice  
**Report of the Election Committee** – Chairman Alvera Miller, P.P.  
**Final Committee Reports:**  
**Ads and Patrons** – Co-Chair Denice Melito and Sharon Martorana  
**Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund** – Chair Elaine Huttenloch, P.P.  
**Pins and Badges** – Marian Nicholson  
**Safety** - Becky Wathen  
**Ways and Means** – Gloria Schaeffer and Kim Thomas  
**Hall of Fame** – Leone Gatton, P.P.  
**Report of the Credentials** – Chairman Fran Fusco  
**Benediction** – Vice Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson  
**Recess**  
Meeting of the 2009-2010 Officers, Past Presidents and Pages in the front of the room with Installing Officer Rose Pandolfini, P.P
- 1230-3:30 All You Can Eat Family Picnic** – Outside Rear of Convention Hall, admission by ticket
- 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

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2009**

**THIRD SESSION**

- 07:30 Prayer Breakfast** – Convention Center – East Hall – Rooms 201-206
- 8:30 -9:00 Registrations**
- 9:15 **Call To Order** – President Kathy Knipple  
**Invocation – Chaplain** – Barbara Sue Nelson  
**Dismissal of 2008-2009 Committees except Ads and Patrons** - Lois Hetz, P.P.  
**Officers Reports**  
**Committee Appointments** - President Kathy Knipple  
**New Business**

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**Good of the Order**

**Door Prizes** – Ocean City Auxiliary

**Adjourn Convention Meeting**

**Benediction** – Vice Chaplain Vivian Morgan Boyd

**Retirement of Colors**

**11:30 Past President's Luncheon** – Convention Hall by Invitation only

**1:00 Exhibits Close** – No entry after 12:45

**1:00 Firemen's Parade - Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine**

**5:30 Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies** – Rear of Convention Hall

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009**

**9:00 MSFA Executive Committee Meeting** – Convention Hall Room 206

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009**

**7:30 MSFA Golf Tournament** – Eagles Landing Golf Course

## ***REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT***

I am honored to have served as President of the LAMSFA. It has been a great privilege to be able to represent this auxiliary while crisscrossing our great state. I have many cherished memories and 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. Thank you for the curtsies you have shown the officers of the LAMSFA and me.

During the past year, I have attended about 110 events traveling 11,720 miles. I chaired the LAMSFA Fall and Spring Conferences; and attended the LAMSFA Executive meeting; 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. This year the Miss Fire Prevention contest was expanded to include regional Junior Miss Fire Prevention contests and I was able to attend two of those contests. It was with sadness that I attended several memorial services for our deceased members.

I would like to thank MSFA President Frank Underwood for the invitation to the Legislative Reception and the 2009 Shock Trauma Gala. The Gala was indeed a night to remember. I have presented several Certificates of Recognition on behalf of the LAMSFA. I presented certificates to Bill and Betty Radish for 112 combined years of service and Bill and Elaine Huttenloch for 98 combined years of service. I presented to the Auxiliary of the Hollywood Rescue Squad a Certificate for 25 years of service; 50 years of service Certificates to Juanita Johnson from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the Auxiliary of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department and to three ladies in that Auxiliary Barbara McWilliams, Mary Rose Bailey and Mary Bailey; and 60 plus years of service Certificate to Josephine Seifert. At the memorial service for Betty Alt, I presented a certificate to her family for Betty's 30 plus years of service. To the North East Auxiliary I presented a Certificate for 80 years and to Sara Jane Blake from the North East Auxiliary for 64 years of service. A 70 years Certificate was presented to my home auxiliary, LaVale, and a 60 years Certificate to Cordova Auxiliary.

I wish to extend congratulations to the incoming LAMSFA President Kathy Knipple and the MSFA President Roger Powell; I'm sure they will have a most successful year. Best wishes to you both. To all the incoming officers for 2009-2010, I wish all of the best for a successful and productive year.

To the Ladies Auxiliary and the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department thank you for all the support you have given me this year and across my years as an officer ascending through the chairs. It was really nice to walk in the Fire House and be greeted with "Hello, Madam President." Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department for your support and lovely open house at Fall Conference. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for all your support

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and for your hard work with the Spring Conference and the open house.

There are two people who just saying thank you is not enough and they are sister, Peggy and my husband, Harry. Without these two people I would not have accomplished my dream. Some people might say it was inevitable with a mother and sister both having been president of this great organization before me, but without Peggy and Harry being beside me with their support, encouragement and guidance, things would not have worked out so well. So, I do say thank you to them because those two words do mean a lot. Thank you to my fellow officers for attending the many meetings and functions representing this great auxiliary. Thank you for the car pools and for your friendship and good times together.

Thank you again for the invitations and meeting so many new friends. It has been an honor to serve as President of this great organization

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lois Hetz, President

### ***REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT***

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Senior 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 Hetz at several banquets, awards programs and a fire company dedication this year. My travels included fall and spring conferences, county meetings, county conventions, convention committees meetings, constitution and bylaws, and MSFA executive meetings.

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

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

To the incoming officers for 2009-2010 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, Senior Vice President

**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

It has been an honor to serve as Junior Vice President of the LAMSFA this year. In my travels I have met many dedicated and hard working people and I have enjoyed their friendship and hospitalities. Thank you to each Auxiliary and its members for allowing me to be a part of your meetings, banquets, conventions and events I really enjoyed them.

I have attended the LAMSFA Fall and Spring Conferences and Executive meetings, the MSFA Executive meetings, Fire Prevention, Convention, Safety, and By-Laws meetings.

As the Junior Vice President I also serve as the Membership Chairman. I am happy to say we have added three new Auxiliaries this year to our membership: Silver Hill, Bel Air and Northern Garrett County Rescue Auxiliaries.

I wish to congratulate LAMSFA President Lois Hetz on a job well done. I have enjoyed running around the state with you! And to MSFA President, Frank Underwood it has been a pleasure to work with you. I am very proud that Lois and Frank are from Prince George's County and that they could serve together.

I look forward to working with the incoming LAMSFA President Kathy Knipple and MSFA President Roger Powell. I am sure the 2009-2010 will be a great year.

There are a lot of people I want to thank, to the Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association for the opportunity to represent them throughout the State, to the Glenn Dale Fire Association for their support, to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue for being there for me. I must thank President Lois Hetz for helping and encouraging me. I have really enjoyed our travels together. To my Past President Robin Browning, thank you for your support this past year. I do appreciate it. And my fellow officers, thank you for our friendship and support. You really are a great bunch of gals!

To my family, thank you for being there for me. To my daughter Lesa Free, thank you for being my page and always being supportive. To my husband Lee, wow what can I say? You are always willing to go to meetings, banquets and conventions with me. You have even switched your work schedule to go with me. Thank you is just not enough.

I look forward to working with Kathy Knipple and the other LAMSFA officers for the coming year. And to all the members of the LAMSFA I look forward to working with you as well.

Respectfully,  
Sandi T. Lutz, Junior Vice President

**REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

This past year you allowed me an opportunity to represent this organization as the Recording Secretary to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland Firemen's Association. I cannot say thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity.

The position of being an officer is not a task that a person takes lightly. I fully give my time and my dedication, commitment, and promise in being the best officer to each and every one of you. I feel this is not a given right, that undertaking 13 years of someone's time should not be taken as if it is an automatic lead to the presidency of this organization.. You become an officer to be a part of an organization; you become to bring your talents and support. I feel that you must be willing to support an organization to your best ability and I have truly followed that creed. I make no means for an excuse for my timely manner what the minutes were out. I had a task and under extreme circumstances I could not meet that DEADLINE...I tried to get them out as soon as possible. The mail was I feel my worst defeat that week. The packages were sent out on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December. I did not know at that time that all mail sent out with that envelope would be scanned due to the incoming Inauguration of the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. When I would have assumed that they would go the regular route and then when I found out that some packages were not received until the end of January that made my heart sink knowing that I could not meet my obligations. I have worked very hard to ensure that the next series of minutes would be out well before the deadline imposed on me by the Executive Committee.

My commitment to the fire service is a strong position. I work for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department and I am very proud to be able to state that, to some I should not tell people where I work but I am extremely proud of my work. I feel that this has allowed me to support a cause that is very near to my heart. As a Community Developer II in the Office of the Fire Marshal it has allowed me to grow as a person. Being such it has allowed me the opportunities to support this Auxiliary to my best. I do not sit and brag as if I am somebody important, I sit and show support. I feel that I have an opportunity to support an organization and I feel that I try my best. I have never made this about being a popular person and trying to know everyone that walks thru a door. I have made my commitment to this auxiliary, one of tradition. I have always opened my heart and my hands in support to anyone that seeks it. This June I hope that I am allowed the task as being voted as your Junior Vice President. I will support each and every one of you as you are members of one of the finest groups and organizations that anyone can be a part of. I am truly proud to be a member to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

I would like to thank everyone that has invited me to your meeting, auxiliary celebration, installations and events featuring your department. There are some that say Maryland has nothing to offer them and they move away. I say just open your eyes and look around. From the mountains of Allegany and Garrett to the shores of Ocean City to the big cities and to the small towns we have so much to offer. Maryland is as so many can say the

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Jewel of the Eastern Seaboard. I find that no mile can be counted when you reach your destination filled with friends awaiting your arrival.

To my home auxiliary of Greenbelt, I cannot say thank you enough. To Mrs. Bordas and my Aunt Marnie thank you for your support and your many words of wisdom. To Branchville my home away from home thank you, especially to Mrs. Gardiner and Shari Steffen, thank you cannot be said enough for you both are there for me. To my County Auxiliary of Prince George's County, I would like to thank you for all of your support this year. To Lois and Frank thank you for an eventful year. We didn't think FRAN THE TANK would be his self but the energizer bunny surely pulls thru. MOMMA LOIS my traveling partner, you might be done but I will never forget our trips to see the great state. You are a good friend and I thank you for everything that you have helped me do.

I wish to thank some very important people that have helped me this past year. To Aunt Marian, Kristi and Aunt Careen thank you for your help and assistance. Thanks for being there when MOM could not be. I truly thank you for everything you do. To Elaine Huttenloch thank you for helping me and with the phone calls of support. Mrs. Radish, thank you for everything I really appreciate it.

To EMMA, KITTY and FRANKIE and MY MOM and DAD, thank you for your support this past year. Emma thank you for the sidebars when I needed it. Frankie thanks for been my escort. When you first started with me so many years ago, I have seen you grow and you're a great friend and father. MOM and DAD, I know you live so far away but a phone call just brings you both very close to me. MOM and DAD I haven't said enough, "I love you both, thank you for everything.

As I close this report, I wish the incoming officers much support and I will let you know that I am always there for you and I am only a phone call away

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Ann Crisman, Recording Secretary



**REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN**

President Hetz, Officers, Committee Chairs and Member Auxiliaries. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2008-2009 Chaplain. I would like to thank everyone for their support this past year. I have had the opportunity to meet new people across the state and make new friendships. I have sent Get Well cards, Sympathy cards, and thinking of you cards to our members over the past year. I have also made donations to the Bessie Marshall Fund on behalf of the officers and our department members. This year I have attended the Fall and Spring Conference and I have prepared the memorial resolution for our dearly departed members.

Thank you to Chief Chaplain John Long and Rev. Harry Hetz. You have been very supportive of me in my office this year. I cherish your friendships and look forward to working with you in the future. Rev. Hetz you have taught me so much this past year and have always been there whenever I had a question. I thank you for your unwavering support and words of encouragement. Please know the Ladies Auxiliary is here for the MSFA and our members in a moment's notice.

We were saddened with the loss of our past officer Betty Alt this year. She was an officer until her health would no longer allow her to continue her duties. We all admired Betty and her determination to support her fellow officers and the LAMSFA.

May God continue to bless each one of us and our families during this coming year as we continue to serve our communities, the MSFA and the LAMSFA.

Listed below are the names of Auxiliary members received by March 1, 2009 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darby Byrd, Chaplain

<b>AUXILIARY</b>	<b>ALLEGANY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Barton Hose Company No.1 Auxiliary		Hilda V. Broadwater
Barton Hose Company No.1 Auxiliary		Doris L. Miller
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary		Laurie R. Baird
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary		Mary E. Felton
Bowman's Addition Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary		Lela P. Boyd
Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary		Erma Sleeman
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary		Matilda McCray
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary		Dorothy K. Agress
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary		Nancy L. See
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary		Betty Alt
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary		Ethel M. Smith
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 Auxiliary		Roberta V. McGuire

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Good Will Volunteer Fire Company #1 Auxiliary	Jannett Neat
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary	Shirley Stimier
Midland Fire Company #1 Auxiliary	Hilda McGowan
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary	Goldie E. Cartwright

**ANNE ARUNDEL**

Deale VFD & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary	Virginia T. Browning
Deale VFD & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary	Margaret E. Gross
Deale VFD & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary	Margaret Whittington
West Annapolis Auxiliary	Evelyn Vice

**BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Ladies Auxiliary of Cockeysville VFC	Mary E. Taylor
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters Vicinity Ladies Auxiliary	Susan Crisic
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters Vicinity Ladies Auxiliary	Rosalie Eichelberger
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Bowley's Quarters Vicinity Ladies Auxiliary	Marlene Morris
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary	Marie Roleck
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary	Louise Wood
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary	Pauline Lowe

**CALVERT**

Auxiliary of North Beach Volunteer Fire Department	Myrtle Lee Brooks
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**CAROLINE**

None

**CARROLL**

Gamber & Community Fire Company Auxiliary	Dolores Sullivan
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary	F. Marie Grimes
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary	R. Jannette Hoffman
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary	C. Jerry Slonaker
Harney Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Shirley Clingan
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Auxiliary	Mary Danner
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 Auxiliary	June Lippy

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Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Jean King
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Mable M. Molesworth
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary	Rebecca Harman
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary	Peggy G. Schlee
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary	Margaret Bankert
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary	Caroline L. Leister
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary	Evelyn Leister
Sykesville-Freedom District fire Department Auxiliary	Mary Cook
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Betty Nelson

**CECIL**

Charlestown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Genevieve P. Patchell
North East Fire Company Auxiliary	Mary E. Ferguson
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton	Pauline Barrow
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton	Eleanor Blackson
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton	Betty Lou Cornett
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton	Delia Lee
Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 of Elkton	Helen Widdoes

**CHARLES**

Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Auxiliary	Mary Ester Pilkerton
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**DORCHESTER**

None

**FREDERICK**

Junior Fire Company #2 Auxiliary	Cindy L. Deater
Junior Fire Company #2 Auxiliary	Sarah Lucille Bowings
Middletown VFC Auxiliary	Gloria J. Keller
Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Eva Leatherman
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Pauline Schindeldecker

**GARRETT**

Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary	Ferne A. Beachy
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary	Doretta B. Duckworth
Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad Department Auxiliary	Leona A. Kitis
Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad	

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Department Auxiliary

Maxine A. Ross

Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Auxiliary – Fern M. Lininger

**HARFORD**

Abingdon Fire Department

Rose R. Cervin

Abingdon Fire Department

Mary Ann Davis

Abingdon Fire Department

Lorna M. Schloer

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company

Joyce Streett

Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary

Pearl M. Shipley

Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary

Viola Thompson

**HOWARD**

None

**KENT**

Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department

Gwendolyn L. "Gwen" Dempsey

Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Elizabeth Ashley

Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Jody Morrison

**MONTGOMERY**

Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

E. Madeline Moxley

Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Lorraine Virginia Watkins Taylor

Gaithersburg-Washington Grove VFD Auxiliary

Marie Sherwood

Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Gary R. Shifflett

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Shirley J. Fiske

**PRINCE GEORGE'S**

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary

Thelma Farren

Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

John W. "Bud" Berryman, Sr.

Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Department Auxiliary

Frances L. Hancock

Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department

& Rescue Squad & Auxiliary

Virginia Susan Ward

**QUEEN ANNE'S**

Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Joan T. Nielson

Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Dorothy "Dot" Thompson

**SOMERSET**

Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company

Betty Jones

**St. MARY'S**

7<sup>th</sup> District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Doris E. Hammett

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**TALBOT**

Oxford Fire Company

Cecelia Smith

**WASHINGTON**

Hancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Mary Hill

Hancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Idella Lucas

Hancock Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Alverda Jones

**WICOMICO**

Ladies Auxiliary of Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company

Thelma G. Jones

Ladies Auxiliary of Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company

Verena S. Pusey

Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Doris Toadvine Fletcher

**Worcester**

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Gennette McCabe

***REPORT OF THE BESSIE MARSHALL COMMITTEE***

President Hetz, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it has been an extreme honor and pleasure to serve as The Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund Chairman.

Last year's Chairman left us a very big pair of shoes to fill. THANKS to all of the membership of both Associations we have been able to maintain that challenge. As of this printing we have been able to pay 36 cases. It is because all of you have responded to every fund drive held this year. We are looking forward to a great turnout for the convention 50-50. Last year's winner took home over \$2,700.00.

I am very happy to report that the body voted to raise the benefits from five weeks total of \$750.00 to six weeks for a total of \$900.00. To date we have paid 6 cases at \$900.00. Words cannot express the feeling one gets when you see the return letters from members who YOU have helped. This is your committee and you have made it successful again this year.

A special thank you goes to my Committee members who have been very faithful in selling all of the chances at each conference and the convention.

A thank you also goes to my daughter, Ginny Wilhite. She has donated all of the printing of all of our raffle tickets this year. Thanks Ginny. You are always there when I need you.

The successfulness of this committee is because you, the members, care and always support each project. I get to take all of the praise, but it can only come when we all work together, so I proudly pass all of the Thank You's I receive to all of you. THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!!

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I look forward to serving you again next year and together we will be successful as this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Huttenloch, Chairman

***REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE***

President Hetz, Officers, and members I thank you for giving me the opportunity to Chair this most interesting committee. This year, I reflected back to the ladies who served as Chair (that I can remember) such as PP Alvera Miller, PP Louise Dell and PP Peggy Webb. They paved the way for me. I simply followed their lead.

The 2009 Legislative Session started on January 14 and ended at midnight on April 13. This year was extremely busy with the House and Senate Bills that affected the MSFA. During the ninety day session, we read and filed 2,654 bills. The MSFA Legislative Committee closely monitored 76 bills because of their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or EMS. You can read the MSFA Report for more details on the bills they were watching. Our days start in a lovely building at 17 State Circle in Annapolis. We sent out 13 Legislative Bulletins mostly via email. This has saved a great deal of money on paper supplies and postage. We prepared the Hearing Schedules for the House and Senate which changed daily. We also assisted with the February 10, Legislative Reception; and the March 4, rally to show opposition to SB649, SB650 and SB764. These bills would have greatly affected Maryland's Medevac System.

Thanks to all of the auxiliaries and members, who sent e-mails or contacted their Senators or Delegates stating our displeasure with the bills that would affect the Medevac System. You did a great job. Chairman Davis extends his heartfelt gratitude for all our efforts in defeating the Medevac legislation.

We thank President Frank Underwood, Vice Presidents Roger Powell and Doyle Cox; Danny Davis, Chairman of the MSFA Legislative Committee for all the snacks and sweet treats they shared with us. It was a pleasure for each of us to work with you.

The committee members are Peggy Webb, Carene Housenfluck, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Betty Radisch, Margie Schultz and Barbara McWilliams. We worked together as a great team. I thank each of you for all your help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Davis, Chair

***REPORT OF THE INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION  
MODIFICATION COMMITTEE***

Reference: Maryland State Income Tax – Subtraction Modification benefit for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

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A total of 1,162 auxiliary members qualified for the 2008 Maryland State Income Tax Subtraction. Listed below are the counties, the number of qualifying auxiliary members and the County Point System Coordinator.

Allegheny	74	Norma Clark	Howard	21	Patty Thompson
Anne Arundel	39	Patti Kidwell	Kent	20	Darlene Neal
Baltimore	38	Martha Spangler	Montgomery	80	Peggy A. Webb
Calvert	42	Peg Richardson	Prince George's	161	Ann Marie McGill
Caroline	29	Deana Bell	Queen Anne	31	Debra Shelton
Carroll	112	Pat Spangler	Somerset	11	Mary F. Whitelock
Cecil	50	Doris Lloyd	St. Mary's	133	Bonnie Quade
Charles	69	Carol Flint	Talbot	36	Mary A. Dulin
Dorchester	4	Mary A. Dulin	Washington	NA	LOSAP Program
Frederick	3	Debbie Perkins	Wicomico	117	Kimberly Figgs
Garrett	17	Renee Bittinger	<u>Worcester</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>Joanne Smith-Wagner</u>
Harford	31	Donita A. Dietz	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,162</b>	

Thanks to all of the Auxiliary members, Auxiliary and County Point System Coordinators who support the fire and rescue company and to the Maryland State Firemen's Association for their support in making this program a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie G. Shultz, Chairman

### ***PROCEDURES FOR VOTING***

The Chief Judge shall read the following instructions:

Each Chairman of Delegates shall pick-up from the Credentials the envelope containing all five (5) ballots.

The Chairman of Delegates will fill out all five (5) ballots and return them in the envelope to the judges.

The Chief Judge shall appoint two (2) tellers to receive the ballot envelope. The tellers shall call out the name of the auxiliary voting to the Credential Committee.

The tellers shall open the envelope and hand the ballots to the teller or designated person running the voting machine. If the ballot is rejected, the Chief Judge shall place that ballot into the ballot box until all ballots have been put through the voting machine.

The Chief Judge shall receive a total of votes cast from the voting machine. She shall then remove the uncounted ballots from the ballot box and have each teller verify the vote cast by visually reviewing the ballot. A total shall be added to the total taken from the voting

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machine for a total vote cast. All ballots after they have been cast and counted shall be placed in one envelope until the body orders the ballots be destroyed.

The Chief Judge has the options to review the uncounted ballots at the voting machine or choose to retire to a separate room to review the uncounted ballots.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alvera Miller, Chief Election Judge.

## **LAMSFA Proposed Constitution and By-Law Changes April 2009**

Deletions – appear in [brackets]

Additions – appear in **bold type**

**Submitted by: Nora Ryan and Peggy Webb, Past Presidents LAMSFA**

**Purpose of Change:** Have Color Bearer Officers Appointed By the President Instead of Elected Officers

**Currently Reads:** Article VII, Officers and Committees:

Section 1a: The elected officers of the Auxiliary shall be President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, Vice Chaplain, Historian, Guard and two (2) Color Bearers.

Section 1b: The appointed officers of the Auxiliary shall be Conference Chairman and Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman.

Section 12: The Color Bearer receiving the highest number of votes shall advance and retire the American Flag at each meeting. The Color Bearer receiving the lesser number of votes shall advance and retire the Maryland Flag at each meeting.

**Change to Read:**

Section 1a: The elected officers of the Auxiliary shall be President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, Vice Chaplain, Historian, **and** Guard. [and two (2) Color Bearers].

Section1b: The appointed officers of the Auxiliary shall be Conference Chairman, [and] Bessie Marshall Benefit Chairman, **Color Bearer designated to carry the American Flag, and Color Bearer designated to carry the Maryland Flag.**

[Section 12: the Color Bearer receiving the highest number of votes shall advance and retire the American Flag at each meeting. The Color Bearer designated to carry the Maryland Flag.]

**Submitted by Sandi Lutz, Junior Vice President**

**Purpose of Change:** To make it a set date instead of a variable date which is easier to



remember and coincides with how the Spring Conference meetings are required.

**Currently Reads:** ARTICLE VIII, Duties of Officers.

Section 4: The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, a complete and permanent record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Auxiliary and Executive Committee.

She/he shall prepare a mailing list of member auxiliaries (periodically forward changes to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to officers and committee chairman): mail to each member auxiliary, officer, Past Presidents, forty five (45) after Fall Conference and before June 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring Conference condensed minutes of conferences, respectively including motions, amendments to Constitution and By-Laws, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. She/he shall prepare a roll of the actives auxiliaries and deliver this roll together with the creational of the delegates and alternates to the Credential Committee Chairman by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She/he shall receive 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 1<sup>st</sup> mailing with the corresponding Secretary.

**Change to Read:**

Section 4: The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, a complete and permanent record of the 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 an committee chairman): mail to each member auxiliary, officer, Past Presidents **before December 1<sup>st</sup> for** Fall Conference and before Jun 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring Conference condensed minutes of conferences, respectively including motions, amendments to Constitution and By-Laws, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each. She/he shall prepared a roll of the active auxiliaries and deliver this roll together with the credentials of the delegates and alternates to the Credentials Committee Chairman by Jun 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

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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 for distribution and mailing immediately to all auxiliaries and Past President not present at Fall Conference. She/he shall coordinate the February 1<sup>st</sup> mailing with the Corresponding Secretary.

***Submitted by Peggy Zembower, Conference Chairman***

**Purpose of Change:** All other elected officials were included and when they added the Financial Secretary to the MSFA elected officers we failed to add them to the list.

**Currently Reads:** ARTICLE IX – Standing Committees

Section 4: The Conference Chairman shall make arrangements for the meeting place of the Fall and Spring Conferences and notify the President, Officers, Past President, Publicity Chairman and all member auxiliaries of said place. She/he shall extend a written invitation to the Maryland State Firemen's Association President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain to be guests of the Ladies Auxiliary at all fall and Spring Conferences. Must submit a financial report (example printed in the procedure book) with any monies turned in to the Financial Secretary at Conferences and Convention with a copy to the Recording Secretary, and will submit an annual report to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the procedure book. She/he shall receive a working fund of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per conference.

**Change to read:**

Section 4: The Conference Chairman shall make arrangements for the meeting place of the Fall and Spring Conferences and notify the President, Officers, Past Presidents, **Committee Chairman** and all member auxiliaries of said place. She/he shall extend a written invitation to the Maryland State Firemen's President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Financial Secretary** and Chaplain to be guests of the Ladies Auxiliary at all Fall and Spring Conferences. Must submit a financial report (example printed in the procedure book) with any monies turned in to the Financial Secretary at Conferences and Convention with a copy to the Recording Secretary, and will submit an annual report to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the procedure book. She/he shall receive a working fund for one hundred (\$100.00) per conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Knipple, Chairman  
Constitution and By-Laws Committee

## **ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF 2009 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES ACTIVE MEMBERS**

**\*\*\*ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 118, 21 North Rogers Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001; Harford County. Telephone (410)272-2211 Fax (410)272-2887; Organized:1889; Chartered: 1901; Joined MSFA: 1901; President: Edward Budnick; Vice President: Curtis Diering Jr.: Treasurer: Richard Kosko; Chief: Eric Reith. Delegates: Fred Morlok Jr, Eldon Budnick, Keith Budnick, Curtis Diering Jr, Eric Keith. Alternates: Dale Budnick, Victoria Cunningham, Shannon Budnick, Albert Severn III, Daniel Smith Sr.

**\*\*\*ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 665, 3306 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009; Harford County. Telephone (410)638-3955 Fax (410)638-3964 Organized: 1925; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA:1932; President: Charles Williams; Vice President: Donna A. Laird; Secretary: Rachel Windsor; Treasurer: Tom Schultz; Chaplain: Nancy Pherson; Chief: Steve Pennington, Delegates: Donna Laird, Linda Dousa, Mark Foster, Mike Wright, Patty Autry. Alternates: Bill Dousa, Joe King, Keith Autry, Valerieue Graham, Terri Jerbi.

**\*\*\*ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 50, 109 South Street, Accident, MD 21520; Garrett County. Telephone (301)746-8800 e-mail [AVFD50@Qcol.net](mailto:AVFD50@Qcol.net); Organized: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1947; President: Jesse Deniher; Vice President: Adam Bach; Secretary: Shaina Saturday; Treasurer: Alva Rexrode; Chaplain: Alva Rexrode; Chief: Richard Carlson. Delegates: Mike Simmons, Donald Ringer, Allen Bach, Hob Bowser, Alva Rexrode. Alternates: Paul Custer, Dean Georg, Paul Hook, Paul Miller, Richard Carlson.

**\*\*\*ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607; Prince George's County. Telephone (301)283-2730 Fax (301)283-3024 President: Glenn Sherman; Vice President: Wayne Jordan; Secretary: Jennifer Green; Treasurer: Darlene Grimsley; Chief: Christopher Maggi. Chaplain: Judy Deskins. Delegates: James Deskins, Jennifer Green, Darlene Grimsley, Crystal Jones, Mary Jones. Alternates: Jeremiah Ball, Wayne Jordan, Steve Hainey, Eddie Pickerall, Patricia Pickerall.

**ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 128, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County. Telephone (410)546-3515 Fax (410)546-5053; President: Kyle Kinnamon; Vice President: Chuck Wojciechowski; Secretary: Cindy Costa; Treasurer: Jacob Malone, Jr; Chief: Edward Moore, Delegates: Kyle Kinnamon, Mathew Poole, Arthur Widdowson, Cozy Austin.

**\*\*\*ALLENTOWN ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8709 Allentown Road, and 10900 Fort Washington Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744; Prince George's County. Telephone (301)248-6519 Fax (301)265-1164 – Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1950; President: Heather Walzel; Vice President: Jody Sees; Secretary: Annette Childress; Treasurer: Lynn Harrington; Chief: Nicholas Finamore. Delegates: Nick Finamore, Darrell Francis, Heather Walzel, Rich Scott, Ron Austin. Alternates: Lynn Herrington, Jody Sees, Annette Childress, Joe Walzel, Ed Baylor.

**\*\*\*ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 113 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County. Telephone (301)733-3334; (301)733-9385; Website:[www.antietafirecompany.org](http://www.antietafirecompany.org); Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1818. President: Jeffrey L. Snyder; Vice President: Charles Cunningham; Secretary: Jamie Barkdoll; Treasurer: Robert Daveler; Chaplain: Ike Dolman; Captain: James Sprecher, Jr. Delegates: James Sprecher, Jr., Dave Sheppard, Travis Barkdoll, Corey Sprecher, Jamie Barkdoll. Alternates: James Sprecher III.

**\*\*\*ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY** - 5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County. Telephone (410)242-6601; Fax (410)242-6962; E-mail: [350@bcvfa.org](mailto:350@bcvfa.org); Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: John McDowell; Vice President: Steve Gower; Secretary: Gina Birsner; Treasurer: Joseph O'Melia; Chaplain: Steve Owens; Captain: Douglas Simpkins Jr. Delegates: John McDowell, Doug Simpkins, Ed Preston, Joseph Antoszewski, Sr, Lew Harvey. Alternates: Donald Gutberlet, Richard Snader.

**ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD 21155; Baltimore County. Telephone (410)887-1576; Fax (410)374-6238; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1950. President: Roslyn Snyder; Vice President: Doug Rill; Secretary: Tammy Boose; Treasurer: Keith Jewell; Chaplain: Mike Adams/ Rev Melvina Strickland; Chief: Gerald Krause. Delegates: Roslyn Snyder, Kevin Snyder, Gerald Krause, Doug Rill, Tammy Boose. Alternates: Mike Rill, John Trawinski, Scott Hale, Keith Jewell, Bill Zumbun.

**\*\*\*ARNOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 1505 Ritchie Highway; Arnold, MD 21012; Anne Arundel County. Telephone (410)751-2686; Fax (410)757-5942; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: Kevin Knussman; Vice President: Heather Green, Secretary: Brian Reidy; Treasurer: Tom Best; Chief: Charles Kennedy. Delegates: William Schriefer, Kurt Snyder, H. Kevin Knussman, Bill DuSold.

\*\*\***ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**- 2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD 21054; Anne Arundel County. Telephone (301)261-0060; Fax (410)798-2848; E-mail [arundelvfd@cccconline.net](mailto:arundelvfd@cccconline.net); Website: [www.arundelfire.com](http://www.arundelfire.com); Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Stephen Race, Vice President: Julie Peterson; Secretary: Stephanie Jamieson; Treasurer: Joanie Seegar; Chaplain: Laura Woods; Chief: J. David Ayers. Delegates: Steve Race, Harve Woods, Laura Woods, Carene Housenfluck, Bob Coughenour. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO BOX 528, 6270 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)867-3141; Fax (410)867-6862; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Thomas Ladd; Vice President: Marvin Ladd; Secretary: Dennis Skinner; Treasurer: Dennis Skinner. Delegates: Dennis Skinner, Thomas W. Ladd, Marvin Ladd. Alternates: None listed

\*\*\***BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)888-1888; Fax (301)888-1526; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Roy Hall; Vice President: Robert Boswell; Secretary: Mary Summers; Treasurer: Cora Goldsmith; Chaplain: Nancy Mandragos; Chief: Wendy Baden. Delegates: John Summers, Paul Harris, Ray Pierce, Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 15010 Baltimore Pike, NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)724-4170; E-mail: [co4@allconet.org](mailto:co4@allconet.org); Organized:1947; Chartered:1947; President: Lloyd Hardman Ware; Vice President: Edward Rice; Secretary: Michelle Woodson; Treasurer: Beth Evans; Chief: Beth Evans. Delegates: Wayne Evans, Matt Davis, Beth Evans, Keri Davis, Bucky Hardman. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***BARTON HOSE CO. NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 277, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone (301)463-6305; Organized:1919; Chartered:1947. President: Stanley Broadwater, Vice President: Joseph Langham. Delegates: John Shuhart, Wayne Rounds, Bill Lamberson, Courtney Frenzel, Jr, Kevin Rounds. Alternates: Gene Foutz, Marilyn Rounds, Marylyn Rounds, Joseph Kyle.

\*\*\***BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1440, 46900 Shangri-la Drive, California, MD 20619; St. Mary's County; Telephone (301)737-0654; Fax (301) 737-0353; E-mail [bdvfd@bdvfd.org](mailto:bdvfd@bdvfd.org); Website: [www.bdvfd.org](http://www.bdvfd.org); Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: R. Braddock; Vice President: R. Keith Fairfax / Doug Medley; Secretary: Joseph A. Cooper;

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Treasurer: Bruce Theden; Chief: Wayne Johnson. Delegates: Bob Braddock, Keith Fairfax, Wayne Johnson, Joseph A. Cooper, Les Hansen. Alternates: Doug Medley, Joseph Zienda, Melvin Tennyson, Emory Taylor, Pat Stanley.

\*\*\***BEDFORD ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 13200 Bedford Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)724-3670; Fax (301)724-1588; E-mail: [co3@allcomet.org](mailto:co3@allcomet.org); Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; Joined MSFA:1944. President: Seth Miller; Vice President: Justin Bean; Secretary: Jennifer Crippen; Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter; Chief: Tim Growden. Delegates: Tim Growden, Debbie Helmstetter, Mike Helmstetter, Seth Miller, Geena Kile. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***BEL AIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, Inc.** – 109 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air MD 21014; Harford County; Telephone (410)638-4400; Fax (410)638-4430. President: Anthonyk Coliano; Vice President: Joseph Price; Secretary: Timothy Coale; Treasurer: Paul Chizmar; Chaplain: Rabbi Kenneth Block; Chief: Russell Eyre. Delegates: Russel Eyre, Joe Price, Gary Kadolph.

\*\*\***BEL ALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 37, 9765 Bel Alton-Newtown Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611; Charles County; Telephone (301)932-0894; Fax (301)932-1115; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1962; Joined MSFA: 1962. President: Larry Fisher; Vice President: Bobby Presley; Secretary: Thomas J. Hutchinson; Treasurer: Phillip S. Frere; Chaplain: Julian Hayden; Chief: John Hackley Jr. Delegates: Thomas Hutchinson, Larry Fisher, Jr., Tommy Albrittain, Billy Robertson, John Hackley. Alternates: Clyde Forcee, Larry Nyers, Bobby Presley, Larry Graves, Phil Frere.

\*\*\***BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 831, 4911 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)937-3160; Fax (301)937-1859; E-mail: [bvfd2718@aol.com](mailto:bvfd2718@aol.com); Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Margie Dickey; Vice President: Brian Ellis; Secretary: Janice Gardiner / Lucy McDonald; Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Al Schwartz; Delegates: Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Lucy McDonald, Kenny Reising, Al Schwartz. Alternates: Brian Addis, Tony McCall, Steve Flora, Bill Alexander IV, Brian Hart

\*\*\***BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD 20612; Charles County; Telephone (301)274-3890; FAX (301)705-7089; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950. President: Harry Brown, Jr; Vice President: Dallas Demarr; Secretary: Charlene Martin; Treasurer: Colleen Hill; Chaplain: Katie Vansyke; Chief: Rue Hill. Delegates: Harry Brown,

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Robert Buck, William Henderson, Rue Hill, Dallas Demarr. Alternates: Charlene Martin, Colleen Hill, Janice Henderson, Glenn Therres, Billy Stephens.

\*\*\***BERLIN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 214 North Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone (410)641-1977; Fax (410)641-2494; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1910. President: David Fitzgerald; Vice President: Phillip Bloxom; Secretary/Treasurer: Gino Carozza; Chaplain: Bill Tilghman; Chief: Bryan Trimble. Delegates: David Fitzgerald, David Bloxom, Joe Pylypczuk, Bryan Trimble, Derrick Simpson. Alternates: Phillip Simpson, Duane Phillips, David Bradford, Jeanne Feltes, Bill Bounds.

\*\*\***BERWYN HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 8811 60th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)474-5587; Fax (301)220-2476; Organized:1924; Chartered:1924. President: James V. Ward; Vice President: Edgar Burton; Secretary: Lucinda Frend; Treasurer: Paul Martein; Chaplain: John Hess; Chief: Charles Fusco. Delegates: James J. Kiernan, Paul Martein, Pete Isaacson, Charles Fusco, Shawn Dwyer. Alternates: James Ward, Edward Rice, Richard Kitchen, James Hurley, Ryan Wagner.

\*\*\***BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 30384, 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)652-5602; Fax (301)656-3550; E-mail: [gcpnt@aol.com](mailto:gcpnt@aol.com); Organized: 1926; Chartered:1926. President: Grant Davies; Vice President: Nat Finkelstein; Secretary: James Winkler; Treasurer: John Murgolo; Chief: Lawrence Gaddis. Delegate: Lawrence J. Gaddis, Michael Bloom, Virginiak Miller.

\*\*\***BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)652-0077; Fax (301)656-6523; E-mail: [ken.holden@bccrs.org](mailto:ken.holden@bccrs.org); Website [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org); Organized:1937; Chartered:1945. President: Kenneth Yazge; Vice President: Kenneth Rehbehn, Robert Kretzmer; Secretary: Kenneth Holden; Treasurer: Barbara Bryniarski; Chief: Edward Sherburne. Delegates: Johnie Roth, Kenneth Holden, Robert Gollan, Jack Hartley, George Giebel. Alternates: Edward Sherburne, Robert Kretzmer, Kenneth Yazge.

\*\*\***BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 235, 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone (410)348-5678; Fax (410)348-5300; Organized:1938. President: John Nicholson, Vice President: Walter Campbell; Secretary: Amanda Collins; Treasurer: Penny Thorpe; Chaplain: Yvonnek Paxton; Chief: John Thorpe. Sr. Delegates: None listed.

**BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD 21813; Worcester County; Telephone (410)352-5757; Fax (410) 352-5482; Organized:1939; Chartered:1939; Joined MSFA:1939; President: Jeanne Hooper; Vice President: Kyle Hayes; Secretary: Dawn Eppergon; Treasurer: Jim Goslee; Chaplain: William Cooper; Chief: Knease Harrington. Delegates: David Collins, John Richards, Wayne Benson, James Latchum, KC Harrington. Alternates: William Cooper, Jim Goslee.

**BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 27, 176 Brenneman Road, Bittinger, MD 21522; Garrett County; Telephone (301)245-4414; Organized:1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA:1982. President: William Emory; Vice President: Willis Beitzel; Secretary: Robert H. Legeer; Treasurer: Greta Beitzel; Chaplain Leon Beitzel; Chief: Joseph "Pete" Buckel. Delegates: Joseph Buckel, Bob Legeer, Don Sealing, Darrin Yoder, Paul Yoder. Alternates: Bill Emory, Rich Brenneman, Bill Buckel, Leon Beitzel, Jeff Beitzel.

**\*\*\*BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)864-4415; Fax (301)277-9366. President: Donald Wells; Vice President: Randy Luenzli; Secretary: Christopher Moe; Treasurer: William Rose; Chaplain: Berlion Cooper; Chief: Matthew Fowler. Delegates: David Sumber, Donald Wells, David Sumner, Randy Kuenzli. Alternates: Ray Edwards, William Rose, Vince Pickel, Robert Pickel.

**\*\*\*BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 12 (77 North Branch Avenue) Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone (301)359-3729; FAX (301)359-9799; Organized:1938; Chartered:1938. President: Orie Sweitzer; Vice President: Lynn Sweitzer; Secretary: Gerald Abernathy, Jr; Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden; Chaplain: Paul Wilson; Chief: Daniel Bever. Delegates: Danny Bever, Kathy Bever, Shari Bever, Tristen McCrobie, Jared Zais. Alternates: Kristine Fritz, Matt Fritz, Lynn Sweitzer, Paul Wilson, Jon Dowden.

**BOONSBORO AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 7, 7619 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone (301)432-6979; FAX (301)432-2265; Organized: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1997; President: M.J. Blickenstaff; Vice President: Jean Burns; Secretary: Robyn Ford; Treasurer: Fred Smith; Caplain: Tom Fralin, Jr; Chief: Tina Jones; Delegates: Cliff Davis, Rick Beall, Jeff Hewett, Todd Smith, Otho Kretzer. Alternates: Tina Jones, M.J. Blickenstaff.



**\*\*\*BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 15, 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)429-5200; E-Mail: [ca0420@bcvco.org](mailto:ca0420@bcvco.org). President: Logan Woodard; Vice President: Walter Devilbiss, Jr; Secretary: Vacant; Treasurer: Sam Wesley; Chaplain: Mary Kanahan; Chief: Henry Horner III. Delegates: Logan Woodard, William Cowan, Walter DeVilbiss, Jr, Samuel Wesley, Henry Horner III. Alternates: Thomas Miller, Ed Crooks, James Bosley, Chris Huffman, Kathy Wesley.

**BOULEVARD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4101 Alton Street, Capitol Heights, 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)568-8112; Fax (301)568-0581; Organized:1920; Chartered:1923; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Leslie Garrett; Vice President: Lloyd Brooks; Secretary: Sharetta Mosley; Treasurer: Vanessa Butler; Chief: Thomas Forrester. Delegates: Leslie Garrett, Mike Colbert, Thomas Forrester, Trevor Forrester, Patrick Smith. Alternates: Vanessa Butler, Antwan Jordan, Wade Irby, Lloyd Brooks, Michael White.

**\*\*\*BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 270, 3262 Superior Lane and 15454 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)809-0122; Fax (301)809-0123; E-mail: [info@bowievfd.org](mailto:info@bowievfd.org); Website: [bowievfd.org](http://bowievfd.org); Organized: 1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929. President: Jonathan Bigony; Vice President: Francis Gormley, Glenn Locker, Denise Bloom; Secretary: Ed Obias; Treasurer: Shirley Meadows; Chief: Lee Havens. Delegates: David Levy, Owen Tucker, Jason Bloom, Denise Bloom. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** 12420 McMullen Hwy, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone:(301)729-1522;Email:[bowlinggreen@hereintown.net](mailto:bowlinggreen@hereintown.net); Website [bowling-green-vfd.org](http://bowling-green-vfd.org); Organized:1947; Chartered:1947; Joined MSFA:1947. President: William Bradley; Vice President: Phil Walker; Secretary: Lance Adams; Treasurer: Rick Ross; Chaplain: Joann Bradley; Chief: Shannon Adams. Delegates: John Wolford, Donna Struntz, Mary Carr, Shannon Adams, William Bradley. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*BOWMAN'S ADDITION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 868 (11710 Boardwalk Avenue) Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)759-3272; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Mark Blacker; Vice President: Travis Broll; Secretary: Carole O'Baker; Treasurer: Sue Blacker; Chaplain: Carole O'Baker; Chief: Justin Blacker. Delegates: Justin Blacker, Aaron Blacker, Melissa Blacker, Christy Howsare,

Dennis Bonner. Alternates: Mark Blacker, Sue Blacker.

**\*\*\*BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 320, 6715 Jefferson Boulevard, Braddock Heights, MD 21714; Frederick County; Telephone (301)371-6820; Fax (301) 371-6234; Organized:1910; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: William Smith; Vice President: Tim Walker; Secretary: Crystal Patton; Treasurer: John Patton; Chief: Pat McTighe Sr; Delegates: Pat McTighe Sr, Vernon M. Cassell, Matt Powell, Sam Lenhart, William Smith. Alternates: Doug Abrecht, Crystal Smith, John Patton, Tim Walker.

**\*\*\*BRANCHVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 4905 Branchville Road, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)883-7711; Fax (301)345-8994; Organized: 1924; President: James Cresman; Vice President: Kyle Scully; Secretary: Dawn Daily; Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood; Chief: Richard Leizear. Delegates: Frank J. Underwood, John Hughes, Ronald Leizear, Jr., John Gardiner, Richard Leizear. Alternates: Dawn Dailey, Jennifer Underwood, Jeffrey Dickley, Patricia Meadow, Michael Burrier.

**BRANDYWINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** – PO Box 238 (14201 Brandywine Road) Brandywine Md. 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)372-8507. President: Ronald Wilkerson; Vice President: Kenneth Rose, Sr; Secretary: Teresa Lewis-Keenan; Treasurer: Brend Ellis; Chaplain: Kenneth Rose, Sr.; Chief: Chad Lauier. Delegates: Chad Lauier, Ken Rose, Sr, Don Prather, Amber Reamy, Ange Prather. Alternates: Edward Cross, Ken Rose, Jr, Ernie Daniels, Glenn Johnson, Frederick Perry.

**\*\*\*BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)927-0615; Fax (301)927-5713; Organized: 1922; Chartered:1923; Joined MSFA:1922. Website: [www.brentwood4.com](http://www.brentwood4.com). President: Richard Melito; Vice President: William Tavel; Secretary: Anne Chestnut; Chief: Steven Hampton. Delegates: Richard Melito, Steve Goldman, William Tavel, Anne Chestnut, Linde Reichard. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 19781 (5100 Ritchie Highway) Brooklyn, MD 21225; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)789-5658; E-mail: [Cdoegen@msn.com](mailto:Cdoegen@msn.com); Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA:1938. President: Albert Anderson; Vice President: Charles Doegen; Secretary: Norman Ray; Treasurer: Norman Ray; Chief: Charles Doegen. Delegates: Albert Anderson, Charles Doegen, Norman Ray, Lester Helfrich, Paul Laumann.

Alternates: John Anderson, William Gibson, Joseph Laumann, William Ray

**\*\*\*BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 156, 223-225 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone 301)834-7296; Fax (301)834-8081; Website: [www.bvfd.net](http://www.bvfd.net); Organized:1893; Chartered:1894; Joined MSFA: 1910; President: George Clary, Jr; Vice President: Thomas Watson; Secretary: Lyndi D'Amico; Treasurer: Kevin Myers; Chief: Roy Lipscomb. Delegates: George Clary, Jr, Roy Lipscomb, David Young, Kevin Myers, Matt Hoffman. Alternates: Kenneth Fauble, Kenny Nicewater, George Houser, Tasha Smothers, Ronnie Lowe.

**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 156 (200 West Potomac Street) Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone (301)834-5223; Fax (301)834-9684; E-mail: [bvfd@computercrafters.com](mailto:bvfd@computercrafters.com); Website: [bvfd.net](http://bvfd.net) Organized:1958; Chartered:1958; Joined MSFA:1961. President: Clair Ebersole, Jr; Vice President: Geri Reynolds; Secretary: Jody Bruchey; Treasurer: Donna Snoots; Chief: Nelson Smith. Delegates: Geri Reynolds, Susie Nicol Kyle.

**\*\*\*BRYANS ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 111, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road, MD 20616; Charles County; Telephone (301)283-0239; Fax (301)375-6130; Organized:1962; Chartered:1963; Joined MSFA:1963; President: Michael Walko; Vice President: David Hamrick; Secretary: John Gallagher; Treasurer: Dennis Tomlinson; Chaplain: John R. Gallagher, Sr; Chief: Deon Washington. Delegates: Elvan Hedges, John Gallagher, Sr, Paul Tackish, Gary Crampton, Dennis Tomlinson. Alternates: Ronnie Willett, Michael Walko.

**\*\*\*BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY – P.O.** Box 264, 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Ranier, Maryland 20712; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-985-5400; FAX 301-985-5411; Website: [www.bhvrc.com](http://www.bhvrc.com). President: John R. Hines; Vice President: John A. Hines; Secretary: Lawrence Trainum; Treasurer: Barry Miller; Chief: Jason Fisher; Delegates: John Mutchler. Alternates: Lawrence Trainum, Barry Miller, Darrell Walker, Mogwin Bard, Eric Mutchler.

**\*\*\*BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 215, 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)384-8058; Fax (301)879-1487; E-mail: [bvfd@wans.net](mailto:bvfd@wans.net); Website: [burtonsvillevfd.com](http://burtonsvillevfd.com); Organized:1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Craig Baker, Vice President: Tamera Bulla; Secretary: Andrew Tarbell; Treasurer: Drew Dunn;

Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Robert Ryan. Delegates: Harry Hetz.

**\*\*\*BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 75, 15019 Falls Road, Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)887-7913; Fax (410)771-4103; E-mail [cao490@bcvfd.org](mailto:cao490@bcvfd.org); Website [butlervfd.com](http://butlervfd.com); Organized:1953; Chartered:1954. President: Wayne Hackley; Vice President: Stewart Mann; Secretary: Milton Curtis; Treasurer: Douglas Womer; Chief: Danny Wilhelm. Delegates: Wayne Hackley, Dave Hundertmark, Danny Wilhelm, Frosty Wertz, Warren Gleitsmann. Alternates: Todd Rutledge, Milton Curtis, Douglas Womer, Stu Mann, Dave Kann.

**\*\*\*CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 41, 8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD 20818; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)365-2255; Fax (301)365-2563; E-mail [firefighter@cjpvfd.org](mailto:firefighter@cjpvfd.org); Website: [cjpvfd.org](http://cjpvfd.org); Organized:1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: James Hunter; Vice President: David Cohen; Secretary: Damien Alexander; Treasurer: Mark Livingstone; Chaplain: Fr Dimitriosk Antokas and Rabbi Paul Weinblatt; Chief: James P. Seavey, Sr. Delegates: James Seavey, Sr, Holly Miller, Christina Mage, Kathleen Donahoe, Jason Goldberg. Alternates: Mark Livingstone, Thomas Natell, Mary Moral, Vincente Roa, Paul Krause.

**\*\*\*CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC – P.O. Box 1909**, (60 Industry Lane, Prince Frederick, Md. 20678); Calvert County; Telephone: (410)535-0411; FAX: (410)535-0499; E-mail: [medicunit@yahoo.com](mailto:medicunit@yahoo.com); Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989. President: Robert Bonner; Vice President: Erin Teates; Secretary: Kelly Zimmer; Treasurer: Gary Jenkins; Chief: Richard Tallman. Delegates: Bobby Bonner, Ricki Tallman, Erin Teates, Rick Tallman; Associates: Eileen Jenkins, Danielle.

**\*\*\*CAPE ST. CLAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1411 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)757-3434; Fax (410)349-0959; E-mail: [webmaster@cscvfc.org](mailto:webmaster@cscvfc.org); Website: [cscvfc.org](http://cscvfc.org); Organized:1955; Chartered:1955; Joined MSFA:1957. President: Joan Sorrell; Vice President: Drew Mutch; Secretary: Charles Karnbach; Treasurer: George Ryan, Chief: David Nibeck. Delegates: Bob Seibel, Joan Sorrell, Carol Mekins, Dave Nibeck, Jim Mekins. Alternate: Jennifer Mekins.

**\*\*\*CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.** - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)336-2111; FAX (301)499-2295; E-mail [jmcclell@fm.umd.edu](mailto:jmcclell@fm.umd.edu); Website: [chvfd.org](http://chvfd.org); Organized:1913; Chartered:1914. President: Robert McClelland, Sr;

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Vice President: Mark Washington; Secretary: Albert Adams; Treasurer: Charles E. Miller; Chief: James E. McClelland, Sr. Delegates: James E. McClelland, Sr., Robert Russell, Robert McClelland, Sr, Kimberly Lee, James Crawford. Alternates: Charles Miller, Jennifer McClelland, Albert Adams, Kenny Cole, David Breeden, Jr.

**CAROLINE COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.** – PO Box 117, 11077 Garland Road, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone (410)479-0488; E-mail: [afroghollow@hotmail.com](mailto:afroghollow@hotmail.com); Organized: 1988; Chartered:1988; Joined MSFA: 1990. President: Bryan Ebling; Vice President: Bryan Alexander; Secretary: Patti Gordy; Treasurer: Cathy Toomey. Delegates: Bryan Alexander, Bryan Ebling, Judy Sullivan, Renee Bounds, Susan Tiffany. Alternates: Cathy Toomey.

**\*CARROLL MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 2795 Adams Street, Adamstown, MD 21710; Frederick County; Telephone (301)874-5111; Fax (301)874-5101; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1954. President: Andrew Arnold, Sr; Vice President: Steven Shook; Secretary: Linda A. Johnson; Treasurer: Ida E. Young; Chaplain: Doris Simpson; Chief: Edward Johnson. Delegates: A. Edward Arnold, Sr, Ed Johnson, Patrick King, Lauren King. Alternates: Carolyn Arnold, Ashley Johnson, Dan Mason, Andy Arnold, Jesse Springirth.

**CECILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 565, 110 East Main Street, Cecilton, MD 21913; Cecil County; Telephone (410)275-8686; Fax (410) 275-8686; Organized:1935; Chartered: 1936; 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, INC.** – PO Box 31309, (5544 Sheriff Road) Capitol Heights, MD 20731-0309 Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-925-4438; FAX: 301-925-4950; E-mail: [volchief38](mailto:volchief38); Website: [chapeloaksfire.com](http://chapeloaksfire.com); Organized 1946; Chartered 1950; Joined MSFA 1973. President: Cathy Walker-Pekrs; Vice President: Gerald Ford; Secretary: Brenda Smith; Treasurer: Deneen Lewis; Chaplain: William Gressen; Chief: Johnathan Bolden. Delegates: Johnathan Bolden, Cathy Walker-Pekrs, Gerald Ford, Deneen Lewis, Hubert Walker. Alternates: James Felder, Ronald Gill, Jonathan Johnson, Brenda Smith, Eric Dunmore.

**\*\*\*CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, INC.** – PO Box 366 (10700 Billingsley Road) White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County; Telephone

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(301)645-7707; Fax (301)638-3915; Organized:1978; Chartered:1986; Joined MSFA:1983; President: Patrick Burke; Vice President: Bill Wedding; Secretary: Carrie Summers; Treasurer: Elaine Wedding; Chaplain: Dave Summers and D. Petrone; Chief: David Staples. Delegates: William Wedding, Margaret Wedding. Alternates: Charles Shaw, Mary Kay Waugh.

**\*\*\*CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 40, 2 Calvert Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone (301)934-4434; Fax (301)934-4108; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1984; President: Robert Gregory; Secretary: Phyllis Viars; Treasurer: R.J. Earnshaw III; Chaplain: B.R. Winkler; Chief: Susan Grote. Delegates: Susie Grote, Butch Gregory, Laura Greenawalt, Brent Huber. Alternates: James Vannoy, James Golroy, Leanne Reese, Robert Simpson.

**\*\*\*CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 111, 307 Market Street, Charlestown, MD 21914; Cecil County; Telephone (410)287-6451; Fax (410)287-2843; E-mail: [cfc5@iximd.com](mailto:cfc5@iximd.com); Organized:1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Tom Bicking; Vice President: Mike Varady; Secretary: Kenny Shockley; Treasurer: Rosie Bott; 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.** – PO Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone (410)778-3434; Fax (410)810-0348; Website: [angelfire.com/md2/chestertownvfd](http://angelfire.com/md2/chestertownvfd). President: William Blackiston; Vice President: Lawrence Slagle; Vice President: William Coleman; Secretary: Jeremy Rothwell; Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney; Chaplain: Gonzalee Matthews; Chief: Bruce Neal. Delegates: Lawrence Slagle, Trey Blackiston, Jeff Thompson, Bruce Neal, Marion Townsend. Alternates: Buster Blackiston, John Darling.

**\*\*\*CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 12020 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)262-9734; Fax (410)252-6111; E-mail [crvfc@home.com](mailto:crvfc@home.com); Website: [crvfc.com](http://crvfc.com); Organized:1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA:1961. President: Larry Getlan; Vice President: Valerie Newberrey; Secretary: Bryan Crystal; Treasurer: Harry R. Kakel, Jr; Captain: Dan Uddeme. Delegates: Larry Getlan, Dan Uddeme, Harry Kakel, Valerie Newberrey, Jack Crystal. Alternates: Brian Hooper, Fred Cross, Gentry Fitzpatrick, Adam Harrison, Chuck Fauer.

**CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8001 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)652-0707; Fax (301)652-1532; Organized: 1927; Chartered:1930. President: John Bird; Vice President:

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Daniel Fox; Secretary: Sandra Snyder; Treasurer: Patricia Hammar. Delegates: John Bird, Daniel Fox.

**\*\*\*CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7459, 7833 Riggs Road, Langley Park, MD 20787; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)434-3435; Fax (301)434-7463; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Charles Walker; Vice President: Charles Larkin; Secretary: Louise Davis; Treasurer: John Guyton; Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Charles Walker, Robert Jacobs, William Radisch, Charles Aldridge, John Guyon. Alternates: Scott Fickes, Robert Ford, Louise Davis, Chris Eccles, Kenneth Decker.

**\*\*\*CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)228-4156; Fax Same; E-mail: [bsteiner@fastol.com](mailto:bsteiner@fastol.com). President: Michael McWilliams; Vice President: Rusty Hurley; Secretary: Tina McWilliams; Treasurer: Karen Tolley;

Chief: Rusty Hurley. Delegates: Steve Tolley, Mike McWilliams, Tina McWilliams, Barbara Stiener, Rusty Hurley. Alternates: Guy McWilliams, Karen Tolley, Ricky Temple, Tanya Temple.

**\*\*\*CHURCH HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 66, 316 Main Street, Church Hill, MD 21623; Queen Anne's County; Telephone (410)758-6552; Fax (410)556-6244; Organized:1895; Chartered:1943; Joined MSFA:1938. President: Francis Jester; Vice President: Harold Benton, Jr; Secretary: Kenneth Rhodes; Treasurer: Sandra Reed; Chaplain: Rev Tina Blake; Chief: Stephen Hurlock. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Francis Jester, Charles Jester, Stephen Hurlock, Brian Trossbach. Alternates: Andy Collins, Edie Mansfield, Kenneth Rhodes, Tyler Williams, Kevin Carson.

**\*\*\*CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4, INC.** – PO Box 3855, 9 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21705; Frederick County; Telephone (301)694-1713; Fax (301)694-1734; Organized:1926; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA:1927; President: David Keller; Vice President: Bion Winpigler; Secretary: David Marron; Treasurer: Robert W. Jacobs; Chaplain: Tim May; Chief: John Elden. Delegates: David Keller III, Bion Winpigler, Clarence Rinehart, William Nichols, Jeff Wisner. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*CLARYSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 16304 Clarysville Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone (301)689-3828; E-mail: [co14@alcomt.org](mailto:co14@alcomt.org); Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Zach Ryan; Vice President:

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Eric Clark, Sr; Secretary: Tiffany Ryan; Treasurer: Mark Deckers; Chaplain: Carl J. Blank, Sr.; Chief: Peter Lyons. Delegates: Carl J. Blank, Sr, Eric Clark, Sr, Richard Atkinson, Peter Lyons, Megan Adams. Alternates: Mike McGowen, Mark Deckers, Phil Wilhelm, Michelle McGowen, Kristi Wilhelm.

**\*\*\*CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB, INC.** – PO Box 61, 233 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone (301)582-2711; Fax (301)842-3073; Organized: 1954; Chartered:1954. President: Eric Ramaciotti; Vice President: Sharon Shupp; Secretary: Christine Muir; Treasurer: Brenda Keefer; Chief: James M. Miller. Delegates: Walter Irvin, Sr, Grace Irvin, Tom Altman, Lynn Hunsberger, Eric Ramaciotti. Alternates: Cindy Ramaciotti, Mike Miller, Rick Blair.

**\*\*\*CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone (301)842-3775; Fax (301)842-3794; Email: [fireco4@safe.quik.com](mailto:fireco4@safe.quik.com); Website: [clearspringfire.org](http://clearspringfire.org); Organized;1935; Chartered:1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Ronald Poole; Vice President: Tim Keeney; Secretary: Stacey Rowe; Treasurer: Charlie Munday; Chaplain: Teddie Hovermale; Chief: Michael Reid. Delegates: Richard Blair, Charlie Munday, Ronald Poole, Franklin Hart, Jr, Franklin Hart III. Alternates: Warren Royce, Michael Reid, James Miller, Dustin Blair, Tim Keeney.

**\*\*\*CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 9025 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)868-1313/1333; Fax: (301)868-0330; Organized: 1936; Chartered:1937; Joined MSFA:1937. President: Scott Kaiser; Vice President: Richard Small; Secretary: Sally Brown; Treasurer: Robert McGhee; Chief: Robert N. Small, Jr. Delegates: Scott Kaiser, Robert Small, Jr, Bob McGhee, Sally Brown, Richard Small. Alternates: Robb Van Vlet, Dudley Gardiner, K.B. Hopkins, Jr, Stefanie Tice, Tom Grannis.

**\*\*\*COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS, INC.** – PO Box 156, Cobb Island, MD 20625; Charles County; Telephone (301)259-4258; FAX (301)259-0527; Organized:1949; President: William Lawman; Vice President: Sam Bowling; Secretary: Kathy Killnski; Treasurer: Mike Burnham; Chief: Edward Godwin. Delegates: William Lawman, Chuck Shaw, William Lawman, Jr, Joellen Lawman, Renea Godwin. Alternates: Cindy Pilkerton.

**\*\*\*COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 344 (11210 York Road) Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)527-1634; Fax(410)527-1634; E-mail: [ctracey@cvfc.org](mailto:ctracey@cvfc.org); Website: [cvfc.org](http://cvfc.org); Organized:1896;



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Chartered:1896. President: Elwood Banister; Vice President: Chris Roberts; Secretary: Lynda Holland; Treasurer: John Dixon; Chaplain: Helen Banister; Chief: Thomas Jeffers. Delegates: Clarence Tracey, Jack Roberts, Larry Gribble, Tom Jeffers, Katherine Walker. Alternates: David Crumble.

**\*\*\*COLLEGE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8115 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)901-9112; Fax (301)901-9115; E-mail: [webmaster@cpvfd.org](mailto:webmaster@cpvfd.org); Website: [cpvfd.org](http://cpvfd.org); Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Peter Piringner; Vice President: Carl Cimino; Secretary: Matthew Chibbaro; Treasurer: Art Schloss; Chief: Ty Dickerson. Delegates: Peter Piringner, Brandon Frieder, Jesse Walter, William Corrigan. Alternates: Ken Bush, Robert Ryan, Carl Cimino, John Crisman.

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 248, 309 S. Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)859-0244; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1928. President: David Reese; Secretary: Jason Pippen; Treasurer: Joseph Delisle; Chief: John Odenwald. Delegates: David Reese, Jason Pippen, Joseph Delisle, John Odenwald. Alternates: J. G. Delisle, David E. Reese III.

**\*\*\*COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC.** – PO Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone (410)996-6066; Fax (410)642-0266; Website: [crgsites.com/md/prfd](http://crgsites.com/md/prfd); 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. Alternates: John Jones, Charles Gardner, John Reinhart, Richard Gilbert, Jr, Daniel Mahan.

**\*\*\*COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC.** – PO Box 699, 300 Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)658-5115; Fax: (410)658-9899. President: Cuz Curry; Vice President: Walter Funk; Secretary: Amy Davis; Treasurer: Suzanne Wehry; Chaplain: Wayne Ingerson; Chief: Karl Reichenbach. Delegates: Walter Funk, Karl Reichenbach, Ken Morris, Kevin Dalton, Eric Simpson. Alternates: Bill Eyler, Cuz Curry, James Kyte, Bernie Cundiff, Larry Underwood.

**COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 21, 110 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21741; Washington County; Telephone (301)733-1113; Fax (301)739-6015; E-Mail: [camos@xra75.org](mailto:camos@xra75.org); Organized: 1998; Chartered: 1998. President: Chris Stockslager; Vice President: Terry Gearhart; Secretary:

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Patricia Keller; Treasurer: Scott Draper; Chaplain: Melvin Smith; Chief: Christopher Amos; Delegates: Joe Ralls, Terry Gearhart, John Shaw.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC.** – PO Box 255, Hurtt Avenue, Millington, MD 21651; Kent County; Telephone (410)928-3171; Fax (410)928-3945; Organized:1921; Chartered:1923; President: LeRoy Davis; Vice President: Sally Carpenter; Secretary: Edie Morales; Treasurer: Paige Hickman; Chaplain: Mark Farnell; Chief: Jesse Downey, Sr. Delegates: Jesse Downey, Richard McIntyre. Alternates: None listed.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY DISTRICT 12, INC.** – PO Box 97; Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone (301)582-0099; Fax (301)582-4013; E-mail: [fairplay12@earthlink.net](mailto:fairplay12@earthlink.net); Organized:1947; President: William Pennington; Vice President: Robert Moncrief; Secretary: Paul Brown; Treasurer: David Grabill; Chaplain: Robert Fealey; Chief: Leonard Heller. Delegates: William Pennington, Paul Brown, David Grabill, John Fealey, Leonard Heller. Alternates: Ira Heller, Lois Brown, Tom Warrenfehzh, Mike Hffman.

**\*\*\*COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOWLEY'S QUARTERS AND VICINITY, INC.** - PO Box 4910 (900 Bowley's Quarters Road) Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)335-8820; Fax: (410)335-9277; Organized:1944; E-mail: [210@bcvfa.org](mailto:210@bcvfa.org); Website: [bowleysquartersvfd.org](http://bowleysquartersvfd.org); Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Joyce Elder; Vice President: John Leuschel; Secretary: Amanda Byrns; Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic, Jr; Captain: Eric Baumgart. Delegates: Jerome Cusic, Lawrence Grannas, William Stockum, Joyce Elder, Roy Elder. Alternates: Joseph Walters, Bernie Eckert, Paul Cusic, David Brown, John Ritz..

**CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 102, 11864 Kitty Corner Rd, Cordova, MD 21625; Talbot County; Telephone (410)364-5400; Fax (410)364-5119; Organized:1926; Chartered:1926; President: Tom Diem; Vice President: Chris Rice; Secretary: William Dulin; Treasurer: Bill Behrens; Chaplain: Robert Cheezum, Sr.; Chief: Mark Secrist. Delegates: Vernon Dulin, Thomas Diem, John Keyser, Robert Messix. Alternates: None listed.

**CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 187, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone (301)722-7418; Organized: 1939. President: Michael Porter; Vice President: Dahrel Miller; Secretary: Tammy Harris; Treasurer: Mike McGee; Chaplain: Delos Murphy and Jamel Deremer; Chief: Jeff DeHaven. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*COTTAGE CITY-COLMAR MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 3716 Rhode Island

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Avenue, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)985-5400; E-mail: [pres2ccfc@aol.com](mailto:pres2ccfc@aol.com) Website: [www.cc2fd.org](http://www.cc2fd.org); Organized:1921; Chartered:1922. President: Wayne Parker; Vice President: Keith Schenk; Secretary: Diane Schmidt; Treasurer: Fred Hull; Chaplain: Ed Mutchler; Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Steve Schmidt, Jimmy Pilkerton III, Jimmy Pilkerton, Jr, Keith Schenk, Diane Schmidt. Alternates: Chip Ewing, Herb Bartlett.

**\*\*\*WHITE MARSH (COWENTON) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, MD 21162; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)335-5112; Fax: (410)335-1842; E-mail: [cao200@bcvfa.org](mailto:cao200@bcvfa.org); Organized:1943; Chartered:1945; Joined MSFA:1945. President: Ken Bielecki Sr; Vice President: Don Wilder, Sr; Secretary: Sabina Muend; Treasurer: Donald Chilcoat, Jr; Chaplain: Rev Jack Bussard; Captain: Will Lutostanski, Jr. Delegates: Al Vaughn, Jack Amrhein, Don Wilder, Rick Brech, Sr, Will Lutostanski, Jr. Alternates: Heather Goulden, Ken Bielecki, Sr, Jim Goulden, Ron Wright, Mark Lundin.

**\*\*\*CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 5129 (13110 Warrior Drive) Cresaptown, MD 21505; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)729-1111; Fax: (301)729-1820; E-mail: [co9@allconet.org](mailto:co9@allconet.org); Website: [cresaptownvfd.org](http://cresaptownvfd.org); Organized:1932; Chartered:1933. President: Steven J. Kesner; Vice President: Calvin "Pete" Walbert; Secretary: Kayla Burkett; Treasurer: Susan Cecil; Chaplain: Calvin "Pete" Walbert; Chief: Daniel W. Winter. Delegates: Steven J. Kesner, John Pratt, Calvin Walbert, Deborah Kesner, Jeremy Athey. Alternates: Robert Rotruck.

**\*\*\*CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 591, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone (410)968-1262; Fax: (410)968-9536; Organized:1874; Chartered:1921; Joined MSFA: 1939. President: Louis H. Hickman; Vice President: Ronnie Hinman; 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, Les Malin, Jay Paro, Jay Walston, Larry Rettis.

**\*\*\*CRUMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 68, 301 Third Street, Crumpton, MD 21628; Queen Anne's County; Telephone (410)778-6100; Fax (410)778-0979; Organized:1961; Chartered:1961; Joined MSFA:1963. President: Trica Hunter; Vice President: Robby Pardoe; Secretary: Linda Hamann; Treasurer: Norman Husfelt; Chief: James Hurlock. Delegates: Norman Husfelt, James Hurlock, Trica Hunter, Patsy Hunter, Linda Hamann. Alternates: James Hurlock, Mary Husfelt, Robby Pardoe, Jean Parsons, William Smith.

**\*\*\*CUMBERLAND HOSE #1, INC.** – PO Box 1340, Dorn Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)777-7114; Fax (301)777-8196. President: Richard DeVore; Vice President: Tim Dayton; Secretary: Kenneth May; Treasurer: Jerry Frantz; Delegates: Richard DeVore, Sam Wilson, Cheri Liewellen, Jim Swauger, Susan Lee. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*DAMASCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 13, 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)253-3988; Fax: (301)253-2323; E-mail [dvfdprez@erols.com](mailto:dvfdprez@erols.com); Organized:1944; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA:1946. President: Thomas Gartner, Sr; Vice President: Gary Hilton; Secretary: Teresa Gartner; Treasurer: Michael E. Burch; Chaplain: Rev. Robert Braden; Chief: S. Darron Long. Delegates: Ron Watkins, Leonard King, Gary Hilton, Rodney Duvall, Darron Long. Alternates: Ron German, Teresa Gartner, Bruce Surette, Julie Galpin.

**\*\*\*DARLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 178 (2600 Castleton Road) Darlington, MD 21034; Harford County; Telephone: (410)638-3760; Fax: (410)638-3756; Organized:1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Donald Thomas; Vice President: Robert Nelson; Secretary: Betty Borden; Treasurer: Mike Vincent; Chaplain: Ralph Borden; Chief: John King. Delegates: Alan Thompson, Sanuel Sauers, Willard Evans, Donald Cassett, James Rest. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 128, 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, MD 21821; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)784-2612; Organized:1954; Chartered:1954; Joined MSFA:1956. President: Charles Jacobson; Vice President: Jimmy Corbett; Secretary: Jimmy Muir; Treasurer: Daniel Webster; Chaplain: David Webster; Chief: Donald Ford. Delegates: Donald Ford, Jim Muir, Danny Webster, Charles Jacobson, Jim Corbett. Alternates: Ray Ford, Bruce Webster, Walter Howard.

**\*\*\*DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)867-1350; Fax: (410)867-9374; Organized:1946; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1948. President: Terry Whittington; Vice President: Charles Episcipo; Secretary: Karon George; Treasurer: Heidi Mudd; Chaplain: Robert Wilkerson; Chief: Dale Browning. Delegates: Dale Browning, Gayle Moreland, Ray Mudd, Heidi Mudd, Karen George. Alternates: Shannon Rohr, Bernie Phipps, Vicki Browning, Eddie Lumpkin, Paul Loincano.

**DEEP CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 419 (1906 Deep Creek Drive) McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)387-5252; FAX: (301)334-2803; Organized:1965; Chartered:1966. President: Ed Wilburn; Vice President: Bob Browning; Secretary: Russell Sims; Treasurer: Larry Lewis; Chaplain: William Dawson; Chief: Jamie Rodenheaver. Delegates: Jamie Rodeheaver, Michael S. Phillippi, Harry Stone. Alternates: None listed.

**DEER PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 419, 1906 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone (301)334-4120; Organized:1950; Chartered:1950; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Kenneth Michaels; Vice President: Jeffrey Simpson; Secretary: Ron Perando; Treasurer: Barbara Collins; Chaplain: Ron Perando; Chief Kenneth Collins. Delegates: Andy Anderson, Terry King.

**\*\*\*DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, Grove & Bi-State Boulevard, Delmar, MD 21875; Wicomico County; Telephone (302)846-2530; Fax (302)846-2505; Organized:1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929; President: Jack Morris, Jr; Vice President: William Hughes; Secretary: Jenny Dennis; Treasurer: Marty Skarson; Chaplain: Harry Naugle; Chief: Joe Moirris, Sr. Delegates: Joe Morris, Jr., Robert F. Jones, Bob Jones, Marty Skarson, Jack Morris, Sr. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314; Harford County; Telephone (717)456-7133; Fax (717)456-7958; Organized: 1898; 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: James Wilson, Ryan Williams.

**\*\*\*DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 262, 400 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone (410)479-2121; Fax: (410)479-5377; Organized: 1892; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA:1927; President: Thomas Trice; Vice President: John Webster; Secretary: Rhonda Jordan; Treasurer: Gary Geisel; Chaplain: Bill Davis; Chief: Glenn Makowski. Delegates: Wayne F. Fretterd, Sr., Tom Trice, Donna Fretterd. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*DENTSVILLE VOLUNTEER EMS & AUXILIARY INC** – P.O. Box 109, (12135 Charles Street), LaPlata, MD 20646, Charles County; Telephone: (301)392-0500; Fax: (301)392-5754: President: John Earle; Vice President: Greg Thompson:

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Secretary: Sandy Sherman; Treasurer: Sherry Williams; Chief: Gary Anderson; Delegates: Guelda Farrall, Darby Byrd. Alternates: John Earle, Sandy Sherman.

**\*\*\*DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12100 North Branch Road SE, Cumberland, MD 21520; Allegany County; Telephone (301)722-4444; E-mail: [co7@allconet.org](mailto:co7@allconet.org); Organized:1942; Chartered:1942. President: Chris Collins; Vice President: Chris Robinson; Secretary: Tricia Tressler; Treasurer: Ann McKeown; Chaplain: Charlotte Shoemaker; Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein, Sr, Jim Decker, Ron Grabenstein, Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

**\*\*\*DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 6208 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George's County; Telephone (301)735-3399; FAX (301)516-3343; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942. President: Harold Fletcher; Vice President: James Boyd; Secretary: Joan Fletcher. Treasurer: Charles A. Norris; Chief: Thomas C. Stommel. Delegates: Harold Fletcher, James Boyd, Charles A. Norris, Thomas C. Stommel, Kirk Ingram. Alternates: Jamaal Brooks, Ronnie Bobo, Joan Fletcher, Lawrence Hawkins, Gregg Powell.

**\*\*\*DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 86, 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone (301)855-8895; FAX (410)286-2890; Email [mwells@dunkirk5.com](mailto:mwells@dunkirk5.com); Website [dunkirk.com](http://dunkirk.com); Organized:1974; President: Jerry Johnson; Vice President: Mike McLaughlin; Secretary: Erin Stinnett; Treasurer: Howard Kelly; Chaplain: Randy Smith; Chief: Toby Sealey. Delegates: Howard Kelly, Richard Meador, Eric Holzberger, Toby Sealey, Jerry Johnson. Alternates: Randy Smith, Wayne Ward, Jr, Erin Stinnet.

**\*\*\*EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 547, 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)647-1990; Fax: (410)647-9463; E-mail: [ehvfc12@hotmail.com](mailto:ehvfc12@hotmail.com); Website: [www.ehvfc.org](http://www.ehvfc.org); Organized:1918; Chartered: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 Austin, Edgar Yost, Paul Demasky, William Weitzell. Alternates: Robert Caha, Bryan Sohn, Milton Price, Andy Price, Edward Detwiler.

**\*\*\*EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)689-8388; Fax: (301)689-0554; Organized:1967; Chartered:1967; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: James Raley; Vice President: Marsh Smith; Secretary: Mark Medidin; Treasurer: Dwayne Kitis; Chaplain: David Kitis; Chief: Tim Clark.

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Delegates: Dwayne Kitis, David Wiland, Nick Wiland, Charon Overstreet.  
Alternates: None listed.

**EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 280, 101 Main Street, East New Market, MD 21631; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-3663; Fax: (410)943-0900; Organized:1938; Chartered:1939; Joined MSFA:1942; President: Stephen Trissell; Vice President: Calvin Secrist; Secretary: Rick Price; Treasurer: Shirley Satterfield; Chaplain: Phil McKelvey. Chief: David Thomas III. Delegates: Stephen Trissell, Donald Cheesman, Jr, James B. Heck, David L. Thomas III, Eric Blake. Alternates: Donald Cheesman, Sr, Brian Burton, Kenneth Stewart, Jr.

**\*\*\*EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 851 (315 Aurora Park Drive) Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone (410)822-4848; Fax (410)822-1970; E-mail: [eastonvfd@goeaston.net](mailto:eastonvfd@goeaston.net); Website: [eastonvfd.org](http://eastonvfd.org); Organized:1808; Chartered:1917; Joined MSFA:1914. President: James Knotts; Vice President: Barry Slaughter; Secretary: Timothy McNeal; Treasurer: Kenneth Bush; Chaplain: Rev. W. Nevin Crouse; Chief: C.R. Chance. Delegates: Lyle Fuller, Leonard Rieck, Glenn Daubach, Fred Ireland, Rose Miles. Alternates: Maurice Newman III, Timothy McNeal, James Knotts.

**\*\*\*EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)263-6133; Fax: (410)798-9018; Organized:1886; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA:1930. President: Betty Lou Pilkerton; Vice President: Al Kirchner; Secretary: A.J. Wilder; Treasurer: Daniel Monch. Chaplain: Joseph Galloway. Delegates: Daniel Monch, David Hollidayoak, Betty Lou Pilkerton. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5752 Rhodesdale-Eldorado Road, Rhodesdale, MD 21659; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-4004; Fax: (410)943-1311; Email: [ebvfd@dmv.com](mailto:ebvfd@dmv.com); Organized:1947; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1948. President: Barry Lord; Vice President: Butch Lord; Secretary: Shirley Breuil; Treasurer: Brenda Lord; Chaplain: Gerald Keen; Chief: Robert Murphy. Delegates: Barry Lord, Ed Colquhoun, Bob Murphy, Butch Lord, Brad Murphy. Alternates: Rose Murphy, Brenda Lord, Debbie Whreitow.

**\*\*\*ELKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 6275 Old Washington Road, Elkridge, MD 21075; Howard County; Telephone (410)313-4901; Fax (410)313-4904; Website: [www.elkridgevfd.org](http://www.elkridgevfd.org); Organized: 1942; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Timothy Cugle; Vice President: Julianna Casey; Secretary:

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John Christoffel; Treasurer: Gene Poligardo; Chief: Don Watson. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Vince Glorioso, Mike Barnett, Kelli Lehr. Alternates: None listed.

**ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 188, ELLERSLIE, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone (301)777-0476; Organized:1980; Chartered:1986; Joined MSFA:1982: President: Richard L. Jamison; Vice President: Vivian M. Jamison; Secretary: Denoma Stallings; Treasurer: Richard N. Mallow; Chaplain: Frank B. Clark; Chief: Kara Kile. Delegates: Frank B. Clark, Scott Williams, Brett Kile, Kara Kile, Luke Merkel. Alternates: Robert Johnson III, Denoma Stallings.

**\*\*\*ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 237, 12000 ELLERSLIE ROAD, ELLERSLIE, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone (301)777-0959; 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: Frank B. Clark, Wayne Shriner, Dave Christner, Jen Christner, Cameron Pressman. Alternates: Scott Williams, Mark Williams, Dee Stallings, Tom Logsdon, Rob Johnson.

**\*\*\*ELLCOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 296, 4150 Montgomery Road, ELLCOTT CITY, MD 21041; Howard County; Telephone: (410)313-2600; Fax: (410)313-2671; Organized:1888; Chartered:1927; Joined MSFA:1924. President: Edward Benich; 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, INC.** – 2336 Elliott Island Road, ELLIOTT ISLAND, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)376-3026; Fax: (410)376-3026; Organized:1973; Joined MSFA:1989. President: Chester D. Martinek; Vice President: Howard

Martinek; Secretary: Ann Foley; Treasurer: Pamela Abbott; Chief: Wylie Abbott, Jr. Delegates: Chester D. Martinek, Howard Martinek, Benjamin Elliott, Linda Elliott, Paul O'Sheske. Alternates: Wylie Abbott, Jr, Jo Kropkowski, Brian Kropkowski, Doris Harrison.

**\*\*\*EMMITSBURG VOL. AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1101, 300 South Seton Avenue, EMMITSBURG, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone:



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(301)447-6626; FAX: (301)447-3887; E-mail: emmitsburg26@aol.com; Website: emmitsburgems.org; Organized:1944; President: Mary Lou Little; Vice President: Diane Kelly; Secretary: Pam Seabaugh; Treasurer: Tom Humerick; Chief: Roland Haines. Delegates: Diane Kelly, Eric Stackhouse. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** 2827 Michigan Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)887-0972; Fax (410)636-3540; Organized:1944; Chartered:1945. President: Louis Keene; Vice President: Ted Wooden; Secretary: Michele Keene; Treasurer: Wallace Scheckels; Chief: William Maddox. Delegates: Louis Keene, Ted Wooden, William Maddox, Frank March, Ron Sheldon. Alternates: Wallace Scheckels, Savoy Miller, Michele Keene, Ray Lancaster, John Campbell.

**EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD 21824; Somerset County; Telephone (410)425-5521; Organized:1957; Chartered: 1957; President: Richard Evans; Vice President: Matt Smith; Secretary: Mark Kitching; Treasurer: Eddie Evans, Jr.; Chaplain: Eddie Evans, Sr & Elmer Evans; Chief: Otis R. Tyler. Delegates: Otis Tyler, Isaac Dize, Dale Tyler, Eddie Evans, Dale Tyler. Alternates: Mark Kitching, John C. Tyler, Lisa Evans, Larry Marsh, Glenn Evans.

**FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – P.O. Box 395 (27407 Fairmount Road) Westover, MD, Somerset County; Telephone: (410)651-2888; FAX: (410)651-1018; Organized: 1999, Chartered: 1999, Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Roger Olsen; Vice President: Bob Becker; Secretary: Scott Bissit; Treasurer: Franklin Lusk; Chief: Jim Koons; Delegates: John Mori. Alternates: None listed

**\*\*\*FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 141 (2201 Carrs Mill Road) Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone (410)638-4890; FAX (410)638-4889; E-mail: [sscheinin@fvfac.org](mailto:sscheinin@fvfac.org); Website: fvfac.org. President: Christopher Gibbons; Vice President: Scott Golly; Secretary: Christine Sullivan; Treasurer: Kim Weber; Chaplain: Richard Gatto; Chief: Joseph Woods. Delegates: Will Reinecke, Hobart Howell, Chris Gibbons, Steven Scheinin, Edwin Geisendaffer. Alternates: Ed Benesch, Cathy Pilachowski.

**\*\*\*FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 99 (208 N. University Avenue) Federalsburg, MD 21632; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)754-7400; Organized:1900; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA:1920; President: Kevin Mowrray; Vice President: Douglas Ramey and Douglas Robinson; Secretary: Thomas Blades; Treasurer: Matthew Morean; Chief: Heath Wroten. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Janet Blades, Douglas Ramey, Jr, Dawn Ramey. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 4 S. Broadview Boulevard, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)766-2131; FAX: (410)768-0487; Organized:1942; Chartered:1943; President: William Fidler; Vice President: Del Haley; Secretary: Richard Meise; Treasurer: Craig A. Bidinger; Chief: Jay Olson; Delegates: Jay Olson, Jack Hulet, William Fidler, Ron Dillon, Lynn Hetrick. Alternates: Mark Balonis, Craig Bidinger, Gerard Varner, Donald Hodges II.

**\*\*\*FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone (410)313-7215; Fax (410)313-7219; E-mail: [clarksvillevfd@erols.com](mailto:clarksvillevfd@erols.com); Website: [www.erols.com/clarksvillevfd](http://www.erols.com/clarksvillevfd); Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947: President: Miji Kim; Vice President: Carol Stevens; Secretary: Edgar Zepp IV; Treasurer: Roy Ferguson; Chief: Patrick J. Marlatt. Delegates: John McNeece, Wendy Norwitz, Ron Price, Megan McAuliff, Butch Hipp. Alternates: Pat Puglisi

**\*\*\*FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-3339; Fax: (301)733-3154; Website: [engineone.org](http://engineone.org); President: Elaine Snyder, Vice President: David Stevens / Greg Baker; Secretary: Ray Lushbaugh; Treasurer: Gerald Saum; Chaplain: Robert McIntyre; Captain: Andy Smith. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, Robert McIntyre, Brian Stallings, Richard Stallings, Gerry Saum. Alternates: Charles Reger, Steve Jacobs, Pat Lushbaugh, Andy Smith, David Stevens.

**FIRST HOSE COMPANY OF BOONSBORO, INC.** - 5 St. Paul Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-2348; Fax: (301)432-2438; Organized:1832. President: Don Shumaker; Vice President: Tim Smith; Secretary: Elizabeth Brandenburg; Treasurer: Jay Brandenburg; Chaplain: Rev. Jim Jones; Chief: Oley Griffith. Delegates: Oley Griffith, Jay Brandenburg, Keith Albrecht, Tim Smith, Vernon Brown. Alternates: Dennis Reese, Robert Zeigler, Pat Warner, Mary Dorsey, Don Shumaker.

**\*\*\*FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 105, 21701 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD 21530; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)478-2311; FAX: (301)478-3324; Organized:1943; Chartered:1944; Joined MSFA:1944. President: Steve Moyer; Vice President: Kermit Humbertson; Secretary: Diamond Martin; Treasurer: Dorothy Ruby; 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, Allen Ruby.

**\*\*\*FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc.** - 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)736-7170; Fax: (301)736-5796; E-mail [Forestville-vfd@erols.com](mailto:Forestville-vfd@erols.com); 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, Paul Thorne, Jr. Alternates: Jeff Thorne, Anne Shepherd, Keith O'Daniel, Helen Kulle, Joe Gray.

**\*\*\*FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone (301)746-5577; Fax (301)746-5195; Website: [fire110.com](http://fire110.com); Chartered:1909. President: Edward Kelley, Vice President: Eugene Sines; Secretary: Joy Fisher; Treasurer: Craig Umbel; Chaplain: Richard Sisler; Chief: Joshua Sines. Delegates: Rodney Bowser, Terry Spear, Wayne Anderson, Patricia Bowser. Alternates: None listed.

**FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE** – P.O. Box 75, (86 West Main Street), Frostburg, MD 21582, Allegany County; Telephone: (301)689-3356; Fax: (301)689-1679; E-mail: [co53@allconet.org](mailto:co53@allconet.org); Organized & Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2003; President: Wayne Lewis; Vice President: Dottie Turner; Secretary: Ann Coleman; Treasurer: Shelley Drees; Chaplain: Valerie Vrieze. Chief: Jeff Brewer; Delegates: Jennifer Ritchie, Wayne Lewis. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 461 (22 South Water Street) Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)689-8444; Fax: (301)689-2938; E-mail: [ffdfire1@hereintown.net](mailto:ffdfire1@hereintown.net); Organized:1878; Chartered:1878; Joined MSFA:1893; President: Joe Brumage; Vice President: Harry Wolford; Secretary: Emily Finch; Treasurer; Edward George; Chaplain: Harry Foot; Chief: Nathan Blubaugh. Delegates: Harry Wolford, Nathan Blubaugh, Megan Blubaugh, Harry Foot, Dayne Lancaster. Alternates: None listed.

**FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 70, Fruitland, MD 21826; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)749-9421; Organized & Chartered: 1909. President: Ed Otter; Vice President: Ernie Pope; Secretary: Gregory Twigg; Treasurer: Dave Twilley; Chaplain: Mike White; Chief: Robin Townsend. Delegates: Edward Otter. Alternates: None listed.

**FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 670, 2 South West Side Avenue, Funkstown, MD 21734; Washington County; Telephone: (301)790-0090; Fax: (301)739-5244; E-mail; [fyfd10hose@aol.com](mailto:fyfd10hose@aol.com); Organized:1930;

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Chartered:1931. President: Larry Iseminger, Jr.; Vice President: Steven Metzner; Secretary: Judy Schminkey; Treasurer: Dale Hill; Chief: Paul Hottinger. Delegates: Paul Hottinger, Glenn Fuscick, Kyd Dieterich, Larry Iseminger, Steve Metzner. Alternates: Dave Fraley, Dale Hill, Jonathon Gift, Steve Schultz, Dave Johnston.

**\*\*\*GAITHERSBURG - WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)948-0660; Fax: (301)948-6836; E-mail: [cuzgwg@juno.com](mailto:cuzgwg@juno.com); Website: [gwgvfd.com](http://gwgvfd.com); Organized:1900; Chartered:1927; Joined MSFA:1927. President: Frank Jacob; Vice President: Steve Hayes; Secretary: Leslie Cohen; Treasurer: Garry Walker; Chaplain: Eugene Cummins; Chief: John Luper. Delegates: Mary Prater, Ann Hughes, Joe Bradley, Greg Graves, John Farr. Alternates: Frank Jacob, Bob Harding, Margaret Eggleston, Garry Walker, Sunyoung Kim.

**\*\*\*GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 189, 90 East Cross Street, Galena, MD 21635; Kent County; Telephone: (410)648-5050; Fax: (410)648-5906; Email: [galenavfc@.....net](mailto:galenavfc@.....net); Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Chris Powell; Vice President: Jack Duhamell; Secretary: Ray Long; Treasurer: Ethel Duhamell; Chaplain: Larry Jameson; Chief: Scott Rodney. Delegates: Dick Powell, Chris Powell, Joyce Powell, Robin Powell, Doug Uhl. Alternates: Scott Rodney, Amy Dehamell, Jack Dehamell, Ethel Dehamell, Ray Long.

**\*\*\*GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 174, 956 Galesville Road, Galesville, MD 20765; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)867-1521. President: Nathaniel Scotten IV; Vice President: Ray Hardesty; Secretary: Gladys Sears; Treasurer: Albert Bembe. Delegates: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Douglas Parks, Carol Sherbert. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD 21048; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)795-3456; Fax: (410)795-0208; Email: [info@gambervfd.org](mailto:info@gambervfd.org); Website:[gambervfd.org](http://gambervfd.org); Organized:1964; Chartered:1964; Joined MSFA:1964. President: Dale Bollinger; Vice President: Dennis Brothers; Secretary: Jeannie Green; Treasurer: Clay Myers; Chief: Charles Green, Jr. Delegates: Robert Klinefelter, Dennis Brothers, Dale Bollinger, Charles Green, Jr, Richard Green, Sr. Alternates: Calvin Brothers, Dennis Leppart, Kenny Linton.

**\*\*\*GEORGE'S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.** - PO Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)463-6122; Fax:

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(301)463-6172; Organized:1977; Chartered:1977. 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 Knippenburg, James W. Dawson, Sr., Dennis Youngblood, Harold Nicol. Betty Dawson. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1163, 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20874; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)253-0061; Fax (301)515-8764; E-mail: [president@gvfd29.org](mailto:president@gvfd29.org); Website: [www.gvfd29.org](http://www.gvfd29.org); Organized: 1989; Chartered:1989; Joined MSFA:1989. President: Michael Dmuchowski; Vice President: David Alger; Secretary: Martha Alger; Treasurer: Joy Pilpel; Chaplain: Laurel Weetall; Chief: Matthew Kenworthy. Delegates: R. Scott Colvin, Daniel Poulin, Erica Gray-O'Leary. Kevin Youlkins, Joseph Chornock. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 25, 2739 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-2128; Fax: (410)632-5664; E-mail: [info@girdletree.org](mailto:info@girdletree.org); Website: [www.dmvweb.com/gvfc](http://www.dmvweb.com/gvfc); Organized: 1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1953. President: John Merritt; Vice President: Virgil Dukes; Secretary / Treasurer: Jeff McMahon; Chaplain: Ralph Carman; Chief: Joe Truitt. Delegates: Virgil Dukes, Kenny Dukes, Daniel Age. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1268, 15 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)766-5153; Fax: (410)766-5243; Organized:1922; Chartered:1922; Joined MSFA:1937; President: Thomas Nevin, Jr.; Vice President: Paul W. McGinnis; Secretary: Michele Davis; Treasurer: Paul G. Cogswell; Chaplain: Earl Lowe; Chief: Michael Morgan. Delegates: Thomas Nevin, Jr., Paul McGinnis, John Davies, Richard Wengert, Earl Lowe. Alternates: Thomas Nevin III, Paul Cogswell, Gallen Floyd, Ellwood Klump, Michael Morgan.

**GLEN ECHO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)229-9766 Fax: (301)229-9767; Organized:1932; Chartered:1932; Joined MSFA:1933. President: Jeff Hearle; Vice President: Richard Bertaut; Secretary: Chris White; Treasurer: Marc Hersh; Chief: Joseph Chornock. Delegates: Mitch Dinowitz, Janice Manion, Jennifer Dorfman, Diane Pitts, Katie Gludemans. Alternates: John Hardison, Joseph Chornock, Michael Bowman.

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**\*\*\*GLENN DALE FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 249, 11900 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)805-2400; Fax: (301)805-2438; Website: [www.gdvfd18.com](http://www.gdvfd18.com); Organized:1928; Chartered:1929; Joined MSFA:1929; President: Lee Lutz; Vice President: John Benjamin; Secretary: Erin Becraft; Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee; Chief: Charles Fowler. Delegates: Laura Woods, Lee Lutz, H. Edward Woods, Sr, Hugh Owens. Alternates: Sandi Lutz, Ardythe Peters, Earl Lutz, Jr, Larry Hudson, Mary Owens.

**\*\*\*GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 3671, 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)833-1262 Fax: (410)833-7362; Website: [GVFD40.org](http://GVFD40.org); Organized:1904; Chartered:1904. President: Paul Wilhelm, Jr; Vice President: Kathy Reitz, Secretary: Crystal Wilhelm; Treasurer: Richard Stem, Sr.; Chaplain: Norman Obenshain; Chief: Scott Warner. Delegates: Richard Stem, Sr, Frank Corasaniti, Richard Merriken, Mary Merriken. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 35 (700 Old Line Road) Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)482-6196; Fax: (410)482-8358; Email: [goldsborofirecompany@yahoo](mailto:goldsborofirecompany@yahoo); Organized:1948; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1948. President: Joel McGinnes; Vice President: Timothy Reed; Secretary: Edna Talley; Treasurer: Vincent Ebling; Chief: J.T. Bartz. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 212 Broadway Street, Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)758-1422; Fax: (410)758-3528; Organized:1889; Chartered:1889. President: Wayne Bloodsworth, Sr; Secretary: Marie McHugh; Treasurer: Donald Dawkins; Chaplain: Rev. Mark Farnell; Chief: Rodney Schelhouse. Delegates: Alfred Britton, West Thompson, Jr, Butch Kaufman, Dan Tabler, Ryan Morris. Alternates: Marie Hugh, Donald Dawkins, Michael Carroll, Michael McHugh, Woody Woodford.

**\*\*\*GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.** – PO Box 280, 6 Douglas Avenue, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)463-2275; Organized:1882; Chartered:1882; Joined MSFA:1893. President: John Shockley, Sr; Vice President: Gary Hadley; Secretary: Gerald Cook; Chaplain: Thomas Morgan; Chief: Robert Ritchie; Delegates: Robert Richie, John Shockey, Sr, James Ternent, Gerald Cook, Les Broadwater. Alternates: Alex McAlpine, Adam Fazenbaker, Jake Smith, Bill Smith, Bob Ritchie.

**\*\*\*GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)334-1600; Fax: (301)334-

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1392; E-mail: [hneel01@earthlink.net](mailto:hneel01@earthlink.net). President: Sue Steyer; Vice President: Raymond O'Haver; Secretary/ Treasurer: Helen Neel; Chaplain: Stuart Harvey; Chief: Mike Steyer. Delegates: None listed.

**\*\*\*GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-2000. President: Brian Boller; Vice President: Louis Powell, Jr; Secretary: Crystal Willard; Treasurer: Pam Forrest; Chief: Wayne Wachter, Jr. Delegates: Brian Boller, Wayne Wachter, Jr, Louis Powell, Crystal Willard, Beth Wachter. Alternates: Pam Forrest, Carol Boller, Wayne Wachter, Sr., Chris Willard, Anthony Weddle.

**GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 248 (178 Springs Road) Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)895-5200; Organized:1928; Chartered:1936; Joined MSFA:1930. President: David Stein; Vice President: James Brennehan; Secretary: Menno Yoder; Treasurer: Herman Yoder; Chaplain: Wesley Yoder; Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: Todd Dyche, John Vought, Steve Smith, Adam Rounds, Keith Durst. Alternates: Steve Miller, Ben Powell, Bill Kelly, Tony Bittinger, Bob Downton.

**\*\*\*GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 457, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)827-8100. President: Robert Sharp, Jr; Vice President: David Stevens; Secretary: Angie Risley; Treasurer: Greg Motchler; Chaplain: Jon Rediger; Chief: Jason Anthony. Delegates: Robert Sharp, Jr. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 35 (125 Crescent Road) Greenbelt, MD 20768; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)345-7000; Fax: (301)345-0530; E-mail: [gvfdrs@aol.com](mailto:gvfdrs@aol.com); Website: [engine35.com](http://engine35.com); Organized:1955; Chartered:1955. President: Chris Fleshman; Vice President: Jay Remenick; Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis; Treasurer: Peggy Dutton; Chief: Brian Rudy. Delegates: Jay Remenick, Jason Morgal, Thomas Ray, George Moore, Wayne Lewis. Alternates: Kelsey Gage, Matthew Kulle, Anthony Sluder, Amy Weinberger.

**GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 307, Main & Stonesifer, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)482-8420; Organized:1927; Chartered:1927. President: Curtis L. Harvey; Vice President: Ed Stoner; Secretary: Richard Faust; Treasurer: Karen Harvey; Chief: Louis House. Delegates: Rick Faust, Billy Biddle, Shawn Starkey, Fletch Gowen. Alternates: Curtis Harvey, Ed Stoner, Chip House.

**GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 21 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-3413; Fax: (301)271-4990; E-mail: [guardianhose@net2vu.com](mailto:guardianhose@net2vu.com); Website: [guardianhose.org](http://guardianhose.org); Organized:1887; Chartered:1934. President: Wayne Stackhouse; Vice President: Robert Willhide; Secretary: Robert Oxendale; Treasurer: Russell Schantz; Chaplain: James Hamtrick; Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White, Thomas Bentz. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*HACKS POINT FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1185 Glebe Road (Earleville, MD 21919) Cecil County; Telephone: (410)275-8308; Fax: (410)275-9018; Organized:1948; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1953. President: Christina Neddo; Vice President: Urie Brice; Secretary: Robyn Hahn; Treasurer: Robert Spurdle. Chief: Gary Simmons. Delegates: Robyn Hahn, Bobbie Sheldon, Robert Hahn, Natesa Wilson. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 231, 1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)239-4280; Fax: (410)239-0523; Organized:1899; Chartered:1900. President: Robert R. Rill; Vice President; Jim Reilly; Secretary: Gary Wheeler; Treasurer: Dennis Rhoten; Chaplain: Bayard Bollinger; Chief: Richard Yingling. Delegates: Leon Fleming, Mark Bilger, John Fleming, Charles Ray, Richard Yingling. Alternates: Edgar Stagner, John Korman, Chuck Flinn, Ed Bilger, Robert Rill.

**HANCOCK FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: (301)678-7739 Fax: (301)678-6072; Organized:1928; Chartered:1928. President: Mike Stewart; Vice President: Tommy Leach; Secretary: Doug Shaw, Jr; Treasurer: Danny Pelton; Chaplain: Doug Snow; Chief: Bill Willison. Delegates: Greg Yost, Tammy Leach. Alternates: None listed.

**HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 416, 57 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: (301)678-6774; Fax: (301)678-5399; Chartered:1969; Joined MSFA:1998; President: Mike Councan; Vice President: Peggy Deloof; Secretary: Ambia Helmstetter; Treasurer: Danny Pelton; Chief: Danny Pelton. Delegates: Stephen McBee.

**\*\*\*HARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5130 Harney Road, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)756-6464; Fax: (410)756-2879; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA:1958. President: James Waybright; Vice President: Charlie Blocher; Secretary: Richard Yingling; Treasurer: Leonard Bowers; Chaplain: George Clingan; Chief: Donald Yingling, Sr. Delegates: Gene Curfman. Alternates: None listed.



**\*\*\*HAVRE DE GRACE AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.** – PO Box 465, 1601 Level Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: (410)939-6658; Fax: (410)939-6665; Organized:1984; Chartered:1984; Joined MSFA:1984. President: Chad Packard; Vice President: Cindy Alba; Secretary: Susan Angelucci; Treasurer: Deborah Way; Chief: Jeremy Mothershed. Delegates: Luanne Schweers, Heather Packard, Sharon Nance, John Coreri, Helen Sheaffer. Alternates: None listed.

**HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 300, 300 South Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)749-3037; Fax: (410)749-0511; Organized:1926; Chartered:1937. President: Donald Beach; Vice President: Dean Beach; Secretary: Ginger Wilson; Treasurer: Darley T. Travers; Chaplain: Charles Smith III. Chief: David Beach. Delegates: David Beach, Donald Beach, Bert Owens, Donald Phippin, Donnie Phippin. Alternates: Dean Beach, Kirby Traveers, Robin Travers, Robin Goslee, Ginger Wilson.

**\*\*\*HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 777, 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)923-3990; Organized:1926; Chartered:1926. President: Bob Jones; Vice President: Joyhn Storm; Secretary: Rose Conrad; Treasurer: Dale Kemper; Chaplain: Billie Armstrong; Chief: Martin Orndorff. Delegates: John Storm, Lynn Storm, Ruth Orndorff, Marty Orndorff. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1935; Fax: (410)343-2021; E-mail: mfo@herefordemsrescue.org; Website: heredordemsrescue.org; Organized:1952; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1955. President: Paul Tice; Vice President: Deborah Sellman; Secretary: Stephen Wilcoxson; Treasurer: Stephen Wilcoxson; Chaplain: David Dell; Chief: Paul Demme. Delegates: Paul Tice, Hope Bilger, Paul Demme, Anne Anderson, Deb Sellman. Alternates: Steve Wilcoxson, Ken Welsh, Mark DeMario, Darrell Kolscher, Regina Stiffler.

**\*\*\*HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1934; Fax: (410)357-4443; Website: herefordfire.org; Organized:1924; Chartered:1924; Joined MSFA:1926. President: Wayne Smith; Vice President: Ronald Campion; Secretary: Peggy Lang; Treasurer: Christina Matthews; Chaplain: Deborah L. Bollinger; Chief: Chuck Bollinger. Delegates: Richard G. Bilger, Chuck Bollinger, Justin Kinsey, Wayne Smith, Ron Campion. Alternates: Tom Simpson.

**\*\*\*HILLDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)434-2400; Fax: (301)434-8152; E-mail: [hvfdmail@yahoo.com](mailto:hvfdmail@yahoo.com); Website: [hvfd.org](http://hvfd.org); Organized:1941; Chartered:1941; Joined MSFA:1941. President: Russell Hartung; Vice President: Mark Lamb; Secretary: Maura Ardike; Treasurer: Betty Phifer; Chief: Frank Gaegler. Delegates: Mark Lamb, Joseph Weisgerber, Russell Hartung, Christopher Everett, Shana Metzger. Alternates: David Frost, Kelee Norris, Dino Pignataro, Kim Boswell, Shaunt Bauzikian.

**HILLSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1234 Larchmont Avenue, Hillside, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)420-2705. President: Michael Keys; Vice President: Butch Jones; Chief: Dale Sellers. Delegates: Michael Keys, Robin Johnson, LaVon McMullen, Dave McGill, Samuela Manages.

**\*\*\*HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7 (24801 Three Notch Road) Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)373-2900; Fax: (301)373-8772; Website: [hvfd7.com](http://hvfd7.com); Organized:1956; Chartered:1957. President: William C. Mattingly, Jr; Vice President: Charles Mattingly III; Secretary: John 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, INC.** – PO Box 79, 43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)373-3131; Fax: (301)373-2033; Organized:1975; Chartered:1975; Joined MSFA:1986. President: Paul Payne; Vice President: Sarah Russell; Secretary: Kimberly Sullivan; Treasurer: Tim Lenahan; Chaplain: Richard Williams; Chief: John Miedzinski. Delegates: Paul Payne, Joan Williams, Kimberly Sullivan, John Miedzinski, Charlie Russell. Alternates: Sarah Russell, Willie Ridgell, Stanley Williams, Tim Lenahan, Barbara Wible.

**\*\*\*HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)397-3311; Fax: (410)397-3024; Email: [hivfc@safe.quik.com](mailto:hivfc@safe.quik.com); Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; President: Mark Flowers; Vice President: Chuck Jesa; Secretary: Teresa Flowers; Treasurer: Rosemary Dean; Chief: Mark Flowers. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Mark Flowers, Rosemary Dean, Richard A. Yinger, Teresa Flowers.

**\*\*\*HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637; Charles County; Telephone: (301)274-4488; Fax: (301)274-9729; E-mail:[rosej@nswc.navy.mil](mailto:rosej@nswc.navy.mil); Website:[www.dsport.com/nickh/hvfd/hvfd.htm](http://www.dsport.com/nickh/hvfd/hvfd.htm); Organized:1946; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1946. President: Mike Roberts; Vice President: Mike Bagley; Secretary: Donna McPherson; Treasurer: Patricia Therres, Jack Lowe and Mary Ellen Hutchinson; Chief: Scott Herbert. Delegates: Jimmy Rose, Jimmy Herbert, Beverly Jarboe, Mike Roberts. Alternates: Duane Svites, Mike Bagley.

**\*\*\*HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 482 (4030 Old Town Road) Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)535-3111; Fax: (410)535-4438; E-mail: [huntingtownvfd@chesapeake.net](mailto:huntingtownvfd@chesapeake.net); Website: [www.hvfd6.org](http://www.hvfd6.org); Organized:1972; Chartered:1972. President: Eugene Farrell; Vice President: Chris Gadway; Secretary: Linda Stewart; Treasurer: Jason Jones; Chaplain: Robert Hahn; Chief: Jon Riffe. Delegates: Jonathan Riffe, Sarah Jordan, J.T. Borden, Jessi Borden, Bo McKinney. Alternates: Carrol Spriggs, Ryan Holland, Eric Morgan, Linda Stewart, Sierra Stewart.

**\*\*\*HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 178, (300 Charles Street), Hurlock, MD 21643; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-3110; Fax: (410)943-4355; Organized:1924; Chartered:1936; Joined MSFA:1925; President: John Stichberry; Vice President: Brian Tolley; Secretary: Dorothy Stichberry; Treasurer: Ward Higgins II; Chaplain: Charles Coulbourne, Jr.; Chief: Vannie Weidler. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, David Carrier II, Jason Trego. Alternates: Adam Corkran, Jerry Rhue.

**\*\*\*HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 25801 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)831-8248; Fax: (301)831-8901; E-mail: [hyattstownfire@yahoo.com](mailto:hyattstownfire@yahoo.com); Website: [hyattstownvfd.org](http://hyattstownvfd.org); Organized:1929. President: Scotty Testerman, Sr; Vice President: Douglas Bennett; Secretary: Peggy A. Webb; Treasurer: Fletcher Whitworth; Chaplain: Kenneth Day; Chief: Douglas W. Edwards. Delegates: Scotty Testerman, Sr, Cecil Webb, LaRue Moxley, Jeffrey Gross, Douglas Edwards. Alternates: Peggy Webb, Bonnie Horvath, Douglas Bennett, Janice Sadowski, Fletcher Whitworth.

**\*\*\*HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 5275, 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)927-5770; Fax: (301)699-8947; E-mail: [hvfed@yahoo.com](mailto:hvfed@yahoo.com); Website: [www.hvfd.com](http://www.hvfd.com); Organized: 1888. President: Matt Davy; Vice President: Tommy Falcone; Secretary: Lori Hook; Treasurer: Chris Herbert; Chief: David Hang. Delegates: Matt Davy, Scott Hudson, David Cooksey, Chris Herbert, David Hang.

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Alternates: Thomas Falcone, Lori Hook, Brian Gray, James Hook, Donald Moltrip.

**\*\*\*INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY #2, INC.** – PO Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)295-5226; Organized:1838; Chartered:1838; Joined MSFA:1896. President: Reginald Chambers III; Vice President: Lewis Jackson; Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio; Treasurer/Chief: George D. Clark III; Chaplain: George Clark, Jr; Delegates: Robert Grollman, Reginald Chambers III, George D. Clark, Jr, Anthony P. Capezio, Lewis Jackson. Alternates: James Powell, George Clark, Jr.

**\*\*\*INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. #1, INC.** - 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)663-9612; Fax: (301)620-9534; Organized:1818; Chartered:1839; Joined MSFA:1893. President: Martin Fuller; Vice President: Greg Fulmer; Secretary: Tammy Ambrose; Treasurer: Richard Deater; Chaplain: Tim May; Chief: Charles R. Handy. Delegates: Martin Fuller, Walter Cramer, Charles Handley, Richard Deater, Ron Wachter. Alternates: Charles Wisner, Ryan Fuller, Mike Ambrose, Steve Hurst, Sr, Tammy Ambrose.

**INDEPENDENT JUNIOR FIRE ENGINE CO. #3, INC.** – PO Box 2185 (100 Eastern Boulevard North) Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-3335; Fax: (301)733-3335; Organized:1871; Chartered:1871; President: Charles Elgin; Vice President: Woodrow Morris; Secretary: Jane E. Bond; Treasurer: Terry Smith; Chaplain: Jane Bond. Delegates: Charles Elgin, Dolores Dorsey, Woodrow Morris, Terry Smith, Henry Ingram. Alternates: Ryan Evans, Brian Elgin, Linda Fetzer, James Klabflesh, Ron Bagley.

**\*\*\*INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 4095 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: (301)753-9400; Fax: (301)753-6130; E-mail: [ihvfd@aol.com](mailto:ihvfd@aol.com); Organized:1948; Chartered:1975; 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, Mike O'Neil. Alternates: None listed

**\*\*\*IRONSIDES VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 158, 6120 Port Tobacco Road, Ironsides, MD 20643; Charles County; Telephone: (301)246-9090; FAX: (301)246-4228; Organized:1964; Chartered:1964. President: Theodore Davis; Vice President: Ken VanDeWeert; Secretary: Crystal Smith; Treasurer: Roberta Spalding; Chaplain: George Ryce; Chief: Roberta Spalding. Delegates: Theodore R. Davis, Roberta Spalding, Jim Smith, Crystal Smith, Dawn Dugan. Alternates: David Spalding, David Summers, Sr.

\*\*\* **JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 471, 3700 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-7780; Fax: (410)666-3745; E-mail: [CA0470@bcvfa.org](mailto:CA0470@bcvfa.org); Website: [www.jvfc.com](http://www.jvfc.com); Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1953. President: Steve Watkeys; Vice President: Alistair Paget; Secretary: Barbara White; Treasurer: Howard F. Wiedey, Jr; Chaplain: Joan Paget; Chief: Joe Tamberino. Delegates: Steve Watkeys, Chris Wiedey, Claud Gamble, Joe Tamberino, Kathy Boblits. Alternates: Howard Wiedey, Steve Stellmack, David Gemice, Marcia Gemice, Dean Wiggins,

\*\*\* **JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Harford County; Telephone: (410) 692-7890; Fax: (410) 692-7896; Organized: 1929; Chartered:1929; Joined MSFA:1930. President: Jim Bair; Vice President: Ted Burkhardt; Secretary: Larry Bishop; Treasurer: Laura Barwick; Chaplain: Terry Murphy; Chief: Rudy Walter. Delegates: James Bair, Ben Kurtz, Mitch Vocke, Bill Poole, Ernie Tracey. Alternates: Rudy Walter, Charlie Schulz.

\*\*\* **JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)473-5160; Fax: (301)473-9789; E-mail: [jufc20@aol1phia.net](mailto:jufc20@aol1phia.net); Organized:1955; Chartered:1960; Joined MSFA:1960. President: Ben Ahalt; Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Sr; Secretary: Thomas W. Arnold; Treasurer: Susan Corun; Chaplain: Leo Harvey and Guy W.; Chief: James Lakin. Delegates: Jim Lakin, Ed LaPole, Lisle Hainline, Donna Gosbee, Ashley Corum. Alternates: Brandy Lapole, Steve Rusenko, Katey Wenner, William Nichols.

\*\*\* **JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 146, 7891 Max Blob's Park Road, Jessup, MD 20794; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)799-1314; Organized:1932; Chartered:1938; Joined MSFA:1932. President: William A. Hawkins; Vice President: Edwin Shipley; Secretary: Alvera Miller; Treasurer: Joseph Miller; Chief: John W. Gouty. Delegates: William Hawkins, Ann Hawkins, John W. Gouty, Margaret Gouty, Alvera Miller. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\* **JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1403 Old Mountain Road South, Joppa, MD 21085; Harford County; Telephone: (410)679-1055; Fax: (410)679-3420; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951. President: Louis Jonske; Vice President: James Lyons III; Secretary: Ron Solod; Treasurer: Gary Skillman; Chaplain: Margaret Bullock; Chief: Derrick Lloyd. Delegates: Louis Jonske, Bill Lay, Jim Younger, Ron Solod, John Byrne. Alternates: Niki Jomadad.

**\*\*\* JUNIOR FIRE COMPANY NO.2, INC.** - 535 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)663-4870; Organized:1838; Chartered:1840; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Todd Johnson; Vice President: Tim Shelton; Secretary: Keisha Brown; Treasurer: James Gaver; Chaplain: Rev. Harold Wright; Chief: Ronald Eury. Delegates: Charles Abrecht, John Scites, Ron Eury, Keith Brown, John Hahn. Alternates: Deb Perkins, Bertha Abrecht.

**\*\*\*KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 98, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: (410)348-5340; Fax: (410)348-5150; E-mail [kvfc@dmv.com](mailto:kvfc@dmv.com); Organized:1955; Chartered:1955. President: Danny Quinn; Vice President: Albert Clayton; Secretary: Patricia Scott; Treasurer: Mark Dixon; Chaplain: Vonnie Paxton; Chief: Kenneth Miller. Delegates: Danny Quinn, Phillip Lott, Peter Lott, Albert Clayton, Bob Dempsey. Alternates: Clint Mills, James Samples, James Reese, Kenneth Miller, Michelle Miller.

**\*\*\*KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 222, 10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)929-8000; Fax: (301)929-8008; E-mail: [amkelley@kvfd.org](mailto:amkelley@kvfd.org); Website: [kvfd.org](http://kvfd.org); Organized:1894; Chartered:1925. President: Andrew B. White; Vice President: Robert Spence; Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini; Treasurer: Linda Williams; Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton; Chief: James Stanton. Delegates: Andrew B. White, Robert Spence, Marcine Goodloe, James Stanton, Juan Bofill. Alternates: Michael Kelley, Don Phillips, John Connell, Ronald Dowdy, Jr, Frank Kaleyias.

**KENT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 27, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)643-5454; Fax: (410)643-5457; Website: [kivfd.org](http://kivfd.org); Organized:1947; Chartered:1947. President: Francis Roudiez; Vice-President: Don Lewis; Secretary: Annie Gardner; Treasurer: Grace Gardner; Chaplain: Paul Jennings; Chief: Tracy Schulz. Delegates: Tracy Schulz, Buddy Thomas, Paul Schlotterbeck, Don Lewis, Jeff Reiss. Alternates: Mike Jarboe, Jimmy Tiernan, Jeff Cresanto, Jeff Reiss, Link George.

**\*\*\*KENT-QUEEN ANNE'S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 126, 140 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: (410)778-4495; Fax: (410)810-0346; E-mail: [kqars@verizon.net](mailto:kqars@verizon.net); Organized:1961; Chartered:1961. President: Allan Schauber; Vice President: Travis Nelson; Secretary: Theresa Waldspurger; Treasurer: Jim Johnson; Chaplain: Leonard Miller; Chief: Allan Schauber. Delegates: Allan Schauber, Larry Hastings, Kathy Hastings, James Johnson, Travis Nelson. Alternates: Kevin Kerr, Alex Dolgos, William Lobleby, Mary Grussing, Joanne Donovan.

**\*\*\*KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 7701 Landover Road, Kentland, MD 20785; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)773-6032; Fax: (301)773-2410; E-Mail: [mmattison@kentland33.com](mailto:mmattison@kentland33.com); Website: [www.kentland33.com](http://www.kentland33.com); Organized:1950; Chartered:1950; Joined MSFA:1951. President: Sheila Mann; Vice President: Mark Mollohan; Secretary: LaVatrice Nora-Meullion; Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch; Chaplain: Jim Neal; Chief: Michael Mattison. Delegates: Jim Neal, Harry Davis, William Smith, Loretta Shaw, Sheila Mann. Alternates: Roger Steger, Jr, Michael Mattison, Tony Kelleher.

**\*\*\*KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 65 (11601 Bellvue Avenue) Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-5773; Fax: (410)592-8557; Organized:1954; Chartered:1954. President: Dennis Eyre; Vice President: Stephen Belkoff; Secretary: Rita Saylor; Treasurer: Victoria Clayton; Chaplain: Ronald Cassett, Sr; Chief: Edward Griffiths. Delegates: Dennis Eyre, Gary Weer, Rita Saylor, Ronald Gassett, Sr, Edward Griffiths. Alternates: Ronald Hale, Michael Berna, Timothy Berkeridge, Jeffrey Weer, Nicholas Saylor.

**KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 438 (249 East Main Street) Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)453-3323; Organized:1932; 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, Jim Browning, Jr, Tom Davis, Sharon Paugh, Shawn Nesselrodt. Alternates: Shirley Coleman, Missi Nesselrodt.

**\*\*\*LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)255-2401; E-mail: [jflongjr@yahoo.com](mailto:jflongjr@yahoo.com); Website: [www.lsvfc.org](http://www.lsvfc.org); Organized:1940; Chartered:1941. President: Jerry White; Vice President: Rob Curley; Secretary: Debbie Kartub;

Treasurer: Ellen Thursby; Chaplain: Howard R. Belford; Chief: Timothy Hall. Delegates: John Spiker, Sr, Tina Brown, Timothy Hall, Jane Huffman, Jim Mekin. Alternates: Jerry White, Rob Curley, John Thursby.

**LAKES & STRAITS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2103 Farm Creek Road, Wingate, MD 21675; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)397-8154; Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1953 President: Suzanne Short; Vice President: Virginia Todd; Secretary: Lesli Hurley; Treasurer: Roy Weeton / Tom Armistead. Chief: Jack Short. Delegates: Susanne Short, Virginia Todd, Roy Weeton. Alternates: Dwane Paul, Cindy Paul, Tom Armistead.

**\*\*\*LANDOVER HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 2357, 6801 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)773-2509; Fax: (301)583-1912; Email: JR.Roberts@co.pg.md.us; Website: Lhvfd.com; Organized:1945; Chartered:1945; Joined MSFA:1946. President: Thomas L. Flint; Vice President: Dawn Rowe; Secretary: Carol Flint; Treasurer: Nancy Roberts; Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: Thomas Flint, John Roberts, Nancy Roberts, Carol Flint. Alternates: Dawn Rowe, Richard Martin, Keith Mitchell.

**\*\*\*LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1, INC.** – PO Box 7374 (140 Laverne Avenue) Lansdowne, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)242-1093; Fax: (410)887-1472; E-mail [cao360abcvfa.org](mailto:cao360abcvfa.org); Website: [www.lansdownevfd.com](http://www.lansdownevfd.com); Organized:1902. President: Donna Kern; Vice President: Bernie Smith; Secretary: Jody Airey; Treasurer: Victoria Airey; Chaplain: Kristi Kunkle; Chief: Ray Gill. Delegates: Bernard Smith, Doug Brinkley, Donna Kern, Ray Gill. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 728, 911 Washington Ave, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: (301)934-9201; Fax: (301)934-4217; E-mail: [treasurer@laplatafiredepartment.com](mailto:treasurer@laplatafiredepartment.com); Organized:1929; Chartered:1929; Joined MSFA:1930. President: Ron Talley; Vice President Luther Della, Jr; Secretary: Mary Gilroy; Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy; Chaplain: Joe Gardiner; Chief: Stephen C. Shahan. Delegates: Lynn D. Gilroy, Stephen Shahan, Matthew Gilroy, William Frazier. Alternates: Ronald Talley, Luther Della, Jr, Bruce Bridgett, Coryk Ianerio, Joe Gardiner.

**\*\*\*LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20725; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)776-3600; Fax: (301)725-2026; Website: [www.laurelvfd.org](http://www.laurelvfd.org); Organized:1902; Chartered:1902. President: Timothy Thaxton; Vice President: Robert Grant; Secretary: Judy Lau; Treasurer: William Stone; Chaplain: Warren Litchfield; Chief: Thomas Stanton. Delegates: Joseph R. Robison, James Collins, Judy Lau, Craig Moe, Tom Stanton. Alternates: Victor Whipple, Brian Moe, Kevin Frost, Tom Scaggs, Barry Sacks.

**\*\*\*LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 1278, 14910 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20725; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)604-5055; Fax: (301)725-0654; E-mail: [barry.johnson@laurelrescue.org](mailto:barry.johnson@laurelrescue.org); Website: [laurelrescue.org](http://laurelrescue.org); Organized:1952; Chartered:1952. President: Dave Morgan; Vice President: Richard Sien; Secretary: Kyrsia Meson; Treasurer: Pam Docarmo; Chaplain: Jean McCollum; Chief: David Morgan. Delegates: Barry Johnson, Ben



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Elliott, Anna Sierra, Irene Wagner, John Nicklson, Jr. Alternates: David Morgan, Eric Globerman, Clyde Williams, Cathy Williams, Diane Miller.

\*\*\***LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)777-0871; Organized:1933. President: Roger Tomlinson; Vice President: Jim Cook; Secretary: Kimi Reichert; Treasurer: Mike Pfaff; Chaplain: Harold Boarder; Chief: Ryan Reichert. Delegates: Bill Getson, Jim Cook, Eddie Kidwell, Walt May, Jim Swauger. Alternates: Earl Pryor III, Dick Hawkins, Steve Ellsworth, Mike Pfaff, Gary Barb.

\*\*\***LAVALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 3343, 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)729-4458; Fax: (301)729-8191; Email: [co52@allconet.org](mailto:co52@allconet.org); Organized:1969; Chartered:1969. President: Kenneth L. May; Vice President: Dianne Shoemaker; Secretary: Carol Femi; Treasurer: Lind Moore; Chaplain: Dale Evans; Captain: Gary Kamauf. Delegates: Ted Pryor, Jr, Ted Pryor III, Diane May, Chris Pryor, Kim Pryor. Alternates: Walt May.

\*\*\***LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 5219, 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)948-1677; Fax: (301)948-8227; E-mail: [marianivj@earthlink.net](mailto:marianivj@earthlink.net); Website: [ldvfd.org](http://ldvfd.org); Organized:1952; Chartered:1952. President: Clark Beall; Vice President: Ryan Gaskell; Secretary: Christie Pomeroy; Treasurer: Geoff Burns; Chaplain: Tom Musgrove, Sr; Chief: Stanley Sutton. Delegates: Clark Beall, Tom Musgrove, Murphy Richards, Stanley Sutton, Jr. Alternates: Jim Snyder, Christie Pomeroy, Amanda Beall, Kevin Shaw, Jim Magruder.

\*\*\***LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 21431 Leiter Street, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-9155; Fax: (301)733-9352; Website: [leitersburgfire.com](http://leitersburgfire.com); Organized:1956; Chartered:1956. President: Milton Bloom III; Vice President: Kent Niedzieski; Secretary: Twylla Grove; Treasurer: Walter Kipe; Chaplain: Robert Blair; Chief: Kirk Mongan. Delegates: Dan Grove, Sr., Clinton Stouffer, Dan Grove, Jr, Milton Bloom III, Edward Williams. Alternates: Twylla Grove, Lloyd Emswiler, Randy Gaver, Bill Hastings, Kirk Mongan.

\*\*\***LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 50 (22733 Lawrence Avenue) Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)475-8996; Fax: (301)475-5850; Website: [lvfd1.com](http://lvfd1.com); Organized:1928; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Wayne Miedzinski; Vice President: Gerald Abell; Secretary: Kevin Mattingly; Treasurer: John H. B. Gough;

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Chief: John Trossbach. Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas Trossbach, Jr, Carl Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., Robert Trossbach. Alternates: Clinton Duke, Mike Scully, Robert Abell, Jr, Gerald Abell.

**\*\*\*LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 299 (22855 Lawrence Avenue) Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)475-8509; Fax: (301)475-1825; E-mail: [president@lvrs.org](mailto:president@lvrs.org); Website: lvrs.org; Organized:1975; Chartered: 1975. President: Shirley Copado; Vice President: Donna Whites; Secretary: David Wright; Treasurer: Mary Ellen Borland; Chaplain: Corey Dyson; Chief: Jaime Weber. Delegates: Shirley Copado, Mary D. Trossbach, Kerry Klear, Marvin Jones, Donna Whites. Alternates: Jaime Weber, Amy Smith, Chris Smith, Doug Pennock.

**\*\*\*LEVEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3633 Level Village Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: (410)734-6880; Fax: (410)734-7207; E-mail: [kelopes@comcast.net](mailto:kelopes@comcast.net); Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1954. President: Dale Burkins; Vice President: Ronald Thomas; Secretary: Karen E. Lopes; Treasurer: Sharon Worthington; Chaplain: Rev. Lonna Smith; Chief: Jason Gallion. Delegates: Gene Worthington, Alan Caudill, Russell Gallion, Dale Burkins, Marc Lipscomb. Alternates: George Dorbert.

**\*\*\*LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-9988; Organized:1970. President: Donald Stull, Sr; Vice President: Charles Jenkins; Secretary: Lisa Smith; Treasurer: Beverly Nunemaker; Chief: Donald Stull, Jr. Delegates: Donald Easterday, Charles Jenkins, Donald Stull, Jr, Wilton Smith III, Lisa Smith. Alternates: Mike Stull, Trish May, Donald Stull, Sr, Steve Stull, Scott Stonesfier.

**\*\*\*LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 339, 21633 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)862-3331; Email: [president@lpvrs.org](mailto:president@lpvrs.org); Website: lpvrs.org; Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1986. President: Kenneth Hicks; Vice President: Mike Holder; Secretary: Pat Davidson; Treasurer: John Olsen; Chaplain: Anthony Sweeney III; Chief: David Klobnock. Delegates: Eva Jones, Kenneth Hicks, Tim Snyder. Alternates: Ralph Stotler.

**\*\*\*LIBERTY ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10010 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-0651; Fax: (410)922-1223; Website: [lvfc.org](http://lvfc.org); Organized:1947; Chartered:1947. President: Steve Wolf; Vice President: Krista Meyers; Secretary: Melody Wayne; Treasurer:

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Lauren Kemp; Chief: Robert Kemp. Delegates: Walter Boyd, Sr., Jerry Wayne, Melody Wayne, Lehman Stern, Steve Miller. Alternates: Scott Wayne, Lauren Kemp.

\*\*\***LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-9193; Fax: (301)898-0150; E-mail: [djohnson@frecko-md.net](mailto:djohnson@frecko-md.net); Organized:1964; Chartered:1964 President: Michael Naill; Vice President: Todd Lamb; Secretary: Pinoake Browning; Treasurer: Marlene Wilt; Chief: Darrell Johnson; Delegates: Pinoake Browning, Chip Jewell, Jr., Larrie D. Welsh, Michaelo Naill, Dennis Shelton. Alternates: Darrell Johnson, Douglas Welsh.

\*\*\***LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 240, 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21088; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)374-2197; Fax: (410)374-9254; Organized:1915; Chartered:1919; Joined MSFA:1915. President: Don Fair; Vice President: Dave Dichmyer; Secretary: Anna Marshall; Treasurer: Bette Sheperd; Chaplain: Lou Hefner; Chief: Linus Saurusaitio. Delegates: Don Fair, Marianne Warehime, Suzie Howard, John Tawes, Linus Saurusaitio. Alternates: Dave Dickmyer, Sue Tawes.

\*\*\***LINKWOOD-SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 66, 3905 Ocean Gateway, Linkwood, MD 21835; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)221-0169; Organized:1957; Chartered:1958; Joined MSFA:1960. President: Joan Collins; Vice President: Scott Warrell; Secretary: Catherine D. Mooney; Treasurer: Tracy Fairall; Chaplain: David Tolley; Chief: Nathan Collins; Delegates: Brad Dickenson, Tracy Fairall, Carey Abbott, Steve Stack. Alternates: Sonny Willey, Tink Collins, Jerry Willey.

\*\*\***LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21765; Howard County; Telephone: (410)489-4646; Fax: (410)489-7632; Website: [lisbonvfc.org](http://lisbonvfc.org); Organized:1944; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1945. President: Albert Musgrove; Vice President: Marshall Fleming; Secretary: Lisa Lawler; Treasurer: Simone Rocksthoh; Chaplain: Lisa Sparks; Chief: Gerald Bennett. Delegates: Tom Esworthy, Marshall Fleming, Ivan Betancourt, Simone Rockstroh, Eric McIntosh, Paul Atwill. Alternates: Jody McIntosh, Brian Haugh, Lisa Lawler, Cary McIntosh, Albert Musgrove.

\*\*\***LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1289, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-6235; E-mail: [Rodman@shorenet.net](mailto:Rodman@shorenet.net); Organized: 1958; Chartered:1958; Joined MSFA:1960. President: George Gray; Vice President: Michael O'Connor;

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Secretary: Lori O'Connor; Treasurer: George Gray; Chief: Michael O'Connor.  
Delegates: Bobby Booze, Charles Lewis, Brady Condon.

**\*\*LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 4506 Long Green Road, Long Green, MD 21092; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)592-8337; Fax: (410)592-5776; Website: [lgvfc.com](http://lgvfc.com); Organized:1930; Chartered:1930. President: Skip Hayes; Vice President: Bill Saur; Secretary: Laurie Maas; Treasurer: Amber Butcher; Chief: Ronald Harrison. Delegates: Rick Eyre, Joel McCrea, Amy Eyre, Katie Eyre. Alternates: Sherry Roberts, John Gribble, Ron Harrison, Greg Stollins, Francis Mumma.

**LONGMEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: (301)797-5504; Fax: (301)797-7585; Organized:1971; Chartered:1971; Joined MSFA:1972. President: Robert Flint; Vice President: Samuel Murray; Secretary: John Latimer III; Treasurer: Jeffrey Byard; Chaplain: Alan Kipe; Chief: John Latimer IV. Delegates: Jason Eckstine, G. William Haines, Adam Hopkins. Alternates: None listed.

**LOWER SOMERSET COUNTY AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 406, 26344 Mill Lane, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)968-2000; Fax: (410)968-9588; Organized:1970; Chartered:1980; Joined MSFA:1980. President: Fern Griffith; Vice President: Dean Goldsborough; Secretary: George Nelson; Treasurer: Scott Ward; Chaplain: Jerry McCready; Chief: Charles Cavanaugh. Delegates: Charles Cavanaugh, Larry Rettig, Curtis Tyler, Jr., Scott Ward, George Nelson. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 236, 500 Grant Street, Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)359-3311 x3240; Fax: (301)359-20486; Email: [amm15@meadwestvaco.com](mailto:amm15@meadwestvaco.com); Organized:1922; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA:1926. President: Kathryn Bever; Vice President: Dan Beaver; Secretary: Philip Whetstone; Treasurer: Ron Files, Sr; Chaplain: Philip Whetstone; Chief: Wayne Rounds. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Kathy Beaver, Tim Dayton, Pete Pamepinto, Mark Alexander. Alternates: Ron Carr, Jr, William Squires, James Jenkins, Tom Simpson.

**\*\*LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 232, 1609 Bellona Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21094; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)252-3134; Fax: (410)252-3134; Website: [Burnkev@us.hilti.com](mailto:Burnkev@us.hilti.com); Website: [lvfc.com](http://lvfc.com); Organized:1909; Chatered:1909. President: John Gochnauer; Vice President: Jerry Dierbeck; Secretary: Janet O'Rourke; Treasurer: Joshua Kakel; Chief: Steve Weatherby. Delegates: John Gochnauer, James Dorad, Frank Barranco,

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Josh Kakel. Alternates: Janet O'Rourke, Steve Weatherby, Jerry Duerbeck, J.P. Macafec.

**\*\*\*MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 23, 1154 Taylor's Island Road, Madison, MD 21648; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-8703; Fax: (410)228-0657; Organized:1951; Chartered:1952. President: Samuel M. Horseman; Vice President: Ronnie Reynolds; Secretary: Tiffany Kapela; Treasurer: Peggy Horseman; Chaplain: Donald Knauer; Chief: Matthew Werner. Delegates: Donald Knauer, Samuel Horseman, Ronnie Reynolds. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)239-2286; Fax: (410)374-2596; Organized:1885; Chartered:1885; Joined MSFA:1885. President: Elwin Wagner; Vice President: Gary Eppley; Secretary: Ralph Dull; Treasurer: Danny Bloskey, Sr; Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Scott Hahn. Delegates: Elwin Wagner, Ralph Dull, Malcom Helwig, Danny Bloskey, Sr. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*MARDELA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 299, Station Street, Mardela, MD 21837; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)749-5997; Fax: (410)749-2239; Organized:1927; Chartered:1927; Joined MFA:1927. President: Kenneth Robinson; Vice President: John Flaig; Secretary: Corey Marton; Treasurer: David Bender; Chaplain: Bud Hooper; Chief: Doug Jones. Delegates: Phil Donahoek, Jr, David Whitelock, John Flaig, Issac White. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*MARION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, 28390 Crisfield Marion Road, Marion Station, MD; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)623-3791; Organized:1930; Chartered:1937. President: Ray Somers; Vice President: Troy Fooks; Secretary: Gary Powell; Treasurer: John Mackenzie; Chaplain: Dave Parke; Chief: Alan Butler. Delegates: Donald L. Howard.

**\*\*\*MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)952-0938; Fax: (301)952-8942; E-mail: [mvfdc20@aol.com](mailto:mvfdc20@aol.com); Website: [marlborofire.com](http://marlborofire.com); Organized:1925; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1931. President: Leonard T. King; Vice President: David Brady; Secretary: Donna Clark; Treasurer: Kevin Hodges; Chaplain: Roberta Strine; Chief: Donald Strine. Delegates: Donald L. Strine, Leonard King, David Brady, Donna Clark, Tim Clark. Alternates: Craig Pennoyer, Sharon Atchison, Kevin Hodges, James Atchison, Jay Tucker.

**\*\*\*MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 400, 110 Fire House Lane, Marydel, MD 20773; Caroline County; Telephone: (302)492-3394; Fax (302)492-0677; Organized:1940; Chartered:1940; Joined MSFA:1940. President: Ralph Rossi; Vice President: Albert Lane; Secretary: Linda Bernet; Treasurer: Denise Madden; Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Al Lane, Gary Madden, Todd Simonson, Ralph Rossi. Alternates: Denise Madden, Bill Lepore, Gary Bolden.

**\*\*\*MARYLAND CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 3498 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD 20724; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (301)498-6161; Organized:1969; Chartered:1970. President: Jacquelin Vontz; Vice President: Richard Marshall; Secretary: Mary L. Snidow; Treasurer: Linda Henry; Chief: Rayburn Smallwood. Delegates: Jacqueline Vontz, Rayburn Smallwood, Mary Louise Snidow. Alternates: Josesph Larsen, Don Street, Richard Marshall.

**\*\*\*MARYLAND LINE FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1932; Fax: (410)343-0906; Website: [angelfire.com/md/mlvfc](http://angelfire.com/md/mlvfc); Organized:1943; Chartered:1943. President: Jeff Rosier; Vice President: Byron Whipperman; Secretary: Carolyn Rosier; Treasurer: Jack Carter; Chaplain: Tina Jones-Rosier; Chief: Jason Rosier. Delegates: William Schmalzer, Darlene Jones, Brett Jones, Gene Jones, Linda Schmalzer. Alternates: Bradley Wright, Jason Rosier, Dick Fogle, Amanda Jones, Tina Jones-Rosier.

**\*\*\*MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767; Washington County; Telephone: (301)739-8515; Fax: (301)739-8516; E-mail: [mgvfc@myactv.net](mailto:mgvfc@myactv.net); Website: [mgvfc.com](http://mgvfc.com). President: Leonard Horst; Vice President: Brian Pile; Secretary: Michelle Hutzell; Treasurer: Stephani Garrett; Chaplain: Wayne Myers; Chief: William Garrett. Delegates: Charles Shindle, Leonard Horst, L. Jason Baer, Steven Eby, William Garrett. Alternates: Frank Ridenour, Ed Shindle, Dave Baer, Christopher Gelwicks, Phil Ridenour.

**\*\*\*McCOOLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 24931 Crooks Avenue, McCoole, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)786-4311; Fax: (301)786-7890; E-mail:[admin@mfrd23.org](mailto:admin@mfrd23.org); Organized:1938. President: Cody Pearce; Vice President: Joseph Braithwaite; Secretary: Kaitlin Pearce; Treasurer: Tabitha Robinson; Chaplain: Charles Gattens; Chief: Chuck Pearce, Jr. Delegates: Chuck Pearce, Jr., Lisa Pearce, David Wilson, Joseph Braithwaite. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 37, 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)884-4709; Fax: (301)884-4139; E-mail: [president@mvfd.com](mailto:president@mvfd.com); Website: [www.mvfd.com](http://www.mvfd.com); Organized:1934; Chartered:1937. President: John Montgomery; Vice President: Paul Colonna and Dave Sampson; Secretary: Darne Kleinsorgan; Treasurer: Ferdinand Reetz III; 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.

**\*\*\*MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 15, 28120 Old Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)884-2900; Organized:1959; Chartered:1959; Joined MSFA:1990. President: John W. Roache, M.D.; Vice President: Kathy Suite; Secretary: Nicole Simpson; Treasurer: Joyce G. Downs; Chaplain: Fr Paul Gozaloff. Chief: Marie Kurtz. Delegates: David Harrigan. Alternates: None listed.

**MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** –PO Box 5021, 2000 Leland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)687-5328; Fax: (410)687-6350; Website: [mrvar.com](http://mrvar.com); Organized:1948; Chartered:1948. President: A. Joseph Davis; Vice President: Carolyn Keener; Secretary: Christine Sebo; Treasurer: Marc Butt; Chief: Jerry Ertwine; Delegates: Joe Davis, Fred Causey, Chris Kempisty, Shawn Sebo, Rob Hewlet. Alternates: Devin Meyers, Wally Zulaud, Marc Butt, Christine Sebo, Jerry Ertwine.

**\*\*\*MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 18001, 1100 Wilson Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)889-0326; Fax: (410)687-4507; E-mail: [cao220@bcvfa.org](mailto:cao220@bcvfa.org); Website: [mrvfc.org](http://mrvfc.org); Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; Joined MSFA:1943. President: Keith Hardesty, Sr; Vice President: Jim Akehurst, Sr; Secretary: David Presnell, Treasurer: James Sollenberger; Delegates: Keith Hardesty, Sr, John Dulina, Chris Hyzer, Beth Stone, Ronnie Brewer. Alternates: James Akehurst, James Sollenberger, Crisy Stambergh.

**\*\*\*MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 16634, 1913 Middleborough Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)686-0214; Fax: (410)686-0214; E-mail:[cao230@bcvf0326a.org](mailto:cao230@bcvf0326a.org); Website:[orgsites.com/md/middleborough/mc](http://orgsites.com/md/middleborough/mc); Organized:1943; Chartered:1943. President: Scott Taylor; Vice President: Annette Taylor; Secretary: William Hill; Treasurer: Sara Bowser; Chief: Dereck Bowser. Delegates: Scott Taylor, Derek Bowser, Annette Taylor, Sara Bowser, William Hill. Alternates: Tyler Stroh, John

Henderson, Scott Still, Debbie Peyton, John Peyton.

**\*\*\*MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)371-6907; Fax: (301)371-8986; E-mail: [president@middletownvfd.org](mailto:president@middletownvfd.org); Website: [middletownvfd.org](http://middletownvfd.org); Organized:1895; Chartered:1935. President: David Beaulieu; Vice President: Ron Huffer; Secretary: Deborah L. Loveless; Treasurer: Kent Faulkner; Chaplain: David Coblentz; Chief: Brent Harne. Delegates: Stefan T. Nalborczyk, Jr., Janie Nalborczk, Ellie Summers, David Coblentz. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 53, 14809 Railroad Street, Midland, MD 21542; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)463-6631; Fax: (301)463-6631; Organized:1900. President: Eugene Thrasher; Vice President: Craig Alexander; Secretary: James Reno; Treasurer: Barbara Knippenburg; Chaplain: Robert Blair; Chief: Jeff Cutter. Delegates: Robert Knippenburg, Barbara Knippenburg, Corey Gatian, Maggie Gatian, Jeff Cutter. Alternates: Shannon Dudley, John Monahan, Mike McGowan, James Reno, Pat Speir.

**MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT** – 10700 – Billingsley Road, P.O. Box 366, Charles County, Maryland. Telephone: (301)645-7707; President: Patrick Burke; Vice President: Charles Shaw; Secretary: Carrie Summers; Treasurer: Margaret Walling; Chaplain: David Petmai; Chief: David Staples; Delegates: Charles Shaw, Barry Hoke.

**\*\*\*MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)736-4342; Fax: (301)967-7152; E-mail: [mvfd27@digizen.net](mailto:mvfd27@digizen.net); Website: [morningsidevfd.com](http://morningsidevfd.com). President: Charles Phillips; Vice President: Les Hedrick; Secretary: Heather Burley; Treasurer: Tommy Warren; Chaplain: Les Hedrick; Chief: Mark Hendley. Delegates: Charles Phillips, Mark Hendley, Donald Belfield, Les Hedrick, Mike White. Alternates: Dave Hansen, Tyrone Gale, Jamie McAllister, Carl McKlveen, Heather Burley.

**\*\*\*MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 10305 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)797-5555; Fax: (301)797-0078; E-mail: [DALEM33@aol.com](mailto:DALEM33@aol.com); Organized:1967; Chartered:1969. President: Dale Martin; Vice President: Brian Lewis; Secretary: Deb Hockenberry; Treasurer: Terry Stouffer; Chaplain: Randy Young; Chief: Terry Stouffer. Delegates: Dale Martin, Eric Banfe, Randy Young, Sharon Stouffer, Tony Veney. Alternates: Terry Stouffer, Brian Lewis.



**\*\*\*MOUNT AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 44, 702 North Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 21771; Carroll County; Telephone: (301)829-0100; Fax: (301)829-2353; WebSite: [www.mavfc.org](http://www.mavfc.org); E-Mail: [mavfc@adelphia.net](mailto:mavfc@adelphia.net). President: Thomas Walters, Vice President: Bruce Walz; Secretary: Carrie Brister; Treasurer: James Linton, Jr; Chaplain: Dennis Yocum; Chief: Ivan Browning; Delegates: Doug Alexander, Dale Lowman, Scott Brister, Gerald Shaw, Ivan Browning. Alternates: Carrie Brister, Sue Hubble, Matthew Heard, Jeff Lowman, Derek Dods.

**\*\*\*MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 533, 15701 – Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone (301)264-3311; Fax (301)264-3145; E-mail: [corrado@hereintown.net](mailto:corrado@hereintown.net); Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925; President: Darrin Broadwater; Vice President: Patti Carter; Secretary: Kay E. Tharp; Treasurer: Jill Corrado; Chaplain: Lloyd E. Wade; Chief: Elwood Lashley, Jr. Delegates: Gerard J. McGann, Kay Wade, Lloyd E. Wade, Larry Robison, Gunter Corrado. Alternates: None Listed.

**\*\*\*MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 27440 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)651-2100; Organized:1982; Chartered: 1982; Joined MSFA:1982. President: Sherry Majors; Vice President: Charles Fisher; Secretary: John Webster; Treasurer: Cindy Pietroski; Chaplain: Michael Lokey; Chief: Kevin Jones. Delegates: Emmons Horner, Bryan Barnette, Gregg Evanusa, Johnny Murray. Alternates: Stacy Barnette, Mike McIntyre, John Barnette, Kevin Jones.

**MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** PO Box 95, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)293-9817; Fax: (301)293-9828; Email [raymon115@aol.com](mailto:raymon115@aol.com); Wesite: [myersvillevfc.com](http://myersvillevfc.com); Organized:1925; Chartered:1925. President: Raymond F. Hinkle; Vice President: Lewis Crutchley; Secretary: Linda Frushour; Treasurer: Mark F. Hinkle; Chaplain: Glenn Lantz; Chief: Wayne Neal. Delegates: None listed.

**NANJEMOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 4, 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662; Charles County; Telephone: (301)743-2115; Fax: (301)743-2151; Organized:1947; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1950. President: James C. Rye; Vice President: Thomas Jenkins; Secretary: Michael Kisamore; Treasurer: John Robey; Chaplain: Rufus Washington; Chief: Dan McClarren. Delegates: James C. Rye, Thomas Jenkins, Doug Campbell, John Robey, Sarah Knight. Alternates: Harry Knight, Brad Arbogast, Jason Palmer, Richard Zagrodniched.

**\*\*\*NECK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 954 Cooks Point Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-2434; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA:1953. President: Martin Heiberger; Vice President: Reva Winkler; Secretary: Sara Marshall; Treasurer: Sandy Russum; Chief: Dennis Russum. Delegates: Dennis Russum, Robert Kramer, Scot King. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 925, 76 W. Main Street, New Market, MD 21774; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)865-5700; Fax: (301)865-8148; Email: [fddep1@xecu.net](mailto:fddep1@xecu.net); Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955; President: Shirley King; Vice President: Ben Henry; Secretary: Joyce Vincent; Treasurer: Richard Stem; Chief: John Kraft. Delegates: John Kraft, Joyce Vincent, Jay Betts, Linda Kraft. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 67, 1209 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-0543; Organized:1926; Chartered:1926. President: Andrew Keller, Vice President: Larry Hough; Secretary: Helen Eyler; Treasurer: Joe Lenhart; Chaplain: Monroe Main; Chief: Gary Keller. Delegates: Eric Bostian.

**\*\*\*NEW WINDSOR FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.** – PO Box 247, (209 High Street), New Windsor, MD 21776; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)635-6373; Fax: (410)848-6711; Email [info@nwfd10.org](mailto:info@nwfd10.org); Website: [nwfd10.org](http://nwfd10.org); Organized:1948; Chartered: 1948. President: Daniel Wolfe; Vice President: Dale Lowman; Secretary: Sarah Lowman; Treasurer: Jack Coe; Chaplain: Neal Roop; Chief: Rick Fritz. Delegates: Rick Fritz, Eugene Smith, Steve Koontz, Kristie Gable, Richard Warrenfeltz. Alternates: None listed.

**NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 82, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-3980; Organized:1929. President: J. C. Barbely; Vice President: Clint Timmons; Secretary: Chris Seymour; Treasurer: Dean Lewis; Chaplain: Rev. D. Beall; Chief: Ted Bradford. Delegates: David Wheaton, Ralph Mason, Tom Henman. Alternates: James W. Henman, William G. Serman, Harry W. Pearsa.

**\*\*\*NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 9, 12245 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone: (301)259-0029; Fax: (301)934-4778; Organized:1988; Chartered:1989; Joined MSFA:1994. President: Stephan Johnson; Vice President: Ronnie Wright; Secretary: Lisa Yates; Treasurer: Diane Thomas; Chaplain: John Thomas; Chief: George Hayden. Delegates: John H. Thomas.

**\*\*\*NORRISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2134 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; Harford County; Telephone: (410)638-3644; Fax: (410)638-3647; E-mail: [gskinner@us.net](mailto:gskinner@us.net); Organized:1994; Chartered:1994; Joined MSFA:1994. President: Robert Williams; Vice President: Lee Mundle; Secretary: Lauren Oberg; Treasurer: Kris Miller; Chaplain: Rev. Melissa McDade; Chief: Stan Gustaitus. Delegates: David C. Leftwich, Travis Over, Brandon Watkins, Lauren Nicholson, Jake Chaney. Alternates: Richard Brooks III.

**\*\*\*NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 86, 8536 Bayside Road, North Beach, MD 20714; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)257-6564; Fax: (301)855-2271; Organized: 1926; Chartered:1947. President: Robert Allen; Vice President: Herbert Dowell, Jr; Secretary: Jeff Idol; Treasurer: Wayne Gordy; Chaplain: David Russell; Chief: William Freesland III. Delegates: Herbert Dowell, Gary Jenkins, Robert Haynes, Matt Webert, Robert Allen. Alternates: Mike Clark, Butch Jenkins, Billy Gee.

**\*\*\*NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 770, 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)287-2112; Fax: (410)287-6913; Email [admin@necf4.com](mailto:admin@necf4.com); Website: [necf4.com](http://necf4.com); Organized:1921; Chartered:1922; President: Stephen Piatelli; Vice President: Drew Caudill; Secretary: David Simmons; Treasurer: Dollie Isaacs; Chief: Jeff Isaacs. Delegates: Howard Flower, Charles Stewart, John Hamilton IV, Paul Huntzberry, Stephen Piatelli. Alternates: Monica Penhollow, Drew Caudill, Douglas Elmer, Charles Parrett.

**\*\*\*NORTH POINT EDGEMERE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 7500 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-7554; Fax: (410)477-0944; Organized:1936; Chartered:1936. President: C.D Straigerwald, Jr; Vice President: David Davies; Secretary: George Morgan, Sr; Treasurer: Lester Kottraba; Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Lizer; Chief: Todd Aupperly. Delegates: Jim Riegel, Sr., Lester Kottraba, David Johnston, Ronald McElwee, Ted Priester. Alternates: C.D Straigerwald, David Davies, Todd Aupperley.

**\*\*\*NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 293, Ravine Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)895-5520; Fax: (301)895-4618; Website: [ngcrs.org](http://ngcrs.org); Organized:1972; Chartered:1972. President: Barry Beal; Vice President: Thomas Reilly; Secretary: Nancy Savage; Treasurer: Harold Fike; Chaplain: Mary Friend; Chief: Andrew Teter. Delegates: Pat Bowser, Michael Simmons, Rodney Bowser, Terry Spear, Pauline Faucett. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 43, 31 South Third Street, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)334-3535; Fax: (301)334-2347; Organized:1894; Chartered:1894. President: Bryan F. Callis; Vice President: Alex Mellott; Secretary: Michael Saunders; Treasurer: Alex Flanigan; Chaplain: Manning Smith; Chief: John Feather. Delegates: Bryan Callis.

**\*\*\*OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 27, 1409 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City; MD 21843; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)289-4346; Fax: (410)289-8421; E-mail: [reteger@ocvfc.com](mailto:reteger@ocvfc.com); Website: [www.ocvfc.com](http://www.ocvfc.com); Organized:1905; Chartered:1926. President: James Jester; Vice President: H. Stephen Price; Secretary: Scot Wells; Treasurer: James Smith; Chaplain: Douglas Goggin; Chief: Christopher Larmore. Delegates: Steve Hales, Roger Steger, Sr, Frank Christopher, Reginald Bell, Charles Bunting. Alternates: Richard Bayles, Larry Lewis, J. Paul Adkins, John Guntow, Jr.

**OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)641-8272; Fax: (410)641-6964. President: Jackie Carey; Vice President: Ron Thorwart; Secretary: Jack Panuska; Treasurer: Mark Renick; Chief: Tom Meadows. Delegates: Jackie Carey, Tom Meadows, Jamie Englishmen. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)674-4444; FAX: (410)672-0758; Email: [joinovfc@verizon.net](mailto:joinovfc@verizon.net); Website: [ovfc28.Org](http://ovfc28.Org); Organized:1931; Chartered:1931; Joined MSFA:1934. President: Troy Odendhal; Vice President: Wylie Donaldson; Secretary: Jimmie Allen. Treasurer: Patricia Rose; Chief: Paul Gunshol. Delegates: John Rose, Wylie Donaldson, Harry Wagner, David Lewis, Troy Odendhal. Alternates: Robert Rose, Charles Rogers, Craig Harman, Paul Gunshol, Kimberly Jenkins.

**OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)478-5151; Fax: (301)478-5400; E-mail: [co13@allconet.org](mailto:co13@allconet.org); Website: [www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd](http://www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd). President: Robert Piper; Vice President: Kevin Bender; Secretary: Cindy Crabtree; Treasurer: Dennis Mallery; Chaplain: Rodger Long; Chief: Ken Wolford, Jr. Delegates: Rodger Long, Cindy Crabtree, Dennis Mallery, Kevin Bender, Robert Piper. Alternates: Angie Crabtree, Royce Crabtree, Ken Wolford, Justin Hetrick, Dan Breeding.

**\*\*\*ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 654, 7549 Solley Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone:

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(410)255-1505; Fax: (410)437-2948; E-mail: [orchardbeach11@yahoo](mailto:orchardbeach11@yahoo); Website: orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized:1930; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA:1932. President: Walter Snyder; Vice President: Donna Bushong; Secretary: Mike Matula; Treasurer: John Wenzel; Chaplain: John Wenzel. Chief: Tom Fenwick. Delegates: William Snyder, Tom Fenwick, Donna Bushong, John Wenzel, Mike Matula. Alternates: Wayne Snyder, Jacqueline, Charles Austin, Bryan Chilicoate, Janet Aro.

**\*\*\*ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12210 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)478-2229; Fax: (301)478-3699; E-mail: [ovfd43@tje1.com](mailto:ovfd43@tje1.com). President: Janet Elbin; Vice President: Robert Littleton; Secretary: Jennifer Fisher; Treasurer: Judith Sowers; Chaplain: Janet Elbin; Chief: David Yonker. Delegates: Janet Elbin, John Clingerman, Randy Pyles. Alternates: Derick Fisher, Danny Pyles.

**\*\*\*OWINGS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10401 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)363-1933; Fax: (410)887-1577; Organized:1921; Chartered:1921. President: Wayne Trump; Vice President: John Patchett and Jason Rubenstein, Secretary: Jenny Nilsen; Treasurer: Phil Herbert; Chief: Capt. Kevin Wallett. Delegates: Mike Fold, Craig Nelson, Jr, Craig Nelson, Sr., Susan Coroneos. Alternates: Randy Brown, Kevin Wallett, Ed Schwartz, Jr., Jere Christian, Tom Schwartz.

**\*\*\*OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 421, 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)226-5110; Fax: (410)226-5206; E-mail: [fgoodwin@oxfordfireco.org](mailto:fgoodwin@oxfordfireco.org); Website: [www.oxfordfireco.org](http://www.oxfordfireco.org); Chartered:1926. President: Richard Schmitt; Vice President: Rachel Bane; Secretary: Stacy Dulin; Treasurer: Darrin Clem; Chaplain: Rod Brown; Chief: Adam Mayock. Delegates: Richard Smith, Ron Anderson.

**OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 84, 6300 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)567-6333; Organized:1929; Chartered:1930; Joined: MSFA:1930. President: Ed Morgan; Vice President: Mark Park; Secretary: K. Burke; Treasurer: Jason Hancock; Chaplain: K. Burke; Chief: Vince Washington. Delegates: Arthur Cox, James Sheriff. Alternates:

**\*\*\*PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 208, 32960 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)742-2408; Fax: (443)260-0725. President: Julie Brown; Vice President: Leigh Tyler; Secretary: Dean Wilkinson; Treasurer: Burt Bunting; Chief:

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Steve White. Delegates: Steve White, Eric Tyler, Leigh Tyler, Bert Bunting, Carol Fisher. Alternates: Mark Richards, David Candy, Jarrod Cooper, Julie Brown, Allen Parrish.

**\*\*\*PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Baltimore, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)486-9834; Fax: (410)602-8583; E-mail: [cao320@bcvfa.org](mailto:cao320@bcvfa.org); Website: [pvfc32.org](http://pvfc32.org); Organized:1897. President: Thomas Barrett; Vice President: Lee Sachs; Secretary: Allen Roody; Treasurer: Philip Goldsmith; Chaplains: Kathleen Resnick & Murray Rodman; Chief: Glenn Resnick. Delegates: Lee N. Sachs, Glenn Resnick, Kathleen Resnick, Roger Powell, Aaron Robison. Alternates: Stuart Carter, John Berryman, Sr.

**\*\*\*PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 2799, 21-West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-3338; Fax: (301)733-3368. President: Steve Mitchell; Vice President: Terry Gearhart; Secretary: Julie Easterday; Treasurer: Geri Kline, Chaplain: Jack Emery; Delegates: Terry Gearhart, Greg Easterday, Jack Emery, Steve Mitchell. Alternates: None.

**\*\*\*PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 387, 7442 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)835-2323; Fax: (410)835-2424; E-mail: [wknapp2@aol.com](mailto:wknapp2@aol.com); Website: [pvfd.4t.com](http://pvfd.4t.com); Organized:1929; Chartered:1929. President: William Wilkins; Vice President: Cathy Hall; Secretary: Shiloh Harris; Treasurer: George Whited; Chaplain: William Hastings; Chief: Mark Bratten; Delegates: Essel Farlow, Jr, William Wilkins, Mark Bratten, Essel Farlow, George Whited, Jr. Alternates: Michael Farlow, Josh Farlow, George Whitted III, Rick Powell, Kristine Chrisman.

**\*\*\*PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)848-1977; Fax: (410)848-6008; E-mail: [dckrgs@msn.com](mailto:dckrgs@msn.com); Website: [pleasantvalleyfire.org](http://pleasantvalleyfire.org); Organized:1931; Chartered:1931. President: Steve 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, Richard Smith, Charles Simpson, Jr. Alternates: Steve Wantz, Jeffrey Geiman, John Means, Sr, Michael Swartzbaugh, William Wantz.

**POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 116, Pocomoke City, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)957-2310; Organized:1888. President: Daniel Miles; Vice President: Bobby Cowger; Secretary: Merrill Lockfaw;

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Treasurer: Choppy Layton; Chaplain: Raymond Spence; Chief: Jimmy Landon. Delegates: Ron Taylor, Marion Butler, Sr, Joe Byrd, Wade Taylor, George Young, Jr. Alternates: Daniel Miles, Dwight Hoffman, William Sparrow, Matt Esham, Stan Finch.

**\*\*\*POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 73 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: (301)743-7700; Fax: (301)743-3787; Organized:1950; Chartered:1950; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Robert E. Collins, Sr.; Vice President: C. Dan Carpenter III; Secretary: Lisa Berry; 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: Craig Kavlick, Kevin Grinder, Buddy White, Barbara Kile, Molly Johnson.

**\*\*\*POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-2130; Fax: (301)432-7792; E-mail: [fireco11@safe.quik.com](mailto:fireco11@safe.quik.com); Organized:1966; Chartered:1967; Joined MSFA:1975. President: Vicki Wetzal; Vice President: Amber Hewett; Secretary: Jeanne Gray; Treasurer: Terry Rohrer; Chief: Ronnie Gray. Delegates: Ronnie Gray, Vicki Wetzal, Jeanne Gray, Charlie Payne, Amber Hewett. Alternates: Terry Rohrer, Jeffrey Martin, Arnold Martin, Eric Gray, Jeff Hewett.

**\*\*\*POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY #2, INC.** – PO Box 326, 61 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)359-3701; Fax: (301)359-3377; Email: [co22@allconet.org](mailto:co22@allconet.org); Chartered: 1912; Joined MSFA:1912. President: William Kight, Jr.; Vice President: William Mayles; Secretary: Steven Householder; Treasurer: Josh Burkett; Chaplain: Phil Whetstone; Chief; Tim Dayton. Delegates: Tim Dayton, Judy Hamilton, Mark Karalewitz, Bill Kight, Jr., Josh Clark. Alternates: Dennis Stieding, Schlotta Kight, James Mertz, Amber McKiddy, Darrell Wildesen.

**\*\*\*POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 4, 5085 Powellville Road, Powellville, MD 21852; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)835-8181; Organized:1962; Chartered:1962; Joined MSFA:1963. President: Jerry Mitchell; Vice President: Franklin Donaway, Jr.; Secretary: Kevin White; Treasurer: George Jones; Chief: Willis Disharoon. Delegates: Walter Bratten, Willie Disharoon, George Jones, Charles Coulborne. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 44, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)673-7874; Fax: (410)673-1961;

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Organized:1927. President: Troy Brooks; Vice President: Charles Frase; Secretary: Dave Stanley; Treasurer: Ken Doyle; Chaplain: Robert Wahl; Chief: Bryan Milligan. Delegates: Russell Dukes, Jacob Garvey, David Weight, Donnie Chessman. Alternates: Bob Wahl, David Stanley, Jen Garvey.

**\*\*\*PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 976, 450 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)535-2207; Fax: (410)414-3655; Email [pfvfdjwo@verizon.net](mailto:pfvfdjwo@verizon.net); Website [pfvfd.org](http://pfvfd.org); Organized:1940. President: Dwight Armiger; Vice President: Mark Carrico; Secretary: Doyle Cox; Treasurer: Alan Billings.; Chaplain: Michael Bowen; Chief: Christopher D'Agostino; Delegates: Mark Carrico, Joseph Reamy, Michael Bowen, Doyle Cox, Charles Zinn. Alternates: Dwight Armiger, Alan Billings, Vernon Horsmon, Sr, Timothy Delehanty, Christopher D'Agostino.

**\*\*\*PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 346, 755 N. Solomon's Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD. 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)535-9836, Fax: (410)535-5750; Email: [jwelpf@hotmail.com](mailto:jwelpf@hotmail.com); Website: [pfvrs.com](http://pfvrs.com); Organized:1966; Chartered:1968; Joined MSFA:1968. President: Ronald Estoque, Jr.; Secretary: Tara Billings; Treasurer: Jenny Esotogue; Chaplain: Rev Davis; Chief: Patricia Dize. Delegates: Ronald Estogue, Cora Stockhausen, Jenny Estogue, Thomas Tettimer, Diane Billings. Alternates: Patricia Dize, Shirley Menendez, Ginger Weasenforth, Kelly Zimmer, Clarke Rawlings.

**\*\*\*PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VOLUNTEER UNDERWATER RESCUE & RECOVERY TEAM, INC.** – 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)888-1803. President: Janet Demeritt; Vice President: John Morris; Secretary: Steve Budda; Treasurer: Raymond Watson; Chief: Jimmy Edelend. Delegates: Janet Demeritt, Joe Gray, John Momis, Robert Adams. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)651-2144; Fax: (410)651-2159; E-mail: [pavfc@verison.com](mailto:pavfc@verison.com); Organized:1914. President: Van Muir; Vice President: Keith Widdowson; Secretary: Jenny Cottman; Treasurer: Robert Murphy; Chaplain: Jamie Devaughn; Chief: Marion Mister, Jr. Delegates: Van Muir, Marion Mister, Jr, David Donohoe, George Walston, Chris Keene. Alternates: Jenny Cottman, Lee Kelly, Mark Gentry, Jenny Holbrook, Robert Kemp.

**\*\*\*PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-



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5774; Fax: (410)828-0860; E-mail: [cao290@bcvfa.org](mailto:cao290@bcvfa.org); Website: [pvfc290.org](http://pvfc290.org); Organized:1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Matthew Herweck; Vice President: John McClean; Secretary: Karly Biddison; Treasurer: Garrett Zour; Captain: Thomas Rice. Delegates: Matthew Herweck, Garrett Zour, John McClean, Thomas Rice, David Smith. Alternates: Geoffrey Donahue, David Littleton, Karly Biddison, Edward Pearce, Jr, Dale Andersen

**\*\*\*QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 226, 13520 First Street, Queen Anne MD 21657; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)364-5612; Fax: (410)364-9888; Website: [qahvfc.com](http://qahvfc.com); Organized:1945; Chartered:1945. President: Danny McNeal; Vice President: Darla Coultas; Secretary: Tom DiFatta; Treasurer: Beverly McNeal; Chief: Craig McNeal. Delegates: Lynn Humpleby, William Cooper, Sr, Tom DiFatta, Danny Lister, David Chaires. Alternates: Chris Morgan, Brandon Hopkins, Kenny Hope, Scott Roe, Danny McNeal.

**QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD 21658; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)827-8377; Fax: (410)827-8926; Organized: 1934; Chartered:1934. President: John C. Lewis; Vice President: Bryon Callahan; Secretary: Suzanne Lane; Treasurer: Charles F. Russum; Chaplain: Charles Osberger; Chief: Thomas Nelson. Delegates: John C. Lewis, Bryon Callahan, Lonnie L. Anthony, Thomas Nelson, Charles Anthony. Alternates: James Lewis, Jr, Suzanne Lane, James Lewis, Jr, Lane Cole, Charles Russum.

**RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)729-8229; Email: [co47@allconet.org](mailto:co47@allconet.org); Organized:1985; Chartered:1985; Joined MSFA:1986. President: Carol McKenzie; Vice President: Wes Foor; Secretary: Vicky Hartsock; Treasurer: Randall O'Brien; Chief: Kenneth McKenzie. Delegates: Ken McKenzie, Sarah Fairley, Garth Nasser, Ken Hout, Ronnie Carr. Alternates: Joe Perkins, Jamie Layton, Jeff Hotchkiss.

**\*\*\*REESE & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.** - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)848-7172; Fax: (401)848-2396; E-mail: [reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org](mailto:reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org); Website: [reesevfc.org](http://reesevfc.org); Organized:1948; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1949. President: Chad Reese; Vice President: David Davidson; Secretary: Beverly Baker; Treasurer: Marion Davidson, Jr; Chaplain: Robert Alexander; Chief: Jerry Dayton. Delegates: Jerry Dayton, Robert Alexander, Joseph Spangler, Sr, Randy Panos, Norman Schaefer. Alternates: Rick Schinzel.

**\*\*\*REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 108 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Baltimore County; Telephone: (301)833-1370; Fax: (410)833-0258; Website: [rvfc.org](http://rvfc.org). President: James Snyder; Vice President: Michele Crumbacker; Secretary: Eric Marquess; Treasurer: Brian Quick; Chaplain: Timothy Feaser; Chief: Craig Coleman. Delegates: James Snyder, Craig Coleman, Dottie Schultz, Michelle Crumbacker, Ted Schultz. Alternates: John Wright, Brian Quick, Theresa Snyder.

**\*\*\*RESCUE FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 776, 307 Gay Street, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-1670; Organized:1881; Chartered:1882. President: Calvin Stack, Vice President: Juanita Weber; Secretary: Linda Horsman; Treasurer: Timothy McCarter; Chief: Jeff Hurley, Sr. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Frank Horsman, Richard Travers, Jr. Alternates: Don Kinnamon, Juanita Weber, Jerome Stanley.

**\*\*\*RESCUE HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.** – PO Box 3253, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)263-1116; Organized:1879; Chartered:1910; Joined MSFA:1893. President: Charles W. Cadle, Jr.; Vice President: Timothy Clough; Secretary: Alfred Britton, Jr; Treasurer: Denna Britton; Chaplain: 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 DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)872-5571; Fax: (301)872-0632; E-mail: [secretary@ridgevfd.org](mailto:secretary@ridgevfd.org); Website: [ridgevfd.org](http://ridgevfd.org); Organized:1948; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1950. President: John Gatton; Vice President: James Raley; Secretary: John Morrison III.; Treasurer: John Wathen, Jr; Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Karl A. Chimiak; Chief: Bruce Raley. Delegates: John (Peanut) Gatton, Paul R. Balta, Bruce Raley, John Morrison III, John Wathen, Jr. Alternates: Francis Raley, Phillip Ridgell.

**\*\*\*RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 465, 16515 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)872-5970; Fax: (301)872-5971. President: Amy Raley; Vice President: Jessica Titus; Secretary: Paula Turner; Treasurer: Christy Bright; Chaplain: Jack Cullison; Chief: George Gatton. Delegates: George Gatton, Christy Ridgell, Rich Merrell. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*RIDGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgely, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)634-2424;

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Fax: (410)634-2659; E-mail; [bwicrashcrew@comcast.net](mailto:bwicrashcrew@comcast.net); Organized:1905; Chartered:1928. President: Rick Baker; Vice President: George Cohey; Secretary: Bob Utz; Treasurer: Bryan Ebling; Chief: Lou Hayes. Delegates: John Hurley, Mike Moore. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)336-3731; Fax: (301)499-5916; E-mail: [info@ritchie37.com](mailto:info@ritchie37.com); Website: [ritchie37.com](http://ritchie37.com); Organized:1964; Chartered:1966; Joined MSFA:1970. President: David Crigger; Vice President: Richard Cunningham, Jr; Secretary: Ralph Downs, Jr; Treasurer: Gerald Hayden; Chief: William Cunningham, Sr. Delegates: Lawrence Leg, William Cunningham, Sr, Joseph Humphreys, Richard Cunningham, Jr, David Crigger. Alternates: Michael Crigger, Gerald Hayden, Michael Humphreys, Jason Bell, Sean McCloskey.

**\*\*\*RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 602, 3123 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)956-2910; Fax: (410)956-2910; Organized:1940; Chartered:1940. President: John Fluharty; Vice President: Joel Greenwell; Secretary: David E. Carr; Treasurer: Maurice E. Carr. Delegates: Maurice E. Carr, John Fluharty, David Carr, Joel Greenwell. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)927-0356; Fax: (301)699-3204; E-mail: [whiting@jonez.com](mailto:whiting@jonez.com); Website: [www.riverdalevfd.org](http://www.riverdalevfd.org). President: Steve Lamphier; Vice President: Gerald Dixon; Secretary and Treasurer: Joel Gagliardi; Chief: Vincent Harrison. Delegates: Vince Harrison, Brian Carpio, James Johns III, Steve Lamphier, Gerard Dixon. Alternates: Charles Ryan III, Chad Hasseberger, Bill Lehew, Chris Garman, Mark Pfister

**\*\*\*RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 714, 6101 Roanoke Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)985-4680; Fax: (301)699-0477; Email: [info@rhvfd.org](mailto:info@rhvfd.org); Website: [rhvfd.org](http://rhvfd.org); Organized:1925; Chartered:1925. President: Kenneth Gilroy; Vice President: John Richardson, Sr., Secretary: Sharon Shoemaker; Treasurer: Bruce Harrison; Chaplain: Matthew Duffany; Chief: Todd Reedy, Sr. Delegates: Kenneth Gilroy, Sharon Showmaker, Todd Reedy, Don Gardner, Nathan Belle. Alternates: David Gardner, John Richardson, Kurt Palman, Mike Wilson, Tim Doneghue.

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**\*\*\*RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 301, 8506 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)255-1314; Fax: (410)255-2036; Organized:1932; Chartered:1932. President: Ed Kiser; Vice President: Todd Sink; Secretary: Kim Smith; Treasurer: Sherry Fobare; Chaplain: Bill Zamontzy; Chief: Kenneth Hyde, Sr. Delegates: Jay Shipley, William Watts, Fred Hyde, Russell Schlick, Dave Rictor. Alternates: Jim Primrose, Ed Kiser, Bill Toft, Kim Smith, Dave Rosage.

**\*\*\*ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 577, 21500 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661; Kent County; Telephone: (410)639-7888; Fax: (410)639-2736; Organized:1927; Chartered:1927. President: Brian Jones; Vice President: Carolyn Jones; Secretary: Glenda Dierker; Treasurer: Madelyn Reni; Chief: John Toulson. Delegates: Brian Jones, Louanne Usilton, Bill Glenn, Troy White, Paul Brinkley. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** PO Box 34034, 621 Seneca Rd, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-0328; Fax: (410)780-1759; Organized:1946; Chartered:1947. President: Tammy Medinger; Vice President: John Medinger; Secretary: Leroy E. Ogle; Treasurer: Frank Spangler; Chief: Michael Stuart, Jr. Delegates: Tammy Medinger, John Medinger, Sr, Leroy Ogle, Frank Spangler, Michael Stuart, Jr. Alternates: Steve Kerby, Rick Kahler, Fred Kerby, Howard French, Jerome Alchimowicz.

**\*\*\*ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1547, 380 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)424-0310; Fax: (301)294-4721; E-mail: [president@rvfd.org](mailto:president@rvfd.org); Website: [www.rvfd.org](http://www.rvfd.org); Organized:1921; Chartered:1921. President: Eric N. Bernard; Vice President: Raymond Whalen; Secretary: Lisa Hinde; Treasurer: Adam Stem; Chaplains: Valentine Kevney and Chesky Tenenbaum; Chief: Russell Dawson. Delegates: John T. Ferguson III, Tom Kavanagh, Timothy Jones, Patrick Young. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*ROCKYRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 117, 13527 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21778; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-4991; Fax: (301)271-4991; Organized:1949; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1952. President: Dale Kline, Sr; Vice President: Dennis Mathias; Secretary: Melissa Mathias; Treasurer: Bernard Wivell; Chaplain: Rev. James Russell; Chief: Steve Whetzel. Delegates: Dale Kline, Sr, Dennis Mathias, Alan Hurley. Alternates: None

**\*\*\*ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – P.O. Box 9661, 8037 Philadelphia Road, Baltimore, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)866-

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4042; Fax: (410)866-2598; Email: [jmazza@us.ibm.com](mailto:jmazza@us.ibm.com); Website: [rosedalevfd.com](http://rosedalevfd.com); Organized:1930. President: Jack Mazza; Vice President: Scott Small; Secretary: Michelle Harding; Treasurer: Chuck McJilton. Delegates: Eric Endryas, Jack Mazza, Eileen Endryas, Scott Small, Debbie Potts. Alternates: Brian Stark, Cindy Sennett, Steve Barry, Steve Stachowski, Bill Pearson.

**\*\*\*ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC.** – PO Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)586-1713; Fax: (410)586-3031; E-mail: [president@slvfd.com](mailto:president@slvfd.com); Website: [slvfd.com](http://slvfd.com); Organized:1982; Chartered: 1982. President: Donald Beyer; Vice President: David Payne; Secretary: Roberta Baker; Treasurer: Keith Graham; Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine; Chief: Monty Parks. Delegates: Donald Beyer, Monty Parks, William Lankford, Robert Earnshaw, Danielle Dunn. Alternates: Daniel Baker, Jr, Rev Howanstine, Jennifer Lankford, Erin Teates.

**\*\*\*ST. MARY'S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT, INC.** PO Box 653, 41550 Doctors Crossing Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)475-3474; Fax: (301)475-4930; Organized:1983; Chartered:1983; Joined MSFA:1994. President: Dennis Gordge; Vice President: Elizabeth Carroll; Secretary: Hattie Norris; Treasurer: Debbie Kenney; Chaplain: George L'Heureux; Chief: Tom Hesbach. Delegates: George L'Heureux, Elizabeth Carroll, Dennis Gordge, Hattie Norris, Tom Hesbach. Alternates: None.

**\*\*\*ST. MICHAELS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1001 South Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)745-9393; Fax: (410)745-9947; Website: [stmichaelsfd.com](http://stmichaelsfd.com); Organized:1926; Chartered:1926. President: John Swann; Vice President: Sean Guschke; Secretary: Holley Guschke; Treasurer: Jessica Boyd; Chaplain: Daniel Higgins, Jr; Chief: John Watts. Delegates: Jim Ferguson, Holley Tyler-Guschke, John Swann. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Headquarters Company, P.O. Box 304, 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)548-3122; Fax: (410)548-3121; Organized:1872. President: Kenneth Gaskins; Vice President: Steve Dickenson; Secretary: Justin Patalone; Treasurer: Tri Townsend; Chaplain: Roger Kondrup; Chief: Steve Records. Delegates: Sheldon White, Tim Murrell, Ken Gaskins, Steve Records. Alternates: Tad Appleby, Justin Pantalone, Steve Dickenson, Stephen Gay, Joel McCroy.

**\*\*\*SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** 1100 - Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)548-3127; E-mail: [sta#1ezy.net](mailto:sta#1ezy.net); Website: [www.lsalisburyfire.org](http://www.lsalisburyfire.org); Organized:1986; Chartered:1986;

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Joined MSFA:1986. President: Charles Foskey; Vice President: David Elliott, Sr; Secretary: Laraine Buck; Treasurer: Bill Lewis; Chaplain: Rev Krundrup; Chief: David See. Delegates: David Walston, Gerald Beauchamp, Lee Smith, Billy Lewis, Bob McCrorey. Alternates: Charles Foskey, Eric Foskey, David Elliott, Sr.

**\*\*\*SALISBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2, INC.** – PO Box 3381, 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)548-3125; Organized:1930. President: William Ward; Vice President: Kurt Walbert; Secretary: Luanne Hampshire; Treasurer: Shari Donaway; Chief: William Nutter, Sr and Douglas Hampshire, Sr. Delegates: William Nutter, Bill Higgins, David Bowling, William Ward, Bill Trego. Alternates: William Nutter, Jr, Jerry LeCates.

**\*\*\*SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 295, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)774-7400; Fax: (301)774-4821; E-mail: [info@ssvfd.com](mailto:info@ssvfd.com); Website: [www.ssvfd.com](http://www.ssvfd.com); Organized:1924; Chartered:1925. President: Paul Lilly; Vice President: Nancy Thornton; Secretary: Michael A. Valente; Treasurer: Stephen Lamphier; Chaplain: Roger Carlson; Chief: George W. Brown, Jr. Delegates: George Brown, Joseph Aceto, Michael Valente, Paul Lilly, Nancy Thornton. Alternates: Catherine Hobbs, Victoria Aceto, Constance Brown, Louis Kaufman, Bruce Newcomer.

**\*\*\*SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 905, 8925 Lincoln Street, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: (410)498-5061; Fax: (301)776-0024; Organized:1937; Chartered:1937. President: Michael Hitt; Vice President: Douglas Williams; Secretary: Theresa Thompson; Treasurer: Alan Conway; Chaplain: Mary McNamee; Chief: Francis Mowbray. Delegates: Michael Hitt, Francis Mowbray, Terry Thompson, Douglas Williams, Theresa Thompson. Alternates: David Hunley, Noirman Wines, Davide Hunley, Ronald Hunley, Laura Williams.

**SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** 6305 - Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD. 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)336-2331; E-mail: [eng8sgd@aol.com](mailto:eng8sgd@aol.com); Website: [www.seatpleasantfire.com](http://www.seatpleasantfire.com); Organized:1915; Chartered:1915. President: Jefffrey Mehaffey; Vice President: Steve Price; Secretary: Monica McGill; Treasurer: Colin Murchie; Chaplin: Bill Lambert; Chief: Dave McGill. Delegates: Jeff Mehaffey, Dave McGill, Kevin Brenner, Pat Russell. Alternates Joe Johnson, David Dennis, Kevin Dennis.

**\*\*\*SECRETARY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 56, 115 Myrtle Street, Secretary, MD 21664; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-3545;

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Fax: (410)943-0330; E-mail: [secretaryfiredept@comcast.net](mailto:secretaryfiredept@comcast.net); WebSite:[www.fire-ms.net/view/firedept/secretary/md](http://www.fire-ms.net/view/firedept/secretary/md); Organized:1937; Chartered:1937; Joined MSFA:1938. President: Samuel Yockey; Vice President: David Cox; Secretary: Michael Stivers; Treasurer: Amanda Gullion; Chaplain: Fr Anthony Greco; Chief: Bill Gullion III. Delegates: Samuel Yockey, Michael Larrimore, William Gullion III, Amanda Gullion, James Fraccaroli. Alternates: Kenneth Walton III, Michael Stivers, David Cox, Susan Kirwan, Casey Kirwan.

**\*\*\*SECOND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 1, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)994-0751; Fax: (301)994-2994; Website: [sdvfdrs.org](http://sdvfdrs.org); Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA:1972. President: Arthur Pilkerton; Vice President: Theresa Cullison; Secretary: Cindy Bowes; Treasurer: Jan Scrivener; Chaplain: George L'Heureux; Chief: Lynn Henderson. Delegates: Robert E. Russell, Michael Roberts, John Charles, John Guy. Alternates: Joseph Knott, Mike Wilson, Robert Lynch, Blair Swann, Joseph Slade.

**\*\*\*SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** PO Box - 206, (21660 Colton Point Road), Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)769-3600 Fax: (301)769-3602; E-mail: [sdvfd5@msn.com](mailto:sdvfd5@msn.com); Website: [sdvfd5.com](http://sdvfd5.com); Organized:1949; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1951. President: John D. Nelson; Vice President: Donald Morgan; Secretary: Anthony Hammett; Treasurer: Stanley Pilkerton; Chaplain: John H. Nelson, Jr; Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: Michael Huseman, John D. Nelson, George McWilliams III, Anthony Hammett, John H. Nelson, Jr. Alternates: John A. Nelson, James Woodburn.

**\*\*\*SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 7, 21530 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)769-2287; Organized:1960; Chartered:1960; Joined MSFA:1988. President: Zack Hill; Vice President: Donald Phetteplace; Secretary: Melissa Bailey; Treasurer: Steve Lawrence; Chaplain: George H. L'Heureux; Chief: Todd Hayden. Delegates: Melissa Bailey, George Kennett, Joan Raley, Aloysius Raley, Jennifer Huntington. Alternates: Zack Hill, Ronald Mattingly, Richard Colliflower.

**\*\*\*SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 105, 19303 Shaft Road SW, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)689-1535; Fax: (301)687-0121; Email: [co17@allconet.org](mailto:co17@allconet.org); Organized:1938; Chartered:1938; Joined MSFA:1941. President: Ryan Chapman; Vice President: Roger Bennett; Secretary: Cassie Yates; Treasurer: Patty McGowan; Chaplain: Aaron Winters; Chief: Scott Yates. Delegates: Aaron Winters, Scott Yates, Roger Bennett. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.** - PO Box 307, 110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-5348; Fax: (301)432-6456; E-mail: [roaddoc@erols.com](mailto:roaddoc@erols.com); Website: [sharpsburgens.com](http://sharpsburgens.com); Organized:1968; Chartered:1968. President: William Myers; Secretary: Ashley Grimm; Treasurer: Water Kipe; Chief: Lester Bussard; Delegates: Sherry Smith, Harry Gossard.

**\*\*\*SHARPSBURG VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 297, 110 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-6321; Fax: (301)432-5167; E-mail: [heather.gossard@myactv.net](mailto:heather.gossard@myactv.net); Website: [sharpsburgfire.com](http://sharpsburgfire.com); Organized: 1943; Chartered:1944. President: Harry Gossard; Vice President: Daryl Benner; Secretary: Patty Benner; Treasurer: Ron Delauney; Chaplain: Harry Gossard; Chief: Jay Morgan. Delegates: Harry Gossard, W. Allen James, Chris Mullendor, Darryl Benner, Jay Morgan. Alternates: Henry Jones, Matthew Barhart, Patti Benner, Ron Delauney, Shawn McCoy.

**\*\*\*SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 307, Main & Fourth Street, Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)883-3131; Fax: (410)883-3043; Organized: 1926. President: George White; Vice President: Robert Adkins, Jr; Secretary: Brenda Marvil; Treasurer: Linda Lambrose; Chief: Darryl English. Delegates: Tom Bowden, Ted Fletcher, Darryl English. Alternates: William White, Linda Lambrose, Sandra White.

**\*\*\*SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 16, 11620 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD 21862; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)641-2380; Website: [showellvfd.com](http://showellvfd.com); Organized:1945; Chartered:1945; Joined MSFA:1945. President: Michael Davis; Vice President: David Lewis; Secretary: Warren Sinclair; Treasurer: Mark Widgeon; Chaplain: Donald Patey; Chief: Chris Cropper. Delegates: Nick Busby, Kimberly Iacona, Chris Cropper, Daniel Tilghman, David Smartz. Alternates: Mark Widgeon, Laney Meekins, Warren Sinclair, Joseph Sinclair, Michael Davis.

**\*\*\*SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)423-7293; Fax: (301)423-3280; E-mail: [silverhillvfd@comcast.net](mailto:silverhillvfd@comcast.net); Website: [silverhillvfd.com](http://silverhillvfd.com); Organized:1945; Chartered:1948. President: Charles Diana; Vice President: Michael Alfieri; Secretary: Diana Diana; Treasurer: Linda Talton; Chief: William King. Delegates: Charles Diana, Michael Alfieri, William King, Diana Diana, Ronald Talton. Alternates: Wayne Higdon, Michael Stevens, Linda Talton, Ralph Price, Jeffrey Kramer.



**\*\*\*SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)587-3400; Fax: (301)588-3548; Email: [ssfd@dstarpower.net](mailto:ssfd@dstarpower.net); Organized:1915; Chartered:1918. President: Kenneth L. Heltzel; Vice President: George Peet; Secretary: Susan Myatt; Treasurer: Barry Contee; Chief: Roger McGary. Delegates: Kenneth L. Heltzel, Burton Brenner, Susan Myatt, Barry Contee, Harold Tarver. Alternates: James Foster, Sr, George Peet, John Thompson.

**\*\*\*SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton MD. 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)398-7300; Fax: (410)620-0797; Organized:1892; Chartered:1892; Joined MSFA:1896. President: Donald Hicks; Vice President: Joseph Gipson; Secretary: Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha; Chief: Kenneth Streets. Delegates: William Caldwell, David Caldwell, Joseph Gipson, Donald Miller.

**SMITHBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.** – PO Box 411, 8 Maple Avenue, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: (301)824-3314; Fax: (301)824-3670; E-mail: [sems@erols.com](mailto:sems@erols.com); Organized:1981; Chartered:1981; Joined MSFA:1986. President: Wayne Williams; Vice President: Dr. Vincent Cantone; Secretary: Bonnie Winders; Treasurer: Valen Meadows; Chaplain: Joe Ralls; Chief: Rob Snider. Delegates: Wayne Williams. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*SMITHBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 32, 22 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: (301)824-2889; Fax: (301)824-3880; Organized:1932; Website: [www.smithburgvfc.org](http://www.smithburgvfc.org); Chartered:1933. President: Phil Rohrer; Vice President: Glenn Reynolds; Secretary: Barb Miller; Treasurer: Buddy Blake; Chaplain: Pat Smith; Chief: Steve Lewis. Delegates: Patrick Baker, Glenn Fishack, Steve Lewis, Phil Rohrer, Dale Fishack. Alternates: Ronnie Jeter, Chris Rohrer.

**\*\*\*SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 83, 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-2110; Fax: (410)632-3911; Organized:1897; Chartered:1897. President: Richard Mills, Sr; Vice President: Jim Phillips; Secretary: John King; Treasurer: Frank Brown; Chaplain: Chris Tyler; Chief: John Coleman. Delegates: Richard Mills, Jr, Bob Davis, Jay Bare, Mike Farlow, Bill Layfield. Alternates: Ray Wooten, John Coleman.

**\*\*\*SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 189, Solomons, MD 20658; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)326-6657; Fax: (410)586-2019; Organized:1954; Chartered:1954. President: Michael Phifer; Vice President: Ursuls Pumphrey; Secretary: Heather Hanko; Treasurer:

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Don Sweeten and Ronnie Humphrey; Chaplain Rev Sue Stereling; Chief: Tommy Moore and Ricky Smith. Delegates: Ray Lankford, William Jones, Tommy Moore, Robbie Robinson, Dole Bladen. Alternates: Heather Hanko, Jan Delmarte, Ursula Pumphrey, Raymond McIntire, Missy Moore.

**SOUTH HAGERSTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-3337; Fax: (301)733-3498; Organized:1932; Chartered:1932. President: Cecil Bittinger; Vice President: Marvin Niswander; Secretary: Todd Cochrane; Treasurer: Thomas Cochrane; Chief: Wayne Mottle. Delegates: Diane Mottle, Wayne Mottle, Bill Dietrich, Dick Trovinger, Marvin Niswander. Alternates: None listed.

**SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC** - PO Box 378, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)334-3000; Fax: (301)334-3000; Organized:1973; Chartered:1973; Joined MSFA:2000. President: David Moon; Vice President: Melissa Harvey; Secretary: Beth Rodeheaver; Treasurer: Naomi Swartzentruber; Chaplain: Samuel Moon; Chief: Rick Harding. Delegates: Nonelisted.

**STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD 21864; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-3030; Fax: (410)632-3075; E-mail: [svfd200@ezy.net](mailto:svfd200@ezy.net); Organized:1924. President: Thomas C. Beauchamp; Vice President: Dean Brittingham; Secretary: George E. Ward, Jr.; Treasurer: Bruce W. Lambertson; Chaplain: David C. Selby; Chief: Neil A. Payne. Delegates: Thomas C. Beauchamp, Dean Brittingham, George Ward, Jr, Bruce Lambertson, Neil Payne. Alternates: David Selby, Cathy Baker, Kim Thornes, Brad Chambers.

**\*\*\*SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 61, 203 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)438-3155; Fax: (410)438-2946. President: William H. Faust III; Vice President: Michael Faust; Secretary: Valerie Apple; Treasurer: Sylvia Karbaum; Chaplain: David Doraisingh; Chief: Robert Blackiston. Delegates: Robert Nicholson, Jr, Bessie Shelton, Robert Micholson III, Amanda Webb.

**\*\*\*SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 58, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: (410)939-4070; Fax: (410)939-5648; Organized:1902. President: Charles Packard, Sr; Vice President: Frederick Cullum; Secretary: Gail Reeder; Treasurer: Steven Gamatoria; Chaplain: Frank Roth; Chief: Scott Hurst; Delegates: Herman Schweers, Jr, Scott Hurst, Walter Glenn, William Lamana, Chad Packard. Alternates: Lance Waller, Kevin Vaughn, Ron Cardwell, Frank Roth, Scott Pentz.

**\*\*\*SYKESVILLE - FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)795-9311; Fax: (410)549-8759; E-mail: [sfdfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us](mailto:sfdfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us); Website: [www.sykesvillefire.org](http://www.sykesvillefire.org); Organized: 1933; Chartered:1933; Joined MSFA:1935. President: Robert P. Althoff, Jr.; Vice President: Joseph McCauley; Secretary: Elizabeth Lubbeman; Treasurer: Susan Tarrant; Chaplain: Charles Barnhart; Chief: Glenn Ruch, Sr. Delegates: Dennis Beard, William Wagner, Lynn Gabeler, Gary McGinnis.

**\*\*\*TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; Montgomery County Telephone: (301)270-8209; Fax: (301)270-0546; E-mail: [elmerhamm@msn.com](mailto:elmerhamm@msn.com); Website: [takomaparkfire.org](http://takomaparkfire.org); Organized:1894; Chartered:1922. President: Elmer Hamm; Vice President: Richard Willey; Secretary: Stephen Novik; Treasurer: Bruce Allen; Chaplain: David Hooker; Chief: James E. Jarboe. Delegates: James E. Jarboe, Robert Jarboe, Elmer Hamm, Sherry Novik, Thomas Musgrove. Alternates: Leslie DeLeon, Steve Novik, Richard Willey, John Parsly, Michael DeVore.

**\*\*\*TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)756-6253; Fax: (410)751-0510. President: Jim Haines; Vice President: Donald Shoemaker; Secretary: Christine; Treasurer: James Parker; Chaplain: Charles Barnhart; Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: Jim Haines, Earl Lockingbill, Jeff Powell, Craig Austin, Jeff Powell. Alternates: Fern Haines, Charles Barnhart, Michael Clapsaddle, Brett Six, Donald Shoemaker.

**TAYLOR'S ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 277, 501 Taylors Island Road, Taylor's Island, MD 21669; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)397-3524. President: Bill Weild; Vice President: John Battista; Secretary: Joanie Kirkpatrick; Treasurer: Paul Mace; Chief: J.B. Tieder; Delegates: J.B. Tieder.

**\*\*\*TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 522, 7035 Poorhouse Road, Marbery, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: (301)753-8215; Fax: (301)743-6096; Website: [tdvfd8.com](http://tdvfd8.com); Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA:1951; President: Bernie Dalcanton; Vice President: Charlesk Burroughs; Secretary: Thomas Milstead; Treasurer: Ida Jones; Chaplain: George Abell; Chief: Wallace Danielson, Jr. Delegates: Thomas Milstead, Bernie Dalcanton, Charles Burroughs, Ida Jones. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE, INC.** – 27 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-7550; Fax: (301)271-0167; Organized:1953; Joined MSFA: 1985. President: Jason West; Vice President: Joseph Wehage; Secretary: Joyce Stitely; Treasurer: Judith White; Chief: Dennis Ott, Jr. Delegates: Jason West.

**\*\*\*TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 297, 5979 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)886-2101; FAX: (410)886-2677; E-mail: [tivfc@goeaston.net](mailto:tivfc@goeaston.net); Organized:1925 Chartered:1938. President: Mark Cummings; Vice President: Mike Lipski; Secretary: Debby Sweet; Treasurer: Tim Anderson, Sr; Chaplain: Rev Embert; Chief: Jeremy Cummings. Delegates: David McQuay, Neal Lednum.

**\*\*\*TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 86, 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)476-3535; Fax: (410)476-3859; Organized:1935; Chartered:1935. President: Lou Diefenderfer; Vice President: Shirley Quidas; Secretary: Kari Diefenderfer; Treasurer: Don English; Chaplain: Rev. Robert Hawkins; Chief: Ben Diefenderfer. Delegates: George McCracken, Shirley Quidas, Robert Quidas, Donald English.

**\*\*\*TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** - PO Box 144, 59 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)359-3067; Fax: (301)359-0479; E-mail: [co50@allconet.org](mailto:co50@allconet.org); Website: [titems.org](http://titems.org); Organized:1974; Chartered:1974; Joined MSFA:1999. President: Thomas Connor; Vice President: James Mayhew; Secretary: Jason Wiltison; Treasurer: Crystal Clark; Chaplain: Thomas Morgan; Chief: Robert Pattison. Delegates: Thomas Connor, Josh Clark, James Mayhew, Robert Pattison, Lynn Sweitzer. Alternates: Eric Mowbray, Crystal Clark, Jason Wiltison, Dennis Stieding, Anthony Serpone.

**TYLERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 655, 21140 Tuff Street, Tylerton, MD 21866; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)425-2420; Fax: (410)425-2420; Organized:1985; Chartered:1985. President: Sally Tyler; Vice President: Ronnie Corbin; Secretary: Missy Evans; Treasurer: Lindsay Bradshaw; Chief: Lindsey Bradshaw. Delegates: Lindsey Bradshaw, Billy Clayton, Ronnie Corbin, Sally Tyler, Missy Evans. Alternates: Louise Clayton, Kevin Marshall, Danny Tyler, Bobby Smith, Ed Smith.

**VFIS** – P.O. Box 2726; Telephone: 1-800-233-1957; Fax: (717)747-7020; E-mail: [dthomas@VFIS.com](mailto:dthomas@VFIS.com); Website: [VFIS.com](http://VFIS.com).

**\*\*\*UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)775-7422; Fax: (410)857-8775; Website: [www.ubfc8.org](http://www.ubfc8.org); Organized:1887; Chartered:1889; Joined MSFA:1893. President: Thomas M. Garber; Vice President: Edgar C. Wentz; Secretary: Linda Bostian; Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer; Chaplain: Rev. Richard L. Michael; Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Thomas M. Garber, Jerry L. Harris, Chad Green, George Wentz, David Nelson. Alternates: Doug Bostian, Dave Buffington.

**\*\*\*UNITED COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 939, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: (410)643-1162; Fax: (410)643-1163; E-mail: [rsiarnicki@aol.com](mailto:rsiarnicki@aol.com); Website: [www.ucvfd.org](http://www.ucvfd.org); Organized:1972; Chartered:1972. President: Kent Whalen; Vice President: Ron Siarnicki; Secretary: Pat Neil; Treasurer: Buck Ferrin; Chief: Chris Tona (Fire) and John Bossart (EMS). Delegates: Chris Tona, A.J. Papa, Pat Neil, Pat Dempsey, Kent Whalen. Alternates: Lisa Tona, Leigh Papa, Jim Hall, Tom Clark, Nina Totaro.

**\*\*\*UNITED STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO.3 INC.** – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)600-1711; Fax: (301)694-1709; Organized:1845; Chartered:1905; Joined MSFA:1893. President: James Morgan; Vice President: Rick O'Brien; Secretary: Tim May; Treasurer: Angie Hummer; Chief: Jerry Dorsey. Delegates: James Morgan, Jerry Dorsey, Dave Smith, Chuck Custer, Mike Roop. Alternates: George Wood.

**\*\*\*UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 8, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)972-8888; Fax: (301)407-0453; E-mail: [umcvfd@hotmail.com](mailto:umcvfd@hotmail.com); Website: [umcvfd.org](http://umcvfd.org); Organized:1946; Chartered:1946. President: Dennis Minor; Vice President: George T. Hillard; Secretary: Teresa Meem; Treasurer: Ross Meem; Chaplain: Kenneth Fell; Chief: Earl Moore. Delegates: Bill Bliff, Earl Moore, Robby Bliss. Alternates: Janet Bliss, Mike White.

**\*\*\*URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)831-1155; Fax: (301)662-7935; Organized:1973; Chartered:1973; Joined MSFA:1974. President: Douglas Smith; Vice President: Ron Wilt; Secretary: Martha Norwood; Treasurer: Susie O'Brien; Chaplain: Jody Parker; Chief: Jim May. Delegates: Doug Smith, Carolyn Broudhurst, Chris Smith, Alice Hopkins, Marian Norwood. Alternates: Richard Broadhurst, Chris Smith, Tommy Hopkins, C. Norwood.

**VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 5, 301 Old Ocean Gateway, Vienna, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)376-3319; Organized:1935; Chartered:1935. President: Robert Horsman, Sr; Vice President: Kathy Sellers; Secretary: Pamela Travers; Treasurer: Debbie Horsman; Chaplain: Rev. Mary Ann Farnell; Chief: Reginald Sellers, Jr. Delegates: Robert Horsman, Sr, Pamela Travers, Alfred Travers, Jr., Kathy Sellers, Keifford Jackson. Alternates: William Outten, Joe Kukta, Reggie Sellers, Jr, Debbie Horsman, Mary Spear.

**\*\*\*VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY, INC.** PO Box 171, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)447-2728; Fax: (301)447-1724; E-mail: [HN181@acl.com](mailto:HN181@acl.com); Website: [www.vigilanthose.org](http://www.vigilanthose.org); Organized:1884. President: Frank Davis; Vice President: John Damskey; Secretary: Steve Valentine; Treasurer: Steve Hollinger; Chaplain: Frank Kilcline; Chief: Chris Stahley. Delegates: Frank Davis, Jim Click, John Hollinger, Chris Stahley, Austin Umbel. Alternates: Guy Baker III, Steve Hollinger, John Glass, William Boyd.

**VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1470; Fax: (410)242-2907; E-mail: [ahoffman@bs.co.md.us](mailto:ahoffman@bs.co.md.us); Website: [violetvillevfd34.8m.com](http://violetvillevfd34.8m.com); Organized:1906; Chartered:1945. President: Robert Rausch, Jr; Vice President: James Henderson, Jr; Secretary: Sheila Rausch; Treasurer: Larry Purkey; Chief: Steve Pearsail. Delegates: Charles Weber, Jr, John Purkey, Jr, John Purkey III, Dorothy Purkey, Robert Rausch, Jr. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CHESAPEAKE CITY, INC.** – 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)885-5951; Fax: (410)885-3353; Organized:1911; Chartered:1911; Joined MSFA:1925. President: Jeffrey Ritter; Vice President: John Loveless; Secretary: Paul Wildley; Treasurer: Donald L. Briscoe; Chaplain: Joyhn Melvin; Chief: Thomas Morris. Delegates: Donald Briscoe, Alan Myers, Thomas Morris, Edward Long, Francis Stubbs, Jr. Alternates: John Loveless, Sr, Bill Staker, Jeffrey Ritter, Paul Wildley, Leroy Buchanan.

**\*\*\*VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF HALFWAY, MD, INC.** – 11114 Lincoln Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)582-2223; Fax: (301)582-1075; Website: [vfchalfway.org](http://vfchalfway.org); Organized:1949; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1950. President: James Kimble; Vice President: Steve Heefner; Secretary: Brenda Dattilio; Treasurer: Curtis Hull; Chief: Jeff Ringer. Delegates: Steve Heefner, James Kimble, Jeffrey Ringer, Ed Ernst, Jamie Drawbaugh.

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Alternates: Kim Anderson, Nick Dattilio, Tina Bowers, Tammy Drawbaugh, Brenda Dattilio.

**\*\*\*VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK, INC.** – P.O. Box 16786, 1449 Sussex Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-0329; Fax: (410)391-4718; 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: John Alban, Jr. Delegates: Anthony Schield, John J. Alban, Jr, Robert Oerman, John Alban, Sr, William Stump. Alternates: John Alban III, Cisco Guzman.

**\*\*\*WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Charles County; Telephone: 645-3000; Fax: (301)870-0136; Email: [dstevens@waldorfvfd.com](mailto:dstevens@waldorfvfd.com); Website: [waldorfvfd.com](http://waldorfvfd.com); Organized:1949; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Thomas Edwards; Vice President: Matthew Stevens; Secretary: Ronald Marth; Treasurer: Barbara Stevens; Chief: Dan Stevens. Delegates: Daniel J. Stevens, Vernon Monday, Robert Hardy, Bobbi Stevens, William Olsen. Alternates: Bill Cooke, Tom Edwards, Alicia Olsen, Paul Purcell.

**\*\*\*WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-9397; Fax: (301)898-4032; Website: [www.walkersvillevfc.com](http://www.walkersvillevfc.com); Organized:1939; Chartered:1940. President: Austin Schroyer; Vice President: Brian Hildebrand; Secretary: Brenda Staley; Treasurer: James Graham; Chaplain: Shirley Zimmerman; Chief: Matt Staley. Delegates: David Kline, Austin Schroyer, Brian Hildebrand, Matt Staley, Brenda Staley. Alternates: Paul Stull, Vaughn Zimmerman, Blaine Smith, Charles Easterday, Chad Barrick.

**\*\*\*WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 202, 73 Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)845-8875; Fax: (301)845-6058; Website: [www.wrc24.com](http://www.wrc24.com); Organized:1977; Chartered:1977; Joined MSFA:1978. President: Sandra Maxey; Vice President: Cindy Cramer; Secretary: Ellie Gilbert; Treasurer: Stan Mount; Chief: William Cramer. Delegates: Jeremy Heflin. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 324, 15 North Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)378-4223; Fax: (410)378-9343; E-mail: [waterwitchco@verizon.net](mailto:waterwitchco@verizon.net); Website: [fire.ems.net/firedept/view/portdeposit/md.com](http://fire.ems.net/firedept/view/portdeposit/md.com); Organized: 1844. President: Michael Lipka, Sr; Vice President: William Dill; Secretary: Kerry Abrams; Treasurer: Fred Mott; Chaplain:

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George Hipkins; Chief: Walter Abrams, Sr. Delegates: Mike Lipka, Sr., Kerry Abrams, Wayne Tome, Sr, Donald Poist, Jr, Frederick Mott, Sr. Alternates: Karen Mott, Walter Abrams, Sr, Brad Dixon, Steve Kenton..

**\*\*\*WEST ANNAPOLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INC.** – 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)266-8066; Organized:1911. President: Douglas M. Beall; Vice President: Deborah Perry; Secretary: Andrew Clemenko; Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell; Chaplain: James Caulfield III; Chief: Robert E. Vice, Jr. Delegates: Douglas Beall, Robert Vice, Jr, Deborah Perry, Wayne Bender, Gayle Bender. Alternates: Russell Sears, Kenneth Blackwell, James Caulfield III, Sharon Owen.

**\*\*\*WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12535 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794; Howard County; Telephone: (410)313-5403; Fax: (410)442-1664; Organized:1944; Chartered:1944. President: John Coll; Vice President: Jim Piersall; Secretary: Teresa Beck; Treasurer: Steven Fleming; Chaplain: Jeff Sturgess; Chief: Howard Day. Delegates: John Coll, Diana Coll, Mickey Day, Jim Piersall, Mickey Day. Alternates: Dave Saunders, Will Spicer, Norma Spicer.

**\*\*\*WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC** – P.O. Box 1348, 7609 Annapolis Road, West Lanham, Maryland 20706, Prince Georges County; Telephone: (301)577-0777; Fax: (301)731-5163; Organized:1945; Joined MSFA:1945. President: Mark Welch; Vice President: Scott Vazquez; Secretary: Bobby Johnson; Treasurer: Melody Wilson; Chief: John Alter; Delegates: Mark Welch, John Alter, Brendon Burke, Scott Vazquez, Billy Smith. Alternates: Bobby Johnson, Darrin Grant, Josh Shientel, Pat Eubanks, Eric Crouch..

**\*\*\*WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY #4, INC.** – 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-8615; Fax: (301)739-9124; E-mail: [wefc@erols.com](mailto:wefc@erols.com); Organized:1872. President: James D. Schaffer, Vice President: Clyde Tressler; Secretary: Dennis Martin; Treasurer: Terry Mose. Delegates: James D. Schaffer, Clyde Tressler.

**WEST SIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** PO Box 85, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)873-2140; Organized:1938; Chartered:1938. President: Donald Messick; Vice President: Jerry Nelson; Secretary: Aspyrn Speakman; Treasurer: Paul Dennis; Chaplain: William Frick; Chief: Brian Catlin. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, Bob Gordon, Brian Catlin. Alternates: Pat Tobat, Don Messick, John Catlin.



**\*\*\*WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY NO. 1, INC. – PO** Box 357, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)848-1800; Fax: (410)848-3407; E-mail: [westfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us](mailto:westfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us); Website: [westminstervfd.org](http://westminstervfd.org); Organized: 1823. President: Dan Plunkert; Vice President: William Brehm; Secretary: Kristen Boyer; Treasurer: Bob Ruby; Chaplain: Wayne Spencer; Chief: Jim Bangerd. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Rich Raver, Bob

Cumberland, Dan Plunkert, Jim Bangerd. Alternates: Bill Brehm, Marvin Hollinger, Jeff Alexander, Jeff Bangerd, Gill Roper.

**\*\*\*WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO** Box 1577, 11435 Grandview Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20915; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)949-9673; Fax: (301)942-0740; E-mail: [webmaster@wvrs.org](mailto:webmaster@wvrs.org); Website: [wvrs.org](http://wvrs.org); Organized:1955; Chartered:1955. President: Thomas Brown; Vice President: Karla Martinez and Andres Gluecksmann; Secretary: Ray Tucker; Treasurer: Nick Hrabak; Chaplain: Rory Crawford; Chief: Allan Platky. Delegates: Paul Sterling, Jr, Tom Brown, Robert Lawson, Ben Mull, John Rives. Alternates: Rhonda Cohen, Allen Platky, Jav Cruber, Kris Hoxha, Steve Sobolewski.

**\*\*\*WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO** Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160; Harford County; Telephone: (410)452-8875; Fax: (410)638-3630; E-mail: [co@netzero.com](mailto:co@netzero.com); Website: [whitefordfire.com](http://whitefordfire.com). President: Derek Hopkins; Vice President: Heather Williamson; Secretary: Janet Holbrook; Treasurer: Charles Mohr; Chief: Frank Krick; Delegates: Rusty Leftwich, John J. Williamson, James Williams, John Williams. Alternates: Heather Williamson.

**WILLARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO** Box 38, Main Street, Willards, MD 21874; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)835-8678; Fax: (410)835-2466; Organized:1927; Chartered:1927; President: Dale White; Vice President: Julia Wiltbank; Secretary: Albert DeMoss; Treasurer: Joan Calloway; Chaplain: Ronnie Patey; Chief: Keith Twilley. Delegates: Chester Twilley, Kim White, Greg Wiltbank, Brandon White, James Esham. Alternates: Bill Frisch, Norman Trader, Matt McCormick, Gary Lewis, Ruth Twilley.

**WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC. – PO** Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)398-7300; Fax: (410)620-0797; Organized:1892; Joined MSFA:1896. President: Donald S. Hicks; Vice President: John Denver; Secretary: E. Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha III; Chief: Franklyn

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Lewis. Delegates: William Caldwell, John Denver, David Caldwell, Donald Miller.  
Alternates: Shawn Anderson, Chris Loller

\*\*\***WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.** PO Box 102, 30 West Salisbury Street, Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: (301)223-8532; Fax: (301)223-6945; E-mail: [info@wvas.com](mailto:info@wvas.com); Organized:1947; Chartered:1947. President: Scott Brown; Secretary: Carrie Ammons. Delegates: Karen Lowman, Brian Lowman, Ronald Davis, Scott Brown, Tom Anderson. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 422, 2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: (301)223-9500; Fax: (301)223-6122; E-mail: [s2chief@wcvfr.org](mailto:s2chief@wcvfr.org); Website: [www.williamsportfire.org](http://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 DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1320 West Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)795-1333; Fax: (410)795-1375; Website: [www.winfieldvfd.org](http://www.winfieldvfd.org). President: Scott Legore; Vice President: Robert Farver; Secretary: Kim Legore; Treasurer: Jeanne Legore; Delegates: Kevin Warner, Dave Wallace, Mat Paskowski, Rick Warner, Bob Hardesty. Alternates: None listed.

\*\*\***WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 9172, 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)288-0710; Fax: (410)288-6095; E-mail: [co270@bcvfa.org](mailto:co270@bcvfa.org); Website: [www.wavfc.org](http://www.wavfc.org); Organized:1942; Chartered:1972. President: Dale Copeland; Vice President: Wayne Brubach; Secretary: Susan Bruzdinski; Treasurer: Deanna Beam; Chief: Tom Ludwig. Delegates: William Kalwa, Tim Ullrich, Robert Francis, Calvin Piefer, Tracy Geho. Alternates: Dale Copeland, Tom Ludwig.

\*\*\***WOLFVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 12464 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)293-1453; Fax: (301)293-1343; E-mail: [dafddf21@aol.com](mailto:dafddf21@aol.com); Organized:1968; Chartered:1968; Joined MSFA:1968. President: David Doyle; Vice President: David Fox; Secretary: Sherri Fleishell; Treasurer: Gerald Lewis; Chief: Michael Lewis. Delegates: Diana Lewis, Jim Fleishell, Karen Lewis, Wayne Lewis, Brandy Lewis. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 236, 529 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)956-3100; Fax: (410)956-0180; E-mail: [vloemt448@comcast.net](mailto:vloemt448@comcast.net); Website: [woodlandbeachvfd.net](http://woodlandbeachvfd.net); Organized:1944. President: Steven Hilgenberg, Jr; Vice President: John Sweeney; Secretary: Margaret Queenin; Treasurer: Vicki Ogilvie; Chaplain: Joseph MacConnell, Sr; Chief: Bobby Howlin. Delegates: Paul Mills, Joseph Mac Connell, Sr, Candyce Hilgenberg, Vicki Ogilvie, Candy Hilgenberg. Alternates: Mike Purcell, Bobby Howlin, Roy Faudree, Brian Ogilvie, Melissa Gore.

**\*\*\*WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)265-8666; Website: [woodlawnvfc.org](http://woodlawnvfc.org); Organized:1941. President: Leroy Burch; Vice President: Trey Gaffney; Secretary: Tim O'Brien; Treasurer: Frank Seicke; Chaplain: Keith Carr; Chief: Kenneth Younger. Delegates: William Letourneau, Jr, Donna Kem, Thomas Richarts, Tom Skinner, Frank Seicke. Alternates: None listed.

**\*\*\*WOODSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 153, 2 South Third Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-5100; Fax: (301)898-5368; E-mail: [wvfd16@starpower.net](mailto:wvfd16@starpower.net); Organized:1953; Chartered:1956; Joined MSFA:1956. President: Angela Smith; Vice President: JR Cornell; Secretary: Lara Cornell; Treasurer: Donald Trimmer; Chaplain: Kay Ensor. Chief: Micky Fyock. Delegates: Mickey Fyock, Diane Fyock, Denny Derry. Alternates: None listed.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**\*\*\*ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** – 115 Glenmont Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)766-4221; Organized:1958. President: Bertha Saghy; Vice President: Raymond Neall, Jr; Secretary Dave Neall; Treasurer: Brian Turley. Delegates: Kevin Reilly, Harry Hobson, Rose Hobson, Ruth Altvater, Bertha Saghy. Alternates: Fred Saghy, Sr, Brian Turley, Kenneth Linton.

**\*\*\*ANNE ARUNDEL CO. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSN.** PO Box 881, Millersville Md. 21108; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)222-8200; Fax (410)987-2904; Organized:1932; Joined MSFA: April 2007. President: Craig Harman; Vice President: Robert Councenour & Charles Austin; Secretary: Kathy Gies; Treasurer: Evelyn Graf; Chaplain: Rev John Long, Jr. Delegates: David Lewis, Jack Gouty, Craig Harman, Jacqueline Olson, Evelyn Graf. Alternates: Bob Seibel, Ronald Graf, Charles Austin.

**BLACKWATER FIRE MANAGEMENT** – 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-2692; Fax: (410)228-3261; Fire Management Officer: Joe Krish; Fire Control Officer: Bill Giese. Delegates: Steve Stack, Bill Giese, Joe Krish.

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**\*\*\*CENTRAL ALARMERS, INC.** – 7856 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21236. Telephone: (410)661-9321; Organized:1955; Joined MSFA: 2002; Charter:1955. President: Robert Pollock; Vice President: Albert Vaughn; Secretary: Deborah Peyton; Treasurer: John Cromwell, Sr; Delegates: John Cromwell, Cindy Sennett, Al Vaughn, Debbie Peyton, Frank Ward. Alternates: John Peyton, Carol Vaughn, Bill Stockum, Tracy Johnson, Charlie Johnson.

**CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT** – 1790 Forest Drive; Annapolis, MD 21401 - All paid Department

**\*\*\*CITY OF CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT** – P.O. Box 1702 20 Bedford Street, Allegany County; Telephone: 301-759-6480; Fax: 301-759-6494; Website: [www.ci.cumberland.md.us](http://www.ci.cumberland.md.us); Organized: 1906. President: William Herbaugh; Admin Officer: Julie Davis; Delegates: None listed.

**CITY OF SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT –**

**\*\*\*CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – P.O. Box 31, 171 Market Street, Fawn Grove Pa. 17321; Telephone: 717-382-4432; Fax: 717-382-4454; Website: [www.citizensvfc.com](http://www.citizensvfc.com); Organized:1996. President: Darryl Nelson; Vice President: Donald Miller and Robin Wales; Secretary: Bonny Burns; Treasurer: Suzanne Yowell; Chaplain: Douglas Winward; Chief: Scott Towson; Delegates: Laura Taylor, Douglas Shanberger, Daniel D. Blake, Thelma Blake, Daniel L. Blake; Alternates: Stacey Shanberger.

**FREDERICK COUNTY DEPT. OF FIRE/RESCUE** – 340 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)846-2282; Fax: (301)631-3466.

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**HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES** – 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 400, Columbia, MD 21046 Howard County; Telephone: (410)313-6000; Fax: (410)313-6027; Email: [rfaith@co.ho.md.us](mailto:rfaith@co.ho.md.us); Website: [ho.co.md.us](http://ho.co.md.us). Chief Deputy: W. Raymond Faith. Delegates: None.

**MARYLAND FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE (MFRI)** – University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-0001; Telephone 1-800-ASK-MFRI, Director: Steven Edwards

**Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academys** – 25 W. Church Street; Hagerstown, MD

**MARYLAND FIRE SERVICE PERSONEL QUALIFICATIONS BOARD** – MFRI, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-0001.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE** 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850; Telephone: (240)777-2400; Fax: (240)777-2443. Delegates: Gordon Aoyaci, Thomas Carr, Fred Welsh.

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT** – 9201 Basil Court, Suite 452, Largo, MD 20785; Prince George's County; Telephone: (301)883-5204; Fax: (301)883-5212; E-mail: [sltaylor@co.pg.md.us](mailto:sltaylor@co.pg.md.us); Website: [pgfd.org](http://pgfd.org). President: Robert McCoy; Vice President: Doug Bartholemew; Secretary: Susan Taylor; Treasurer: Theresa Lloyd; Chaplain: Theresa Crisman; Chief: Lawrence Sedgewick, Jr. Delegates: Lawrence Sedgewick, Jr, Robert McCoy, Doug Bartholemew, Susan Taylor, Kevin Riely. Alternates: Steve Williams, Theresa Lloyd, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Wood.

**\*\*\*ST. MARY'S COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY** – P.O. Box 653, 23090 Leonard Hall Drive Leonardtown, MD, St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)475-8016; Fax: (301)475-4370; Website: [www.co.saint-marys.md.us](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us). Director: David Zylak. Communications Manager: Tom Mattingly, Jr.; Emergency Services Coordinator: Stanley Williams; Emergency Management Manager: Jaclyn Shaw. Delegates: David Zylak, Stanley Williams, Thomas Mattingly, Jr, Jaclyn Shaw, Mark Pettit. Alternates: John Raley, Dennis Wolcott, Rick Corcoran, Scott Raley, James Yeatman.

**SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

**VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE SERVICES** – 183 Leaders Heights Road; PO Box 2726, York, PA 21030

**PROVIDENT AGENCY-** P.O. Box 11588, 272 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15238; Telephone: (800)-447-0360; Fax: 412-963-0415; Email: [cbens@providentbenefits.com](mailto:cbens@providentbenefits.com); Website: [providentbenefits.com](http://providentbenefits.com).

\*\*\* Registered in 2009

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Maryland State  
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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, Fires 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

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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 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 notarial 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 member of the Association on July 1, 1975. The words "Member Companies" as used in

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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 subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at

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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 pay annual dues, as set forth by the Executive Committee.

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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 for Officers and Constitution and By-Laws changes; Unfinished Business; New Business;

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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.

**Section 4-** Any Member Company, who is delinquent in paying their dues by April



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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 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

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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 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

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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 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

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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, 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

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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 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

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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 appointed in even-numbered years.

**Firefighter Of The Year Committee-** At least nine (9) members, appointed

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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, 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

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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:

(I) As a direct result of actively participating in fighting a fire 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



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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 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.

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(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

(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

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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).

(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.

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(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 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

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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
Carroll, Howard Counties	1 Member
Harford, Cecil Counties	1 Member
Baltimore County	1 Member
Anne Arundel County	1 Member

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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;
  - 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

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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 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

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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 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. (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.

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- 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.
- 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 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

6) Fill tower, top of tank, to be a minimum of 5" with quick release lid.

7) Two hundred (200) feet 1 \_ " or larger fire hose and nozzle.

8) Two hundred (200) feet 2 \_ " fire hose.

9) Two (2) wheel chocks mounted in readily accessible locations.

10) Two (2) hydrant wrenches.

11) Two (2) spanner wrenches.

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- 12) Two (2) hand lights.
- 13) One (1) rubber mallet.
- 14) Two (2) 2 \_ " double females.
- 15) Two (2) 2 \_ " double males.
- 16) One (1) 2 \_ " female X 1 \_ " 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.
- 4) Fill tower at top of tank to be a minimum of 5" width, with quick release.
- 5) One hundred (100) feet 2 \_ " fire hose for refilling.
- 6) One (1) wheel chock.
- 7) Two (2) hydrant wrenches.
- 8) Two (2) spanner wrenches.
- 9) Two (2) hand lights.

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- 10) One (1) rubber mallet.
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- 11) Two (2) 2 \_ " double females.
- 12) Two (2) 2 \_ " 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 \_ " 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 \_ " gated discharge, gravity or jet dump, NST.
- 14) One (1) 2 \_ " 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 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.



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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.
- 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.

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- 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. CO<sub>2</sub>, 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 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:

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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.

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
- 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

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- 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

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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).

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.

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- 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 (SPASH 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 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.

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- 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 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.

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)

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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.

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- 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.
- 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 Magill forceps.
- 13) One (1) each Pediatric Magill 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 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

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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.
- 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).

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- 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 " 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.
- 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.

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- 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 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



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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 pigtails/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 (Kernmantle). 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-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

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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:

- 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).

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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 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.

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- 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.
  - 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.

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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

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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.



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**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, Marbery 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 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**

<b><u>Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
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 Pres. 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](http://msfa.org) (Awards Manual)  
For details and specifics for each award.**

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**PAST PRESIDENT C. OSCAR BAKER  
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Purpose of Award:** Recognition of the Outstand 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.

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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.
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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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:

Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary  
6047 Melbourne Avenue  
Deale, Maryland 20751-9719

10. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President of Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 20<sup>th</sup> 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
2009	Charles Cadden	Arbutus	Baltimore County

# 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

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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 31<sup>st</sup>** of each year.
5. The award is presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

**Previous Recipients:**

1977	Francis L. Brannigan	2000	
1977	William E. Isman	2001	
1978	Kurt Eisenschmidt	2002	JackieCarey
1979	Theodore L. Jarboe	2002	Stephan D. Cox
1980	MFRI Staff	2003	
1981	Mary Beth Michos	2004	
1982	John McNeece	2005	Jack Hulet
1983	Not Awarded	2006	Mike Crawford
1984	Harry Devlin	2007	
1985	W. Newton "Skip" Carey	2008	Earl Powell
1986	Judith K. White	2009	George Fairfax
1987	State Fire Marshal Staff		
1988			
1989	Herman E. Rhue		
1990	Milton Zepp		
1991	Andrew I. Levy		
1992	George A. Morgan		
1993	Leon M. Fleming		
1994	Clarence "Smiley" White		
1995	Leonard E. Yox		
1996	Robert L. Rose		
1997	W. Newton "Skip" Carey		
1998	William Luberman		
1999	Elaine Wedding		

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# 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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.

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2. Must be received by the Board of Trustees prior to **May 1<sup>st</sup>** 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

Previous Recipients:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>County</i>
1933	Reuben R. Palmer	Kensington	Montgomery
1934	Wilber R. Dulin	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
1935	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1936	Capt. Austin Leithiser	Susquehanna Hose	Harford
1937	Marion E. Rose	Northeast	Cecil
1938	<i>Not Awarded</i>		
1939	John A. Hornberger, Sr	Waterwitch	Cecil
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	Capt. 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



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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	Deputy 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	Leonardtown	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
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	Deputy 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

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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
2009	Curtis Warfield	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	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 stationary 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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.
  - X. 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.
  - X. 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.
  - Δ. 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.
  - Φ. 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

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1985	Ted F. Jackson	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1986	Diane May	Luke	Allegany
1987	Rhonda J. Thomas	Level	Harford
1988	David C. Leftwich	Delta-Cardiff	Harford
1989	William J. Dousa, Jr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
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			
2008	Derrick E. Lloyd	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
2009	Christopher Scully	Hollywood	St. Mary's

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# 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 86<sup>th</sup> 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 in 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

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Governors Citation.

5. The MSFA will solicit nominations annually during the month of March to be presented by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and to; notify the President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department no later than May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
2009	Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel

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# 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.



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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.

**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 to 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.

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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 on numerous committees. 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 a 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.
- 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 in 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 a 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 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 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.
- 1.2 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried 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)

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The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townesend 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 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
2009	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent 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.

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- B. The following are not eligible:
  - 1. The judges
  - 2. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance 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
  - X. 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
  - Δ. 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

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424 Greenland Beach Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21226

before **May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year** or at least 30 days before the Annual Convention.

- B. If no candidates are submitted to the judges, the judges shall 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



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1986	Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill	Damascus	Montgomery
1987	Chief William J. Fleshman, P.P.	Beltsville	Prince George's
1988	William Denver	Elkton	Cecil

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
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, PP	Damascus	Montgomery
1993	Chief John W. Smith, PP	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
1994	Chief Charles B. Burton, PP	Landover Hills	Prince George's
1995	Charles W. Wills	Potomac Heights	Charles
1996	John Shuhart	Barton	Allegany
1997	Robert Jacobs	Citizens Truck	Frederick
1998	Chief Thomas A. Mattingly, PP	.Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1999	Lee N. Sachs	Pikesville	Baltimore
2000	Chief Ron J. Siarnicki	Prince George's County	
2001	Richard L. Yinger, PP	Citizens Truck	Frederick
2002	C. Oscar Baker, PP	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
2009	C. Daniel Davis, Jr., PP	Hollywood	St. Mary's

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 individual's 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:

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- α. The nominee's home fire, rescue or EMS department/ company, or
  - β. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
  - χ. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, or
  - δ. An individual member (s) of the Hall of Fame Committee
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 annually 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

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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

**Previous Recipients:**

<u>Year</u>	<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

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
<b>1979</b>	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	
<b>1980</b>	Herman Dilg	Hillandale	Montgomery
	Frank Middleton	Pittsville	Wicomico
	W. Bartgis Storm, P.P.	Frederick	Frederick
	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
<b>1981</b>	Ermon O. Dill	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
	J. Francis Fatkins	Clarysville	Allegany
	David E. Kirk, P.P.	Bowling Green	Allegany
	Roland E. Duke	Leonardtwn	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	

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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	Cecil

**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
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

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James Meredith Marshall	Cambridge	Dorchester
Chester William Shimer	Westport	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.	Beltville	Prince George's
Thomas P. Collins	Beltville	Prince George's
Jesse L. Kimble	Barton	Allegany
Russell Denbow	Level	Harford
Roy L. Wood, P.P.	Beltville	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

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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

**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



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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
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	Bel Air	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
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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
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, P.P..	Wheaton	Montgomery
Raymond Adkins, P.P.	Berlin	Worcester
Charles E. "Chip" 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

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**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
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	Mechanicsville	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

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	Charles E. Turner, Jr.	Goodwill-Centreville	Queen Anne's
<b><u>2001</u></b>			
	John Berryman, Sr.	Pikesville	Baltimore
	William "Bill" Boyd	Liberty Road	Baltimore
	Delegate Norman Conway	Salisbury	Wicomico
	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
<b><u>2002</u></b>			
	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	Prince Georges
	Col. David M. Mitchell	Maryland State Police	
	James C. Roberston	State Fire Marshal	
<b><u>2003</u></b>			
	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	Darlington	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	
<b><u>2004</u></b>			
	Doyle E. Cox	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert

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Edwin L. Emkey, Sr.	English Consul	Baltimore
George J. Gatton, Jr.	Ridge VFD	St. Mary's
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, P.P.	Branchville	Prince George's
Joan W. Williams	Hollywood VRS	St. Mary's
Gov. Robert L. Ehrlick, Jr.	Governor	
John M. McCrudden	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
John C. Spiker, Sr.	Lake Shore	Anne Arundel

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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 Georges
James M. Magruder, Sr.	Gaithersburg-Wash. 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	

**2009**

Robert W. Ryan	College Park	Prince Georges
Donald L. Briscoe	Chesapeake City	Cecil
Anna M. Jonske	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
John E. "Sonny" Rose, Jr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Linda A. Dousa	Abingdon	Harford
William G. "Willie" Wilkerson	Mechanicsville	St. Mary's
Charles H. "Chuck" Austin	Orchard Beach	Anne Arundel
Gayle P. Moreland	Deale	Anne Arundel
George W. Brown, Jr.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
David McQuay	Tilghman Island	Talbot
Major Andrew AJ McAndrew	Maryland State Police	
Captain Daniel "Dan" Cornwell	Maryland State Police	

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**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 stationery 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**

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1<sup>st</sup>.

6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT/A or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of fire (5) years service to the Maryland Emergency Medical Service Community.
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	Delta-Cardiff	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



## 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 will be held on Monday afternoon at 1530 hours during the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference.
  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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and MSFA 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, MSFA 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
  18. The annual written report (summary of year's events) must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
      3. MSFA 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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	1999	Anne Marie Histon
1981	KimberlyAnn Kessler	2000	Rachael Lyons
1982	Melanie Susan Webster	2001	Heidi Johnson
1983	Cheryl Reese	2002	Katie Ritter
1984	Carolyn Boone	2003	Sarah Blackowicz
1985	Alica Kozier	2004	Michelle Gallion
1986	Verna Fleming	2005	Kristi Gartrell-Kemp
1987	Tammy Conners	2006	Erin Drumheller
1988	Terri Gartner	2007	Brittany Myers
1989	Jennifer I. Laird	2008	Colleen Frances
1990	Bonnie Rae Crispin	2009	Erin Drumheller
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		

# 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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.<br>Pat Gainer – Maryland Institute for Emergency<br>Medical Services System<br>James Brown – Maryland Institute for Emergency<br>Medical Services System |
| 2006 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County  |
| 2007 | Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County  |
| 2008 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County  |
| 2009 | Senator Barry Glassman – Harford 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 Allegany-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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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
2009	Gayle P. Moreland	Deale	Anne Arundel

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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

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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 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
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	Oville G. Faulkner, Jr.	Lansdowne	Baltimore
1968	Thomas A. Mattingly	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1969	Thomas A. Mattingly	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1970	Thomas A. Mattingly	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1971	Thomas A. Mattingly	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	Baltimore
1979	Edward T. Clopper	Funkstown	Washington

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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
1988	Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1989	Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr.	Leonardtwn	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	Denice 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	Jeffrey 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
2008			
2009	Christine Flanagan	Sykesville Freedom District	Carroll

## MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# SMITH N. STATHEM, JR. P.P. MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD

**Purpose of Award:** Recognition of an individual's 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

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- the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the "endorsed by" line of the form.
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 1<sup>st</sup>.
  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
2009	Mark Buhl	Bay District	St. Mary's

## **Maryland State Firemens Association**

### **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:
    - CPR



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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 1 Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students

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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
Instructor Training II	54

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	Beford 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
1997	Savage VFC	Howard

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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Previous Recipients:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company/Department</u>	<u>County</u>
2008	Barbara "Bobbie" Stevens	Waldorf VFD	Charles

**- - - TROPHIES AND AWARDS - - -**

Second Place Trophy	Third Place Trophy
Best Appearing Company from Virginia Trophy	Honorable Mention Trophy
Second Place Trophy	Best Appearing Adult, Non Fire Service Color Guard Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older) Trophy	Second Place Trophy
Second Place Trophy	Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot (Dalmatian, Etc.) Trophy
Third Place Trophy	Second Place Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy	Hard Luck Award Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older) Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Best Appearing Emergency Apparatus over Twenty Years Old (in service) Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Second Place Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Third Place Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Honorable Mention Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Fire Service Color Guard Making the Best Appearance Trophy	Judges Award Trophy
Second Place Trophy	Judges Award Trophy

**PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!!**

Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1730 hours, (or as close to this time as possible), in the rear of the Convention Center. The Convention Committee will provide free hot dogs, soda, and other light food for all parade participants starting at 1630 hours in the rear of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation and to ensure a safe trip home.

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

**Parade Line-Up Will Be First Come-First In Line, Unless Your Jurisdiction Comes In As A Group After Forming Together Before The Route 50 Bridge**

## **PARADE RULES**

### **All Participants in the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention Parade**

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

### **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**

1. Public drinking
2. Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus
3. Blowing of sirens or air horns
4. Backing of apparatus thru parade route
5. Throwing of any type of material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Personnel standing and/or riding in the jump seat or rear step areas shall be cautious and stay alert for quick stops or actions
11. Driver's should use caution and stay alert of their personnel and people along the parade route
12. Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
13. Operation of any vehicle in an unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelt's or other safety devices are provided by the manufacturer then they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All "Jake Brakes" or like equipment shall be used in proper manner or turned off during parade, as "hot riding" is unsafe and will not be tolerated.
16. Fire Prevention Queens and/or other representatives riding on the roof/top of apparatus and/or hose bed, shall be in a safe position sitting directly on the roof/top or hose bed, not on a chair or other device.

Let's ALL try to cooperate by abiding by the above rules so that we may ALL have a good time, make a positive impression on the public we serve, and have a parade we can ALL be proud of— NOT one to be ashamed of because of the performance of a few!

**REVISED AND APPROVED APRIL 25, 2009 BY THE MSFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



**Ocean City, Maryland**  
**June 17, 2009 – 1300 hours**

**TROPHIES AND AWARDS**  
**2009 MSFA Parade Results**

**Maryland Company making the Best Appearance**  
**The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award**

Chestertown

**Maryland Company making the 2nd Best Appearance**

Easton

**President's Award**

Ocean City

**Company Coming the longest Distance**

Eastern Garrett Co.

**Company Coming the 2nd longest Distance**

Ridge VFD 210 Miles

**Best Appearing Fire Dept. Marching Unit 10 or more personnel**

1st Place Easton  
2nd Place Chestertown  
3rd Place Cordova

**Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel**

Easton

**Bands**

**Senior Band**

1st Place \$500.00 Westminster

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2nd Place \$250.00 Chestertown Community Band

**Drum and Bugle Corps**

1st Place \$200.00 Combination Fire Brigade, Baltimore Co.

**Musical Group Leading Majorettes**

1st Place High Voltage

**Majorettes making the Best Appearance**

1st Place Silver Starlets - Boonsboro

**Pom – Poms**

1st Place Laurel Boys and Girls Club

**Best Comic Entry** Sparky - Vigilant Hose Co.

**Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary in Uniform**

1st Place Ocean City

2nd Place Chestertown

**Auxiliary in Uniform Coming the Longest Distance**

1st Place Sandy Spring

**Best Appearing Fire Prevention Entry**

1st Place Easton

2nd Place Chestertown

3rd Place Trappe

**Best Appearing Adult Queen**

1st Place Marie Wilson - Easton

2nd Place Cori Sabate - MCFR

3rd Place Katlyn McNeal

4th Place Alexis Loveless

Honorable Mention Katie Moris

**Best Appearing Junior Queen**

1st Place Katelyn Gunderson - Ridgely

2nd Place Courtney Streets

3rd Place Alexandra VPP

4th Place Megan Loveless

Honorable Mention Cori McHenry

**Best Appearing Little Miss Queen**

1st Place Olivia Brown - Cordova  
2nd Place Morgan Dickerson  
3rd Place Madison Morris  
4th Place Kayla Jones  
Honorable Mention Autumn Boothe

**Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief-**

1st Place Colton Miller  
2nd Place Eric Jordan  
Honorable Mention Colton Wilkins  
Honorable Mention Bryce Campbell

**Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company**

1st Place Elkridge VFD Juniors  
2nd Place English Consul Juniors

**Emergency Apparatus**

**1500 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance**

1st Place Glen Burnie E-332  
2nd Place Easton E-68  
3rd Place Trappe E-39  
Honorable Mention Selbyville E-881  
Honorable Mention Chestertown E-67  
Honorable Mention Boring VFC - E424  
Honorable Mention East New Market E-22  
Honorable Mention Susquehanna Hose E-513  
Honorable Mention Pikesville E-321  
Honorable Mention Crisfield E-203

**1250 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance**

1st Place Guardian Hose VFD  
2nd Place Vigilant Hose Co. Emmittsburg  
3rd Place Cordova  
Honorable Mention Marion VFD  
Honorable Mention Richie VFD  
Honorable Mention Chesapeake  
Honorable Mention St. Michaels  
Honorable Mention Lansdown  
Honorable Mention Hurlock  
Honorable Mention Ridgely VFD

**1000 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance**

1st Place Parsonsburg  
2nd Place Charleroi, Pa.

**750 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance**

1st Place Chesapeake City  
2nd Place Dagsboro  
Honorable Mention Pittsville

**Command Unit**

1st Place Hebron

**Best Appearing Pumper Tanker**

1st Place Queen Anne's - Hillsboro  
2nd Place Roxana  
3rd Place Hebron

**Best Appearing Rescue Pumper**

1st Place Fruitland  
2nd Place Mechanicsville  
3rd Place Church Creek

**Best Appearing Tanker 1500 Gallon and over**

1st Place Benedict  
2nd Place Upper Montgomery County  
3rd Place Snow Hill

**Best Appearing Brush Truck**

1st Place Ridge  
2nd Place Queenstown  
3rd Place Suddlersville  
Honorable Mention Chestertown  
Honorable Mention Mardella Springs

**Best Appearing Aerial Truck or Elevated Platform**

1st Place Colonial Beach  
2nd Place Bay District  
3rd Place Oxford

**Best Appearing Squad Truck**

- 1st Place Glenn Dale
- 2nd Place Easton
- 3rd Place Chestertown

**Best Appearing Ambulance**

- 1st Place Charles County Rescue Squad
- 2nd Place Benedict
- 3rd Place Williamsport
- Honorable Mention Sudlersville
- Honorable Mention Water Witch
- Honorable Mention Rising Sun
- Honorable Mention Oxford
- Honorable Mention Cordova

**Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit**

- 1st Place DNR Marsh Masher
- 2nd Place Sandy Spring Canteen
- 3rd Place Anne Arundel Alarmers

**Best Appearing Company from Delaware**

- 1st Place Dagsboro
- 2nd Place Delmar

**Best Appearing Company from Pa**

- 1st Place Midway

**Best Appearing Company from Virginia**

- 1st Place Colonial Beach

**Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 Years or older)**

- 1st Place 58 Ford Chesapeake City
- 2nd Place 30 Brockway Cabin John
- 3rd Place 56 Ford Dagsboro Del.
- Honorable Mention 54 Chevy. Eldorado
- Honorable Mention 46 Ford Smithsburg

**Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older)**

- 59 Ford Fruitland

**Best appearing Emergency Apparatus over 20 years old (In Service)**

- 1st Place Ritchie VFD '87 Seagrave
- 2nd Place Pocomoke '78 Seagrave
- 3rd Place Pittsville ' 58 Ford
- Honorable Mention Chestertown '89 Tower
- Honorable Mention Ocean '75 Mach

**Fire Service Color Guard Making the Best Appearance**

- 1st Place Cordova
- 2nd Place Easton
- 3rd Place Piper and Drums of Greater Balt.
- Honorable Mention Trappe VFD

**Non-Fire Service Adult Color Guard Making the Best Appearance**

- 1st Place Kent County Sheriff Department
- 2nd Place Trappe VFD

**Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot**

- 1st Place Darley
- 2nd Place Chestertown

**JUDGES AWARDS**

- Vigilant Hose Co. Emmittsburg
- Trappe VFD
- Singerly VFD
- English Consul - Bus
- BCC-Cadillac
- Rockville VFD
- Bowleys Quarters Boat
- Chesapeake City Color Guard
- Red Knights



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Represent  
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Volunteer Fire, Rescue,  
and Emergency Medical  
Services of Maryland”**