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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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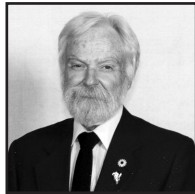
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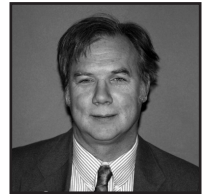
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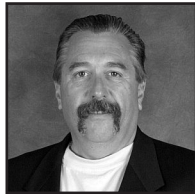
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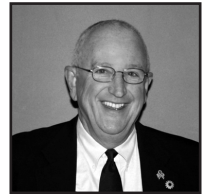
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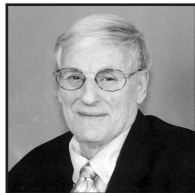
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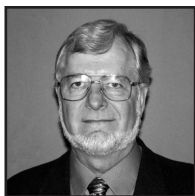


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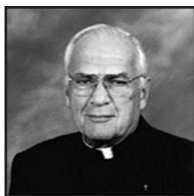
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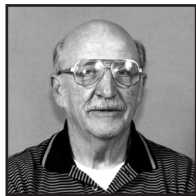
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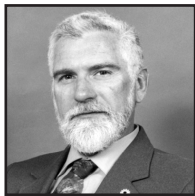
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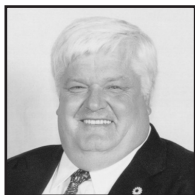
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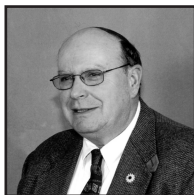
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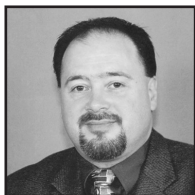
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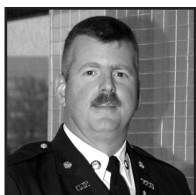


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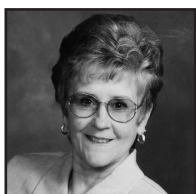
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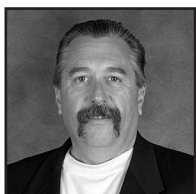
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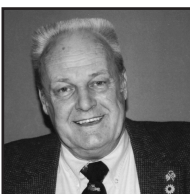
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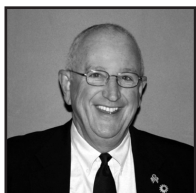
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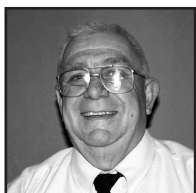
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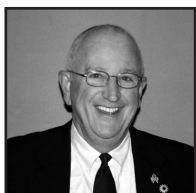
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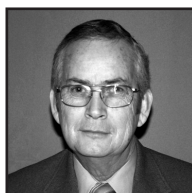
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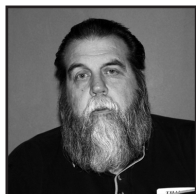


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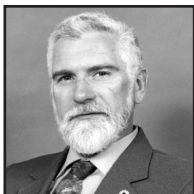
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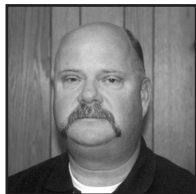
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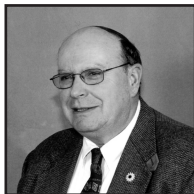
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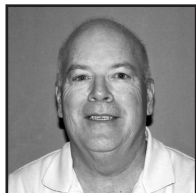
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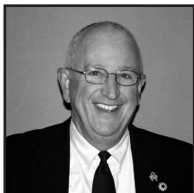
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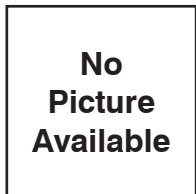
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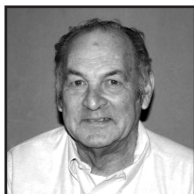
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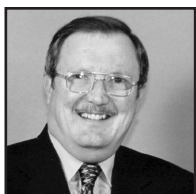


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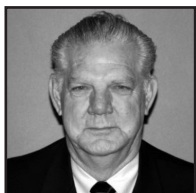
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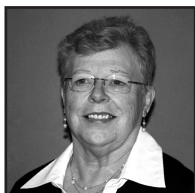
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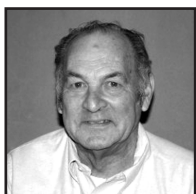
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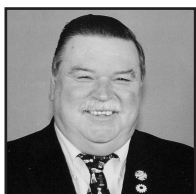
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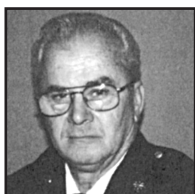
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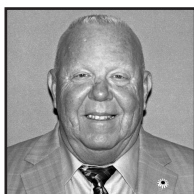
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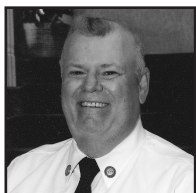
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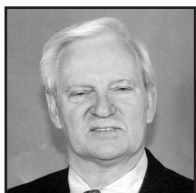
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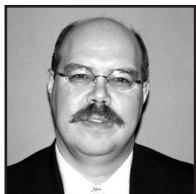
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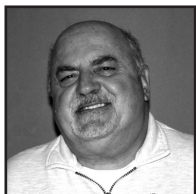
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| Mattingly, Charles Jenks III | 2001-02 | 301-884-8705 |
| 43121 Joy Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636 | | |
| Mattingly, Thomas A., Sr. | 1990-91 | 301-475-8200 |
| P.O. Box 173, Leonardtown, MD 20650-0173 | | |
| Powell, Roger N. | 2009-10 | 410-833-8338 |
| 107 Old Court Road, Pikesville, MD 21208 | | |
| Preston, Edwin F. | 1974-75 | 410-242-6536 |
| 5808 Heron Drive, Baltimore, MD 21227-4315 | | |
| Robison, Joseph R. | 1989-90 | 301-776-5686 |
| 217 Patuxent Road, Laurel, MD 20707-3419 | | |
| Sachs, Lee N. | 2005-06 | 410-486-4125 |
| 8516 Meadowsweet Road, Baltimore, MD 21208 | | |
| Smith, Bernard J. | 1991-92 | 410-242-4014 |
| 123 Second Avenue, Lansdowne, MD 21227 | | |
| Steger, Roger A., Sr. | 2000-01 | 410-213-0780 |
| 12445 Fleetway Drive, Ocean City, MD 21842 | | |
| Sterling, Paul H., Jr. | 2007-08 | 301-441-2868 |
| P.O. Box 1963, Wheaton, MD 20915 | | |
| Tharp, Thomas L. | 1981-82 | 305-451-1171 |
| 1608 Monmouth Lane, Key Largo, FL 33037 | | |
| Thompson, Terry E. | 2003-04 | 410-531-3342 |
| 6122 Tulane Drive, Clarksville, MD 21029 | | |
| Underwood, Frank J. | 2008-2009 | 301-441-2868 |
| 4807 Ruatan Street, College Park, MD 20740 | | |
| Worthington, Gene | 2002-03 | 410-836-2607 |
| 3663 Old Level Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 | | |
| Yinger, Richard L. | 1994-95 | 410-397-3292 |
| 2349 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634 | | |

PAST OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

PAST PRESIDENTS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| *J. Roger McSherry | 1893-94-95 | Frederick |
| *Edwin J. Lawyer | 1895-96 | Westminster |
| *William H. A. Hamilton | 1896-97 | Hagerstown |
| *W. Irving Mace | 1897-98 | Cambridge |
| *John J. Stump | 1898-99 | Cumberland |
| *Philip E. Porter | 1899-00 | Annapolis |
| *Augustus Albert | 1900-01 | Baltimore |
| *John H. Cunningham | 1901-02-03 | Westminster |
| *Lloyd T. MacGill, Jr. | 1903-04 | Frederick |
| *William G. Rerbin | 1904-05 | Snow Hill |
| *John dep. Douw | 1905-06 | Annapolis |
| *Palmer Tennant | 1906-07 | Hagerstown |
| *B. Z. Stanton | 1907-08 | Roland Park |
| *Peter C. McFarland | 1908-09 | Lonaconing |
| *C. Walter Wright | 1909-10 | Cambridge |
| *John B. Baker | 1910-11 | Manchester |
| *C. O'B. Diehm | 1911-12-13 | Sparrows Point |
| *Harry T. Levely | 1913-14 | Annapolis |
| *A. F. Fairall | 1914-15 | Laurel |
| *F. G. Kelch | 1915-16 | Raspeburg |
| *Russell P. Smith | 1916-17 | Cambridge |
| *J. H. Baumgartner | 1917-18 | Hamilton |
| *Oscar D. Gilbert | 1918-19 | Westminster |
| *Conrad J. Herpich | 1919-20 | Cumberland |
| *A. R. Lohner - (died in office) | 1920-21 | Salisbury |
| *William H. Collier | 1921 | Salisbury |
| *Charles W. Tucker | 1921-22 | Annapolis |
| *James B. McAlpine | 1922-23 | Lonaconing |
| *R. W. Bell | 1923 | Rasperburg |
| *Edward J. Dachiell | 1923-24 | Snow Hill |
| *Leo M. Moore | 1924-25 | Havre de Grace |
| *Thomas G. Basil | 1925-26 | Annapolis |
| *John J. Fainter | 1926-27 | Hyattsville |
| *B. H. Ford | 1927-28 | Crisfield |
| *James P. Reese | 1928-29 | Lutherville |
| *Vincent A. Simmel | 1929-30 | Cottage City |
| *H. T. Wentz | 1930-31 | Lineboro |
| *George W. Colburn, Jr. | 1931-32 | Princess Anne |
| *Jesse A. Fisher | 1932-33 | Annapolis |

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| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| *Eugene J. C. Raney | 1933-34 | Kensington |
| *Noble F. Rushe | 1934-35 | Hyattsville |
| *Frank T. Shaffer | 1935-36 | Westminster |
| *J. Millard Tawes | 1936-37 | Crisfield |
| *B. Harrison Shipley | 1937-38 | Ellicott City |
| *Karl A. Young | 1938-39 | Mt. Rainier |
| *Percey S. T. Reinwall | 1939-40 | Easton |
| *John F. McNulty | 1940-41 | Linthicum Heights |
| *Roland B. Duke | 1941-42 | Leonardtown |
| *F. Lester Smith (died in office) | 1942-43 | Frederick |
| *Thomas Tozzola | 1943 | North Beach |
| *Showard T. Culver | 1943-44 | Hebron |
| *Phil Ryan | 1944-45 | Mt. Rainier |
| *C. William Ecton | 1945-46 | Hagerstown |
| *W. Bartgis Storm | 1946-47 | Frederick |
| *Charles R Stallings, Jr. | 1947-48 | Pikesville |
| *E. Landon Walston | 1948-49 | Easton |
| *Spencer J. H. Brown, Sr. | 1949-50 | Sandy Spring |
| *G. Mitchell Boulden | 1950-51 | Elkton |
| *Cromwell C. Zembower | 1951-52 | La Vale |
| *B. Harrison Shipley, Jr. | 1952-53 | Ellicott City |
| *William A. Chenoweth | 1953-54 | Pikesville |
| *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 |

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| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| *Roy L. Wood | 1973-74 | Beltsville |
| Edwin F. Preston | 1974-75 | Arbutus |
| *C. Edwin Turner, Sr. | 1975-76 | Centerville |
| *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 |
| Roger N. Powell | 2009-10 | Pikesville |

PAST SECRETARIES

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| *William M. Crimmins | 1893-1896 | Frederick |
| *John J. Stump, PP | 1896-1898 | Cumberland |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| *Charles V. Wantz | 1898-1901 | Westminster |
| *William M. Crimmins | 1901-1903 | Frederick |
| *Harry T. Lively, PP | 1903-1905 | Annapolis |
| *James Peaarre Wantz | 1905-1907 | Westminster |
| *Harry I. Smith | 1907-1909 | Cumberland |
| *Joseph E. Hollar | 1909-1911 | Sparrows Point |
| *Edward Stevenson | 1911-1913 | Lonaconing |
| *Charles L. Davis | 1913-1915 | Westport |
| *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, PP | 1940-1953 | Riverdale Heights |
| *Floyd B. Heimer | 1953-1973 | Branchville |
| *Charles B. Burton, PP | 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, PP | 1981-1993 | Landover Hills |
| Leonard T. King, Sr., PP | 1993-2008 | Damascus |
| Jacqueline M. Olson (Now Serving) | 2008- | Ferndale |

PAST TREASURERS

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| *Hiram R. Heck | 1893-1905 | Frederick |
| *G. Walter Wright, PP | 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 |

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| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| *David E. Kirk, PP, 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 (NServ) | 2005- | United Communities |

PAST TRUSTEES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| *W. H. A. Hamilton, PP | 1906-1925 | Hagerstown |
| *J. H. Cunningham, PP | 1906-1913 | Westminster |
| *Philip E. Porter, PP | 1906-1918 | Annapolis |
| *John J. Stump, PP | 1906-1933 | Cumberland |
| *John dep Douw, PP | 1906-1909 | Annapolis |
| *Palmer Tennant, PP | 1907-1911 | Hagerstown |
| *Lloyd T. MacGill, PP | 1907-1908 | Frederick |
| *Glenn H. Worthington | 1907-1910 | Frederick |
| *Peter C. McFarland, PP | 1911-1925 | Lonaconing |
| *John B. Baker, PP | 1912-1917 | Manchester |
| *F. G. Kelch, PP | 1917-1919 | Raspeburg |
| *Roy L. Morgan | 1918-1942 | Annapolis |
| *S. J. Kelly | 1919-1922 | Hyattsville |
| *William H. Collier, PP | 1922-1932 | Salisbury |
| *Robert Strobel | 1925-1929 | Hagerstown |
| *Harry L. Smith | 1925-1943 | Cumberland |
| *A. Shepard Bayly | 1926-1934 | Cambridge |
| *Leo M. Moore, PP | 1929-1946 | Have de Grace |
| *B. Horace Ford, PP | 1933-1937 | Crisfield |
| *Marc Bryant | 1934-1936 | Denton |
| *Eugene J. C. Raney, PP | 1936-1948 | Kensington |
| *Curtis C. Larrimore | 1937-1952 | Easton |
| *John S. Prichard | 1943-1968 | Grantsville |
| *John O. Cockey | 1942-1954 | Glyndon |
| *Showard T. Culver, PP | 1946-1961 | Hebron |
| *Vincent A. Simmell, PP | 1948-1956 | Cottage City |
| *Dr. James P. Swing | 1952-1957 | Cambridge |
| *B. Harrison Shipley, Jr., PP | 1954-1969 | Ellicott City |
| *G. Mitchell Boulden, PP | 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, PP | 1970-1975 | Ocean City |

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|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| *Leslie B. Thompson, PP | 1975-1985 | Damascus |
| John W. Berryman, Sr. | 1976-1981 | Pikesville |
| *Ralph N. Small, Jr., PP | 1981-1992 | Boulevard Heights |
| S. Richard Powell | 1985-1995 | Gelena |
| C. Oscar Baker, PP | 1989-1999 | Mt. Airy |
| *Charles W. Riley, PP | 1987-2004 | Abington |
| Clarence Daniel Carpenter, Jr., PP | 1992-2006 | Potomac Heights |
| Donald F. Knauer | 1995-2000 | Madison |
| *Robert H. Shimer, PP | 1997-2004 | Potomac Westernport |
| John W. Means, Sr. | 1999-2009 | Pleasant Valley |
| Philip N. Hurlock, PP | 2000-2005 | Church Hill |
| Robert Knippenburg, PP | 2004-2005 | Midland |
| Steven V. Hales | 2005-(NServ) | Ocean City |
| Terry E. Thompson, PP | 2005-(NServ) | Savage |
| Clarence "Chip" Jewell | 2005-2005 | Libertytown |
| Gene Worthington, PP | 2005-(NServ) | Level |
| C. Daniel Carpenter III | 2006-(NServ) | Potomac Heights |

PAST FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

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

PAST CHAPLAINS

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Seth Russell Downie, D.D. | 1917-1927 | Taneytown |
| Russell P. Smith | 1927-1929 | Cambridge |
| Conrad J. Herpich | 1929-1932 | Cumberland |
| Rev. James W. Minter | 1932-1968 | Baltimore |
| *Rev. Lewis F. Cole | 1968-1977 | Bel Air VFC |
| *Pierce M. Damewood | 1977-1998 | Beltsville VFD |
| Rev. J. Harvey Dixon | 1998-1999 | Salisbury VFD |

In 2000 the Office of Chief Chaplain was approved by the Membership

PAST CHIEF CHAPLAINS

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Rev. J. Harvey Dixon | 2000-2004 | Salisbury VFD |
| Rev. John F. Long, Jr. | 2004-(NServ) | Lake Shore VFC |

PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Conv

| Num. | Year | Chairperson | Department |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 1893-94 | *Gen. John A. Steiner | Frederick |
| 2 | 1894-95 | *Edward J. Lawyer, PP | Westminster |
| 3 | 1895-96 | *Charles J. H. Canter | Manchester |
| 4 | 1896-97 | *Col. E. M. Mobley | Hagerstown |
| 5 | 1897-98 | *Edward S. Eichelberger | Frederick |
| 6 | 1898-99 | *W. W. Moore | Cambridge |
| 7 | 1899-00 | *John H. Cunningham, PP | Westminster |
| 8 | 1900-01 | *John H. Cunningham, PP | Westminster |
| 9 | 1901-02 | *Dr. Lloyd T. MacGill, Jr., PP | 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, PP | Hagerstown |
| 14 | 1906-07 | *Harry L. Bennett | Frederick |
| 15 | 1907-08 | *George W. Brock | Aberdeen |
| 16 | 1908-09 | *G. Walter Wright, PP | Westminster |
| 18 | 1910-11 | *C. O'B. Diehm, PP | 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, PP | Raspeburg |
| 23 | 1915-16 | *A. F. Fairall, PP | Laurel |
| 24 | 1916-17 | *James Pearre Wantz | Westminster |
| 25 | 1917-18 | *C. O'B. Diehm, PP | Sparrows Pt. |
| 26 | 1918-19 | *Russel P. Smith | Cambridge |
| 27 | 1919-20 | *Charles N. Tucker | Annapolis |
| 28 | 1920-21 | *Adolph C. Fry | Frostburg |
| 29 | 1921-22 | *Adolph C. Fry | Frostburg |
| 30 | 1922-23 | *A. Sherwood Bayly | Cambridge |
| 31 | 1923-24 | *A. Sherwood Bayly | Cambridge |
| 32 | 1924-25 | *Robert Strobel | Hagerstown |
| 33 | 1925-26 | *John F. Fainter, PP | Hyattsville |
| 34 | 1926-27 | *Vincent A. Simmell, PP | Cottage City |
| 35 | 1927-28 | *Vincent A. Simmell, PP | Cottage City |
| 36 | 1918-29 | *B. H. Ford, PP | Crisfield |
| 37 | 1929-30 | *T. W. Venemann | Riverdale |
| 38 | 1930-31 | *George W. Colburn, PP | Princess Anne |
| 39 | 1931-32 | *H. T. Wentz | Lineboro |

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| Num. | Year | Chairperson | Department |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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, PP | 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, PP | Frederick |
| 54 | 1946-47 | *Landon Walston | Preston |
| 55 | 1947-48 | *Bradley Riggs | Kensington |
| 56 | 1948-49 | *G. Mitchell Boulden, PP | Elkton |
| 57 | 1949-50 | *A. Leroy Willey | Cambridge |
| 58 | 1950-51 | *William A. Chenoweth, PP | Pikesville |
| 59 | 1951-52 | *Dr. James Swing | Cambridge |
| 60 | 1952-53 | *Philip Beard, PP | Walkersville |
| 61 | 1953-54 | *Philip Beard, PP | Walkersville |
| 62 | 1954-55 | *Howard Keller, PP | 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 |
| 70 | 1962-63 | *Gordon Tuohy | Cabin John Park |
| 71 | 1963-64 | *William A. Moore, PP | Frederick |
| 72 | 1964-65 | *Scott Davis | Union Bridge |
| 73 | 1965-66 | *Thomas L. Reynolds, PP | 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, PP | West Lanham Hills |

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| Conv Num. | Year | Chairperson | Department |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 79 | 1971-72 | *C. Edwin Turner, PP | Centreville |
| 80 | 1972-73 | *Edgar Freeman | Earleigh Heights |
| 81 | 1973-74 | *William J. Fleshman, PP | Beltsville |
| 82 | 1974-75 | *J. Donald Mooney | Lansdowne |
| 83 | 1975-76 | Robert N. Dempsey, PP | 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, PP | 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, PP | Laurel |
| 93 | 1985-86 | James J. Snyder, Jr. | Laytonsville |
| 94 | 1986-87 | Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., PP | Leonardtwn |
| 95 | 1987-88 | Eugene Curfman | Union Bridge |
| 96 | 1988-89 | *J. Donald Mooney | Lansdowne |
| 97 | 1989-90 | Craig A. Moe | Laurel |
| 98 | 1990-91 | C. Daniel Davis, Jr., PP | Hollywood |
| 99 | 1991-92 | *J. Donald Mooney | Lansdowne |
| 100 | 1992-93 | *Roy L. Wood, PP | 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 |
| 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 |
| 117 | 2009-10 | Stuart W. Carter | Pikesville |

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 |
| | 2010 | | | | | |
| Salisbury | 1898 | 1919 | | | | |
| Westernport | 1913 | 1920 | | | | |
| Westminster | 1899 | 1901 | 1906 | 1914 | 1926 | 1933 |

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Saturday, June 12, 2010

1330 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Convention Ctr.
1800 **JOINT OFFICER'S BANQUET** – Convention Center Main Ballroom
By Invitation Only

Sunday, June 13, 2010

0900-1200 Convention Registration – Main Ball Room
0930 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center
1000-1200 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Ground Floor Foyer
1000-1700 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center
1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center

1100 Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market – Rear of Convention Center

1700 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Main Ballroom

2030 **Movie on the Beach, "THE BLIND SIDE" 27th Street oceanfront.**
(New for 2010)

Monday, June 14, 2010

0700 Registration – Convention Center – Main Ballroom
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center
Ground Floor Foyer
0830 **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION**
Convention Center – Main Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900 Exhibits Open
0945 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
Reading and Acceptance of 2009 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee

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- 0945 (cont'd.) Report of Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constituion and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Update
- 1045 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers

1230 **CALL TO ORDER – SECOND SESSION**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION

- Eddie's Story – Taking Precautions to "Be Safe"
Ed Dimartino, Chief
Clark Roher, Former Chief
East Greenbush Volunteer Fire District #3
East Greenbush, NY
- Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office
Report of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

1330 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

- Stability of Light-Weight Engineered Lumber
Under Fire Conditions*
John F. Bender, P.E., FSFPE
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. – Regulatory Services
Aberdeen, Maryland
- Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructor's Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R. AdamsCowley Shock Trauma Center Report

1430 **Education and Training Seminars**

1545 MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Main Ballroom

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

**1930 MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT – JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT
PARK RIDES, FOOD AND BEVERAGES (New for 2010) (Ticket
Required)**

1930 **BASKET AND BAG BINGO – Convention Center – Ballroom C
(Doors Open at 1730 hours) (Ticket Required)**

PROGRAM -118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 – First Session

- 0800 **VOTING – Convention Center – Main Ballroom – (Open for two hours)**
0830 **CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION**
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
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. Stathem, Jr., PP Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannign Instructor of the Year Award
Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Awards
- 0900 Exhibits Open
- 1030 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
The Eye of the Storm
Thomas W. Owens, Director
Clarence “Chip” Jewell
Department of Emergency Communications
Division of Emergency Management
Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services
Frederick Maryland
Legislative Committee Update
**SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL
LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**
Report of the Election Judges
- 1230-1530 **Convention Center Buffet Lunch Room –**
Held in the East Hall of the Convention Center (Ticket Required)

- 1400 **HONOR GUARD CHALLENGE & WORKSHOP –**
 held at the **CONVENTION CENTER**
- 1600-2200 **FAMILY PICNIC AND BEACH PARTY**
 HELD AT THE **OCEAN PINES BEACH CLUB,**
 COASTAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN 49TH AND 50TH
 STREETS. (New for 2010) (Ticket Required)
- 1630 **Exhibits Close**
- 1830 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Main Ballroom**
- 2130 **PAJAMA PARADE & COSTUME CONTEST – Main Ballroom**

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

- 0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center**
- 0900 **CALL TO ORDER – FOURTH SESSION**
- 0900 Exhibits Open
 Reading of Communications and Announcements
 Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
- 0920 **SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
 Response to the Earthquake in Haiti
 Lewis (Lew) W. Rader, Battalion Chief/Paramedic
 Prince George's Co. Fire and EMS Department (ret.)
 U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
 National Disaster Medical System
 Logistical Response Assistance Team
 Washington, D.C.
- 0950 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary
- 1000 Remarks by Past President
 Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
 Introduction of the Executive Committee
 Installation of Assistant Officers
 Final Report of Convention Committee
- 1045 Unfinished Business and New Business
 \$10,000 Raffle Drawing
- 1300 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1245 hours
- 1200 **GIGANTIC FIREMEN'S PARADE**
- 1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Rear of Convention Center

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0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center, Room 215

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

MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATION

Monday, June 14, 2010 12:30 Hours

Eddie's Story – Taking Precautions to “Be **Safe.**”

Ed Dimartno, Chief and Clark Roher, Former Chief

East Greenbush Volunteer Fire District #3, East Greenbush, NY

Hear the story of a life member of the East Greenbush Fire District #3 whose life was forever changed by a routine emergency response that ended in tragedy and almost death. This near miss story strengthens the need for all of us to make sure that we take every precaution to “Be Safe” as we serve our community. This Fire Chief and high school teacher was given a second chance that may not be afforded to everyone, including you.

Monday, June 14, 2010 13:30 Hours

“Structural Stability of Light-weight Engineered Lumber Under Fire Conditions”

John F. Bender, P.E., FSFPE

Regulatory Services – Underwriters Laboratory, Aberdeen, Maryland

This presentation summarizes a research study on the hazards posed to firefighters by the use of light-weight construction and engineered lumber in floor and roof designs of residential occupancies under fire conditions. The research was conducted by Underwriters Laboratories in partnership with the Chicago Fire Department, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Michigan State University under a DHS Firefighter Safety Act Grant.

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 10:30 Hours

“The Eye of the Storm”

Thomas W. Owens, Director and Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Department of Emergency Communications

Division of Emergency Management

Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services, Frederick, Maryland

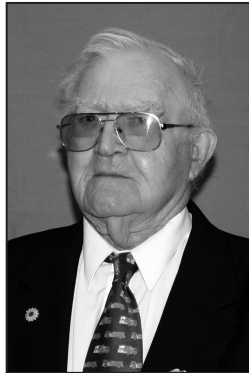
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 9:20 Hours

"Response to the Earthquake in Haiti"

Lewis (Lew) W. Rader, Battalion Chief/Paramedic
Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, Retired
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS)
National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)
Logistical Response Assistance Team (LRAT).

This presentation will review the initial and extended HHS/NDMS International Deployment Mission to Haiti in response from January 14 – March 31, 2010. Specifically, it will deal with the numerous significant challenges faced by responders in providing mission critical logistical support for the NDMS emergency medical and mortuary response to the totally devastated Haitian capital city of Port Au Prince.

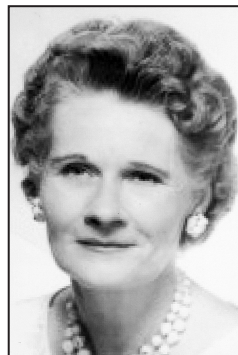
Memorial



Robert N. Dempsey, P.P. 1980-1981
Kennedyville V.F.D.



Robin Browning, P.P. 1997-1998
Deale V.F.D. Ladies Auxiliary



Nettie Fox, P.P. 1957-1958
Landover Hills V.F.D.
Ladies Auxiliary

Memorial



Mary Jane Scully
Leonardtown V.F.D.
Ladies Auxiliary
Conference Chairman



Mary Russell
Capitol Heights V.F.D.
Ladies Auxiliary
Web Page Chairman



Tribute



Carlos Alfaro
Silver Spring V.F.D. & Takoma Park V.F.D.
Audio Visual Sub-Committee

**118th Annual Convention and Conference of the
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Ocean City, Maryland – June 13-19, 2010**

**Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 13, 2010**

(Prelude music playing)

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

MSFA Assistant Chaplain Calvin "Pete" Walbert 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 isle. Once the Bagpipers have cleared the stage, the Honor Guard posts colors including the Fallen Firefighters Flag and returns. MSFA and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents enter, followed by the Sea-of-Blue (uniformed personnel march in and music continues until all are seated.)

Chief Chaplain Rev. 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 five special tributes along with over 400 recognitions. I also have added a special poem that was written by one of our own 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 Ecclesiastes 7:2, it is better to go to a house of mourning than a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take heart. We pray it will comfort us. Father, 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

The National Anthem was sung by Tim Koning.

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

that star spangled banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Retiring of the Colors.

Chaplain Long: You may be seated. At this time I would like to introduce President of the MSFA Roger N. Powell.

President Roger N. Powell: Ladies and gentlemen welcome. You honor us by being present to honor those who have gone on before us. There is no greater honor than to honor those who have paid the ultimate price and have gone before us after the service they have given to their company, communities and our State and our Nation. And so we say welcome tonight and we hope you enjoy the service. Thank you.

LAMSFA Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson: At this time I would like to introduce LAMSFA President Kathy Knipple.

President Kathy Knipple: Greetings and welcome. This evening we pause to remember those that have died over the past year. They have given much in the service of others. Tonight, we hold in special tribute three Past Presidents: Nettie Fox, Past President 1957-58; Robin Browning, Past President 1997-98; and Robert Dempsey, Past President 1980-81; and two LAMSFA leaders, Mary Russell, Webpage Chairman and Mary Jane Scully, Conference Chair 1985-86. These people speak of the foundational-management leadership of the MSFA and LAMSFA. Each served to improve emergency services across this great state. May families and friends of all those recognized here this evening know that fire service brothers and sisters stand with you in your loss. We pray that God will comfort your families. Again, welcome to all who have come to our 118th Annual Convention Memorial Service. Thank you.

Chaplain Long: At this time the presidents will unveil the crosses.

Presidents Powell and Knipple unveil the crosses and exit the stage to sit with others taking part in the Memorial Service.

Chaplain Long: At this time we will have a scripture reading by Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Assistant Chaplain Harry Hetz: the reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to buildup,

A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

A time to search and a time to give up, time to keep and a time to throw away,

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A time to tear down and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

What does the worker gain from his toil?

I have seen the burden God has laid on men.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;
yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

So ends the reading

Chaplain Long: At this time I would like to introduce the Chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary,
Barbara Sue Nelson.

Chaplain Nelson: (The 23rd Psalm, verses 1-6)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou prepares 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. Amen

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

Chaplain Long and Chaplain Nelson place a rose in a vase as each individual is
recognized in the video:

Past President Robin Browning, 1997-98 and Secretary of the Maryland Fallen Firefighter
Memorial Foundation. Past President Robert N. Dempsey, 1980-81. Past President
Nettie E. Fox, 1957-58. Mary M. Russell, Webpage Chair, LAMSFA. Mary Jane Scully,
Conference Chairman, and she served on numerous other committees of the LAMSFA.

Chaplain Long: We will now have scripture reading by Assistant Chaplain Charles E.
Barnhart, Jr.

Assistant Chaplain Barnhart: Isaiah 61: 1-4:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good
news to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to
captives and freedom to prisoners;

To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to
comfort all who mourn,

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To grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting so they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

The word of the Lord, thanks be to GOD.

Chaplain Long: A special reading by Stacey Faust, Sudlersville.

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“Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven”

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 it 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 of life
To the great and the small.

A Last Call on earth
Doesn't mean it's the end,

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There's a First Call in Heaven
For those we call "Friend".

And once the Last Call
Has been sounded out loud,
A reverent hush
Falls over the crowd.

And there is 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:

As your county is called, please feel free to stand and recognize your members.

Allegany

Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department – Gertrude A. Gillum
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Blanch A. Gillum
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Lois Rowan
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Esther L. Yeager
Bowman's Addition Volunteer Fire Department – Mary M. Minnick
Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company – Carl J. Blank, Jr.
Clarysville Volunteer Fire Company – Stephen T. Michaels, Sr.
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – Wolverton DeLoss Murphy
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Donald K. Iman
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Harland A. Lasher, Jr.
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Oral G. Nicholas
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Claude W. Dolly
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company – Hilda Mae Lough
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service – Raymond L. Henry
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service – Delores C. Spitenas
Frostburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Joseph E. Conner
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company #1 – George T. Robertson
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department – William Morgan
McCoole Fire & Rescue Company – Mary E. Haggery
Midland Fire Company #1 – Kenneth R. Burt
Midland Fire Company #1 – Edna M. Dowton
Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Thomas E. Andrews
Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Thomas D. Kenny, Sr.
Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 – James W. Neder
Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Richard Myers
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department – Russell L. Crabtree

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Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department – Dottie Lou Gaughan-Kesner
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department – Hazel Haugh
Potomac Fire Company #2 – Paul E. Karaleitz
Potomac Fire Company #2 – Clyde W. Michaels
Shaft Volunteer Fire Department – Wilma L. Spiker
Tri-Towns Ambulance & Rescue Service – Eleanor Fazenbaker

Anne Arundel

Anne Arundel Alarmers Association – Herbert E. Close
Anne Arundel Alarmers Association – Benjamin H. Barrel
Arminger Fire Company – Harry E. Card, Jr.
Deale Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Robin L. Browning
Past President LAMSFA 1997-98
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – George W. Burkindine
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – Richard A. Landis II
Maryland City Volunteer Fire Department – Jean Hussey
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – Janet Y. Shelly
Rescue Hose Company #1 – Horace G. Williams
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Wayne D. Albrecht
Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Majorie A. Fleischman

Baltimore County

Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Department – Rosalie Eichelberger
Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Department – Lois J. Clavell
Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Department – Frances Eckhardt
Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Department – Annie (Nancy) M. Reed-Mack
Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Department – Marlene Morris
Bowley's Quarters Volunteer Fire Department – Elbert "Skip" Riddleberger
Central Alarmers Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company – Cynthia L. Sennett
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Charles C. Cole
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Bernard J. Meinschein, Sr.
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Margaret L. Powers
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department – John C. Amole
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department – Terry Breman
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department – Richard Carl Merriken, Sr.
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department - LaRue Brown
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department – Betty Curtis
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department – Kate Gossard
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Allent T. Warfield, Jr.
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – Eunice K. Jones
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – John Sigler
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company – Vernon S. Cranston
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company – Milton R. Jones

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North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Company – Clarence H. Higgs
North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Company – George E. Moran, Sr.
North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Company – Theodore C. Priestler, Sr.
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – A. Danelle England-Dansicker
Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company – Randy P. Meyers
Violetville Volunteer Fire Department – Dorothy E. Purkey
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company – Sherry Brooks
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company – Francis Hobbs
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company – Jean Kimbel

Calvert

Calvert Advanced Life Support – Brittany Hawkins
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department – Melaine Callis Whalgren
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department – Thelma Robinson
St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Co. #7 & Alarms – Nancy Jo Anderson

Caroline

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – Betty Mae Anthony
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – James H. Taylor
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – Lawrence M. Towers

Carroll

Gamber & Community Fire Company – James E. Stickle
Gamber & Community Fire Company – Horace E. Miller
Gamber & Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Dorothy Waltz
Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose – Helen H. Hoffman
Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – John (Jack) Lilley
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – Harvey Nott, Jr.
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – Pansy Street
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Charles F. Dalton
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Robert Dubel
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Kenneth Fleming
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company - Richard W. Janney, Jr.
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Edna P. Titus
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Charles W. Becker
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Clifford Bond
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – Mary Utz
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department – Steven P. Dunn
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department – William Hudson, Sr.
Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department – Francis A. Stem, Jr.
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 – John L. Alexander
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – Miles B. Bortner
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Company #1 – Charles F. Magee

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Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Ruth L. Conaway
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Marie B. Will
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Celeste S. Barnes
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Barbara L. Zepp

Cecil

Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company – Harold W. Cheyney III
Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company – Wilmer C. “Ted” Ford
Charlestown Fire Company – Lawrence E. Jackson
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Jesse Coale, Jr.
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Dorothy Lucas
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – William Haines
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Russell M. Johnson
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – Elmer L. Love
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – John P. Smith II
Hacks Point Fire Company – Gene Faulkner
Hacks Point Fire Company – Henry Robert Walker
North East Fire Company – Eddie L. Basham, Sr.
North East Fire Company – Laura E. Craig Locard
North East Fire Company – Robert B. Johnson
North East Fire Company – Joseph S. Luglio, Jr.
North East Fire Company – Donald L. Mars, Sr.
North East Fire Company – Eugene L. Meekins
North East Fire Company – Charles V. Parrett
North East Fire Company – Leonard F. Pugh, Jr.
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – James Long
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Patrick Lunn
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Edward Losten
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – John J. Melvin
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Pete Mangold
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – William Staker
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Christopher Tereszczuk
Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – Vince Wadkins
Water Witch Fire Company – Ronald W. Graybeal, Sr.
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. – Virginia Davidson
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. – John H. Farrell III
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. – Kennard W. Merrey

Charles

Charles County Rescue Squad – Susan M. Spalding
Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit – Oscar Adam Raba III
Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Harold Jackson
Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Joseph “Buster” Grinder

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Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Gloria Campbell
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Jerome V. Jameson
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – James Mills
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Association – Michael Reshetar

Dorchester

Hooper's Island Volunteer Fire Company
Madison Volunteer Fire Company – Susanne M. Elliott
Madison Volunteer Fire Company – James W. Jarrett
Madison Volunteer Fire Company – Vernon Webb, Sr.
Rescue Fire Company – Harry Andrews
Rescue Fire Company – Irvin Bramble
Rescue Fire Company – John Robert Brooks
Rescue Fire Company – Joseph S. Dickerson
Rescue Fire Company – Norman Eckels
Rescue Fire Company – W. Hamilton Gne
Rescue Fire Company – Luke Messick
Rescue Fire Company – Woodrow Moore
Rescue Fire Company – Milton Murrell
Rescue Fire Company – Wallace Pink
Rescue Fire Company – Calvin Rossy
Rescue Fire Company – William H. Thomas
Secretary Volunteer Fire Company – Gerald Saunders

Frederick

Citizens Truck Co. #4, Independence Hose Co. #1 – Russell J. Rinehart
Independent Hose Company #1 – Paul B. Rhoads, Jr.
Independent Hose Company #1 – Charles M. Winpiger
Independent Hose Company #1 – Richard B. Koogle
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Leo A. Harvey
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Daniel W. Shoemaker
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Wade M. Zirkle
Junior Fire Company #2, Lewistown District Vol. Fire Dept., Inc. – William W. Leatherman
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – Roland Eyeler
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – William "Bill" Staley
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc – Johnny Smith
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc – Ethelene Eaton
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc – Anne MacMiller
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc – Evelyn Riddle
Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc – Jean Bales
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company – Kenneth Filler
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company – Clayton Lenhart
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company – John Matthews

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New Midway Volunteer Fire Company – Marion Stull
Thurmont Community Ambulance – Donald P. Dougherty
Thurmont Community Ambulance – Robert L. Lillard
Urban Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Omar Lee Brubaker
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Co. & Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Co. – Ira “Buck” Houck
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Donald Eaves
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Arthur Graham
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Carroll Kaiser
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – James Stoner
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Johanna Stull
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Jim Wiley
Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company – Richard Winn
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – Cleo Derry
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – Mary J. Harris
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – Henrietta Dixon

Garrett

Accident Volunteer Fire Department – Garnet A. Ringer
Accident Volunteer Fire Department – Hazel Margraff
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department – Ruth M. Buckel
Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department – Robert H. Legeer
Bloomington Fire Company – Donald H. McDowell
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company – Alma M. Wachter
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – Lorena G. Smith
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – Alverta R. Sweiter
Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department – Betty Jane Wilderson
Eastern Garrett County Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Mildred Boyer Baker
Eastern Garrett County Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Martha J. Burlocfk
Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.- Mable L. Blamble
Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – Martha F. Sebold
Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department – Carol Stewart
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad – Winona R. Alexander
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad – Beverly J. Hook

Harford

Aberdeen Fire Department – Dr. Fred Stemler
Aberdeen Fire Department – L. Keith Ford
Aberdeen Fire Department – Edwin Goldberg
Abingdon Fire Department – Jim Davis
Abingdon Fire Department – Keith Simpkins
Abingdon Fire Department – Phoebe L. Sewell
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – George Elgivifritz
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – Carl J. Horney, Jr.

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Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Lane O. Hall
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – Harvey W.I Wayne
Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company – Joanne Parrott
Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company – Rita L. Wilson
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Elizabeth C. Henderson
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company – Hilda V. Walker
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Robert W. Park, Jr.
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Jean E. Skillman
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – Charlotte Spicer
Susquehanna Hose Company – Carl “Duckum” Deweese
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – Robert T. Scott

Howard

Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – Alice R. Blair
Ellicott Ciy Volunteer Firemen's Association – Leonard G. DiPaula
Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department – James M. Grimes
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company – Anna May Harrison

Kent

Chestertown Vol. Fire Co. & Kent-Queen Anne's Rescue Squad – Kenneth Paul Geras
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – Lucinda “Lucy” Martin
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – William “Boisie” Pearson
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – James Porter
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – Florence Stevens
Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Dept. – Robert N. Dempsey, Past President MSFA, 1980-81
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department – Vernon Baker
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department – Ida W. Hickman
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department – Buddy Trego

Montgomery

Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Frank Prather, Jr.
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – Myrtle Parker
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Craig Screen
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department – Frank Leizear
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – Chief William Broschart
Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department – Richard Best
Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department – William Toomey
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – Jack E. Richardson
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Robert Glotfelty
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Richard T. Janney
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Charles T. Nicholson
Silver Spring Vol. Fire Dept. & Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept.– Carlos M. Alfaro
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – James J. Franklin

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Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Douglas H. Hynson
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – John O. Lamphier, Jr.
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Philip Vernier
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Barbara J. Ward
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – Rebecca A. Selby Brooks
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – Mary S. Brown Williams
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – Elsie L. Zalinski

Prince George's

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Company – Peggy Kreamer
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – Michael J. Bernardon
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – Dorothy Thornburg
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – Benjamin E. "Gene" Walls
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – Barbara Parsley
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – E. Dallas Carter
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Edward L. Gray
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Elbert E. VanHorn
Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad – Lownes Leizear
Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department – Fred Perry
Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department – Gary B. Griggs
Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department – Woodrow W. Townsend, Sr.
Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire Association – Ernest L. Forster
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Ronald C. Hazzel
Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Mary M. Russell
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – Norman Gary Haizlip
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – Roy Lee Jordan
Chillum–Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Robert J. Kimble
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – Eugene H. Shaw
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – George A. Wilhelm
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Clara J. "Jan" Hixon
Cottage City – Colmar Manor Fire Company – W. Emmette Yost
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Jane M. Smith
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Dorma Dealing
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Josephine Cunningham
Glen Dale Fire Association – Helen "Tootsie" Frostbutter
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Mary Donna Mangum
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Ernest "Ernie" Varda
Hillside Volunteer Fire Department – Carrie L. Letcher
Hillside Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Roland D. Perier
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Eric "Tiny" Santini
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – William L. Smith, Sr.
Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – David Wade
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – Nettie Fox, LAMSFA Past Pres. 1957-58

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Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – Charlie Wilcox
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Thomas F. Bolton, Sr.
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Edward L. Leisher
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – Michael F. Krakosky, Sr.
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department – Henrietta Tretler
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department – Gloria Campbell
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Peter “Rocky” Xeron
Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Virginia Belle
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Jason M. Philpott
Volunteer Marine Fire Rescue Department – Stephen Patrick Buda
West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Joyce Umphlet Mayes
West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Charles B. Wilcox

Queen Anne's

Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department – Samuel G. Hurlock
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department – Steve W. Price
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department – M. Louise Lancaster
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department – Dorothy A. Fazenbaker
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department – Pearl H. Newman
United Communities Volunteer Fire Department – Michael C. Schwink

Somerset

Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company – Donald Bozman
Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company – Margie Holbrook

St. Mary's

Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad – James Abell Longmore
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Margaret E. Gulli
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Mary Jane Scully
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Mary C. Bell
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Fern Clarke
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Patricia A. Muchow
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Ella R. “Rae” Lee
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Elizabeth Burroughs Raley
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph C. “Joey” Titus
2nd District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Robert “Bobby” Dean, Jr.
7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad – Aloysius “Allie” Raley, Sr.
7th District Volunteer Fire Department – Aloysius “Allie” Raley, Sr.
Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad – Cynthia R. Emerson
Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad – Annie K. Murphy
Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad – M. Lillian “Sissy” Hartnet

Talbot

Oxford Fire Company – Samuel M. DeCamp, Jr.

Oxford Fire Company – James Farnar

Oxford Fire Company – Margaret McCracken

Washington

First Hagerstown Hose Company – Gregory L. Baker

First Hagerstown Hose Company – Christian A. Miller, Jr.

Hancock Volunteer Fire Company – Gene A. Myers

Independent Junior Fire Engine Company #3 – Albert H. "Buck" Bartles, Sr.

Independent Junior Fire Engine Company #3 – John E. "Jack" Brantner, Jr.

Independent Junior Fire Engine Company #3 – Leon A. Spessard

Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – Dwight W. Hollingworth

Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – Clarence H. Martin

Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – Earl H. Stouffer

Potomac Valley Fire Department – Justin L. Johnson

Potomac Valley Fire Department – Caroline R. Martin

Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company – Raymond Hewett

Western Enterprise Fire Company #4 – John W. Hall

Wicomico

Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company – Katherine Hobbs

Salisbury Fire Department – Emerson C. Phillips

Salisbury Fire Department – Charlie H. Foskey

Worcester

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Angelo Villain

Chaplain Long: We will have the flag-folding ceremony conducted by the Harford County Fire and EMS Honor Guard. Reading of each fold by MSFA Secretary Jackie Olson.

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 principles, on which our Country was originally founded.

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

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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 every day. 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 stands 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 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 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.

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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 huge 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 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.

Chaplain Long: Ladies and Gentlemen please rise and stand for the remainder of the program.

Following the Flag-fold the Bagpipers play Amazing Grace. Taps by the Westminster Band.

Lord's Prayer and Benediction by LAMSFA Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson: Please join me in 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 against us. And deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Dear Lord, our most heavenly Father, we have all come together tonight to pay honor and tribute to all the fire, rescue and auxiliary members who have gone on before us. We know that they were all dedicated members of the departments. But now they are at peace in Your heavenly presence. We ask you Dear Lord to please embrace and comfort the families and friends of these deceased members. Give them the strength to go on and help them to remember the special moments and good times they had with their loved ones. And share them with friends and family so their memories can live on. Dear Lord, please bless and keep safe all here tonight along with their families. And we ask You for Your protection for all the fire, rescue and auxiliary members. When they are called, please return them home safely to their families. Dear Lord, you are our strength, we will be forever grateful for that, as we live in your honor and glory. May we be worthy of your love. Amen.

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MSFA Chaplain Emeritus, J. Harvey Dixon: We want to thank Montgomery County for their assistance here tonight.

This concludes our Memorial Service. Thanks for your presence and support of these families who've lost a loved one in the past year. We have an announcement – some of you in the back may have noticed some errors in your program. In the back is a table with the corrected programs. Thanks again for your support.

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 Presidents will follow off stage and go to escort the families of deceased out of the hall. The Sea of Blue follows the Bagpipers.

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**Opening Ceremonies
Monday, June 14, 2010**

(Musical interlude by the Westminster Band)

President Roger N. Powell: Ladies and gentlemen you can take your seats. I declare the 118th Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in order. I would now ask for Steve Scheinin, Chairman of the Safety Committee.

Steve Scheinin: Good morning. My name is Steven Scheinin and I am the Chairman of the Safety Committee. It is embarrassing to have a convention of fire and EMS personnel get injured at their own convention. Therefore, please note and plan what you will do if you should have to evacuate this building during an emergency. Make your safety job one. Please drop by the Safety Room across the hall, Room 213. There you will see a raffle basket but you will not be able to purchase tickets for this basket. The only way you can get a raffle ticket is to sign the Seatbelt Pledge. The Seatbelt Pledge is basically you agree that whenever you are in fire company equipment you will wear your seatbelt. The drawing will be on Wednesday and you do not need to be present. Remember above all else have fun. (Applause)

Chief Chaplain John Long: Let us pray. Almighty God, we stand before you to open the 118th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Father we thank you for this past year of leadership by Roger N. Powell and Ladies Auxiliary President Kathy Knipple. Father we thank you for all the committee members who dedicated long hours travelling across the state to conduct the business of this Association. Father as we gather here this week, we have to thank you for our men and women who serve in our military services. We ask you to keep them safe, for they are the ones who make it possible for us to gather here this week to attend seminars, to learn, to fellowship, to have fun. Father we ask you to give the officers of this association the wisdom and knowledge they need this week to conduct the business of the Association. Grant us fellowship and peace as we renew friendships. Father, this past week we lost one of our fellow emergency services worker, Trooper Wesley Brown. We lift his family up to you for comfort and care as they deal with his death. We ask this all in your precious name. Amen.

Past Presidents please take your positions for the welcoming of the presidents..

Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Roger N. Powell and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to

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the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Kathy Knipple. (Applause)

(Presidents enter the room to the interlude of Thanks for the Memories with slide show of their year and led by Past Presidents Roger Steger and Tom Mattingly)

(Applause)

Richard Brooks: Please be seated. Join us now as we see the seals of counties and enjoy a trip across counties of the great state of Maryland. (slide presentation) We begin with:

(Westminster Band plays as counties are introduced)

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

And Ladies and Gentlemen the Great State of Maryland. (Applause)

Presentation of the Volunteer Firefighter Flag.

(Westminster Band Plays –“Washington Post March”)

(4 Bagpipers play “Amazing Grace”)

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

(Westminster Band plays – “America the Beautiful.”)

Richard Brooks: We welcome the Fallen Firefighters Flag, the Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial Flag and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Flag. (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Please be seated. Ladies and gentlemen on behalf of President Powell and President Knipple, 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 as they play Mary's Wedding. (Applause) Enjoy. (Applause)

President Powell: The combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard will present the Colors.

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President Knipple: 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)

President Roger N. Powell: Honor Guard please retire the Colors.

Richard Brooks: Please be seated.

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)

President Roger N. Powell: Ladies and gentlemen, let's have a hand for the Westminster Band. (Applause as they exit the hall.)

President Roger N. Powell: Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated. Wow! Anybody who does not come to this opening does not know what they are missing.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 118th Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. And it is my distinct pleasure to introduce the Governor of the great state of Maryland, the Honorable Martin O'Malley. (Applause)

Gov. O'Malley: Good morning. It is great to be with all of you, especially in Ocean City. There's something remarkable when you are from the other side of the bridge and you come over that bridge isn't there? So it is great to be with all of you. I want to thank Roger Powell and for the opportunity to be here with you. You have been an outstanding leader for this Association and for your State. And I also want to thank Kathy Knipple for her leadership and incoming presidents Doyle Cox and Sandi Lutz. And I want to thank Danny Davis and Richard Yinger.

It's an honor to join you here alongside Majority Leader Steny Hoyer – Happy Birthday, Mr. Majority Leader! Also Congressman Kratovil. Mayor Meehan your city looks great. Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, thank you for your service and leadership. Bill does a terrific job day in and day out. We are so fortunate to have this leadership. (Applause)

I also want to thank the fire chiefs who are with us today, Bill Goddard from Howard County, Richie Bowers from Montgomery County, and Eugene Jones from gorgeous Prince George's County I understand are with us. And of course, on behalf of the people of Maryland, I want to thank all of you for your service. I want to thank you for what you do every day and your willingness to respond to the scene when others are running the other direction. It is a great honor to be with all of you and I am humbled by your bravery, I am humbled by your service. And as a Marylander I consider myself very fortunate that we have brave people like all of you here to protect our families. It has been one of the great honors of my public life to witness the courage and heroism of Maryland's bravest. We

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are now, due to your efforts, fire deaths in Maryland are down 23% this year and that is a tribute to each and every one of you.

You know it is written that a hero is one who is braver for 5 minutes longer than an ordinary person. By that or any other definition, you give meaning to the words like heroism and service. When others are running away from danger you are running into it. It is the type heroism, the type of real courage, real sacrifice, real commitment and real hard work, that represents the very best of what we are as Marylanders. When times are tough and we are facing adversity, we don't make excuses do we? We make progress. We do the job before us as difficult as it might be. The great thing about the people of our state is that quality. That we don't make excuses we make progress. We put one foot in front of the other.

We realize that we are living in the greatest country in the world and the greatest state in that country. We make progress and that is what we are doing together. Through some difficult years we have made progress in creating jobs, maintaining jobs. Protecting homes because we know from the beliefs we share that there is no place more powerful than our state and the family home.

And I also want to thank you for all the progress we have made in making Maryland more prepared, especially in the post 9-11 world. After those attacks happened, there were a lot of people scratching their heads wondering what should our priorities be. Thanks to your leadership and your hard work, we are actually making a lot of progress in the state on preparedness and homeland security. In fact, there are many other states that are now copying the 12 core goals that we have established for ourselves as a state to be prepared, not only to be prepared but to be better prepared for terrorist attacks.

A few years ago we were the laughing stock because of how bad our security was at the Port of Baltimore. The last two years we received near perfect scores because of what we have done together at the port. We are pursuing, taking positive steps to actually create inner-operable communications throughout the whole state. And that is something the fire service, volunteers and also police have come together to get this accomplished. It was not by chance but by choice.

To protect your family, we have to protect all of you. We have to do everything in our power to protect you. So standing with you, even in these tough times, we have increased the operating budget of this great Association by nearly 10% over of what it was before. And I'll tell you what, by having cut our state budget by more than any other Governor in our history, there are very few things that have seen increases. But standing together, we are also investing \$52 million in new medivac helicopters which are the pride of Maryland and will be the pride and salvation of our state for the future. (Applause.) Standing with you, even when some others said we did not have to do inner operable communications. We don't have to make progress on that stuff, it can wait for another time. We said heck no, we protected those dollars and with you we are moving forward with our inner operable communications network.

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Standing with you, we have supported reforms like the move over bill to help you respond safely and quickly. Reforms on carbon monoxide detectors in most new homes and fire safety compliant cigarettes – all of which are things this organization pushed for. And standing with you, we are investing 48% more in the widows and orphans fund than we invested in that fund in the prior four years. Along with 18% more for the Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program and 40% more in the Ed Conroy Memorial Scholarship Fund. And I thank you for your advocacy on all of those.

Standing with you, we are also investing 14% more, than we did in the prior four years, on the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. Critically important work in training across our state and we are investing \$8.7 million in the new Northeast Regional Training Center in Harford County.

As I close, I wanted to say a brief word about loan fund under the Volunteer Assistant Trust Fund. I understand to protect the importance of these loans. I understand the importance of these grants. My former colleague in law, Lee Sachs, never hesitates to educate me on that if I don't understand the importance of these things. And we have worked with you to increase funds for the loan fund by more than \$6.2 million. We always want to do more. We look forward to being able to do more. But I also recently signed legislation aimed at infusing an additional \$20 million into the overall Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. And I thank you for your advocacy on that legislation as well. I know we have concerns about how those funds are administered and if Lee Sachs is here, I promise you we will work together to improve that process, safeguarding those funds but also doing it in a timely and effective way.

I leave you with this last thought at this desk: That the people of our state, whenever presented with the choice of moving forward or going back, have always chosen to move forward. That is the spirit that was alive and well in the Maryland 400 and that is the spirit that is alive and well in each one of you and each and every one of your companies. We move forward as a people, we don't move back. Lt. Governor Anthony Brown and I have had the honor to serve you these last four years. They have been some of the toughest four years that moms and dads and family-owned businesses have had to face since the Great Depression. They have also been difficult years for us as a State. But you know what, as you know in your own avocation and commitment to service, the best days in life are not the easy days – they are the difficult days. When you realize you are blessed to be in a place and a situation where people really need you and you have got to do the right thing and make the right decisions in order to move forward. And that is when we come together. I am proud of what we have done together these last four years. To drive fire deaths down to one of their lowest levels that we have seen in a long time – 23% reduction this year to driven violent crime to its lowest level since 1975.

I've got some good news for you too. In March we saw our first month of job gains that we had seen in about 19 months. And when those numbers first came out, Maryland lead the nation in the number of new jobs created. 2% of our population, 20% of the new jobs created in our country in the month of March. And that was followed by another positive

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month in April because as a state we moved forward not back. We created in the toughest of times a public school system throughout our state that is now regarded as and dubbed by Education Week Magazine the number 1 best public school system in the United States of America because we moved forward and not back. We are the only state to go not 1, not 2, not 3 but 4 years in a row without a penny increase in college tuition. Working families wanting to send their children to the University of Maryland systems schools because we move forward not back.

I have been very honored in the time I have had to serve you, to support firefighters throughout our state. You represent the best of our people. You represent the best our state has to offer. And I ask for your continued support. For one Maryland where we move forward together. And I thank you for everything you do every day. And I also thank your families for backing you up to do this important job.

It is now my honor to ask a couple of important people to come out to the stage here. Could Roger and Kathy please come forward. I have a little citation to present to each of you before I ask some other people to come out. In fact, I have two of them. That's Bill Barnard, the man behind the curtain. (The Governor presents the citations to Roger and Kathy. He reads Kathy's to her.) The Governor thanks them both for their leadership. (Applause)

President Powell - Governor we certainly appreciate all you have done during these past four years for the Maryland State Firemen's Association and we have a Resolution to present to you to acknowledge all you have done for us. And we have one of my Convention mugs and Convention hat and I am certain if you stop downstairs we can get you a shirt the same color.

Governor O'Malley – Thank you. (Applause) Thank you very very much. It is now my honor to introduce Steny Hoyer. Many of you have known Congressman Hoyer for many years. He is one of the outstanding leaders not only in our State but he is an outstanding leader in our Country. We are so very fortunate, especially in these tough times, to have someone so high-ranking in the Congress of the United States. He co-chairs the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, which has helped to establish important programs in support of all of our firefighters, all of our first responders like the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program which has awarded \$57 million to provide training and equipment to our States firefighters since 2001, and also the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters Program. He is an outstanding leader and it is his birthday today – his actual birthday. He is, once again, 41 and he looks it too – doesn't he? So ladies and gentlemen can you please welcome an outstanding leader in our whole congressional delegation please welcome Steny Hoyer. (Applause)

Congressman Steny Hoyer – Thank you Governor O'Malley. I am so pleased to join you here with these extraordinary citizens of the United States. And I first want to thank all you for what you do every day. That doesn't mean you are on duty every day but it means you are ready and available every day. I want to thank the Governor on behalf of all of us who

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value the domestic responders among us. And for his help he has given us. He has been a leader in our efforts to increase funding, boosting the Riley Tuition Reimbursement Fund he spoke about to the truly state-wide telecommunications systems.

I am so pleased to be here at your convention. I have not been here in recent years, but I have been coming to this convention for a long time. I remember addressing you on a number of occasions when I was in the Senate back in the 70s. And I want to make one observation about a dear friend to all of us, and a dear friend to me, Leonard King. He is missing from this year's convention and it is my understanding that this is the first one he has missed in fifty years. But I know that all of us are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers. I am pleased to be here with the Mayor – Mayor Rick Meehan. He'll be talking with you in just a minute. Roger Powell I want to congratulate you and your extraordinary leadership of this organization and for your service over so many years to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I also want to thank Kathy Knipple. Kathy is backstage as well as the out-going President of the Ladies Auxiliary, for her service. Pikesville and Frederick – two great places in our state.

Now forgive me, but I am very proud. Most of your incoming officers are from Southern Maryland - Doyle Cox from Prince Frederick and Sandi Lutz from Glenn Dale. We appreciate all they do, their leadership and congratulations to you for selecting two extraordinary people. I am please to participate in this 118th Annual Convention. I regret that I probably won't be able to join you tomorrow night at the installation of those two officers and all your other officers. But I did want to express my congratulations, somewhat prematurely, to both of them. And like all of you, both have been extraordinary public servants in their communities to the fire service. I want you to know how much I admire our Maryland Volunteers. That is why, as the Governor told you, I am involved in the Fire Caucus. Every day I have had in the Fire Caucus which is now over 20 years. It is a bi-partisan group as you know.

Ladies and gentlemen the role you play in your community is a timeless one. As long as we lived together in our communities, we rely on the bravery of a few individuals to step up and protect their neighbors and their families. You choose that responsibility. You are not drafted, you are assigned and you are not made to do what you do. You do it because you care. You choose it because you love the communities you protect. You do it because you love the challenges of hard work of fighting fires. You do it without expecting any rewards. You have our respect and deservedly so. It is easy at times to forget how much we owe our domestic emergency responders, defenders, our firefighters and our emergency medical response teams.

Right now as we speak, there are firefighters waiting on duty to protect us if the worse happens. And, indeed, if the worse unexpected happens does happen. I don't know if you know the story, there was a tree that was felled the other day. It was hollow, filled with thousands and thousands of bees. When it fell on the house, the bees came in the house. Who did they call? Of course, they called the volunteer fire department. The ultimate sacrifices that we mourn and recognize every year at Emmitsburg. The respect

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that matters the most doesn't come from Washington and it doesn't necessarily come from Annapolis. It comes from your neighbors, your friends, your family and loved ones whenever they reflect on the work you do and the vital responsibility you take up. I thank you for your service. I thank you for your service to my three daughters, my three grandchildren and my great granddaughter. We sleep safer because of you.

Now ladies and gentlemen it is my honor to introduce Representative Frank Kratovil who shares my commitment to our nations' first responders. As many of you know Frank represents Ocean City but his district spans the entire Eastern Shore. He is, of course, a son of the Eastern Shore and lives in Queen Anne's County. He was an extraordinary effective prosecutor, now serving in the Congress of the United States. In addition to the Eastern Shore, he also represents parts of Harford, Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties. That is a lot of volunteers. Frank has stood beside me in the fight in supporting issues of the fire service. He is calling on the appropriate committees to appropriately fund these programs. And Frank has joined as a member of the Fire Service Caucus, which is the largest and most bi-partisan in Congress. Frank Kratovil has been a real champion on your issues in the Congress. And I expect him to be for a very long time to come. I want to bless all of you. God has blessed us with your service and courage. God has blessed our country with citizens who reflect the courage that you emphasize daily. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor and privilege to introduce to you a friend of the volunteers, a friend of the emergency responders, a friend of the emergency medicine response teams that serve you on a daily basis – Congressman Frank Kratovil of the 1st Congressional District. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Don't go away. Congressman Hoyer before you leave we would like to present you with and thank you for appearing at our Convention with your presence and words. Here is a Convention hat and mug. And I think that we need to sing Happy Birthday to you. Everybody, it's his Birthday today and we need to sing Happy Birthday. (Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday)

Congressman Hoyer: God bless you and thank you. (Applause)

Congressman Frank Kratovil: Good morning. Good morning! Welcome to Maryland's First Congressional District. I am honored and pleased to be with you again this year. This is either the third or fourth year I have had the opportunity to come down here and be with you. I always like having an excuse to come to Ocean City. For all of you who are here, enjoy the great restaurants, stay as long as you like and buy some property please!

Thank you for having me here today to say a few words and to thank ALL of you for your continued dedication to public safety and your commitment to your communities throughout Maryland. I want to congratulate all the outgoing officers and incoming officers and I want to thank them for their sacrifice and commitment to all Marylanders.

As the Majority Leader said, he mentioned his family, I am including mine – my 4 young boys, my wife is expecting soon, so we will be adding a little girl to our numbers. But thank you for all you do to protect the families throughout Maryland.

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I want to thank Congressman Hoyer not only for that kind introduction but also for the commitment he has shown. Not only to the firefighters here in Maryland but throughout the country during his illustrious career as a member of the House of Representatives. One need not go any further than our own state to find a man who has been a prime example of vigilance when it comes to insuring firefighters, police officers, EMTs and other first responders and their families are repaid for the selfless services they provide within their communities. Steny Hoyer, as you may know, is co-chair of the Firefighter's Caucus in the House Representatives and has been a leader in the house to establish and fund the Fire and Safer Grant Fund Program and for that I think he deserves another round of applause. (Applause)

I also want to recognize the Governor. I appreciate him for being in Ocean City as well as for his commitment. In order to insure that firefighters have the tools in order to do their jobs efficiently and safely and the families have access to the quality of life they deserve, it takes not only commitment on the Federal, State and Local levels but also it also takes commitment from all government to work in unison so that our efforts are multiplied and all available resources are tapped. The Governor has been committed to this since day 1. And I know this will continue to be a priority for his administration.

Also, briefly, I want to acknowledge we have a wonderful Mayor and I will be introducing him in just a minute. We also have a former mayor and what a great job as mayor, former Mayor Jim Mathis is with us as well and I want to thank him for his commitment.

I, too, am a member of the Fire Service Caucus because I firmly believe that we must honor the service of our public safety employees like firefighters and emergency services personnel who confront dangerous and hazardous conditions while working to keep our community safe. As a former prosecutor, my respect for firefighters come from witnessing first-hand the tremendous scarifies they make while serving the public. The government's most fundamental purpose is to ensure the safety of the people. And we must provide, even in these difficult times, the public safety community the resources needed to fulfill this important mission. In other words, when looking at priorities, we must all recognize that public safety must come first and we must continue to fund those things that continue to keep our families safer.

I want to continue to be a resource that all fire departments in Maryland's First District, so I urge you to keep in touch with my offices so we can continue to do our best to identify all of the funding sources available to keep our communities and firefighters who protect them safe. We need to recommit our support of Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighter Grant Programs and the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response programs so that the Federal Government is committing to the communities safety.

Given the state and local agencies budgets these days, federal investment is needed more than ever. To ensure that essential services do not suffer and that those entrusted with delivering these services are kept safe as they fulfill their duties.

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Again, I want to thank you very much for having me today. And again, for all you do to protect your fellow citizens, my best wishes to you for an informative and memorable conference. I look forward to seeing and working with you in the days and months ahead.

At this time I want to introduce another man who I have worked with many times in the past. Not just in terms of issues such as beach replenishment, but other issues. Who is very committed to the cause of firefighters and first responders, your Mayor of Ocean City, Rick Meehan. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Before the Mayor comes out; I just want to thank Congressman Kratovil for honoring us with his appearance and words today. I have for you one of my convention mugs and hat and a convention packet. Thank you. (Applause)

Congressman Kratovil: Thank you.

President Roger Powell: And now I would also like to introduce the Mayor of Ocean City, the Honorable Rick Meehan. (Applause)

Mayor Rick Meehan: Thank you. Good morning everybody. I would like to welcome everybody on behalf of the Mayor and City Counsel and Chief Larrimore of the Ocean City Fire Company and the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company President Jay Jester.

It has been a long winter for many of us. We suffered through some rather rough weather in January and February and I am sure that you, like myself and many others, are anxious to get out and celebrate the summer season.

And what I want to tell you all is that I am HAPPY to see you all in Ocean City today. It is great to look out and see the Firemen's Convention here in Ocean City. You know we have had four or five great week-ends in a row. Summer is off to a terrific start. But, it isn't until the Maryland State Firemen's Association comes to Ocean City on this date each and every year, that the summer officially begins. And I want to thank you for continuing to choose Ocean City as the site of your convention. You have a great tradition and we have a great tradition here in Ocean City, it's something we share and something I hope we continued to share for many many years.

Those who spoke before me, the Governor, Congressmen Hoyer and Kratovil thanked you quite eloquently I thought, for the services you provide to our state and communities. You do a tremendous job. I don't think volunteerism is any more important than it is today. And the services you provide is essential to all the people in Maryland. And we all thank you and we owe you a great deal of gratitude.

During the course of the last nine months, it has been my privilege to work with your Convention Planning Committee. I want to tell you they have done a terrific job. We have changed some things around and realize that some people that come to this convention also make this a family vacation. We are a family destination and they want to make sure they enhance some of the activities for the families and their members. I think they have done a great job in knowing that and I would like to thank the committee for all their hard

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work.

You know as I said, our season has started off great. The weather has been part of that but I think tradition and all the groups and special events we have help. Now we have your convention here. You are also sharing Ocean City right now, I think I told you in the past, for the next 3 weeks we have the Future Leaders of America here. They are better known as the High School graduation class of 2010. They ARE our future leaders. They are here. I won't tell you that they don't come with some challenges. But just as your goal is safety, our goal is to make sure they arrive safely, safe while they are here and they return home safely. Again, not without challenges but I think we are up to the task. So we have a lot of people in town and a lot of activities.

As I said your committee has planned many for your organization. We also hope while you are here we hope you get to go out, get up and about at the Boardwalk. The weather looks like it is going to be great. Enjoy the ocean. Enjoy our restaurants and all the activities we have to offer. We have been planning all winter for you to come back. So we are ready for you and glad to have you here.

We look forward to the parade on Wednesday. I think that is one of the true honors I have as the mayor in participating in the parade. It is another long standing tradition and I am very proud to continue that tradition. I will also be participating in the Golf Tournament on Friday. I am having trouble getting my team together. Tee time is at 7:30 a.m., but we are going to be there. It is a privilege and an honor to be asked to be there.

I would like to thank the officers and the Board of Directors (Executive Committee) who serve this organization. Again, they are volunteering to the volunteers that is a service and it is a difficult time and I would like to thank them. I would like to thank Doyle Cox and Sandy Lutz, in advance of them taking over and the year they have coming up in service to your organization and I know they are going to do a terrific job this year as well.

At this point, I would ask for Roger and Kathy come up for a minute please. I would also like to ask our Director of Emergency Services, Joe Theobald to join us on stage. I have a presentation for Roger and Kathy. We were talking back stage and how much they mean to your organization and how many places they have travelled all over our state and how many miles they have put on their vehicles. I think they should be truly commended for that. I have a Key to the City for both Roger and Cathy and this is from the hearts of the people of Ocean City. It is the key to Roger Steger's house. (Laughter) And this Key to the City is presented on June 14, 2010 by the Mayor and City Council to Roger N. Powell and Kathy Knipple, Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary. To both of you, congratulations on a great year. I know you have a couple of things left – enjoy it. I know they have been very pleased with all you have accomplished. Thank you. (Applause)

Ron Sciarnicki, Chair of the Convention Committee: Ladies and gentlemen if you will stay where you are. As the chair of the Convention Committee, I have a presentation to make to the Mayor of Ocean City. As the Mayor said and as all of you know, we have been

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working to re-energize the Convention and we are putting more family activities into our plan. But I have got to tell you, none of that would have happened this year without the support of the Mayor and the Town Council. Mayor Meehan has met with us probably a dozen times in pulling together the resources of the City to ensure that our Convention was successful. And, of course, that it stays here in Ocean City. And I must say he has gone above and beyond call of duty to help us to ensure that this Convention was what each of us needed to get out of it. So on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Convention Committee we would like to present to you this crystal token of our association "In grateful recognition of your commitment and support to the Maryland State Firemen's Association." Mr. Mayor it is a pleasure to have you as Mayor but most of all it is nice to have you as a friend. (Applause)

Mayor Meehan: Ron, thank you.

President Roger Powell: And finally we have a Resolution for you acknowledging all you have done for us for this year's convention. We have a Convention Mug and hat and Kathy has a challenge coin which has both seals and our name on it for this year.

Mayor Meehan: I thank you, both were a great honor. We are looking forward to working with your new officers and I thank each and every one of you. I look forward to seeing you again, hopefully this summer but definitely next year and throughout the rest of this week.

At this particular time, I would like to introduce to you for a couple of comments, our Director of Emergency Services, Joe Thiebold. THANK YOU all very much. (Applause)

Joe Thiebold, Director of Emergency Services: Good morning. The Mayor has said it all up to this point of time. I am one of the last, so enjoy it. We want to thank you for coming to Ocean City. The spirit of this organization as well as the commitment you provide to your communities is an example for all of America. Enjoy yourself. I personally thank you on behalf of the Police Chief and Fire Chief, have a safe event. If you need anything, please stop at any of the stations or the Public Service Building and we'll see you get what you need. Enjoy it all and thank you very much. (Applause)

First Vice President Doyle Cox: It gives me great pleasure to introduce two close friends of the fire service. Delegate Jim Malone and Delegate Jim Mathis. (Applause)

Delegate Jim Mathis: Good morning Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. Are you ready to have a great week? Make some noise. (Cheers from the crowd) It really is another beautiful day in Ocean City. Now what do you think about the M&M (Mathis & Malone) show here? Get out your program and let us know if we are going to do it again next year or not. Jimmy has been doing this for many many years and I just wanted to take a moment to thank you as always for being here and doing what you do for many years. May God bless those who cannot be here today. I ask you for prayers for Dave Walson of Wicomico County. And although he is not standing here for the CM&M show, Norm Conway, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee who thinks about our firefighters and our public safety every day. One more thing – the sun WILL shine on

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parade day. We are appealing to the Highest source just in case that doesn't work I'll give my stone on a stick to Mayor Meehan. OK? We'll see you on the parade route. God bless you. Be safe on the scene and thank you for what you do for your communities and your fellow man. God bless you. Thank you very much.

Delegate Jim Malone: Ladies and gentlemen good morning. As the Co-Chairman of the Fire, Rescue and EMS Caucus at Annapolis, I just want to let you all know what members of the Legislature are in the fire service. Senator Barry Glassman is the Co-Chair with me and he is from Level Volunteer Fire Company in Harford County. Is there anyone here from Level Fire Company (Cheers). We have Bobby Costa from Anne Arundel County, Jim Mathis with Ocean City Fire Company, Mike Weir from Baltimore County, J.B Jennings from Jacksonville Fire Company in Baltimore County, Dan Warhiem from Baltimore County, Paul Stall from Walkersville Fire Company in Frederick County and home of the blue fire engines and Norm Conway from Salisbury.

And ladies and gentlemen, I would be remiss, one of the biggest pieces of Legislation that we passed this year, I think, is from now on the first Sunday in the month of June will be for the firefighters who have died in the line of duty. That was the promise I made to a good friend of ours, by the name of Don Mooney. If it wasn't for all his hard work, we would not have the beautiful memorial in Annapolis. So I just want to say to Don Mooney, I know Miss Peg is here and all the members of Lansdowne and I know the Governor with the help of Gene Worthington, gave Miss Peg the pen that was used for the signing of that piece of Legislation. (Applause) Gene Worthington, who is a very class act was able to arrange for Peg and the family to receive the pen. And the last thing I want to say and I said this at the banquet Saturday night; this was the hardest time for me to come to Ocean City. Because for the last boogoo years, I have stayed right next to my good friends Uncle Ed and Aunt Shirley Preston. And as you go through this week, hoot and hollering, please make sure you keep Uncle Ed and Aunt Shirley in your prayers because there is no person in the world that misses the MSFA more than Uncle Ed and Aunt Shirley Preston. Congratulations! Have a great week and thank you for all that you all do. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Presents both Jim Malone and Jim Mathis with the Convention Mug.

Delegate Mathis: Photographer please take note. Jimmy Malone always comes out here ready to work. Come around here Jim. He has on short pants. Someone needs to take him and get him some suntan lotion. This is a Baltimore County tan here (pointing to Pres. Powell).

President Roger Powell: These two gentlemen worked with us in Annapolis. It is so important when dealing with Legislation but they have to be a little more aware of proper attire. Jimmy Malone is from Baltimore County and he's got good legs and doesn't have to worry. We have some presentations for them to acknowledge their appearance here today and the work they have done in Annapolis for us this past year. He presents them with a variety of goodies. (Applause)

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President Roger Powell: This now concludes our Opening Ceremonies. If the Past Presidents will please come back stage so we can introduce you. We will recess for 10 minutes for the ladies to go to their conference.

President Roger N. Powell: Ladies and gentlemen, before we continue, I have a couple of announcements to make.

The Eastern Shore Association Caucus meeting will be held this morning in Room 202 this morning at 11:30 a.m. The hospitality gathering for the Eastern Shore Association will be held today at the Showell Fire Department starting 7 p.m.

The Harford Cecil Association caucus will begin after the first session adjourns outside on the deck overlooking the bay.

The Awards Ceremonies will follow the schedule as printed in The Trumpet and not as printed in The Program Book. The Fire Prevention Awards will be presented at 8:30 a.m.

And now ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great honor to introduce those who are the backbone of this Association. Those who have the experience and have mentored all of us as we have gone through the chairs of the Association. They continue to be active in the Association and without whom this Association would not be able to continue on with the business because we depend on the knowledge and experience and dedication - the Past Presidents of the MSFA. First:

C. Oscar Baker, 1978-79; Clarence Carpenter, Jr., 1986-87; Robert Cumberland, 1987-88; Joseph Robison, 1989-90; Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., 1990-91; Bernard J. Smith, 1991-92; Phil M. "Doc" Hurlock, 1993-94; Richard Yinger, 1994-95; George A. "Fred" Cross, 1995-96; Stephan D. Cox, 1996-97; C. Daniel Davis, 1997-98; Robert E. Knippenburg, 1998-99; Carl B. Edelin, Jr., 1999-2000; Roger A. Steger, Sr., 2000-01; Charles J. "Jenks" Mattingly, III, 2001-02; Gene Worthington, 2002-03; Robert W. Jacobs, 2004-05; Lee N. Sachs, 2005-06; Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr., 2006-07; Paul H. Sterling, Jr., 2007-08; Frank J. Underwood, 2008-09. Thank you all. (Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, we have the privilege of working the Firemen's Association surrounding our State. They have honored us by having their officers present. To begin with, I would like to acknowledge and welcome Donald Snauffer, Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Association. Good morning everyone. My wife and I are very honored and happy to be invited to this Association's convention. Along here with us are: Past President Dale Meyers and his wife, Vivian; Allen Steele, Past President and his wife Melanie.

President Donald Snauffer: I made the promise that I would not have long speeches but from the State of Pennsylvania, we have a coin made up and Roger, if you would come forward please. For your dedication and devotion to the Emergency Services and to the Maryland State Association, the State of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Firemen's Association would like to present this coin to you. (Applause) Donald I don't have a fancy box, we have a Challenge Coin from the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies

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Auxiliary that we would like to present to you today.

From the Virginia Firemen's Association, Allen Brennan, Past President. You are welcome to come forward.

Allen Brennan, Past President: Thank you Roger. On behalf the Officers for the Virginia State Firemen's Association, I bring you greetings. Our Officers are in south west Virginia this week for a convention down there. I invite everyone down to our convention, August 11-14 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Mr. President, I hope you all have a great convention this year and it is a pleasure being here. Thank you for the invitation.

President Roger Powell: We have a challenge coin we would like to present to you. (Applause)

And from the Delaware State Firemen's Association, President Kevin Wilson. While Kevin is coming forward, we work with these Presidents of these associations continually. They are all members of The Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association, and the cooperation we all share is of benefit to all of us.

Kevin Wilson, President: Thank you Roger. Would the Delaware Delegation please stand up, I am not going to name everyone present because I do not want to forget anyone. Roger on behalf of the Delaware State Firemen's Association, we want to wish you a successful conference. We enjoy the relationship we have with Maryland. Delaware and Maryland have probably had the closest relationship of any of the firemen's associations that I am aware of and we enjoy that. Our Conference this year will be at the Sheridan Inn in Dover, the 13-19th. You are all welcome play the slots, the table games now. We have table games now so we hope you will come up and partake in some of our hospitality. Roger, congratulations.

President Roger Powell: I also have a challenge coin we would like to present to you on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (Applause)

At this time I would like to call for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2009 convention. Those minutes are printed in your Proceedings Book. Do I have a motion? Name and company please.

Unable to hear the name and company of those making the motion to accept and the 2nd to the motion.

President Roger Powell: All in favor of accepting the minutes as printed, signify by saying Aye. Any opposed. So ordered to accept the minutes as printed.

President Powell: And now I would like to introduce Doug Alexander, from Mt. Airy Fire Company and Chair of the Residential Sprinkler Committee.

Doug Alexander: Good morning and thank you. I would like to ask Dennis Gentzel, our representative from the State Fire Marshal's Office to join me. I have been asked to give a very brief up-date on the residential sprinklers here in the State of Maryland. I am happy

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to report today that we have 10 counties and 84 of 157 municipalities on board to put the sprinkler requirements in place. Many of which will take place as of January 1, 2011. We have several in progress. As a matter-of-fact, this afternoon at 1:30 Baltimore City will be taking a final vote on residential sprinkler in one and two family dwellings, along with some renovation applications. So we will know this afternoon if Baltimore City will become the first major city in the United States to require residential sprinklers.

We also have activity in several counties going on tomorrow. We have Cecil County voting on whether to accept the IRC which includes the residential sprinkler requirements. We have continuing activity that will be on-going between now and roughly July 6th.

We have Allegany, Washington, Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties in progress. So we have things going on a little bit of everywhere and there may be some we missed along the way that may be in progress that we do not know about.

I brought Dennis out here because he has been kind of the point man the last few weeks on this. He thinks he was going to give me an update. The reason he is out here, Dennis will be leaving the State Fire Marshal's Office very shortly and it will somewhat decrease his ability to participate with the resident sprinkler committee across the State of Maryland. Dennis has absolutely been an important part of our committee. Since he came on board at the State Fire Marshal's Office several years ago he has been all over the state. He and I have ridden together many times and Dennis has covered many events I or others on the committee were unable to attend. So for that we would like to present Dennis with this plaque. It reads as follows: "Presented to J. Dennis Gentzel in appreciation for your untiring efforts and steadfast dedication to the Residential Sprinkler Committee. You're sharing of knowledge and experience has helped make the residents of Maryland safer. June 14, 2010." (Applause)

Dennis Gentzel: I don't have much to say. Doug told me to watch that I did not step on the siren button when I came out here. So I didn't step on it.

President Roger Powell: Dennis we also want to present you with a challenge coin. Thank you.

We will now have the report of officers. My report is printed on page 25 of the Convention Program Book. Doyle.

First Vice President Doyle Cox: Thank you Mr. President. My report is on page 27 of the Convention Program Book. I want to add a couple of things.

I want to thank each and every one of you that has helped me so far to get to this level. The support I have received from each and every one of you has been overwhelming. Again, thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Dave Lewis.

2nd Vice President Dave Lewis: Thank you Mr. President. Welcome delegates, officers, guests, past presidents. My report is on page 31 to 33 of the book. I am not going to read

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it to you, you know how to read it – thank you teachers. Have a good time in Ocean City. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Secretary Jackie Olson.

Secretary Jacqueline Olson: Good morning and welcome. My report is on page 22 of the Convention Book. I would like to reintegrate just how privileged how grateful to be your secretary and if there is anything myself or my assistants – which are Joe Cooper, Kristi Gable, Ron Watkins and Richard Snader, can ever do for any of you, please let us know. Thanks for your continued support. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

Treasurer Ron Siarnicki: Well good morning. Thank you. It is a pleasure to be here. As the Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen's Association there is a formal report filed on page 35 of the Program Book. And of course I am not going to read that. I just want to cover a couple of quick highlights.

We are happy to say we are in good standing with all our filings as a financial institution with the State of Maryland. We have produced a financial report that was provided to the Executive Committee covering all of last year's activities. And the Finance Team has been working to streamline our physical affairs as all of you know. I want to thank the finance team which includes my assistant treasurers: Lee Sachs, Bobby Jacobs, and Mitch Vocke; the Financial Secretary – Fred Cross and his Assistant Financial Secretary – Chris Hyzer; and the Budget Chair – Steve Kesner and his group for all the work they have done to help us streamline our process and create a strong financial team.

I guess the thing you most care about is that the Association is in the black. We have a solid physical base and we are going to continue to do that. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Chief Chaplain, John Long.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning. My report is on page 37. I hope everyone has a great convention this week. Don't forget, you are not only here representing yourself but also your state. Have a good time and be safe. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Trustees. Dan Carpenter, are you here? The report of the Financial Secretary is on page 35 of the Convention Book.

Danny Carpenter Trustee Chair. The report of the Trustees is in the Convention Book. If you need any assistance from the Trustees, do not hesitate to call us. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: The judges and tellers for the elections are: Stuart Carter is Chief Judge; Jay Olson, Chief Ferndale Fire Company; Dennis Skinner, President of Avalon Shores; Austin Amos, President of Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association; Bill Dousa, Vice President of Harford County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association; Dale Burkins, Level Volunteer Fire Company; Richard Brooks, Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company; Steve Cox, Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company; Rusty Leftwich, Whiteford

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Volunteer Fire Company; Kathy Gieze, Secretary of Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association; Paul Demasky, Past Chief Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company; John Beamer, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company; Debbie Perry; Wiley Donaldson, Vice President Odenton Volunteer Fire Company; Phil Hurlock, Past President MSFA; John Spiker, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company; John Rose, Odenton Volunteer Fire Company; William McCall, Chief Singlerly Fire Company; Stephan Cox, Past President MSFA; Allan Thompson, Darlington Volunteer Fire Company; C. Daniel Davis, Hollywood Volunteer Fire Company; Tom Mattingly, Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department; William Wilkerson, President Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association; John Gatton and Dan Carpenter. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: I now call on Dennis Skinner for the By-Laws Report.

Dennis Skinner, Chair Constitution & By-Laws Committee: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to thank the members of my committee for their service this year. This year there are no questions on the Ballot regarding the Constitution and By-Laws. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: Are there any other committees to report? Any other committees to report? Call Ron Siarnicki the Chair of the Convention Committee for their report.

Ron Siarnicki, Chair Convention Committee: Actually they told me I wasn't on for 20 minutes. Welcome to the Convention. We are off to a good start. I think everybody is happy. We are going to do everything I can to make this memorable. We have some new events - tonight is family night at Jolly Roger Amusement Park, which is new. If you are interested there is going to be food and beverage at the Picnic out back of the park. Also, through the efforts of the Mayor, families can ride the rides, play golf and take advantage of the go-carts all night long for \$10.00. So you can't be that, it normally a \$35.00 package. Last night we did have a movie on the beach. For any of you that took part of that, it was at the Dunes Hotel and we showed the movie "Blindside", on the beach, in the sand. People had fun and it was pretty enjoyable. And then tomorrow we are changing the Picnic routine, we are going to be at the Ocean Pines Beach Club starting at 4:00 p.m. for an actual Beach Party. There will be food and festivities out there until about 9 p.m. Also, there will be a lunch buffet here in the Convention Center, tickets are available downstairs. We did not want to drive people away from the exhibits. We know people like visiting with our vendors that we have to support because they make our Convention possible. So there are two events tomorrow. Both are family oriented. Then, I don't want to forget that tonight is Basket Bingo also with Vera Bradley bags. It took me awhile to figure out what that was all about. That Bingo is being held in the B & C Halls tonight. So we have all these things new. We have made some changes to the cost for tickets to make it more family friendly. There are tickets on sale downstairs. And, for the first time, we were able to do advance ticket sales on the internet. We know that some of you have taken advantage of that and we are going to be pushing to do more activities through the Web. It is the easiest, most cost-effective way of getting information out to our membership.

Also this year, we arranged for some special hotels to offer packages for MSFA members

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and their families. We are using primarily the Harrison Group that has a variety of hotels at various locations that are offering the special rates. They will be providing a rebate back to our general treasury as well. So we do encourage people when they make plans for next year to start looking at the hotel/motel list that we are going to provide. We are working with the hotel/restaurants association and that is intended to give you a variety of choices when you come to the beach. One thing we are going to do is to get that published earlier for next year so that you can support the hotels that are supporting us.

You will notice throughout the Convention Hall this year there are signs being placed for our new Corporate Partners Program. We have always had a sponsorship program for the exhibits. We have added events sponsorships this year. The Presidents Dinner Saturday night was sponsored by Phillips Seafood, the Mayor of Ocean City and Center Plate Catering. Some of our other dinners and activities are being supported by different businesses throughout Ocean City region. We are really pushing to get more sponsors because the more we can get covered the better off for us in cost savings. It makes our convention stronger and better.

An up-date on the Convention Center which I know everyone is concerned about. The final plans and the construction plans are moving forward. I know at the last Executive meeting we were afforded information that things have slowed down a little bit. Next year, everything from the stage back will be gone. They are actually going to put a wall 10 feet out from the stage. They will be doing demolition from that point back. Hopefully by next year the construction on the new wing out back will be done. The plan is to put a banquet hall/exhibit hall all the way from the back wall out to the bay. It will all be above ground with space underneath where we normally have the picnic and other activities like the Flea Market will all be covered with a canopy. It is going to be at least a two-year project/construction. It is going to change the way we do activities and joint activities where we used the big hall. The Convention Committee is already planning on how to refigure the space. I just wanted to warn you that next year everything is going to be very different. And it will be at least a two-year cycle while there is construction. There is still plans to put a performing arts theatre somewhere here in the Convention Center that will seat around a 1,000 people or maybe 2,000. We really are not sure how the final configuration will occur. We think it will be somewhere in this general area. So we will move all our activities into the new hall out back once it is completed. Then we will have to work-out where the Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting and how we are going to make it facilitate all our needs. So I am going to ask you to bear with us as we go through this construction process. We will keep all of you posted through the Executive Committee meetings and activities so that you will know exactly where the construction process is going.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the Convention Committee. Last year we implemented an incident command structure. We followed our own guidelines and set up sectors to run the Convention. There are 10 Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs who manage the different activities at Convention and it has worked out very well for us. It has made my life a little bit simpler and I just want to thank all of them personally. They are listed in the

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book along with the whole Convention Committee. I want to thank all of them for making the Convention a reality.

I appreciate all that you have done to support us. I appreciate the Officers and extend our best wishes to them. It is our hope that you will keep us informed of what you want in your Convention and Conference. There was again this year a survey form placed in every delegates' bag and there will be a drop off box with more forms beside it in the lobby. So if you have thoughts or comments, we got almost 500 surveys back last year that helped us a lot. I highly recommend if you want to see changes in your Convention and Conference, you take the time to put it in writing and submit it in the survey box which is located down in the lobby near the information desk. I hope we have met your expectations and I have enjoyed serving as your chairman. I wish you well and enjoy. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: We will now move into the nominations for office, beginning with the office of President. I recognize Danny Davis.

C. Daniel Davis, Past President MSFA: Thank you Mr. President.

President Powell, officers, delegates and distinguished guests. It is a great honor to stand before you and place in nomination Doyle E. Cox for the office of President, Maryland State Firemen's Association. Over the years Doyle has served this Association with pride and dinity. He has chaired the Executive Committee and various committees. His education for this high Office has spanned several years; he has traveled throughout the State listening to your concerns and is acutely aware of the problems facing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS departments in the State. During his tenure as Second and First Vice President, he spent a great deal of time in Annapolis during the Legislative sessions. He is aware of the partnership that is needed to pass or kill legislation and has testified on several bills.

As First Vice President, Doyle worked very closely with President Powell and Second Vice President Lewis addressing the needs of the Maryland's Volunteer emergency services.

Doyle is a proven leader. He has served as President of his department. Doyle also served as Vice President of his department. Doyle also served as President of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association and President of the Calvert County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. He has served on/r chaired numerous committees of these great organizations. Doyle is a member of both the MSFA and SMVFA Hall of Fame. He was awarded the Gladhill-Thompson Award for outstanding contributions to the MSFA.

Doyle is a friend who I believe is very capable of representing you as President. I am asking you to join with me in supporting and electing Doyle E. Cox for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Tom Mattingly, Past President MSFA will second the nomination.

Thomas Mattingly: Thank you.

Officers, ladies, delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it

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is my honor to second the nomination of Doyle E. Cox for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doyle is prepared for the task before him. He understands the many challenges facing the volunteers of our great state. He continues to work for you every day with dedication and commitment. Over the years since 1974, he has served on many committees of the Association to include the Legislative Committee, Five Year Planning, Hall of Fame, President's Car, Membership, Awards, and the Executive Committee. He has had the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Executive Committee twice. During this past two years, as your Vice President, he has traveled tens of thousands of miles and spent countless hours representing the Association and its members. He worked with Past President Underwood and President Powell and with leaders from around the state to improve Maryland's Volunteer System. He has displayed leadership and planning skills vital to the success of the MSFA.

Doyle has served his home company at Prince Frederick beginning in 1974, his Association in Calvert County, and the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association. He has served with distinction through all of his years as a volunteer and will use these years of experience to move the MSFA forward.

He has shown that he is willing to listen to your recommendations, work to develop sound long range planning for our future and be the leader of the MSFA team.

Doyle has a plan that helps strengthen the team. A plan that you have assisted in developing. He has a vision of the fire and rescue services. He has the desire to lead the MSFA.

It is with great pride that I ask for your support of Doyle E. Cox for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you. (Applause)

The Chair recognizes Woody Wilson of Southern Maryland. If the following people come forward as a recognition to 2nd the nomination: MSFA Past Presidents: Clarence Carpenter, Jenks Mattingly III, Bobby Balta, Raymond Adkins, C. Oscar Baker, Stephan D. Cox, George A. "Fred" Cross, Robert Cumberland, Jr., Carl B. Edelin, Jr., Phil Hurlock, Robert W. Hurlock, Robert W. Jacobs, Leonard T. King, Sr., Robert Knippenburg, Lee N. Sachs, Bernard J. Smith, Roger A. Steger, Sr., Paul Sterling, Terry Thompson, Frank J. Underwood, Gene Worthington, and Richard L. Yinger.

Officers of the MSFA: Roger N. Powell, Dave Lewis, Ron Siarnicki, Rev. John Long, Jacqueline Olson.

2nd by the following personnel in Southern Maryland: Al Billings, Mark Carico, Tom Scott, John O. Gatton, Dan Carpenter, John Robbins, Joan Williams, Shirley Copado, John Nelson, Joseph Cooper, Dan Stevens, Charlie Wills, Tom Flint,

2nd by other members of other counties in the state: Pat Bowser, Steve Kesner, John Shuhart, Wiley Donaldson, Tom Blades, Mark Bilger, Doug Alexander, Gene Curfman, Ray Stevens, Alan Ryan, Calvin Stack, Wayne Fredderd, Chip Jewell, Dave Keller, David Kline, Ben Kurtz, Richard Brooks, Rusty Leftwich, Hoby Howell, William Lay, Lou Jonske,

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William Hildebrand, Pete Lott, Marcine Goodloe, Darren Long, Craig Moe, Donnie Howard, Emmons Horner, Richard Smith, Glen Fishack, Jason Baer, Clarence Webber, Steve Hales and John Guntow.

If the rest of the Southern Maryland personnel please join us on stage. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: Westminster Band please.

President Roger Powell: Are there any other nominations for the office of President? Are there any other nominations for the office of President? Hearing none, the Chair recognizes Wiley Donaldson.

Wiley Donaldson: I make the motion that nominations for the office of President be closed.

President Roger Powell: Chair recognizes Phil Hurlock.

Phil Hurlock, Past Pres. MSFA: I second the motion that nominations for the office of President be closed.

President Roger Powell: All in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed. Motion ordered.

The Chair will now recognize Wiley Donaldson for nomination for the office of First Vice President.

Wiley Donaldson: Thank you Mr. President. It is an honor for me to stand before you today and offer the name of David W. Lewis as a candidate for the office of First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. David certainly needs no introduction as he has faithfully and competently served as Second Vice President this past year. This was David's learning year. Under the membership and leadership of President Roger Powell and First Vice President Doyle Cox David has learned well. He and his wife, Gloria, have travelled this state far and wide to meet with our members getting the knowledge of their concerns and problems in order to better solve them. He has spent countless hours with our Legislative Committee in Annapolis. Learning the ropes and lobbying for what is best for the MSFA.

David is a life member of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and continues to serve in a very active capacity. He has been very successful in obtaining Federal Grants over the past four years. He participates in all meetings, as well as fund raising events and is often called to aid in administrative actions for the company.

David has served as the Anne Arundel County Firefighter's Association President on two different occasions. And presently offers his experience and valuable advice as a Board member for this organization. He also continues to serve as the Association's Trustee. In this capacity he personally directs the entire length of service awards program.

David's history with the MSFA goes back to 1978. Since then he has served on a number of committees and has chaired several. He is always willing and able to share his knowledge and experience with anyone who asks. David Lewis is 100% dedicated and committed in

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his service to this organization. He has the full support of his wife, children, grandchildren and friends in his quest to service as the MSFA First Vice President. He is more than prepared to meet this challenge. I ask that you join me in supporting his nomination and election. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: The Chair recognizes Phil Hurlock.

Phil Hurlock, Past President MSFA: Good morning. Officers, Delegates, members and guests of the 118th MSFA Convention and Conference, I am honored to second the nomination of Dave Lewis as First Vice President of this great organization. As well as reading off the names of many other outstanding and dedicated individuals who want to also second his nomination as well.

Dave has proved his dedication and I would ask for your continued support as a leader within the Maryland State Firemen's Association. David has supplied me with a list of his supporters. I would like to read off the names of those individuals and have them come out on stage and join our new incoming First Vice President.

2nd to David's nomination are: Pres. Roger Powell, First Vice President Doyle Cox, Secretary Jackie Olson, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Chaplain John Long, ALL of the Past Presidents of the MSFA – Mr. C. Oscar Baker, Tom Tharp unfortunately could not be here, Mr. Leonard King, I am sure he is here in our thoughts and prayers, Mr. Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Joe Robison, Past President Tom Mattingly, Bernie Smith, Richard Yinger, Fred Cross, Steve Cox, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington, Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs, Bobby Balta, Paul Sterling, Frank Underwood. Others seconding the nomination: John Dulina, Beth Stone, Ronnie Watkins, Ben Kurtz, Teresa Crisman, Steve White, Emmons Horner, Charles Fisher, Richard Smith, Buddy Schweers, Glen Fishack, Donnie Howard, Danny Carpenter, Joel McCrea, Skip Menzies, each of the entire 25 companies of the Anne Arundel Firefighters Association, and the entire membership of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary.

President Roger Powell: Westminster Band please.

President Roger Powell: Are there any other nominations for the office of First Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the office of First Vice President? Chair recognizes Danny Davis.

Danny Davis, Past President MSFA: Danny Davis, Hollywood Volunteer Fire Company moves nomination for the Office of First Vice President be closed.

Chair recognizes Doyle Cox Prince Fredrick Volunteer Fire Company seconds the motion.

President Roger Powell: All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Any opposed. So ordered.

Chair now recognizes nominations for the office of Second Vice President. Chair recognizes Chief McCall of the Singlerly Steam Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company #1. I take

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great pride in the nomination of John Denver for the office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. John is the third of a four generation family who have served Singlerly Fire Company.

John joined Singlerly in 1968. Since then he has served on numerous committees including Budget, Apparatus, Community Relations, Policies and Procedures, and Building Committees. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for 18 years. He has been elected by the Board of Directors as 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President. John is currently 1st Vice President of Singlerly Fire Company.

He has also been an active emergency services provider as an EMT, firefighter, driver, Captain, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief. John has represented Singlerly Fire Company for many years as a Delegate to the Cecil County Firemen's Association and the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association. He has served on numerous committees for both Associations. He served on the Cecil County Training Committee for several years. He has also chaired a committee that worked with the state and county officials that passed legislation that developed workman's comp for Cecil County Emergency Responders.

John was a member of the Cecil County Task Force that worked with the Cecil County Government Official to establish Cecil County equipment replacement fund. Through this program Cecil County Government partners with the nine county volunteer fire companies to replace aging apparatus. The replacement program is in its 5th year and county government has provided nearly \$5 million to assist with the apparatus replacement.

John was appointed to the Cecil County Firemen's Association Board of Trustees that oversees the replacement program and has served as chair for the Cecil County Board of Trustees. John as also served as President of the Cecil County Firemen's Association for several years. He chaired the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Publicity Committee, their By-Laws Committee and served two years as Vice President and two years as President.

John has also been inducted into the Harford Cecil Hall of Fame. John has been a Delegate to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention for many years. He has served on several MSFA committees including the Legislative Committee and the Executive Committee. He is currently Chair of the Marketing and Individual Membership Committee and has served on the Recruitment and Retention Committee for many years and is currently Chair of that committee. John has been inducted into the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame.

Along with all he has done in the fire service, he has worked for many years in the Utilities Service. John taught a number of firefighting classes to the utilities employees over the years. For 18 years John worked with Community Relations, Communications, Marketing and Government Affairs. His responsibilities included working with community groups, the news media, local, county and state agencies and elected officials.

John retired last year as a Senior Affairs Manager after 37 years. John was a MFRI

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Field Instructor for several years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management from Eastern University. John is the first candidate to run for Second Vice President from Cecil County since G. Mitchel Boldin over 60 years ago. Please join me in electing John Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you.

(Applause)

President Roger Powell: Chair recognizes Stephan Cox.

Stephan Cox, Past President MSFA: President Powell, Officers, Delegates and guests. First of all I would like to begin by introducing everyone and make sure you are very familiar with them. John Denver, candidate for Second Vice President, his wife Anna Marie, his son Michael and his wife Angela, grandchildren Austin and Allison and their daughter, Tracey could not be here today, she is a school teacher and school is in session. But she certainly sends her support to her dad. His family is here on stage with me to second the nomination and to show their support for him.

I would also ask for Austin Amos, President of Harford Cecil Association and Joe Fesona, President of Cecil County Association, to join us on stage along with Chief McCall. The Association Presidents, John's entire family all join me in seconding the nomination of John Denver for the office of Second Vice President of the MSFA.

John and I have been friends for over 40 years. I could tell you a lot of stories but he has asked me not to. During that time I have had the opportunity to watch John grow and develop as an officer and a leader in his home company of Singerly Fire Company, also the Cecil County Association, the Harford Cecil Association as Chief McCall outlined.

John worked for me as an emergency services instructor. His students always commented on his professionalism, his dedication and his desire to help them be successful and to do well in his classes.

John has accepted every challenge with enthusiasm, energy, and an interest to do his best. He has proven time and time again his ability to manage, direct and lead with integrity in every position he has held.

In addition to the knowledge and skill developed in the fire service, John gained expertise through his employment in community relations and working with government officials. Those qualities will be a tremendous asset for John as he serves this Association.

It is certainly an honor for me, along with everyone else on the stage, his home and county associations, his department and his family to second the nomination of John for the office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

In addition, I would like to call the following persons to join us in seconding the nomination of John Denver. MSFA Past Presidents and Officers: Raymond Adkins, C. Oscar Baker, Bobby Balta, Clarence Carpenter, Fred Cross, Bob Cumberland, Danny Davis, Carl Edelin, Bobby Jacobs, Bob Knippenburg, Jenks Mattingly, Tommy Mattingly, Bernie Smith,

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Joe Robison, Lee Sachs, Roger Steger, Paul Sterling, Terry Thompson, Frank Underwood, Gene Worthington, Richard Yinger, Richard Brooks – Parliamentarian, Steve Kesner, Dave Keller, Richard Smith, and Mark Bilger from the Executive Committee; Danny Carpenter from the Trustees, Mitch Vocke, Past Chief of Jarrettsville and Assistant Treasurer of the MSFA; from different associations: our current President Roger Powell, Robert Gottenhour from Anne Arundel County; Joel McCrea from Baltimore County; Doug Alexander from Carroll County and an MSFA Trustee; David McQuay from the Eastern Shore, Donnie Howard, Past President, Eastern Shore Firemen's Association; Marcine Goodloe from Montgomery County; Glen Fishack from Washington County; William Smith, Prince Georges County; Willie Wilkerson from the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association; Donnie Briscoe, Past President Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association; Lou Jonske, Past President of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association; Ben Kurtz, Past President of Harford Cecil Association; Bill Lay, Past President of Harford Cecil Association; Hoby Howell, Past President, Harford Cecil Association; Rusty Leftwich, Past President, Harford Cecil Association; Will Reneicke, Past President Harford Cecil; Jeff Thompson President of Maryland Fire Chief's Association; Russ Healy, MSFA Safety Committee; Wayne Powell, Frederick County; George Brown, Chief of Sandy Springs. Finally, I would ask all the members of Harford Cecil to please come forward and show your support and endorsement of John Denver for Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. President Powell this completes the list of seconds. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: Westminster Band please.

President Roger Powell: Are there any other nominations for the office of Second Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the office of Second Vice President? Hearing none the Chair recognizes Doyle Cox motion to close nominations for 2nd Vice President. 2nd motion by Steve Cox. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Any opposed. So ordered.

Chair recognizes nominations for the office of Secretary. Jay Olson.

Jay Olson, Chief Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. Good morning. President Powell, Vice President Cox, Vice President Lewis, Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association it is great pleasure for me to place in nomination Jackie Olson for the office of Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Jackie has served as Secretary for the past two years and held the position of Assistant Secretary for eight years. She has also served as Chairman of the Safety Committee and a member of the Convention and Conference Committee during her ten years for serving for the MSFA.

She started in the fire service at Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company in 1989. She holds the rank of Firefighter II and EMT and continues to be a contributing member at her home company. She served as President of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, President of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association, and Secretary of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association.

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Jackie has been involved in the fire service for twenty years and has demonstrated continue support and commitment to her community, the county and the state. It is an honor and a privilege to place into nomination for the office of Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association the name of Jackie Olson.

2nd the nominations, would the following Past Presidents come on stage: Raymond L. Adkins, C. Oscar Baker, Leonard T. King, Sr., Clarence Carpenter, Sr., Robert Cumberland, Jr., Joseph R. Robison, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., Fred Cross, Jr., Stephan D. Cox, Daniel C. Davis, Jr., Robert E. Knippenburg, Carl E. Edelin, Jr., Roger A. Steger, Sr., Jenks Mattingly, III, Gene Worthington, Robert w. Jacobs, Lee Sachs, Bobby Balta, Paul Sterling, Jr., Bernie Smith, Frank Underwood, and Richard Yinger. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for Secretary? Chair recognizes Richard Brooks.

Richard Brooks, Norrisville Volunteer Fire Department: Moved nominations be closed.

Chair recognizes Steve Cox.

Steve Cox: Seconds the motion.

President Roger Powell: It has been moved and 2nd that nominations for Secretary be closed. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed. So ordered.

President Roger Powell: Chair now opens nominations for the office of Financial Secretary. Chair recognizes Richard Brooks.

Richard Brooks: Thank you Mr. President. Fellow delegates if is a pleasure to be here once again before you to place the nomination of the name of George A. "Fred" Cross for the office of Financial Secretary. It is always a pleasure to do this because back in 2004 a gentleman by the name of Paul Fabizak held the office in this Association. He passed away in a very untimely way, it was a shame to lose him. But Fred Cross was a friend of Paul's and Fred stepped right into fill out and correct any shortcomings that may have taken place making it as transparent to this Association as possible. That is the type of leader you want. That is the type of physical responsibility you want for this Association. So, once again, it is a pleasure on behalf of all of us who know him, the name of George A. "Fred" Cross in the ring for the Financial Secretary.

Chair recognizes Steve Cox.

Steve Cox: President Powell, Officers, Delegates and Guests.

It is an honor and privilege for me to second the nomination of my friend, Fred Cross for the office of Financial Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

I've known Fred for many years and we became best friends as we traveled this great state as officers of this Association.

Obviously, Richard and I did not communicate before this nomination. Fred served as

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Assistant Financial Secretary and upon the untimely death of Paul Fabizak, Fred stepped in as Financial Secretary. He has served the Association in that capacity since.

As part of the financial team, Fred has worked with the Budget and Review Committee and Treasurers Office to ensure the Association is financially sound. That team has done an outstanding job.

Over the years I have stood before you to second Fred's nomination for this office and again this year I have that privilege.

I would like to call the members of the Financial Team, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers Bobby Jacobs, Lee Sachs, Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer, and Budget Committee Chair, Steve Kesner to join me in seconding the nomination of Fred Cross for the position of Financial Secretary for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you.

President Roger Powell: Are there any other nominations for the office of Financial Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Financial Secretary? I need a motion to close nominations.

Richard Brooks: Mr. President I move we close nominations for the office of Financial Secretary.

Chair recognizes Roger Steger.

Roger Steger, Past President MSFA: I second the motion.

President Roger Powell: All those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed. So ordered.

Chair opens nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain. Chair recognizes Jay Olson, Chief of Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company.

Chief Jay Olson: The membership and Officers of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company would like to nominate Rev. John F. Long, Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. John has held this office since his election to the position since 2005 Convention.

Since coming into office, John has implemented changes to the chaplain corps that has focused on the spiritual welfare of everyone in the Association. John spends a lot of his time tending to the needs of the emergency services families, visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and conducting funerals and memorial services.

He is a member of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Maryland Flash Team, Anne Arundel Critical Incident Stress Management Team and serving as the Mid-Atlantic Director of Fire Chaplains. For these reasons we ask that you support Rev. John F. Long, Jr. and re-elect him to the position of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

John's nomination will be seconded by Dennis Skinner.

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Dennis Skinner: It has been my pleasure this past year, on a personal note, Rev. John F. Long, both as a spiritual leader and as chaplain when he was needed in a time of need. And from my own personal self, I would like to thank him for his services that he has given to me in the last couple of weeks due to the loss of a loved one and I would like to second his nomination to the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

President Roger Powell: Any other nominations for the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Any other nominations to the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Chair recognizes Roger Steger.

Roger Steger, Past President MSFA: I make the motion that we close the nomination of Chief Chaplain.

Chair recognizes Steve Cox.

Steve Cox, Past President MSFA: Mr. President I second that motion.

President Roger Powell: Motion has been made and seconded to close nominations for the office of Chief Chaplain. All in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed? So ordered.

Chair now opens nominee for the office of Trustee.

The nomination of Gene Worthington for trustee was not picked up by recorder due to problems with the microphone. The motion to re-elect Gene Worthington to the office of Trustee to the Maryland State Firemen's Association was seconded by Steve Cox.

President Roger Powell: Any other nominations for the office of Trustee? Any other nominations to the office of Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association?

President Roger Powell: Motion has been made and seconded to close nominations for the office of Trustee. All in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed? So ordered.

Chair opens nominations for the location of the next Maryland State Firemen's Annual Convention and Conference.

Chair recognizes Steve Hales.

Steve Hales, Trustee: Makes the motion to hold the 2015 Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in Ocean City, Maryland.

President Roger Powell: Recognizes Roger Steger.

Roger Steger, Past President: Seconds the location for the 2015 Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in Ocean City, Maryland.

Chair: I need a motion to close nominations for the location of the 2015 Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Chair recognizes Jackie Olson.

Jackie Olson, Secretary MSFA: make the motion to close nomination for the location of the 2015 Convention and Conference of the MSFA.

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Chair recognizes Dave Lewis.

Dave Lewis, 1st Vice Pres. MSFA: move nominations for location of the 2015 convention be closed.

President Roger Powell: Motion has been made and seconded to close nominations for the location of the 2015 Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. All in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed? So ordered.

Chair will now entertain a motion for the Secretary to cast a vote for all unopposed officers. I have a motion by Jenks Mattingly, Past President MSFA and 2nd by Wiley Donaldson for the Secretary cast a ballot for all unopposed offices. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Opposed? So ordered.

President Roger Powell: Recognizes Assistant Chaplain George H. L'Heureux for the Benediction.

Benediction by Asst. Chaplain George H. L'Heureux: Let us pray. God of mercy make this day a day of welcome gift. Bless the work that we have begun. Let us continue in a way that pleases you. Help us resolve the problems we encounter as we continue this convention. As we now go to seek the gift of nourishment, which we receive through your goodness. And we give thanks for all your gifts that you have bestowed on us. May God the Father bless you and keep you. In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you. Amen.

President Roger Powell: We will recess until 12:45 this afternoon

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Monday, June 14, 2010**

MSFA President Roger N. Powell: The second session of the Convention will come to order. At this time the Chair introduces Stuart Carter, the Chair of the Executive Committee.

Stuart Carter, Executive Committee Chair: President Powell, Vice President Cox, Vice President Lewis, the Report of the Executive Committee can be found on page 39 of your Convention Book. Thank you.

President Roger N. Powell: Chair now recognizes Steven Scheinin, Chair of the Safety Committee.

Steven Scheinin, Safety Committee Chair: Good afternoon. I am Steve Scheinin Safety Committee Chairman. The same precautions you take for safety in this building should be the same precautions you take in the place you are staying. Keep it in mind that elevators and escalators will be out of service or could be out of service.

I am happy to report that over 200 of you have signed the Seatbelt Pledge. If you haven't signed it, please go to room 213 and sign the Seatbelt Pledge. Remember, above all else, have a good time.

President Roger N. Powell: At this time the Chair recognizes MEMA Director Richard Muth.

Richard Muth, MEMA Director: Thank you. Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for having me here today, it is always good to get my volunteer roots. This is actually where I started with the volunteers 35 years ago. And I was thinking as I was driving down here you never know where paths are going to wind up. I went from a volunteer through to a career department in a county and now as the State Director of Emergency Management. It is something I would have never dreamed about 35 years ago. But I still owe to that start with the volunteer fire department.

Probably one of the biggest challenges we have had this past year, of course, were the winter storms. The December storm and then the two February storms back to back, I know many of you who probably struggled through those storms one way or another.

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One of the things that we did this time or in a proactive form was to get the National Guard out and deployed early in February, we were kind of delayed in the December storms. In the February storms we had them out very quickly and hopefully some of you got to see them in action and may have assisted you on calls. We had over 600 National Guard men and women and dozen and dozen pieces of equipment helping out. Most of that was helping first responders making access to the areas where they needed to. So it was very heartening to see that unfold.

One of the other tragedies during the February storms that impacted two fire departments was damage done to those fire departments. One of the Dundalk Fire Department in Baltimore County where I actually spent some of my part career firefighter, burned down. Actually it was in a large part, a community of volunteers that actually responded and put that fire out and helped with fire protection until Dundalk was able to get re-established. And then the second tragic fire department was Sykesville Fire Department that burned in that same storm. And the interesting thing, Dennis Beard, from the Sykesville Volunteers, goes to the EOC and works the fire desk for MSFA and other fire organizations across the state. He was actually there and stayed with us while his station was burning down, we were following it live, so Dennis certainly deserves hats off and recognizing him if you see him for his dedication for standing by with us which was a big thing.

I have always been proud of the cooperation between the volunteers and the career departments and MEMA organization. We had many meetings between this year with your Presidents on everything from fire to rescue and into some other areas. So I think we had a great relationship. We did not always walk away agreeing a 100% but we certainly walked away respecting each other and I think that is what it is all about.

So I guess the only other thing now is preparing for the hurricane season coming up this summer. Hopefully not, but the forecast is for a very active season. If it follows the trend of the winter, we certainly know we are going to have a hard time on our hands. So we are getting ready for that challenge.

My best to you all. Be safe out there with what you do. Take care of yourselves and families. Once again I thank you for what you do for your State. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we would like to present you with a Challenge Coin from us. On one side is the Ladies Auxiliary and on the other side is the seal of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We would also like to present you with a Convention mug and our bag.

At this time we have a special program being presented by Ed DiMartino, Chief; Clark Roher, Former Chief of the East Greenbush Volunteer Fire District #3, East Greenbush, NY, entitled *Eddie's Story – Taking Precautions to "Be Safe."* Chief DiMartino is from the East Greenbush Volunteer Fire District #3 in up-state New York. He has served as a

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firefighter for 23 years. He is also a high school teacher in the Avril Park School District in New York. In February of 2009 Ed was in a vehicle accident while responding to a call. He is here today to share his story with us. He is accompanied by his Past Chief Clark Roher. Clark has served as a member of the East Greenbush Volunteer Fire District #3 for 17 years. Clark is also a police officer in New York. Together, they are here to share how to prevent injuries and death in-the-line of duty.... gentlemen.

Past Chief Clark Roher: Good afternoon. Just to give you a little perspective of our town. We are located five miles east of Albany, NY. Our town has three fire departments. This is important because of the video you are going to see during the operations of the neighboring departments.

In February 19, 2009 the day was snow and ice the entire day. I worked 24 hours straight and had just climbed in bed when the call came out. I waited to hear if one of my assistant chiefs to respond on the air. Ed was that assistant chief. At this time I would like to play the video.

From the video: Over 20% of firefighter fatalities are vehicle related. Most involve not wearing seatbelts. This is Eddie's Story. The night of February 18, 2009 was a Wednesday evening. We were on a recess that week, so around 10:15 I was bathing our son when the fire alarm went off. It was a routine traffic accident. (His wife) When he left for the call I asked what most wives would ask – do you really need to go? My son said the same thing. He said I'll be right back. When the alarm goes off you do what you have to do. I got into my Chief's truck. The road conditions were very icy. I responded to the scene. I was heading down the road. The dispatcher called me and said there was no need for the fire department so I immediately responded back that they were to hold our engine in quarters. I went from Code 3 which is lights and siren to a Code 2 response which is no lights and siren. I was continuing my response to the scene and that is when everything happened.

(From the recording at dispatch) Dispatch put out a traffic accident with roll over and gave the address and alerted those due on the call.

(Wife) There was a knock on my door and I figured it was Ed fooling around as usual. (Chief DiMartino) I was wondering what I was going to tell his wife. (Wife) When I went to the door it was the Chief of the Fire Department. (Chief) This was probably one of the hardest things I had to do. (Wife) He said your husband has been in a car accident. He said road conditions were horrible and his fire chief's truck had flipped. He was not wearing his seatbelt and the airbag did not deploy. He said it was not good.

Dispatch tape – Car 1 extrication complete and dispatch repeated and added the time of night it was complete. (Wife) On the way to the hospital the first that went through my mind was hearing the Chief describe his apparent condition, was, what am I going to do without my husband and my son do without his Dad. (She became very emotional and difficult

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to understand on video) I prayed the whole way to the hospital asking God to please let him be all right. It was the longest ride getting to the hospital and when I first saw him, I was a disaster. The hospital was rushed by firefighters and police officers and nurses who were friends with the firefighters and police officers. They told me I did not have to do this alone, they were right there with me. When I entered the ER I went right to where they were treating him and I said it is Meg and I am right here where they are treating you and you are going to be alright and he looked up and said "Whose Meg?"

The doctors asked him the usual questions –Do you know who you are? Do you know where you are? What year is it? And he responded with 1995. And of course, I just broke down. It was a very long night.

I had the Chief by my side the entire time. He refused to leave the hospital. He stayed by my side when my husband was moved to a room. There came a time when I had to go home and take a nap and so many people graciously took over and kept someone by his side 24/7. If a nurse or doctor came in they wrote notes of what was said or done. What medicine he took. And I was never left out of a situation for having to go home and get some sleep. So I either had a firefighter next to him, or a police officer or someone always there. I stayed at the hospital with my husband for the next four days. Our five year old son, Nicholas was cared for by other family members.

And slowly things started to come out. Finally things started to come out about what was on his mind and how it all was affecting him. One of the first things he said to another family member was my daddy was in a car accident and he was dead. The next weeks that follow the car accident Nicholas would act out. In school and daycare he was just a wreck. He actually had an altercation with a friend at school and the little boy asked our son who are you mad at? Why are you mad at me? He said he was not mad at him, he was mad at his daddy. I am really mad at my daddy because he didn't wear a seatbelt. I am safe and why wasn't my daddy safe for me? We buckle up our son every day and he knows that and he wears a helmet when he rides his bike. He just didn't understand the fact that daddy didn't buckle up. And he heard me talk to other people in the fire company about the seatbelt and maybe it could have prevented his life or death. It finally came out one day at school when he asked why wasn't his daddy wearing a seatbelt.

Chief DiMartino: The next thing I remember was pretty much the last day before coming home from the hospital. Which I do not recall how long I was at the hospital. I remember leaving the hospital and what a beautiful day it was and the car ride home.

Chief DiMartino's wife: He immediately wanted to get back into things. At first we had doctor appointments and a therapist. They would ask him what do you remember about the accident. He told them he was going to be out of this place in no time. His therapist and I said "Oh no you're not."

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Chief DiMartino: My wife and I spent many hours going to and from rehab. Over 64 appointments in March alone – going to occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy to get everything back the way it was before the accident. So it definitely got me from where I was to back to where I am today which is about 90%. But it has definitely helped.

Not wearing your seatbelt can kill you. In our state first responders are exempt from wearing seatbelts. Police, fire and EMS are all exempt. It depends on the department policies, procedures and guidelines. That evening I was responding to a fire call and was not wearing my seatbelt. I was not required by my department or by law to wear it.

(Mrs. DiMartino): Shortly after Ed came home from the hospital, he was sleeping a lot and I was up a lot and I was thinking a lot and one thing I decided to do was research this whole seatbelt culture issue as to why firemen don't wear their seatbelts most of the time. And being married to him for nine years and just watching him go out the door and go to a call, I know he is probably not buckling up and I know other first responders that are not thinking about safety. They are thinking about who they are going to save. And I think that is probably the first thing on their mind. If the radio starts, they just jump in their vehicles and start talking and responding.

In researching seatbelts, I went to a site for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and on their website I looked at some training materials, PowerPoint presentations and most important the Seatbelt Pledge. It is act or movement that any company can do at a drill night, a meeting night and they just need to talk about how they can keep themselves safe and help do everything they do every single day. And we get to go home to our families every single night.

So the Chief of our department surprised me the other day when he said he had already search this and had talked about it at a meeting and many of our membership have already signed it which I was just elated about. Chief Roher, not only are they elated about it, Ed's wife showed me the seatbelt pledge and all the members have or are going to sign the pledge to wear their seatbelts.

Where I am today from where I was, is a great success. I have come a long way and I want to get back to who I was. And to take the road I have taken and wake up every single day. We are moving forward. We're doing very well.

Chief Roher: I would like to say to any of the Chiefs out there that have any doubt in your mind that the officers and firefighters and members may resent you for forcing these issues, think about them and their families, five minutes of disagreement may save a life.

Mrs. DiMartino: I hope when firefighters view our story, I hope you look at a picture of your family, of your kids, and I hope before you jump in the car, the truck, the fire engine, to stop and take a moment to think about the house you just left. To continue to do your job well,

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take an extra second to think about yourself and get to the call safely and do what you do best and come home to your family.

Vehicle-related crashes are the second leading cause of firefighter line of duty deaths (LODDS).

Three quarters of those deaths come from not wearing seatbelts.

For more information, contact the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, at: www.everyonegoeshome.com.

Chief DiMartino (enters the stage - applause). I am a volunteer fire chief. I was involved in an accident that resulted in traumatic brain injuries and was not wearing my seatbelt. I have spent months recovering and personalities changed forever. I did NOT wear my seatbelt. My wife and son have been through so much when I went out on a call and did not wear my seatbelt. I did not come home that night. Please respond safely for yourself and others. Wear your seatbelt so that "everyone goes home."

Hi. I'm the one in the video. It has been a long road. It has been almost 1 year and 4 months. That video was done 5 weeks after the accident. You can tell the speech is coming back. The video is available on the Fallen Firefighters Foundation website. You can most important, print out the seatbelt pledge from that site as well. These are just a few of the many, many things you can get from their site. Please consider using them when your department is doing training.

Let me continue to explain how this came about. When I was first injured, my wife went through a very difficult time. One of the emotions she experienced was anger by what had happened. She has reason to have this feeling. I was not in an accident that night, it was a crash. It was no accident that I did not buckle-up. It was my personal decision that night not to be safe. How could I have possibly put my wife and son in this situation?

My wife decided to research to find out how to get first responders to buckle-up. She found much support on the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation website. She contacted Dr. Barton Clark and others at the Foundation, and this started an overwhelming response which included sending a film crew and media. They were wonderful. They were at our house for eight hours. They filmed for eight hours and wound up with 12 minutes at a very difficult time but they spent almost a year getting it ready.

The opportunities that have come from this have been a true blessing. As I watch myself on this tape, I feel like I am looking at someone else. I remember most of what happened. My wife, tells the story best. In her absence, she decided to write it down so I can take it all in. She would like my past chief to read it as she has written.

Past Chief Roher: This letter is written by his wife.

Dear Ed: The point of this letter is to point out to the audience how I feel. As the wife of a firefighter, my perspective is valuable in all of this. Before I do that, I would like to say some things first. As I write you this letter, I am once again overtaken by tears. It seems like yesterday I heard Clark knocking at the door to tell me about your injury. On the way to the Emergency Room I prayed and prayed that you would make it. Several thoughts go through my mind what might have happened to you. When I heard you were probably not buckled-up my heart sank. I could only think of the injuries that were life-threatening. Upon arriving at the ER and hearing the words brain injury, I just couldn't believe what had happened. The question that ran through my mind however was - could the severity of your injuries have been prevented? The feelings I expressed that night and for the coming months will never leave my memory.

As I continue to type away you are sitting on the carpet in the family room playing with our son right now. I look into Nickolas' eyes and he reminds me so much of you. He is bright, energetic and has your smile. You are a wonderful, wonderful father and husband. I am so happy that you are still with us. Can you just imagine if I had looked at your son that night and tell him you didn't make it.

You may never know truly what I went through during your recovery. Even when I try to explain it to you I know you don't already understand. In a strange sort of way you did die that night. I actually went through a period of mourning the loss of you. Your brain injury, your personality just isn't the same. Every once in a while I see that glimmer in your eyes that is the old Ed. I loved you then and I love you now.

Things happen in life that are meant to be. From our experience we move forward. The great part is we get to choose the direction in which we move. This path was meant for us. You have a job to do now. Make safety a priority for yourself and the others in the fire department. Despite the fact that it was your tragedy that got us here, we need to do everything in our power to make changes in how our community, company, and other operate.

Sometimes after an event, like yours, after time people just forget and go about their way. We need to keep your story in the forefront. Let's continue to tell your story, together, so that others can be touched and learn by your experience. Love, Your Wife, Meg.

Chief Ed DiMartino. My wife and I went to CFIS in Washington, D.C. probably about a month ago and we did the same presentation. Someone in the audience said he gets it. We were a little puzzled by his comment. Then we realized he was talking about our son in the video. I always buckled up in our car but not the fire department vehicle.

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I know this room is filled with an enormous number of people that would take steps in changing the culture of firehouse safety. We have not done enough. We need to think what we can do in our firehouse to make things even better. I come home but so many others do not. Together we can prevent the line-of-duty injuries and death.

Chief Roher: On behalf of the DiMartino family, East Greenbush Volunteer Fire Department, and myself, I would like to thank you all for being here. Thank you to the Maryland Fire Chief's Association and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: Chief DiMartino and Chief Royer, we thank you for traveling the distance to make this presentation to us. Firefighter safety is tantamount because we can't do our jobs if we injure ourselves responding or on the job. So this presentation is very important to us. The Maryland State Firemen's Association has written a thanks in the form of a resolution for each of you. We also have for you a Convention mug and a challenge coin from the Maryland State Firemen's Association which we would like to present to you at this time.
(Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: At this time I would like to introduce to you Maryland State Fire Marshal William "Bill" Barnard for a presentation.

Fire Marshal Bill Barnard: Thank you very much Mr. President. I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O'Malley. Of course you already heard from him this morning. And from 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 extend my sincere congratulations to Presidents Roger N. Powell and Kathy Knipple. Your terms of office have been extremely productive ones 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 (OSFM).

In 2009, the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths increase by 22 percent when compared to 2008. The total number of fire deaths for 2009 was 73 which, as indicated above, represented a significant increase over the 60 fire deaths suffered in 2008. However, it is well below the 94 fire deaths experienced in 2007. There is some good news in that a smaller portion of the total number of fire fatalities occurred in residential properties. During 2009, residential fire fatalities accounted for 77% of all fire fatalities. This is significantly lower than the five year average of 83%, and is the second lowest percentage on record. Several of the fire fatalities were associated with vehicle accidents or other intentional acts and did not involve residential structures.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each member department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced decreases in the number of fire deaths last

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year. There were ten counties with no reported fire deaths: Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester; while five others experienced only one fatal fire: Anne Arundel, Carroll, Howard, Kent and Talbot. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire and rescue companies play a critical role in helping make our State safer from the devastating effects of uncontrolled fire.

In October of 2009 an extraordinary event occurred in Baltimore. This historic event will have a positive impact not only on the citizens we serve in Maryland but across the nation as well. The International Code Council or ICC held their code development meetings for updating several model codes, including the International Residential Code (TRC). On Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at the end of a very long day and following much discussion, a critical vote took place concerning a proposal to remove fire sprinkler requirements from the 2012 edition IRC. The proposal was overwhelmingly defeated by those in attendance. There were a significant number of MSFA members present for this momentous occasion. The MSFA and the entire Maryland Fire Service have a lot to be proud of, in particular your steadfast support for life saving residential fire sprinklers.

Locally, the Codes Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development under the provisions of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted the 2009 edition of several model codes, including the IRC, with an effective date of January 1, 2010. The 2009 edition of the IRC includes a provision requiring fire sprinklers in all newly constructed homes including one and two family homes effective January 1, 2011. If any jurisdiction requires assistance with the implementation of fire sprinkler provisions of the TRC, please contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal for assistance or your Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee Chairman Doug Alexander.

In November of 2009, the State Fire Prevention Commission unanimously adopted amendments to the State Fire Prevention Code. The amendments included the adoption of the 2009 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code and NFPA Fire Code. The adoption of updated codes means that our citizens are better protected using the latest standards and technology available.

As always, the OSFM followed the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly very closely. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and continued support in working with the OSFM and other members of the Maryland Fire Service. With an emphasis on protecting Maryland's citizens as its highest priority, the MSFA leadership has fought hard to protect and preserve important fire and life safety programs. They continue to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics, and communicate with key legislators. It is because of these qualities that MSFA is well respected and carries tremendous weight even during these difficult times.

MSFA support for the OSFM Departmental Bill (HB 87): "State Fire Marshal - Non-

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Governmental Electrical inspectors" which was passed, and signed by the Governor on April 13, 2010 was very much appreciated. This Bill strengthened the current certification program, formalized the application and renewal process, and now allows the State Fire Marshal to deny, suspend, or revoke a certification.

As State Fire Marshal, I sincerely appreciate the partnerships our agencies share with local and State governments as well as private industry. These partnerships help us secure resources, disseminate information and be more effective at accomplishing tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety. Over the past nine years the public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of well over 11,000 smoke alarms. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries.

The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 50th year Anniversary in 2009 with the theme "Progress through the Years." This well-attended event began in August of 1959 when then Governor Tawes asked then MSFA President Howard B. Springer to serve as Chairman of the Governor's Statewide Conference on Fire Prevention. He was told that Mr. Robert Byrus, Director of the Fire Service Extension at the University of Maryland (now MFRI) would aid him in carrying out this project. MSFA member Bernie Smith, a member and past chief of the Landsdowne Volunteer Fire Department, attended the 1959 conference. Fifty years later he continues to attend the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference today. Chief Smith, thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Maryland. Let's give Bernie a hand please. (Applause)

During past year there were relatively few OSFM staffing changes with one notable exception, the retirement of Deputy State Fire Marshal Joseph G. Zurolo. Joe retired from the OSFM after providing our citizens with 35 years of dedicated service. His service and experience will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his well deserved retirement.

Recently one of our Fire Protection Engineer Dennis Gentzel also announced his retirement. He has accepted a position with the United States Fire Administration. Dennis has worked tirelessly during his seven years with the OSFM. Fortunately, our cadre of Fire Protection Engineers possess the same degree of dedication. FDE Barry Eissenger will be fulfilling the duties Acting Chief Fire Protection Engineer until the promotional process can be completed. Dennis will be leaving us the end of this month. Two Deputy State Fire Marshals completed police academy training programs and are now assigned to regional offices to complete their field training. Melissa Bean will enter the police academy next month. And Deputy State Marshal Brian Quick and K-9 "Nonamme" (New Accelerant Detection Canine) are now in active service throughout the state and I understand K-9 "Nonamme" has been downstairs today and has been quite the hit.

Everyone in the State Fire Marshal's Office was saddened by the unexpected passing of Fire Safety Inspector Gary Fillmann. His work ethic is one that will be missed.

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As usual, OSFM staff members performed at a very high level last year. In 2009, the OSFM conducted in excess of 1,100 fire investigations. The felony case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 34% which is nearly 50% higher than the national average. OSFM staff members completed over 17,000 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. Our Fire Protection Engineers reviewed over 1,800 construction and fire protection system plans. This number was very high despite having one vacant fire protection engineer position during much of the year. The dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property.

And now, we always appreciate you allowing us to present the Deputy State Fire Marshals of the Year as part of your convention. It is one of the things we always look forward to. To do that, I have assistance here from Deputy Chief Jack Wagner and Deputy State Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch. The nominees for Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2009 are:

Carson Widdoes – Upper Eastern Region (Applause)

Cory Hurst – Lower Eastern Region (Applause)

Caryn Moreland – Southern Region (Applause)

Edward Ernst – Western Region (Applause and cheering.) Ed it looks like you have your own cheering squad out there.

Joseph Zurolo (Retired) – Northeast Region unfortunately Deputy State Fire Marshal Zurolo, retired from the Northeast Region, could not be with us today but certainly those of you from Harford and Cecil County, in particular, know the work that Joe did. Let's give Joe a big hand. (Applause and cheering).

Brian Quick – Metro Region (Applause)

And

Williams Potts – Bomb Squad (Applause)

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 Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year selection committee is extremely difficult and this year was no exception. The letters of nomination were filled with examples of duty and service deserving of much more than this award provides. Unfortunately we cannot give them what they are deserving of.

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

I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2009 Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year.

During 2009, this Deputy State Fire Marshal excelled in each aspect of the fire marshal profession. In the field of investigations this deputy fire marshal led the agency with 67 initial fire investigations. Of those investigations, 45 were considered criminal in nature, resulting in 18 arrests for a criminal closure rate of 29%. This closure rate is far above the national average. While maintaining this case load they conducted 188 fire safety inspections. For 2009, their work was not limited to investigations and inspections. They taught several fire safety and prevention classes to hundreds of elementary school students at the Washington County Children's Village. These classes focus on fire safety at home, escape plans and proper use of the 911 service. He is the agency representative on the Western Region "Clan Lab" Response Team and maintains his Drug Enforcement Agency – Clandestine Drug Lab Responder certification.

He has been accepted by the FBI's Hazardous Device School to attend classes beginning January 2011 to become a Bomb Technician with the agency. He often represents the agency during after-hours functions as well. Addition, he serves as a Deputy Fire Chief at the Halfway Volunteer Fire Department and remains an active member of his daughter's elementary school PTA.

This deputy truly exemplifies the attributes of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In the words of his supervisor, "his performance and work ethic has had a positive impact on both the citizens of western Maryland and the employees of the Western Regional Office." I might also say he is training the newest member of the Western Maryland Office. He has excelled in each and every aspect of his career and is a model employee for the agency. It is my honor to present to you, the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2009, Deputy State Fire Marshal Edward L. Ernst. (Cheering and applause) Congratulations!

Also in addition to what we have given him from the agency (a plaque, certificate), I have a Superintendent's Salute, which, in the interest of time, I will not read. These are very special and very few individuals receive these. I also have a Governor's Citation.

Continuing economic challenges have become part of our daily lives. OSFM staff members continue to perform their public safety mission with pride. With challenges come opportunities. These tight economic times have required us to justify our resources and forced us to rethink current practices in order to position the OSFM for the future. We are always seeking potential opportunities to better perform our mission and, with your continued support, move both the Agency and more importantly the fire service forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a crystal clear picture of its mission. We look forward to working closely with your incoming Presidents, Doyle Cox and Sandi Lutz.

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We wish them great success and know they will achieve a tremendous amount during their terms in office.

Thank you very much everyone and enjoy the rest of the convention. (Applause)

President Roger A. Powell: Bill you know how much you mean to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We work together throughout the year, non-stop. The time you volunteer to us and in various aspect of not just conducting your office but in making sure the organization runs smoothly. It is beyond our ability to put into words to thank you. Saturday night I tried to thank you and today I would like to thank you again. We have a resolution written for you. And once again, words are inadequate of what you mean to the MSFA, together with a Convention mug and a Challenge Coin. (Applause)

President Roger A. Powell: And now I would like to recognize MFRI Director, Steve Edwards.

Steven Edwards, Director MFRI: Thank you President Powell. It is certainly my pleasure to be here today for your 118th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I would like to start by thanking each of you for your continued partnership to further fire, rescue and EMS training and education throughout the state. And you may be interested to know that this is MFRI's 80th year of service. We began in 1930 and we have had a great time for the whole 80 years and we appreciate that.

My sincere thanks to MSFA President Roger Powell, the Officers and the Executive Committee for their support of MFRI and the state-wide training system that has been very important to our success this year.

I would like to take a few moments to highlight some of the activities of MFRI this past year. And of course in doing that, first and foremost, I would like to recognize the MFRI staff and field instructors who really make this system work day in and day out. There is no mistake that they are absolutely the key to our success and I certainly appreciate that.

Unfortunately Dr. Mote, our President of the University of College Park, has announced his retirement effective in August of this year. Dr. Mote has been a very strong supporter of MFRI. We actually report directly to him on campus. He has a good understand and feel of what the fire and rescue service does and we will miss him in his retirement.

I am also very pleased to note that the MFRI Northeast Regional Training Center, we have talked about this for years, we talked about budgets, we talked about planning documents, I am very proud today to let you know the MFRI Northeast Regional Training Center is under construction. There are actually bulldozers and contractors out there starting the beginning of that project. It is very important, it is about an \$8.3 million project. Certainly our thanks to Governor O'Malley, the Maryland General Assembly and in particular Norm

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Conway who chairs the House Appropriations Committee and who has given us very strong support on that project. We hope to have that project completed late summer of 2011 it will be very important for Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford and Cecil Counties the primary jurisdictions served by that center.

As far as programs this year, we continue to bring on new programs as well as renovate existing programs. New and completed this year in the Rescue Technician series this year includes Technical Rope Rescue and Confined Space Rescue, Rescue Structural Collapse. Revision of HazMat Operations, revision of Aerial Apparatus Operator and Truck Company Operations. For the coming year we will looking at Rescue Technicians Swift Water Basic and Swift Water Advanced Rescue, revising the Pump Operators Program. We are going to take a look at Fire Officer and add more tactics – one of the things we have heard from students and instructors it that it is great administratively but you also have to respond to fires so we are going to put some content in there with regard to strategy and tactics. We will be bringing on –line in College Park a new Simulator System that will allow further educational programs. We are looking at Firefighter I, in the beginning we are going to review some of the slides and some of the lessons. There has been feedback from the students that there are just too many slides and PowerPoint presentations. We are going to be looking at EMT-B. Dr. Bass will be talking more about that under the National Standards. Emergency Medical Technician will be revised and the new course will be about 165 hours which is a substantial increase of the current course.

I would also like to report to you that the MFRI Program Instructor Evaluator System, we have a system now where the instructor presents a class and the students are allowed to provide feedback on the content – books, instructors, proficiency and so on and so forth. We have had a computerized database where we are able to keep track of each individual instructor performance that allows us to see what and how well instructors are doing. And that system, with regards to quantifying their performance, allows us to have conversations with them and it is going very well. And what I really want to do is thank our Field Instructors. By in large, all those without exception, our instructors are very highly evaluated and rated within their program.

EMT-B recertification online, we continue to have more and more students in that each month. If you don't want to sit through a 12 hour class, this is a great opportunity for that. Additionally, you know MFRI, all MFRI training, educational programs are a result of state or national certification either by the Maryland Instructor Recertification Review Board and the National Certification Pro Board or IFSAC or in some cases all three. Every fire training academy in Maryland uses MFRI curriculum. Every fire training academy in Maryland uses examinations. What that means to us is very important to us. What that means is every firefighter in the State of Maryland, whether you are from Baltimore City Fire Department or the smallest volunteer fire company in the state, every person takes the exact same course and the exact same examination. We are the only state that can say that on a state-wide basis. Everybody uses the same curriculum and everyone is

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tested to the same standards. This certainly is an accomplishment and says a lot about the system. In addition, Mike Robinson may speak about this in a few moments, the state of Maryland has granted over 100,000 certifications. We lead the United States in Professional Certifications. I remember in 1982, I was present at the first meeting when the state started to develop the certification program, and a lot of people were for it and a lot of people said it would never work, no one really wants to be certified and so forth. Here we are in the year 2010 with over 100,000 certifications in the state. So I want to thank the Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualification Review Board, and particularly Mike Robinson for his leadership with that.

In addition to the MFRI report today, I am going to quickly give you the report for the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board. Joe Weisgerber could not be here today. And that is unfortunate because he has been here for 56 straight years of the MSFA Conventions. He has been sick of late and he just could not make it. So on behalf of the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board which Joe is Chair of, I'll let you know first and foremost, every three years we look at the Instructors Standards and that is open now for review. If you have something you would like to comment on or change it requirements or making improvements to that, now is the time to do that. Other criteria for changing continuing education, every instructor needs over 12 hours every three years. MICRB has revised this past year This is working well as we just renew a number of applications today.

(The following is the report that Joseph A. Weisgerber submitted for the Maryland Instructor Review Board. Director Edwards summarized the report following MFRI's report above.)

I would like to start by reporting that the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board is about to complete its 30th year of operation. During those 30 years, the Board has had excellent attendance and participation not only from the member organizations, but also from the sponsoring agencies that nurture and support the state emergency services instructors through the certification process. They have all acted in a positive and professional manner. The Board would also like to recognize the University System of Maryland; and especially Director Steven T. Edwards and the staff at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, whose strong support is an invaluable asset to the Board. In April of 2010, the MICRB held its 143rd meeting. As of that meeting, there were 703 Certified State Emergency Services Instructors, 247 Instructor Evaluators, and 18 Instructor Trainers. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010 at the Ocean City Convention Center, in conjunction with the MSFA Convention.

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

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Higher Education Commission, and became effective in October 2007. In conjunction with the Orange Book review, the Board is also updating and developing policies to further streamline and facilitate the certification process.

Criteria for Continuing Education Programs was developed and finalized and was disseminated to Sponsoring Agencies. A significant effort has been made by all jurisdictions to provide ample professional development opportunities for instructors, and throughout the year several new PDI opportunities have been approved. MFRI's on-line PDI program continues to provide instructors with an alternative to traditional classroom and lecture based PDI. The Board feels that the increased number of PDI offerings available has played a significant role in the reduction of re-entry requests.

MSFA Second Vice President Dave Lewis has been a regular attendee at Board meetings this past year, and the Board is pleased that the MSFA's leadership continues to take an interest in the instructor certification process.

The Board is always available to assist instructors and their sponsoring agencies in clarifying any issues they may have with the certification process. Congratulations are extended to President Roger Powell and his administration for a successful term, and best of luck to incoming President Doyle Cox as he takes the reins of the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Weisgerber Chairman

An independent Board responsible for the administration of the Emergency Services Instructor Certification Program in accord with Code of Maryland Regulations 13B 03.0.

Director Edwards requested President Powell please join him on the stage for a presentation.

This presentation is not just from me but from the entire faculty, staff and instructors of the Institute. Roger Powell has performed well and done an outstanding job as President this year. We knew early on that he is a strong supporter of training and education. He understands the need for safety and other reasons to have people who are competent and well qualified in the emergency services. It has been my pleasure to work with him for the last three years. We have a plaque that says: "Presented to Roger N. Powell, President, in recognition of your successful term as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Your dedication to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Services, along with your professionalism, has been very much appreciated. On behalf of Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute we wish you continued success." Roger we thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: Steve, don't go anywhere. You know recognition you receive nationally is greater than that we can give you here at the Maryland State Firemen's

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Convention. And certainly our words are inadequate to how we appreciate everything that you do to make sure that our volunteers receive the training they need, locally and across the state. Maryland is the leader because of what you do in the delivery of education to the volunteer emergency services and we certainly need to express our gratitude to you for continuing to provide that wonderful service to us without which we could not function. So I have a resolution to present to you along with a Challenge Coin and one of my Convention Mugs. (Applause)

We will now have a report from Jim Seavey on the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Jim Seavey, NVFC Report: Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon. It is my honor and privilege to represent my colleague, Lee Sachs, who serves as your Director and I serve as your alternate director, representing the members of the MSFA on the National Volunteer Fire Council. You will find our report in the MSFA Convention Book and it is rather lengthy and I won't go through that report but I would like to touch on a couple of highlights from this past year reference to representing you on the NVFC.

It has now been 5 years since Maryland went back into the NVFC and I can tell you we serve with vigor and fervently just as we did when we first walked back in the door. We are extremely active and fortunate to have the NVFC in our front yard with their offices in Greenbelt in Prince George's County. That has given us the privilege of having many programs afforded us that might not have otherwise been afforded if we did not have the home office in our front yard.

This past year with Johns Hopkins University we had a health initiative forum where many of you in the audience and throughout the state participated in surveys conducted by doctors at Johns Hopkins looking to improve the health of firefighters across the country. This forum started in Maryland and has been completed and the data compiled and it will move across the country. Also a land mark event occurred at the spring meeting of the NVFC, where a new EMS section was created as of May 1st. It will be a stand-alone section that will report back to the Council on an annual basis. The Volunteer advocacy committee which I serve on within the organization has been very active defending the rights of two-hatters career personnel that volunteer on their days off. I would encourage each and every one of you to visit the nvfc.org web site, go to the resources section and click on the volunteer advocacy committee. There is a method for volunteers in trouble to report their problems to the committee and then we offer assistance. This tool has been extremely well used by personnel who are in trouble experiencing problems with their local union and we have been pleased to be able to provide assistance. Lastly the NVFC stands alone as the leader of Junior Fire Fighter programs in the United States. This serves sixteen to twenty one year old firefighters and has incredible opportunities for our young personnel and you would be remiss if you didn't visit the site and list your volunteers in the junior program because the scholarships and benefits available are second to none. I look forward to serving you again with my colleague Lee Sachs who could not be here to report. He's working the exhibits downstairs. If you need any assistance, or if you have any questions

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about the NVFC please feel free to contact us. It's been an honor to serve under President Powell. He has supported us every step of the way and we look forward to serving you in the future. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger Powell: We will now have a special program presentation entitled: Stability of Light-Weight Engineered Lumber Under Fire Conditions, presented by John F. Bender/ Professional Engineer and member of FSFPE, member of Underwriters Laboratories, Aberdeen, Md. John is the North East representative for Underwriters Laboratories, retired three years ago as Chief Fire Protection Engineer with the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal after thirty five years of service. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland Fire Protection Engineering Program. He is a fellow of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers and Past President of the Chesapeake Chapter. He is an active life member of the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Dept with forty eight years of service. He's a former Battalion Chief and Safety Officer and currently on the Board of Directors. He's a former live in at the College Park Fire Department and Past President of the International Fire Marshal's Association. He is active on numerous NFPA technical committees including two terms on the prestigious NFPA standards council and what work I left out is the work he has done for us on the Residential Sprinkler committee. So it is my pleasure to introduce John Bender. (Applause)

John Bender, PE, Underwriters Laboratories: Thank you Roger and congratulations on a very successful year as President of the MSFA and to the Association as well.

It is an honor and a pleasure for me to present this program on behalf of Underwriters Laboratory on the subject of Stability of Light-Weight Engineered Lumber Under Fire Conditions. However, as you will learn, it is not only about engineered lumber, it is about residential fires that that become more dangerous to occupants and firefighters. It is about what firefighters need to know to safely fight today's house fires and what the fire service can do to help reduce this risk.

Video please. Video opens showing the funeral of two firefighters. It continues what should never have happened. Then goes to another firefighter killed in a house fire.

John Bender: A routine house fire - light smoke showing. About 5 feet later we were in the basement. These words are haunting. As a fire service family we share in their grief and loss of firefighter Ernie Wolf under such tragic circumstances. In deed we share in the loss of any firefighter or other safety public servant who has paid the ultimate price in the performance of their duty.

At the same time we pledge our honor to their memory and sacrifice by learning from their experience and incorporating those lessons in changes to through changes in our training and operations, with better equipment more diligent actions by up-dating state building and fire codes so that those loses will not have been in vain. This is our solemn promise to

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each other. This is the least we can do for our fallen brothers and sisters and to ensure our own safety and the security of our families and fellow firefighters. The fire service is good at doing this but we can and must do better. *Everyone goes home.*

I am proud to say the company I now work for, Underwriters Laboratories, has incorporated fire safety as part of its long-standing public safety mission. This is above and beyond its historic business as an independent testing laboratory to conduct fire research, develop product safety standards and to test, certify and label millions of products for safety in the market place.

In 2008 UL along with our partners in the Chicago Fire Department (CFD), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the Michigan State University (MSU) and a \$1 million dollars from the Department of Homeland Security Safety Grant to research the growing number of firefighters deaths due to alleged premature collapse of lightweight engineered lumber involved in fires in single family homes.

This presentation is a brief summary of that research. It is also the subject of a two hour self-guided online training course that is available to fire departments, free of charge, on the UL University website at www.ul.com. Please see me after the presentation if you are interested in program information in this regard.

First, in the way of background, this graph illustrates what UL researchers and others have documented as today's residential fire service problems. It shows residential fires from 1950 to today, left to right. The baseline represents the increase risk to firefighters by use of columns, that show changes in materials that are used in homes, including the introduction of plastics in 1960, synthetic furniture in the 70's, and light weight construction in the 1980s. And the hope of reducing the risks that we see in the future through efforts such as this research.

Next, the dash line, from left to right, sloping downward, shows that the number of reported house fires have significantly decreased by almost 50 percent over this same period of time. However, the number of annual fire service deaths, represented by line horizontal line at the top of the graph, has remained the same, at about 100 per year, not including the tragic loss of 343 firefighters killed in the 911 attacks on the World Trade Centers. Why is this? You would expect to see a corresponding decrease with the number decrease in the number of house fires. Right?

To reinforce these points this a photo is showing the amount of plastic products that are commonly found in today's home - toys, appliances, furniture and other assorted items. Anyone recognize some of the products in your own home? As another example, here are two typical living room scenes. In the room on the left, the contents consist of primarily of natural products such as wood, cotton, wool or leather-covered, upholstered chairs and couches with natural batting as cushioning, along with metal and glass tables. On the right

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side is an equivalent room with modern synthetic based furniture, such as micro-suede covered upholstered chairs and couches with polyurethane cushioning and polyester drapes and veneered wool paneling. These synthetic materials do not have a level of prevalence or even exist 30 years ago.

Fires were started in both rooms with the same source - an electric match in a couch cushion. These photos show the fire growth at 1 minute 15 seconds. In the room on the left, the room with the natural materials, the fire is about 2" height. In the room on the right, the synthetic materials, the fire has grown to about 10".

Now fast forward to about 4 minutes and 25 seconds. The fire on the left has grown to about 6" and there is little smoke. However on the right, the room with the synthetic materials at just 4 minutes, the fire is well involved and expanding in every direction and moving toward the drapes. The room is billowing with thick, black acrid smoke. Typical of a petroleum based fire that the products were made from. The room is about to flashover which is when all the combustibles in the room, including the carpeting have been preheated to a point where the entire room is ready to literally burst into a ball of fire. Similar results have been obtained by the National Institutes of Standards and Technology. Over the years, many of these unregulated products have gradually entered the market place and our homes.

Then in the 1980s, we saw the introduction of light-weight engineered products as shown in this slide. As a result, the risk is gradually increased and is being compounded, particularly in new construction. These structural wood products are just as strong or stronger as their solid wood counterparts but have less mass and more surface area. Once fire starts or spreads into this construction, fire can spread more quickly through the open concealed spaces and cause the light-weight construction to lose its integrity much sooner than firefighters normally expect.

Often, as shown in the opening video, firefighters arrive on the scene and start to conduct search and rescue and interior firefighting operations just as the floor or roof are ready to collapse from the fire above or fire below. So this is an important lesson for firefighters to understand.

Now this is not meant to be too critical of the wood products industry. They are in business of selling wood products. They respond to the market demands by inventing new products that use less natural resources and are more economical and competitive. This is a trend that is continuing as there is a greater emphasis on so-called green technology and energy conservation. The problem is that while all of this was happening, there was not a corresponding change in the model building codes to counter these increased hazards.

In response to these changes, for years, the fire service tried to do something about this. They began setting up test demonstrations and recording behavior of light-weight construction and bringing attention to this problem. Unfortunately when it came time to propose and submit code changes through the code development process, the results

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of these tests were often criticized by opponents and dismissed as being unscientific. If you have ever been involved in trying to get a code change proposal adopted, such as residential sprinklers, you know just how challenging and frustrating the process can be.

Appeals of actual incidents involving firefighter fatalities were likewise viewed as not being completely factual until NIOSH began to document such instances in 1997. Since that time, NIOSH has confirmed that 25 firefighters have been killed and 11 injured in 20 incidents, due to the rapid spread of fire through areas of unprotected wood construction where the sudden collapse of light-weight wood construction. So this is not exactly a new issue to the fire service.

This is where the UL research process tried to help. Under the DHS grant and working with our partners, UL conducted scientific and rigorous tests of full scale constructive assemblies in this test burnish. The purpose of these tests was to compare the structural performance of typical modern light-weight engineered lumber to traditional or so-called legacy solid wood floor and roof construction under accepted laboratory controlled conditions. These tests are not intended to present an actual fire scenario but are designed to be repeatable so that others who may challenge their results and validate them.

The test program involved 9 full scale assemblies, 7 floor assemblies and 4 roof assemblies. Two of the floor assemblies were unprotected, meaning there was no ceiling protecting the underside of the assembly from the fire below. The remaining five floor assemblies were protected by ceiling such as 1/2" dry wall that is typically installed in most residential construction, at least in the finished areas.

This chart (shown on slide on stage screen) shows the difference of fire performance between light-weight construction assemblies and legacy construction. I realize you cannot see the values in this table, and time does not allow a complete review, so suffice to say the first test with unprotected legacy construction, that is with solid wood joist and no dry wall ceiling something like you would find in a basement, collapsed in 18 minutes 35 seconds. This is compared to the 2nd test which shows that the equivalent light-weight construction, again with no dry wall construction, collapsed in just 6 minutes. This is a dramatic change from what the fire service is used to seeing in the field. Essentially what these tests mean to the fire service in the field is that you can expect light-weight lumber construction will collapse about 1/3 of the time as compared to solid wood construction. Furthermore, as a rule of thumb, the presence of regular 1/2" dry wall in the ceiling will add about 20 minutes protection before structural collapse. Regardless of the type of light-weight wood truss construction, the use of 5/8" fire code dry wall will buy you a little more time. Let me repeat in plain language if you arrive at the scene of a working house fire, always anticipate structural collapse until you can confirm structural integrity as part of your risk benefit sizing.

So to briefly summarize today's presentation problem. First we have larger homes.

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Homes built in the 50 and 60s had an average size of 983 square feet compared to today's new homes that have an average of 2,349 square feet. The slide that we showed earlier, where the fire was through the roof, that particular two story house was 8,000 square feet. In addition, many new homes are built in rural areas where they are located further away from the fire station with limited access and no public water supply. Then you have more open floor plans, such as this great room that is open to the kitchen and other areas – all open into one big space and more attention to energy conservation. Plus increased fuel loads represented by the plastic products and the type of furniture we talked about. Plus you have the open and concealed attic space we talked about, plus the growing use of light-weight engineered lumber. Together these factors result in faster and hotter fires which produce larger volume thick black toxic smoke, which creates a shorter time to flashover, shorter escape times and shorter time to structural collapse time, which have been reduced from years ago to 2 to 3 minutes from the time of fire ignition.

Although not part of this research project, light-weight construction can also be found in new and renovated multi-family and some commercial and industrial construction. Although in multi-family and large buildings is often required to be protected with dry wall but not always.

So what needs to happen? First, the fire service needs to be more aware of changes to the residential fire environment and the hazards of light-weight construction and develop policies, strategic plans and training programs to address these issues, especially the firefighter safety issues. (Please see the IAFC position paper for guidance on this on the IAFC website).

Second, There are a lot of existing homes where there is always going to be a problem. The fire service needs to begin aggressive action to adopt current model buildings and fire codes that incorporate fire sprinklers. The MSFA and the state of Maryland have done an outstanding job in this area and are way ahead of other states on this issue. Thanks to the efforts of Doug Alexander and the MSFA Residential Sprinkler Committee, the State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, and the staff in the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the efforts of local fire service. But we need to continue the battle at the local level.

Third, we need to continue other fire changes such as requiring fire rated construction and increased draft stopping requirements to limit concealed combustible spaces to no more than 500 square feet to help slow down the spread of fire. Please play it safe. Don't let the loss of our fellow firefighters be in vain. Thank you very much for your interest in this subject. Time is short, so I will be around the rest of the day to answer any questions you might have. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: John if you would just stay here a second. John Bender has been another invaluable resource. We find it hard to be able to find men like John Bender – and women, who give us the support in the on-going progress of the MSFA. So

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we want to express our thanks with a Resolution to John, and a mug and a Challenge Coin.

At this time I would like to take a personal minute and invite Fire Marshal, Bill Barnard; Doug Alexander and Dennis Gentzel, Office of the State Fire Marshal to join us on stage. On several occasions today you have heard mentioned of our Residential Sprinkler Chair, Doug Alexander. These gentlemen have all worked TIRELESSLY for years to support our Residential Sprinkler Program and have travelled to every town, county, municipality and city in the state of Maryland to support legislation for Residential Sprinklers and you have heard the reports. You have just heard John Bender and you heard the Fire Marshal's report. So without their services in this regard and I don't have to tell you all what it means to hear about residential sprinklers and light-weight engineered Lumber and open construction. So every time we have a small victory, it is a great victory for us. The reason I called them out is because this wouldn't be happening, any victory would not be happening, without their work and effort. And when I said they travel night and day all over the state and spent hours and hours testifying – you just have no concept. Today, just recently today, within the last few hours, Baltimore City Council passed the Residential Sprinkler ordinance which means on new individual family residents in Baltimore City, will be required to have residential sprinklers. And this would not have happened without the work and efforts of these gentlemen standing before you. We weren't prepared for this but we would like for you to know it and I think these gentlemen deserved a round of applause for all their efforts. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: And now I would like to call on Lynn Gilroy for the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission.

Lynn Gilroy, Vice Chair MFRETC: Good afternoon. President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis, Distinguished Guests and Fellow Delegates: On behalf of the Higher Education Secretary, James V. Lyons, Michael Clements, Chairman and the other the MFRETC, I bring you greetings. Over the last year our Commission has met throughout the state on topics related to issues to fire, rescue and EMS training for Maryland's fire and EMS service. The Annual Report of the Commission can be found on the Maryland Higher Education website. Due to budget cuts we are unable to make copies for everyone, so you can find it on the website.

As we all know, counties in this state and this country are on an economic downfall, the likes we have not seen. As a result the Charles W. Riley Tuition Reimbursement Plan, administered by MFRETC was in serious deficiency to the tune of \$200,000 for FY2011. This impact was to be felt by all fire & EMS members in all parts of the state striving for a higher education. Numerous members of the House of Delegates and Senate were contacted regarding this deficiency. As a result legislation was introduced as part of the Budget Reconciliation Act that requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission to pay a pro-rated partial reimbursement to all eligible students in FY2011. It further was directed to impact, to transfer any unused grants or scholarship money left over from other

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programs to the Charles W. Riley Program for FY2011.

This is only a short-term fix for a long time problem. The Maryland Fire and Rescue Education Training Commission has established a committee to work on finding a way to fully fund the Charles W. Riley Tuition Program. In accordance with legislation, this committee will include members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Maryland Professional Firefighters Association, the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, and other interested parties.

As there are more college programs approved by the Higher Education Commission, related to fire and EMS, the more demand for additional funding will be needed. We all share responsibility to make sure members of our departments have tools in order for them to become better educated and better providers for those we serve.

I want to thank you for your attention and the Maryland Fire Rescue Education Commission looks forward to working with President Cox and the other Officers of the MSFA in the coming year. And we wish you a successful convention. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: And now from the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board, Chief Mike Robinson, Chairman.

Chief Mike Robinson, Chair MFSPQB: Good afternoon President Powell, Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It is an honor and privilege to stand before you and present to you the annual report of the MFSQB. The report should have been provided to you in your individual registration packets. If you did not receive one, it is available downstairs at our booth located with MFRI in the lobby. Just to briefly highlight some of our accomplishments over the past year: We were honored in December 2009 the 100,000th certification of the MFSPQB to a member of the Providence and Rosedale Volunteer Companies in Baltimore County. This is certainly a milestone of our organization. It is truly an acknowledgement of the state-wide success of professional qualification certification in Maryland.

We were also privileged to present, as a result of our operations, a check in the amount of \$10,000 at the Annual Gala of the Fire Rescue Memorial. And I am pleased to announce here this afternoon that at today's annual meeting, we announced be voted to provide them with an additional \$10,000 donation that will be provided at their annual event this September. (Applause)

Today we also presented the first of an annual award that we plan to present annually entitled the "Russell J. Strickland Award." This award recognizes an individual who has provided a significant amount of service or played an important role in Maryland Fire Service Certification. And I am honored to announce that that award this year went to Mr. Warren Peter who is retired from MFRI. He was instrumental in our Port Folios Certification which is now a national model. Today we also approved and put into place,

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something that we looked at last year, in the aftermath of a tragic death of a fire recruit in Baltimore City, for the last two years along with the Commission and the MSFA Training Committee, we have been talking about developing a certification for those that manage and support live acquired structure burns in the State of Maryland. Our challenge was to develop a certification that would be acceptable from Oakland to Ocean City that would accommodate both the career metro departments as well as the individual fire company, all in the interest of provider safety when operating at an acquired structure. And I am pleased to announce that we have approved an application and I would like to recognize Chief Dan Stevens of the Waldorf for efforts in bringing this to fruition. That certification will be available probably this August and we will have a menu application which will be out shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank some of those people behind the scenes that allowed the Board to operate on a daily basis. First and foremost, I would like to thank my boss, Chief John J. Hohman of the Baltimore County Fire Department who allows me to spend a proportional amount of my time serving the Board around the state. And I would like to thank Director Steve Edwards from the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. Larry Preston, Bob Rose, Evelyn Graf who are the day to day operational people that allow our Board to work with a partnership with MFRI and provide for on-going certification and all the other services it takes to run such a robust Board.

And finally I would like to call upon President Roger Powell for a brief presentation and a token of our appreciation on behalf of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualification Board for President Roger Powell for his unending support during his tenure as President. (Applause)

(Presentation to President Powell) Thank you very much and in closing I would urge everyone to visit our certification booth downstairs in concert with MFRI. If you don't have your credentials with you, we have a record somewhere in our files, and we will be doing on-the-spot certifications through Wednesday morning. Thank you very much.

President Roger M. Powell: Next I am going to call upon Monty Mitchell from the Department of Natural Resources for his report.

Monty Mitchell, DNR: President Powell, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources Secretary John R. Griffin and Forest Service Director / State Forester Steven W. Koehn.

During 2009 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 408 wildfires that burned 4,853 acres. The year saw an early and busy spring fire season with an above average acreage burned. The fall fire season was much wetter than normal that helped keep fire occurrences low and contributed to an overall below average response level for the year. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning and Arson, Also in 2009, the Agency and partners conducted 70 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 1,129 acres.

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Maryland also assisted nationally with one twenty-person wild land fire crew that served on incidents in Utah and California and two individual single resource assignments in Alaska and Minnesota.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 41 volunteer fire departments in fourteen counties and the companies received \$88,804 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$249,306 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wild land protective equipment, upgrades to communications equipment, and other small tool purchases such as chain saws and fire hose. The 2010 grant application period is currently open with approximately \$100,000 in grant funds available this year for distribution.

The Firewise Maryland program expanded into the Central and Eastern regions of the state with the successful award of two additional federal hazard mitigation grants to the Agency. In the Central Region Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) were completed on the Liberty, Loch Raven, and Prettyboy Reservoir properties in Baltimore and Carroll Counties. Two additional plans were completed in the Western Region for the Allegany Highlands and Cumberland Chase communities in Allegany County. Six other CWPP's are currently under development. The plans assist the community in preparedness planning efforts, resources, and potential mitigation activities that could be accomplished to reduce the risk of wildfires.

Many thanks to all the members and departments that work with our Agency in its mission of wild land fire protection. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 118th MSFA Annual Convention! Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: Monty, we want to thank you as we do all the other agencies in the State that we work with. Certainly the Department of Natural Resources and you have been an unbelievable partner cooperating with everything the Maryland State Firemen's Association and so at this time we want to present you with a Challenge Coin, and a Convention Mug so you can remember this past year with me.

President Roger N. Powell: At this time I would like to call on Dr. Robert Bass for a report on Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMSS).

Dr. Robert Bass, Director of MIEMSS: Thank you Mr. President, I appreciate that. I would like to convey my appreciation to the MSFA leadership, Roger Powell, Doyle Cox and Dave Lewis for their time, dedication and hard work this year. I would also like to thank Danny Davis and Richard Yinger for their support in Annapolis, Wayne Tomb, Chair of the EMS Committee, Steward Carter, Chair of the Executive Committee and the many other members of the MSFA we have worked with this past year.

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Despite the many challenges we have faced together, we continue to have the only comprehensive statewide trauma and EMS system in the United States.

This is not accomplished by chance; it takes planning and partnerships between public safety, healthcare and law enforcement to have a cohesive statewide system of care. EMS connects all entities of public health and safety and no one does it better than we do in Maryland. The Volunteer and Career EMS providers working together with our partners in the hospitals provide a coordinated and integrated approach to assist our fellow citizens with time critical conditions.

Despite the pressures of the economy, I have a lot of good news to report this year....

Our helicopter procurement is moving ahead; the Maryland General Assembly gave us additional funding. We hope to see the award soon and get replacements for our aging fleet.

We thank you for your support in implementing the protocol changes for helicopter utilization; we believe that the coordinated decision making process of the field providers and trauma centers has improved the effective use of these limited and lifesaving resources. Although this has not been without challenges, we appreciate the willingness of both field providers and trauma center staff to work together to address issues as they have arisen.

We can all be thankful that the H1N1 this past year, although challenging, was not as bad as predicted and therefore, afforded the opportunity to coordinate and plan health and medical response to an influenza pandemic. These efforts have not been wasted as it is only a matter of time before these plans will need to be placed in to action.

We have had a successful procurement of a replacement for eMAIS. Thanks to all who participated in developing the RFP and assisted us in evaluating the bidders. The Board of Public Works has approved the contract with Image Trend who has a strong presence in many states, has great data reporting tools, and includes both web based and mobile solutions. We plan to have training and implementation completed by the end of 2010.

Many new features for FRED and CHATS have been integrated into HC Standard such as, automated entry for hospital diversion, better reporting and charting capabilities, and patient tracking from the field with handheld devices.

We have made changes in licensure and certification such as the streamlining of the recertification process for EMTs, who can now challenge the practical refresher, and the acceptance of National Registry for the purpose of EMT recertification.

Many volunteer and career providers and instructors are participating on committees working on the implementation of the new national education standards. The new EMT

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course will be piloted this year and implemented by 2012.

MIEMSS is exploring the possibility of utilizing the National Registry for initial testing of EMTs which would not be placed into effect until after the implementation of the new educational standards.

A learning management system which enables providers to use online training for protocol updates and other important educational needs has been implemented. The learning management system allows education updates to be completed at the convenience of the provider.

With respect to quality assurance, we continue to train our jurisdictional QI officers and work with them to help us to make improvements in the care we provide and the system. QI may not be quite as glamorous as field response, but it is every bit as important to ensuring that our systems are functioning as they should and that we continue to provide the best care possible to the citizens of Maryland.

We have recently started a project to look at how we can improve outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest. After decades of poor outcome, we are beginning to see improvements in many areas of the country. We will be establishing a task force to develop a statewide plan and best practice as to how to more effectively treat the almost 4,000 sudden cardiac arrests that EMS responds to each year in Maryland.

At the urging of our hospital colleagues, and after several years of discussion and a task force report, the EMS Board has approved requirements for patient care reporting. An EMS patient care report contains vital information for the patient and the hospital and must be completed and left with the patient at the hospital. Unfortunately, in some cases it is not possible to leave the patient care report with the patient before the ambulance must go back in service, in which case, an abbreviated record may be substituted, but the full ePCR must be completed and submitted to the hospital within twenty-four (24) hours. The implementation of these requirements will be deferred until implementation of the new ePCR system. We are working to develop automated solutions to get completed ePCR reports to hospitals and to expand access to and the reliability of IT equipment used by EMS at the hospitals. A task force has been established to work on this and will include both EMS and hospital personnel.

The EMS Board has approved the standards for cardiac intervention centers to treat patients with STEMI; another critical condition that requires an integrated approach to care which allows prehospital and hospital providers working in a coordinated manner to ensure that patients receive the right care, in the right time and at the right place. STEMI centers will be formally designated by the end of the year. Regional planning on best approaches to treating and transporting patients with STEMI are underway.

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Finally, thank you to all who assisted in updating the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program standards this year. While this is a voluntary program, many jurisdictions take advantage of this opportunity to ensure their ambulances are properly prepared for responding to emergencies.

I would like to once again thank all of you for your partnership and support over the years in building the foundation for all that we do. It is that which makes us what we are, the best and only comprehensive statewide system of emergency care in the United States. With your continued help and support, we will stay the best. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: Dr. Bass, the Maryland State Firemen's Association appreciates the partnership that we have with you. Obviously over the years it has been important for us to be able to receive the training and certification to enable us to deliver our services across the state and, although sometimes it has been tough, and that is good. We always manage to find a way to do what we do to ensure that we can deliver our services. There are, as I said regarding some of our other departmental partners, words are not adequate to express how much it means to us to be part of a system that is the envy of the country and sometimes in some countries, the envy of the world. Certainly the model and we want to show our appreciation and acknowledgement to you so we have a Resolution to present to you today, together with my Convention Mug and a Challenge Coin so that you will remember this year and this convention. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: And at this time I would like to call on Jim Radcliffe to give the Shock Trauma Report.

Jim Radcliffe, Shock Trauma Center: Morning. Or Good Afternoon, I am use to doing this in the morning. I would like to start by talking about our mission to the state of Maryland and remind everyone it is written into law in HB 1222, about our mission to be a part of the state system. And we continue with that mission to serve the state of Maryland and as we have done that and we continue to grow and continue to expand our services.

This year our services, as of to date, FY10 we served 7,435 patients and if you remember, the building we are currently in was to handle about 3,500 patients a year. The actual budget for this year was 7,300 patients, so we are above budget by so we are above patients by 135 for the year.

One of the things we strive to do is always keep the doors open. We have had zero occurrences of by-pass and zero occurrences where we have not been able to provide the service that we needed to. There have been 7 times that we had to go on capacity alert just for brief periods to re-shift resources and that was only for about 23 hours.

One of the key parts of what we do in our services, through the educational activities that

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we do across the state of Maryland with our partners. This year we were able to do our Airway Class, the Advanced Airway Class, we were able to do 11 sessions that we have done. That continues to be highly in demand with 166 providers attending.

The observations within the TRU and the Critical Care Units there were 192 providers that attended the observation in the TRU and the Critical Care Unit with 109 providers. We continue to extend out to fire departments and different conferences across the state of Maryland. And on 17 different opportunities we were able to send out faculty and staff to those venues to provide education as well.

In addition we have the educational opportunities that we provide through the evening educational broadcast. This year we were able to do seven educational broadcasts. Those broadcasts we send out through the state of Maryland. Some of you are familiar with those broadcasts as it has grown. It initially was to be at 2 different locations and that has now expanded to 13 different locations across the state of Maryland. So we can send this program everywhere in the state of Maryland from the Eastern Shore all the way to the mountains of Garrett County and we have been able to reach out to our partners in Cumberland as well as Washington County. Carroll County has now come on board with us, as well as Prince George's, Calvert ALS is on board with us, St. Mary's Hospital has partnered with us. On the Eastern Shore, Cecil County came on board. Queen Anne's County, Department of Emergency Services is on board, as well as Easton Memorial and Peninsula Regional, so we are able to reach through- out the state of Maryland. To be sure these educational broadcasts go throughout the state with this information.

One of the other opportunities we have had to do this year, not only serving the state but reaching globally with our resources. We have had a long-standing partnership with the United States Air Force with their program. This year our faculty was called upon to assist with their program and we sent faculty from our facility to Germany and to Iraq to actually be side by side with the military positions that we have been training. We are finding more and more of the Air Force positions and their nursing colleagues as well as medics are coming through the program, pre-deployment and going out into the field and our physicians had the opportunity to go along with them to see what they are doing in training. Because ultimately, what we learn in lessons on the battlefield will come back to effect what we do here in our care.

We also had the opportunity to reach globally, many of you are aware that on January 12th of this year an earthquake struck the small island of Haiti. Two weeks after that incident occurred, we were able to reach a partnership with Catholic Relief Charities and with that partnership every since, every two weeks we have been rotating faculty, physicians as well as nurses and techs down to Haiti to man a hospital there to provide care to the folks in Haiti. And that mission has been on-going every since.

Many of you know the history of Maryland as we look back at the vision and history of

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EMS and we look back at this man, Dr. R Adams Cowley and his vision of what we do for critically medicine. Dr. Cowley believed he could apply critical care medicine to a civilian population and that we could rapidly evacuate critically injured patients from the scene of injuries to what he called definite care. And he came along side of his partners with the Maryland State Police and the Maryland State Firemen's' Association and he fought to get us helicopters. And you can remember when he fought to get a building. Many of you can remember when we moved into the new building, in the mid 1980s. Well that vision continues today and some of you have been downtown lately and you see the progress where there use to be a pharmacy building, now there is a whole in the ground. And that progress, as we expand will ultimately become this vision. And as we expand to a trauma and critical care tower, this is an expansion of Dr. Cowley's vision to be able to provide care, trauma and critical care to the citizens of Maryland:

with that expansion, will come a state-of-art simulation training center located on the first floor that will be funded by Federal money to work with the military as with our partners throughout the state of Maryland. So it won't be something that we are just using internally but that simulation center will be there work with our partners in EMS though out the state of Maryland.

Additionally with this facility, it will be 140,000 square feet of new construction with ten new operating rooms and 64 private new intensive care units. It will have a new helipad on it in addition to the existing helipads. It will allow us to expand our operation. It will expand the National Trauma Emergency Medicine Training Center. Many of the things we have offered in the past, we will be able to extend those services and expand the opportunity for training and education for pre-hospital providers. So Dr. Cowley's vision will expand and this you will see coming up 10th Street from Lombard Street with an expanded Emergency Department on the ground floor, with a 7-story structure located on the corner of 10th and Lombard Street. The ambulance bays will come all the way out to the corners. And the full service building as it is being constructed will become operable by 2013.

This year again, we had the opportunity to honor the heroes throughout the state of Maryland. And recognize that system as that system came together. We honored our heroes on April 24th and looked at the system with both a rural and urban taste. We brought those folks together from Western Maryland as well as the mid-shore, to recognize their service to the system. Those folks came together just to save a single life, and the folks that they represent throughout the system. We brought them together and honored them for a night for heroes. Some of your representatives were there to join us that evening at the Convention Center, for the Shock Trauma 2010. You will recognize some of the members of your delegation in this slide.

For us it is about a partnership. We cannot exist without our partners. We have a free standing trauma hospital that has no walk-in service. And we realize that and it is about the relationship we have with the hospital providers and the relationship we have with the state of Maryland. And we look for the partnership we have with the Maryland State Firemen's

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Association, and this year again, fighting to defend the system and looking at another year we thank you for another year of saving lives in the field. In the shock trauma center, as well as in the Legislature, this is another year that we celebrate another Gala that went so well. \$10,000 scholarship award through the Scholarship Committee. Again, a year of changing leadership, the launching of a new critical care building, and new opportunities and challenges.

I would like to take a moment to recognize our special partners. The Maryland State Firemen's Association, our partners at MIEMSS, MFRI, as well as the Maryland State Police Aviation Command and working together in that partnership to fight and preserve the system. We thank you for a great year. We look forward to another year. Have a safe convention and thank you again for all you do for us and for the system and the state of Maryland. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: Jim has been, as with our other governmental partners, a partner without which the entire governmental partnership and our Association and its members would not have been able to provide the services without their support. You support us tremendously, not the least has been the scholarship every year. We want to recognize everything you do for us by presenting you with this Resolution, with a Convention Mug, and one of the Challenge Coins. (Applause)

As a reminder tomorrow morning, the Awards Ceremony will follow the awards program shown in the Volunteer Trumpet and posted on the MSFA website and NOT the one printed in the Convention Program Book. We will begin tomorrow morning's session at 08:30 hours. At this time I would like to call on my dear friend, Pete Walbert, Assistant Chaplain for the Benediction.

Pete Walbert, Assistant Chaplain: Let us please rise. Let us pray. Our Father we come to you in appreciation Lord for being with us for the 118th Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. As we close out this session Lord, we ask you to be with the activities later on in the day, give them safety and guidance Lord. For we ask this all in Your son's name. Amen.

President Roger N. Powell: This session is recessed. We will reconvene at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

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3rd Session**

President Roger N. Powell: Call to Order. The convention will come to order for the third session of the convention. I call upon Chaplain Barnhart for the invocation.

Chaplain Charles Barnhart – Let us pray. Heavenly Father for the blessing of this day we pause and give you thanks. We give you thanks for the blessing you gave each and every one of us who have the ability to serve the citizens of this great state of Maryland. We ask you to be with us during the presentations this morning. Make what we do and say be pleasing in your sight and for the betterment for all those who participate in Fire, EMS and Ladies Auxiliary of this great state. Again Father as we continue this convention and conference here in Ocean City we ask your abundance blessings to be wit each one of us and it is with this we ask in your gracious name . Amen.

President Roger N. Powell: I now call on Chairman Steven Scheinin of the Safety Committee for a Safety message.

Safety Chairman Steven Scheinin: Good morning. My name is Steven Scheinin, Chairman of the Safety committee. As you can see time is taken at each session for a safety message. This points out that the Maryland State Firemen's Association takes your safety very seriously. By now you should have planned your route from this building should there be an emergency remembering that the elevators and escalators might be out of service. We've had over two hundred people sign the seat belt pledge in room 21. If you have not done so, please stop by. Thank you.

President Roger N. Powell: – If there is a representative of the Berlin Fire Dept. please come back stage for a message. Now I call on Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee, Bobby Collins.

Fire Prevention Chairman Bobby Collins – Thank you President Powell. Good morning everybody. My report is on page 63 of the convention book. Usually every year VFIS presents us a check for about \$1200 because some of the awards we give out are cash awards and the Companies take it back and use it in Fire Prevention.

I would like to thank Bruce Bouch of the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office and members of the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office for judging the books and also judging the floats tomorrow morning in front of the convention hall.

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Also giving out awards this morning are: Tim Dayton, Richard Yinger and Bryan Garceau. Tim Dayton is Chairman of the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission. Members of the Life Safety Committee handing out awards today are: Ed Thurston, Emmons Horner, John Spiker, Marie Warner, Jim Jarboe, and Donnie Foard. They will be assisting the new Miss Fire Prevention and the First Runner Up. Last night was the Miss Fire Prevention contest. Miss Fire Prevention is from Frederick County, Elyssa Cool. (Applause) The First runner Up is from Cecil County, Kate Norman. (Applause) They will also be handing out awards this morning.

We had twenty seven entries this year which is well up from last year. We ask you to participate in this contest. We know all companies in the state are doing a good job in fire prevention and should be recognized when they come to Ocean City. We have a few things to share with you. We have hard of hearing visual smoke alarms for someone who is deaf or hard of hearing and these are free. So if anyone wants to do a special project, take it back to your company and get the word out. We gotta get these, they're no good in a box on a shelf. Emmons Horner handles eastern shore. He's handed out over 400 of these smoke alarms. He got people in our association that have friends and relatives that can use these. Contact any committee member. We're also on the internet so feel free to try to get these out.

I will start with year round project, Class I, if a representative will come up from Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department and Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and they won the category.

We have sponsors on these plaques. They sponsor them in honor of someone or just sponsor them. This one was sponsored by Abingdon Fire Company. Is there any one here from Crumpton or someone to pick up their certificate?

Class II we had three entries: Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc, Cobb Island Volunteer Fire department and EMS, Inc and the winner of class two is New Midway Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. That was sponsored by C. Oscar Baker in memory of Author Lowman.

Class III we had four entries in class III: Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department, Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company, Gamber and Community Fire Co, and the winner of Class II year round project is: Indian Head Volunteer Fire Dept & Rescue Squad, Inc. That was sponsored by Tom Collins in memory of William G. Collins.

Class IV we had one entry Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. That was sponsored by Less Hansen in memory of Denise Hansen.

Class V we had six entries in Class V: La Plata Volunteer Fire Company, Joppa Magnolia

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Volunteer Fire Company, Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company #1, Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Company, and the winner of Class V is: Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. That was sponsored by Steven Collins in memory of Richard Goehring.

Class VI there were no entries in Class VI.

Class VII the winner was Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association. That was sponsored by the Lansdowne Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Is there anyone from New Midway here, or their association to pick up their plaque?

Single Project Category

Class I was a joint project won by Cob Island – Bel Alton – Newburg. That was sponsored by Janet Pfeifer in memory of James A Kimble.

Class II is single project is Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department. Sponsored by Jessup Volunteer Fire Dept in memory of Chief John H O'Lexey.

Class III is a single project is Potomac Fire Company #2. Sponsored by Leslie Hansen in memory of Thomas "Buddy" Gantt Dorsey.

Class IV is a single project is New Windsor Fire and Hose Company # 1 sponsored by Jeff Crook in memory of David S. Tuohy.

Class V is a single project by Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department sponsored by Bay District Volunteer Fire Dept in memory of their deceased members.

Class VI there is no entry.

Class VII there is no entry.

Now we have some checks to hand out. Is there any one here from United Steam Company or Potomac Fire Co?

Now were going to give out checks. We're going to start at tenth place.

10th place for year round for \$50 goes to Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Co.

9th place year round for \$50 goes to New Midway Volunteer Fire Company.

8th place single project for \$50 goes to Potomac Fire Company #2.

7th place year round project for \$50 goes to Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Dept.

6th place single project for \$50 goes to Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department.

5th place year round project for \$50 goes to Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

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4th place single project for \$75 goes to the joint combination departments Cobb Island- Bel Alton-Newburg.

3rd place year round project for \$75 goes to Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

2nd place year round project for \$100 goes to Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department.

1st place year round project for \$200 goes to Bay District Volunteer Fire Department.

This concludes the fire prevention awards. I apologize for the confusion. Next in line will be the Silver Spring Award. Please pick up your books in room 207.

President Roger N. Powell – Now to announce the Silver Spring winner is Bert Brenner for the Silver Spring Fire Department.

Mr. Bert Brenner – Good morning, I can't hear you. Good morning. There you go. Presidents, Officers, distinguished guests, firefighters, Emergency Service providers and everyone from departments from across this great State of Maryland. The President, Board of Directors, Chief and Officers of the Silver Spring Fire Department and its membership welcome you to this 118th annual convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I have the honor of addressing this convention recognizing the men and women as firefighters, emergency medical servers, EMTs, IVTs and paramedics, and auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of our great State of Maryland.

The Silver Spring trophy for Fire Prevention excellence was born from efforts of those who have come before, some still here to guide us and those who have gone from our physical mists and yet are remembered here today for their contributions to fire prevention over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement of fire prevention as judged by ones peers.

The symbol that the trophy represents is what we strive to do in every community throughout our state. It also singles out a single member of a fire department, rescue squad or ladies auxiliary who deserves individual recognition in the year 2009 for fire prevention excellence. We recognize these efforts and fresh new ideas which brings credit to the fire service, respect to the fire service, our company and honor to our state Association.

For excellence in the field of fire prevention in 2009, it gives me great pleasure to again present to this convention the winner of the Silver Spring trophy from 2005, 2006 and today, Chief Jeff Williams of the Indian Head Fire Department. (Applause)

While he's coming up, amongst all he's accomplished over the years I point out he's accomplished zero fire deaths for ten years.

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The Chief has the Silver Spring trophy, a plaque for his home and a very nice ribbon from the Maryland State Firemen's Association for his uniform. (Applause)

Thank you for your kind attention. Let's have a great convention and let's have some more innovation ideas for the fire prevention program for the year 2010.

President Roger Powell – I now recognize Chief Darin Long of the Damascus Fire Company.

Chief Darren Long – Good morning. It's an honor for me to be here this morning to assist with the Gladhill-Thompson Award. They were both pioneers at Damascus, great leaders and forefathers you might say. Two individuals that have done so many things for the state fire rescue services. This morning I have with me the President of the Damascus Fire Department, Ronnie Jarman, who is going to assist us with this great award. But first I would like to ask Mr. Danny Davis to come forward and receive his trophy for being last year's recipient.

I would like to call Roger Powell forward and he will have the honor of naming this year's recipient. Thank you.

President Roger N. Powell – Ladies and Gentlemen the Gladhill-Thompson trophy is, signifies an award for, the highest award the Maryland State Firemen's Association can offer for outstanding service, not just a single year but for ongoing service for many years. This year the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department are pleased to announce that the recipient this year is Ben Kurtz. (Applause) With the pictures I don't know why I'm dressed the way I'm dressed this morning.

The chair recognizes Steve Hales and the Trustees for a presentation. Colburn Cup.

Trustees Chair Steve Hales – Good morning everyone. Thank you for being here today. The Colburn Cup represents the Maryland State Firemen's Association heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Many people have said or paraphrased what is the call for duty above and beyond. Many of us question why we are chosen but when the challenge occurred. When the call occurred these people rise above and met the call for which we have been trained to for.

Since we have so many people assembled here I'd like to take this brief opportunity to mention after we make this presentation today there are several other fire companies and their communities have not participated. I'd like to ask you as the Board of Trustees to go back and encourage your department to submit your recommendations to us as noted in the rules of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

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My name is Steve Hales and I'd like to introduce you to the other trustees to you. We work for you; we administer the death benefit fund for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We have Past Presidents Gene Worthington and Terry Thompson, Trustees Doug Alexander and Danny Carpenter are here today to assist with this presentation.

The first company I'd like to call is Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Company #1 if they like to come forward or someone from their County. As they come forward I'd like to read their application.

On Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 12:41PM box 200S was alerted along with County Paramedics for a residential rescue. Deputy Chief Morris was first arriving to find a woman trapped in a well in the basement of her home. The woman was trying to rescue her dog and fell into the well and became trapped herself. The well was partially filled with water. The woman was holding on to a rope. In short time Chief Emeritus Briscoe arrived and Deputy Chief Morris reported the situation. She fell about six feet into the well holding on to a rope and told Tommy she can't hold on much longer. Immediately a rescue did occur and for this we are recognizing this deed with a certificate. Thank you and congratulations. (Applause)

I like to ask representatives from Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department, Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department to come forward or a representative from their county while I read this.

This recommendation involves four Fire Chiefs; Thomas A. Mattingly from Leonardtown, Captain Christopher Mattingly from the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Co., Ronald Mattingly from Seventh District, and Captain James Lloyd from Hollywood Volunteer Fire Co.

The call came for a medical alarm from the St Mary's County Emergency Center at 9:50 AM advising a fire with a male subject was trapped in a fire in a home. It was a working fire. Within two minutes advising there was heavy smoke showing. Chief Mattingly, Captain Chris Mattingly and his father Ronald Mattingly EMT, and FF Jim Lloyd were all working in the area and arrived about the same time. Captain Mattingly entered in heavy smoke and located a 68 year old located on the second floor near a stairs. At this time he called others outside for assistance in removing the victim. Chief Mattingly and Captain Lloyd entered the building and assisted in removing the male occupant from the interior within two minutes. They arrived in personal vehicles and none had the benefit of protective gear, evidently they arrived from their place of work or home and gear had not arrived. Without hesitation they performed this heroism. I would like to recognize your rescue and congratulate you for the service you provide to your community. Thank you. (Applause)

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From Frederick County we'd like to invite representatives from the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company to come forward, or their County representatives.

On January 24, 2009 at approximately 2327 hours emergency communications received a call for a house fire at 54 Maple Ave. in Walkersville. While units were responding, communications advised units there were possibly persons trapped. Ambulance 247 was the first arriving unit and reported the house was fully involved with occupants inside in the bedroom on the second floor near the front of the house. Lt. Hahn arrived shortly thereafter and met face to face with Assistant Chief Michael Kreamer of the Walkersville Fire Department. Lt Hahan had a crew knock down the fire on the porch allowing Lt Hahn and Chief Kreamer to make entry through the front door to search for the victims. Lt Hahn and Chief Kreamer with two fire fighters entered the building and proceeded to make entry through the front door from the front of the house. Lt Hahn and Chief Kreamer then proceeded up the steps to the second floor where the persons were reported to be trapped. According to the family the victims were to be in the bedroom located in the alpha delta corner of the house. Lt Hahn reported there was a low visibility high heat condition. As they entered on the second floor portions of the first floor were fully involved in fire as the crews entered the house. While Chief Kreamer moved forward toward the left corner of the house, as they entered the bedroom Lt Hahn noticed the victim lying on the floor near the bedroom. Lt Hahn advised Chief Kreamer that he had found the victim. The victim was lying face down on the floor. His head and shoulders were half way in the hallway with the remainder of his body in the bedroom.

They began to remove the victim down the stairs and as they reached the landing they requested assistance from other fire fighters. They assisted in removing the victim from the house. Unfortunately the victim did not survive the fire but the attempt was still there and the rescue was still made. Again gentlemen we'd like to congratulate you. Is there anybody here? Thank you. (Applause)

Representatives from the St Michaels Fire Department please come forward.

On January 22, 2010 St Michaels Fire Department was alerted for a water rescue box in the area of Mt. Pleasant landing circle on broad creek. Upon arrival Chief Packard confirmed that a hunter had fallen into freezing water while trying to retrieve a goose. Fire department personnel were unable to reach the patient by ground due to heavy. The Fire Department's boat was out of service. The closest marine unit had an extended ETA. Fire fighter castle decided to elicit help from his father who lived close by with access to a boat. The temperature outside was 32 degrees with a water temperature of 28 degrees. It was reported that the patient had been in the water in full hunting gear for approximately twenty minutes and was struggling to stay afloat. Castle and Adams boarded a flat bottom skiff and headed to the shallow waters of Broad Creek. With each other's assistance they were able to pull the weakened patient into the skiff. By doing this a rescue was made.

Congratulations to you gentlemen. (Applause)

At this time I like to ask representatives of the Princess Anne Fire Department to come forward. They will be making a presentation to this year's winner of the Colburn Cup. Please welcome them with me.

Representative Princess Anne FD – Good morning, it's an honor to be making this presentation again this year. This year the award is very special. It goes out to a company in our home county.

On January 4, 2010 Deale Island Chance received a rescue call at 6:15 PM. The call for help indicated that one of two watermen in the vicinity of Deale Island had fallen overboard and was missing. The weather has been below freezing for several days and the water in the Tangier Sound was frozen for over a half mile from shore. The temperature was below freezing and the winds were blowing between 20 and 25 knots and it was pitch black out. The exact location of the watermen's boat was not known. Chief Donald Foard, J. R. Walters, and Ryan Evans responded to the call as a crew and met at the firehouse. They responded with a recently acquired 23' rescue boat. The weather was treacherous in retrospect. Chief Foard made the decision to leave the harbor because time was critical because a man was over board regardless of their own safety. As they left the harbor another watermen boarded the rescue boat in order to help with the rescue with the father of the watermen whose son was in the boat. His son was left on board of the missing boat. They left the harbor in search of the boat and the two watermen - one person missing and one still on board. The initial call reported the approximate location in the middle of the harbor and that's where the rescue crew headed. Other potential rescuers were at the harbor but could not take boats out due to the icy conditions. DNR and the helicopter had been notified but were not in the location at the time. The fire rescue boat searched for over an hour to no avail. The Chief was about to call off the rescue due to conditions. The boat was icing up and waves were slamming over the bow of the boat and they were losing power for lights and radar. Just before heading in, they caught a glimpse of something shinning ahead. They proceeded toward it and determined it was the watermen's boat they were searching for. They were now a mile and a half from the original search site. The boat had drifted that far since the original call for help. As they approached the boat the watermen on the boat was found in a daze as though not to recognize their approach. Contact was made to the authorities and trooper 4, MSP helicopter came to the location and provided light for the area. In the high winds and waves the rescuers faced their biggest challenge of the night. The needed to come along side the other boat in what seemed to be an almost impossible task. With help from above they were able to transfer the boy's father and another person to the boy's boat to bring him back to safety. There was no sign of the other watermen who had been overboard for over three hours at that time. This was a miraculous rescue of this waterman by these three firemen who risked their lives that night. It was with great courage and heroic actions of these firemen well

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above the call of duty. DNR and local authorities continued search efforts almost daily for the missing waterman. Sadly he was not found until several weeks later when his body washed ashore not far from the rescue site.

The purpose of the Gladhill-Thompson award is to recognize persons for outstanding contributions to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and their community. Based on the information provided, these three firemen; Donald Foard, Gerald Waters, and Brian Evans certainly met the criteria of the Colburn Cup trophy on behalf of the Deale Island Volunteer Fire Company.

At this time I'd like to have representatives of that company to come forward. I know Chief Donald Foard is here. (Applause)

Mr. Steve Hales – Ladies and Gentlemen this is this year's Colburn Cup winners. The opportunity came to them and they met the challenge and we're very very proud of them. Congratulations again. (Applause)

Vice President Doyle Cox- I'd like to recognize Past Presidents Hurlock and Jacobs for the Shimer award.

PP Bobby Jacobs – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone. Today we have the opportunity to present the Robert Shimer Administrator of the Year award. To start off I'd like to present the nominees that were presented to the committee. The committee is: Bobby Jacobs, Danny Davis, Phil Hurlock, Joe Robison, and Roger Steger.

The nominees were: Valarie Combs of the North East Fire Company, Lou Jonske of the Joppa Magnolia Fire Company, Richard Kosko of the Aberdeen Fire Company, Michael LeMore of the Secretary Fire Department, Barbara Knippenburg presented by her husband Bob, Linda Northrup from Frederick County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association, and Samuel Jockie from the Secretary Fire Company.

Also joining me this morning to represent the family on behalf of the family of the Shimers is Mr. Philip Hurlock, Past President of the Association and member of the committee.

To give you an overview of this great award, I'd like provide you the following: At the request of the Shimer family and the endorsement of the officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association an award was established in 2004 and to be presented annually in recognition of many years of faithful and dedicated service that was provided by Past President Robert Shimer to the fire, rescue, and emergency medical service in the State of Maryland.

This prestigious award recognizes an individual for their achievements, activities, and administrative positions that they held within their own community, county, and state. The time requirement for this award was not restricted to just this past year but could have included many years of accomplishments. The intent of this award is to honor Past

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President Robert Shimer for his 37 consecutive years service to the State of Maryland and the positions he held during his career. His passing through the emergency services has touched everyone through the years and certainly many of the younger generation would not have known Bob if Bob had not been able to mentor those individuals as well. This award is a tribute to him for the deserved recognition he earned as member of the emergency service in the state of Maryland. At this time I'd like to have Mr. Hurlock come to the podium.

Past President Hurlock – Thank you very much. Good morning. On behalf of the Shimer family I'm very honored this morning, perhaps I should have asked someone else to do this. The presentation to the individual, we have a trophy that goes to the individual and we have a travelling trophy that was established by the Shimer family which the individual will keep in their station for one year then come back and the winner for next year would be added to there. It reads: This award is in memory of Bob Shimer for his many years of service having served as President and Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, President of the Allegany County Fire Board, member of the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission, the Maryland Fire Rescue Education & Training Commission, the Governor's Emergency Management Council, and Emergency Numbers Assistance Board. Bob dedicated many years of his life serving the Westport church, the community, Allegany County and the State of Maryland.

Past President Jacobs – Thank you Phil. We're pleased today to present the Robert Shimer administrator of the year award and as I previously indicated the Shimer family could not be here today. Mr. Philip Hurlock will make the special presentation and the selected individual nominated is Lou Jonske. (Applause)

If there are other nominees in the audience please come back stage and I'll provide you with your certificates.

President Roger N. Powell- The Chair recognizes Wayne Tome to present the Josiah A. Hunt Award.

Mr. Wayne Tome — Good morning everyone. It's a pleasure being here representing the EMS committee. We've had a tough year. A lot of issues with EMAIS and the proposal to continue hours and we're here today for the most prestigious in EMS for the State of Maryland, the Josiah Hunt Award sponsored by the Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Co, Harford County. I'd like to have Mary Grushing, EMS provider of the year for 2009, come up and receive her plaque as last year recipient and assist in the presentation.

This year's nominees, we had four, and it was along the same thread, the same tenure, the same amount of years for the providers and about the same amount of activity in their home company and it was really close when the nominees were rated.

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The nominees this year for the Josiah Hunt award are: Daniel Yater of the Cresaptown Fire Company, Amanda Wyatt of the Chesapeake City Fire Company, and Harold Hathaway of the North East Fire Company. This year's winner and near and dear to the committee's heart, and Charlie Simpson who worked long and hard on the volunteer ambulance inspection program. This individual got the ambulances inspected and up to speed, served on many committees making scrap books, doing stats, running calls and leading her organization as a Chief Officer. It is with great pleasure that the EMS committee awards Amy C. Smith of Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Josiah A. Hunt MD Award. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – The chair now recognizes Doug Alexander to present the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award, together with Past President Baker.

Mr. Doug Alexander – Good morning. It gives me great pleasure to speak on behalf of the Mt Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the awarding of the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. This award was created several years ago by the Mt Airy Volunteer Fire Company to honor our longest active member Oscar Baker who is also a Past President of this Association as everyone knows.

This year we had six nominees. We had a tough time picking them out but we finally settled on one. At this time I'd like to bring out all of the nominees to the stage to receive their nomination plaque and at the end we will announce the winner. I'd like to invite Patrick Holland from the Deale Island Chance Volunteer Fire Department to please come forward. (Applause) Alex Hedrick from the North East Volunteer Fire Co. (Applause) Daniel Rhueman from the Manchester Fire Company. (Applause) John Hagget from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause) Andrew Allett from Thurmont Community Ambulance. (Applause) and Tyler Olson of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause).

If none of these folks are here, if a member of their company would come forward and receive their plaque, we'd appreciate it.

The C. Oscar Baker Award is presented to an outstanding individual each year that has excelled in their first twenty four months in service to their Volunteer Fire Company. As I said we had six submittals this year and we have six very good candidates.

At this time we'd like to announce the award winner. I will refer to our award winner as he. He immediately enrolled in classes after joining the fire company and has completed the above requirement for membership within our company. He is a junior in high school and one of his goals is to become a fire fighter and paramedic. He has school, a part time job, and fire company and seems to balance these requirements very well. He can be seen at the fire house at least two or more times a week and has a regular duty crew.

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He responded to 100 calls in 2009 and currently has over 60 calls for this year. He has been involved in many operational as well as administrative activities such as monthly meetings, mandatory monthly training, other events such as parades, fire prevention, etc. He also finds time to mentor the new members and help them with their fire fighter and EMS skills. He tries to show them the same experience he had while he was in training and learning these skills. He's always willing to lend a hand no matter what the job and contributes countless hours to all the above events. If he's not at the fire house, he's at the training center helping his instructors with evolutions or helping students with their class topics. His outlook on the volunteer fire service is different than many of our newer members. He knows that volunteering is a way to serve the community and that he with the proper training can save lives, property and make a difference. He's been an outstanding member of our department since applying for membership and an asset to our company. His integrity, dedication and commitment to the fire department make him a role model for our members. That is why the officers and members of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company feel that Tyler K. Olson truly possesses the qualities fitting of the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award and it is our honor to nominate him for this award. The winner this year is Tyler K. Olson of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Tyler has joined the Ferndale Fire company on December 11, 2008, only two days after his 16th birthday and quickly became an asset to the company. He will be a senior in high school at Northeast High School this year. He has many classes including: Fire Fighter I, HazMat Ops, Bloodborne Pathogens, NIMS 700, 800 and so on and so forth so Tyler has gone beyond what a rookie member does and we certainly want to congratulate him on his accomplishments. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – And now to present the Smith Stathem Safety Award, Hobie Howell and the Safety Committee. Steve Scheinin are you out there?

Mr. Hobie Howell – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning, once again it's a pleasure to stand before you with our members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Safety Committee to present the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award to a group of distinguished individuals today.

First I'd like to ask Mark Buhl from Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, last year's recipient to come forward or a representative from his Fire Company to receive his plaque.

I would ask these individuals to also come forward at this time: Mr. Francis J. Raley from the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, St. Mary's County; Chief Dan Stevens from the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Company, Charles County; would you please come forward.

As of you know each and every-one of us on the Safety Committee can't be submitted for this award while a committee member. Today it is with great pride that our committee

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recognizes a long standing member as he looks down from heaven upon us. We posthumously induct Harry "Stoney" Stone from the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Garrett County and place him along with everyone else as the 2010 recipient. He contributed many years of service, copious amounts of information regarding our state and reporting us as a safety committee, also as a training liaison. It is with great pride that I announce this year's recipient of the Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety Award to Chief Dan Stevens of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

Please give your MSFA Safety Committee and all their members a round of applause for all their good work. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – And now to present the Zembower Training Award, Co-Chair of the Training Committee, Johnnie Roth and Peggy Zembower.

Mr. Johnnie Roth – Good morning everyone. I bring you greetings this morning from the Maryland State Firemen's Association Training Committee and Skip Mahan who could not be with us today. Also with us is Peggy Zembower who is one of the sponsors.

Just to give you a brief run-down of what the award is: The Zembower Fire Service Training Award was established in 1976 by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of her late parents, Mr & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of MSFA and a member of the training committee for many years. The Zembower training award is based on the average number of training hours per active member for fire service training completed in the year prior to the award. The original award was based solely on formal training provided by MFRI but in 1995 the award was based on training provide by other recognized agencies. The award consists of a trophy that is presented to the winning department at the MSFA convention. The department is permitted to display the trophy that you see on stage for the next year; the trophy is brought back and is presented to the next winner. The department is then presented with a plaque which is permanently displayed in their station.

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 Department in honor of former Chief, Herman Gill.

We would like last year's recipient from St Leonard Fire & Recue, Calvert County to please come to the stage. I'd like to recognize you as last year's recipient having 56 members with an average of 137 hours per member. Is there a member of St. Leonard's Fire Company? Very Good.

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We have numerous departments that submitted the numbers and we certainly would like the numbers to grow. Just remember this is the life blood of your department. Training is where it all starts. The number of people in your classes is so important to your departments.

Starting from number three this year with a total of 65 members and total training hours of 2,396 hours with an average of 36.86 hours per member is Urbana Volunteer Fire Department. Representative from Urbana. (Applause)

Anyone from Urbana? Ok take your time. As she's coming up I'll announce the first runner up.

Total number of members 59, total number training hours 3,962 with an average per person of 67.15 hours is Independent Hose Company from Frederick. Independent Hose. Independent Hose. Is there any one here from Independent Hose. Ok (Applause)

This year's recipient of the Zembower trophy which is no stranger for the stage here, the training committee, with a total number members of 56, total training hours of 5,115 and an average per member of 91.33 hours is St Leonard Volunteer Fire Rescue Company. Congratulations. (Applause)

This is the third year in a row for St Leonard. We certainly encourage other companies to put in for training hours. They are usually put in by April. You're starting on a clean slate and we look forward for your entries next year. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – Now to present the Scholarship Committee Awards, Dale Fishack, committee chairman.

Mr. Dale Fishack, Jr. Chair – Good morning. I'd like to call my committee and our supporting partners out to the stage so we can present our awards today. While they are coming out, our report is in the convention book but one of the highlights I'd like to bring out is that with the awards we're going to give out today, which is ten individuals we are supporting, it brings a total that the scholarship committee has supported over the years is 173 recipients over the years and I think that's an accomplishment and should be applauded. (Applause)

I'd like to introduce our supporting partners and I know they each have a few words they'd like to say.

The first partner I'd like to bring up is Linda Tipton of Del Mar VA Power and Pete Peterson from PEPCO.

Ms. Tipton – Hi everybody. We're really glad to be here today. On behalf of Delmarva

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Power and PEPCO. We're really proud to have the partnership we have with all the fire service and to be able to allow the young folks that are going to participate in the fire service to take advantage of the scholarship. Thank you for having us today and enjoy your week.

Mr. Glen D. Fishack, Jr. – And our other supporting sponsor agency is Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and Jim Radcliffe, you want to come up and say a few words.

Mr. Jim Radcliffe – Thank you Sir. It has been our pleasure to be a partner of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and this is one way we show our support to the Maryland State Firemen's Association by being a part of the Scholarship Committee. The Board of Visitors has a check for the President for \$10,000 as promised for the scholarship committee so I'd like to present that to President Powell. (Applause)

Mr. Glen D. Fishack, Jr. - I'd like to thank the support of our supporting agencies. They always come through with giving us funds for the students. Without them we would not be able to support as many students as we do.

With that I'm going to move on to the recipients of this year's scholarship awards. I will pronounce their names and tell you who they are supported by. If any of them are out there in the crowd please come forward and receive your award.

The first one supported is: Edoghogho Akonawe - supported by the MSFA Scholarship Committee. (Applause)

Next is William Flanagan supported by MSFA and Delmarva Power. (Applause)

Next is Kenneth Hamburger supported by the MSFA Ladies Aux., and Ms. Heimer. (Applause)

Next is Andrew Hughes supported by Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. (Applause)

Nathan Gift, Nathan Gift is also being supported by the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. (Applause)

Next is Ava Omidvar - Ava is being supported by Delmarva Power and MSFA. (Applause)

Next is Debra Scott being supported by MSFA. (Applause)

Sean Scott is also be supported by the MSFA. (Applause)

Josh Vaughn, Josh Vaughan is being supported by MSFA and Delmarva Power. (Applause)

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And our last recipient this year is Ray Welker. Ray is being supported by the MSFA. (Applause)

That concludes all the recipients for this year. I will tell you that a majority of them did contact me and they were working and quite a few are taking summer school this year so they're trying to accelerate their time in education.

I would like to once again thank our committee. Thanks for supporting partners and all their help they give us throughout the year to support our students. Big hand for our committee for all their hard work. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – And now to present the Family Appreciation Awards, Second Vice President Elect, John Denver.

Mr. John Denver – Good morning. That was eye opening. I'm here on behalf of the Recruitment and Retention Committee to do the family appreciation award honoring your member's achievement and efforts. It's very important so please honor them. Each of you in your time with the fire service make a lot of sacrifices and miss a lot of things. But, it's not just you that make sacrifices, so are your families, so the idea of the family appreciation award was to recognize that and at least try to honor that and some of their families and give them some type of reward.

There were only two nominations this year. You're all doing a tremendous amount of work. Please have your companies put in for the awards.

The first I would like to acknowledge are Robert, Mary and John Borland of the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Are any of them here? If not I do have a certificate for them if anyone from Leonardtown could come up. (Applause)

And the recipient of the Family Appreciation Award, which also receives a certificate, but also a certificate for a get away at the Hilton in Baltimore is John Loveliss Sr. of the Volunteer Fire Co #1 of Chesapeake City Md. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – And now to present the Instructor of the Year Award, Pinoake Browning.

Mr. Pinoake Browning – Good morning. Each year the Chesapeake Society of Fire Service Instructors, Skip and Jackie Carey, and I have Jackie here with me, because she's the pretty face today (Laughter) along with the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute recognize an instructor for outstanding accomplishments during the year. This instructor does not have to be an MICRB instructor. It can be someone within your own department that does instruction. Those instructors are nominated either by their peers or their departments and we would like to see more nominees.

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This year's nominee has been a leader since he joined his fire service and his county in 1986. Through the years he has been a line officer and a member of his department and rescue squad for ten years and now holds the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. He's been chairman of the training committee in his county and has been an instructor for the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute for fourteen years. He takes training of volunteers seriously. Today through his efforts more than 3,000 students have received training in basic and advanced instruction in fire and emergency training. He has trained over 12,000 students himself. He takes much of his time in teaching and educating students each year. He works with MFRI to schedule classes so they are at appropriate locations for persons to attend and in the appropriate order so people can take their training. He also mentors his students. At this time I would like Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Dickey of the Branchville Fire Department to come forward. (Applause) I know he's here because I've seen him. Thank you very much.

President Roger N. Powell - And now to present the Fire Fighter of the Year Award, John Gatton, Sr.

Mr. John Gatton – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. Before we get started I'd like to call the remainder of the committee. Bill Raudish, Vice Chair, James Jarboe, Bill Lay, Rusty Leftwich, Bill Smith, Jim Snyder and Jeff Thompson. And a special friend of the committee, Mr. John Hogle would like to take part in this.

Our committee suffered a great loss this year. We lost two of our members to untimely deaths, Mr. David Brady and Eldon Budnick. We ask that you keep their family in your prayers.

The first part of our program can be found on page 57 in your program book. Again this year we didn't have a great number of nominees, but we did have ten. Like the people before me I ask that you participate in this and all other awards programs. This is the high light of the career for most of the people who are receiving awards.

Our nominees will each receive a certificate so they can hang it in their home or Fire Company or where they would like to place them. I'd like to call the names of the nominees now. If they are in the audience, I'd ask them to come forward to receive their certificate. If they are not in the audience if someone from their company would come forward to receive their certificate, it would be appreciated.

The first nominee is Charity Collins from the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

The second nominee is Samuel Danseker from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Third is Carin Mann from the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

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Mr. Raymon Mc Curr from the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

If any of these people are in the audience, please come forward.

John Miller from the Midland Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Bradford Shook from the Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Joseph Talley from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

Jeff Standiford from the Level Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Jeff Thompson from the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

And Warren I. Trosbach from the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

These are the nominees or representatives of the nominees for the Fire Fighter of the Year. (Applause)

I'd like to read the letter of nomination now. I know as soon as I begin reading they will pick out who the winner is. I'll try to prevent that.

Dear Chairman, It is with great pleasure that the Volunteer Fire Department submits the name of our nominee for the Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Fighter of the Year. This name was Fire Fighter of the year for their company. It is not based on the number of alarms or training hours but based on the dedication to the fire service of that area. Nominee served on several committees, held a line officer position and also served on committees of the state firemen's association. The last paragraph says all in our department and others feel he should be honored as fire fighter of the year. When you look at the guidelines for the Maryland Firemen's Association it states: activities by fire fighter to better his or her fire department and community at large. There is no one who better does that than Assistant Chief Jeff Thompson. It is with great pride and pleasure we present fire fighter of the year to Jeff Thompson. Jeff congratulations. (Applause)

Jeff will receive this plaque and a metal for your uniform. You will also receive a jacket that has Maryland State Firemen's Association, Fire Fighter of the year 2009, and we'll also have a patch for your class A uniform. Again congratulations and please make this a long list next year for this and all others. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell – And now to present the Hall of Fame Awards, Dan Carpenter.

Mr. Dan Carpenter – Thank you Mr. President. Officers, Past Presidents, delegates and guests, the Hall of Fame Committee is in the book on page 77. At this time I'd like

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to introduce the committee: Vice Chariman Ben Kurtz, C. Oscar Baker Past President, George A. "Fred" Cross Past President, John T. Jack Ferguson III, John O Gatton, Sr. Marcine D. Goodloe, Donnie Howard, Bill Lay, Sr., David Rusty Leftwich, Charles "Jenks" Mattingly III Past President, James T. Riegal, Sr., and Richard Smith.

This year the Hall of Fame committee was saddened by the loss of two of our members: Past President Robert N. Dempsey, Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Company and Harry "Stoney" Stone of the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company.

This year the committee received forty-two nominations for the Hall of Fame. We can only induct ten inductees each year. If your nomination did not get selected this year please submit them next year before April 15, 2011.

Now it gives me great pride to announce the new inductees into the Hall of Fame for 2010. When your name is called, if you are in the audience, would you please come forward or a member of your department:

Shirley Copado

Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

Nancy L. Cox

Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company

William J. "Bill" Dousa, Jr.

Abingdon Fire Company, Inc.

Emmons K. Homer

Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Dept.

Walter David Irvin, Sr.

Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company

John F. Long, Jr.

Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company

Johnie F. Roth, Jr.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Inc.

Herman N. "Buddy" Schweers, Jr.

Susquehanna Hose Company

Earl "Tim" Warehime

Lineboro Volunteer Fire Dept.

Marianne Warehime

Lineboro Volunteer Fire Dept.

Each year we can induct up to 3 special inductees into the MSFA Hall of Fame. This year the committee has selected three (3) individuals. I'd like to call President Powell and Ron Siarnicki to come out and help with these presentations.

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These three people have gone above the call of duty in their help with the MSFA Convention Committee for many years. You will always see them in the Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer from move-in on Sunday thru take down on Wednesday.

Flo Collins

Maryland State Firemen's Association
Convention Committee Liaison and Exhibits Sub-Committee.

Pat Cross

Maryland State Firemen's Association
Convention Committee Financial Sub-Committee,
Events Tickets Sales and Golf Tournament Sub-Committee

Elaine Huttenloch

Maryland State Firemen's Association
Convention Committee Special Liaison,
Exhibits Sub-Committee and Program Book Sub-Committee

At this time to keep the program moving we're going to go into the Marbury F. Gates Award. This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over 60 years of active service by charter member, Mr. Marbury F. Gates of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County, Md. The first award was presented to Mr. Marbury Gates on June 15, 1981 at the 86th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Convention. Mr. Gates served on the MSFA Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989.

This year the committee had thirty one nominations for a total of 1,682 years of service. Each individual will receive a Governors Citation and a plaque for their years of service. As I call the names of the individuals would they come forward or a member of their department.

- Robert Conway Sr.** - North East Volunteer Fire Company, 50 years service. (Applause)
- Charles Saltwater Stewart** – North East Fire Company, 52 years service. (Applause)
- James Jimmy Ewing** – North East Fire Company, 50 years service. (Applause)
- Vernon Stewart** – North East Fire Company, 51 years service. (Applause)
- William Bud Ewing** – North East Fire Company, 54 years service. (Applause)
- James F Jimmy Penhollow** – North East Fire Company, 60 years service. (Applause)
- Clinton B. Duke** – Leonardtown Fire Company, 62 years service. (Applause)
- Raymond F. Stevens, Sr.** - Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City, 50 years service. (Applause)
- Leon A. Cullison** – Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 59 years service. (Applause)
- James Raley** – Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 57 years service. (Applause)
- Douglas Warren Edwards** – Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department, 52 years service.

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(Applause)

William Bill Olsen – Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, 55 years service. (Applause)

Glen Dale Fishack – Smithburg Volunteer Fire Company, 50 years service. (Applause)

Donald Lee Howard – Marion Fire Department, 50 years service. (Applause)

Leland Buddy Lowman – Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, 60 years service. (Applause)

LeRoy C. Stahl – Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, 59 years service. (Applause)

Chief Bill R. Bliss - Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 57 years service. (Applause)

Thomas T. Collins – Beltsville Fire Department, 62 years service. (Applause)

Eldon L Budnick, Jr. – Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Company, 54 years service. (Applause)

Edward T. Cropper – Funkstown Volunteer Fire Company, 50 years service. (Applause)

Samuel M. Horsmon – Madison Volunteer Fire Company, 51 years service. (Applause)

Wayne T. Hidgon – Indian Head Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad and Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Company, 50 years service. (Applause)

Clarence Tracy – Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company and Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, 55 years service. (Applause)

Marvin Sonny Roberts – Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, 53 years service.

(Applause)

Charles Charlie Goodie – Community Fire Company of Rising Sun, 62 years service.

(Applause)

William Bill Huttenlock – Forestville Volunteer Fire Company, 52 years service.

(Applause)

Ralph Starky – Goodwill Fire Company, 52 years service. (Applause)

Donald Duncan – Goodwill Fire Company, 52 years service. (Applause)

Marvin Mink Turner – Goodwill Fire Company, 54 years service. (Applause)

James Reese – Kennedyville Fire Company 52 years service. (Applause)

James Jimmy S. Adams – Ferndale Fire Company, 50 years service. (Applause)

Ladies and Gentlemen that's a total of 1,682 years of service here on stage. (Applause)

At this time I'd like to call up the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Director Tim Jones for some remarks and to make the presentation to the winner. I need someone from Hyattstown to come forward.

Mr. Tim Jones – Good morning. I'm Tim Jones, Director of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. Unfortunately President Bernard and Chief Dawson could not be here this morning. I'm here to make remarks and send greetings to the nominees and the recipient of the Marbury F. Gates Award. It's my privilege to present this award named in the Marbury name for 60 some years of service to the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department. A charter member, President and some of us on the stage had the honor of knowing Marbury and being tutored by him. As the younger members of your departments look upon the nominees with a thousand and some years of service, remember that these gentlemen

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and ladies are the ones that got us here today, setting the path for where we go tomorrow. Respect them; learn from them, they are a great wealth of knowledge for us in the fire rescue service in the state of Maryland today.

A little bit about the nominee. He joined the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 giving him the distinction of being the first member of joining the department after it was chartered. Throughout the years he held various positions in that department and served as President from 1967 – 1970. He is a life member. He was the first delegate sent to represent the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department to the Maryland State Firemen's Association convention in 1951 held in Cumberland Md. Once he became a member it didn't take long for him to become involved in the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Association. He represented Beltsville as a delegate to the PG Co. Fire Rescue Association for over thirty years. He served as President 1970 – 1971 and was inducted to their hall of fame in 1984. He has been actively involved in MSFA for much of his fire service career. He was inducted into the hall of fame in 1984, is currently active with the MSFA fire prevention committee life safety steering committee. He is also active now in the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department after he relocated here in 1987 after retiring after 41 years of service to the Federal Government. He is a WWII veteran. It is my honor and my privilege, and the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department's privilege to honor 62 years of service to Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, 11 years to Ocean City Fire Department. We're pleased to present the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award to: Mr. Thomas Kenny Collins. (Applause)

Mr. John Ferguson - I'd like to add to that this is the 30th year we have presented this trophy out today and I would like to congratulate the individual with the Governor's citation as well.

Mr. Dan Carpenter – That concludes the presentations for the Gates and Hall of Fame. Would everybody please report back stage? Thank you.

President Roger N. Powell – And now to present the legislator of the year award, Legislative Committee chairman Danny Davis and Richard Yinger.

PP Danny Davis – Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. The legislative committee report is found on page 73 of the program book; however I'd like to update you on a few things that have happened.

This year we were able to get the moving violation bill updated. The current bill changes the ways fines are collected and also gives the entire amount collected to the Volunteer Assistance Fund until that fund reaches \$20 Million. It is estimated that the fund will bring in roughly \$6 million a year.

We were able to pass a **Move Over Bill** this year. We've been trying for several years

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to get this bill passed. This year we had a house and senate version passed and the Governor has signed both.

Also after this year the first Sunday in June will be the annual commemorative for the fire fighters, EMS, and rescue personnel killed in the line of duty and will be honored in Annapolis.

Overall this year was a very good year for the association in spite of the tight budget. I would like to thank the Delegates and Senators who helped us this year. A special thank you to the Governor and his staff for their support. I would also like to thank Dane Edwards of the Fire Marshal's Office and Past president Phil Hurlock for conducting our Friday morning legislative meetings. They have done this for the last several years and a lot of information is passed to organizations that are there.

Now I will get to the important part of the day. It is my pleasure to present the Senator Amos Award this year. Joining me on stage is vice chairman Richard Yinger, President Amos and Past President Howell of the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association.

This year's recipient is no stranger to the fire service. He has helped us on several occasions in our attempts to solve problems with the DCAF and the Senator Amos fund and has provided important guidance to us this year and over the years. His office staff is always open to us. In fact if he knew all they provide he might not have them in his office any longer. He is a friend who I can go to for guidance. He works tirelessly for the fire service of Maryland and for the citizens of his county. This year's recipient is Norm Conway. Norm would you please come forward?

President Roger N. Powell – Don't go away. Danny didn't have a lot to say, but I can tell you that when the presidents need to go to Annapolis to meet on issues that are necessary to discuss for legislative reasons, budget reasons, and Norm's door is always open. He as Dan said has great advice for us. The support is not only unwavering but incredible words fail to describe, so Norm if you will come forward we have a resolution to present to you. We try to say how much you mean to us in Annapolis, together with one of my convention mugs and a challenge coin which is something you haven't seen yet this year.

There's nobody here that doesn't remember the blizzards that occurred this December and February and we have a special presentation that's entitled the Eye of the Storm. The presenter's will be Chip Jewell, Director of Emergency Services in Frederick, Assistant Chief of Libertytown Volunteer Fire Company and Richard Himes, Bureau 3 Chief Emmitsburg Division of Fire and Emergency Service and United Steam Fire Company. Gentlemen.

Mr. Clarence "Chip" Jewell – Good morning. It's a pleasure for myself and Richard

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to be here to speak to the MSFA gathering. I'm Chip Jewell, Director of Emergency Communications for Frederick County and Richard is Bureau Chief of EMS and Training. Director Owens was unable to make it and sends his regards and congratulations to the MSFA for a successful year.

We're experiencing technical difficulty.

The satellite view of the storm shows an eye similar to a hurricane, which give an image of how powerful this storm was as it came up the east coast. The initial map indicated snowfall as it came up through Maryland and Frederick County had reports of 35 to 45 inches of snow with 50 – 60 mile per hour winds and a blizzard warning was issued.

This is an unusual event in Frederick County. We have the respect of our friends in Garret and Allegany County as they see snowfall quite a bit. For central Maryland and the Eastern Shore this is quite an unusual event. It had a dramatic effect not only on our citizens but also the Division of Emergency Services.

The Department of Emergency Communications, one of the few in the country that dispatches, state police, local police, fire police, fire and rescue in a consolidated center. We're on an 800mhz trunk radio system and all units except for Frederick City Police are on our system.

We prepared for the storm in advance. Our organization normally has 11 people on duty, each work 12 hour shifts, with total personnel of 49. To show how our county changed. In 1972 we had one person duty that handled 1,500 calls. Last year we handled 199,556 incidents, 117,346 911 calls and a total of 345,541 total phone calls. This shows the county growth in the last 30 years.

We do not have a bunk facility so we had to make shift sleeping quarters. MSP has a small bunk facility. Actually it is the barrack in Frederick. They do have a shower facility which was a help because some people were there three days.

We survived the first storm even with some of our personnel that live out as far as Green Castle and Chambersburg, Pa that come to work. We had 25 inches from the first storm. However the next storm, the predictions were for the heavier snow to be in the Shenandoah Valley. It took a turn and came into central Maryland. The heart of the storm followed the Monocracy Valley into Frederick County. Again because of the predictions we alerted our staff to be prepared to stay for two or three days, bring extra food, we had air mattresses and bunks because we had an indication this would be more than we were use to.

When the storm hit, our personnel bunked in. The sign on the screen was displayed in the center. Some of the female personnel along with National Guard were there two to three days. We had one dispatcher with no emergency services background had to stay in the center for two days. Her family was home without their mother. We are used to that.

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Some of the civilians in our system this is an experience, not a bad experience but it shows the dedication and commitment we have in the emergency services. Some people brought pajamas and tried to enjoy it.

We had videos they could watch in other rooms and tried to prepare as much as possible. This was a very dedicated group of individuals to stay there for two or three days, twenty four hours a day, essentially with three or four hours sleep and then come back up. Normally we have eleven persons on a shift with eight people manning. Most of the time we had twelve to fourteen people in the center. The National Guard did go out and bring some of our people to the center.

Frederick is the largest land area in the State of Maryland, approximately 650 square miles. We have several major north/south roads which contributed to the situation we had. US Route 15, US Route 340 and Route 85, which is a state road, became the target of a lot of our problems. Some of the county roads had people stranded but these state highways, you can't imagine the amount of snow and drifting, became impassable and as you will hear we had as many as 39 different cars, with people in them for twelve to sixteen hours. It was a very challenging storm.

This picture is a car in a driveway showing how quickly cars were overcome with snow. You can see over two feet of snow on top of the car. We had drifts on some highways from fifteen to twenty feet high.

Those of you that go to Charlestown for rest and relaxation and contribute to the state of West Virginia will recognize Route 340. It became totally impassable. When we received calls of stranded motorists, we dispatched the appropriate police agency. Because most police cars have mobile data terminals, if the police officer couldn't reach them, they would simply clear the call. We found this to be a crucial problem with our CAD system because once they cleared the call we did not know these people were still there. They were in their car, trapped and could not get out, in the middle of nowhere and unable to receive assistance.

One of our senior supervisors was on duty that day, Bill Lambert, who has lived through many of these storms, a 32 year supervisor at communications, realized that these calls were disappearing from the CAD system. He went into the CAD checking to see if the person had a cell phone. We call the people back and put in a system that every three to four hours we called and checked on these individuals. We had thirty nine known and probably a lot on the county roads we did not even know.

We tried to do what we could to maintain communications with the cars on the road because they had no help. They were out there on their own for many many hours. We had an assistant supervisor make the call in the CAD when people would call in, would

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mark the call so it would not get dropped, but told the people to keep the exhaust clear and only run the engine periodically. We have a great crew of people that work at the communication center. They were able to improvise to be able to save lives. There's no doubt in my mind those actions helped us save lives in our county. We did not have any lives lost in our county. The other factor is the temperature did not fall drastically. It remained at 28 – 29 degrees throughout the storm. If it dropped to 10 or 0 degrees, we would have had some major issues.

The snow plow you see is normally in Western Maryland. This is Route 340 you see in the picture. If you go to the races or slots you can vision that snow was about 20 – 25 feet on top of you. Rt. 340/Rt. 15 highways being north south highways combined with the down slope of air from the mountains created white out conditions blurring a number of cars. You will see pictures on Rt. 15 in the northern end of the county where we had tractor trailers stranded between Lewistown and Emmitsburg. This is also a picture about 4 miles out of Frederick on Rt. 340 where we had a number of cars stranded. We had two priority calls during the storm in that area where our emergency units got hung up periodically.

Two of our largest population centers, Thurmont and Brunswick for a period of time did not have a way to get to the hospital. We did have one call in Brunswick and they were not able to get out. Fortunately it was a priority three ankle injury. They simply splinted and told the people, rest, ice, compression, elevation and hopefully we can get you somewhere tomorrow morning. Fortunately for the Brunswick area Rt. 340 in the VA West VA area was opened quickly where that is more of an east west highway permitting them to go to the Charlestown hospital. That was their only hospital.

Eventually Thurmont was able to go down almost to Taneytown, Walkersville area to get back to Frederick. There were many hours they had no access to a medical facility. Both communities are about 10 to 15 thousand people. If you look closely you can see vehicles stranded on this slide of the Rt. 340 corridor.

This slide is Rt. 15 north of Frederick. It became not only jammed with cars but also with tractor trailers. Normally there is heavy truck traffic. North of Thurmont we have an area that is a high wind area called Pains Hill, so the high wind not only created snow drifts but also created havoc for the tractor trailers. For those of you at the February Executive Committee meeting in Lewistown, the weekend before, which was two weeks after the major snow we had another event with 50 to 60 mile per hour winds which blew over 5 tractor trailers near Lewistown.

This slide is another area along Rt. 15. Our County Commissioners declared a state of emergency and ordered all vehicles off the road except those necessary. Needless to say there were a lot of people that thought they were necessary for whatever reason, to get groceries. We had people that were told to stay at their job, had a place to stay at their job, refused to stay, got stranded, a large amount of controversy after that, but the

commissioners tried to do the right thing for the safety and well being of our public.

This is some of the tractor trailers on Rt. 15, again some of these individuals just stayed in the cab of their truck. The next day when we opened Rt. 15 we had tow trucks lined up to go open the road. It was late the next day before Rt. 15 was able to open.

Finally as you can see they sent dump trucks, and snow blowers running in tandem with several heavy duty blowers from Garrett County where there was well over 40 inches of snow on top of 25 inches of snow that occurred during the previous storm. We had areas with 50 – 60 inches of snow on the ground which is three times the amount of snow we usually receive in Frederick County.

I want to thank and commend our personnel in Frederick County communications. We have a very dedicated staff. We do a lot of training when we can. This was a very unusual situation where they had to think on the go. We use the automated call programs. We improvised with dedicated hard working personnel. Go back home and hug your dispatcher. There are very few jobs that you can listen to yourself if you mess up. There is a tremendous amount of pressure and we are fortunate to have the staff we have. Because of their dedication, the state police commander and I thought we would have fatalities; we had a couple calls where we had no idea what would happen.

At this time I'd like to introduce Bureau Chief Rick Himes. Rick will give you an overview of the storm in regard to emergency services.

Rick Himes, Bureau Chief – Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and Director Tom Owens it is a pleasure to be able to tell you about our experiences. Unfortunately Director Owens could not be here today for some other reasons with the County.

I would like to give you a little bit of the overview that we did. If there are any of the people from the county who were directly involved please stand up because it was our people who were directly in the field that really made a difference. I would like for you to give them a round of applause for doing such a good job. (Applause)

We are a combination system, and I can't emphasize that enough. That what you see is a unified organization, that when the emergency sounds and the units go out the door, it does not matter what uniform you wear or what organization you are from, you provide service to the citizens.

We want to give you a little bit of what we did during that time. Our normal staffing during that period or during normal days, on weekends it is 74 people and week days it is 90 until 6 p.m. and then it drops to 74. So if you look at the numbers on the screen, it will give

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an idea as to how the storm intensified and the number of actual people we held over to meet the demands for service, and to get out and actually provide services and reestablish continuity in the Community.

A number of things happened, it just was unbelievable. Chip told you a little bit about what was going on at the Emergency Communications Center and I am going to give you some information about what was going on in our Emergency Operations Center. It was a unified group of people working there from a number of different agencies. Had it not been for that, I don't think we would have had the successful outcome we are talking about.

This was a storm of unprecedented proportion. In the 22 years I have been there, and the 38 that I have been a volunteer, we have seen snow storms but we have not had a back to back storm that had the impact that this storm did.

I don't know what you do to prepare for that. We are 664 square miles of urban and suburban area. Some of it is very rural in the mountainous area. We have 230,000 full time residents, and we have 30 fire and rescue stations or combination stations or a mixture thereof.

To give you an idea of how bad it was, because there was a reference to one of the units that people were stranded on. This is a quint. It was abandoned. It took almost 7 hours to get the crew back to the fire station. This was AFTER the storm. During the time of the storm, I am going to show you a video in the next slide. If there is no voice in the video, I am going to give you an idea of what was going on. But the two people in the unit you are going to see, or are getting a chance to ride with, are our Director of Highway Operations and our County Transportation Engineer.

Now if the sound plays, I want you to understand the setting because these guys have been working for about six days and without a lot of rest in between. They are a little punchy and some of the things they say are kind of comical. If you hear them say something like "What would Al do?" Al Whodack is the Director of Public Works and they are talking about their boss. So you know some of us have tendencies to say things about our boss that we would not repeat otherwise. Not that I do that but you know it just kind of happens sometimes. So you need to know the context of that and if you are not familiar with the area, I'll tell you as the video plays.

This is in a pretty populated area with pretty dense commuter traffic and you are not going to see a lot of that. Matter of fact, if the screen just stays white, you will get the same picture they get that day.

The video opens with the two gentlemen driving down the "Golden Mile." It is literally snowing so hard you can't see anything. They are moving but you would never know that. They know they have signals coming up but cannot tell what color they are. They

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are practically under them before they were able to tell it was a green light. They can't tell where they are going because of the whiteout conditions. The area they just came through is Route 40 in a commercial area that some refer to as the "Golden Mile." There are a number of restaurants and stores along that area of highway. They are actually there even though you cannot see them.

Tom is actually hanging out the window with the camera. They continue and pass under I-70. I think that gives you some idea of what the situation was out in the field. (Slide) This will give you some idea what it took to clear our subdivisions. One of the reasons I wanted to play that piece of video was you could hear fire as well as public works radios. These was a tremendous amount of coordination that occurred between those agencies. Had it not been for that, we were sending snow plows to meet up with ambulance and fire equipment to make sure they could get to the call.

It was great during the daytime but we ran into some other issues later on. This was the first time that anyone can ever remembering having to use frontend loaders to clear subdivisions. Now keep in mind that they guy from highway that was driving the truck, he's been there for over 30 years and has never had a situation where they had to do this.

What did we do? Well, one of the good things is we had some advanced warning. We advised our stations, not just the career staff but as many people as we could communicate with about what the impact was or had the potential to be. What the weather service was doing. We did some alerting through some of our various systems. We made sure that all the stations, we operate a warehouse and maintain stock of certain things, so if you needed chains or salt or shovels, we made sure the stations had them. We delivered cots and inflatable mattresses to the extent of what we had that would support those. We actually had the Red Cross put some cots and things out in areas where we have traditionally had sheltering operations in preparation for that.

You never plan for it but you know inevitability most of our stations will take in somebody. In this case a lot of the people taken in were off of I-70 and taken to one of our fire stations that was opened as a temporary shelter. So it became pretty important. So we sent out the cots, blankets and mattresses and other things we had. We actually had more requests than resources at that point. We worked with our emergency services partners and talked about what we were going to do and if we needed to open warming stations.

One of the things Chip talked about is the weather reports during the storm, the temperature stayed pretty good. The center of the storm was really off shore but what we got was one of the feeder bands that comes off those storms. But that is what helped to moderate the temperature. If that moved away it would allow cold air to move in. I am going to read you something from one of the weather reports.

So we prepared and got our rosters and tried to come up with who was going to be there. We set what emergency operations staff was going to be there as far as our representatives.

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I was lucky; I got to go in on the first shift on Saturday the 6th. I was actually there until they finished the full operations on the 13th. We closed at noon on the 13th. I went home briefly because on Thursday I got a phone call from Communications that said your wife just called and somebody just cut their fingers off in a snow blower at your house. GREAT! Needless to say it was not a quick trip to get there but the local community fire company responded and took care of my next door neighbor thank goodness and he is actually doing pretty well.

So we looked at what our volunteer staffing was going to be and they turned out to be excellent. Most of our stations were staffed and ready to go. We worked with public works to determine what their priority routes were going to be. And in the early stages of the storm, one of the real issues was trying to keep primary roads open. Secondary road, in many cases, did not get plowed for 2 or 3 days. It was trying to keep the primary routes open so that we try and actually get into communities. Many of our stations have plowing equipment. Fortunately, I am going to tell you a story about one of those. And unfortunately it was one of those storms that just kept getting worse. You would look at the weather report and it would say we have up-dated the weather forecast and now we anticipate another whatever amount they would say of snow fall. So things did not get real good.

The folks that Chip told you about that were stranded, going to tell you a little bit about one. We had a gentleman who we were in contact with and we told you nobody died. We initially made a report to the county manager that we thought we had lost someone. As we got those reports from the emergency communications center where those stranded motorists were, we got their phone numbers for their cell phones and we tried to maintain contact with people. There was one car that we had a triangulation fix on from his cell company and we did not get any answers. He had been there almost 16 hours before we eventually got him. We made several attempts. We had people from our water treatment plant in the Bolinger Creek area who had tried to go up. They couldn't get any further than Route 28 and New Design Road. One of the utility vehicles with some firefighters tried to go up and they made it as far as they could pushing snow and they wanted permission to leave the vehicle. And the answer was you can only leave the vehicle and go as far as you can see the headlights. Well that turned out to be about 30 feet. They went back and went to one of our other stations and stayed there over night. First thing in the morning snow plows, the front loaded and the utility vehicle with staff went to try and reach that individual. It was during that time that we could not contact him by phone any longer, and we had feared that he was deceased. When they got there they woke him up. They actually got to him by walking a half mile in 4 foot deep drifts to finally get to his vehicle. So those were the kind of conditions the folks were out there working in.

During the storm we made some changes to things we had never done before. This was the first time the jurisdiction sent out a blue alert and would not send EMS outside the county. We don't have resources to go with them and we don't know when they'll get back.

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You saw Route 40. We kept Brunswick in one of the Frederick Stations for 3 days because they could not get back to the station. And that was a big impact on the community but there wasn't any way for it to get there. We put a battalion chief in the Communications Center and we actually reduced some of our standard assignments based on the weather conditions and the situation.

We had reduced capacity because you could not see the road to plow. The equipment wound up in the drainage ditch which was not an uncommon occurrence. There is actually a picture of a road grader pulling two snow plows out of the side of the road. It was just an unbelievable storm and to be very honest, if I don't see another snowflake until the time I leave this service, I will be perfectly happy. (Applause and laughter)

There was roughly a 12 hour period when we did not go to calls. It was too dangerous. Now you saw the daylight video of the crew going down the road in the storm. At night you could not find the roads. If they weren't plowed, they had no idea where some of the roads were. It is a very difficult thing for an emergency services organization and to make a decision, that we would not send anybody out. Not only was this not our folks but the snowplows were not going out, everybody came off the road. And that is difficult to do. And what we did was, we took the information and at the point when we actually thought it was safe to start operations again, we called those people back to find out what the situation was. Now, if you were a high priority incident, snowplows were in our fire stations, we would send somebody out. But if it was a minor incident, chances are we were going to call you back later and say we might be able to get there in some period of time. It was a conscience decision to try and keep our people safe.

Let me tell you a little bit about the news we got from the National Weather Service. This came in at 0248 hours on the morning of February 11th. Blizzard warning is canceled. Winter weather advisory for an additional 1" to 3" inches with blowing and drifting snow forecasted. Temperatures in the 10 to 15 degree range with sustained winds of 15 to 20 mph, gusts to 30 and a wind chill of 5 to 10 degrees below zero. That was GOOD news. That was as the storm started to pull off the coast and the cold air came in behind it. Now we are out doing operations, so that morning when they went to rescue that guy, that was the kind of stuff they were dealing with.

There were some other things that happened. We had trees that fell down and a lot of other things. Fortunately we did not have a lot of power loss in the storm because there were no downed lines and things like that. But there were significant events.

This is what we call a road being open. (Slide showing road open enough for one vehicle to pass.) It is one lane, down the middle and still ice and snow-covered. Our schools were closed for 7 days. They had 2 more days where they had 2 hour delays because the snow would get pushed away and they ran out of salt and had to get more salt and cinders. Public Works was actually on a waiting list to be able to get a new supply.

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One of the other things we did in preparation was we actually operate dual locations for our Public Works and for Fire and Rescue and Law Enforcement. We advised everyone to go and fuel up at commercial stations for as long as they could because we did not know how long the impact was going to be. So in order to reserve our fuel resources, we used commercial resources until we absolutely use ours at that point. Some places we did not get through for days. Now most of these were in remote areas and a lot of them were the farm communities and these communities are pretty well self-sufficient.

(New slide showing what appears to maybe be a road) There is a road in there. Those were the kind of things we were confronted with. During the storm you probably would not have found the road. You would not have seen that telephone pole and I can assure you of that. I went out one morning with my Battalion Chief and we came around a corner and almost into a snowplow. We went to the left of the snowplow and looked around and here comes another snowplow and we went to the right of that snowplow and we don't think either one of them ever saw us. So it was pretty scary. There were contractor clearing areas. (More slides of the different road conditions.)

What do you do when you have a serious health emergency? Trooper 3 was used in conjunction with our ATR personnel for a HEAT insertion to remove a high priority cardiac patient who could not be reached by road.

If you weren't familiar with the area, you were kind of lost. Because this was not an open intersection for probably three or four days (another slide). And then you really had to know the area to know where the stop signs in the intersections were. Some took even longer. (Slide) There is an actual intersection there. If you can figure out where it is, we had trouble.

I can't tell you about the number of acts of bravery and heroism during this storm and some of them probably won't be told. But a lot of people took a lot of risks in order to provide services through this storm.

One of the things we were asked to do, it was passed to Emergency Operations Center staff, was dialysis patients. Now how are you going to move them to a dialysis center? And we were taking calls and routing units with snowplows to be able to get to those people to dialysis. And that didn't really stop until the 13th.

In addition to DPW and our contractors, we used a number of different vehicles. We had DPW trucks, snowplows, and equipment that belonged to contractors and farmers. People had snow blowers. A lot of them said they could plow their lane but when they got out to the road, they found that nobody had plowed the roads so they just went ahead and did it. Normally someone would complain about that but with a situation like this they think that was a great thing and thanks. Some of these folks took in stranded motorists as they found them along the road. So it was a community coming together.

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I would really like to tell you about what happened in my neighborhood, but I missed part of it. I have seen the pictures and they had one big block party. They had a fire pit in the road and they brought the community together. I was surprised because that was the first time they had done that. (More slides showing how bad the situation was.)

If it hadn't been for the National Guard, there were probably areas we would not have gotten to in a timely way. These vehicles are extremely good because they are high clearance vehicles. (Slide showing their vehicles) A special thanks to them, the state highway administration, and all those assisting agencies that assisted us and made this a successful outcome.

After the snow was finished, it still wasn't really over. Because for days later, this was what we were faced with (Slide showing one way roads open.). Going into subdivisions or going into various back roads where there was only room to get a vehicle through. Our people pulled through and did the right thing. We provided the services and I think we had a very successful outcome.

There is an after action report and it is not posted on the county's website yet. It was just approved last week. So if anybody is interested, you go to the Frederick County website and you should be able to find this. It tells about what each agency thought were its shortcomings, things we need to improve upon, communications and a lot of other different things. It was a real learning experience for us. Even though we came through it, there were some things we think we could do better. I don't want to be here for the next one but I hope that we'll take the lessons learned and that will actually help them through it.

I want to thank you for being here. I appreciate everyone staying around and it has been a real pleasure to do the presentation. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I want to thank you for the presentation. We have for each of you an expression of thanks in the form of a resolution. We also have for each of you a Convention mug and a challenge coin.

President Roger N. Powell: We will now have the report of the Election Judges by Stuart Carter.

Stuart Carter: Thank you Mr. President. As chief of the election judges, I am here to report to you that due to the fact that there were no contested offices and no constitution and by-laws to be voted on, there were no votes to be taken this morning. Yesterday afternoon, after the elections, the Secretary cast a lone ballot for each of the elected offices with the exception of Secretary. So I will now call President Powell to cast a lone vote for the Office of Secretary.

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President Roger N. Powell: Thank you. The vote is cast in accordance with the motion yesterday. Thank you.

Stuart Carter: The election judges declare the elections final. The Officers are duly elected. If you all join us this evening, the officers will be duly sworn in to take their offices. And that is the report of the election judges. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: Thank you Stuart. Just a couple of announcements. You know there have been some changes in the convention. Instead of the Family Picnic out back, it is now in the front hall where the Prayer Breakfast is held on Wednesday morning. Lunch buffet begins at noon and runs until 3:30 p.m. Tickets are still available downstairs where the strippers are selling tickets if you want to go to the luncheon. Family Picnic and Beach Party is tonight from 4 until 10 at the Ocean Pines Beach Club on 49th and Coastal Highway. They also will be having a buffet and once again, tickets are available downstairs. Please make sure you visit our exhibitors while you are staying in the hall today. Our exhibitors will be there until 4:30 this afternoon until they close. Tonight at 6:30 is the Joint Installations of Officers in the main ballroom here. It is a moving installation ceremony. At 9:30 is the Pajama Parade here. Tomorrow morning at 7:30 am in the Front Hall is the Prayer Breakfast. And now I would like to call upon Rev. Jackson, from Harford-Cecil, to bless us with the Benediction.

Rev. Marvin C. Jackson, Asst. Chaplain: Ladies and gentlemen, as we see each and every one of you. It is always good to be amongst the Firemen's Association. Shall we pray... Merciful God we come before You this day Heaven Father thanking you for each and every member here by the Grace of God. Each company, each representative, Heavenly father I ask that you keep Your hands upon each one. Keep us all safe and at the appointed time, bring us back. And we ask all this in Your name. Amen

President Roger N. Powell: The Third Session of this Convention is recessed. We will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 am.

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JOINT INSTALLATION OF THE MSFA & LAMSFA OFFICERS

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Richard Brooks MC: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I am Richard Brooks and I will be your Master of Ceremonies this evening. Please stand for the presentation of the Colors by the Southern Maryland & Harford County Honor Guards and the Calvert County Fire & EMS Pipes and Drums.

Richard Brooks, MC: 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.

Please remain standing for the Invocation which will be offered this evening by Assistant Chaplain George L'Heureux.

George L'Heureux, Asst. Chaplain: Let us pray. Our wisdom and love, source of all good, bring the Spirit upon us to help us find the truth and guide our actions in Your way of peace. For as now we prepare to install our elected leaders for the coming year, pour forth Your blessings on them as they will guide the efforts of the Maryland Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to faithful service. Show them the wisdom and compassion for others as they carry out their duties. Grant all our members the humility to serve the community to the best of our skills in a timely professional way. Open the eyes of our hearts of those call upon us for help so that we might emulate the compassion of Jesus Your son. Bring to us evenly tempered justice with love and all the decisions thus be pleasing to you. Bring the reward of promise of a good and faithful servant. We ask this for Your son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: Honor Guard Commander by your lead. Please join me in acknowledging the fine service of the combined Honor Guards of Southern Maryland and Harford County and the Calvert County Pipes and Drum. (Applause)

Please be seated. May I have Southern Maryland Honor Guard and the Glenn Dale Fire Association to take your places.

As I opened, I said it was a pleasure to be here and celebrate a successful year. As such,

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it is a pleasure to introduce to you for their procession the outgoing Presidents. Would you please welcome the President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Kathy Knipple, from the Junior Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Frederick County, escorted by Mr. Chip Jewel. (Applause)

And the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Roger Powell, from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company of Baltimore County, with his wife, Iris. (Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to welcome the Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association Past Presidents. We'll begin with:

Elaine Huttenloch 1984-1985

Leone Gatton, 1985-1986

Nora Ryan, 2001-2002

Robin Sheldon-Hahn, 2004-2005

Rose Pandolfini, 2007-2008

Lois Hetz, 2008-2009

Richard L. Yinger, 1994-1995

Roger A. Steger, Sr., 2000-2001

Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr., 2006-2007

Frank J. Underwood, 2008-2009

Richard Brooks, MC: It is a pleasure to now recognize the Appointed and Elected Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

LA Conference Chairman — Terry Heinicke

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc., Ladies Auxiliary

Prince George's County

Escort: Chris Fleshman

Page: Niece — Meagan LaMar

P.P.: Peggy Zembower (1986-1987)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — Richard Smith

Oxford Volunteer Fire Department

Dorchester/Talbot Counties

Escort: Chris Yinger

LA Color Bearer — Donna Struntz

Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Company

Allegany/Garrett Counties

Escort: Husband — Joe Struntz

Page: Mary Carr

P.P.: Betty Grabenstein (1999-2000)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — James Seavey, Sr.

Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department
Montgomery County
Escort: Wife - Mary

LA Color Bearer — Lori Denbow

Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Harford County

Escort: Husband — Jeff Denbow
Page: Christine Deckard
P.P.: Sharon Worthington (1995-1996)

MSFA Executive Committee Member

Benjamin "Ben" W. Kurtz

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company
Harford/Cecil Counties
Escort: Goddaughter — Ashlyn Tapler

LA Guard — Stephanie Holsinger

Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
Montgomery County
Escort: Husband — William Holsinger, Jr.
Page: Mother — Mary Bladen
P.P.: Bessie Marshall Chairman — Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — Steven J. Kesner

Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department
Allegany/Garrett Counties
Escort: Wife — Deborah Kesner

LA Historian — Marcia Roth

Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
Montgomery County
Escort: Husband — Johnnie Roth, Jr.
Page: Son — Eric Roth
P.P.: Patricia Deamond (2006-2007)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — David Keller III

Citizens Truck Company
Frederick/Washington Counties
Escort: MSFA Ms. Fire Prevention 2010-2011 Elyssa Cool and

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MSFA Ms. Fire Prevention First Runner-up 2009-2010 Jennifer Barciz

LA Vice Chaplain — Nancy J. Jones

Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Charles County

Escort: Husband — Otis Jones

Page: Granddaughter — Zoe Stokes

P.P.: June Black (1989-1990)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — William Hildebrand

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company

Kent/Queen Anne's/Caroline Counties

LA Chaplain - Vivian M. Boyd —

who could not be with us tonight, but is in our thoughts.

MSFA Executive Committee Member — John F. Guntow, Jr.

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department

Worcester/Wicomico/Somerset Counties

LA Corresponding Secretary - Barbara Sue Nelson

Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary St. Mary's County

Escort: Husband — John "Speedy" Nelson

Page: Barbara Lacey

P.P.: Barbara McWilliams (2005-2006)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — Mark A. Bilger

Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company

Carroll/Howard Counties

Escort: Wife — Nancy Bilger

LA Financial Secretary - Darby Byrd

Dentsville Volunteer EMS Department Ladies Auxiliary

Charles County

Escort: Husband — Kevin Byrd

Page: Daughter — Katie Byrd

P.P.: Eloise Healy (1994-1995) Escorted by her Husband Russ

MSFA Executive Committee Member — Stuart W. Carter

Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company
Baltimore County
Escort: Daughter — Ann Marie Carter

LA Treasurer — Ann F. Price-Davis

Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
Baltimore County
Escort: Father — Paul H. Price
Page: Mother — Cathie Price
P.P.: Leone Gatton (1985-1986)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr.

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company
Anne Arundel County

LA Recording Secretary — Carol Hayden

Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Montgomery County
Escort: Boyfriend — Bobby Campbell
Page: Marcine Goodloe
P.P.: Peggy Zembower (1986-1987)

MSFA Executive Committee Member — Daniel J. Stevens

Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department
Charles/St. Mary's/Calvert Counties
Escort: Wife — Bobbi Stevens

MSFA Trustee — Gene Worthington

Level Volunteer Fire Company
Harford County

MSFA Chief Chaplain — Reverend John F. Long, Jr.

Ferndale VFD
Anne Arundel County
Escort: Wife - Kathy Long

MSFA Financial Secretary — George A. "Fred" Cross, PP (1995-1996)

Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company
Baltimore County
Escort: Granddaughter — Anna Banks

LA Junior Vice President — Sherry Soper

Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Frederick County

Escort: Cecil Webb

Page: Ruth Martin — Friend and Treasurer of Woodsboro Auxiliary

P.P.: Peggy Webb (2000-2001)

MSFA 2nd Vice President - John Denver

Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company

Cecil County

Escort: Wife — Anna Marie Denver

LA Senior Vice President — Teresa Ann Crisman

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc., Ladies Auxiliary

Prince George's County

Escort: Ron Siarnicki

Page: Kathryn Garner

P.P.: Mother — Mary Frances Crisman (1990-1991)

MSFA 1st Vice President — David Lewis

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company

Anne Arundel County

Escort: Wife — Gloria Lewis

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen would you please rise as we welcome our official party to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association President for 2010-2011

LA President — Sandi T. Lutz

Glenn Dale Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary

Prince George's County

Escort: Husband — Lee Lutz

Page: Daughter — Lesa Free

Page's Escort: Husband — Michael Free

Special Page: Granddaughter — Camryne L. Free

Special Page's Escort: Son of the President — Lee Lutz, Jr.

P.P.: Eloise Healy (1994-1995)

P.P. Escort: Russ Healy

(Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the Maryland State Firemen's Association President for 2010-2011

MSFA President — Doyle Cox

Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department

Calvert County

Escort: Wife — Kathy Cox

(Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: I am going to correct it right now – you are from “Culvert” County.

(Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: I couldn't figure out what Charlie Wills was yelling at me about! Scratch out St. Mary's and put “Culvert”. Would you all please be seated. It's just the little things Mr. President. (Applause and cheering) You know the big thing is watching the look on all your faces as you got here and sat down. Especially you Madame President. Especially you.

Richard Brooks, MC — Welcome ladies and gentlemen. It is a pleasure to be here for your installation of office. Before we do that we have a little bit of work to be done. It has been a wonderful year, a wonderful twelve months. From the time we convene here in Ocean City and the Presidents embark on their path and vision, developing their leadership and bringing us to this point twelve months later. But there is a story to be told. And at this time I will ask the Ladies Auxilliary President Kathy Knipple for her final remarks. Madame President.

President Kathy Knipple: Good evening everyone. I just want to thank everyone for all of their support and guidance this past year. You have all been wonderful to me and I want to thank you. I have made such wonderful friends throughout the state. Thank you very much. I want to wish Sandi and her officers much success in the coming year. And to Doyle and your Officers, I wish you much success in the coming year. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Madame President.

Richard Brooks, MC: And now for his final remarks as well, for there is a story to be told for the men. Actually there are many stories to be told. But we will let the President tell it his way. It is a pleasure to welcome to the podium, the President of the Maryland

State Firemen's Association, Mr. Roger Powell. (Applause)

President Roger N. Powell: I was reminded Saturday night, my remarks were 23 pages and I have made it shorter. You may have heard the song when you came in this evening – “Thanks for the Memories,” Kathy and I wanted you to know that was a meaningful selection because the memories that we have are beyond our ability to address. Surfeit it to say, that we both worked hard all year. That we worked together to meet our Associations. We did our best. And I believe that we have done some great things this past year. Certainly the most notable has been that we managed to skate through Annapolis unscathed. We managed to keep our budget money and get some great legislation passed this year. That was important but more important, tonight is the night for thank you and I certainly want, there are too many people to say thank you to and if I tried I am sure I would leave someone out.

Let me say thank you to the Past Presidents, who advised me over the past three years. You cannot do this job no matter how long you have been around, no matter how much experience you have, without the advice and counsel and support of the Past Presidents.

Obviously I want to thank my company and my county – Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company and Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Needless to say, you need the support of your company and your county in order to begin this process because you are pretty well absent.

My committees, the work you did this year. Thank you to each Chairman of each committee for the fine work that you did. And I am not going to single anyone out. I feel proud that they did their jobs and they did their jobs well. And the environment that we had with the financial problems all of us have been facing, it is even harder to do the job and yet they stepped up to the plate and did everything that I asked them to do this year.

Obviously Iris and my family (Roger had a difficult time with this and there is a pause to composed himself. The audience showed their support with applause.) So words fail you even when you get to this point. Thank you. Thank you all. I have done my best. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President would you please escort President Kathy Knipple and take her center stage. Ladies and gentlemen, so that we can honor these fine Presidents one final time. They stand before you as the Presidents for 2009-2010 of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. (Standing ovation and applause.) Job well done.

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And now, as I am sure you both understand, and they would like me to just move along faster, it is time for the changing of the guard. To do so, I will ask our Installing Officer, Past President Lois Hetz to please come forward and install the Ladies Auxiliary. Madame Past President.

Lois Hetz, Past President: Ladies please stand and raise your right hand and say your name where I say mine. I, Lois Hetz, do solemnly promise to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I will perform the duties of the Office to which I was elected to the best of my ability. I will protect and maintain all monies and properties entrusted to my care and turn same over to my successor at the end of my term of Office, so help me God. (Applause)

These are the new Auxiliary Officers. Please support them with everything you can think to do. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you. Madame Past President would you pass on the trappings of the Office please.

Kathy Knipple, Past Pres.: Sandi I am giving you this gavel. Use it wisely. Use it as you need it. But I know you won't need it. I did not use it much this year and I know you won't need it much next year. Also I have the shadow box of the pins that you can display at your firehouse. And I have the President Seal for you to take home or put in your firehouse, wherever you would like to show it. Congratulations. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you ladies. Ladies, congratulations. Enjoy your year. Go for it. And now we will bring in your partners. And I would ask the Installing Officer for the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Past President, Frank Underwood to install the MSFA Officers. Mr. Past President.

Frank Underwood, Past Pres.: Gentlemen, please raise your right hand and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine. I Frank Underwood do promise and swear to uphold the constitution and bylaws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I further promise to perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability. I will keep, maintain and preserve all properties entrusted to my care and turn same over to my duly elected successor at the completion of my term. So help me God. I declare you duly installed officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Please join me at the podium. Past President Powell would you please join us at the podium.

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Frank Underwood, Past Pres.: Well Roger, I checked it out of the Pawn Shop for \$29.95. (Laughter) On behalf of the Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, congratulations on a successful year. I am giving you your Past President's Badge and your ring. First of all, your Past President's Badge – congratulations Sir. And behalf of all the membership, here is your Past President's Ring. Thank you very much for a successful year. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Past President Hetz would you join me as well please for the pinning of the Past President.

Lois Hetz, Past Pres.: Kathy it gives me great honor to present the Past President's Pin to you. Now you can have some time at home and enjoy it.

Kathy Knipple, Past Pres.: Thank you very much. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you very much ladies. And now I will ask all Officers on the stage to please take their seats in the audience. Mr. President, if you would. Would you please take Madame President to the front and center please. We will give you a moment to take some pictures while our other Officers are seated. Ladies and gentlemen by virtue of our responsibilities as Delegates to our great Association, we have given these two fine people our confidence that they will lead us through the next year. Would you please officially welcome Ladies Auxiliary President Sandi Lutz and President of the MSFA, Doyle Cox. (Cheers and applause.) A little tough to do that isn't it. Please be seated. There was no music provided, I hope there was no dancing while I checked my script.

Now that you have had a moment to take a deep breath. Madame President would you please take the podium. It is your time for your remarks.

Sandi Lutz, President: One moment please. While they are looking for my remarks, I'd like to introduce my family joining me this evening. My mother Trudie Thompson is joining me this evening. My baby sister Robin Oldfather and with her family, my nephew Dustin Oldfather with his beautiful wife Maria. My niece Holly Oldfather Veters and her escort Matt Lane. My husband, Lee, who most of you already know. And my daughter Lesa Free and my son-in-law, Lesa's husband, Mike Free. And I am sure the most of you know my gorgeous granddaughter, Camryne Free, she is everywhere. Now not too many folks here tonight have met my son, Lee Jr., aka Corky, but you've heard me speak of him and he is here tonight! Here tonight as well is my brother-in-law, Earl Lutz, Jr. and my sister-in-law, Beth Stepowany. My special guests here tonight are Bill Goddard and his lovely wife. Bill is Chief in Howard County. Also my special guest with me tonight

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and hopefully our next County Ex., Michael Jackson. I have the President of my county association, Bill Smith. I can't see if I got everyone, but you all are special to me and thank you for being here. I am missing the second page; you gave me two of the first page.

I would like to thank my family, Lee, Lesa, Lee Jr. (aka Corky), Mike and Camryne, for their support these past many years and for helping me achieve this goal, because without them I would not have survived. I am happy that my brother-in-law, Earl, Jr. and my sister-in-law, Beth Stepowany, are here to celebrate this evening with me. And a special thank you to my father-in-law, Earl Lutz, Sr., who wasn't able to get to Ocean City this year. When I married Lee he would talk about the fire service when the family got together and he got me interested in it. He encouraged me when I joined Glenn Dale's auxiliary and I thank him for that and because of his encouragement I stand before you today as the newly installed President of the LAMSFA. I wish he were here this evening to share in this big step with me. I want to thank my mother, Trudie, and my sister, Robin for all your support and always asking questions and listening to me talk about my adventures and travels around the state of Maryland.

To the Glenn Dale Fire Association, Inc and Auxiliary, and the West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad and Auxiliary, The Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association and the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association, thank you for your support over the years and your words of encouragement

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Russell family and the Capitol Heights auxiliary for sharing Mary with me. Mary was supposed to be here tonight to share in this evening but she passed away last October. Aside from my best, Mary was my best friend and I miss her.

I want to congratulate the LAMSFA officers and thank them for their many years of service. To President Cox, I know we will have a great year. I look forward to serving with you. To the officers and members of the MSFA, I am committed, wait that's a wrong chose of words, I **promise** to work with you in our joint mission and purpose. And I hope to be able to call on you as well. Again, thank you everyone for being here tonight. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: That was close. You all would have enjoyed that way too much. (Richard almost tripped over the box Sandi was standing on.) Thank you Sandi. Lovely. We have a special presenter here tonight. I am sure you know this gentleman. He has been a long time supporter of the fire service. Certainly your company and you and the Firemen's Association. Ladies and gentlemen it is a pleasure to welcome Senator Roy Dyson. (Applause)

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Senator Roy Dyson: Sandi. I don't know how Barbara Mikulski does this? Hold on Sandi! First and foremost, I consider this a great privilege to be here and I want to thank you for allowing me to be here tonight. And particularly Doyle, I am going to get to him in a minute. Doyle is my part-time constituent. And let me correct something. He is from CULVERT County. Not St. Mary's and not Calvert. You drink Calvert whiskey in Culvert County! That was Louis L. Goldstein that said that – remember? Sandi, this is on behalf of the Governor of Maryland. It obviously is to you, it says "Be it here known, that on behalf of the Citizens of the State, recognition is to honor you for your service to the people of Maryland. Congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your Installation as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Our Citizens join together in expressing our gratitude for your ongoing efforts on behalf of the Auxiliary and the State. I am pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation on the 15th day of June. And I am pleased to present it to you. (Applause)

Sandi Lutz, Pres.: Thank you.

Senator Roy Dyson: Now, this one is from me. A Senate of Maryland Resolution; Be it hereby known, as the Senate of Maryland, we offer you our sincerest congratulations in recognition of your services as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary for 2010. God bless you. (Applause)

Sandi Lutz, Pres.: Thank you.

Richard Brooks, MC: Madame President next is Jennifer Gaine, President of Prince George's County Ladies Auxiliary.

Jennifer Gaine: If I can please have all the ladies from Prince George's County stand. It is with great pleasure I give this to Sandi Lutz and serve the ending of my term as President (PGLA) and the beginning of hers.

Sandi Lutz, Pres.: It is a check for \$2,300.00. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Could I have Lisa Free, please.

Lisa Free: In a parent child relationship, it is not often that a child to say that they are proud of their parent. And I just want to say on behalf of my family – my Dad; my brother; my husband, Mike; my daughter, Camryne; that we really are so proud of you Mom and we love you and we know you'll be a great President. We just got you a little something to get you started for today and tomorrow.

Sandi Lutz, Pres.: It is a President's Gavel on a chain. Thank you very much. We'll open the other things later. I love you. Love you guys (to family in audience.). (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Where's Jackie (MSFA Secretary)? Jackie, next year we need MSFA Tissues. I want to see the box with the logo and I'd really like to have them embroidered – with Black Eyed Susans. Thank you. I think we have been through enough of that that we can do that. Ladies, it is a pleasure to invite your Senior Vice President, Teresa Ann Crisman, to speak on your behalf. Madame Senior Vice President.

Teresa Ann Crisman, Sr. V. Pres.: Hello everybody. I would like to thank you all for coming tonight. We are very very pleased to see everybody out there. It is overwhelming – you know you do this for 13 years and you see all the people come and it is great. Thanks to everyone who has come for Sandi and Doyle. Doyle will be having a special reception in the back lobby over here. On behalf of the officers and the members of the Auxiliary, we really thank you for coming tonight. Thanks a lot.

(Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thanks Teresa Ann. It is a pleasure now for you, I will bring Senator Roy Dyson back to the Podium. (Applause)

Senator Roy Dyson: What a team uh?! I have a Senate Resolution for Teresa Ann. And again, it is from the Senate of Maryland for your service as the Senior Vice President. Congratulations.

Teresa Ann Crisman, Sr. V. Pres.: Thanks a lot. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: We have been looking forward to this. It has been in the making for years! I have always remarked how wonderful it is to watch the ladies go through all the chairs. But seeing friends come through the chairs and the committee chairs and the Executive Committee and through the three chairs of the men's. It is WONDERFUL to introduce this gentleman as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for his remarks. President Doyle Cox. Mr. President. (Applause)

Doyle Cox, Pres.: Thank you. Vice President Lewis, Vice President Denver, Officers, Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Delegates and Guests.

First I want to say that it is an extreme honor to stand before you this evening as your 118th

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President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The road that I traveled to reach this position has been very long, but it is one that will never be forgotten. As Cathy and I traveled to every part of this great state over the years, the friendships that have been developed are over whelming and we will never forget them. Starting back in 1988 when Past President Jenks Mattingly started his campaign for 2nd Vice President, he asked for help and yes I started to travel with him, with no vision of this day every coming.

Vice President Lewis, Vice President Denver, I welcome you to the team and offer you my congratulations as you enter your new office and take the next step. I also welcome the Elected and Appointed Officers and the members of the Executive Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dan Stevens as part of the team. I look forward in working with each of you as we face the many issues that may be presented to us during the year. We will be working on ways to provide better communications and service to the members as well as different means of communicating our messages to the citizens. We will continue to explore means for additional funding as well as working with the committees to assist them in reaching the goals that have been established to move this association forward. We will continue to work with our legislators and partners during the next year.

President Lutz and the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary, I offer you my congratulations and support for the coming year. I look forward to working with you and your officers during the year.

I would like to thank the most important person of all, my wife Cathy, who has been by my side and my biggest supporter and advisor. She has given me the freedom to pursue my dreams and goals. If a person does not have the support of his or her spouse in any profession, they will not be successful and I have that support. I would also like to thank my daughter Dawn, who is with us this week from Seattle and her boy friend Jason (stand up please – Applause), my son Chris and his girl friend Larissa for their support and understanding. (Applause)

A special thanks to the Officers and Members of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department for your support in many ways by allowing me the opportunity to seek this office and thanks for being here tonight. Mike Bowen, thank you and your fellow pipers and drummers for your performance tonight. (Applause) To Vernon Horsmon and Warren Gott for setting the stage and steering me in the right direction; To the Officers and Members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Association, who have given me their upmost support; To the Past Presidents of Southern Maryland I thank you for your support and advice; To the members of the Honor Guard, I want to thank you for your support tonight and for your participation last Sunday at the Memorial in Annapolis. The Campaign Committee under the leadership of John Gatton and Danny Carpenter has been an outstanding support group, without their support, I

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would not be here today. To the members of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary and the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department of your continued support.

To each of the Past Presidents of this Association, I thank you for your support, your guidance and for setting the standards that has moved this Association ahead. From the first day that I became involved with the Association, a group of you, including some that have passed on that we will never forget, have taken me under your leadership and have guided me to where I am today. I will continue to seek your guidance, support and advice as we travel through this year. There will be time when the decision that was made may not have been the best one, but we will learn from it and move on.

To the Special Group of Past Presidents and Officers from our neighbor states I thank you for being here tonight. It has been great working with you over the years and the friendships that we have formed are special. I look forward in working with you this coming year as well as attending your upcoming conventions.

And to you, the Committee Chairs, Committee Members and the members of this Association, I thank you for your support, your trust and providing me the encouragement to reach this level and I promise you that I will do my best in serving you and this Association. In closing I want to say that it is an honor to be here as the first from Calvert County to be elected as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I ask for your prayers and support as we work through the year.

And as the late Louis L. Goldstein would always say "May God love you and bless you all real good". Thank You (Applause and standing ovation)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. President. Relax and enjoy. You know, I thought of a minute, and I said it to Senator Dyson, I thought he was correcting me. I said Calvert has never come out of my mouth. My Uncle was a Priest at North Beach as long as I can remember. I was brought up saying "Culvert" and when you said it, he was correcting you. (Laughter)

Senator, if you would, you have an honor to bestow.

Senator Roy Dyson: That is the first time I have ever corrected a President. Mr. President would you please come up here. As I said before, this is a privilege to be able to do this. It is a Governor's Citation from the Governor of Maryland. It is a special tribute to you to honor you for your service to the people of Maryland. Congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your installation to the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's

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Association. As our citizens join together expressing gratitude for your ongoing efforts, I am pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation on the 15th of June, signed by the Governor. (Applause)

Louis L. Goldstein always use to say when he would meet with a group of people, you are my bosses. This really is my boss. I represent him – he is my constituent. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: If I could have our Vice Presidents please both come up. Thank you. That is a photo op for that. This is something else. We're moving along. Are we finished? Thank you.

Senator if you would. I know you wanted to show some teamwork here. You have three other Citations. If you would.

Senator Roy Dyson: We have one here today to Doyle, one for David and then one also to John. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: While they are taking that picture, would you all help me recognize Senator Dyson does in support us. (Applause and cheers) Senator thank you as always it is a pleasure having you here.

Senator Dyson: You know maybe if you gave them longer terms, they would know how to do this! (Laughter!)

Richard Brooks, MC: Oh my! All of a sudden I need valium. Our next presenter is Delegate John Wood.

Delegate John Wood: First thing I'd like to do is apologize to my good friend here. I came down here tonight and forgot my suit! Those things just happen after awhile. And that was not the worst of it. I will say this, you introduced earlier as coming from St. Mary's County. We live in Southern Maryland – there are no lines – all one. And we are glad to have you. (Applause) And we work very good together. First I would like to say to each and every one of you, thank you. Thank you for what you do. Whether you are fire department, rescue squad, auxiliary you do a great job for your communities. I grew up in a family - mother, father – we had family, we had fire department and we had business. Depending upon what time of day it was, is what came first. And that was the way we were brought up.

Second thing is, not only did I leave my suit home, I left the citation home. (Laughter) I don't know. I guess it must be old age. This is the first time, I had taken a few days off

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and maybe that's why I was in a big hurry. I had other things on my mind. Sorry. You come second. But I just want to say to Doyle congratulations to you my friend. You can remember one thing, that the Southern Maryland Delegation is behind you 100% and we will make sure you have a good year. We will get you the Citation very shortly. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Delegate Wood, it is a pleasure to have you with us and those kind words, regardless of whether you brought the certificates or not. We understand.

Mr. President there are a few trappings to go with your Office, some things that perhaps you have looked forward to having. At least it was a goal and I think you will enjoy these for years to come. I'll introduce the Chairman of the Transportation Committee – Mr. Tom Flint to make the presentation. Tom.

Tom Flint, Chair Transportation Com.: Good evening. Now you know you have had some achievers this evening and I have had the fortune to give out these tags for many years. But I have to say one thing. This year I have had the opportunity to work with both these people for many years. And their sincerity tonight has shown – trust me. They will be hard working for you to – they are very hard workers – both of them. Now we start off with Mr. President. The day nominations were made, Ridge Fire Department had the Sheriff come up and bring the inmates up so they walk the First Lady around the room during nominations. Graciously, she said it was not her turn.

On the other hand, Madame President, this one is a long one. The Southern Maryland Ladies Auxiliary is one of the strongest ones going. Prince George's is a strong organization. Both of them have supported these two people very strongly and they will back them I can tell you that. Madame President came to me last October wanting to know if her tags were in yet. I told her no that the tags weren't until next year. She said I know but I worry about that 10. I asked her what do you mean. Her reply was I am a perfect 10. I told her you may be a perfect 10 but Doyle is not even close!

Madame President and Mr. President come get your tags. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: You have got to have pictures with the tags. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Past President Powell, could you make your way up? It is a pleasure to present Past President Tom Mattingly with a presentation.

Tom Mattingly, P.P.: It is my pleasure on behalf of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Convention Committee here at Ocean City, each year we

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follow a tradition started by Noah Callis from Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. In 1991, he presented a hand-painted replica of the Association's Seal to me as the President of the Association and he asked that we forward it on each year to the incoming President. Unfortunately we don't have it with us because the past president did not bring it with him. And we are not sure exactly which one of the past presidents has it as of this time. But we are going to get it for you. But we do carry on so we don't have the original but we have a copy of the MSFA Logo. It is my pleasure to present this to Roger at this point. And also today at the Past President's Luncheon, which we are going to send you the bill for, we would not allow you in the room but we want to officially present you with a Past President's hat, something they all wear with pride. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. Past President. Ladies and gentlemen if there are any other presents or gifts, we will gather in Room 209 afterward and you are welcome to make your presentations at that time.

President Sandi Lutz: Mr. President, would you join me please. This is just a little memento to remember tonight.

Richard Brooks, MC: Doyle just has a little more learning to do. Madame President looked at me and said we are doing this now – 3 times she told me. She rules!

Presidents you are off and running. If we were in a Leadership Class, we would tell you learn from what you see in the rearview mirror. I would suggest since you are off and running that the years you have taken to learn your leadership skills, I will assume you look in the rearview mirror. Although I would caution that this is not a NASCAR race to the finish, you are going to use your leadership skills, your intellect and your personalities to not only develop relationships that have not been made but to enhance the ones you already had for years. We wish you all the best. Every one of us stands solidly behind you - you know that. Enjoy the year. When you don't have a smile on your face, look in the mirror and ask why? And then smile anyway. Because you asked to be in this position, you asked for us to put you here. So grasp it, embrace it, and move forward. Have a great year. Our Presidents. (Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, we are about to have our Benediction. I would ask you to please remain in your seats for the Benediction and the recessional that will be by the Pipes & Drums. At this time I will call for the special blessing by Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.

Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. – Special Blessings: Thank you. Would the two of you come here? All the way over, come on, one on one side and one on the other. There we go. What a pleasure. What a pleasure to be before these two and give a special blessing

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to their safe travel and God speed as they travel this great state of Maryland during the next year. Sandi, don't ever wipe the smile off your face. And you, (laughter as Doyle waits his turn) I'll just let that go.

God has given you a special charge to take care of us – The Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. So at this time I would like for us to pause for a word of prayer. Let us pray. Gracious Heavenly Father, all good gifts come from you. We give you thanks for these two individuals; for Sandi and for Doyle. You have given them a great opportunity and a charge to take care of us as the heads of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. We ask your blessings be upon them. Be with them as they travel this great state. Be with them when they handle situations and joys and sometimes not so much joy. We understand that you only give us what we can handle. I am sure you will ride side by side with these 2 individuals until we meet again at Convention in 2011. Father, we again ask your blessings to be upon these two special individuals as they lead us this year. And may what they do and what they say, be for the betterment of all of us. And as we leave this place and go from Ocean City in the next couple of days, we ask you to grant them safe travel. And as they come to see us, through-out the year give them patience and give them understanding. Give them knowledge and especially give them love. Again, we thank you for this opportunity that we all have to serve. And we ask this in all your prayers, in Thy name. Amen.

Nancy Jones, Vice Chaplain LAMSFA: Benediction: Father, as you bring our Joint Installation to a close, we thank you for our new leadership. The Officers of the MSFA and the Ladies of the MSFA, bless them with Your guidance and wisdom. Grant them travelling mercies as they serve the fire, emergencies services and auxiliaries across the state. Please bless all who have come. Dismiss us with the closeness of Your presence. Refresh us with a night of rest. And prepare us for the events of tomorrow. May we also remember and keep in our hearts, the ones who could not be here with us tonight. And for all the things we have. Thank you. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Chaplain. Ladies and gentlemen please be safe as you enjoy Ocean City tonight and for the rest of the week. Pipe Major by your lead.

Pipes and drum lead the processional out of the Hall.

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**Session 4
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President Doyle E. Cox: After a few technical problems: Good morning ladies and gentlemen, Delegates and fellow members. It gives me a great honor to stand before you this morning and call the 4th Session of the Maryland State Firemen's Association 118th Annual Convention to order. At this time I recognize Harry Hetz, Assistant Chaplain.

Invocation by Harry Hetz, Asst. Chaplain: Please stand. Oh Lord and our God we come to the day of closing of our Convention. Father we thank you for the divine guidance that you provided to the leaders of the year past. We look forward to your continued leadership and guidance and wisdom to be with the new leaders as they take their responsibilities for the year ahead. Father we would ask that you bless this convention and as we continue our discussion and business, that you would reach out to those with health issues Lord. And to those struggling with grief and sorrow, let them have a measure of your blessings and a measure of your comfort, a measure of your healing and a measure of your peace. Father we praise and thank you for all things. Amen.

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I would like for everyone to please rise, remove their hats if possible, as we will honor our Nation as we recite 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. Thank you.

President Doyle E. Cox: I recognize the Safety Officer.

Steven Scheinin, Safety Chair: Good morning, my name is Steven Scheinin and I am Chairman of the Safety Committee. By a show of hands, how many of you have an exit strategy for leaving this building in case of emergency? Excellent. I am glad my words of the last few days have not gone unheeded. For those two people over there that do not have the strategy, remember you are on the second floor and the elevator and escalators might not be working. I am pleased to report that over 300 of you have signed the Seatbelt Pledge and we will have the drawing for that basket later this morning. Remember as you prepare to go home, leave yourself plenty of time and go home safely. And remember, that upon leaving the Convention Center, you are entering the most dangerous area in the world, an American Highway. Think safety and thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Is there any correspondence to come before this Association?

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Hearing none, are there any Resolutions to be read? Hearing none, ok we have some Resolutions, hang loose. Ok I have a list of Resolutions that have been prepared:

To the Military Department – General Adkins; To MIEMSS, Dr. Robert Bass; Baltimore County Firefighters Association; Bill Barnard, State Fire Marshal; Del. Norm Conway; Mr. Steve Edwards, Director MFRI; The Honorable Martin O'Malley; Kathy Knipple, Past President LAMSFA; Mayor Meehan, Ocean City Mayor; Maryland State Police Aviation Commander, Major A.J. McAndrew; Speaker of the House, Michael Busch; Maryland Senate President, Mike Miller; Mr. Richard Muth, MEMA Director; Ocean City Chamber of Commerce; Ocean City Town Council; Ocean City Fire Company; Ocean City Police Department; Ocean City Hotel/Motel Association; Outgoing President Roger Powell; Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company; Legislative Office, Rose Davis; Senator Barry Glassman; John Spearman, Shock Trauma.

And that is it – end of Resolutions.

We also have Resolutions for the Military Service:

Alex Sager – Where as Alex Sager, a member of the Galena Fire Company has been serving on active duty status in the year 2009-2010, as a member of the Air National Guard. Where as the members and Officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association wish to recognize the significance made by Alex Sager and to congratulate Alex on his dedication to the principles we cherish so much as Americans.

President Doyle E. Cox: If you have requested or presented Resolutions to member(s) of your department that have served in the Military, see us back stage later on. I would like to entertain a motion from the floor to accept the Resolutions as presented.

Motion from Doug Simpkins, Arbutus VFC.

President Doyle E. Cox: I have a motion on the floor, do I have a second? We have a second from the floor. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye, opposed nay. Motion carries.

President Doyle E. Cox: It gives me an honor to introduce the next speaker. You will find this in your Program Book. *"Response to the Earthquake in Haiti."* Battalion Chief/Paramedic Lewis (Lew) W. Rader, Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department (Retired); U.S. Health Department and Human Services; National Disaster Medical Systems; Logistical Response Assistance Team of Washington, D.C. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Lewis Rader. (Applause)

Chief Lew Rader: Thank you. Appreciate the opportunity to meet with you all this morning. This is a live presentation of my experience in Haiti. This presentation is designed to show

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you all what the men and women of the National Disaster Medical Systems encountered in the way of challenges during the process of providing medical relief services to the people of Haiti during the disastrous earthquake that hit that country.

This first slide is a representation of the federal bureaucratic breakdown as far as how EMS relates to the Federal Government. The slide on the lower right is the emblem of the National Disaster Medical System which is part of the U.S. Public Health Service, which comes under the auspices of the U.S. Public Health Service. In 2006 it was changed to that. Prior to that, EMS was part of FEMA, however the Congress decided to change it back to U.S. Public Health Service, so that is exactly who we work for – the U.S. Public Health Service. We provide emergency disaster relief for the citizens of the United States.

In order to tell the story really well, I need to explain to you all about the National Disaster Medical System. It was started around 1984. The primary purpose was to supply integrated national medical response capability for assisting state and local authorities during peacetime disasters. It also provides DOD support which was a secondary goal if there was a major conflict overseas the troops that were injured would be flown back to the states to regional airports. NDMS would be set up at those airports and coordinate the triage and treatment of the patients coming off the planes with the local fire departments to regional hospitals. It was activated for the first time during the Haiti deployment in Florida for the US troops and the Haitian patients coming to the US hospitals for additional further care. The Maryland team just started last year. If you are interested in getting more information you can get them on line.

DMAT consists of 35 personnel, doctors, nurses, paramedics, EMT's, communication specialists, logistics specialists, and all of them work together as a team to set up portable emergency rooms out in the field, self sustained for 72 hours. By that I mean they have enough food, water, shelter and equipment to last for 72 hours without additional support. After 72 hours support is to be there, that's where my folks come in as the logistics team.

Another entity of the NDMS is the Disaster Mortuary Recovery Team. (DMORT). These are the folks that go out and provide the service of retrieving the remains and identifying the remains and respectfully returning the remains to the families of the folks they belong. Typically the team will dispatch on plane crashes in the United States and any large mortality scenario to give you another example. In this instance they provided a secondary mortality mission in Haiti when we were directed by the President to recover and return all American Citizen remains. This photo is the DPMU unit which is the disaster portable morgue unit which was set up at the back of the airfield in Port of Prince. The building in the front, tent, with the white is the admitting area where the remains are brought in. They have photograph and x-ray equipment where they take an initial photo to make an initial determination of remains.

The primary unit of the NDMS is the Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Each of the

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states, not all, but quite most states have DMAT teams. Some have more than one. More than one person on the team from California, Ohio and New York.

The long green tent is where the forensic experts work. The DMORT team typically has 40 persons, which are dentists, forensic scientists, lab technicians along with logistics and communications folks. They have an outstanding record of being able to provide the ability to identify remains.

The NVRT or National Veterinary Team. They provide service in the way of veterinary care. Some people don't think the Vets are any big deal but typically a good example is during Katrina there were large amounts of cattle, sheep and other domestic animals roaming freely. You have a serious potential for disease with this sort of thing and these folks' job is to determine the potential and how to meet it. As far as Haiti was concerned they were strictly a liaison type operation to check out the local live stock. In Haiti, goats, pigs, and cattle roam freely where ever they want. The MVRT folks aren't interested in that, they are concerned about disease.

In the photo shown, the dog sustained serious injury to his chest and the team performed surgery and he's doing fine. The dog is owned by an ambassador.

The IMSuRT , International Medical Surgery Response Team is a surgical team. We have two teams; one based out of Seattle and one based out of Boston. These teams' mission is to provide high level surgical support when we go on missions. They are the only entity of NDMS that has deployed internationally, Years ago they deployed on the Iranian earthquake. The team is made up of special surgeons, surgical nurses, EMT's and paramedics.

All the photographs you see are taken in Haiti.

The fourth team, the newest team of the NDMS is the Logistic Response Assistance Team, (The LRAT's). I'm an LRAT. The team was put into operation in December 2009 and deployed two weeks later. The first deployment was in Haiti. We did an outstanding job. Everyone is telling us that. This photo is the rear of the US Embassy building. We got a fork lift from the embassy when we could. We shared everything particularly vehicles.

On January 12th at 4:53 PM a 7.0 earthquake hit Haiti, six months ago. We were dispatched by Presidential order to Haiti on the 14th. USAR left on the 13th. Haiti is a third world country. It's the fourth county in the western hemisphere. To put that in perspective, the average Haitian person earns \$1 a day. The average life expectancy is age 57. The average education is the 4th grade. The unemployment rate is over 70%. We were going in to a down sized country from the start. There was no infrastructure and no Government to speak of.

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The cause and effect of this after the earthquake, what we had to deal with was over 300,000 people were killed; an undetermined number were injured. The reason undetermined is because there was a huge international response for other countries as well as the US that set up medical facilities and treated people. The problem is the Haitian people do not receive medical care during the year and after the earthquake everyone was involved.

Over 3 Million people in the Port of Prince area were displaced. What houses they had were destroyed. Construction was poor; steel was not used in construction. In the photos you see vertical rebar, but that's the extent of reinforcement. Everything pancaked down, or collapsed outward. There were walls from buildings that collapsed in the streets and on the sidewalk. Anyone on the street was injured or killed.

Tent cities sprung up anywhere there was a flat level piece of ground. The people had nothing, they were refugees.

Haiti is a high risk, high hazard country. There's no law and order, no sanitation, no food or water and no emergency medical care. From disease: malaria, TB, Dengue fever, HIV, hepatitis A and H1N1 influenza are rampant.

Everyone received immunizations on the way down. An area was set up in Atlanta to make sure everyone was immunized before leaving. The photo shown is a responder from Massachusetts that failed to use bug spray. You can see the numerous bites on his arms. We had one person transported back with malaria and one with dengue fever from mosquito bites.

The weather, it's a tropical island. It was extremely hot, very oppressive and we did not have fans. We operated under primitive conditions. Initially we had no tents. We slept under the stars almost like a Boy Scout camp. As time went on we received tents and supplies. Rains came the middle of February, prior to that it was dry with dust. In the news you saw people with face masks because of the dust and air quality. The Haitians pile trash and burn it all the time. There's a constant haze over the city like LA. In addition there were 300,000 bodies to be disposed of. In a few days they began burning the bodies. They piled them up and lit them off. It was not uncommon to see columns of black smoke through the city which added another nice smell to the air quality. Those of us there developed a dry cough which we call the Haiti hack. It took a couple weeks to get rid of it after we got home.

NDMS by Federal mandate operates strictly in the continental United States and US possessions. Because of this disaster we were sent by Presidential order for humanitarian reasons. The state department was not familiar with us and we were not familiar with them. US ----(unable to understand) had no idea who we were. There were a lot of learning curves to be met.

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Everyone needed basic supplies including our teams. The photo shows our warehouse at the airfield. It was an incredible operation at the airfield. There were flights from the US and other countries all the time from NATO and UN countries bringing in food, water and medical supplies. The US Air Force delivered the supplies at the end of the airfield and the Army took airlifts to deliver to the areas of need. Supplies walked if not secured. It was not unusual for a pallet of MRE to disappear. Everyone lived on MRE's. That was our food. The benefit from that is, I returned after losing 22 lbs., which was a benefit to me. MRE's are good but get old fast. Water was the other thing. If you didn't drink from purified water bottles, you had issues; including brushing your teeth and showering. You needed to be cautious of any water getting into your system.

Shelter was a problem. We did get our tents and mosquito netting by February 2nd. You see a fan in the area. With this we were living high on the hog. Security was a major issue. 82nd airborne got there a day before us and set up a perimeter around the airfield. They were available to escort us through the dangerous areas of the city. Security was not so much from us being attacked but more from our supplies being stolen. We had a lot of expensive equipment such as surgical and medical equipment. Ipods and cameras did come up missing. Security was extremely important during the deployment.

Power and fuel: Each team was supplied generators and the air force came around with fuel each morning. We filled our cans and cans were sent out to the teams in the city. Without fuel and power we were helpless. On a good day in Haiti, prior to the earthquake they would have power for five hours a day. At night they would get light from fires and candles. After the quake power was at a minimum. Generators were valuable. Another country tried to steal one of our generators.

Communications was an issue. The picture is of one of our satellite sites that maintained communications with other sites and back to the states. This was down town by the capital. Teams were able to report status and need. It worked out good. Another issue is that we were in a foreign country; the language was Creol and French. Not many of us could speak the language. Fortunately we had an individual to acted as interpreter. We were out all day long and interacting with people. My driver spoke Haitian and I spoke English. We used hand signals to communicate. My high school French was not of the quality to communicate with on a daily basis.

Medical supplies were critical. Nurses were great. They used a system of shoe bags to sort medical supplies and make it available. Our job was to make sure sites received supplies to them.

This picture shows one of three pieces of fire apparatus in the country of Haiti. It's a crash truck from the airport next to the portable coffins. We took them with the blue tarps to make a shower.

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The primary mission was to provide medical support to the persons injured in the quake, not the general population. The IMSurt was set up by the Geshiko hospital. The DMAT care sites were at: Geskio, Port Verraugh, Petionville, and Theabol Soccer Field. Two strike teams were at the airport and Love-a-child Orphanage, DMORT was at the airfield. And we used the Comfort hospital ship for patient triage/transfer.

The earthquake started at the harbor and ran up the hill. A strike team is a doctor, nurse, two paramedics with equipment. USSAR arrived a day before us with four heavy rescue teams from Virginia, Florida and Texas. They were busy around the clock. They had a decon set up around the back. When they came in they hosed off and sacked out. As their mission wound down our mission wound up. The Comfort came from Baltimore so there was a lot of Maryland involvement.

Our personnel were exposed to the public using stake body trucks. The Haitian government didn't like that much but we needed to work together in order to get around. A contract airline was used to transport us to Haiti when we weren't in DOD planes. We typically deployed for two weeks. Most deployments were two weeks unless extended. This airport was busy. As one plane arrive, it loaded up and left. The 82nd Airborne maintained security. Every OSHA rule in the book was broken on that flight line.

We needed to move personnel and supplies. DOD helped us out. We used head and ear protection. Everything started in Frederick, MD where the MSC (Mission Support Center) is located. This is where all supplies to support operations are deployed. They loaded equipment and supplies and sent it off shore. It was off shore for five days. The quake damage was so bad it took two weeks for the SEABEES to get the docks so we could off load.

There were issues loading and packaging equipment and supplies for shipment from Martinsburg to Port of France. There were tons of equipment shipped that was left with the Haitians when we left. My truck driver was paid \$10 a day to drive us. I had to get trucks from UN and other agencies to get the job done.

The photo shows the difficulty to drive in Haiti. The police were a joke. The people were all over the streets. It was tougher than driving in New Jersey. If there was a gas station on your route, people came with cups, jars etc as well as vehicles. There was a tremendous competition for vehicles.

As the mission wound up, persons were sent to the hotel Montana. The bell tower in the center of the picture is where Bill and Hillary Clinton were married. There were 135 remains and 92 US citizens accounted for. We were able to return folks to Canada and other countries.

We saw over 31,000 patients, there were 9,768 patients treated, 171 surgeries and 45

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births. All of the equipment with the exception of the technical medical supplies remained in Haiti. Haitian people are survivors that are proud and appreciate everyone's help.

President Cox – I'd like to thank you for your presentation this morning. This was very worthwhile. Here's a copy of a resolution, a mug and challenge coin. Thank you.

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I would like to introduce Delegate Jim Mathias.

Del. Jim Mathias: Good morning MSFA. God bless you. Are you having a good time so far? (Oh yea from the audience) This is a little bit of a group exercise here. The parade is in about three hours and I still need your prayers. I promised the sun would shine on parade day; it has been in and out and in and out. I got my back up sun but I know your prayers will make sure the real thing is here. So every now and then look up and say please let the sun shine. God bless you. I am most proud this morning, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you for all that you do. All that you do every day in your community. All the good Lord has done is given us time and you have given yours to help your fellow man. To me, that is as dedicated as one person could be. I am very honored to be asked this morning to be with you on behalf of the House of Representatives by the Majority Leader, Steny Hoyer, to bring greetings to our new President. Doyle can you come out here please? How about a round of applause for the incoming president. (Applause) I can only imagine and I have stood up with Presidents, Hall Fame Members, and all and I can only imagine how proud you are today. Both our Majority Leader and the County Commissioners of Calvert – "Culvert" – County. How do I say that? Calvert or Culvert – I want to do it right. If they say Worcester or "Wooster" County I am in serious trouble. But from our County Commissioners first, who bring their greetings, I have this Proclamation, if you would kindly, join in as we go. Doyle has such a complete life and a committed life, it just says – "Where as Doyle Cox is stepping into his role as the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, after providing since 1964, when he join the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department. During Doyle's exemplary career with the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, he has served in many capacities, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, member of the Board of Directors, Secretary, and Vice President as well as President for 13 years – How about another round of applause for Doyle – come on now – (Applause) on the Calvert County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association, the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Hall of Fame Committee, Communications Committee, the Campaign & By-Laws Committees. He has already served the Maryland State Firemen's Association in a multitude of ways. The mission of the MSFA is to serve, promote, advocate and represent the interests of all the volunteer fire service, rescue and emergency medical services of all the companies and departments of the State of Maryland. And Doyle Cox has already proven he is more than capable of leading the Association as President. Doyle, therefore, be it proclaimed the Calvert County, Maryland Commissioners that their appreciation is brought to you by all Calvert County Citizens and hereby extended as you assume the position of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Ladies and gentlemen, one more time our new President. (Applause) Doyle – God bless you man.

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Many men and women since the revolution have given their life for our freedom. As we gather this morning, I just asked a quiet prayer for those who are overseas, for God to travel with them, to keep them safe, to comfort their families that are here and enable their safe return. The Halls of Congress, in this great country, have seen many things. We continue to face these challenges. And as a nation I truly believe as we come together, we will be stronger. We will get through these very difficult days. What I have here today is a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from the Majority Leader, Steny Hoyer. Who, by the way, has the distinction as a Congressman, of having the Ladies Auxiliary President and you (Doyle) from the 5th Congressional District. He really knew what a stimulus was before we even knew what a stimulus was. To have such committed citizenry in his district, is really and truly what it is all about. On behalf of Steny Hoyer I bring you this Certificate of Recognition presented this 16th day of June to Doyle Cox, in honor of being named the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association 2010-2011. From the Halls of Congress since 1964, when he join the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department; Serving as President for 13 you have shown commitment, tenacity, and dedication to support the fire service community. As a member of the Calvert County Fire & Rescue Association President from 1976 to 1978, Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association as President 2002-2003, Maryland State Firemen's Association serving on the Executive Committee, the Awards Committee, Convention Support Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Hall of Fame Committee, you have proven to be a valuable advocate and leader. We are grateful for your leadership and commitment to Maryland's Fire Service Community and salute and thank you for your dedicated public service. Ladies and gentlemen our new President, Doyle Cox. God bless you sir.

I still do need your prayers by one o'clock. See ya!

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I would like to introduce the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Would everyone rise please as they come up the aisle? Madame President, could you come forward please and introduce your fellow officers.

Sandi Lutz, Pres. LAMSFA: Thank you Mr. President. You all may be seated. Thank you very much. I am sorry the box is not back here. We got it! Here I am. (Applause) First of all, I like to thank you for inviting us over here. It is a pleasure to serve and we will assist you in any way we possibly can. And I would like to introduce the new LAMSFA Officers. Senior Vice President, Teresa Ann Crisman from Greenbelt, (Applause) Junior Vice President Sherry Soper from Woodsboro, (Applause) Recording Secretary Carol Hayden from Kensington, (Applause), Treasurer Ann Price-Davis from Cockeysville, Financial Secretary Darby Byrd from Dentsville, Corresponding Secretary Barbara Sue Nelson from Seventh District, not with us today is Chaplain Vivian Morgan Boyd, she is still in the hospital but is recovering and thanking everyone for their prayers, Vice Chaplain Nancy Jones from Indian Head, Historian Marcia Roth from Sandy Springs, Guard Stephanie Holsinger from Laytonsville, Color Bearer Lori Denbow from Level, our newest

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Color Bearer Donna Struntz from Bowling Green, our Bessie Marshall Fund Chair Elaine Huttenloch, Past President from Forestville; and Conference Chair Teri Heinicke from Branchville. Thank you Mr. President. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you Madame President. At this time I have a couple of gifts please. (Doyle and Cathy present Sandi with a beautiful Black-eyed Susan wreath. Also gifts were presented to several officers by the President. Madame President, thank you and enjoy the rest of your meeting. (Applause as the ladies leave the stage) At this time I would like to recognize Past President Roger Powell for his remarks.

Past President Roger N. Powell: Thank you Doyle. I don't know if you remember the opening - the music I selected together with Past President Knipple – was "Thanks for the Memories" and I guess that is a good way to start my closing remarks with "Thanks for the Memories."

To Doyle, David, Stuart, Ron, Fred, Jackie, Chaplain John, LAMSFA President Kathy and her officers, my Executive Committee, Assistant Officers, and Committee Chairmen, thanks for all of your hard work and support which contributed in no small way to my having a successful year as President.

To my Company and my County, thanks for the support which enabled me to begin the journey and succeed in each position I have held.

To Lee Sachs (my second wife) who has been my constant companion and advisor and without whom I could not have begun or successfully fulfilled these Offices, thank you.

To our governmental partners, thanks for the on-going effort to maintain our partnerships to make Maryland's Emergency Services the envy of the country and the template for the world.

To those Past Presidents who have been my advisors and mentor, thank you. As a resource of knowledge and experience, there is no equal.

To Danny Davis and Richard Yinger, and Rose Davis and the Ladies Auxiliary, and to the 17 State Circle Committee, no one can appreciate your importance and the importance of what you do for the MSFA in Annapolis, until you have been there. Legislature and budget and the work in Annapolis with our governmental partners is the meat of the work that the MSFA accomplishes in fulfilling our mission statement to serve the interests of the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services.

To my wife and family, thank you for allowing me the opportunity away from all of you these past four years to fulfill my desire to lead the MSFA and to thereby hopefully have made the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services a little better.

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To all of you across the state, who have befriended and supported me, thank you. Having a family across the state as I have gained is the greatest thanks one can receive. Thank you all for allowing me to serve. I have done my best! Thank you.

President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you Roger. Chair recognizes Joel McCrae, the President of Baltimore County. Come up the front steps Joel.

Joel McCrea, BCVA: On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Baltimore County Firemen's Association, we congratulate Roger Powell as you have served as President of the MSFA. Roger, in memory of your year in Office, we would like to present you with this Plaque. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Good morning. Vice President Lewis, Vice President Denver, Officers, Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Delegates and Guests.

First I want to say thanks and indicate what it is an honor to stand before you today as your 118th President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The road that I traveled to reach this position has been very long, but it is one that will never be forgotten. As Cathy and I traveled to every part of this great state over the years, the friendships that have been developed are over whelming and we will never forget them. Starting back in 1988 when Past President Jenks Mattingly started his campaign for 2nd Vice President, he asked for help and yes I started to travel with him, with no visions of where that was going to lead and where I am today.

Vice President Lewis, Vice President Denver, I welcome you to the team and offer you my congratulation as you enter your new office and take the next step. I also welcome the Elected and Appointed Officers and the members of the Executive Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dan Stevens as part of the team. As part of the team, I look forward in working with each of you as we face the many issues that may be presented to us during the year. We will be working on ways to provide better communications and service to the members as well as different means of communicating our messages to the citizens. We will continue to explore means for additional funding as well as working with the committees to assist them in reaching the goals that have been established to move this association forward. We will continue to work with our legislators and partners during the next year.

I would like to thank the most important person of all, my wife Cathy, who has been by my side and my biggest supporter and advisor. She has been beside me – side by side. She has been my biggest supporter and advisor. She tells me when things are wrong and she tells me what I need to do. If a person does not have the support of his or her spouse in any profession, they will never make it to the higher levels, and I have that support.

Last night at Installation some of you were there. I introduced my daughter Dawn and her

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boyfriend, my son Chris and his girl friend Larissa and I thank them for their support also. Because there were many times that they had arrived in the state because they live out of state and I was not available to spend time with them.

A special thanks to the Officers and Members of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department for your support in number – numbers of ways by allowing me the opportunity to seek this office. Mike Bowen, a member of Prince Frederick, who has recently formed a Pipe and Drum Corps and they had their first performance and it was outstanding. And I thank them for being there.

To Vernon Horsmon, I am not sure if he's here this morning, but he signed my application when I became a member of the fire department. He with several others set the stage and led me, steered me, in the right direction.

To the Officers and Members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Association, who have given me their upmost support. To the Past Presidents of Southern Maryland I thank you, again for setting the stage for guiding me and supporting me and advising me.

To the Honor Guard, last night and at Opening Ceremonies, I thank them for being here and for your participation last Sunday at the Memorial in Annapolis. And another special group out of Southern Maryland is the Campaign Committee under the leadership of John Gaton and Danny Carpenter, they have come up with ways to raise funds because when you run for the Office of President, Vice President in this Association, it is not a cheap ordeal. It is very expensive. But thanks to their help and the Association and Auxiliary it has helped tremendously. To the members of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary and the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department of your continued support. Words cannot express my gratitude.

To each of the Past Presidents of this Association, I thank you for your support, your guidance and for setting the standards that has moved this Association ahead. From the first day that I became involved with the Association, a group of you, including some that have passed on that we will never forget, have taken me under your leadership and have guided me to where I am today. I will continue to seek your guidance, support and advice as we travel through this year. There will be time when the decision that was made may not have been the best one, but if we learn from the mistakes and move on.

There was a special group here last night. The Out of State Presidents and Officers from the surrounding states have supported me. Their Past Presidents, thank you all for being here tonight. It has been great working with you over the years and the friendships that we have formed are special. I look forward in working with you this coming year as well as attending your upcoming conventions.

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And to you, the Committee Chairs, Committee Members and the members of this Association, I thank you for your support, your trust and providing me the encouragement to reach this level and I promise you that I will do my best in serving you and this Association. In closing I want to say that it is an honor to be here as the first from Calvert County to be elected as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I ask for your prayers and support as we work through the year.

And as the late Louis L. Goldstein would always say "May God love you and bless you all real good". Thank You (Applause and standing ovation)

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I call 1st Vice President for his report.

David Lewis, 1st V.P.: One year ago, I had the opportunity to stand before you as your newly elected 2nd Vice President. Today I take the next step up the MSFA ladder as you have given me the honor to accept the responsibilities that come with the position of First Vice President. I thank you for this opportunity and pledge my continued support to the member companies of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Over this past year, I have had the opportunity to travel many miles across this state visiting each county association and learning about your issues and concerns. It certainly has been a learning experience for me as I have observed that while each locale operates a little differently, you all share many of the same challenges and issues. I look forward to continue my learning experience this year under President Doyle Cox and hope that the team that we have formed will be able to assist you with those challenges and issues.

I congratulate Roger Powell for a successful year as President. While there appeared to be no major issues affecting the state's volunteer fire service over this past year, there always seemed to be a plethora of small ones that kept the Officers of the Association busy. Roger's leadership helped us reach a satisfactory resolution of each one of these issues.

My special thanks to President Doyle Cox who has allowed me to shadow him for the past two years as we traveled across the state together on many occasions. This opportunity has led to a solid team relationship that I hope will enable us to serve the Association well this coming year.

Certainly, I need to give thanks to each of the Past Presidents of the MSFA who have offered me their guidance and support over the past year. Each of you has walked this path before and your experiences are invaluable to each person who decides to make the journey through the offices of the State Association

A special thanks to my extended family, the members of my home company of Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary, who understand the commitment that this

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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, my President, my mentor, but more importantly as my friend, as I progressed through my volunteer fire service career.

And certainly, I give my thanks and appreciation to the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association who are my strongest supporters and give me backing to allow me to take on the position today and allow me to move on.

As I said last year and will continue to say, you can't take on this position without the encouragement of family. My wife, Gloria, my two children, Tracey and David, Jr., my two grandchildren, Ashley, Tina and Noah, they have been with me throughout this whole thing. And I love them for every minute for their support. Taking time away from school to be here with me, even if I kept them up until one o'clock in the morning and up at six, that's the schedule for the MSFA Convention. You got to do kids, it's for Pop. So thank you kids. Everyone who has walked this path before knows you can't complete this journey without the support of family. And I am thankful for the love and support from my wife, children and my grandchildren who allow me to do this.

To you, members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I pledge my undivided support and attention over the coming year. And will make myself available to listen to your concerns and your issues. Assisting where I can and I thank you again for that support, words of encouragement and the opportunity to serve as your 1st Vice President.

I do have a gift I would like to give to President Cox. Congratulate him on attaining this position as well as the friendship we have been able to establish over the last few years. Doyle I have a small bag here. It is a Maryland Basket, Maryland is certainly the state that we have had to travel across and certainly want you to enjoy that experience. This one of course is wrapped but I tell you, Doyle is one of the greatest offenders there is for Pepsi Cola, so there is something inside here that has to do with Pepsi Cola. So Doyle, thanks for the friendship and I look forward to working with you in the coming years. And again, thank each one of you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Recognize 2nd Vice President, John Denver.

John Denver, 2nd Vice Pres.: President Cox, President Lewis, Officers, Delegates and Guests.

There are two messages that I would like to convey to you today. The first is a heartfelt thanks. Thanks to Anna Marie, my wife of almost 38 years, and our two children, Tracey and Mike. Over my years in the fire service, you have put up with me missing a number of dinners, family events, and even beach time here in Ocean City. I would also like to thank my parents, my mother who is here today for the first time in many years, and my father

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who served this great association in many ways including on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and also served as Secretary in 1979 to 1980.

My department, Singlerly Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary have shown unwavering support since the day I raised the possibility of running for this office. In addition, the Harford Cecil Association especially, my campaign committee, and the Cecil County Fire Association, have helped in innumerable ways. Several Past Presidents have provided advice and support throughout the year. And a special thank you to member companies and associations across the state for your hospitality and support as I attended your meetings. Again, to each and every one of you I say thanks.

My second message is my pledge to you that I will do everything within my power to fulfill the responsibilities of the office of Second Vice President. I will work tirelessly to support President Cox and the Association in the coming year. You have honored me greatly by electing me to this office. But, I know that with that honor also comes great responsibility. I intended to meet that responsibility and I ask for your continued help and support in the coming year. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you John. At this time I would like the Secretary, Jackie Olson.

Jackie Olson, Secretary: Good morning. Again, I would just like to thank you for your support the last three years and congratulations to the in-coming Officers – President Cox, Vice Presidents Lewis and Denver. And again, if I or any of my Assistants can help in any way, feel free to give us call. Hope you enjoy the rest of Convention. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Recognize Fred Cross, Financial Secretary.

Fred Cross, Financial Secretary: Good morning. I would just like to thank everyone for their support during the past year. Especially the Financial Team consisting of Treasurer Ron Siarnicki and everybody that works with us. We have had tough years at times and we have had some good years at times. I would just like to thank everybody for your support, especially my wife. I pledge my support to our Officers. Thank you very much and have a good time in Ocean City. And dues are due. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Thank you Fred. Recognize John Long, Chief Chaplain.

John Long, Chief Chaplain: Folks we have had a great week. We pray that you continue to have a great week and look forward to next year, because it is another time for me to humble myself and enjoy the Pajama Parade. Have a great week and God bless you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Recognize Gene Worthington, Trustee.

Gene Worthington, Trustee: Good morning. Thank you for your vote of confidence as I pursue this office and for another five year term. I will assure that the Trustees will do our very best – we will do our “Level Best” in fact to look out for the benefit of our Widows, our orphans, and any injured firefighters we have in the coming years. Thank you. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Recognize Ron Siarnicki, Convention Committee Chair.

Ron Siarnicki, Convention Chair: Well good morning. I hope everybody is having a good time here at the beach. As the Convention Chair, we have done some things to change the program this year and I am hoping those have met with your approval.

The Jolley Roger event, we had about 1,200 people in attendance. What did you guys think? Did you like that? Good – bad? (Applause) Awesome! And then the lunch buffet we had inside, actually it is kind of a version of the old picnic. But people said they liked it because it was air conditioned and did not have to worry about pigeons, etc. So I think we are going to try and tweak those. We are looking at last night's beach party event and we have some things to do there. But overall I think some of the changes, especially with the program, have provided more time to spend at the exhibits – which is important to thank all our exhibitors for what they have done, and to spend some time with your families because that is really what the beach is about. So you hear that about your department and still get to spend time with your families.

This year's convention would not have been possible without a lot of people's support. Of course the Presidents, Officers – both the MSFA and the Ladies Auxiliary, along with all the committee members who helped us put this program together. I would also like to thank some of the major fire departments in the region that really continue to step-up to the plate. Prince George's County, Howard County, Montgomery County and Anne Arundel County have all committed their resources and people. The people behind the scenes: people working cameras and audio-visual equipment and the seminars. Of course our State Agencies which are partnered with us: the Fire Marshal, MFRI, MIEMSS provide some of the educational components, along with my connection to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and what they have done, I would like to thank them.

We have done a lot with our honor guard and our bagpiper units, so I want to make sure I recognized them. We are trying to put more pipes and drums into our activities and some our fire communities the traditions back into our week's activities.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the entire Steering Committee, as you know we have re-organized our structure and are running things more like an incident command system. And also the full Convention Committee, all those individuals are listed in my report in the book, but they are also the ones working all year long to make this happen.

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The other thing is, I just want to help my home company, the United Communities Volunteer Fire Company because they have stepped up to the plate and actually have 10 people working and helping to make this convention happen and to help the "Go Team". I know there are a lot of other departments that help as well. But they have step-up all year long to help with our activities. So I would be remiss if I didn't thank them as well.

I would like to have all those people we consider part of the Go Team to come out on stage. Let you see some of those people who work behind the scenes to make this happen. So guys and gals come on out. And we are going to put them out here. While we are doing that I want to remind you that over at registration and downstairs at the exhibit hall, there is a survey form that I would really like to get some input from you about how you felt the Convention went. We used some of that information from last year to make some changes this year and we would like to continue to get some favors from you. So please fill the survey out and put in the box. These are some of the people behind the scenes. I think they deserve a round of applause. (Applause) Also the guys up on the balconies with the cameras who can't get away. Those are the ones who work tirelessly by getting in here early and staying until everything is done. So thank you very much. You all are dismissed (Go Team). Thank you – get back to work!

Having said that, we are already preparing for next year's event. The one thing I know for sure is people want us go back to Jolley Roger so we will work on that. Thank you, it has been great serving as your Chairman. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Executive Committee for the coming year: Chair – Dan Stevens, Waldorf VFD representing Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; Vice Chair – Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr., Odenton VFC representing Anne Arundel County; Mark A. Bilger, Hampstead VFC representing Carroll and Howard Counties; Stuart W. Carter, Pikesville VFD representing Baltimore County; John F. Guntow, Jr., Ocean City VFC representing Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties; William Hildebrand, Chestertown VFC representing Kent, Queen Anne and Caroline Counties; David Keller III, Citizens Truck Co. representing Frederick and Washington Counties; Steven J. Kesner, Cresaptown VFD representing Allegany and Garrett Counties; Benjamin W. Kurtz, Jarrettsville VFC representing Harford and Cecil Counties; Craig A. Moe, Laurel VFC representing Prince George's County; James P. Seavey, Sr., Cabin John Park VFD representing Montgomery County; Richard Smith, Oxford VFD representing Dorchester and Talbot Counties; Roger N. Powell, Immediate Past President; EX-OFFICIO, Pikesville VFC. Ladies and Gentlemen your Executive Committee. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: At this time I would like to introduce the appointed officers. Also, they will be sworn in this morning. Officers to be installed this morning: Secretary, Jackie Olson. Assistant Secretaries: Joseph A. Cooper, Kristie Gable-Reppe, Richard Snader, Ron Watkins; Assistant Treasurers: Bobby Jacobs, Lee Sachs, Mitch Vocke; Assistant Financial Secretary, Chris Hyzer; Assistant Chaplains: Rev. Frederick Bahr,

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Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr., Rabbi Kenneth Block, Rev. David L. Coblentz, Rev. Harry Hetz, Rev. Marvin Jackson; Deacon George H. L'Heureux, Calvin "Pete" Walbert; Attorney: Michael W. Farlow, Esq.; Parliamentarians: Chairman Richard K. Brooks III, John R. Keyser, Sr., William J. Wagner III. If I could have Frank Underwood please to administer the oath. Past President Frank Underwood administered the Oath and declared all duly installed. (Applause) I recognize Steve Scheinin, Safety Committee.

Steve Scheinin, Safety Committee: Good morning, I am Steven Scheinin, Chairman of the Safety Committee. I am proud to report that over 300 of you, within the last two and a half days, have signed the Seatbelt Pledge. A very well noted achievement. Each of you who signed the pledge, each of you placed a ticket in the box for the drawing of our basket which has a value of \$300. I would like to introduce 2 members of the Safety Committee that were instrumental in promoting the Seatbelt Pledge – Barbara Steiner of Church Creek VFC and John Fisher of the Ocean City VFC. I would like to introduce Cassie Clinton, MSFA Junior Miss Fire Prevention for the North East Region who will draw the winning ticket. Would you please. They did not put their name, only their phone number. We will contact this person at the phone number provided and I thank you ALL for signing the Seatbelt Pledge. I ask that you ask your individual companies to go to the website of www.everyonegoeshome.com and print out the Seatbelt Pledge and submit it on behalf of your company. Thank you all again and thank you to my committee members. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Is there any unfinished business? Is there any unfinished business to come before the Association? Is there any unfinished business to come before the Association? Hearing none.

New business. Is there any new business to come before the Association? Any new business to come before the Association? Hearing none.

At this time we will continue with the \$10,000 Raffle. At this time I recognize Lou Jonske, Chairman of the \$10,000 Raffle Committee.

Lou Jonske, Chairman: Thank you President Cox. I am briefly going to read my report here.

We came to Ocean City ahead of last year but things slowed down here a little bit but we still did very well. We turned in approximately \$52,000. That is 104,000 tickets that were sold.

The committee has had a very busy year with the 2009-2010 raffle. We spent untold hours at the Harford County Farm Fair - we turned in \$2,915.00 from there; the Maryland Bar-B-Q Bash we turned in \$1,529, the Mason Dixon Fair \$562, the Ocean City Sunfest \$5,555, the Darlington Apple Festival \$1,741.

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This year, brand new, we went to the Polar Bear Plunge and I don't think I have ever been so cold! The people who jumped in the water down there were totally out of their mind, although it was warmer in the water than it was in the tent. The water was like 40 some degrees and the tent was about minus 15. The Fire Prevention Queens put that on and we need to thank them for that. They took in about \$400 at that affair. Then we finished up the year at the Ocean City Springfest with \$3,782 in sales.

Counter sales here in Ocean City this week was \$5,700 and fire departments turned in \$35,343. The Ladies Auxiliaries turned in a total \$10,662, with a grand total of about \$52,000. The only thing that was bad this year was we had about 40% of our fire companies out there that did not turn in a single ticket – not one! This is sad.

Harford County is still the leader and I thought when I took this thing over (applause), I thought we were going to have a couple of challenges but nobody came close. Harford County turned in \$20,248 out of that total. I am looking for someone that can compete with us next year. Hopefully they'll do that.

We have had a couple of people that really did go over and above selling chances. That is what pulled us out of the hole this year. You guys know who you are. We have one guy here that sold a couple thousand chances.

Chances are already printed for next year. They are available downstairs if anyone is interested. You can pick up some today and Mitch and I will be distributing chances tomorrow at the Executive Committee meeting. So I hope all the Executive Officers are there tomorrow because they will be given the tickets for next year (2010-2011).

Thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets and especially thanks to the Fire Prevention Queens for what they did during this past year.

We are going to draw the number now, because everyone is dying to see who won the \$10,000. The Fire Prevention Queens are going to do the drawing. Cassie Clinton is the MSFA Jr. Miss Fire Prevention, North East Region; Katy Norman, I am MSFA Miss Fire Prevention First Runner; and hello everyone my name is Elyssa Cool and I am MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Queen (2010-2011). (Applause for all three) (Lou) These ladies will be helping us this year because we plan to go back to the Polar Bear Plunge and I need to get them to Ocean City for the Sunfest and the Springfest because when you get these beautiful girls down there, especially in a bikini with that crown on, it draws a good crowd. Ok, we are going to do the drawing right now.

1st ticket for \$10,000 – Ms. Vella Smith, Adelphi, MD (She is in the women's meeting) Escort her in please. (The \$10,000 winner entered the hall.)

2nd ticket for \$1,500 – Bert Roppelt, Baltimore, MD

3rd ticket for \$500 – Sandy Gosnell, Gosnell Insurance (Applause)

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4th ticket for \$100 – Gretchen Burton, Bowie, MD

5th ticket for \$100 – Stottlemeyer

6th ticket for \$100 – Nancy Thomas

The winner of the \$10,000 was escorted on stage by Pres. Cox. (Applause)

7th ticket for \$100 – New Windsor Fire Dept. (Carroll Co.)

8th ticket for \$100 – Jarrettsville VFC Auxiliary

Like I said, we have chances already printed for next year, if anyone is interested, we have them downstairs, see Mitch or me and we can start the new year. Thank you. (Applause)

Anna Jonske, LAMSFA Liaison: Thank you and thank you for all you do. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Recognize VFIS for a presentation.

VFIS Reps.: Good morning. On behalf of V.W. Brown Insurance, Gosnell Insurance, Brothers Agencies, Barns & Bollinger Insurance, we would like to donate \$500 to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee. (Applause)

President Doyle E. Cox: Chair recognizes Deacon Barnhart, Assistant Chaplain.

Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.: Let us rise for the Benediction. Let us be in an attitude of prayer. Gracious Father, as this Convention comes to a close, we pause and give You thanks. We give You thanks for everything that You have instilled upon us here at this place. We ask You to be with us during the parade this day. Be with those remaining in Ocean City for a time of relaxation and refreshment. And we ask you to be with those who are travelling back home this day and in the days ahead. Grant them safe travel. Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you always until we meet again, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

President Doyle E. Cox: Ok. Just one quick thing, want to recognize Gerald, who is the supervisor of the Convention Center – anything goes wrong here, this is the man we go to. (Applause)

A motion to adjourn.

(Motion was made and 2nd from the floor – no mic was used so unable to hear who made motion and 2nd. All in favor of motion, signify by saying aye, opposed "nay" motion carried)
Parade at 1 pm. Judges bus out front at 12:00 noon.

President Doyle E. Cox: I declare the 118th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association closed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Maryland State Firemen's Association has continued to flourish as a successful entity since 1893 because the officers have dedicated themselves to fulfilling the mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to represent the interest of its member companies. In that regard, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has continued to move forward and adapt with the changing times most recently by instituting its tri-annual officer's retreat the most recent of which was held on the weekend of July 17th, 18th and 19th to address issues of concern and importance to the functioning of the MSFA which at this retreat included communications the convention and finances. The attendees at the retreat worked hard to explore, evaluate and make recommendations in regard to each of the subject matter work groups the reports from which will be made at the August executive committee meeting in Pikesville. Those who attended the retreat are exemplary of the dedication of our volunteers to fulfilling our mission statement.

In going forward, I have worked hard to ensure to the greatest extent possible that there is continuity between the officers and their administrations with issues I have identified as important to pursue. In that regard, the appointment of committees for my administration was done in a matter so as to ensure that those appointees including new committee chairmen or co chairmen as the case might be would remain in place to ensure that the work with which they were charged to perform and accomplish would not be halted by virtue of a change in committee leadership or constituency.

I have appointed two new committees this year to further the efforts of your leadership to fulfill the MSFA's mission statement. One is a committee to provide mediation services to companies involved in issues with their counties or local governments, with other companies and even with members of their own company. I have also established a committee on transitions to deal with the issue of fulfilling the needs of the companies for administrative aids and assistants by helping prior members to find their way back to their companies to provide those services. The motivation for this committee has been to address the "revolving door" situation where members have left the volunteer emergency services because of marriage, family, job or other commitments but who have now determined both that over the years they now have the time to volunteer and have acquired valuable skills and experience and who need some help in finding their way back and to overcome the changes and challenges which have occurred with the passage of time between the time they were members and the current time.

Your officers have scheduled meetings with our governmental partners to address matters of common interest and to secure support for initiatives including the budget for the Maryland State Firemen's Association to continue the tradition of cooperation that we have enjoyed in Maryland and which has marked Maryland as the model for delivery of emergency services by cooperation between the volunteer emergency services and governmental entities charged with performing direct of collateral services to the delivery

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by the Maryland State Firemen's Association member companies of emergency services. Those meetings include meetings with the directors of MFRI, MEMA, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, State Police Aviation, the State Fire Marshall and Maryland Military Department. At each meeting, we are seeking support by each agency for our legislative agenda in the form of letters of support to the Governor. Your officers have been attending meetings of county associations and of committees to make ourselves available as and when needed and to report to the associations and committees on our activities.

I along with my officers pledge our experience, time and talents to performing the duties of our offices in furtherance of in fulfillment of the mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Respectfully,
Roger N. Powell, President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

President Powell, Second Vice President Lewis, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, Delegates and Guest to the 118th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

What a year this has been! It has been a great honor to serve you as your First Vice President. I have enjoyed every meeting and every banquet that Cathy and I attended. Unfortunately we received more invitations than we were able to attend. We were welcomed with open arms and we have made so many new friends. This was another 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. What I have learned these past two years as your Vice President, and the years before when I was a member of the Executive Committee; I hope to put this information to use as I serve you as your President. And as I have always said, I still need your assistance, your input and most of all, your prayers.

This has been another sad year, as we continue to lose some of our senior members. Past President, Mr. Robert Dempsey, Ladies past Presidents Ms. Nettie Fox and Ms. Robin Browning and past Conference Chair Mary Jane Scully. Each of these individuals will be missed, because they had given so much and they were still giving. Not only did we lose several senior members of our committees, many of the county associations also lost several members that were past presidents and senior committee members as well as senior advisors. On a bright side, we were very fortunate in the state; there were NO line of duty deaths this past year. My deepest sympathy goes out to each and every family member that has lost a loved one, to the organizations on the loss of your member and

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leaders and to this association for the knowledge we have lost. As I have indicated many times, we are losing many of our senior advisors. Who is going to step up and take their place not only at the association level, but what about at your department/company or even at your local association? This is where we need to start bringing new members around and getting them involved.

As we prepare for the 118th 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 the Vice Presidents and the committees on promoting the awards.

President Powell, congratulations on your year as President of this great association. There were many challenges this year, which you handled and I want to thank you for your assistance and support. Vice President Lewis thank you for the assistance you provided during the year. Secretary Olson, I thank you and your assistants 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 keeping our finances in order as well as all of the work that Mr. Lee Sachs, Assistant Treasurer has put 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 that each member of the Financial Team has provided.

To the members of the Chaplain's group for the work you are providing. For the many hospital visits that each of you make and especially for the ones that I have requested you to make. Again thanks for a job well done.

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 the leadership of Chairman Carter and Vice Chairman Stevens, the issues were resolved in a professional manner.

This year in Annapolis was another eye opener, how the legislative process takes place, such as the legislative meetings, and testifying before the committees during the hearings. A Special Thanks goes to Chairman Davis and Vice Chairman Yinger of the Legislative Committee for their hard work in Annapolis this year. Through their hard work, there were several bills that will be signed by the Governor and will have a positive effect on the fire rescue and EMS service. Senate Bill 715 Commemorative Day requires the Governor to proclaim the first Sunday in June as the day to honor our fire, rescue and EMS personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice. House Bill 1389 expands the \$7.50 surcharge currently added only as a court cost on traffic cases where points are assessed as a result of a conviction to other traffic cases. The Surcharge collected will be credited to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to a limit of \$20 million. These are only a couple of the bills;

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refer to the Legislative Committee Report for a complete list of all bills that will affect the fire, rescue and EMS service. A bill was introduced this year that would have required health insurers to reimburse an ambulance provider directly for covered services. There were some departments/companies supporting this bill, however it failed. We will be working with these organizations in the coming months to see if we will be in a position to where assistance can be provided. Again I want to thank Chairman Davis and Vice Chairman Yinger for the outstanding service they provided to this Association, It is my belief that if Chairman Davis had not made a phone call during the last few minutes of the 2010 session, House Bill 1389 would not have passed the Senate. This is the type of service they have provided throughout the year.

There is going to be a tremendous amount of work that will need to be taken care of this summer, to prepare for the many new challenges facing us during the next session. We must not forget the group of ladies that traveled to Annapolis each day during the session to provide secretary support to the Legislative Committee. I cannot tell you how many hours that Rose Davis; Peggy Webb, Carene Housenfluck, Cindy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Betty Radish and Barbara McWilliams have log to assist in providing a service to this association.

During the year, many meetings were held with the elected officials, including the Governor, Senators and Delegates. Meetings were also held with many of the State Secretaries and Directors of the State Agencies. I want to thank each and everyone for the time they provided in answering our questions. I look forward in the coming year where we will again discuss the issues that are facing the fire, rescue and EMS service across the state.

Congratulations to Chairman Douglas Alexander and the members of the Sprinkler Committee for the success they had in Baltimore during the ICC Board meeting when a vote was taken to keep residential sprinklers in the building code. Special thanks also go to Fire Marshal William Bernard who also worked hard with the surrounding states to gain their support.

Special Thanks also goes to the Past Presidents, several individuals in this group of leaders over the years have guided me through many difficult 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.

To the members of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, you are an awesome group of individuals that has gone out of your way to help me to the level that I have reached. Each of you has helped in a way that will never be forgotten. The Campaign Committee under the leadership of John O. Gatton, Sr. and C. Dan Carpenter III, I do not know what I would have done without you. To the members of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, my home company, thank you for your support and understanding. To the members of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, Ridge

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Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, and the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department, you are great. And a group that I cannot leave out is the Southern Maryland Ladies Auxiliary, another group that goes out of their way to provide support.

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 has 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 the next level, I am sure there will be challenges that will be facing the association as I move up to the Office of President. As always, I am here for you to work on each and every challenge, where some will approve the decisions and others will disapprove the decision. I look forward in working with First Vice President Lewis the new Second Vice President, the Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Committee members and others that will make this association better in the years ahead of us.

I also look forward in receiving information from the county association presidents relating to your needs and concerns as you continue to face the challenges that are ahead of you.

In closing, as 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, First Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

President Powell, Vice President Cox, Officers, Trustees, Executive Committee members, Past Presidents, Committee members, Delegates, and guests of the Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It is with great pride that I submit this report as the Second Vice President of this great association. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this association and its member companies for the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to attend many county association meetings, banquets, and other activities while representing you as your Second Vice President. My travels across this state have also served as an opportunity to continue old friendships and establish new friendships with the many fine people who represent Maryland's emergency services providers.

While it has indeed been a great honor to serve this association over the past year, it would not be possible without the support of my loving wife Gloria, the members of the

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Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary, the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Ladies Auxiliary, my friend and close advisor Wylie Donaldson, my campaign committee led by John Spiker, and Director Steve Edwards and the faculty/staff of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. Each of these individuals provided me the support and motivation to do the best job that I can on behalf of the state's emergency services providers.

Unfortunately, with the happiness that comes with serving this association also comes sadness as each year that passes ends with the loss of several good friends of the Association. This past year we said goodbye to Past President Robert Dempsey and Ladies Auxiliary Past President Robin Browning. These individuals served our associations well not just as President during their term of office but continuously for a number of years in many capacities for our association and Ladies Auxiliary and they will truly be missed. We also said goodbye to a number of other friends who we will pay final tribute to this week during our annual memorial service.

I would like to extend my congratulations to President Roger Powell on a successful term of office this past year. Roger's long tenure as the attorney allowed him to bring a wealth of experience to the office of the President and lead our association well for the past year. As a team, Roger, Doyle, and I ensured that the association's interests were always represented and the voice of the volunteer heard in meetings with our partner agencies.

To Vice President Doyle Cox, I extend a heartfelt thank you for being a friend and a mentor for the past two years. When I first made the decision to seek office within the MSFA, I turned to Doyle for advice and guidance. I have continued to rely on his advice as I learn the responsibilities of being an officer for the MSFA. Moreover, the close working relationship that Doyle and I have established has also become a close friendship. He and his wife Cathy have become friends to my wife Gloria and me and we hope that friendship will last for many years to come.

Thanks to the Executive Committee and especially to Chairman Stuart Carter for providing outstanding leadership for the association this year. The Executive Committee held four meetings during the year as well as several conference calls to ensure that the business of the association was handled in the most effective manner.

I would like to extend a special thanks to each of the Past Presidents of this association. As a new officer you quickly learn to count on the Past Presidents for advice and counsel. It is also heartwarming that many of the Past Presidents continue to serve the association in various capacities to help move this association forward.

I would also like to extend my congratulations and thanks to President Kathy Knipple and the Ladies Auxiliary of the MSFA. The Ladies Auxiliaries across this state are remarkable. While I have enjoyed a many of good meals prepared by the Ladies Auxiliaries across this

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state, I am even more impressed by the role that many of the ladies play in fire prevention, fund raising, and administrative support to their company. To all the ladies auxiliary members out there, I say "Thank you".

Serving as Second Vice President has given me a greater appreciation for the amount of work that occurs behind the scenes to make this association as successful as it is. Thanks to each of the committees of this fine organization. We could not execute our mission without the countless of hours expended by our committees in fulfilling their duties in support of the state's volunteer fire and EMS services.

Most notable is the outstanding work performed by our Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Past President Danny Davis and Past President Richard Yinger. I have learned that an active role in the legislative process is one of the core responsibilities of the MSFA to its membership. I have also learned that being successful in this process requires a lot of hard work. Danny, Richard, and the ladies auxiliary members that staff the office during the 90 day legislative session are to be commended for their hard work and support to this association.

Our mission could not be accomplished without the support and cooperation extended by our statewide partners MFRI, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, MEMA, MSP Aviation, and DNR Forestry. On several occasions, we have learned the value of this coalition while working together on issues impacting the state's emergency services. It is often said that the emergency services represents a third political party and the synergy expressed by the efforts of the coalition partners proves this on numerous occasions.

To my long time mentor and friend, Wylie Donaldson, I send my personal thanks and appreciation. When I first decided to seek office in the MSFA, I asked Wylie to take that journey with me as I would need a strong leader beside me to take care of the duties of the Executive Committee. Wylie has been one of my key advisors not just this year, but in the 38 years that I have been affiliated with the volunteer fire service. He is much respected across the state and his advice is usually right on target with the direction that needs to be followed for any issue.

I couldn't take on this assignment without the support of my home company, the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company. Being an active officer with the MSFA means that you have very little time to devote to your home company and the leadership of Odenton VFC understands this commitment and has continued to support my goals. The Odenton Ladies Auxiliary has also been one of my strongest supporters during this past year. The Ladies Auxiliary assisted with each of my fundraising events this past year and provided me with the support to making these events successful. I want to especially thank Doris Cowen and Diane Pumphrey who are among my strongest supporters and continue to work hard at any activity that was planned.

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A special thank you also goes to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association, its member companies, and the Ladies Auxiliary. My home county organization has been a strong supporter of my quest for office in the MSFA and having their backing is important to my continued success. A special thank you to John Spiker for leading my Campaign Committee and the assistance and support provided by Jane Huffman, John Long, Bob Seibel, and several others.

I also would like to thank Director Steve Edwards and the entire faculty and staff of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute for their support and assistance over the past year. I have been allowed the schedule flexibility that is necessary to attend many of the daytime activities that is required in the performance of my duties as Second Vice President. This would not be possible without a strong backing from Director Edwards.

And finally, I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to my wonderful wife Gloria, our children Tracy and David Jr., and our grandchildren Ashley, Tina, and Noah. I was extremely proud to have my family present last year when I took the first step on the leadership ladder of this great association. Accepting the responsibilities that come with a position with the MSFA comes with a lot of personal sacrifice and requires much time away from family. Thank you for your understanding and support.

As we move forward towards another year, I pledge my full support to the association and each of its member companies. I look forward to working with Doyle Cox in the coming year as he ascends the association ladder to become your President. I am confident that he will be a good leader and I am honored to have an opportunity to serve as his First Vice President.

Since our last convention, I will have traveled approximately 21,131 miles and attended approximately 296 meetings/events while serving as your Second Vice President. I thank each of you for this opportunity, your hospitality, and your support.

Respectfully,
David W. Lewis, Second Vice President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis, Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Friends and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It has been a pleasure to have served you during these past two years as your Secretary. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their support and guidance and a special thanks to my assistant, Secretary Emeritus Leonard King, P.P., Joe Cooper, Ron Watkins, Kristi Gable and Richard Snader for their continuous service to the Secretaries office and the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

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I would like to Congratulate President Powell on his year as MSFA President and wish him well in his future endeavors. To incoming President Doyle Cox, I wish you the best of luck and well wishes for a successful year as you accomplish one of your dreams.

The 2009-2010 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 18, 2009 Ocean City (Convention Center)

August 15-16, 2009 @ Pikesville VFC

(Baltimore County)

December 5-6, 2009 Kent Island VFC

(Queen Anne's County)

February 27-28, 2010 @ Lewistown District VFD, Inc.

(Frederick County)

April 17-18, 2010 @ North East Fire Company, Inc.

(Cecil County)

June 13th, 2010 @ Ocean City (Convention Center)

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.

Again, and always my thanks to the Assistant Secretaries for their dedication, hard work and commitment to this office, they serve our office and association well. From Assistant Secretary Joe Cooper, awesome job and countless hours of recording, transcribing and preparing the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings, to Assistant Secretary Ron Watkins and Kristi Gable for preparing the reports for each of the meetings and for being there at each meeting to assist the Committee Chairs and Officers. Their role as the Logistics team is very important and they do a great job keeping us going at the Executive Committee meetings. Secretary Emeritus, Leonard King for his support and advise for keeping the office on track and in line, and to Richard Snader for keeping us informed and up-to-date on daily information regarding our organization. I know I have said this before but 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 and without their willingness and hard work, this job would have been that much harder to accomplish."

I am very fortunate to have some 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.

To MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Kathy Knipple, 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.

Again, I need to thank my family, Jay and 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

Mom for always being there and giving me the encouragement I need and for understanding when I miss a family dinner. I also want to thank my home company, Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company for their support and assistance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline M. Olson, Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL TEAM

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, On behalf of the Finance Team for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), representing the Office of the Financial Secretary, Office of the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, we would like to extend to all in attendance at the 118th 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.

Over this past year, the Finance Team has worked very hard to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of managing the finances of this Association. As elected and appointed officers, we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the organization and assist in its growth. While growth is critical to our survivability as an organization, the challenge of ensuring the financial stability of the MSFA must be on the forefront of our efforts and work products. Having gone through some tough times in the past, we have progressed well with the revamping of our organizational financial matters helping to build a stronger financial plan for all of us.

Fortunately, we have made great progress with the state's fiscal inquiry into the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Program (VCAF) and are able to report that the audit is finally over. We have more work to do in finalizing the policies and procedures associated with the fund and those efforts continue to move forward. You can be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that the best interests of the MSFA are represented in these planned

program changes.

Over the past couple of years, you have heard mention of the MSFA Financial Team on numerous occasions and it is imperative that you know that as a direct result of our team efforts the MSFA is in a much more solid financial status than we were just a couple of years ago. 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.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis along with all of the officers of the Association including Secretary Olson, and her assistants for their help and support all year long. Each of us on the team; Financial Secretary Fred Cross, Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs and Mitch Vocke, Budget Chair Steve Kesner, his Vice- Chair Wylie Donaldson, Jr., and his committee members- Eugene Curfman, C. Daniel Davis, Carl B. Edelin, Jr., Benjamin W. Kurtz, and Gene Worthington, are all committed to maintaining a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility in this office. Each has helped make a real difference to the end result and for that we can all be grateful. As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Stu Carter, helped greatly to manage the financial affairs of our organization. We would not be where we are today without their help, guidance and support.

We look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great Association. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

The MSFA Finance Team
Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer
George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr P.P., Financial Secretary

REPORT OF THE CHIEF CHAPLAIN

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

As I write this report I am reminded of all the happenings going on all around us, and I wonder why we as humans don't learn from history.

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There have been many events this past year in and out of the fire service that could have been avoided, had we been better students of our history. It is said, "When History is ignored, history will repeat itself."

No better place to see the truth in that statement than in the Bible. Over and over again and again you can find the history of God's people as they prosper and then turn away from God. When all is lost and they are desperate they call on God to rescue them from their misery. Then God saves them and they are blessed, and turn away again.

Our country started out with a strong faith in God and our forefathers were reverent to God and our country became prosperous and received many blessings. Not all was perfect, and God never said that we would have a perfect world. Our country was given many blessing that we as a nation could help save the world.

But today, where do we put God in our lives? Many people will tell you that they worked for everything they have, "they earned it." How true the statement. But isn't it God who has given you the ability to earn what you have?

This past year as I conducted and attended many funerals for our fallen brothers and sisters of the fire service I am amazed at the years of dedication these individuals put into their companies. The hours spent helping people they knew and did not know. The hours of raising money to be able to buy the equipment they needed. Many of these individuals never took credit or sought recognition for their accomplishments. These individuals realized that God had blessed them with skills and abilities and they knew that God had selected them to use those to help others.

So I ask you, where have you put God in your life? Is he your source of strength, and knowledge? Do you praise him for what he has given you? Do you seek out his guidance and wisdom daily? Do you ask God to watch over you and protect you from harm's way? If you do, God bless you, if you don't start. First ask God for forgiveness for not seeking Him. Then lift up your concerns to him, and listen for a response.

The fire and rescue service could be so much stronger if we would (1) thank God for his blessing, (2) acknowledge that it is he who gives us the skills and abilities to be able to do what we do, (3) treat everyone who God sends to our organizations with respect and love, acknowledging that they are God sent and God has given them the direction to join your organization with skills, knowledge, and abilities to work for the good of your organization.

As stated in the beginning, history will repeat itself. Hopefully, the days of Godly men and women seeking God's direction will again lead our organizations and everyone would seek and pray to God. As it is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. John F. Long Jr., Chief Chaplain

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association has been busy during it's 2009 to 2010 term. In addition to holding regularly scheduled meetings at the request of the MSFA President, several meetings were held throughout the year via teleconference conducting the business of the Association.

My congratulations to all the Chairmen of and to all of the Committees this past year for their hard work and being prepared to report and update the Association at our meetings.

My thanks goes out to all of our State partners for taking the time out of their busy schedules to appear and bring the Association up to date on their areas of expertise.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work this year as well, their guidance and for their devotion to duty. I would also like to thank President Powell, First Vice-President Doyle Cox and Second Vice-President Dave Lewis for their hard work to make the Maryland State Firemen's Association a successful organization.

Last, as I turn the reigns over to Dan Stevens for the 2010- 2011 term, I do so knowing the Executive Committee will be in good hands.

Stuart W. Carter, Chairman
Daniel J. Stevens, Vice Chair
Mark A. Bilger
Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr.
John F. Guntow, Jr.
William Hildebrand
David Keller III

Steven J. Kesner
Craig A. Moe
Herman "Buddy" Schweers, Jr.
James P. Seavey, Sr.
Richard Smith
EX-OFFICIO:
Frank J. Underwood, PP

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

I would like to thank President Powell and Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis for the continuing opportunity to serve this Association. Since the last Convention, this Office has worked extensively with the MSFA Foundation. Terry Thompson has done an extraordinary job

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reorganizing the Foundation. He and all of the Directors are to be complemented on their hard work. While assisting the Foundation, I have drafted numerous amendments to the by-laws and have made certain that all paperwork has been brought up to date with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation.

I have worked with Chip Jewel to review separate agreements regarding insurance affiliates for the MSFA. The first agreement, with IWTF, was entered into and very quickly began providing financial benefits for our organization. This office recommended that a second proposal, presented by California Casualty, be rejected.

An extensive amount of time was spent dealing with our continuing and evolving relationship with the Department of the Military. As this Association is well aware, our loan funds for the VCAF are distributed through the Department of the Military. The Department has required us to utilize new procedures and new loan documents. Lee Sachs has spearheaded this Association's efforts in obtaining loan documents and procedures acceptable to the Association. This has not been an easy task, it is, as of this writing, an ongoing negotiation, and Lee is to be profusely thanked for his efforts.

In addition to these activities, I have provided advice and counsel to the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, and numerous committees including but not limited to the VCAF Committee, the Fire Laws Book Committee, and the By-Laws Committee. I look forward to working with the new President and Vice Presidents in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Farlow, Esq.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year and many positive changes have been accomplished.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure that the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. Together we have operated as a "Financial Team" which assists us in making our operations stronger and more responsive to those we serve.

The use of the Budget Request Forms by all committees has been very helpful. After review by the Budget and Revenue Committee and approval of the submitted budget, a copy of the request form is returned to the committee indicating the approved budget amounts which they must work within. The amount of budget requests received after the budget has

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been established has diminished significantly over the past years and in fact number very few. The committee chairpersons have been prudent with their spending and have closely monitored their approved budgeted amounts to stay within the established amounts. The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. This is not an easy accomplishment and all officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As the level of requested expenditures of this Association continues to rise faster than our income, it becomes increasingly problematic and requires cooperation, creativity and prudent spending from all officers and committees. We thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven J. Kesner, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

This past year was a trying year for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Due to target dates mandated in the Constitution and Bylaws for amendment submittals the Committee normally meets during the months of December, January, and February. This year these months proved to be trying when attempting to schedule meetings due to record snow fall, cold weather, and a Committee member losing his fire station to a building fire.

The committee corresponded via e-mails and the USPS and as a result of an Association Member submittal and approvals by the Executive Committee the following three (3) amendments will appear on the ballot at the 2010 Convention and Conference:

Amendment 1:

Sections Affected: Constitution Article IV, Section jj Article VIII, Sections 1-2

The amendment increases the number of appointed members on the Executive Committee and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board from twelve (12) to thirteen (13) members. This increase would be accomplished by giving Frederick and Washington County a representative instead of one (1) representative representing both counties.

Submitted by Western Enterprise Fire Company, Hagerstown, MD.

Amendment 2:

Sections Affected: Constitution Article V. Section j Bylaws Article K, Section 2

The amendment changes the name of the Financial Review Committee to the Financial Committee. The amendment also defines the members of that Committee as the Treasurer,

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Financial Secretary, Budget & Review Committee Chairman, and a representative of the Executive Committee. It further defines the duties of the Committee and requires that the Committee provides an annual Financial Report prepared by an independent auditing service.

Submitted by the Financial Review Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

Amendment 3:

Sections Affected: Bylaws Articles D,E,F,G,H,I, and J. The amendment removes the equipment standards from the Bylaws and places them in the following proposed SOPs:

- SOP E001 “Ambulance Standards”
- SOP E002 “ALS (MICU) Standards”
- SOP E003 “Rescue Company Standards”
- SOP E004 “BLS First Responder Standards”
- SOP E005 “Watercraft Standards”
- SOP S001 “Pumper Standards”
- SOP S002 “Tanker Standards”
- SOP S003 “Ladder Truck Standards”

This amendment was submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws at the request of the Executive Committee and was approved by the Executive Committee.

The Committee congratulates the Association Officers on a successful year and looks forward to serving the incoming officers and the Association in 2010 and 2011.

- Dennis Skinner, Chairman
- William Wagner, Vice Chairman
- Michael Farlow, Esquire Association Attorney
- Robert Allen
- William Hardee
- Frank Kaleyias
- John R. Keyser, Sr.
- Steven Scheinin, Esquire
- Barbara Steiner

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Powell, Vice-Presidents Cox and Lewis, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA): through the commitment, efforts and hard work of many caring individuals, the 118th 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, the only constant element we can expect to have occurred is change and with the Convention Committee, there is no exception to that fact. More changes that are significant have been put into motion this year as did last year. Since I took over the role of Convention Chairman for the Association, I made a commitment to streamline the

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convention process, decentralize the planning process and improve the work efforts of the committee. I am happy to report that the new format for the committee of the whole is functioning well and our five co-chairs and five vice-chairs are successfully helping to manage all of the day-to-day activities of your convention and conference. I would be remiss at this time, if I did not take a moment to thank my predecessor Chairman Emeritus and Past President Leonard King for all he did to bring our convention to what it is today. He helped us over the years to make it one of the best regional fire service trade shows in the nation.

Since last year's event, the Steering Committee, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, Bill and Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Ed Preston and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration (Co-Chair Past President Lee Sachs, Vice-Chair Secretary 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); Production (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand); and Program (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz), have been hard at work preparing for our week at the beach. We are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year's Convention and Conference experience.

Each year the Joint Officer's Banquet starts our convention activities as a very well planned and enjoyable event. This year is another fine example. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Chris and Lisa Tona, 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. This year, the Banquet has been sponsored by Phillips Seafood and the Town of Ocean City; we are appreciative of their support.

The "Joint Memorial Service" has always proven to be a most memorable experience for all in attendance and one of the more important parts of the overall convention and conference activities. Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain's Office, along with Elaine Huttenloch and other team members are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program. Again, this year you will see that the start time for the event is 5:00 p.m. with an intention to allow more family time that evening after the service. Also, no refreshments will be provided for this activity and for the installation of officers as we continue to work to control our operational costs.

Following the Memorial Service on Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m., the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association will be sponsoring a special Movie Presentation on the Beach for our membership. The Movie will be shown near the Boardwalk at 28th Street and the feature presentation will be "The Blind Side" starring Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, and Quinton Aaron. Admission is free; bring your blankets, beach chairs and snacks.

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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. This process will continue to occur in a very smooth and efficient manner.

The Program Team has been working tirelessly to ensure that some of the most up-to-date informational topics will be featured in the numerous seminars and main program presentations at the convention this year. Scheduled seminars will only occur on Sunday and Monday afternoon. This is a change from last year in order to allow you to build on your knowledge, skills and abilities for the betterment of our State's emergency services and still take part in the business meetings of the association. Please take some time to review this new schedule to ensure you do not miss any learning opportunities. Special thanks goes out to the Program Team, under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and Dr. Bass at MIEMSS, for their devotion and assistance.

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be slightly different this year, but will still provide a most fitting tribute to all who serve the State of Maryland and especially our entire first responder community. Our continued theme of Honor, Tradition and Courage will be exemplified with the presentation of the colors accompanied with a special video presentation. Thanks to Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, 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. In addition a special thanks to the Pipes and Drum units and Honor Guard members who continue to bring a high level of ceremony to our events. They make the program that much more special.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, a general business session will occur this year to include special recognition activities, the presentation of reports and nomination of officers to occur before the lunch break. The second session that day will include reports from our partner state organizations, a keynote presentation right after lunch and a special program presentation mid day. Monday afternoon will conclude with more partner reports and the Miss Fire Prevention Contest. Don't forget about the Basket and Bag Bingo Monday Night since Mail Heard, Doyle Cox and Jackie Olson have been working hard to make it an excellent event. Bingo will start at 7:30 p.m.

Also new this year, will be a different type of family event on Monday Night. In years past, we have held a Bayside Deck Party; however, this year we have entered into an agreement with The Jolly Roger Amusement Park, located at 34th Street, and will feature food, entertainment and open access to the park for our membership. This new approach to a family style event at night is a part of the Convention Committee's efforts to reinvent

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the week's activities and encourage more family participation in our sanctioned events. Come out and enjoy the amusement rides, play a round or two of miniature golf and hit the go-cart tracks all for one very low special MSFA price.

Tuesday morning will again start with voting by the membership followed by the MSFA Awards Ceremony. Special thanks to the awards committee, especially Evelyn Graf, Doyle Cox, Past President Bobby Balta and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership. A buffet lunch will again be served at the Convention Center, but this year inside the East Hall. The Picnic will be transformed into a family beach event at the Ocean Pines Beach Club, located between 49th and 50th Streets on Coastal Highway. This event will start at 4:30 p.m. and go until 10:00 p.m. Food, fun and entertainment are on the agenda for the evening festivities.

Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, along with the entire delegation from his office, the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, the Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue Department, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, MFRI, 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 Chris May and the entire audiovisual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events run smoothly and deserve a special note of gratitude. 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, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, John Guntow, Steven Scheinin, Laura Woods, Past President's Worthington, Preston, Cumberland and Underwood, Teresa Crisman, Fran Crisman, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, back stage and logistics areas for all events during the week. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor, PGFD, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

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

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For all the folks who sell the event tickets, offer bus passes, handle the mad rush in the lower foyers and provide information and guidance to conference attendees, my personal thanks for a job well done, often under very trying times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and your constant delivery of those friendly smiles is greatly appreciated. That team includes Sandy Jacobs, Pat Cross, Dennie Mattingly, JoAnne Robison, Rose Davis, Chris Yinger, and Nancy Cox.

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

Our Convention and Conference continues to provide this association with opportunities to bring needed revenue streams in support of our programs and activities. My personal thanks to Margaret Gouty and her team who manages the Special Activities Booth along with Lou Jonske, Mitch Vocke and their crew for the tireless effort put forth all year long managing the \$10,000.00 Raffle program.

Again this year, we are planning an array of social, networking and ceremonial events that include the Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony, Past President Lunches and many more which require a lot of planning, coordination, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the individuals who make them possible for their dedicated work in producing these various events. A special thanks to Acquest Title Services, Inc. & Maryland Emergency Products, LLC, for sponsoring the Prayer Breakfast and to the Town of Ocean City for providing a morning coffee break in the Convention Center. Mayor Meehan and the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce had a lot to do with bringing us these new means of support and for that, we are grateful. A special thanks to Fred Cross, Chuck Austin, Jackie Olson and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing. Good job guys.

Our annual parade continues to require many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to 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. We continue to look for ways to improve our parade activities and are looking to make some good changes next year with this event.

And finally, the Convention Committee extends a special thank you to Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year, ensuring that everything he can help with is successful in support of the convention and conference. City Manager Dennis

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Dare and the entire Town Council have stepped up to the plate to help and it seems that every single town employee has contributed in some way. We really do appreciate that. Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center management and staff, including their new director R.J. Hamilton, and of course David Swift, Reatta Tate, Regina Brittingham, Amanda Evans, Centerplate General Manager John Dooley, and the entire Convention Center Staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication they demonstrate during the planning process and throughout our annual event.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Convention Chairman

REPORT FROM THE MARYLAND DNR FOREST SERVICE

President Powell, 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.

During 2009 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 408 wildfires that burned 4,853 acres. The year saw an early and busy spring fire season with an above average acreage burned. The fall fire season was much wetter than normal that helped keep fire occurrences low and contributed to an overall below average response level for the year. The leading causes for the year were Debris Burning and Arson, Also in 2009, the Agency and partners conducted 70 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 1,129 acres. Maryland also assisted nationally with one twenty-person wild land fire crew that served on incidents in Utah and California and two individual single resource assignments in Alaska and Minnesota.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 41 volunteer fire departments in fourteen counties and the companies received \$88,804 in match grant funding. The grants allowed departments to complete over \$249,306 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wild land protective equipment, upgrades to communications equipment, and other small tool purchases such as chain saws and fire hose. The 2010 grant application period is currently open with approximately \$100,000 in grant funds available this year for distribution.

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The Firewise Maryland program expanded into the Central and Eastern regions of the state with the successful award of two additional federal hazard mitigation grants to the Agency. In the Central Region Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) were completed on the Liberty, Loch Raven, and Prettyboy Reservoir properties in Baltimore and Carroll Counties. Two additional plans were completed in the Western Region for the Allegany Highlands and Cumberland Chase communities in Allegany County. Six other CWPP's are currently under development. The plans assist the community in preparedness planning efforts, resources, and potential mitigation activities that could be accomplished to reduce the risk of wildfires.

Many thanks to all the members and departments that work with our Agency in its mission of wild land fire protection. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 118th MSFA Annual Convention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Monte R. Mitchell, State Fire Supervisor

REPORT OF THE EMS COMMITTEE

President Roger Powell, Elected and Appointed Officials, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), greetings on the occasion of the MSFA's 118th Annual Convention. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held four full committee meetings and several Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) subcommittee meetings last year. These meetings were also attended by representatives from the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), the Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

ELECTRONIC MARYLAND AMBULANCE INFORMATION SHEET

One of the top priorities this year was working with MIEMSS on resolution of Electronic Maryland Ambulance Information Sheet (EMAIS) issues. The lack of a workable user interface as well as the instability of the current EMAIS system is causing EMS companies; financial, retention, record keeping and training issues. Committee members had submitted numerous requests for improvement, along with possible remedies, over the past several years and EMAIS was identified as one of the primary complaints during the EMS Committee sensing sessions in 2008. After a review of breadth of the issues with the current EMAIS MIEMSS chose to purchase a commercial electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) system rather than attempting to upgrade the current system or develop a new system in-house. Many of the points generated from the committee members' submissions were included in the MIEMSS solicitation for the new ePCR system. With the cooperation of the MSFA EMS Committee and the Executive Committee the new

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system is being funded with Department of Transportation funding and \$200,000 of the 50/50 grant money if needed. The 50/50 \$200,000 was not needed and was released to complete the grant awards to the services in the beginning of May. Members of the EMS Committee assisted in the review of proposals and are working with MIEMSS to pilot the new ePCR system late this fiscal year.

Timely submission was another EMAIS issue addressed by the EMS Committee. The Committee endorsed a motion to include in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) a requirement that submission of patient care reports must be within 24 hours of completion of the call. The EMS Committee also strongly recommends that the EMAIS system automatically deliver a copy of the completed EMAIS to the receiving facility. The Committee also recommended that written documentation must be left with the receiving facility if the EMAIS is not complete prior to the crew's departure.

VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Led by Mr. Charlie Simpson, the EMS Committee reviewed the revised Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) document. The Committee felt that the document is well written and allows flexibility for legacy units to meet standards as they are upgraded. The Committee also felt strongly that the inspections should be voluntary, not mandatory. The Committee endorsed the VAIP document as written at their February meeting.

ALS VACCINATION AND TESTING

Due to the threat of wide spread H1N1 influenza outbreaks the EMS Committee strongly urged all jurisdictions to take part in ALS Vaccination and Testing Optional Protocol. By the Committee's November meeting every EMS jurisdiction in the State had an approved program.

EMS EDUCATION STANDARDS

The EMS Committee is actively working with MIEMSS and MFRI on the creation of new education standards that will be implemented by 2012. Much of the concern centers around the expected changes in the National Registry levels of certification and their impact on Maryland:

1. First Responder will become Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) with the additional training in the use of Mark 1 kits.
2. EMT-Basic (EMT-B) training is expected to be expanded to 160-165 hours. The MSFA EMS Committee is recommending that the increase in hours be conducted on line to maintain or reduce the number of times that students must travel to and spend in the classroom. A pilot course is scheduled for this fall and the Committee

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will closely monitor its progress. Also, several new EMT-B renewal options are being put into place.

3. EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) will no longer be recognized as a Nationally Certified level of training. It will be replaced by EMT-Advanced but with much more limited scope of practice than currently provided by EMT-I/CRT-I providers in Maryland. While there has been discussion of lessening their scope of practice, Maryland is expected to continue to support a training level equivalent to EMT-I/CRT-I in place of the EMT-Advanced.
4. EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P) education programs must be accredited by 2013. However, fire academies are now able to sponsor programs themselves and do not need to be affiliated with a college or hospital.

ALS SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS

1. Rural Aircraft Policy - The Subcommittee is working on readdressing the rural aircraft policy to mitigate long response times (greater than 20 minutes). When units cannot give an absolute patient category until arrival; this delays aircraft transports and uses up critical time. All aviation transports are being scrutinized and addressed by MIEMSS and Jurisdictional personnel in an attempt to reduce these times without inappropriate aircraft use.
2. ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI Program) the Subcommittee is working with MIEMSS to define a standard training for STEMI to quell hospital concerns over activating STEMI labs on EMS information. The subcommittee put together a bare minimum STEMI training effort since we have been using 12-leads for 10-12 years. The recommendation of the Committee was to go forward with the training program with the changes (100% lead placement and 75% acceptance) and validation of people who have completed training.
3. Certification of ALS Instructors — The Subcommittee endorsed that all ALS instructors be Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board (MICRB) certified. In response, MFRI has begun an MICRB training track.
4. Cross Jurisdictional Skills Recognition — currently there is little cross jurisdictional recognition of EMS skills, requiring providers to meet varying standards in each jurisdiction in which they practice. The ALS subcommittee continues to work on standardization of skills recognition across the state.

In summary, the MSFA EMS Committee continues to work closely with its partners in enhancing Maryland's EMS system which is acknowledged as a leader for providing the highest quality patient care while maintaining a strong volunteer cadre of EMS

personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne L. Tome, Sr. Chair

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE ISSUES COMMITTEE

Good Morning, I would like to thank President Roger N. Powell 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 perform our duties, without traveling.

1. Questions/concerns we discuss during the year as we received from our member companies/departments were:
Procedures/policies 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, 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". Forms are available on www.msfa.org.
2. 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:
 - Non-commercial class A or B license
 - Commercial class A or B license, with current DOT physical card and endorsements for the type of vehicle (air brakes, tanker, etc),
 - Current Maryland class C or equivalent other state license, completion/passage of MFRI or VHS emergency vehicle operator course and emergency vehicle operator card authorized by your Fire Chief or his designee, Maryland Fire Laws "TR 16-102 (12)."
3. Can we continue to take a Class A and/or B emergency vehicle to the MVA office to test for a non-CDL or CDL 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-CDL or a CDL, 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

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(Employer Testing Program) will need to administer their operators the skills test in accordance with their EPT agreement.”

4. 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. GVWR however, if the driver has a CDL they will be required to have a valid DOT card in their possession.”

5. 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.”

6. Operators wishing to obtain an Emergency Vehicle Operators Card issued by the Fire Chief or his designee needs to complete a learner's permit while meeting the required training before the Chief can present the card; we received approval and placed the learner's permit with instructions on our web: www.msfa.org. You need to complete and print on your department/company letterhead and it must be signed by the Chief or his designee.

The intent of the EVOC was to allow emergency vehicle operators to drive the fire apparatus on their noncommercial class C license.

We were asked about fire police and their authority, you can go to the Maryland Fire Laws article PS 7-302 and 303. Fire police are appointed by the Sheriff and work under the auspices of the fire company or the Sheriff's Department. You should read the complete section to better understand the duties and powers while operating on emergency or non-emergency functions of your company or the Sheriff's Department.

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

Dan Stevens, Vice Chair

Members:

Eddie Bilger

David Cohen

Danny Davis

Bill Huttenloch

Earl Moore

Richard Yinger

**REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION / RESOURCE
TYPING AND CREDENTIALING (ESF/RTC) WORKGROUP**

President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis, Chairman Carter, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 118th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, President Powell formalized this workgroup at the August 15, 2010 Executive Committee meeting to continue the work begun by the Watercraft Committee in 2008.

- *ESF-9:* As part of the state Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) there are 169 emergency support functions or ESF. ESF-9 is the Search and Rescue annex and covers all aspects of technical rescue. As a result of prior efforts the MSFA has been established as a supporting agency to the ESF-9 annex. As such we have been involved in discussions with MEMA planning staff to finalize the ESF-9 document. As of this time the final draft is out for comment. Once this draft is approved MSFA will become an official signatory agency to the annex. MSFA will be providing support in the way of fostering technical rescue assets from our member companies and providing subject matter experts to MEMA during the planning and response phase of emergency situations that require MEMA involvement. In the past year MSFA has fielded four requests for either assets or technical assistance. During the Western Maryland flood event in March 2010 we were able to roster a total of 56 personnel and 17 boats, all mission capable for swift water/flood operations. MSFA subject matter experts also responded to the State Emergency Operations Center twice to assist MEMA in planning for flood incidents.
- *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. As part of NIMS each state is to maintain a resource list of specific resources that can be deployed for large intra- and inter-state incidents. For detailed information on resource typing and credentialing please go to the NIMS website at www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ then chose NIMS Components followed by Resource Management, you will then see Credentialing and Resource Typing as an option. 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. In an effort to prepare for our response to requests from MEMA there will be an information/registration table located in the second floor hallway by the Main Ball Room/escalators during the Convention. If your company provides any type of technical rescue service please stop by so we can

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gather information to support our mission on the ESF-9.

The Committee would like to thank President Powell and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. The Committee looks forward to continuing its' work with each of you and others in the coming year.

Submitted for the Service by:

Todd "Scuba" Johnson, Chair

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

President Powell, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, and Delegates to the 118th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. Since the release of the 2009 Edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book my committee has been reviewing legislation to insure the 2011 Edition of the Book will contain the most current and up-to-date legislation that pertains to the Emergency First Responders in Maryland. My committee's goal is to have the 2011 Edition available for distribution by the first of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

President Powell, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 118th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, once again, it has been a pleasure for this committee to continue to serve you and this great Association. The Committee suffered a great loss this year with the passing of Committee Member, David Brady. Our condolences go out to David's family and the Marlboro VFD.

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. Most 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.

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All nominees will be recognized from the Convention floor and presented with a certificate of nomination.

The winner of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award will receive a large plaque, a patch, and a jacket with MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year, their name, and the year, embroidered on it. Their name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Maryland Volunteer Fire Fighters Room at the University of Maryland.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the Committee Members for their continued support. It has been my pleasure to work with them. I would also like to extend thanks to President Powell 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 2009 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor.

Enjoy your convention and PLEASE NOMINATE for this and all awards contests next year.
Good
Luck!

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman
Bill Radisch, Vice Chairman
Eldon Budnick, Jr.
James Jarboe
Eddie Cross
Rusty Leftwich
Bill Lay

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 extend my sincere congratulations to Presidents Roger N. Powell and Kathy Knipple. Your terms of office have been extremely productive ones 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 (OSFM).

In 2009, the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths increase by 22 percent when compared to 2008. The total number of fire deaths for 2009 was 73 which, as indicated above, represented a significant increase over the 60 fire deaths suffered in 2008. However, it is well below the 94 fire deaths experienced in 2007. There is some good news in that a

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smaller portion of the total number of fire fatalities occurred in residential properties. During 2009, residential fire fatalities accounted for 77% of all fire fatalities. This is significantly lower than the five year average of 83%, and is the second lowest percentage on record. Several of the fire fatalities were associated with vehicle accidents or other intentional acts and did not involve residential structures.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each member department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced decreases in the number of fire deaths last year. There were ten counties with no reported fire deaths: Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester; while five others experienced only one fatal fire: Anne Arundel, Carroll, Howard, Kent and Talbot. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire and rescue companies play a critical role in helping make our State safer from the devastating effects of uncontrolled fire.

In October of 2009 an extraordinary event occurred in Baltimore. This historic event will have a positive impact not only on the citizens we serve in Maryland but across the nation as well. The International Code Council held their Code Development meetings for updating several model codes, including the International Residential Code (IRC). On Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at the end of a very long day and following much discussion, a critical vote took place concerning a proposal to remove fire sprinkler requirements from the 2012 edition of the IRC. The proposal was overwhelmingly defeated by those in attendance. There were a significant number of MSFA members present for this momentous occasion. The MSFA and the entire Maryland Fire Service have a lot to be proud of, in particular your steadfast support for life saving residential fire sprinklers.

Locally, the Codes Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development under the provisions of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted the 2009 edition of several model codes, including the IRC, with an effective date of January 1, 2010. The 2009 edition of the IRC includes a provision requiring fire sprinklers in all newly constructed homes including one and two family homes effective January 1, 2011. If any jurisdiction requires assistance with the implementation of the fire sprinkler provisions of the IRC, please contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal for assistance or your Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee Chairman Doug Alexander.

In November of 2009, the State Fire Prevention Commission unanimously adopted amendments to the State Fire Prevention Code. The amendments included the adoption of the 2009 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code and NFPA Fire Code. The adoption of updated codes means that our citizens are better protected using the latest standards and technology available.

As always, the OSFM followed the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and continued support in working

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with the OSFM and other members of the Maryland Fire Service. With an emphasis on protecting Maryland's citizens as its highest priority, the MSFA leadership has fought hard to protect and preserve important fire and life safety programs. They continue to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics, and communicate with key legislators. It is because of these qualities that MSFA is well respected and carries tremendous weight even during these difficult times.

MSFA support for the OSFM Departmental Bill (HB 87): "State Fire Marshal - Non-Governmental Electrical inspectors" which was passed, and signed by the Governor on April 13, 2010 was very much appreciated. This Bill strengthened the current certification program, formalized the application and renewal process, and now allows the State Fire Marshal to deny, suspend, or revoke a certification.

As State Fire Marshal, I sincerely appreciate the partnerships our agencies share with local and State governments as well as private industry. These partnerships help us secure resources, disseminate information and be more effective at accomplishing tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety. Over the past nine years the public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of well over 11,000 smoke alarms. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries.

The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 50th year Anniversary in 2009 with the theme "Progress Through the Years." This well-attended event began in August of 1959 when then Governor Tawes asked then MSFA President Howard B. Springer to serve as Chairman of the Governor's Statewide Conference on Fire Prevention. He was told that Mr. Robert Byrus, Director of the Fire Service Extension at the University of Maryland (now MFRI) would aid him in carrying out this project. MSFA member Bernie Smith, a member and past chief of the Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Department, attended the 1959 conference. Fifty years later he continues to attend the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference today. Chief Smith, thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Maryland.

During past year there were relatively few OSFM staffing changes with one notable exception, the retirement of Deputy State Fire Marshal Joseph G. Zurolo. Joe retired from the OSFM after providing our citizens with 35 years of dedicated service. His service and experience will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his well deserved retirement. Two Deputy State Fire Marshals completed police academy training programs and are now assigned to regional offices to complete their field training.

As usual, OSFM staff members performed at a very high level. In 2009, the OSFM conducted in excess of 1,100 fire investigations. The felony case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 34% which is nearly 50% higher than the national average. OSFM staff members completed over 17,000 fire and life safety inspections. This level of

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performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed over 1,800 construction and fire protection system plans. This number was very high despite having one vacant fire protection engineer position during much of the year. The dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property.

Continuing economic challenges have become part of our daily lives. OSFM staff members continue to perform their public safety mission with pride. With challenges come opportunities. These tight economic times have required us to justify our resources and forced us to rethink current practices in order to position the OSFM for the future. We are always seeking potential opportunities to better perform our mission and, with your continued support, move both the Agency and more importantly the fire service forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a crystal clear picture of its mission. We look forward to working closely with your incoming Presidents, Doyle Cox and Sandi Lutz. We wish them great success and know they will achieve a tremendous amount during their terms in office.

Respectfully Submitted

William E. Barnard, CFPS, State Fire Marshal

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION / LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

President Powell, officers, members, and delegates to the 118th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, our committee continues to promote fire prevention / life safety throughout our wonderful state of Maryland.

Peggy Webb, Emmons Homer, and Alan Ryan continue distribution of visual smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing to people upon their request. If you know of anyone that may need one of these alarms, you can contact anyone on our committee, and we will see that they get one.

Tom Collins continues working on our bill board project. Tom displays fire prevention / life safety messages across the state, targeting areas that have the most fire deaths and areas that are heavily traveled throughout the state. The billboards are presently located on Rt.50 Berlin, Rt.50 Cambridge, and Western Maryland.

Kristi Gable and her sub-committee have continued to review and update guidelines for Miss Fire Prevention and Junior Miss Fire Prevention. Last year's convention was the first year for Junior Miss Fire Prevention and went over very well.

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Miss Fire Prevention, Erin Drumheller and Miss Fire Prevention First Runner-up, Jennifer Barciz, have both done an outstanding job promoting Fire Prevention / Life Safety activities throughout the state.

Theresa Ann Crisman, Marie Warne-Crosson, and Cynthia Wright-Johnson, have done an outstanding job on the Risk-Watch Program. They have put together an outstanding display this year at Ocean City. Take time out and stop by on the second floor of the convention center for the display and fire handouts.

I would like to thank Jane Huffman, CHAIR, of the M.S.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Prevention Committee, and William Barnard, State Fire Marshal, for their continued support and attendance at all of our meetings. We would like to thank President Powell, and all the officers for working with us throughout the year and providing guidance and input. We appreciate the opportunity to promote Fire Prevention / Life Safety to the citizens of this great state.

My thanks to all of the M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention / Life Safety 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., Chair

REPORT OF THE 2009-2010 MSFA MISS FIRE PREVENTION

This year has truly been a wild one! Since being crowned MSFA Miss Fire Prevention last June, I have had the opportunity to work with so many great people in my travels. I enjoyed my time working with the MSFA and LAMSFA Fire Prevention Committees and traveling with "my girls" to different events all over the state. It has truly been a pleasure to work with others as passionate about fire prevention as I am. Over the course of the year, I have been privileged to attend various open houses, banquets, meetings, parades, and other events, and I am sad to say that I will miss all of the events and the people that made them so memorable.

I certainly wouldn't have had such a great year had it not been for the many people who helped me along the way. First of all, I want to thank Roger and the MSFA and LAMSFA for all of their support this year. I also want to thank the MFCA and their Ladies Auxiliary as well as the Cumberland Valley VFA for being there for me during the rough times I encountered. I owe a huge thank you to Bridget Weishaar who has stood by me from the beginning and I don't know what I would have done without her. Next, Kristi Gable, thank you for being such a strong person and helping me to keep my head up this year. I absolutely want to say thank you to the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department for their

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continued support over the years. The members have treated me as nothing short of family and I appreciate everything they've done for me. Speaking of family: my girls—my travel companions, the ones who know all about my “hammer” and doing the limbo at gas stations, getting lost (sometimes in other states), and making a scene at banquets—thank you so much for keeping me smiling throughout all the meetings and other events. This year would not have been the same without you. To my Rock: Thank you for being there for me through the countless phone calls and letting me drag you to events three hours away. You're the best friend a girl could have. Ms. Arlene, thank you for becoming my second mother and being there for me to talk to. Finally, thank you Mom. I wish I could find a better phrase to say to thank you for all of the support you've given me over the past few years. You've been there through the tears, the meetings, the liver balls and more. I can come to you about everything and you always know what to say to make me feel better about my decisions. Thank you so much.

To this year's girls: I have had the opportunity to work with most of you throughout the year and I know that some of you are very deserving of the title. Even though only two of you will leave Ocean City as the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-Up, I hope that all of you continue to work with your companies and associations to promote fire safety and prevention. Having had the honor to be the only girl to be crowned MSFA Miss Fire Prevention twice, I have learned that there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with different groups of people and other organizations. That being said, I strongly encourage each of you to seek out opportunities to teach others and promote the program by acting as a respectable leader in your communities. I am so passionate about this program and I cannot stress enough what a magnificent impact it has on some of our younger participants. I've watched some of our Junior Misses grow into fantastic public speakers and remarkable young ladies.

My only hope for the next MSFA representatives is that you never lose sight of what you are doing. It's not about the title or the miles, it's about fire prevention. You will have so many people at your disposal (other Miss Fire Prevention representatives, MSFA and LAMSFA members, and past ambassadors), take advantage of this and work as a team. You are all in this together and believe me, there is power in numbers. Nothing draws attention more than a group of lovely ladies in tiaras!

Thank you all for supporting me and the Miss Fire Prevention program. Good luck and best wishes!

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Drumheller, Miss Fire Prevention

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. Based on extensive research and discussion with coordinators, students and others, we have reached some conclusions. We believe the failures and dropouts are the result of several issues and often an accumulation of failures or mistakes. The following paragraphs outline several of the major issues we have identified.

The first problem is in the schools with the recruitment and assignment to classes. Counselors don't understand the programs and underestimate the difficulty of the material— especially EMT. The new EMT program will likely exacerbate this problem when anatomy and physiology are introduced in the program. Students are often assigned to the Fire/EMS programs with little regard for their ability and probably more important their desire and drive to be EMTs and Firefighters. This is why the fire and EMS service needs to be actively involved in the recruitment process. If we don't make the 15-student goal we need to pay for the class, find non-high school students to supplement the class, or skip a year and actively recruit during the off year.

The next problem is with the Fire and EMS Companies and the need to involve the cadet as early as possible. The perspective high school cadets need to be evaluated and a determination made as to their desire and motivation needed to complete the program. It is also imperative that the cadets be assigned a mentor to help them through both the maze of department probationary requirements and the MFRI challenges presented with the intensive class schedule they will have. The best mentors may be younger members who recently completed the high school program and the probationary process. It is also important to assign an officer to each member and hold him or her accountable to insure the cadet has the necessary tools to make it through the demanding 9 months of the program while satisfying their other department obligations. The Officers should be empowered to adjust the demands on the student as necessary to ensure their success.

MFRI has the responsibility to assign instructors to the classes that have the skills and patience to work with the younger students. Often the high schools will offer a short course to help the MFRI instructors work with high school students. MFRI also needs to continually evaluate the exams. Even the adult classes have issues with some of the course exams.

The next issue is the counseling and discipline of the students. This has to be a joint effort

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that includes the MFRI instructors, the county Program Coordinator, the fire and EMS department officers, and the high schools' councilors and principals. These problems need to be identified early and handled effectively. If this means removing the student from the program this needs to be done promptly to prevent disruption of the class that may affect the other students. The school system needs to be able to accommodate the removal of the student and place them back in the school. Work-study may be an alternative.

Finally the student must have a serious briefing explaining the advantages of the program and the challenges. They also need to be briefed by the school officials to stress the ramifications of failure. Because this is often a "completer" program, failure may mean they will not graduate and will be held in high school another year. It also needs to be stressed that school rules apply even when they are not on school property.

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 like to thank Director Edwards and the staff at MFRI for their continuing support of the programs around the state. The recent summit held at MFRI Headquarters to address some of the issues with the programs demonstrated MFRI's commitment to the programs. MFRI and the regional training centers make these programs possible and the Volunteer Fire and EMS Service needs to express appreciation for the support.

We will continue to monitor the programs throughout the state and encourage County representatives to communicate issues and challenges to us. It may be that we have seen the issue in another program somewhere in the state and can provide some guidance.

We also encourage all counties with programs to intensify their recruitment efforts. These programs are one of the best recruitment tools the volunteer fire and EMS service has. We believe recruitment is a major component to achieving a successful high school cadet program. The counties that invest time 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, Chair

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Mr. President, Officers, Executive Committee, and the MSFA Membership, the Historical and Archives Committee had only one meeting over the past year. A combination of bad weather and the Firefighter's room being rented out prevented other meetings.

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The meeting of the Historical & Archives Committee was held on March 6, 2010, in the Volunteer Firefighter's Room at the University of MD. The following members attended: Frank Underwood, Chair, Robert Jarboe, Vice Chair, John Hoglund, James Jarboe and Bob Seibel III

We gave the Firefighter's Room a good cleaning and also mounted the new Hall of Fame plaque. One of the cabinets was set aside for the partners who have donated materials to be displayed and we placed the items that we have received so far. I would like to thank the University of MD electrician who stopped by and repaired the broken light fixtures and helped us mount the new plaque. Please contact a member of our committee if you wish to donate any item(s).

Yours truly,
Frank J. Underwood, Chair

REPORT OF THE HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE

Mr. President and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the 2009 Convention and Conference was a challenge for the Honor Guard Committee, as budget cuts to the career departments did not allow for the participation as in the past. This was the worst year for Honor Guard attendance in some time.

With the assistance of then Vice Chairman Dennis Beard, we were able to have the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Honor Guard to assist in providing the Color Guard for the Joint Memorial Service and assisting with the Combined Color Guard for the Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning. MSFA Honor Guard Committee member Tom Miller who is also a member of the Montgomery County team, with their assistance presented the Honor Guard Workshop on Tuesday afternoon. They were also asked to provide a Color Guard for the Installation of Officers on Tuesday evening and saw to it that the task was taken care of. A letter of thanks was sent to Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services for the services they provided.

The only other Honor Guard that was able to assist was the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Association's Honor Guard. Personnel assisted in escorting those receiving special honors at the Joint Memorial Service into the main hall. They then assisted in the presentations of those honors, presenting the flags, Resolutions and roses to the Presidents, who then made the presentations. The Harford County team also did a Flag Folding on stage as Secretary Jackie Olson read the meanings of the folds that had been written by Past President Gene Worthington. The Harford County team also took part in the Combined Color Guard on Monday morning and provided personnel to assist the Convention and Conference Committee during the Opening Ceremonies as needed.

The Honor Guard workshop went very well and was well attended. Comments received

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from those attending were positive and most enjoyed the hands on training they received.

The Honor Guard Committee met on November 7th, at Susquehanna Hose Company, House #3, in Havre de Grace, located in Harford County, Maryland.

We discussed the needs for Honor Guard personnel at the various functions at the convention, as well as the fact that we will be short handed with Honor Guards again this year due to budget difficulties.

Color Guards will be needed for the President's Dinner on Saturday evening, the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening, Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning, Installation of Officers on Tuesday evening and the parade on Wednesday. Escorts for the Joint Memorial Service, as well as assisting with the presentations of flags will also be required.

It is traditional that the Honor Guard from the County, or area the President is from provide the Color Guard for the Officer's Dinner. This also applies to the Installation of Officers for the incoming President.

At President Powell's request, we requested the Honor Guard from the Baltimore County Fire Department to provide a Color Guard for the Officer's Dinner on Saturday evening and for the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening.

First Vice President Cox advised that he had requested Southern Maryland's Honor Guard to provide a Color Guard for the Installation of Officers on Tuesday and for the parade on Wednesday.

The committee will hold our workshop from 1300 to 1500 hours on Sunday at the convention in 2010. We hope to get the word out to all Fire and EMS companies throughout Maryland and not just to the Honor Guards. This workshop will focus on Color Guards and their functions. Many departments or companies may not have an Honor Guard, but put together Color Guards for parades and other functions. Our goal is to assist them with the proper way to present the Colors for these events. Vice Chairman Tom Miller and committee member Bill Lippincott have been asked to be the speakers / instructors for the workshop. A letter was sent to Chief Bowers at the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services, to request they be detailed from their normal duties to assist with this and other Honor Guard functions during the convention and conference.

We have requested the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS Honor Guard to provide personnel for the Joint Memorial Service as they have done in the past. They will provide escorts and assist with the presentation of the flags to the families.

For Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning, we will have a Combined Color Guard. This will consist of members of the various Honor Guards available on Monday morning.

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A Commander will be selected on Monday morning to lead the Combined Color Guard. We also made contact with the Westminster Band about the tempo of the music for the entrance of the Colors. It was stated that the tempo was too fast for this. Working with the band, their director advised that they should be able to slow this down for the Color Guard to be able to march properly with the Colors.

The Honor Guard Committee chairs and members, wish to thank President Powell for our appointments and reappointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association during the 2009—2010 term.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Franklin Hawley, Chair

REPORT OF THE MEMA FIRE SERVICE LIAISON GROUP (FIRE DESK)

The ESF#4: Firefighting — Provides for mobilization and deployment, and assists in coordinating fire detection and suppression resources and services necessary to support an emergency response or recovery effort or other disaster assistance initiative at MEMA. The desk provides incident management assistance for on-scene incident command and control operations. The primary agency for this operation is the Department of Natural Resources.

During the past year, the FIRE DESK has been busy compared to recent years. We have participated in numerous statewide conference calls conducted by MEMA and have forwarded reports on those calls to the officers of the association and those members that are part of the WebEOC e-mail/staffing list.

On January 14 the country of Haiti was struck by an earthquake and immediately MEMA started producing at least one document (and sometimes two) each day. Again all these items were forwarded to Pres. Powell, 1st VP Cox and 2nd VP Lewis, as well as members of the WebEOC e-mail/staffing list. Documents continued to be generated until approximately February 1.

On or about January 28th through February 12th, Mother Nature put the FIRE DESK to task. Daily statewide conference weather calls were conducted; and on February 5 at 19:00 hrs, the FIRE DESK was activated and continued this function until February 8th at 1730 hrs without any issues.

At that time, we were placed on notice about another approaching storm. On Tuesday, February 9th at 1545 hrs, the FIRE DESK became functional and was active until Thursday,

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February 11 at 1600 hrs. During this entire time frame, numerous e-mails were sent to the MD fire service community; and we participated in numerous meetings at MEMA.

I wish to thank those members of the MSFA, Maryland Fire Chiefs Association and the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute who serve this function and for their assistance in this very important operation.

I would also thank Director Richard Muth and all the personnel at MEMA for their generous support not only during training exercises but also during the actual activation that we had the past year, and I look forward to assisting them in the coming year.

Dennis B. Beard, Chair
MEMA Fire Service Liaison Group

**REPORT OF THE INCENTIVES PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. One county has had a change in its program since our last convention. Frederick County increased its Basic Monthly Payment \$100. It is now \$200 per month paid quarterly.

There are still five counties, Allegany, Garrett, Dorchester, Wicomico, and Somerset, without a LOSAP. Allegany County has its program finalized. It is now being review. A group from the Somerset County Firemen's Association presented a proposal to their County Commissioners in hopes that they will agree to start a program. Since legal authority is needed from the Maryland General Assembly, there was not enough time the last legislative session to have the bill introduced.

All requests for the LOSAP Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet were filled. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the LOSAP Information Manual and the LOSAP Summary Sheet may be kept current.

My LOSAP Summary Chart is below.

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LOSAP SUMMARY

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 | \$265 | \$265 | 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 + \$ (a) | None | None | \$5,000 | None |
| Cecil | 55 | 25 | \$200 + \$4 (a) | \$300 | 50% | \$1,000 | None |
| Charles | 60 | 25 | \$233 + \$9.31 | None | 75% | \$5,000 | Based on CPI |
| | 55 | 25 | 75% + 75% | None | 75% | \$5,000 | Based on CPI |
| Frederick | 65 | 25 | \$200 paid quarterly | N/A | None | None (d) | Periodic Review |
| Harford | 55 | 25 | \$300 + \$ (a) | \$45Q | 50% | \$5,000 | None |
| Howard | 50 | 25 | \$250 + \$10 | None | None | None | None |
| Kent | 65 | 25 | | \$150 | None | None | None |
| Montgomery | | 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(j) | \$345 | 50% | \$5,000 | None |
| Prince George's | 55 | 25 | \$225 + \$4 (a) | None | 50% | \$5,000 | Equal to career firefighters |
| Queen Anne's | 65 | 25 | | \$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(f) | None | 50% | Line of duty only | Equal to state |
| Talbot | 62 | 25 | \$175 | None | None | \$5,000 | Periodic Review |
| Washington | 62 | 25 | \$200 + \$15(8) | \$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%

(d) in the event of death before receiving \$15,000 in monthly payments, the member's designated beneficiary will receive a partial benefit equal to the difference between payments received and a minimum award of \$15,000

(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

(g) \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 5 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

(h) \$6 per month per year of past service (maximum 20 years). Must have 12 full months of qualifying service after effective date.

(i) amount equal to the total annual contributions made on behalf of each volunteer plus investment earnings

(j) per month added for each additional year of certified service

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TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

The legislative committee requested information to use in talks with the Governor on the fiscal impact to the State should the subtraction increase to \$5000. Notes and charts were furnished as requested.

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 2009 is unavailable. A total of 12,974 qualified in Tax Year 2008.

There has been a lot of confusion with the 36 months in the last 10 years for 25-year members. Nothing has changed in the legislation as far as qualifying, To qualify for the subtraction modification, a volunteer with less than 25 years of service must have been active in 2009 (that is a member must have a minimum of 50 points and those points must be earned in at least two categories) and have at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years.

A member with 25 or more years of qualifying service need not have been active in 2009; however, the member must still qualify with at least 36 months of qualifying service in the last 10 years. A member who has served 25 years or more as an active volunteer does not receive the TIP based on this status alone. All 25 years does for a member is that member does not have to qualify in the tax year. We shall continue to follow Maryland Income Tax Administrative Release No. 29 issued by the Comptroller of Maryland.

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.

The committee would like to thank President Roger Powell 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 Powell a very successful convention and the incoming president, Doyle Cox, and officers a successful and productive year.

Incentive Programs Committee

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| Joan Robison, Chair | Ken Bush |
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Donald Lee Howard Donald M. Phillips

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| Baltimore - Stuart Carter | Kent - Robin Spielman |
| Calvert - Mona Marsico | Montgomery- Kathy Zeiger |
| Caroline - William Cooper | Prince George's - Joan Robison |
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| Dorchester - Vernon L. Hurley | Talbot - Ken Bush |
| Frederick- Dianne Sears | Washington-Skip Menzies |
| Garrett - Patricia Bowser | Wicomico -Michael Farlow, Esq. |
| | Worcester- Norman Cathell |

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis, Officers, Past Presidents, members of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests, this year has been a very busy year for the Legislative Committee. Chairman Davis, Vice Chairman Yinger along with the Presidents, and Past President Sachs met on numerous occasions with Delegate Conway and members of the Military Department to address concerns and problems associated with the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund. We believe that progress has been made in regards to these funds and their administration.

The 2010 Legislative session started on January 13 and concluded at midnight on April 12. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 2691 bills. Of these, 66 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The breakdown of these bills was:

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| Support: 28 | Local: 24 |
| Oppose: 2 | Budget: 3 |
| Monitor: 9 | |

Bills the MSFA opposed were defeated, withdrawn, or amended in such a manner that we could support the bill. This year there were six "move over" bills introduced, three in the House, and three in the Senate. Two passed.

The MSFA originally opposed SB141 - Budget Reconciliation Act of 2010. This bill would

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redirect the funds from the moving violation law (approximately \$2 million) to the General Fund for FY10, FY11, and FY12. This money was to go in the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) and State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund. This bill was amended in the House to only take 50% of the VCAF money and all of the Helicopter Replacement Fund, only for FY10. The Senate amended the bill to take 50% of the VCAF money and all of the Helicopter Replacement Fund for FY10 and FY11. Bill was sent to a conference committee where the House amendment was accepted. The bill passed with 50% of the VCAF money going to the General Fund for only FY10.

HB1389 - Traffic Cases - Funds for State Police Helicopters and Ambulance, Fire, and Rescue Companies Bill was amended in House Committee to give 100% of fines to the VCAF. Bill passed the House on April 28 with a vote of 130-7. HB1389 passed the Senate in the closing minutes of the 2010 session (passed at 11:50 PM). We thought the bill would die when Senate President Mike Miller special ordered the bill for 10 minutes to get clarifications on some issues. Once the issues were satisfied the bill passed Second Reader and was up for final passage. Bill passed 43-1. Bill is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

SB247 and HB516 — Hazardous Material Response Team Employees — Death Benefits and Funeral Expenses

— Local Government Agencies. The bills would require a county to set aside a death benefit to cover a line of duty death for their Response teams. Both bills passed.

HB910 and SB715 — State Government — Commemorative Days — Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Workers. These bills would require the first Sunday in June be set aside as the annual Commemorative Day to honor Maryland's Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members killed in the line of duty. Both bills passed.

HB191 and SB226 — Criminal Law — Sale of Novelty Lighters — Prohibition — this would ban the sales of Novelty Lighters in Maryland. SB226 failed in Senate Committee. HB191 passed the House and died in Senate Committee.

HB499 and SB324 - Motor Vehicles - Approaching Emergency Vehicles and Personnel. Both bills passed.

SB556 - Environment - Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether Prohibitions. This passed.

SB634 -Transportation - Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund - Transport by Privately Owned Helicopter. This bill died in the Senate Finance Committee.

HB733 and SB615 - Garrett County - Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squads - Emergency Services Board. Both bills passed.

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HB497 and SB1086 - Public Safety —State Emergency Medical Service Advisory Council Membership. Bills add a Helicopter Pilot and an additional member at large to the Council. Both bills passed.

5B305 - Public Safety - Emergency Medical Services Provider Killed in Performance of Duty - Flag Benefit for Family. Previously only the family of Firefighters killed in the line of duty received a Maryland Flag. This bill now adds Emergency Medical Services members' families to those that qualify for a Maryland Flag. Bill passed.

HB1280 - Workers' Compensation – Medical Presumptions. Bill passed the House but died in the Senate.

No local Fire Department sponsored gaming bills passed.

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, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate James Malone, Delegate Galen Clagett, and Delegate Paul Stull. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Fire Caucus; and all 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 LA-MSFA 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 McWilliams, and Carene Housenfluck. Heartfelt thanks to President Kathy Knipple 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 arranging for the replacement of the steps and other maintenance of the building. Both of these committees were only a phone call away if a problem was encountered.

I would like to thank Roger, Doyle, and Dave for their support this year. Your presence in Annapolis for hearings and meetings was greatly appreciated.

Finally to the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association a tremendous thank you for your continued support and efforts in contacting your Senators and Delegates seeking their support or opposition

on various Bills submitted during this session.

C. Daniel Davis Jr., Chairman
Richard L. Yinger, Vice Chairman

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Hello All, as Robin would start her messages. Robin Browning, our Secretary for over ten years passed this year. Her contributions to the Memorial Foundation cannot be measured by any means. Robin was the go to person for information, for getting something done, and for representing the Foundation in a professional manner. She has been and will be missed by all.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Sharon Owen as our Secretary replacing Robin. Sharon brings an enthusiasm to the position and dedication to the group as her past work tasking has demonstrated. She worked jointly with Robin on several functions and was responsible for our silent auctions at the GALA. We express our gratitude to Sharon and thanks for taking on the responsibility as Secretary to the Foundation.

Thanks to the Certification Board who donated a \$10,000 check at the Gala. This donation brought their total contributions to over \$50,000, which was their goal and commitment to the Foundation. We can't thank them enough for their generosity over the years. They have become our only gold helmet sponsor to date.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of about 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. This year's event will be held on September 25. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition.

We had some problems with our web site this year. Vansant Creations made us an offer we could not refuse, therefore we have moved our web hosting from the MSFA to them. We have a new lady, Bridgett from Carroll County who will be updating the site. Thanks to Richard Snader for all the years of support he has given to the Foundation.

We discussed with Danny our desire to have our memorial bill reintroduced in this legislative session recognizing the first Sunday in June as the fallen firefighters day. We are very pleased to announce that two bills were passed by the General Assembly this year. We have asked for the official bill signing to be done at convention. Thanks Danny and the gang in Annapolis for their work on these bills.

We have contracted with Walnut Hill Landscaping for another year to do the lawn maintenance at the memorial. Basically the contract is much the same as last year. In

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fact the site is simply beautiful right now. John Spiker is in discussion with an electrical contractor to add some additional lighting along the walkway.

We are very pleased to announce that we have not had a LODD since our ceremony last June. We will be holding our annual ceremony on June 6 to honor all those who have given the ultimate over the years. Retired Chief Rod and his committee have been working diligently to make this a memorable event for all. Please join us in honoring our brave.

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

We always want to remind you that we are still selling memorial replicas, bricks, pictures and DVD's. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention.

Stop by our booth for a firsthand look at our items. And yes, we want to thank those that regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings and chair the various committees. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. See you at the beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MSFA HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

President Powell, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 118th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association,

The Hall of Fame Committee was saddened by the loss of two committee members this year. Past President Robert N. "Bob" Dempsey of the Kennedyville VFC and Harry "Stoney" Stone of the Deep Creek VFD.

This was the 2nd year the deadline for submitting nominations was April 15. This was done to give the Chair more time to make copies and get them to the committee members. Next year nominations will be closed April 15, 2011.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee received forty two (42) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and thirty two (32) nominations for the Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award.

A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and Marbury 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

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previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for fifty years (50) or longer. These individuals should be nominated for the Marbury 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 Marbury 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 Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 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 Powell 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 MSFA FOUNDATION, LTD

The MSFA Foundation, Ltd. was established by the leadership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association after the dreadful attacks on our homeland on September 11, 2001. The Foundation has obtained a 501(c) 3 tax status so that contributions made are tax deductible.

The Board of Directors of the MSFA Foundation, Ltd. is Chairperson Terry Thompson, Vice Chairperson Joe Robison, Secretary Paul Sterling, Treasurer Doug Alexander, Directors Fred Cross, Mike Farlow, Dale Fishack, and Jim Snyder. The foundation hopes to have in the very near future, several Directors from the business and professional community, and some honorary co-chairpersons, to assist the Foundation in the raising of funds and the future success of the foundation.

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As we move forward the foundation is committed to maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to the Maryland State Firemen's Association to support related activities of the association. The foundation is also committed to continue the support of educational opportunities for our emergency services personnel and to support activities of others. We are happy to report that the foundation provided over \$28,000.00 in scholarships in 2009 to our emergency services personnel.

The MSFA Foundation, Ltd. Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to working with you in the future.

The MSFA Foundation, Ltd

Board of Directors

Terry Thompson

Joe Robison

Paul Sterling

Doug Alexander

Fred Cross

Mike Farlow

Dale Fishack

Jim Snyder

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

President Powell, Vice-President's Cox and Lewis, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2009 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 PROGRAMS

Programs providing support to the families of fallen firefighters:

- Sponsored the annual Fire Service Survivors Conference in Novato, California, with more

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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
- Expanded Fire Service Survivors Network
 - 312 members in 45 states and the District of Columbia
 - Members made direct family contacts with families of 2009 fallen firefighters
 - 122 members sent 2,840 Remembrance cards to families on the anniversary of their loved one's death
- Provided publications and newsletters to families
 - Sent 3 issues of the Foundation newsletter to 6,000 survivors and fire service members
 - Prepared and sent six 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 884 grief brochures
- Provided information on Federal, State and local benefits and resources
- Provided books on grief and recovery through a Lending Library

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships were awarded to spouses, children and stepchildren of fallen firefighters;

- Awarded 92 scholarships to recipients from 30 states
- Partnered with Motorola Foundation, MasterGuard, and ICMA-RC to provide more than \$185,000 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

Programs to support the families of FDNY firefighters who died on September 11, 2001:

- Sponsored The Link newsletter sent to 960 households of FDNY survivors
- 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:
 - January 16-17 — Columbia, SC — 22 participants
 - April 27-28 — Novato, CA — 54 participants
 - August 28-29 — Windsor Locks, CT 52 participants
 - November 6-7 — St. Paul, MN — 39 participants
- LAST teams are now functional in 48 states and the District of Columbia
- LAST teams assisted the families and departments with 93 fatalities

FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMS

Continued to provide programs to support the fire service:

- Delivered six Taking Care of Our Own® trainings, which provides guidance for fire departments in dealing with a line-of-duty death
 - 217 fire service officers from 34 states attended
- Expanded Chief-to-Chief Network to provide professional and personal support
- Fulfilled requests for Resource Guides & LODD SOP's for fire departments

NATIONAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend was held October 3-4, 2009:

- Honored 103 firefighters from 36 states who died in 2008 and 19 from previous years
- Provided lodging, meals, and travel assistance to families
- Enhanced Incident Command System to manage activities
- Hosted 1,168 survivors, with 6,000 attending the National Memorial Service
- Delivered 27 small group counseling sessions for 413 survivors
- Involved 148 Honor Guard units with 850 members from 30 states and 235 family escorts from 42 states and the District of Columbia
- Utilized more than 100 returning survivors to manage family registration and Family Day activities
- Broadcast Candlelight and Memorial Services live and streamed over the internet

LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH PREVENTION PROGRAM

Continued Everyone Goes Home 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives program to reduce firefighter line-of-duty deaths:

- Advocates Program
 - Regional Advocates are now established in all 10 FEMA regions.
 - There are 92 State Advocates in 47 states and the District of Columbia
 - A new Advocates Outreach Program was successfully piloted in Region V with visits to 21 fire departments.
 - In September, the Advocates Outreach Program was launched nationwide. By year end, over 50 firehouse visits involving more than 450 firefighters and officers were completed.
 - Released Version 8 of the Courage to Be Safe program for Advocates use
 - Distributed 486 trainer media kits to Regional Advocates
 - Produced and distributed monthly Trainer Newsletters
- Life Safety Initiatives Resources
 - Volume 4 of the Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit was completed and distributed to more than 33,000 firehouses nationwide.
 - Volumes 1 and 2 of the Resource Kit were made available online

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- Monthly issues of the Everyone Goes Home newsletter were compiled, distributed and posted online
- A textbook, "Principles of Firefighter Health and Safety," for the U.S. Fire Administration's Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education program was drafted.
- A total of 447 Seatbelt Certificates were awarded to fire departments in 26 states that submitted pledge sheets showing 100% compliance

• Presentations

- Speakers Bureau provided speakers for Courage To Be Safe presentations in Oklahoma, California, Colorado, Oregon and Pennsylvania to an estimated audience of 1,600
- Speakers Bureau was expanded by Region with qualified and active trainers to deliver conference presentations and Everyone Goes Home training programs.

• Meetings

- The 2009 Everyone Goes Home Safety Summit held in Emmitsburg, MD, on March 6-8 was attended by more than 150 Advocates
- The second meeting on the Behavioral Health Planning to implement Initiative 13 was held in April 2009. In August a core group of experts met to lay the framework for a new fire service approach to behavioral health care.
- The Everyone Goes Home team is working with Vision 20/20 to promote the enhancement of public education within the fire service.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL PARK

Expansion of the National Memorial Park:

• Expanded Walk of Honor by:

- 610 inscribed bricks (total is more than 8,000)
- 20 logo bricks (total is more than 50)

• Memorial Chapel

- Foundation logo in stained glass was added to the Chapel above the main altar

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Web Sites

Firehero.org website

- Revision of web site was completed
- 3,206,723 page views

EveryoneGoesHome.com Website

- 2009 total page views 4,224,603
- Average length of time spent on the site: 8.4 minutes

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Resource Kits

- Fulfilled 514 requests for Volume 3 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit
- Fulfilled 1,462 requests for Volume 4 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit
- Newsletter Subscriptions 880

Contact Us Forms

- Received 276 "contact us" form requests through the EveryoneGoesHome.com website.

Corporate Newsletter

A corporate newsletter provided information to sponsors:

- Four issues - 2,598 page views

Trade Shows

- Exhibit Booths
 - Fire Department Safety Officers Assn., Orlando, FL
 - Firehouse World, San Diego, CA
 - Lancaster Homebuilders Association Expo, Lancaster, PA
 - Industrial Fire World, Beaumont, TX
 - Congressional Fire Services Institute, Washington, DC
 - Fire Department Instructors Conference, Indianapolis, IN
 - Pennsylvania Fire Expo, Harrisburg, PA
 - Nebraska Fire School, Grand Island, NE
 - Southeast Colorado Fire Department Olympics, Hasty, CO
 - New York Fire Chiefs, Verona, NY
 - Maryland State Firemen's Association, Ocean City, MD
 - Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Convention, Indianapolis, IN
 - Firehouse Expo, Baltimore, MD
 - IAFC Fire Rescue International, Dallas, TX
 - New Jersey Firefighters Convention, Wildwood, NJ

• Presentations by Staff & Network Members

- Delaware County Firemen's Assn., Drexel Hill, PA
- Pierce Supplier Showcase, Green Bay, WI
- Department of Defense Annual Firefighter Ball, San Angelo, TX
- Metro Fire Chiefs, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

A primary part of the Foundation's mission is to provide necessary resources to assist survivors of fallen firefighters in rebuilding their lives. Through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice, programs for families continued to expand in 2009.

FIRE SERVICE SURVIVORS CONFERENCE

In April, more than 100 survivors traveled from across the country to attend the fourth annual Fire Service Survivors Conference in Novato, California. Workshops on resiliency, auto maintenance, financial management, wild land firefighting, stress management, yoga, and the Fire Service Support Network were offered to the attendees. In conjunction with the Conference, a Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) Summit provided fire service members who are part of the Local Assistance State Teams an opportunity to learn of updates to the program and also gave them a chance to network with survivors.

FIRE SERVICE SURVIVORS NETWORK

Members of the Fire Service Survivors Network volunteer to reach out to others. The Foundation connects members of the network with survivors who have recently lost a firefighter. Survivors who have faced similar experiences and circumstances are matched. For example, spouses who are raising teenagers, women who were pregnant when they lost their husband, and families whose loved one died close to a holiday are matched.

After carefully reviewing each case, the Foundation matched a member of the Network with newly-bereaved family members. Within the first few months following a firefighter's death, a member of the Network sent a personal letter. Additional contacts often continued through the year.

During the annual Memorial Weekend, Fire Service Survivors Network members greet and register families, participate in weekend activities, and work behind the scenes in countless ways.

REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

The anniversary date of the death of a loved one is often difficult for the family. Network members write Remembrance cards that survivors receive on the anniversary of their loved one's death. The card, written by another fire service survivor, reminds the family that others remember and care.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 1996, the Foundation's Board of Directors established an annual scholarship program named for Senator Paul S. Sarbanes of Maryland, a strong supporter of the fire service and the Foundation. Supported solely by private donations, the scholarship program provides education and job training assistance for eligible spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

- The Foundation and its partners awarded scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic years to 92 children, stepchildren, and spouses of fallen firefighters, totaling \$185,000. The recipients are from 30 different states and are enrolled in a variety of course curricula. Twelve families had two members receiving

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scholarships, and one family had three. Twenty-three scholarship recipients are survivors of firefighters killed on 9/11 in the World Trade Center.

Of those awarded scholarships, 51 had received a scholarship in a previous year.

The Foundation partnered with the Motorola Foundation, ICMA Retirement Corporation, and MasterGuard Corporation to provide the scholarships.

WORLD TRADE CENTER FIRE SERVICE SURVIVORS SUPPORT

Within hours of the tragedy on September 11, 2001, the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation coordinated resources from across the country to provide critical support to the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). Mounting an unprecedented response effort, the Foundation helped families of the fallen firefighters and coworkers in the critical days and weeks, months, and years after the tragedy. That support still continues.

In 2009, the Foundation continued to assist the Counseling Services Unit (CSU) with a grant that funded programs to help the families of fallen FDNY firefighters cope with the difficulties of life after this catastrophic event.

THE LINK

The Foundation continued to support the special publication for the survivors of FDNY firefighters who died on 9/11. During 2009, nearly 1,000 households received a monthly edition of *The Link: A Newsletter for FDNY Families from the Counseling Services Unit of the FDNY*. A special edition marked the eighth anniversary of the World Trade Center tragedy.

The Link listed the addresses and contact numbers for all CSU locations where free and confidential therapy is available for both adults and children. Each issue displayed a calendar of weekly bereavement groups for parents, spouses, siblings, fiancées, significant others, and extended family members. Each issue included the phone number of the CSU Hotline where counselors are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to offer counseling and support for family members and firefighters.

Survivors of the firefighters killed on September 11, 2001 view *The Link* as one of the most valuable resources they have received. During the year, many of the 9/11 survivors shared information on their personal experiences in dealing with loss through *The Link*.

FDNY PEER SUPPORT

The Foundation continued to fund a support program for FDNY firefighters who lost coworkers in the World Trade Center. Regular visits to firehouses by members of the peer support team encourage firefighters to talk about their loss and enable team members to identify those who may need some additional counseling available at the FDNY's Counseling Service Unit.

PUBLICATIONS AND GRIEF RESOURCES

The Foundation published three issues of a newsletter for survivors that highlighted resources and special issues affecting survivors. Over 6,000 survivors received each edition. Staff posted the newsletters on the Foundation Web site and distributed copies at fire service conferences. To increase outreach to survivors, the Foundation published six issues of its family publication, *The Journey*. The publication focuses on ways survivors have learned to take care of themselves, emotionally and physically. It features survivors sharing things that have helped and different ways of remembering and honoring their loved ones. In 2009, survivors wrote stories on the topics of: "Scholarship Recipients", "Emotions and Grief", "Friends and Family", "Telling Your Story", "The Death of a Child," and "Faith and Tradition."

Each issue of *The Journey* also included a PSOB section that provided information on benefits, paperwork involved, and the appeals process when a claim is denied.

Survivors of 2009 fallen firefighters were sent two brochures. "In the Beginning" gives families information on what helped others in the first weeks and months following the death of their loved ones. *The Tinsel and Tears* brochure focuses on how to make it through the holidays after the loss of a loved one. A *Line-of-Duty Death Benefits Guide: A Handbook for Survivors of Fallen Firefighters* which provides information on Federal, state, and local benefits was also sent to each firefighter's immediate next-of-kin.

More than 800 brochures on the grief process and dealing with grief were sent to survivors who made requests through our web site.

LOCAL BENEFITS AND RESOURCES

During 2009, the Foundation helped many fire departments and survivors access information on available local, state, and Federal benefits.

Foundation staff continued extensive state-by-state research to identify specific line-of-duty death benefits. Staff compiled benefit information for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The Foundation published a state-by-state list of benefits available online or by request. The list includes information on:

- One-time death and disability payments
- Funeral benefits
- Workers Compensation
- Education assistance
- Pension and retirement benefits
- Health insurance benefits

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- Special benefits such as tax reduction or lower interest rates
- Private and non-profit support programs

The Foundation also helped survivors access local counseling and support services in their home communities. When a request is received, local counseling and support services are identified and contacted to determine if they are a "fit" for the survivor. This information is then provided to the survivor and follow up is done to see if the resources are helpful.

LENDING LIBRARY

The Foundation expanded its Lending Library of printed materials, audio and videotapes for survivors and coworkers. The Library offers an extensive array of resources that survivors can order online or by contacting the Foundation's office. The materials are available free of charge, and family members took advantage of this loan program for materials to help them cope with the loss of their loved ones.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE STATE TEAM (LAST) PROJECT

Dealing with a firefighter line-of-duty death is one of the toughest and most challenging experiences a fire department can face. Supporting the firefighter's family through the ordeal has to be of top priority, but sometimes support does not occur as it should. That is why the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation (NFFF), through a grant from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, has developed response teams on a state-by-state basis to provide assistance to fire departments and the firefighter's family immediately following a line-of-duty death.

The program identifies and trains a group of individuals in each state who are willing to respond to support a department when they have a line-of-duty death. It is not intended to circumvent any system that is already in place in a state but to unify and organize each of the state teams to work in unison on common elements relative to the line-of-duty death incident, understanding that there may be state or local protocols that may differ within various parts of the country. Under this program each unit is known as the Local Assistance State Team (LAST). Upon request from the department, these teams are deployed to assist the department with all aspects of a line-of-duty death—from helping with arrangements for a fire department funeral with full honors to providing emotional support for the family and department members.

In 2009, the Foundation expanded the Local Assistance State Teams to 48 states with three trainings attended by 167 fire service members. At the requests of fire departments that suffered a line-of-duty death, LAST assisted with 93 fatalities. The teams assisted with arrangements for funerals and memorial services and helped the family members file for death benefits provided by the Public Safety Officers Benefits program of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMS

TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN®

Under a Department of Justice grant, the Foundation offers a training program to help senior fire officials prepare for a line-of-duty death or serious injury. Taking Care of Our Own® helps senior fire service officers learn how to handle line-of-duty deaths and provide support to families and department members. First offered in 1999, this one-day course covers pre-incident planning, survivor notification, family and coworker support, and benefits and resources available to the families.

In 2009, the Foundation delivered six sessions of *Taking Care of Our Own®*. A total of 217 senior fire service officers from 34 states participated in the sessions. To measure the impact of the course, the Foundation continued to distribute a long-term evaluation survey. A majority of the graduates of the course reported that they had used the course materials to establish new department procedures or revise existing ones.

CHIEF-TO-CHIEF NETWORK

The Chief-to-Chief Network provides immediate support after the line-of-duty death of a firefighter. As soon as the Foundation learns of a death, information is gathered and a Chief in the Network is contacted. The network member then contacts the department and offers condolences and support.

Made up of senior fire officers who have lost a firefighter in their department, members of the Network volunteer to help the Foundation reach out in time of tragedy. The officers provide immediate professional and personal support to the department that has just lost a firefighter. Graduates of the training program also assist by providing resources from the *Taking Care of Our Own* class and the expertise they have gained.

In 2009, the Foundation offered contacts through the Chief-to-Chief Network to all departments who lost a firefighter. Many departments accepted the Chief- to-Chief assistance, and information packages on dealing with the loss were sent. All contacts and exchanged information are confidential.

RESOURCE MATERIALS

To increase the availability of needed resources, the Foundation publishes a Resource Guide that contains materials used in the training program. In 2009, the Foundation disseminated hundreds of Resource Guides, and many were downloaded from the Foundation's web site.

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Each October, a grateful nation honors its fallen fire heroes during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. Rich in fire service tradition, the weekend celebrates the

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lives of these brave men and women and their dedication to their communities.

The Memorial Weekend provided both private and public events held on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Through private donations, the Foundation provided lodging and meals for immediate survivors and assisted with travel expenses. A total of 235 fire service personnel from 42 states and the District of Columbia volunteered to serve as family escorts and assisted with weekend activities. More than 800 Honor Guard members, representing 148 fire departments from 30 states, participated in a show of respect for their fallen comrades and their families.

More than 6,000 people attended the 2009 Memorial Service that honored the 103 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2008, and 19 firefighters who died in previous years. Thirty-six states experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2008. The 103 firefighters who died in 2008 included:

- 52 volunteer
- 38 career
- 13 contract

The fallen firefighters ranged in age from 19 to 79. Five multiple fatality incidents accounted for 17 deaths. Two multiple fatality incidents occurred at structural fires, one in an apparatus crash after a bridge collapse during heavy smoke conditions at a wild land fire, one helicopter crash during a wild land fire, and one air tanker that crashed on take-off. Wildland fires, controlled burns and training/certification for wild land protection resulted in 15 fatalities. Oregon and North Carolina suffered the Nation's greatest number of line-of-duty firefighter deaths in 2008 with 9 in each state, while Pennsylvania had 8, both New York and Missouri had 7, and California had 6.

A special Reception for more than 100 Survivors who returned to assist with the Memorial Weekend activities was held on Thursday evening to honor those survivor volunteers.

On Friday, October 2, 2009, firefighters from the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland, areas met families arriving at airports and train stations and transported them to hotels in Frederick. Returning survivors greeted first-time families, helped them register for the Weekend, and answered questions about what to expect. As fire service clowns entertained children of all ages, families wrote tributes on a large Remembering banner and received Weekend keepsakes. The younger children decorated luminary bags for use in the Candlelight Service, and older children created memory boxes. Families of firefighters honored in previous years also wrote tributes on a Remembering banner for returning survivors.

On Saturday morning, the families were transported to the National Fire Academy campus where they viewed the arrival of more than 350 fire service motorcycle riders who participated in the annual Red Helmets ride. The ride culminated in a ceremony and wreath-laying in honor of the fallen firefighters and their families at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

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That afternoon, 413 survivors met in 27 small group sessions facilitated by experienced grief counselors. The sessions, with survivors grouped according to their relationship to the firefighter, enabled them to spend time in a safe and healing environment. The survivors were grouped by spouses, fathers, mothers, adult siblings, teenagers, children by age ranges, and extended family. Special sessions were held for chiefs and coworkers from departments of fallen firefighters.

Many families toured the historic campus and visited the *Walk of Honor*. Returning survivors helped families locate the bricks placed in the *Walk of Honor* for their firefighters and make etchings of the inscriptions on the bricks, as well as etchings of their loved ones name on the bronze plaque.

A Chapel Vigil on Saturday afternoon gave families an opportunity to light a candle and place a rose in a Maltese Cross vase in honor of their firefighters.

In the evening, family members and their fire service escorts gathered for the Family Dinner. Families and friends then attended a Candlelight Service held in the Basilica of the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The beautiful service featured musical and video tributes. Families lit candles which were placed in the luminary bags that had been decorated by the children.

The Weekend culminated with Sunday's National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. As each firefighter's name was read, family members came forward to accept an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The ceremony concluded at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial with the unveiling of a plaque listing the names of the honored fallen firefighters. Plaques now bear the names of 3,269 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1981.

Congressman Steny Hoyer delivered the keynote address. He spoke of the dedication of the Nation's fire service, their willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. W. Craig Fugate, Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency read the President's message to the families.

Families and firefighters returned home with the knowledge that a grateful nation will always remember the contributions their loved ones made for the safety and welfare of their communities.

LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH PREVENTION PROGRAM

The *Everyone Goes Home*® Firefighter Life Safety initiatives Program and Fire Prevention and Safety Program for the year 2009 continued to develop and promote programs to prevent firefighter fatalities and injuries and promote fire safety.

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Feedback tells us that firefighters are making the commitment everyday to institute safe practices that will reduce their risk of being killed or injured on the job. Fire departments and communities are supporting these efforts by adopting the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives.

ADVOCATES PROGRAM

In 2009, a three-day Initiatives Program Advocates Safety Summit was conducted at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Summit was attended by more than 150 advocates and focused on ways to implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. It provided both instruction and an opportunity for advocates to discuss program goals and plans for the future.

In 2009, Regional Advocates were established in all ten Federal regions. There are 92 State Advocates in 47 states and the District of Columbia.

SEAT BELT PLEDGE

The National Seat Belt Pledge continues to grow. This initiative encourages seat belt use in fire apparatus and asks departments to make a pledge to enforce this mandate. In 2009, 447 fire service personnel in departments in 26 states have signed the seatbelt pledge. Regional and state Advocates presented certificates to those departments that have earned 100% compliance.

"Eddie's Story," a video interview with the family of a fire chief who was not wearing his seat belt and survived a crash on the way to an incident, was completed. This poignant story underscores the importance of seat belt compliance within the fire service.

TRAINING

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

The "Courage to Be Safe" presentation is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence. Building on the untold stories of line-of-duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death and provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line-of-duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order for firefighters to protect themselves and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day. The "Courage to Be Safe" program was attended by more than 1,600 members of the fire service in Oklahoma, California, Colorado, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

TRADE SHOW PRESENCE

Program staff participated in several major trade shows. Brochures and Resource Kits were distributed at 15 major fire trade shows in 13 states.

LIFE SAFETY RESOURCE KITS

The Life Safety Resource Kits are designed to provide resources for fire departments to use in their training programs. Volumes 1 and 2 of the Firefighter Life Safety Resource Kits have been posted and can be downloaded on the *Everyone Goes Home* web site. Volumes 3 and 4 continued to be in demand, with nearly 2,000 request fulfilled.

WEBSITE

Web Statistics increased significantly in 2009 with more than 4,200,000 page views. The average length of time spent on the site was more than 8 minutes.

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL PARK

In 1990, Congress designated the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial as the Nation's official monument to all firefighters who die in the line of duty. Plaques around the monument bear the names of more than 3,300 firefighters who have died in the line of duty since 1981, the year the monument was built. The monument grounds are also the site of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.

Walk of Honor®

WoH continued on the expansion of the monument site to create the first permanent National Memorial Park honoring America's Fire Service. The brick *Walk of Honor* that winds through the Park now contains more than 8,000 inscribed bricks.

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A stained glass Foundation logo was added to the main altar area of the Chapel.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

WEB SITE RESOURCES

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Web site provides immediate access to a wide array of information. In 2009, the Foundation completely revamped its Web site, which received more than 3,200,000 page views.

TRADE SHOWS

The Foundation offered training materials, information on the National Memorial Weekend, and program materials at major fire service conferences in 2009. These included:

- Fire Department Safety Officers Assn., Orlando, FL
- Firehouse World, San Diego, CA

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- Lancaster Homebuilders Association Expo, Lancaster, PA
- Industrial Fire World, Beaumont, TX
- Congressional Fire Services Institute, Washington, DC
- Fire Department Instructors Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- Pennsylvania Fire Expo, Harrisburg, PA
- Nebraska Fire School, Grand Island, NE
- Southeast Colorado Fire Department Olympics, Hasty, CO
- New York Fire Chiefs, Verona, NY
- Maryland State Firemen's Association, Ocean City, MD
- Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Convention, Indianapolis, IN
- Firehouse Expo, Baltimore, MD
- IAFC Fire Rescue International, Dallas, TX
- New Jersey Firefighters Convention, Wildwood, NJ

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.

The Board met three times in 2009, and the minutes of the meetings follow.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Jon Siarnicki, Executive Director

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

The NVFC accomplished much during the current year. The highlights are:

- The creation, on May 1, 2010, of the EMS/Rescue Section of the NVFC, an affiliate whose mission is "to provide volunteers in an EMS or rescue delivery system with information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism." Material on becoming a part of this outstanding new opportunity will be forthcoming soon.
- The development of the BEST program by its Health and Safety Committee, emphasizing Behavior, Equipment, Standards and Codes, earning the NVFC the 2010 Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award presented at the annual Dinner of the Congressional Fire Service Institute on April 29th
- Further development by its Advocacy Committee of a protocol for receiving and responding to inquiries by "two-hatters" all over the country, actively and aggressively working to protect their rights to choose their own "private time" activities.
- Pursuing its legislative priorities, which are:
 - Full funding of AFG and SAFER grant programs.
 - Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act (deals with LOSAP tax issues)
 - Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Job Protection Act
 - Adequate funding of U.S. Fire Administration
 - Fire Sprinkler incentive Act
 - Supporting Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act (\$1,000 annual tax credit for active Members)
 - Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act (to extend, increase and clarify IRS treatment of the \$360 subtraction- from-income law)

Earlier in this fiscal year the Council also:

- Lobbied and testified at Congress in support of maximizing AFG and Safer Grant monies, after collaborating with the other major national organizations of fire/EMS providers, including the IAFF, IAFC, CFSI and Arson Investigators to formulate a position that was unanimously embraced by all.
 - Announced and implemented the All Staff Department Membership concept, which means the entire membership of a volunteer fire, rescue

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or EMS Company becomes NVFC members along with the Company at a cost of only \$10.00 per person. There are many member benefits, which are enumerated on its website.

- Vigorously and successfully pursued the passage of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 reinstating us to the list of emergency responders that must be informed by hospitals who discover they may have been exposed to a potentially life-threatening infectious disease through contact with a patient.
- Partnered with ADT for Pet Fire Safety Day.
- Participated in the ICC vote to retain residential fire sprinkler requirements in the IBC.
- Adopted and publicized a statement advocating the right of volunteer, career and paid-on-call firefighters to serve multiple organizations and/or communities.
- Continued the very successful Heart Healthy, Junior Firefighter and Fire Corps initiatives.
- Worked closely with Johns Hopkins in advancing its Firefighter Health Focus Group undertaking.

The National Volunteer Fire Council continues to be the “go to” organization when legislators and administrators want input from the volunteer fire service. The stature of the NVFC continues to grow, and the Board is committed to steady forward progress!

The NVFC's website (www.nvfc.org) is a tremendous resource where one can find either substantive or contact information about a myriad of matters and activities of interest to all of us, including:

Media, News, Statistics & Factsheets, Regulations and Standards, Membership, Recruitment & Retention, Training & Education, in the Line of Duty, I-800-Fireline, Grants & Funding, Capitol Hill Connection, State Benefits Guide, Health & Safety, EMS, Workshops (Training, AFG and Safer Grant-Writing, Retention and Recruitment), Emergency Services Challenges and Solutions, USFA Publications, Funeral Procedures Guide (presently being updated), Guide to Going Green, Firefighter Arson and Arson Awareness Week, Firefighter Obesity, and the newest collaborative undertaking “Put-it-Out” — a Stop Smoking program.

We are proud of the NVFC's progress in recent years, and proud of the role Maryland has had in the teamwork necessary to achieve that progress!

Respectfully,
Lee N. Sachs, Past President
James P. Seavey, Sr.

REPORT OF THE NFPA/STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The NFPA Committee reviewed all changes that were presented this year. If there was something that pertained to our Standards it was brought to the attention of the Executive Board for consideration. Each Company is encouraged to review the NFPA Standards on a regular basis to be sure you are aware of any changes that pertain to your company.

Under the Standards Committee we have submitted a By-Law change for the requirements for the use of the Safety Vest. This is a State of Maryland law as well as a Federal Regulation, so please everyone must educate their membership of the proper use.

Remember, our Standards are only minimum requirements. Each County can have greater Standards if they choose to do so.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chairman. I would like to thank President Powell for my appointment. I would also like to thank the members of my committee who have been available to assist with any inspections when needed. This committee is here for you, the membership whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Huttenloch, Chair

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dear President Powell, 1st Vice President Cox, 2nd Vice President Lewis. It is my pleasure to report that the Planning Committee met this year to stream line how committees work together. This included looking at working in a more collaborative manner to foster positive changes in the coming years. We looked at some of the committees and their assigned duties to make sure that they have goals and timelines that will continue to move the association in a positive direction. The Planning Committee also met with our Vice Presidents to give our recommendations for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted by,
David R. Keller III, Chair

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Mr. President, Officers, Executive Committee, and MSFA Membership, the PIO Committee has been actively preparing for Ocean City. A press release has been generated, and was distributed throughout Maryland and our surrounding states in preparation for the convention.

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We have been contacted by numerous politicians inquiring about events being held by Maryland fire departments. We direct them to our web site for this information, as new events are frequently added.

Our list of Public Information Officers for all counties and cities in the State of Maryland is also continually updated. I have also expanded our list to add as many states as we can.

I continue to talk with several county Fire Chiefs, and have been assured of their support when needed.

Yours truly,
Frank J. Underwood, Chair

REPORT OF THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

The highlight of the MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee efforts over the last year was the production of an updated Public Service Announcement (PSA) promoting 1-800-Fireline. The taping was completed in late July, and the PSA has been distributed to all Executive Committee members for use in their regions. The PSA is also available for viewing and downloading on the MSFA web site. Many thanks to Mr. Norm Lewis, former Chief Meteorologist for WMAR-TV, who served as the spokesperson. The committee would also like to thank Doug Alexander and the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company for their assistance. And finally an extra thank you to Jim Brown and MIEMSS for taping the PSA

Respectfully submitted,
John Denver, Chair

REPORT OF THE RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER COMMITTEE

The Residential Sprinkler Committee continued to work throughout the year in educating the citizens and fire service of Maryland on the virtues of residential sprinklers. There are currently requirements for residential sprinklers in all new homes in eight 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,

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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 MSFA member companies for their support and recognition of the importance of this life saving concept.

Many members of the committee attended the IRC Hearings in Baltimore where a historic vote of IRC members took place insuring that residential sprinklers will continue as a requirement in the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code.

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. We have kept within our means.

In conclusion, some of our committee members have been working very hard for five years now. With the adoption of the 2009 IRC by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, counties and municipalities have until only June 30, 2010 to amend the residential sprinkler requirements out of the code. Otherwise, the 2009 IRC becomes the applicable code across the state on July 1, 2010, with residential sprinklers required in all new one and two family homes after January 1, 2011. Our efforts have been effective. We will continue to work towards requirements for residential sprinklers in all new homes across the entire state.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

REPORT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A major accomplishment of the Risk Management Committee in the past year was the development and implementation of a partnership with the Injured Workers Insurance Fund to provide a preferred insurance program for qualified MSFA member companies. The fire and rescue companies that maintain an excellent loss history would be eligible for a preferred workers compensation rate as well as a possible dividend in future years. In addition, as a partner, this program can also provide funds to the MSFA.

The Risk Management Committee has also provided consultation on several claims for both the association and member companies and coordinated the renewal of all MSFA insurance policies. In cooperation with the Office of the Attorney, the committee has also reviewed other possible insurance programs for potential partnerships.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clarence "Chip" Jewell, Chairman

REPORT FOR THE RISK WATCH SUB-COMMITTEE

This year we will again be supporting Interactive teaching displays for children & families. We have requested the same location on the second floor of the convention center top of the stairs with both sides of the open areas. Invitational Posters of the activities are recommended on both the first & second floor of convention center Resource table for parents & life safety advocates to read while children participate in hands on activities. Falls Prevention for Senior Adults static display is new and will be available at convention.

Operations of the Stations:

Sunday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm;

Monday: 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Break for Miss Fire Prevention Awards;

Tuesday: 10 am to 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday break down and pack up

For Children: *Passport to Safety Card that will be developed by MIEMSS EMSC*

For Adults: *Resource List & Website, sample brochures and teaching materials*

For Both: *Plastic bag to carry these items & safety incentive items (electrical outlet plugs, scald reminders, Stickers, Winner Metals & Fire Hats)*

The specific station proposed:

1. Make the Right Call: 9-1-1
2. Safety at Home
3. It's a Fire — What do you do?
(Get out & stay out; Stop drop and roll)
4. Is it safe to eat or touch? (Poison)
5. Walk Safe, Stay Safe
6. Water Safety from Department of Natural Resources Police

Also within the display area there will be two tables

1. Resource Table with handouts
2. Fall Prevention for Senior Adults Display

During the 2009-2010 Maryland Legislative Session, testimony presented from Risk Watch, Safe Kids Maryland and MIEMSS in support of the two bills proposed to ban Novelty Lighters. Safe Kids Maryland & Maryland ENA provided support for the Concussion bill

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focusing on education of coaches, families and youth athletes. We were very discouraged to see that the bills did not pass. We again offer our support to continue to seek a favorable outcome for this most dangerous position.

Risk Watch/Life Safety traveling displays have been purchased for school events, community training and focused parent education messages at Convention and Conferences.

Two of the displays have been loaned for the year to Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and First Runner Up. Displays have been developed on:

1. Risk Watch Injury Prevention
2. Risk Watch — Natural Disaster Preparedness
3. Home Safety for Children
4. Fall prevention for Senior Adults
5. Child Passenger Safety
6. Raising Safe Kids One Stage at a Time

Curriculum and Risky Business Boxes are available to new communities as new coalitions are developed. The teacher training kit for new communities remains available through the MIEMSS EMS for Children and Region V office partnership.

We would like to thank President Powell for the appointment we have worked very hard to ensure that the children of this state have the means for education and knowledge for a Fire and Life Safety presence in and around their home. We wish to also thank Chairman Bob Collins for his continued support towards the Risk Watch program for the state. We thank you for all that you do.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryland Risk Watch Champion Management Team:

Teresa A Crisman, Chair MSFA Risk Watch Subcommittee

Marie Warner Crosson - MIEMSS Region V

Cyndy Wright-Johnson - MIEMSS EMS for Children Program

REPORT OF THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

The Rural Water Supply Committee has had a very successful year. We have assisted with two drills in the state. Drills were held in Laytonsville, Montgomery County in the fall of 2009, and in Smithsburg, Washington County in the spring of 2010. Both of these drills

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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 MSFA 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 Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Company, and the Smithsburg Volunteer Fire Company 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 this year with supporting as many students as possible. The committee with the assistance of funding from Delmarva Power, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Josephine Heimer, Bill Olsen, and several Past Presidents of the MSFA supported 10 students for the '09-'10 school year. The total amount awarded this past year was in the amount of \$28,000.00.

This brings the total to 163 students that have been supported over the years by the scholarship committee, all of which are members of the Maryland Fire Service. This is an outstanding dedication of not only our partners, but the MSFA Scholarship Committee and the MSFA and the MSFA Foundation.

This year has brought about a small change to the scholarship committee with the newly formed board for the MSFA Foundation. The scholarship funds are now administered by the foundation and work is finally beginning to accomplish the fund raising goals. This change however has brought forward a welcoming ability to enlist more corporate sponsorships since we are now able to show our 501 (C) 3 tax status. This will be a new challenge and goal for the up-coming year. I have personally been working closely with the foundation to ensure that the scholarships will be a priority of the group.

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Finally the committee this year started a new mentoring program working with each student to ensure that not only did their funding arrive on time but to ensure that their educational experience was going well. Through this mentoring program we were able to help many struggling students with items such as housing issues, getting acclimated to the college environment, and helped resolve issues of how to balance volunteering and time spent devoted to the college experience. This expanded task of the committee I think will not only help to ensure that our investment is well spent but will also afford each of our supported students with another avenue of support and assistance for issues that arise during their college challenges. I look forward to how this mentoring program will grow in the up-coming years.

In closing I wish to thank President Powell, 1st Vice President Cox and 2nd Vice President Lewis for allowing me to serve again as the chair of this committee. I also would like to thank each and every member of the committee for your outstanding dedication and hard work this past year.

Respectfully submitted:

G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

**REPORT OF THE MSFA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE
INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC)**

As the MSFA representative to the State Interoperability Executive Committee, I have attended most meetings and represented the interest of the volunteer fire and rescue service of our state. During my tenure, an RFP (Request for Proposals) has been issued to begin the early stages of a statewide 700mhz radio communications system. This system will ultimately provide a tremendous potential for all jurisdictions to increase statewide interoperability.

In addition to the radio system, an RFP for a statewide computer aided dispatch system has also been developed and issued. Numerous projects funded by the Public Safety Interoperability Communications Grant (PSIC) are in process and moving forward. Additional towers, expanded communications and internet capabilities are being constructed.

As the MSFA representative, I have also been directly involved in several issues of interest to the fire/rescue service such as the 700mhz "D" Block and testing of cell phone blocking technology. This committee provides an excellent forum and opportunity to interface with many of our partner agencies.

Respectfully,
Clarence "Chip" Jewell, Representative

REPORT OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

President Powell, First Vice President Cox, Second Vice President Lewis, Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the 118th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Training Committee this year took on the task of visiting each of the State of Maryland Training Regions for our meetings as well as discussions on regional training issues. The committee's intention was also the updating of the MSFA 10 year Training Plan. Unfortunately, as we all know Mother Nature took control and we had the hardest winter in Maryland's history. At this writing the training committee visited:

Montgomery County, Maryland July 26, 2009
Allegany County, Maryland October 11, 2009
Carroll County, Maryland February 21, 2010
Cecil County, Maryland April 11, 2010

Attendance at the regional meetings from companies we visited was low but the content, questions, and dialogue made up for lack of members. There seems to be a constant question regarding training classes within the state and the number of students signing up. MFRI continues to be open minded to the requests and will work jointly with any region to work out the concerns. A further concern was that some classes are geared strictly for certification. It has been recommended that instructors periodically review the materials in advance and recommend appropriate changes. It remains the goal of the committee to visit the Southern Maryland and Eastern Shore areas and incorporate any input from those regions before we intend on finalizing the 10-year plan. As always the meetings are open to any Maryland Fire Company and we welcome their input to training issues and needs. Although the 10-year plan update is incomplete at this writing, the committee would like to thank our partners and especially committee member Mark Bilger for all his help in putting this document together. Once completed it is the training committee's intention to put the plan on the MSFA website as well as other partners that are appropriate in order to make it readily available and to save in printing costs.

At the request of President Powell two new liaisons were added to the training committee that included CHART and State Highway Administration.

This year the MSFA Training Committee has tried to put out as many Training Announcements on its portion of the MSFA website, but has been in competition with the numerous other agencies that provide training. It is the hope that there can be a future on line, up to date area on the website that will be able to consolidate training in one user-friendly area.

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It has been recommended that the Zembower Training Award requirements be reviewed and updated. Due to the lateness of the request they will be reviewed and in place before the next MSFA Convention.

We would like to thank the member companies that hosted our meetings, the committee members and liaisons that attended as well as the officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel "Skip" Mahan, Chair
Co-Chairman Johnie F. Roth, Jr.

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 as it was in the previous year. As of May 1, 2010, there are still companies that have not returned their recertification packages. Letters were mailed to these companies in late August urging them to complete the packages and followed up with letters from MSFA President Powell in September. The recertification is a requirement for member companies that are part of the MSFA and have MSFA logo tags. If a company no longer has MSFA logo tags, we need to know that by a letter from the President of that company. This would meet the requirement and those members that no longer possess the tags would be deleted from our data base. However, it is very important that the information provided in the letter is accurate, because MVA will be notified to flag the tag. This means when the tag renewal comes up, the member would receive a letter from MVA stating that their tag cannot be renewed.

Several meetings and numerous working sessions were held this year and will continue in the year ahead to update the data base with changes from the recertification process.

The amount of recertification fees received from March 2008 to April 2010 was \$28,385.00. This is down from the fees collected in the 2003 Recertification.

There were approximately 400 tags issued this year. This number is also down from previous years. I feel this is due to the economic conditions that exist today with fewer people purchasing new or used vehicles.

This year there were three (3) County Coordinators that were replaced. Kent County's coordinator is now Henrietta Maloney from the Chestertown VFC, Queen Anne's coordinator is now Alfred B. Britton, Jr. from Goodwill Fire Company of Centreville and Rick Blair with the Washington County Fire & Rescue Association is helping out in that county.

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I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. I wish to extend a special thank you to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, Ann McGill, Past President Underwood and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, for the work done this year. I wish to extend my thanks to President Powell for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

REPORT OF THE WATER CRAFT COMMITTEE

President Powell, Vice Presidents Cox and Lewis, Chairman Carter, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 118th 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.

- **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/) and have that certificate in their possession while operating a vessel. The Watercraft Committee endorses the need for the boater safety course for fire boat operators; however given the nature of emergency response it is difficult to assure that operators will have the certificate in their possession. Clarification was received from Superintendent of the Maryland Natural Resources Police, Colonel George Johnson, that fire/rescue vessels are exempt from display of registration sticker and numbering on the vessel and having the paper registration in the vessel while under operation. Additionally operators are exempt from the regulations concerning boater safety education, including having their certification in possession while operating the vessel. The written response from Colonel Johnson can be found on the MSFA website under the Watercraft Committee.
- **Interface with other agencies:** Support was given to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other state agencies in the development of the Maritime Strategic Security Plan. Information concerning the survey to collect information on waterborne resources was sent out via the MSFA email list. Thanks to all who responded with your information. Committee members have been in attendance

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at various local, regional, statewide, and national meetings to network on water related emergencies including the Baltimore Sector Coast Guard conference and the Maryland Severe Storms conference.

- **Upcoming issues:** The committee will be meeting to review information gained from the above items for action needed by the MSFA. I have also been approached with a request to review the current MSFA Watercraft Standards for concurrence with actual practice. Additionally the committee will be looking into the interface with the recently activated Maryland Maritime Tactical Operations Group, a law enforcement centric organization providing services on the waterways of the state.

I would again 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 and emergency response. Information on all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

I would also encourage departments with any questions related to water rescue to 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 Powell and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. The Committee looks forward to continuing its' work with each of you and others in the coming year.

Submitted for the Service by:
Todd "Scuba" Johnson, Chair

REPORT OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE \$10,000 RAFFLE

President Powell, officers and members of the MSFA and MSFALA, the 2009 raffle, which was conducted from June 2008 through June 2009, yielded a total of \$ 54,877.00. The expenses totaled \$18,866.00 which left a profit of \$36,021.00.

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Counter sales at the 2009 convention produced \$6,554.00 and the remaining \$48,323.00 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 \$18,965.00. This is the seventh 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, 36% of the MSFA member companies did not!

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

The returns by county were:

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| Allegany \$ 2,595.00 | Howard \$ 850.00 |
| Anne Arundel \$4,112.00 | Kent \$ 407.00 |
| Baltimore \$ 2,283.00 | Montgomery \$ 3,057.00 |
| Calvert \$1,008.00 | Prince Georges \$ 2,451.00 |
| Caroline \$ 347.00 | Queen Anne's \$ 700.00 |
| Carroll \$1,777.00 | Somerset \$ 587.00 |
| Cecil \$1,126.00 | St Mary's \$1,707.00 |
| Charles \$1,237.00 | Talbot \$ 100.00 |
| Dorchester \$ 761.00 | Washington \$1,214.00 |
| Frederick \$1,560.00 | Wicomico \$ 642.00 |
| Garrett \$ 267.00 | Worcester \$ 570.00 |
| Harford \$18,965.00 | |

Expenses for 2008-2009 Raffle

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| \$ 12,500.00 Prizes |
| \$ 4,236.00 Printing |
| \$ 2,040.00 OC Sunfest & Springfest fees |
| \$ 65.00 Darlington Apple Fest |
| \$ 25.00 Raffle license (Worcester Co) |
| \$ 54,887.00 Total Sales |
| \$18,866.00 Total Expenses |
| \$ 36,021.00 Total Profit |
| Prize Winners for 2008-2009 Raffle |
| 1st \$10,000 Savage Vol. Fire Co, Howard Co, MD |
| 2nd \$1,500 Evelyn Graf, Pasadena, MD |
| 3rd \$500 Eileen Davis, Zionsville, IN |
| 4th \$100 Tracy Sandidge, Avenue, MD |
| 5th \$100 Stacey Snyder, Berlin, MD |
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| 7th \$100 Cody Hopkins, Chesapeake City, MD |
| 8th \$100 Cathy O'Neill, Jarrettsville, MD |

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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 2009-2010 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 conference and convention.

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

REPORT OF THE MSFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This past year has allowed your Trustees to continue our efforts in increasing the Death And Disability Benefits. We began by requesting a \$25,000 increase in our Legislative funding. To date we have not received any notice regarding that request, but will request this increase every year. This additional funding is our effort to raise the Benefit for our members out of the Poverty Level.

The Trustee did increase benefits again this year, and created an improved application process. The Trustees would like to acknowledge, and thank our Executive members for their Support last year. Please remember to visit our site on MSFA.org. All of the procedures, and applications can be found on this site.

Lastly I would like to thank PP Gene Worthington, PP Terry Thompson, Vice Chair Danny Carpenter, and Douglas Alexander, your very dedicated Trustees. Thank You on behalf of the Trustees for the Opportunity to Serve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Hales, Chairman

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PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY
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SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

6:00 Joint Officers Banquet - Main Ball Room- By Invitation only

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010

8:00 Exhibitor's Registration - Convention Center-Ground Floor

9:00 MSFA Executive Meeting - Convention Center-Room 208

10:00-12:00 Convention Registration - Foyer 2nd Floor

10:00-12:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer

10:00-2:00 FREE BUS PASSES - Lower Level

10:00 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Upper level Rooms 215-217. Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational worship service for the entire family

10:00-5:00 Education and Training Seminars - Convention Center - East Hall

11:00-2:00 Flea Market - Rear of Convention Center-Free Admission

5:00 Joint Memorial Service - Convention Center Main Ballroom- Dress Uniforms Sea of Blue Line up in the East Hall

8:30 Movie on the Beach, "The Blind Side" 27th Street Oceanfront.

Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010

8:00 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer

8:00-2:00 Free Bus Passes - Lower Level

8:30 CALL TO ORDER - President Roger

Powell-Convention Center Ball Room

OPENING CEREMONIES

(Ladies are excused after the opening is complete)

9:00 Exhibits open

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010

FIRST SESSION

12:00-12:45 REGISTRATION

1:00 CALL TO ORDER - President Kathy Knipple

Presentation of Colors - Color Bearers Stephanie Holsinger, Lori Denbow

Invocation by Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson

Pledge to the Flag - President Kathy Knipple

Conference Song - Music Chairman Susan Derlunas

Welcome - Convention Chairman Flo Collins

Greetings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Nomination of Officers 2010-2011

Reading of Election Rules by Corresponding Secretary Darby Byrd

Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents

Recognition of Guests

Recognition of MSFA President Roger Powell

Report of the Credentials - Chairman Fran Fusco

Approval of the Minutes - Recording Secretary Sherry Soper

Report of the Treasurer Carol Hayden

Report of the Financial Secretary - Ann Price-Davis

AWARDS CEREMONY

Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary

Hall of Fame induction - Chairman Leone Gatton P.P.

Honey Award - Leonard King, P.P. MSFA

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary Darby Byrd

Unfinished Business

Door Prize Drawings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Benediction - Vice Chaplain Vivian Morgan Boyd

Recess

3:45 MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST - MAIN BALLROOM

4:30 Exhibits Close - No entry into exhibits areas after 4:15pm

7:00 MSFA Family Night at Jolly Rogers Amusement Park

Music, Food, Fun and Rides. Menu: ¼ lb burgers, all beef hot dogs, Italian sausage w/peppers and onions, Italian pasta salad, red skin potato salad, soda and water. Four hours of unlimited amusement park rides, miniature golf and go cart track usage included. Ticket required

7:30 LONGABERGER BASKET & VERA BRADLEY PURSE

BINGO

Convention Center - Ballroom C (Doors open at 6:30) Ticket Required

TUESDAY JUNE 15, 2010

SECOND SESSION

8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION

BALLOTING - Only the person with the Chairman of Delegates' Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's badge.

9:00 CALL TO ORDER - President Kathy Knipple

Invocation - Chaplain Barbara Sue Nelson

Recognition of Guests

Report of the Fire Prevention - Chairman Jane Huffman

Report of the Election Committee - Chairman Alvera Miller P.P.

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Recess

Meeting of the 2010-2011 Officers, Past Presidents and Pages in the front of the room with Installing Officer Lois Hetz P.P.

12:30-3:30 ALL YOU CAN EAT CONVENTION CENTER LUNCH

BUFFET EAST HALL - Menu: Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fried chicken, Italian Sausage w/peppers and onions, carved Steamship of Beef, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Cucumber and onion, salad, lots of sides, fixings and beverages. **Cost \$11.00**

4:30 Exhibits Close

4:00-10:00 FAMILY PICNIC AND BEACH PARTY - OCEAN

PINES BEACH CLUB Coastal Highway between 49th and 50th Streets

Menu: Herb baked chicken, grilled burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, cole slaw, beer, water and sodas included. Games, DJ, Food, Music, Volleyball on the beach, plus lots of entertainment for the whole family. Ticket required

6:00 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Main Ball Room

Presentation by Newly Elected Officers - Upper Foyers

10:00 PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST - Main Ball Room

WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2010

THIRD SESSION

7:30 PRAYER BREAKFAST - Convention Center-East Hall-Rooms 201-206

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:15 CALL TO ORDER - President Sandi Lutz

Invocation - Chaplain

Dismissal 2009-2010 Committees

Except Ads/Patrons by P.P. Kathy Knipple

OFFICERS REPORTS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS President Sandi Lutz

New Business

Good of the Order

Door Prizes - Ocean City Auxiliary

Adjourn Convention Meeting

Benediction - Vice Chaplain

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 17, 2010

9:00 MSFA Executive Committee Meeting-Convention Hall Room 206

FRIDAY JUNE 18, 2010

7:30 MSFA Golf Tournament - Eagles Landing Golf Course

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year has gone by so quickly. It seems like I just left Ocean City to start my year and now it has come to an end. I have many wonderful memories to cherish for the rest of my life.

I have had the privilege of traveling across this great state by attending many auxiliary meetings, county meetings, and county conventions, committee meetings and the MSFA executive meetings. I have met many wonderful people who I feel honored to call my friends. I want to thank everyone for their invitations. To those whose invitations that I could not attend, I apologize but I sent one of my fellow officers to represent the LAMSFA in my place. I traveled over 10,000 miles attending over 100 events.

It was with great sorrow that I attended and participated in the viewings for Past President Nettie Fox and Past Conference Chairman Mary Scully, the viewing of Web Committee Chairman Mary Russell and participating in the memorial service for Past President Robin Browning.

I attended Taneytown Auxiliary's 60th Anniversary banquet and presented them with a resolution on their accomplishments and I also attended Leonardtown Auxiliary's 75th Anniversary banquet and presented them with a resolution on their accomplishments. I attended and judged Chestertown's 100th Anniversary parade along with other officers. Sandi Lutz, Teresa Crisman and I attended the Legislative Reception in Annapolis. To my home auxiliary and fire company, I appreciate and THANK YOU for all your support and generosity. It has been my honor to represent the Junior Fire Co. No. 2, Inc. of Frederick, MD.

To the Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association thank you for your support and generosity.

To my LAMSFA officers, committee chairmen, committee members and auxiliary members, THANK YOU for all of your support, dedication and hard work. I feel that we had a successful year. To all of the Past Presidents, THANK YOU for your support and guidance. To my Past President, Betty Grabenstein, THANK YOU for all of your support and guidance as I went up through the chairs. To Brenda Harrison, my Page, THANK YOU for all of your support and for being my travel companion and sounding board for the past several years. To MSFA President Roger Powell, it has been a pleasure serving this year with you. I wish much success to 1st Vice President Doyle Cox and 2nd Vice President David Lewis as you lead the MSFA.

To my family, THANK YOU, for your support and letting me be away from all of your events

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this past year. I will be returning soon and enjoying more time with all of my grandchildren whose birthdays I have missed this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Knipple, President

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

It has been a pleasure to serve the LAMSFA as Senior Vice President this year. I have attended all of the MSFA Executive meetings, the MSFA Legislative Reception, Fire Prevention meetings, Fire Prevention Queen Judgings, your local Sunday Breakfast fundraisers, many County meetings and banquets. I want to thank everyone for their invitations. Lee and I have enjoyed sharing your special moments and accomplishments. I have traveled approximately 6,000 miles this year.

Where do I start in thanking so many people that have helped me archive so much? To my family, Lee for attending as many events and meetings as his schedule would allow, to Lesa, thanks for jumping in when your father couldn't, it's been fun having you there, to Camryne for always being willing to go to the parades with me. I look forward to sharing the coming year with my family.

To my Past President, Eloise Healy, thank you so much for your guidance these past years even when your health wouldn't permit you to be in Maryland. And the two ladies we lost this 2009-2010 year, Past President Robin Browning who was gracious enough to be my P.P. twice in my climb through the chairs. She was always there when I had a question or needed advice. And my very best friend, Mary Russell, she was always willing to help in anything I would ask of her and did it with a great smile. Both of these ladies were very instrumental in making the LAMSFA a great organization and I miss them both.

To the Glenn Dale Fire Association, Inc and Auxiliary thank you for your support and words of encouragement, and the West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad and Auxiliary thank you for your support. To the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association and the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association thank you for your support over the years.

To Doyle, my MSFA partner, I look forward to the coming year and the adventures that it will bring.

To my fellow LAMSFA officers I look forward to working with you in 2010-2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi T. Lutz, Sr. Vice President

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

This past year I set several goals for me and one very special goal was started three years ago. As the Safe Kids Coordinator for Prince George's County I've worked very closely to ensure that the children of this state are protected and I've worked behind the scenes to seek support to pass legislation to ban a very dangerous product found on so many shelves across this state.

During this past Legislative Session I've traveled to Annapolis countless times to work on House Bill 191 and Senate Bill 226: Prohibition of the Sale of Novelty Lighters to this state. I have learned that Annapolis is a crazy place. I worked very closely with the State Fire Marshal and his Aide Jane Edwards to help support the passage of these laws. I was pleased to see that the House Judiciary Committee passed the bill but saddened to see that the Senate did not feel the same and that the Judicial Proceedings Committee felt that it was not important. I again will be working with the State Fire Marshal's Office to support the upcoming year in finding ways to make our community safe.

Again listed below are the committees respective response to the votes:

Criminal Law — Sale of Novelty Lighters — Prohibition FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling at retail, offering for sale at retail, or distributing for retail sale in the State a novelty lighter; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the sale of novelty lighters.

House Judiciary Committee Members

VOTE Count — 14 to 7 — Favorable with Amendment - Amendment is to make the bill into law at signing and not wait until October as stated.

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

VOTE Count — 6 to 5 — Favorable Motion Fails

I would like to thank Danny Davis and the whole Legislative Committee for their support and hard work. I think if we did not have 17 State Circle watching over us the Fire Service in Maryland would have a long hard road to hull. Thank you Danny and all of the ladies that worked each day for us. Your support and commitment towards the fire service is truly and never ending journey. Thank you.

So for now the issue will stand and in the upcoming sessions work will once again begin to support the needed measures to ensure that our citizens of this great state are protected from devices that miss lead and cause harm to them.

LAMSFA MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Since the Fall Conference, I've been working on retaining and recruiting new members. I am pleased to announce that we have a new auxiliary and they are from the Betterton Fire Department in Kent County. A check for \$20.00 was received and passed onto the Financial Secretary. I also worked with the Grasonville Ladies Auxiliary and they have become active once again coming out of the rears.

Again, I wish to thank each and every one of you for allowing me this opportunity. This organization is built on the efforts of everyone even though I stand before you as an officer I strive to meet the marks set before me. I've never stated that this position is given due to popularity or because I want it. I stand before each and every one of you and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you in expanding the efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Thank you is one of the most common phrases found in the English Language. Thank you for all that each of you does to instill the efforts of your own Auxiliary. I wish to thank some very important people in my life.

To President Knipple I congratulate you on a great year. You've done an outstanding job and thank you for your support this past year.

To my Parents...Mom and Dad thanks for being there with me.

To Kitty and Frankie thank you for your support, I truly appreciate everything.

To the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. and the Ladies Auxiliary and to the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary for all that you do each and everyday.

To Mrs. Bordas and Aunt Marne thank you especially for your hard work.

To Jay and Nancy even though you both have retired and travel everywhere, I thank you for the phone calls and the words of encouragement.

To Mrs. Gardiner & Aunt Marian and Aunt Careen thanks for everything. Thank you for everything this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Crisman, Jr. Vice President

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It has been a pleasure to serve as Recording Secretary for the LAMSFA for 2009-2010. President Kathy Knipple asked me to represent her and the LAMSFA at many banquets this year and it was indeed my pleasure to do so. Thank You to all those Auxiliaries and their ladies for all their hospitality and kindness shown to me and my guest at those events.

I had the opportunity this year to attend and serve as a judge on occasion, at many of our County as well as MSFA Miss and Jr. Miss Fire Prevention Contests. It is an amazing experience seeing the Fire Prevention knowledge that these young ladies have and the commitment they have made in educating and promoting Fire and Life Safety in our organization and State, as well as their Home Counties and Associations.

As I traveled, I had the opportunity to see this great State of ours and make new friendships that I will hold dear forever. I traveled over 2,000 miles this year.

To my fellow Officers, both MSFA and LAMSFA, Thank You for all your friendships and courtesys this year. We have shared moments that will be remembered for a life time. I would like to Thank my P.P. Peggy Webb, my daughter Amanda, my Auxiliary of Woodsboro, special friends and traveling companions Ruth Martin and Kay Ensor, the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, and President Mickey Flock as well as Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Ladies Auxiliary, and President Jean Wetzel-Main for their continued support.

To the in-coming Officers for 2010-2011, MSFA and LAMSFA, I hope you enjoy a very successful year and look forward to working with all of you. If there is anything I can do for you, I am just a phone call away.

Respectfully,
Sharon E. "Sherry" Soper
Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

It has been an honor, a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chaplain to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association 2009-2010. Thanks to all the Auxiliaries that sent me invitations to their events this year. It's has been great to meet new people and make new friendships.

It has been a sad year with the passing of two past Presidents, a past Conference Chair and our Web Page Chairperson.

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In January, 2010 Past President Nettie Fox passed away. Nettie served as LAMSFA President in 1957-1958; she received the Honey award in 2002 and was placed in the Hall of Fame in 2002. She also was Bessie Marshall Chair 1964 thru 1969 and in 1981 thru 1987. Nettie had many other accomplishments in all her years of dedicated service with the LAMSFA, the Prince George's County Auxiliary and with her own Auxiliary.

In February, 2010 Past President Robin Browning passed away. Robin served as LAMSFA President in 1997-1998; she was the Liaison to the Maryland Fire Rescue Service Memorial Foundation and was also their Secretary. She was placed In the Hall of Fame in 2002 and she had many other accomplishments with The LAMSFA, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter's Association and her own Auxiliary.

In January, 2010 Mary Jane Scully passed away. Mary Jane served as Conference Chair in 1985-1986, she received the Honey award in 1997 and was placed in the Hall of Fame in 2002. Mary Jane served on the Fire Prevention Committee for the LAMSFA for many years and was very devoted to it. Mary Jane also had many other accomplishments with the LAMSFA, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association and her own Auxiliary.

In October, 2009 Mary Russell passed away. Mary served as Web Page Chairman for several years and was placed in the Hall of Fame in 2009. Mary had many other accomplishments with the LAMSFA, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Prince George's Firemen's Association and her own auxiliary.

These Ladies were very dedicated and will be greatly missed. Several other Auxiliaries had members that passed away in 2009-2010. I extend my sincere sympathy to all the Auxiliaries and to the family members.

I would like to congratulate LAMSFA President Kathy Knipple for a great job she has done and I would like to thank her and all my fellow officers for a great friendship. It's great to work with all of them.

It's been a pleasure working with MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long. I would like to thank him for all his help. I would also like to thank Rev. Harry Hetz for all his help. He has gone out of his way to help and support me and it has been greatly appreciated. I would tell all the future Chaplains if you have a question just ask Rev. Hetz, he has helped in the past and I know he will help in the future. Thanks to his wife Lois for letting all of us use his knowledge.

I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association for all their support. Special thanks to the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for their support and for always being there for me and to the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department, they are all a special group of people.

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Thanks to my Past President Bobbie McWilliams, my page and Mother-n-Law Cely Nelson and my last year's page Barbara Fenwick Lacey. I greatly appreciate all their help and support. A special thanks to my family, husband Speedy, son J.A., daughter-in-law Candie, granddaughter Makenna and Mom Lois. They are always there for me and I cherish all their support. May God watch over all of you while you are in Ocean City and keep you safe when you return home.

Listed below are the names of the deceased Auxiliary members received by March 2010. May they always be in our hearts and memories for ever. We know they are at peace with the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sue Nelson, Chaplain

Deceased Auxiliary Members

Allegany

Bedford Road Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - Gertrude A. Gillum
Bowling Green Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Blanch A. Gillum
Bowling Green Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Lois Rowan
Bowling Green Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Ester L. Yeager
Bowmans Addition VFD Aux. - Mary M. Minnick
Flintstone Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - Hilda Mae Lough
Midland Fire Co. #1 Aux. - Edna M. Downton
Oldtown Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. Hazel Haugh
Shaft Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Wilma L. Spiker

Anne Arundel

Maryland City Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Jean Hussey
Odenton Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Janet Y. Shelly

Baltimore

Bowley Quarters VFD Ladies Aux. - Rosalie Eichelberger
Bowley Quarters VFD Ladies Aux. - Lois J. Clavell
Bowley Quarters VFD Ladies Aux. - Frances Eckhardt
Bowley Quarters VFD Ladies Aux.- Annie (Nancy) M. Reed-Mack
Bowley Quarters VFD Ladies Aux. - Marlene Morris
Ladies Aux. Cockeysville Vol. Fire Co. - Margaret L. Powers
Glyndon Ladies Aux. - La Rue Brown
Glyndon Ladies Aux. - Betty Curtis
Glyndon Ladies Aux. - Kate Gossard
Wise Avenue Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Sherry Brooks
Wise Avenue Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Francis Hobbs
Wise Avenue Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Jean Kimbel

Calvert

North Beach Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.- Thelma Robinson

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St. Leonard Co. 7 Alarmers - Nancy Anderson

Carroll

Aux. of the Gamber & Community Fire Co. Inc. - Dorothy Waltz

Aux. to the Hampstead Vol. Fire Dept. - Helen H. Hoffman

Lineboro Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - John (Jack) Lilley

Manchester Fire Eng.\ Hook & Ladder FC I Aux.- Pansy Street

Aux. to the Mount Airy Vol. Fire Co. - Edna P. Titus

Aux. to the Mount Airy Vol. Fire Co. - Richard W. Janney, Jr.

Pleasant Valley Aux. - Mary Utz

Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Barbara L. Zepp

Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Ruth L. Conaway

Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Marie B. Will

Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Celeste S. Barnes

Cecil

North East Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Laura E. Craig Locard

Ladies Aux. Singerly Fire Co. - Virginia Davidson

Charles

Aux. of the Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept. - Gloria Campbell

Frederick

Aux. of the Junior Fire Co. # 2 - William W. Leatherman

Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - Ethelene Eaton

Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - Anne MacMiller

Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - Evelyn Riddle

Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - William W. Leatherman

Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. - Jean Bales

Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Cleo Derry

Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Mary J. Harris

Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. - Henrietta Dixon

Garrett

Accident Aux. - Garnet A. Ringer

Accident Aux. - Hazel E. Margraff

Bittinger Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Ruth M. Buckel

Bittinger Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Loretta Mae Opel

Deep Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Alma M. Wachter

Deer Park Aux. - Lorena G. Smith

Deer Park Aux. - Alverta R. Sweiter

Deer Park Aux.- Betty Jane Wilderson

Eastern Garrett VFD & Rescue Aux. - Mildred Boyer Baker

Eastern Garrett VFD & Rescue Aux. - Martha J. Burlock

Gorman Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Mable L. Blamble

Grantsville Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Martha F. Sebold

Kitzmiller Fire Ladies Aux. - Carol Stewart

Southern Garrett City Rescue Squad Aux. - Beverly J. Hook

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Harford

Abington Fire Co. - Phoebe L. Sewell
Joppa-Magnolia Vol. Fire Co. - Jean E. Skillman
Joppa-Magnolia Vol. Fire Co. - Charlotte Spicer

Howard

Ladies Aux. of the Lisbon Vol. Fire Co. - Anna May Harrison

Kent

Millington Aux. - Lucinda "Lucy" Martin
Millington Aux. - Florence Stevens
Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co. Aux.- Ida W. Hickman

Montgomery

Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Barbara J. Ward
Upper Montgomery City. VFD, Aux. - Rebecca A. Selby Brooks
Upper Montgomery City. VFD. Aux. - Mary S. Brown Williams
Upper Montgomery City. VFD. Aux. - Elsie L. Zalinski

Prince George's

Accokeek Vol. Fire Co. Aux.- Peggy Kreamer
Baden Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Dorothy Thornburg
Beltsville Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.- Barbara Parsley
Capitol Heights Vol. Fire Co. Number One - Mary M. Russell
Clinton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Clara J. "Jan" Hixon
Forestville Vol. Fire Dept. LA - Jane M. Smith
Forestville Vol. Fire Dept. LA - Josephine Cunningham
Forestville Vol. Fire Dept. LA- Dorma Dealing
Aux. of the Glenn Dale Fire Assoc.- Helen "Tootsie" Frostbutter
Greenbelt Vol. FD.& Rescue Squad - Mary Donna Manguam
Hillside Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Carrie L. Letcher
Hillside Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Josephine Cunningham
Ladies Aux. of the Landover Hills VFD - Nettle E. Fox
Morningside Vol. Fire Dept. LA - Henrietta Tretler
Oxon Hill Ladies Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Gloria Campbell
West Lanham Hills Vol. Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad Aux. - Joyce Umphlet Mayes

Queen Anne's

Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - M. Louise Lancaster
Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Dorothy A. Fazenbaker
Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. - Pearl H. Newman

Somerset

Aux. of the Mount Vernon VFD - Margie Holbrook

St. Mary's

Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Margaret E. Gulli
Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Fern Clarke
Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Helen Spalding Mattingly

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Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Mary Jane Scully
Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Mary C. Bell
Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Joyce A. Mattingly
Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD, Inc. - Patricia A. Muchow
Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. LA - Ella R. "Rae" Lee
Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. LA - Elizabeth Burroughs Raley
Seventh District Vol. Rescue Squad Aux - Cynthia R. Emerson
Seventh District Vol. Rescue Squad Aux. - Annie K. Murphy
Seventh District Vol. Rescue Squad Aux - M. Lillian "Sissy" Hartnett

Wicomico

Fruitland Ladies Aux. - Katherine Hobbs

REPORT OF THE BESSIE MARSHALL BENEFIT FUND

The Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund would like to thank everyone for their continued support to this fund. As of this date we have paid 50 cases for a total of \$40,500.00. This year was the first time we have increased the payments in many years. As of now you may receive up to six weeks (\$900.00). Remember this fund is for FIRE/EMS members only. We do not pay for ladies auxiliary members. This fund, started in the early 1930's, was established for disabled firemen not hurt in the line of duty. It is our part of contributing to the support of our volunteer fire and EMS members in their need of help.

The Ladies Auxiliaries and Fire Department continued support of the annual lottery and the convention 50-50 along with the other raffles held at the conferences has been very helpful in keeping up with the case demand. But due to the great demand this year for help from our firemen, we have had to withdraw \$10,000.00 from our Savings Account. That is what that Savings Account is for but we do not want to drain it. Please remember this when you receive your 50-50 tickets and your lottery tickets. It takes all of us as a "Family" to be here for our fire/EMS members. Thanks in advance for your support to these raffles. My sincere thanks to all of the Auxiliaries and Fire Departments for your continued donations to the fund. We have received thousands of dollars this year in honor or in memory of a member. This is a good way to support your member and the Bessie Marshall Fund.

My thanks to my committee members for working all of the fund raising events. You have made my job much nicer. My thanks to President Kathy Knipple for my appointment. It has been my pleasure to serve this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Huttenloch, Chair

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the members of the LAMSFA Fire Prevention Committee, I would like to thank President Kathy Knipple for our appointment this past year. It has been our pleasure to serve this organization.

I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Jane Scully. Mrs. Scully was a dedicated member of the committee for many years and her family's loss is felt by all of us.

This year, I had the opportunity to attend the ICC (International Code Council) hearing in Baltimore, in which voting members of the code council overwhelmingly supported a residential fire sprinkler requirement for all new one- and two-family homes and townhouses. Approximately 1500 firefighters and building officials were in attendance for the vote. Quite a spectacular day for firefighters across the nation!

This year, our special fire prevention project was a handmade pot holder. We had 29 entries submitted for judging. I am very pleased to announce that we also had 2 Jane Todd and 2 Silver Spring nominees this year. Congratulations to all of the nominees! Thank you to the company leaders who took their time to acknowledge the good work of their members. The fire and life safety activities performed through their companies and auxiliaries definitely make a difference to the citizens of their communities. All fire prevention entries were taken to the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Headquarters for judging. I'm sure the judges had a tough time choosing the winners, as they were all great!

Thank you to all of the members who chose to support our raffles throughout the year. As of this writing (4/28/2010), we have turned in \$1500 in profit. Please visit our Fire Prevention booth on the 2nd floor to get your 50/50 raffle tickets!

I would like to thank my committee members for their dedication over the years. Their knowledge of the committee makes my job easy!

I would like to thank Bowie Station 43 and the Orchard Beach VFD for use of their stations for our meetings and to Teresa Crisman and John Spiker for hosting the meetings.

Many "thanks" to MSFA Fire Prevention chairperson Bobby Collins for always including the ladies in the MSFA meetings and welcoming our participation. I look forward to working with you again in the future.

My Congratulations to President Knipple on a very successful year!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Huffman, Chairperson

**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".

A total of 1,143 auxiliary members qualified for the 2009 Maryland State Income Tax Subtraction. Listed below are the counties, the number of qualifying auxiliary members and the County Point System Coordinator.

| County | Number | County Coordinator |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Allegheny | 74 | Norma Clark |
| Anne Arundel | 36 | Patti Kidwell |
| Baltimore | 33 | Martha Spangler |
| Calvert | 46 | Peg Richardson |
| Caroline | 29 | Deana Bell |
| Carroll | 111 | Pat Spangler |
| Cecil | 45 | Doris Lloyd |
| Charles | 69 | Carol Flint |
| Dorchester | 4 | Mary A. Dulin |
| Frederick | 3 | Debbie Perkins |
| Garrett | 18 | Renee Jones |
| Harford | 17 | Donita A. Dietz |
| Howard | 21 | Patty Thompson |
| Kent | 23 | Shirley Crater |
| Montgomery | 84 | Peggy A. Webb |
| Prince George's | 134 | Ann Marie McGill |
| Queen Anne's | 30 | Debra Shelton |
| Somerset | 13 | Mary F. Whitelock |
| St. Mary's | 141 | Becky Wathen |
| Talbot | 41 | Mary A. Dulin |
| Washington | | Losap Program |
| Wicomico | 125 | Kimberly Figgs |
| Worcester | 46 | Joanne Wagner |
| TOTAL | 1143 | |

The following is a listing of the number of years of service and the percentage of members qualified for the incentive.

% of Members Qualified

Years of Service for the Incentive

3 to 10 years 37%

11 to 20 years 23%

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21 to 30 years 16%
31 to 40 years 12%
41 to 50 years 7%
51 to 60 years 4%
61 to 69 years 1%

An interesting element of the information listed above is the range of service years from 3 to 69 years. 60% of Auxiliary members have less than 21 years of service, 39% of members range between 21 and 60 years of service with 1% having more than 61 years of service.

Included in the 1% are 6 members who earned many more than the minimum of 50 points. On behalf our Committee, we extend our appreciation and are pleased to recognize these six members -- from Caroline County, Betty Schevel; from Cecil County, Virginia Marcus; from Montgomery County, Peggy A Webb and Edna G. Fiske; and from Wicomico County, Marguerite Smith and Annabelle Johnson.

A special thank you to all of the Auxiliary and County Point System Coordinators for performing our record keeping duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie G. Shultz, Coordinator

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Knipple, Officers, Members, and Guests, it has been a pleasure for me to serve as Chair of the Ladies Auxiliary Legislative Committee this year.

I would be remiss if I did not let the membership know what a dedicated team we have at 17 State Circle. The committee met at the office for a general clean-up just prior to the start of the 2010 Session. The Ladies work four days a week during the 90 day session. Collectively, we served over 420 hours in the office. Our duties still consist of reading all House and Senate Bills (approximately 2,689) looking for anything that concerns the Fire and EMS service. We help with the Weekly Legislative Bulletin. Due to the advancement in computer technology, we are able to email the bulletin to approximately 200 individuals. We only mail two copies each week. On April 14, we returned to the office to clean-up, close up and prepare for the summer. Danny and Richard treated us to a delicious lunch before leaving.

On January 26, 2010, the Maryland State Firemen's Association hosted a Legislative Reception in the Miller Senate Office Building. We had approximately 200 people attending. Our committee members were there to greet guests and we assisted Past President

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Sharon Worthington, who prepared and served the food. The evening was very successful. We had a relatively calm session. The MSFA Legislative Committee monitored approximately 66 bills. Briefly, the MSFA funding stayed in place, considering the budget shortfall in so many agencies. The "Move Over" bill passed and the bill that increases the amount of money the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund will receive from moving violations legislation. The Novelty Lighter bill received an unfavorable report and did not pass. I had the opportunity to testify along with President Powell and Past President and Chairman of the Memorial Committee Gene Worthington on SB 715 - State Government — Commemorative Days — Firemen and Rescue Workers Memorial Service. This bill will dedicate the first Sunday in the month of June each year as a day to remember our deceased at the Memorial Site in Annapolis. The bills passed both chambers and are awaiting the Governor's signature.

As a committee, we extend our thanks to the MSFA Leadership, Legislative Chairman Danny Davis, and Legislative Vice-Chair Richard Yinger. It has been our pleasure working with you again this year.

Respectfully submitted:

Rose Davis, Chairman

Committee Members:

Carene Housenfluck

Barbara McWilliams

Candy Mitchell

Betty Radisch

Marie Soutar

Peggy Webb

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF 2010 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

ACTIVE MEMBERS

(Code: * Registered in 2010 Convention)

***ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - P.O. Box 118, 21 North Rogers Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001; Harford County; Telephone: 410-273-2121; Website: www.ABERDENN.org; Organized: 1889; Chartered: 1889; Joined MSFA: 1891; President: Russell Piper; Vice President: Lyle DeShaw; Secretary: Curtis Diering, Jr.; Treasurer: Judith Hinch; Chief: Steven C. Hinch; Delegates: C. Fred Morlok, Jr, Dale Budnick, Sr., Daniel Smith, Sr., Albert Severn, Jr., Frederick H. Budnick. Alternates: Keith Budnick, Eldon L. Budnick, Jr., Albert Severn III; Nick Weber, Shannon Budnick.

ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3306 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3955 Fax: 410-638-3964; Website: www.abingdonfc.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1932; President: Charles Williams; Vice President: Donna Averion-Laird; Secretary: Linda Dousa; Treasurer: Tom Schultz; Chaplain: Nancy Pherson; Chief: Steve Pennington. Delegates: Donna Laird, Linda Dousa, Bill Dousa, Joe King, Mark Foster. Alternates: Joe Tolliver, Charlie Kranz.

***ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - P.O. Box 50, 109 - S. South Street, Accident, MD 21520; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-746-8800; E-mail: AVFD50@Qcol.net; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1947; President: Jesse Deniker; Vice President: Adam Bach; Secretary: Shaina Saturday; Treasurer: Alva Rexrode; Chaplain: Alva Rexrode; Chief: Richard Carlson. Delegates: Allen Bach, Mike Simmons, Donald Ringer, Hobe Bowser, Alva Rexrode. Alternates: Paul Custer, Dean George, Paul Miller, Richard Carlson, Derrick Bender.

ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - P.O. Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-283-2730 Fax: 301-283-3024. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - P.O. Box 128, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-546-3515; E-Mail: AllenFireCo@aol.com; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972; President: Arthur Widdowson; Vice President:

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Kyle Kinnamon; Secretary: Sam Brannock; Treasurer: Jacob Malone, Jr; Chief: Edward Moore, Delegate: Arthur Widdowson.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 113 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3334 Fax: 301-733-9385; Website: www.antietafirecompany.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1818. President: Jeffrey L. Snyder; Vice President: Charles Cunningham; Secretary: Jamie Barkdoll; Treasurer: Robert Daveler; Chaplain: Robert McGee; Chief: James Sprecher, Jr. Delegates: James Sprecher, Jr., Travis Barkdoll, Jamie Barkdoll, Brenda Unger, James Forberger. Alternates: Corey Sprecher, Austin Barkdoll.

***ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY** - 5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-242-6601 Fax: 410-242-6962; Website: www.arbutusvfd.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, Joseph Antoszewski, Sr., Lew Harvey IV, Donald Gutberlet. Alternates: Gerald Lynott.

ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD 21155; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1576; Website: www.arcadiavfc.org; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1950. President: Roland Davidson; Vice President: Gary Snyder; Secretary: Melissa Pollack; Treasurer: Hope Hale; Chief: Gerald Krause. Delegates: Gary Snyder, Gerald Krause, Mike Rill, Tammy Boose, Roland Davidson. Alternates: None listed

***ARNOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 1, 1505 Ritchie Highway, Arnold, MD 21012; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-757-2686; Website: www.arnoldvfd.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: Kevin Knussman; Vice President: Heather Green, Secretary: Wayne Handshur; Treasurer: Tom Best; Chief: Charles Kennedy. Delegates: William Schriefer, Kevin Knussman. Alternates: None listed

***ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD 21054; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 301-261-0060 Fax: 410-

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451-4987; E-mail arundelvfd@ccconline.net; Website: www.arundelfire.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Stephen Race, Vice President: Julie Peterson; Secretary: Stephanie Jamieson; Treasurer: Joanie Seeger; Chaplain: Laura Woods; Chief: J. David Ayers. Delegates: Steve Race, Harvy Woods, Laura Woods, Carene Housenfluck, Bob Couchenour. Alternates: Marian Nicholson, Dave Ayres.

***AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - P.O. Box 528, 6270 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-3141; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Thomas Ladd; Vice President: Marvin Ladd; Secretary & 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; Website: www.badenvfd.org; 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: Paul Harris, Ray Pierce, Shirley Boswell, Buddy Boswell. Alternate: None listed.

BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 15010 Baltimore Pike, NE, Cumberland, MD 21502, Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-4170; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Shelly Woodson; Vice President: Edward Rice; Secretary: Shiela Ware; Treasurer: Beth Evans; Chief: Beth Evans; Delegates: Wayne Evans, Beth Evans, Donnie Ware, John Harr, Bucky Hardman. Alternates: Shelly Woodson, Levi Kniesley, Wayne George, Edward Rice, Doniel Pryor.

***BARTON HOSE CO. NO.1, INC.** – P.O. Box 277, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6305 Organized: 1919; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1919. President: Stanley Broadwater, Vice President: Joseph Langham; Secretary/Treasurer: John Shuhart; Chief: Wayne Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Wayne Rounds, Bill Lamberson, Courtney Frenzel Jr, Stanley Broadwater. Alternates: Gene Foutz, Marilyn Rounds, Kevin Rounds.

***BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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; Website: www.bdvfd.

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org; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Wayne Johnson; Vice Presidents: R. Keith Fairfax / Doug Medley; Secretary: Joseph A. Cooper; Treasurer: Bruce Theden; Chief: Joe Gould. Delegates: Wayne Johnson, Keith Fairfax., Joe Gould, 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; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Seth Miller; Vice President: Justin Bean; Secretary: Geena Kile; Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter; Chief: Derek Crippen. Delegates: Tim Growden, Mike Helmstetter, Derek Crippen, Seth Miller, Geena Kile. Alternates: Debbie Helmstetter

***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: Anthony Coliano Sr; Vice President: Eddie Hopkins; Secretary: Tom Fry; Treasurer: Cleat Resh; Chaplain: Rabbi Kenneth Block; Chief: Bill Snyder. Delegates: Russel Eyre, Joe Price, Gary Kadolph, Mike Lochary. Alternates: None listed

***BEL ALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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: 1963. President: Larry Fisher; Vice President: Larry Graves; Secretary: Thomas J. Hutchinson; Treasurer: Billy Robertson; Chaplain: Julian Hayden; Chief: Tom Albrittain. Delegates: Thomas Hutchinson, Larry Fisher, Jr., Tommy Albrittain, Billy Robertson, Larry Graves. Alternates: Bobby Frye, Steve Schultz, Clyde Forsee, John Hackley, Butch Hayden.

BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. 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; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Margie Dickey; Vice President: Brian Ellis; Secretary: Janice Gardiner / Lucy McDonald; Treasurer: Garry Snider, Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Al Schwartz. Delegates: Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Al Schwartz. Alternates: None listed

BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD 20612; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-

3890 Fax: 301-705-7089; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***BERWYN HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 8811 60th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-474-5587 Fax: 301-474-4505; 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: Peter Isaacson, James J. Kiernan, Paul Martein, Charles Fusco, James Ward. Alternates: Edward Rice, James Kierman, Jr, Shawn Dwyer, Kevin McVey, Jane Schmidt.

BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-652-5602 Fax: 301-656-3550; Website: www.bethesdafire.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: John Murgolo; Vice President: Virginia Miller and Jerry Morenoff; Secretary: Cliff Cohen; Treasurer: Grant Davies; Chief: Lawrence Gaddis. Delegates: Lawrence J. Gaddis, Michael Bloom, Michael Kay, James Tello, Sanford Kay. Alternates: None listed

*****BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-652-0077 Fax: 301-656-6523; Website: www.bccrs.org; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Kenneth Yazge; Vice President: Robert Kretzmer; Secretary: Kenneth Holden; Treasurer: Barbara Bryniarski; Chief: Edward Sherburne. Delegates: Kenneth Holden, Robert Gollan, Jack Hartley, George Giebel. Alternates: Edward Sherburne, Robert Kretzmer, Johnie Roth, Kenneth Yazge.

BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - P.O. Box 235, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5678 Fax: 410-348-5300; Organized: 1938. President: John Nicholson, Vice President: Bill Pumphrey; Secretary: Amanda Clark; Treasurer: Debbie Price; Chief: Jim Price. Delegates: Jim Price, John Nicholson, Tom Ewing, Debbie Price, Chad Clark. Alternates: None listed

BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - P.O. Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Rd. Bishopville, MD 21813; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-352-

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5757 Fax: 410-352-5482; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1939. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

Delegates: David Collins, John Richards, Wayne Benson, James Latchum, KC Harrington. Alternates: William Cooper, Jim Goslee.

BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 27, 176 Brennemans Road, Bittinger, MD 21522; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-245-4414; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1982. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 12 (77 North Branch Avenue) Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-359-3729 Fax: 301-359-9799; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. President: Tristan McCrobie; Vice President: Dennis Wolfe III; Secretary: Gerald Abernathy Jr; Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden; Chaplain: Paul Wilson; Chief: Daniel Bever. Delegates: Danny Bever. Alternates: None listed

BOONSBORO AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC. – P.O. Box 7, 7619 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-6979 Fax: 301-432-2265; Organized: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1997. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 15, 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-429-5200; Website: www.boringvfc.org. President: Logan Woodard; Vice President: Walter Devilbiss Jr; Secretary: Robin Freeman; Treasurer: Samuel Wesley Jr.; Chaplain: Mindy Coates; Chief: Jimmy Bosley. Delegates: Logan Woodard, William Cowan, Walter DeVilbiss Jr, Samuel Wesley, Jimmy Bosley. Alternates: Thomas Miller, James Bosley, Chris Huffman, Jacob Larkins, Henry Horner III.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 270, 3262 Superior Lane, Street Address: 15454 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-809-0122 Fax: 301-809-0123; Website: www.bowiefire.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, Jonathon Bigony, Lee Havens. Alternates: Denise Bloom.

BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 12420 McMullen Highway, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1522; Website: bowling-green-vfd.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1947. President: Ray Bradley; Vice President: Scott Flashcamp; Secretary: Lance Adams; Treasurer: Rick Ross; Chaplain: Joann Bradley; Chief: Shannon Adams. Delegates: John Wolford, Donna Struntz, Rick Ross. Alternates: None listed.

***BOWMAN'S ADDITION VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 868, 11710 Boardwalk Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-759-3272 Fax: 301-759-4322; 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: Dennis Bonner. Delegates: Justin Blacker, Aaron Blacker, Melissa Blacker, Travis Broll. Alternates: Mark Blacker, Sue Blacker.

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 320, Braddock Heights, MD 21714; 6715 Jefferson Boulevard, Frederick, MD 21703; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-371-6820; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: William Smith; Vice President: Dale Harlow; Secretary: Crystal Smith; Treasurer: John Patton; Chief: Pat McTighe Sr. Delegates: Pat McTighe Sr, Vernon M. Cassell, Doug Abrecht, John Patton, Sam Lenhart. Alternates: Crystal Smith, Dale Harlow, William Smith.

***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: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: James Crisman; Vice President: Thomas Tanner; Secretary: Emily Sze; Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood; Chief: Michael Burrier. Delegates: Frank J. Underwood, John Hughes, Ronald Leizear Jr., John Gardiner, Jennifer Wilbanks. Alternates: Jennifer Chaffin, Danielle Greene, Edward T. Norris.

BRANDYWINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine) – P.O. Box 238, 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7740 Fax: 301-372-8507; Website: www.brandywinevfd.net. President: Ronald Wilkerson; Vice President: Kenneth Rose Sr.; Secretary: Diane Daniels; Treasurer: Kenneth S. Rose, Jr.; Chaplain: Kenneth Rose Sr.; Chief: Heath Bowman. Delegates: Ronald Wilkinson, Michael Chester Lantz, Kenneth Rose, Sr., William Brierton, Larry Wilkinson. Alternates: Kenneth Rose Jr, Chad Lallier, Carol Lantz, Wm. Andrew Carr, Glenn Johnson.

***BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-0615 Fax: 301-927-0615; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1922. President: Richard Melito; Vice President: William Tavel; Secretary: Ann Chestnut; Treasurer: Cinde Reichard; Chief: Steve Hampton. Delegates: Richard Melito, Steve Hampton, William Tavel, Anne Chestnut, Jen Hampton. Alternates: Cinde Richard, Bobbi Mangum.

***BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5100 Ritchie Highway, Brooklyn, MD 21225; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-789-0242; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Charles Doegen; Vice President: Joseph Laumann; Secretary/Treasurer: Norman Ray; Chief: Charles Doegen. Delegates: Charles Doegen, Norman Ray, William Ray, Lester Helfrich, Joseph Laumann. Alternates: John Anderson, William Gibson, Phillip Laumann,

***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; Organized: 1897; Chartered: 1908; Date 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, Kevin Myers, Kenny Nicewarner. Alternates: George Houser, Jim Dixon, Clarence Webber, Matt Hoffman, Lyndi D'Amico.

BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 156, 200 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-5223 Fax: 301-834-9684; E-mail: bvfd@computercrafters.com; Website: bvfd.net; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1961. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***BRYANS ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

– P.O. Box 111, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road, MD 20616; Charles County; Telephone: 301-375-7055 Fax: 301-375-6130; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1963; Joined MSFA: 1963. President: Michael Walko; Vice President: John Allison; Secretary: John Gallagher; Treasurer: Paul McCormick; Chaplain: John R. Gallagher, Sr; Chief: David McCormick. Delegates: Elvan Hedges, John Gallagher Sr, Paul Tackish, Dennis Tomlinson, Michael Walko. Alternates: Ronnie Willett, Gary Crampton.

***BUNKER HILL VOL. FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION – 3716 Rhode Island**

Ave, Brentwood, MD; Telephone: 301-927-5713 Fax: 301-927-5713; E-mail information@bhvrass.com; Website: bhvrass.com; President: Leroy Mangum; Vice President: James Pilkerton, Jr; Secretary: Barbara Mangum; Treasurer: Steve Schmidt; Chaplain: Ed Mutchler; Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Leroy Mangum, Ed Mutchler, Mike Moore, Keith Schenk, Tony Brooks. Alternates: Robbie Mangum.

***BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 215,**

13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-384-8058 Fax: 301-879-1487; Website: burtonsvillevfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Craig Baker, Vice President: Tamera Bulla; Secretary: Andrew Tarbell; Treasurer: Harry Saval; Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Robert Ryan. Delegates: Harry Hetz, Tamera Bulla, Becky Segal, Mark Bulla, Glenn Fitzpatrick. Alternates: None Listed.

***BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 75, 15019 Falls Road,**

Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone: 443-677-1547 Fax: 410-771-4103; Website: butlervfd.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1954. President: Wayne Hackley; Vice President: Carey Rutledge; Secretary: Milton Curtis; Treasurer: Douglas Womer; Chief: Danny Wilhelm. Delegates: Wayne Hackley, Danny Wilhelm, Carey Rutledge, Doug Womer, Milton Curtis. Alternates: Todd Rutledge, Dave Hundertmark, Harold Wertz.

***CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 41,**

8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD 20818; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-365-2255 Fax: 301-365-2563; E-mail: firefighter@cjpvfd.org; Website: cjpvfd.org; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: James Hunter; Vice President: Michael Harting; Secretary: Jason Goldberg; Treasurer: Mark Livingstone; Chaplain: Fr Dimitrios Antakos and Rabbi Paul Weinblatt; Chief: James P. Seavey, Sr. Delegates: James Seavey, Sr, Kathleen Donahoe, Corinne

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Mann, Paul Sterling, Jr, Michael Smith. Alternates: Edward Tamulevich, Mark Brown, Jeffrey Greenstein, Jonathan Shim, Christina Mage.

***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; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989. President: Brandi Elliott; Vice President: Denise Tschupp; Secretary: Kelly Zimmer; Chief: John Hassler. Delegate: Brandi Elliott, John Hassler, Denise Tschupp, Bruce Kaufman, Kelly Zimmer. Alternates: Eileen Jenkins, Todd Cohen.

***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; Website: cscvfc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1957. President: Joan Sorrell; Vice President: Ryan Dixm; Secretary: Charles Karnbach; Treasurer: George Ryan, Chief: Drew Mutch. Delegates: Bob Seibel, Joan Sorrell, Dave Nibeck, Drew Mutch. Alternate: None listed.

***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; Website: chvfd.org; Organized: 1913; Chartered: 1914. President: Mark Washington; Vice President: Dwayne Frost Sr.; Secretary: Albert Adams; Treasurer: Charles E. Miller; Chief: James E. McClelland Sr. Delegates: James E. McClelland Sr., Robert Russell, Robert McClelland Sr, James Crawford, David Breeden Jr. Alternates: Charles Miller, Jennifer McClelland, Albert Adams, Charles Baldi, Dwayne Frost Sr.

CAROLINE COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. – P.O. Box 117, 11077 Garland Road, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-479-0488; Email: 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.** – P.O. 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;

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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.** – P.O. 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: T. Jay Bolton; Vice President: Clay Weisenbverg; Secretary: Letta O'Neal; Treasurer: Christy Biggs; Chaplain: Rev. Joseph Burris; Chief: Robert Dixon, Jr. Delegates: T. Jay Bolton, Dede Pardee, Ernie Beck, Jason Reamy. Alternates: William Bailey, Clay Weisenberg, Michael Cooper, Matthew Cristiano, Rev Joseph Burris.

CHAPEL OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. 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; Website: 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.** – P.O. Box 366 10700 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County; Telephone: 301-645-7707 Fax: 301-638-3915; Organized: 1978; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1983. President: Mike Thrist; Vice President: Charles Shaw; Secretary: Carrie Summers; Treasurer: Bob Petrash; Chaplain: Dave Petroni; Chief: David Staples. Delegates: Charles Shaw, Mary Kay Waugh. Alternates: Bill Wedding, Elaine Wedding.

CHARLES COUNTY DIVE RESCUE INC. - P.O. Box 13, Pomfert MD. President: Sue Phonitts; Vice President: Lisa Myers; Secretary: Chris Keating; Treasurer: Donna Porter; Chief: William Porter. Delegates: Chris Garrett, Chris Keating.

*****CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. 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.

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***CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 111, 307 Market Street, Charlestown, MD 21914; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-6451 Fax: 410-287-2843; E-mail: 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.** – P.O. Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-3434 Fax: 410-810-0348; Website: angelfire.com/md2/chestertownvfd. President: William Blackiston; Vice President: Trey Blackiston; Secretary: Jeremy Rothwell; Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney; Chaplain: Gonzalee Matthews; Chief: Bruce Neal. Delegates: Buster Blackiston, Trey Blackiston, Jeff Thompson, Bruce Neal, Marion Townsend. Alternates: Donald Hodges, Sr. Bill Hildebrand, 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; Website: crvfc.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Larry Getlan; Vice President: Art Kodeck; Secretary: Megan Stoiver; Treasurer: Harry R. Kakel, Jr; Captain: Dan Uddeme; Delegates: Larry Getlan, Dan Uddeme, Harry Kakel, Art Kodeck, Jack Crystal. Alternates: Fred Cross, Gentry Fitzpatrick, Chuck Fauer, Scott Cohen.

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: Daniel Fox; Secretary: Sandra Snyder; Treasurer: Patricia Hammar. Delegates: John Bird, Daniel Fox.

*****CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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.** – P.O. Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-4156 Fax: Same; E-mail 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.** – P.O. 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: Tyler Williams; Secretary: Jana Dean; Treasurer: Sandra Reed; Chaplain: Rev Tina Blake; Chief: Charles Jester. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Francis Jester, Charles Jester, Andrew Collins, Jana Dean. Alternates: Holly Collins, Edie Mansfield, Kevin Carson, Stephen Hurlock, Bret Vanzant.

*****CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4, INC.** – P.O. 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.

*****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; 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.

***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; Organized: 1906. President William Herbaugh; Admin Officer: Julie Davis; Fire Marshal: William Adams. Delegates: John Cline, Donald Dunn, Robert Long, William Beeghly.

***CLARYSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 16304 Clarysville Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3828, E-mail: co14@alcomt.

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org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Eric Clark Sr; Vice President: Steve Michaels, Jr; Secretary: Megan Lyons; Treasurer: William Sivic Jr; Chaplain: Carl J. Blank Sr.; Chief: Peter Lyons. Delegates: Carl J. Blank Sr, Eric Clark Sr, Peter Lyons, Megan Lyons, Jesse Ritchey. Alternates: Mark Deckers, William Sivic, Steve Michaels. Nicole Conway, Cody Sivic.

***CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB, INC.** – P.O. Box 61, 233 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-2711 Fax: 301-842-3073; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Scott Wolff; Vice President: David Glaze; Secretary: Lori Irvin; Treasurer: Brenda Keefer; Chief: James Miller. Delegates: Walter Irvin, Sr, Grace Irvin, Tom Altman, Lynn Hunsberger, Richard Blair. Alternates: Walter Irvin, Lori Irvin, Scott Wolfe, James Miller.

*****CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-3775 Fax: 301-842-3794; Email: fireco4@safe.quik.com; Website: 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.** – P.O. 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 Kilinski; Treasurer: Mike Burnham; Chief: Edward Godwin. Delegates: William Lawman, Chuck Shaw, Eddie Godwin, Gary Hess, Paul Stout. Alternates: None listed.

***COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 344 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-527-

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1634 Fax: 410-527-1634; Email: ctracey@cvfc.org; Website: cvfc.org; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896. President: Michael Holland; Vice President: Chris Roberts; Secretary: Lynda Holland; Treasurer: John Dixon; Chaplain: Helen Banister; Chief: Kevin Roberts. Delegates: Clarence Tracey, Jack Roberts, Larry Gribble, Tom Jeffers, Katherine Walker. Alternates: David Crumbie, Richard Gribble.

***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; Website: cpvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Peter Piringer; Secretary: Matthew Chibbaro; Treasurer: Fred Brower; Chief: William Corrigan. Delegates: Peter Piringer, Brandon Frieder, Jesse Walter, William Corrigan, Robert Ryan, Brandon Frieder. Alternates: Ken Bush, Carl Cimino, Ari Schloss, Fred Brower.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. 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 Phippen; Treasurer: Joseph Delisle; Chief: John Odenwald. Delegates: David Reese, Jason Phippen, Joseph Delisle, John Odenwald. Alternates: J. G. Delisle, David E. Reese III.

*****COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC.** – P.O. Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-996-6066 Fax: 410-642-0266; Website: 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.** – P.O. 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 Eyles, Cuz Curry, James Kyte, Bernie Cundiff, Larry Underwood.

COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE, INC. – P.O. Box 21, 110 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21741; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-1113 Fax: 301-739-6015; E-Mail: camos@xra75.org; Organized: 1998, Chartered: 1998. President: Chris Stockslager; Vice President Terry Gearhart; Secretary: 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.** – P.O. 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: Wayne Starkey; Secretary: Edie Morales; Treasurer: Paige Hickman; Chaplain: Kevin White; Chief: Marshall Ellsworth. Delegates: CJ Morales, CJ Porter. Alternates: None listed.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY DISTRICT 12, INC. – P.O. Box 97; Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-0099 Fax: 301-582-4013; Email 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.** - 900 Bowley's Quarters Road, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-335-8820 Fax: 410-335-6440; Organized: 1944; Website bowleysquartersvfd.org; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Joyce Elder; Vice President: Joe Walters, Jr. Secretary: Wendy Stallings; Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic, Jr; Captain: John Hayden, Sr. 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.** – P.O. 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: Richard Faulkner; Secretary: William Dulin; Treasurer: Bill Behrens, Chaplain: Robert Cheezum, Sr.; Chief: Mark Secrist. Delegates: Vernon Dulin, Thomas Diem, John Keyser. Alternates: None listed.

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 187, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-7418; Organized:

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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 Avenue, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-985-5400 Email: pres2ccfc@aol.com; Website: www.cc2fd.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Wayne Parker; Vice President: Keith Schenk; Secretary: Diane Schmidt; Treasurer: Fred Hull; Chaplain: Ed Mutchler; Chief: Chip Ewing. Delegates: Steve Parker, Jimmy Pilkerton, Jr, Keith Schenk, Diane Schmidt, Michele Bunce. Alternates: Steve Schmidt, Chip Ewing, Herb Bartlett.

*****WHITE MARSH (COWENTON) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, MD 21162; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-335-5112 Fax: 410-335-1842; E-Mail: 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.** – P.O. Box 5129, 13110 Warrior Drive, Cresaptown, MD 21505; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1111 Fax: 301-729-1820; Email: co9@allconet.org Website: cresaptownvfd.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1933. President: Chris Cage; Vice Calvin Walbert; Secretary: Sheri Rotruck; Treasurer: Susan Cecil; Chaplain: Calvin Walbert; Chief: Steve Kesner. Delegates: John Pratt, Steven J. Kesner, Steven Kesner, Calvin Walbert, Jeremy Athey. Alternates: Robert Rotruck, Sue Clark Cecil.

***CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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: Steve Marshall; Secretary: John Dize; Treasurer: Randy Laird Jr; Chaplain: Russell Ward; Chief: William Reynolds. Delegates: Russell Ward, Louis Hickman, Eugene Mills, William Reynolds, Danny Tyler. Alternates: Larry Rettic, Maurice Davis, Eric Swift, Charlie Tyler, Ryan Dodson.

***CRUMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - P.O. Box 68, 301 Third Street, Crumpton, MD 21628; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-778-6100

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Fax: 410-778-0979; Organized: 1961; Chartered: 1961; Joined MSFA: 1963. President: Louise Foxx; Vice President: Tabitha McGinnis; Secretary: Linda Hamann; Treasurer: Norman Husfelt; Chief: Norman Husfelt. Delegates: Norman Husfelt, Linda Hamann, Louise Foxx, Tabitha McGinnis, George Hopkins, Sr. Alternates: James Hurlock, Mary Husfelt, Eric Merredith, Patsy Hunter, Tricia Hunter.

*****CUMBERLAND HOSE #1, INC.** – P.O. 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.** – 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-253-3988; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Ronald German; Vice President: Allen Reg; Secretary: Brian Rhodes; Treasurer: Patricia Taylor; Chaplain: Bob Braden; Chief: S. Darron Long. Delegates: Ron Watklins, Leonard King, Willie Denell, Darron Long. Alternates: Ron German, Bruce Surette, Julie Galpin, Thomas Watkins.

DARLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - P.O. 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: Michael Vincent; Vice President: Mark Harkins; Secretary: Betty Borden; Treasurer: J. Alan Thompson; Chaplain: Ralph Borden; Chief: John Singleton. Delegates: J. Alan Thompson, Samuel Sauers, Willard Evans, Donald Cassett, Dennis Cox. Alternates: None listed.

DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 128, 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, MD 21821; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-784-2612; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1956. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1350 Fax: 410-867-1350; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Charles Espiscopo, Jr; Vice President: Francis Mudd III; Secretary: Karon George; Treasurer: Heidi Mudd; Chaplain: Robert Wilkerson; Chief: Dale Browning. Delegates: Francis Mudd III, Dale Browning,

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Gayle Moreland, Karen George, Charles Espiscopo, Jr. Alternates: Carl Nutwell, Heidi Mudd, Bernie Phipps, Bobby Wilkerson, Russell Lancaster.

DEEP CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 419, 1906 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-387-5252 Fax: 301-334-2803; Organized: 1965; Chartered: 1966. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

DEER PARK COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 3152, 5353 Maryland Highway, Deer Park, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-4120; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1950. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Grove & Bi-State Boulevard, Delmar, MD 19940; Wicomico County; Telephone: 302-846-2530; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Jay Hammerer; Vice President: Steve Twilley; Secretary: Ken Kordek; Treasurer: Marty Skarson; Chaplain: Bob Jones; Chief: Joe Morris, Sr. Delegates: Bob Jones, Joe Morris, Jr., Bob Jones, Marty Skarson. Alternates: Jack Morris, Sr, Jack Morris, Jr, Darrin Scott.

***DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314; Harford County; Telephone: 717-456-7133 Fax: 717-456-7958; Organized: 1898; Chartered: 1908; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Douglas Farrington; Vice President: Richard Fantom; Secretary: Sarah Kern; Treasurer: Dalynn Griffith; Chaplain: Gale Parthree; Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. Delegates: John R. Williams, Laura Taylor, Rick Farrington, James R. Williams, Doug Farrington. Alternates: Ryan Williams, Dean Colvin, Carlo Colvin.

DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 262, 400 South 5th Avenue, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-479-2121 Fax: 410-479-5377; Organized: 1892; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1927. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12100 North Branch Road SE, Cumberland, MD 21520; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-4444; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945. President: James Decker, Jr.; Vice President: Chris Robinson; Secretary: Alan Robey; Treasurer: Ann McKeown; Chaplain: Ron Grabenstein, Sr; Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein, Sr, James F. Decker, Jr., Ron Grabenstein Jr, Greg Boyd, Chris Robinson. Alternates: None Listed.

***DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** 5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-516-7530 Fax: 240-838-3429; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Harold Fletcher; Vice President: James Boyd; Secretary: Joan Fletcher; Treasurer: Charles A. Norris; Chief: Kirk Ingram. Delegates: Harold Fletcher, James Boyd, Charles A. Norris, Thomas C. Stommel, Kirk Ingram. Alternates: Jamaal Brooks, Joan Fletcher, Cliff Moody, Olivia Turpin, Mark Jackson.

DORCHESTER EMS – P.O. Box 738, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County. No credentials submitted for 2010.

DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-855-8895 Fax: 410-286-2890; Website: www.dunkirk.com; Organized: 1974. President: Jerry Johnson; Vice President: Mike McLaughen; Secretary: Kelly Harris; Treasurer: Howard Kelly; Chaplain: Randy Smith; Chief: Tobey Sealey. Delegates: Howard Kelly, Tobey Sealey, Randy Smith, Kelly Harris, Jerry Johnson. Alternates: Eric Holzsburger, Fred Holzsburger, Eddie Catterton.

EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. 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; Website: www.ehvfc.org; Organized: 1918; Chartered: 1918; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Charles Disney; Vice President: Andrew Condor; Secretary: Evelyn Graf; Treasurer: Ken Walker; Chaplain: Norman D. Winstead; Chief: Ed Detwiler. Delegates: Charles Disney, Ed Detwiler, Paul Demasky, Evelyn Graf, William Weitzell. Alternates: None Listed.

***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. Delegates: Dwayne Kitis, Robert Overstreet, Jim Raley, Marsh Smith, Tim Clark. Alternates: Dave Wiland, Nick Wiland.

EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. 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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-822-4848 Fax: 410-822-0925; E-mail: eastonvfd@goeaston.net; Website: eastonvfd.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1917; Joined MSFA: 1914. President: Tim Knotts; Vice President: Barry Slaughter; Secretary: Becky Caldwell; Treasurer: Kenneth Bush; Chaplain: Drew Jensen; Chief: C.R. Chance. Delegates: Lyle Fuller, Leonard Rieck, Fred Ireland, Rose Miles, Ed Mullikin. Alternates: None listed.

***EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-2159; 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: Betty Lou Pilkerton, Thomas Nequist, Sr, David Hollidayoak. 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; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

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; Organized: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Julianna Casey; Vice President: Keith Summers; Secretary: John Christoffel; Treasurer: Gene Poligardo; Chief: Don Watson. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Vince Glorioso, Mike Barnett, Steven Butler, Kelli Lehr. Alternates: Dan Casey, Tami Scovitch, Pam Summers.

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – P.O. Box 188, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0476; Organized: 1980; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1982. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 237, 12000 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

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ELLIOTT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2317 Elliott Island Road, Elliott Island, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3026; Fax: 410-376-3026; Organized & Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1989. President: Chester D. Martinek; Vice President: Paul Osheske; Secretary: Ann Foley; Treasurer: Pamela Abbott; Chief: Wylie Abbott, Jr. Delegates: Chester D. Martinek, Benjamin Elliott, Linda Elliott, Paul O'Sheske, Brian Kropkowski. Alternates: Wylie Abbott Jr, Jo Kropkowski, Howard Martinek, Melissa Martinek, Andy Bukorsky.

EMMITSBURG VOL. AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 1101, 300 South South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-6626 Fax: 301-447-3887; Website: emmitsburgems.org; Organized: 1944.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD 21824; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-425-5521; Organized: 1957; Chartered: 1957. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – P.O. Box 395, 27407 Fairmount Road, Westover Maryland, Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2888 Fax: 410-651-1018; Organized 1999, Chartered 1999, Joined MSFA: 1999. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4890 Fax: 410-638-4889; Website: www.fvfac.org. President: Christopher Gibbons; Vice President: Scott Golly; Secretary: Christine Sullivan; Treasurer: Kim Weber; Chaplain: Richard Gatto; Chief: Joseph Woods. Delegates: Will Reinecke,

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Hobart Howell, Chris Gibbons, Steven Scheinin, Edwin Geisendaffer. Alternates: Ed Benesch, Cathy Pilachowski.

***FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 99, 208 N. University Avenue, Federalsburg, MD 21632; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-754-7400; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1920. President: Susan Tiffany; Vice President: Kevin Mowbray; Secretary: Thomas Blades; Treasurer: Glenn Merrick; Chief: Jerry Thomas. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Janet Blades, Dawn Ramey, Kevin Mowbray, Bill Collins. Alternates: Doug Ramey, Todd Garvey.

***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: Erica Higuera; Vice President: Ron Dillon, Sr.; Secretary: Richard Meise; Treasurer: Craig A. Bidingier; Chief: Jay Olson. Delegates: Jay Olson, Jack Hulet, Jackie Olson, Erika Higuera, John Long. Alternates: Joe Wojtowycz, Ron Dillon, Sr., Bryan Stubbins, Timothy Doegan, Gerard Varner.

***FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-7215 Fax: 410-313-7219; E-mail: clarksvillefd@erols.com Website www.fdvfd.com; 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, Butch Hipp, Donald May, John DeBow. Alternates: Pat Puglisi, Ron Price

***FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3339 Fax: 301-733-3154; Website: www.engineone.org; Organized: 1815; Chartered: 1822; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Blaine Snyder, Vice President: David Stevens / Brian Stallings; Secretary: Ray Lushbaugh; Treasurer: Gerald Saum; Chaplain: Robert McIntyre; Captain: Andy Smith. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, Robert McIntyre, Brian Stallings, Richard Stallings, John Miller. Alternates: Charles Reger, Steve Jacobs, Pat Lushbaugh, David Stevens, Guy Kuhn.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 105, 21701 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD 21530; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2311; Fax: 301-478-3324; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Steve Moyer; Vice President: Kermit Humbertson; Secretary: Diamon Martin; Treasurer: Dorothy Ruby; Chaplain: David Kyle; Chief: Steve Bowman. Delegates: David L. Kyle, Pam Kyle, Steve Bowman, Paul Stickley, Vicki Bowman. Alternates: Jan Stickley, Steve Moyer, Vicki Moyer, Allen Ruby Sr, Dottie 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; Email Forestville-vfd@erols.com; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Joe Gary; Vice President: William Huttenloch; Secretary: Ed Thurston; Treasurer: Paul Thorne, Jr.; Chaplain: Helen Kulle; Chief: Robert Wilhite. Delegates: Bill Huttenloch, Ed Thurston, Robert Wilhite, Jeff Thorne, Paul Thorne, Jr. Alternates: Mark Wroth.

***FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-746-5577; Website: www.fire110.com; Chartered: 1909; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Rodney Bowser, Vice President: James Spear; Secretary: Joy Fisher; Treasurer: Craig Umbel; Chaplain: Robert Sisler; Chief: Terry Spear. Delegates: Rodney Bowser, Wayne Anderson, Patricia Bowser. Alternates: None listed.

***FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE** – P.O. Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg Md. 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3356/57 FAX: 301-689-1679 Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005; President: Wayne Lewis; Vice President: Dorothy Turner; Secretary: Nicole Coinway; Treasurer: Shelley Drees; Chaplain: Valerie Vrieze; Chief: Ed Douglass; Delegates: Wayne Lewis.

FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC. – P.O. Box 461, 22 South Water Street, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-8444 Fax: 301-689-2930; Website: www.frostburg.com; Organized: 1878; Chartered: 1878; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Joe Brumage; Vice President: Harry Wolford; Secretary: Emily Finch; Treasurer: Megan Blubaugh; Chaplain: Harry Foor; Chief: Nathan Blubaugh. Delegates: Nathan Blubaugh, Megan Blubaugh, Ed George, Dana Kesner. Alternates: None listed.

FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 70, Fruitland, MD 21826; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-9421; Organized & Chartered: 1909. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 670, 2 South West Side Avenue, Funkstown, MD 21734; Washington County; Telephone: 301-790-0090 Fax: 301-739-5244; Website: www.funkstownfireco.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1935. President: Dale Hill; Vice President: Larry Iseminger; Secretary: Judy Bowers; Treasurer: Joan Kotanko; Chaplain: Dan Fraley; Chief: David Fraley. Delegates: Dale Hill, David Fraley, Eric Fraley, David Harmon, Steve Pifer. Alternates: Steve Dorsey, Dave Johnston, Edward Clopper, Kyd Dieterich, Larry Iseminger.

***GAITHERSBURG WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-0660 Fax: 301-948-6836; Website: www.gwgvfd.com; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Steve Hayes; Vice President: Daniel Henkel; Secretary: Leslie Cohen; Treasurer: Garry Walker; Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Catrambone; Chief: John Luper. Delegates: Mary Prater, Ann Hughes, Joe Bradley, Greg Graves, Ebow Holdbrook-Smith. Alternates: Angela Blom, Shiela Williams, Don Pruett, John Farr, Sunyoung Kim.

GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 189, 90 East Cross Street, Galena, MD 21635; Kent County; Telephone: 410-648-5050; Fax: 410-648-5907; Website: www.galenavfc.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1942; President: Scott Duhamell; Vice President: Jack Duhamell; Secretary: Ray Long; Treasurer: Ethel Duhamell; Chaplain: Larry Hanifee; Chief: Scott Rodney. Delegates: Dick Powell, Chris Powell, Sott Duhamell, Scott Rodney, Rick Koch. Alternatives: Robin Powell, Doug Uhl, Jack Dehamell, Mark Shaw, Joyce Powell.

GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 174, 956 Galesville Road, Galesville, MD 20765; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1521; Organized: 1929. President: Nathaniel Scotten IV; Vice President: Ray Hardesty; Secretary: Gladys Sears; Treasurer: Albert Bembe; Delegates: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Douglas Parks, Anthony Jett. Alternates: Carol Sherbert, Casey McAllister.

***GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD 21048; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-3456; Fax: 410-795-0208;

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Website: www.gambervfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964; Joined MSFA: 1964. President: Dale Bollinger; Vice President: Dennis Brothers; Secretary: Jeannie Green; Treasurer: Clay Myers; Chaplain: Art Frotton; Chief: Charles Green Jr. Delegates: Robert Klinefelter, Dennis Brothers, Dale Bollinger, Charles Green Jr, Richard Green Sr. Alternates: Calvin Brothers, Denis Leppert, Daniel Green Sr.

GEORGE'S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – P.O. Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6122 Fax: 301-463-6172; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20874; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8989 Fax: 301-515-8764; E-mail president@gvfd29.org; Website: www.gvfd29.org; Organized: 1989; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA: 1989. President: Michael Dmuchowski; Vice President: Erica O'Leary; Secretary: Caren Springer; Treasurer: Joy Pilpel; Chaplain: Solveig Petersen; Chief: Joseph S. Chornock. Delegates: R. Scott Colvin, Kevin Younkings Joseph S. Chornock, Solveig Petersen, Robert King. Alternates: Mitch Dinowitz, Robert McHenry, Jr., Robert McHenry III.

GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 25, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2128; Fax: 410-632-2897; Website www.dmvweb.com/gvfc; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: John Merrit; Vice President: Virgil Dukes; Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff McMahan; Chaplain: Ralph Carman; Chief: Brad Hauck. Delegates: Virgil Dukes, Ken Dukes, Dannel Age, Joe Truitt. Alternates: None listed.

GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. 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: Paul W. McGinnis; Vice President: Jeff Filer; Secretary: Janice Sprouse; Treasurer: Paul G. Cogswell; Chaplain: Earl Lowe; Chief: Robert Galante. Delegates: Thomas Nevin, Jr., Paul McGinnis, Richard Wengert, Brent Nelson. Alternates: Paul Cogswell, Jeff Filer, Patrick Reilly.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

GLENN DALE FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC. – P.O. Box 249, 11900 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-805-2400; Website: www.gdvfd18.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1929; President: Lee Lutz; Vice President: Laura Woods; Secretary: Erin Becraft; Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee; Chief: Robert Mooney. Delegates: Laura Woods, Lee Lutz, H. Edward Woods, Sr, Robert Mooney, Hugh Owens. Alternates: Sandi Lutz, John Benjamin, Cindy Peters, Paul Peterson.

*****GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 3671, 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-833-1262 Fax: 410-833-7362; Website: www.GVFD40.org; Organized: 1904; Chartered: 1904. President: Cleve Armacost; Vice President: Kathy Reitz, Secretary: Rick Cole; Treasurer: Richard Stem, Sr.; Chaplain: Pastor Norman Obenshain; Chief: Scott Warner. Delegates: Richard Stem, Sr, Richard Stem, Jr., Frank Corasaniti. Alternates: None listed.

GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 35; 700 Old Line Road; Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-6196; Website: www.goldsboro700.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948; President: Joel McGinnis; Vice President: David Wothers; Secretary: Edna Talley; Treasurer: Vincent Ebling; Chief: J.T. Bartz. Delegates: Shelly Gray, Chrissy Bartz, Bryan Cahall, Ron Dixon, Courtney Utberg. Alternates: Robin Cahall, Paul Gray, George Elliott, Jack Reed, Wayne Durham.

GOODWILL 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: Charles "Eddie" Burton; Vice President: Leser Downes III; Secretary: Marie McHugh; Treasurer: Donald Dawkins; Chaplain: Rev. Mark Farnell; Chief: Nathan Powell IV. Delegates: Alfred Britton, Marie McHugh, Wroth Newcomb. Butch Kaufman, Dan Tabler. Alternates: Charles "Eddie" Burton, Melvin Turner, Donald Dawkins, Ralph Starkey, Gordon "Gene" Thomas.

***GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.** – 6 Douglas Avenue, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2255; Fax: 301-463-3527; Organized: 1882; Chartered: 1882; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: John Shockley Sr; Vice President: Gary Hadley; Secretary: Gerald Cook; Treasurer: James McKenzie; Chaplain: Thomas Morgan; Chief: Robert Ritchie. Delegates: James Tement, John Shockey Sr, Alex McAlpine, Greg Nicol, Gary Holshey. Alternates: John Muir, Gerald Cook, John Smith, James McKenzie, Larry McKenzie.

GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-1600 Fax: 301-334-1392. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-2000. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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: Steve Smith; Secretary: Menno Yoder; Treasurer: Herman Yoder; Chaplain: Wesley Yoder; Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: Jeff Yommer, John Vought, Adam Rounds, Keith Durst, Tony Bittenger. Alternates: Ben Powell, Doug Wilburn, Shawn Broadwater, Andy Folk, Michael Glotfelty.

***GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 457, 4128 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-827-8100; Fax: 410-827-4496; Organized: 1959; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1958. President: Robert Sharp Jr; Vice President: Raymond Stokes; Secretary: Trent Poulsen; Treasurer: Phyllis Black; Chaplain: Pastor Jon Rediger; Chief: Jason Anthony; Delegates: Robert Sharp, Jr. Alternates: None listed.

***GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-345-7000 Fax: 301-345-0530; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Kenneth Stair; Vice President: John Wynkoop; Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis; Treasurer: Warren Porter; Chief: Thomas Ray. Delegates: Thomas Ray, Jason Morgal, Gene Davis, Randall Mangum, Chris Ransom. Alternates: Adam Anthony-Pyndell, Jennifer Benton, Chris Fleshman, Augustine Garcia, Tony Sluder.

GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 307, Main & Stonesifer, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-8420. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 21 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-3413; Website: ww.guardianhose.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1934. President: Wayne Stackhouse; Vice President: Larry Duble; Secretary: Robert Oxendale; Treasurer: Russell Schantz;

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Chaplain: James Hamrick; Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White. Alternates: Judith White.

***HACKS POINT FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1185 Glebe Road; Earleville, MD 21919; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-275-8308; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Christina Neddo; Vice President: Urie Brice; Secretary: Robyn Sheldon Hahn; Treasurer: Rich Rand. Chief: Gary Simmons. Delegates: Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Bobbie Sheldon, Robert Hahn, Scott Slutsky. Alternates: Shane Simmons, Chris Broadwater.

***HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – P.O. Box 231, 1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-4280 Fax: 410-239-0123; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1900; Joined MSFA: 1904. President: Robert R. Rill; Vice President; Jim Reilly; Secretary: Gary Wheeler; Treasurer: Dennis Rhoten; Chaplain: Bayard Bollinger; Chief: Jeffrey Carroll. Delegates: Leon Fleming, Mark Bilger, Gary Wheeler, Susan Fleming, Brenda Parry. Alternates: Edgar Stagner, John Korman, Andy Smith, Ed Bilger, William Allenbausy.

HANCOCK FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928. President: William Gongloff; Vice President: Greg Trumpower; Secretary: Graham Snow; Treasurer: Mike Stewart; Chaplain: Graham Snow; Chief: Greg Yost. Delegates: Ernest Truax, Steven Barnhart. Alternates: Josh Unger, Ben Hoopengadner.

HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-6774 Fax: 301-678-5399; Chartered: 1969; Joined MSFA: 1998. President: Ernest Traux; Vice President: Josh Unger; Secretary: Elizabeth Fields; Treasurer: Douglas Shaw; Chaplain: Bobby Madison; Chief: Stephen Barnhart. Delegates: Stephen Barnhart, Josh Unger, Douglas Shaw. Alternates: Ernest Truax, Stephanie Stellard, Elizabeth Fields.

***HARFORD COUNTY FIRE & EMS FOUNDATION** – 343 Granary Road; Suite C; Forest Hills, Maryland 21050; Telephone: 410-638-4700; Organized:2004; Chartered: 2004; Joined MSFA: 2010; President: Dorothy Arnold; Secretary: Linda Dousa; Delegates: None listed.

***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:

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James Waybright; Vice President: Charlie Blocher; Secretary: Richard Yingling; Treasurer: Leonard Bowers; Chaplain: Jennings Martin; Chief: Donald Yingling, Sr. Delegates: Gene Curfman. Alternates: None listed.

HAVRE DE GRACE AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. – P.O. 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; Chaplain: Frank McFadden; Chief: Jeremy Mothershed. Delegates: Luanne Schweers, John Coreri, Neil Crouch. Alternates: None listed.

***HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 300, 200 Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-3037 Fax: 410-749-0511; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1937; President: Donald Phippin; Vice President: Rich Robbins; Secretary: Lance Collins; Treasurer: Wayne White; Chaplain: Charles Smith III; Chief: David Beach. Delegates: Bert Owens, Donnie Phippin. Alternates: None listed.

HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-923-3990 Fax: 301-858-0847; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Bob Jones; Vice President: John Storm; Secretary: Rose Conrad; Treasurer: Alex Graham; Chaplain: Billie Armstrong; Chief: Dennis McDonald. Delegates: Kathy Gies, Dennis McDonald; Joe Larsen, Sr., Joe Larsen, Jr., Ashley Hoover. Alternates: John Storm, Lynn Storm, Ruth Orndorff, Jason Cutler, Marty Orndorff.

*****HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – P.O. Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1935; Website: www.heredordemsrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Gery Simms; Vice President: Victoria Schwatka; Secretary: Cindy Humphrey-Elwood; Treasurer: Stephen Wilcoxson; Chaplain: David Dell; Chief: Scott Timberman. Delegates: Paul Tice, Scott Timberman, Paul Demme, Edwina Bilger, Robert Pearce, Jr. Alternates: Stephen Wilcoxson, Gery Simms, Jen Pearce, Victoria Schwatka, David Crow.

***HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1934 Fax: 410-357-8783; Website: www.herefordfire.org; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1924; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Wayne Smith; Vice President: Ronald Campion; Secretary: Peggy Lang; Treasurer: Christina Matthews; Chaplain: Deborah L.

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Bollinger; Chief: Chuck Bollinger. Delegates: Richard G. Bilger, Chuck Bollinger, Justin Kinsey, Wayne Smith, Chris Kiapaska. Alternates: None listed.

***HILLANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-434-2400 Fax: 301-434-7886; Website: www.hvfdmail.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: Joseph Weisgerber, Mark Lamb, Russell Hartung, Steve Dubik, Dino Pignataro. Alternates: Shana Metzger, CT Jones.

HILLSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1234 Larchmont Avenue, Hillside, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-420-2705. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 7, 24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-373-2900 FAX: 301-373-8772; Website: www.hvfd7.com; Organized: 1956; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1959. President: William C. Mattingly Jr; Vice President: Charles Mattingly III; Secretary: John Gatton, Sr.; Treasurer: Steve Facini; Chaplain: Mendell Thompson; Chief: Dennis Brady, Jr. Delegates: John Gatton, Sr, Bill Mattingly, John O. Gatton, Jr, Charles Mattingly III, Danny Davis. Alternates: James Lloyd, Tammy Sweeney.

***HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. 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: Stanley Williams Jr; Vice President: John Miedzinski; Secretary: Olivia Lenahan; Treasurer: Tim Lenahan; Chaplain: Richard Williams; Chief: Barbara Wible. Delegates: Joan Williams, Stanley Williams Jr, Kimberly Sullivan, John Miedzinski, Barbara Wible. Alternates: Paul Payne, Willie Ridgell, Charles Russell, Sarah Russell.

***HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3640; Email hivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953. President: Mark Flowers; Vice President: Jesa Lewis; Secretary: Teresa Flowers; Treasurer: Rosemary Dean; Chief: Mark Flowers. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Mark Flowers, Rosemary Dean, Jesa Lewis, Teresa Flowers.

HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20422; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-4488 Fax: 301-274-9729; Website: www.hvfdms.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946; President: Steve Cook; Vice President: Mike Roberts; Secretary: Donna McPherson; Treasurer: Jimmy Rose; Chief: Mike Carroll. Delegates: Jimmy Rose, Duane Svites, Steve Cook, Beverly Jarboe. Alternates: None Listed.

HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. Box 482, 4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-3111 Fax: 410-535-4438; Website: www.hvfd6.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

*****HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –** P.O. 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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

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; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Scotty Testerman Sr; Vice President: Douglas Bennett; Secretary: Peggy A. Webb; Treasurer: Fletcher Whitworth; Chaplain: Kenneth Day; Chief: Jeff Gross. Delegates: Scotty Testerman Sr, LaRue Moxley, Jeffrey Gross, Amanda King, Douglas Edwards. Alternates: Cecil Webb, Peggy Webb, T. Bonnie Horvath, Douglas Edwards, Janice Sadowski.

HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 5275, 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-5770 Fax: 301-699-8947; Website: www.hvfd.com; Organized: 1888. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. #1, INC. –** 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-663-9612 Fax: 301-600-1751; Organized: 1818; Chartered: 1839; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Martin Fuller; Vice President: Greg Fulmer; Secretary: Terri Foreman; Treasurer: Richard Morgan; Chaplain: Tim May. Chief: John Carnegis. Delegates: Martin Fuller, Walter Cramer, Charles Handley, Clarence Rinehart, Steve Hurst, Sr. Alternates: Charles Wisner, Ryan Fuller, Ronald Wachter, Carol Fuller, Richard Deater.

INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY #2, INC. – P.O. 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: George D. Clark, III; Chaplain: George Clark III; Delegates: Robert Grollman, Reginald Chambers III, George D. Clark Jr, Anthony P. Capezio. Alternates: George Clark Jr, Robert Rawls, Keith Frederick, Lewis Jackson.

***INDEPENDENT JUNIOR FIRE ENGINE CO. #3 OF HAGERSTOWN, INC.** – P.O. Box 2185; 100 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-3839 Fax: 301-739-3839; Organized: 1871; Chartered: 1871. President: Charles Elgin; Vice President: Woodrow Morris; Secretary: Marsi Taulton; Treasurer: Terry Smith; Chaplain: Jane Bond. Delegates: Charles Elgin, Woodrow Morris, Terry Smith, Henry Ingram, Marsi Taulton. Alternates: Brian Elgin, Sean Fetzer, Chris Jones, Tyler Morris, Robert Chaney.

***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; Website: www.ihvfd.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1975. President: Richard Bowie; Vice President: Donnie Chappell; Secretary: Cindy Collins; Treasurer: Larry Johnson; Chaplain: Mike O'Neil; Chief: Jeff Williams. Delegates: Rick Bowie, Jeff Williams, Wayne Higdon. Alternates: Mike O'Neil, Donnie Chappell, Dorenda Johnson.

***IRONSIDES VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 158, Ironsides, MD 20642; 6120 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-246-9090 FAX: 301-246-4228; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964. President: Theodore Davis; Vice President: Ken VanDeWeert; Secretary: Janice VanDeWeert; Treasurer: Roberta Spalding; Chaplain: David Summers Sr; Chief: Roberta Spalding. Delegates: Theodore R. Davis, Roberta Spalding, David Spalding. Alternates: Ida Jones.

JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3566 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7780 Fax: 410-666-3745; Website: www.jvfc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Steve Watkeys; Vice President: Alstar Paget; Secretary: Barbara White; Treasurer: Chris; Chaplain: Joan Paget; Chief: Joe Tamberino. Delegates: Joe Tamberino, Alstart Paget, Curtis Dean Wiggins, Sr. Alternates: None Listed.

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***JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 7, Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Harford County; Telephone: 410-692-7890 Fax: 410-692-7896; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: James Bair; Vice President: Ted Burkhardt; Secretary: Denessa Fruhling; Treasurer: Laura Barwick; Chaplain: Terry Murphy; Chief: Steve Townsend. Delegates: James Bair, Ben Kurtz, Mitch Vocke, Bill Poole, Ernie Tracey. Alternates: None listed.

***JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-473-5150 Fax: 301-473-9789; Website: www.jvfc20.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: David Remsburg; Vice President: Ronald Ahalt Sr; Secretary: Thomas W. Arnold; Treasurer: Susan Corun; Chaplain: Amos Ahalt; Chief: John Elden. Delegates: William Nichols, Donna Gosbee, Paul Fusco, John Miller Jr, Tyler Phelps. Alternates: Michael Rimel.

***JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. 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: Stephen Maceiko. Delegates: William Hawkins, Margaret Gouty, Mark Hartz, Delta Priest, Stephen Maceiko. Alternates: Alvera Miller, Joseph Miller, Marvin Bladen, Tabatha Hetrick, Stephen Maceiko, Jr.

JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 1403 Old Mountain Road South, Joppa, MD 21085; Harford County; Telephone: 410-679-1055; 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: Larry Lauder.

***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: John Hahn; Secretary: Keisha Brown; Treasurer: Grayson Abrecht; Chaplain: Rev. Harold Wright; Chief: Ronald Eury. Delegates: Keith Brown, Charles Abrecht, Rodney Scites, Dusty Hahn, Debbie Perkins. Alternates: Keisha Brown, Chip Jewell.

***KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 98, 11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5340 Fax: 410-348-5150; Website: www.kvfc.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered:

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1955. President: Heather Miller; Vice President: Clint Mills; Secretary: Patricia Scott; Treasurer: Mark Dixon; Chief: Phillip Lott. Delegates: Danny Quinn, Heather Miller, Patti Scott, Bill Scott, Michelle Miller. Alternates: Pete Lott, Phillip Lott.

***KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 222, 10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-929-8000; Website: www.kvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1925; Joined MSFA: 1933. President: Steven Semler; Vice President: Robert Spence; Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini; Treasurer: Stephen Cox; Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton; Chief: James Stanton. Delegates: Steven Semler, Andrew B. White, Robert Spence, Marcine Goodloe, James Stanton. Alternates: Ronald Dowdy Jr, Frank Kaleyias, Juan Bofill, Christopher St. John, Arthur Hawkins.

KENT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 27, 605 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-643-5454, Fax: 410-643-5457; Website: kivfd.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 7701 Landover Road, Kentland, MD 20785; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-773-6032 Fax: 301-773-2410; Website: www.kentland33.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Sheila Mann; Vice President: Mark Mollohan; Secretary: LaVatrice Nora-Meuillion; Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch; Chaplain: Jim Neal; Chief: Michael Mattison. Delegates: Jim Neal,

***KENT-QUEEN ANNE'S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 126, 140 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-4495 Fax: 410-810-0346; Website: www.Kentrescuesquad.com; Organized: 1961; Chartered: 1961; President: Allan Schauber; Vice President: Mary Grussing; Secretary: Ray Jones; Treasurer: Jim Johnson; Chaplain: Leonard Miller; Chief: Allan Schauber. Delegates: Allan Schauber, Larry Hastings, Kathy Hastings, Dennis Hickman, Kevin Kerr. Alternates: Mary Grussing, Alex Dolgos, Jim Johnson, Lanreu Jones, Travis Nelson.

***KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 65; 11601 Bellvue Avenue; Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5773 Fax: 410-592-8557; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Stuart Miller; Vice President: Stephen Belkoff; Secretary: Rita Saylor; Treasurer: Victoria Clayton; Chaplain: Ronald Cassett Sr; Chief: Edward Griffiths. Delegates: Stuart Miller, Dennis Eyre, Gary Weer, Rita Saylor, Ronald Cassett Sr. Alternates: Ronald Hale,

Michael Berna, Timothy Berkeridge, Ed Griffiths, Wayne Knight.

KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 438, 249 East Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-453-3323; Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1932. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; Website: 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, Timothy Hall, Jane Huffman, Michelle Bell. Alternates: Jerry White, Debbie Krtub, Rob Curley, Robert Heffington.

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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

***LANDOVER HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 2357, 6801 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-773-1447 Fax: 301-583-1912; Website: www.Lhvf.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Ruby Keeling; Vice President: Dawn Rowe; Secretary: Christina Linnell; Treasurer: Nancy Roberts; Chaplain: Shella King; Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: John Roberts, Nancy Roberts, Ruby Keeling. Alternates: Dawn Rowe, Evelyn Young, Delores Pinkett.

***LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1, INC.** – P.O. Box 7374, 140 Laverne Avenue, Lansdowne, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1472; Fax: 410-887-1472; Website www.lansdownevfd.com; Organized: 1902. President: Donna Kern; Vice President: Bernie Smith; Secretary: Jody Airey; Treasurer: William Kern; Chaplain: Kristi Kunkle; Chief: Vaughn Kazak. Delegates: Bernard Smith, Donna Kern, Ray Gill, Vaughn Kazak, Dave Ellis. Alternates: None listed.

***LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 728, 911 Washington Ave, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-9201 Fax: 301-934-4217; Website: laplatavolunteerfiredept.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Luther Della Jr; Vice President Ronald Talley; Secretary: Mary Gilroy; Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy; Chaplain: Joe

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Gardiner; Chief: Jason Moore. Delegates: Lynn D. Gilroy, Mary Gilroy, Matthew Gilroy, William Frazier, Robert Hutchins. Alternates: Ronald Talley, Luther Della Jr, Bruce Bridgett, Jason Moore, Joe Gardiner.

***LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – P.O. Box 699, Laurel, MD 20725, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20707; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-776-3600 Fax: 301-725-2026; Website: www.laurelvfd.org; Organized: 1902; Chartered: 1902. President: Victor Whipple; Vice President: Robert Grant; Secretary: Rose Maher; Treasurer: Steve Benton; Chaplain: Warren Litchfield; Chief: Brad Lovell. Delegates: Joseph R. Robison, Craig Moe, Victor Whipple, Kevin Frost, Rosa Maher. Alternates: Brian Lau, Tom Scaggs, Robert Grant, Dan Greenstein, Gary Heisher.

LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. Box 1278, 14910 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20725; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-604-5055 Fax: 301-725-0654; Website: laurelrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0871; Fax: 301-777-7237; Organized: 1933. President: James E. Cook, Jr; Vice President: Edward Kidwell; Secretary: Kim Reichert; Treasurer: N/A; Chaplain: Harold Boarder; Chief: Ryan Reichert. Delegates: Brian Holbrook, James Swauger, William Getson, James Cook, Richard Hawkins. Alternates: Walter May, Edward Kidwell, Earl Pryor III, Mike Pfaff, Kim Pryor.

***LAVALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 3343, Lavale, MD 21504; 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-4458 Fax: 301-729-8191; Organized: 1969; Chartered: 1969. President: Kenneth L. May; Vice President: Dianne Shoemaker; Secretary: Carol Femi; Treasurer: W. Lind Moore; Chaplain: Dale Evans; Chief: Gary Kamauf. Delegates: Earl Pryer Jr, Ted Pryor III, Chris Pryor, Walter May II, Kim Pryor. Alternates: None listed.

LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-1677 Fax: 301-977-9327; Website: ldvfd.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952 President: Ryan Gaskill; Vice President: Matthew Bowles; Secretary: Yana Babii; Treasurer: Murphy Richards; Chaplain: Tom Musgrove Sr; Chief: Stanley Sutton. Delegates: Clark Beall, Tom Musgrove, Murphy Richards, Stanley Sutton,

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Jr. Delegates: Jim Snyder, Ryan Gaskill, Murphy Richards, Clark Beall, Tom Musgrove. Alternates: None Listed

***LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 21431 Leiter Street, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-9155; Fax: 301-733-9352; Website: 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, Randy Gaver. Alternates: Twylla Grove, Lloyd Emswiler, Bill Hastings, Edward Williams, Kirk Mongan.

***LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 50; Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-475-8996; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1929 President: Wayne Miedzinski; Vice President: Keith Watts; Secretary: John K. Mattingly; Treasurer: John H. Gough; Chief: Thomas Mattingly, Jr. Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas Trossbach Jr, Carl Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., Robert Trossbach. Alternates: None listed.

***LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 299; 22855 Lawrence Avenue; Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-475-8509 Fax: 301-475-1825; Website: lvs.org; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975 President: Shirley Copado; Vice President: Donna Whites; Secretary: David Wright; Treasurer: Mary Ellen Borland; Chaplain: Rev. Corey Dyson; Chief: Joe Wilkinson. Delegates: Shirley Copado, Mary D. Trossbach, Donna Whites, Amy Smith, Chris Smith. Alternates: Jaime Weber, Kerry Klear, Doug Pennock, Dean Gass, Marvin Jones.

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:kelopos@comcast.net); Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1954. President: Dale Burkins; Vice President: Russell Gallion; Secretary: Karen E. Lopes; Treasurer: Sharon Worthington; Chaplain: Rev. Lonna Smith; Chief: Brian Remines. Delegates: Gene Worthington, George Dorbert, Russell Gallion, Dale Burkins, Marc Lipscomb. Alternates: Alan Caudill, Ron Thomas.

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: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Jean Main; Chief: Mike Stull.

Delegates: Warren Main. Alternates: None Listed.

***LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 339, 21633 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-862-3331; Fax: 31-863-9336; Website: lpvrs.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Kenneth Hicks; Vice President: Mike Cahall; Secretary: Pat Davidson; Treasurer: John Olsen; Chaplain: Anthony Sweeney III; Chief: Shawn Davidson. Delegates: Timmy Snyder, Eva Jones, Kenneth Hicks. Alternates: Shannon Hicks.

LIBERTY ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 10010 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0651 Fax: 410-922-984; Website: lrvfc.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Steve Wolf; Vice President: Krista Rommers; Secretary: Melody Wayne; Treasurer: Lauren Kemp; Asst. Chaplain: Fred Pahl; Captain: Mark Goldstein. Delegates: Walter Boyd, Sr., Melody Wayne, Jack Ross, Karen Meyers, Mark Goldstein. Alternates: Steve Wolf, Steve Miller, Lee Stern.

***LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9193; Fax: 301-898-0150; Website: www.lvfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964; Joined MSFA: 1965. President: Michael Naill; Vice President: Todd Lamb; Secretary: Pinoake Browning; Treasurer: Cynthia Stine; Chief: Daniel More. Delegates: Pinoake Browning, Chip Jewell, Jr., Daniel More, Dennis Shelton, Douglas Welsh. Alternates: None listed.

LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21088; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-2197; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1919; Joined MSFA: 1915. President: Don Fair; Vice President: Dave Dickmyer; Secretary: Anna Marshall; Treasurer: Bette Sheperd; Chaplain: Lou Heffner; Chief: Linus Saurasaitis. Delegates: Don Fair, Marianne Warehime, Suzie Howard, John Tawes, Linus Saurasaitis. Alternates: Tim Warehime, Sue Tawes.

***LINKWOOD-SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 66, 3905 Ocean Gateway, Linkwood, MD 21865; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-221-0169; Website: www.lsvfd61.com; Organized: 1957; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: Scott Warrell; Vice President: Leann Lewis; Secretary: Vicky Wheatley; Treasurer: Tracy Fairall; Chaplain: David Tolley; Chief: Keith Adkins. Delegates: Brad Dickenson. Justin Koshar. Alternates: None listed.

***LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21765; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-5404; Fax: 410-489-7632; Website: lisbonvfc.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1945 President: Albert Musgrove; Vice President: Marshall Fleming; Secretary: Lisa Rollison; Treasurer: Simone Rockstroh; Chaplain: Lisa Sparks; Chief: Carey McIntosh. Delegates: Tom Esworthy, Marshall Fleming, Eric McIntosh, Albert Musgrove, Carey McIntosh. Alternates: Jody McIntosh, Brian Haugh, Ivan Betancourt, Paul Atwell, Simone Rockstroh.

LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 776, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-6235; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: Rick Travers, Jr; Vice President: Ronnie Milligan; Secretary: Linda Horseman; Treasurer: Tim McCarter; Chief: Jeffrey Hurley, Sr. Delegates: Linda Horseman. Alternate: None Listed.

LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 4009; 4506 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-592-8337; Website: lgvfc.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; President: Skip Hayes; Vice President: Bill Saur; Secretary: Heather Alexander; Treasurer: Amber Butcher; Captain: Ronald Harrison. Delegates: Rick Eyre, Joel McCrea, Travis Over, Ron Harrison, Sharon Eyre. Alternates: Katie Eyre, Amy Eyre, Will Stoll, Ron Harrison II, Bill Delcher.

LOWER SOMERSET COUNTY AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. 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.** – P.O. Box 236, Westport, MD 21562; 500 Grant Street; Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3311 x3240, Fax: 301-359-2048; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Kathy Bever; Vice President: Dan Beaver; Secretary: Jim Jenkins; Treasurer: Ron Files Sr; Chaplain: Philip Whetstone; Chief: Wayne Rounds. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Dan Beaver, Tom Simpson, Phil Whetstone, Brian Holbrook. Alternates: Tim Dayton, Pete Pamepinto, Mark Alexander, Kathy Bever.

***LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 232; 1609 Bellona Avenue; Lutherville, MD 21094; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7778; Fax: 410-252-3099; Website: www.lvfc.com; Organized: 1909; Chartered: 1909. President: John Gochnauer; Vice President: Joshua Kakel; Secretary: Janet O'Rourke; Treasurer: J.P. Macafee. Delegates: Stephan Weatherby, John Gochnauer, James Cahn, Josh Kakel, Lewis Smith. Alternates: James Doran, Mark Goodwin, Rodney Hyde, James Donovan, Frank Barranco.

***MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 23, 1154 Taylor's Island Road; Madison, MD 21648; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-8703 Fax: 410-228-8703; 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, Ronnie Reynolds. Alternates: Samuel Horseman, William Stevens, Sr.

***MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Box 416; Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-2286; Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885; President: Elwin Wagner; Vice President: Steve Miller; Secretary: Ralph Dull; Treasurer: Danny Bloskey Sr; Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Scott Hahn. Delegates: Ralph Dull, Elwin Wagner, Malcom Helwig, Danny Bloskey Sr, Ed Bilger. Alternates: None listed.

MARDELA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 299, Station Street, Mardela, MD 21837; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-5997 Fax: 410-749-2239; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; Joined MFA: 1927. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***MARION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 143; 28390 Crisfield Marion Road; Marion Station, MD 21838; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-623-3791 Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1937. President: Ray Somers; Vice President: Toby Swift; Secretary: Gary Powell; Treasurer: John Mackenzie; Chaplain: Dave Parke; Chief: Alan Butler. Delegates: Donald L. Howard, Robert Pumku. Alternates: None Listed.

MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-952-8194 Fax: 301-952-8942; Website: marlborofire.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Jay Toker; Vice President: Jeff Wyvill; Secretary: Bert Krakosky; Treasurer: Kevin Hodges; Chaplain: Jen Fenner; Chief:

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Russell Wells. Delegates: Jay Tucker, Leonard King, Jr. Kerns, Russell Wells, Dina Wells, Kevin Hodges. Alternates: Bert Krakosky, Mike Helmer, Fred Foxwell.

MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 400, Marydel, MD 20773; Caroline County; Telephone: 302-492-9917; 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, Bill Lepore, Gary Bolden. Alternates: Steve Bernett, Linda Bernett, Ralph Rossi.

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: Nello Burian, Sr.; Vice President: Kevin Newman; Secretary: Krista Shepard; Treasurer: Linda Henry; Chief: Rayburn Smallwood. Delegates: Nello Burian, Sr., Mary Louise Snidow, Michael Shepard, Russ Anson, Greg Croft. Alternates: Kevin Newman, Les baker, Chris Shepard, Kim Larsen, Ray Smallwood.

***MARYLAND LINE FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.** – P.O. Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1932 Fax: 410-343-0906; Website: marylandlinefirecom; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: Gerald Beck; Vice President: Byron Whipperman; Secretary: Carolyn Rosier; Treasurer: Jack Carter; Chaplain: Tina Jones-Rosier; Chief: Jason Rosier. Delegates: William Schmalzer, Darlene Jones, Brett Jones, Linda Schmalzer. Alternates: Bradley Wright, Jason Rosier, Charles Fogle Jr, Tina Jones-Rosier, Amanda Jones.

***MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-8515; Fax: 301-739-8516; Website: mgvfc.com. President: Phillip Ridenour; Vice President: Brian Pile; Secretary: Karla Pile; Treasurer: Stephani Garrett; Chaplain: Leonard Horst; Chief: William Garrett. Delegates: Jason Baer, Charles Shindle, Leonard Horst. Alternates: Frank Ridenour, Brian Pile, Dave Baer.

McCOOLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 24931 Crooks Avenue, McCooles, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-786-4311 Fax: 301-786-7890; Organized: 1938. No Credentials submitted for 2010

***MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 37; 28165 Hills Club Road; Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone:

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301-884-8602 Fax: 301-884-4139; Website www.mvfd.com; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1937. President: John Montgomery; Vice President: Dennis Bellevou; Secretary: Darene Kleinsorgen; Treasurer: Ferdinand Reetz III; Chief: John Raley. Delegates: William Wilkerson, William H. Simpson, Sr., John Raley, John Montgomery, Dave Sampson. Alternates: Buddy M. Adams Jr, James Mattingly, Andrew McWilliams, Larry Greenwell, Paul Colonna.

***MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 15; 28120 Old Flora Corner Road; Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-884-2900; Fax: 301-884-2930; Organized: 1959; Chartered: 1959; Joined MSFA: 1990. President: Dr. John W. Roache, M.D.; Vice President: John Breitmaier; Secretary: Nicole Simpson; Treasurer: Joyce G. Downs; Chaplain: Fr Paul Gozaloff. Chief: Marie Kurtz. Delegates: David Harrigan, James Cawley, Terri Warren. Alternates: None listed.

MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1913 Middleborough Road; Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone :410-686-0327; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: Lisa O'Connor; Vice President: Debbie Peyton; Secretary: Elana Smith; Chief: John Palasik. Delegates: John Palasik, Lisa O'Connor, Debbie Peyton, John Peyton, Shaun Freund. Alternates: Tracy Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Jamine Peyton, Elana Smith.

MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 5021, 2000 Leland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-687-5328; Fax: 410-687-6350; Website: mrvar.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 18001, 1100 Wilson Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-687-3160; Fax: 410-687-4507; Website: mrvfc.org; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Keith Hardesty Sr; Vice President: Jim Akehurst Sr; Secretary: David Presnell, Treasurer: James Sollenberger; Captain: James Sollenberger. Delegates: Keith Hardesty Sr, John Dulina, Beth Stone, Ronnie Brewer, James Akehurst, Sr. Alternates: None listed.

***MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY** – P.O. Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-371-6907, Fax: 301-371-8986; Website: middletownvfd.org; Organized: 1895; Chartered: 1935. President: Jacob Loveless; Vice President: Ronald Huffer; Secretary: Deborah L. Loveless; Treasurer: Paul Fink; Chaplain: David Coblentz; Chief: Brent Harne.

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Delegates: Stefan T. Nalborczyk, Jane Nalborczyk, Debbie Smith, Wayne Smith.
Alternates: None listed.

***MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 53, 14809 Railroad Street, Midland, MD 21542; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2511; 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, Andy Cesnick, Ed Kenner, James Dick. Alternates: Corey Gatian, James Reno, Pat Speir, Maggie Gatian, Jeff Cutter.

MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT – 10700 – Billingsley Road, P.O. Box 366, Charles County, Maryland. Telephone: 301-645-7707. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-736-4342/43; Fax: 301-967-7152; Website: morningsidevfd.com. President: Charles Phillips; Vice President: Les Hedrick; Secretary: Lisa McKlveen; Treasurer: Tommy Warren; Chaplain: Les Hedrick; Chief: Michael White. Delegates: Charles Phillips, Les Hedrick, Mike White, Carl McKlveen, Danny Hunt. Alternates: Tommy Warren, Tyrone Gale, Lisa McKlveen, Mark Shanye, Lori Williams.

MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 10305 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-797-5555; Website: www.mtaetnafire.com; Organized: 1967; Chartered: 1969; President: Robert Spence; Vice President: Dale Martin; Secretary: Jeff Banfe; Treasurer: David Banfe; Chaplain: Dale Martin; Chief: Eric Banfe. Delegates: Dale Martin, Eric Banfe, Robert Spence, David Banfe, Tony Veney. Alternates: Terry Stouffer, Scott Smith, Ricky Fleming, Jerry Banfe, David Swan.

***MOUNT AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 702 North Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 21771; Carroll County; Telephone: 301-829-0100 Fax: 301-829-2353; WebSite: www.mavfc.org. President: Thomas Walters, Vice President: Bruce Walz; Secretary: Richard Wotthile; Treasurer: James Linton Jr; Chaplain: Dennis Yocum; Chief: Ivan Browning. Delegates: Ivan Browning, Doug Alexander, Dale Lowman, Jeff Lowman, Sue Hubble. Alternates: Jay McElroy, Gary Hubble, Terry Baker, Oscar Baker, Becky Brown.

MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO.1, INC. – P.O. Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone:

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301-264-3311 Fax: 301-264-3145; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 27440 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2100; Fax: 410-651-4415; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Greg Evanusa; Vice President: Charles Fisher; Secretary: John Webster; Treasurer: Cindy Pietroski; Chaplain: Michael Lokey; Chief: Kevin Jones. Delegates: Emmons Horner, Bryan Barnette, Gregg Evanusa, Kevin Jones, Stacy Barnette. Alternates: Mike McIntyre, Cindi Pietroski.

MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. P.O. Box 95, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-9817 Fax: 301-293-9828; Email raymon115@aol.com Website: 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. – P.O. 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: Dan McClarren; Vice President: James Rye; Secretary: Tom Jenkins; Chaplain: Rufus Washington; Chief: Doug Campbell. Delegates: Rick Stegmeien. Alternates: None Listed.

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.

NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC – P.O. Box 82, Newark, MD. Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3980, Fax: 410-632-3980. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPT, INC.** – P.O. Box 9, 12245 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone: 301-259-2105; Organized: 1988; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Francis Warring; Vice President: Ronnie Wright; Secretary: Loretta Michael; Treasurer: Diane Thomas; Chaplain: John Henry; Chief: Lisa Yates and Steve

Shifflett. Delegates: Cliff Butler, Steve Shifflett. Alternates: John Henry.

***NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.**

– P.O. Box 925; 76 W. Main St; New Market, MD 21774; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-865-5700 Fax: 301-865-8148; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955. President: Richard Gue; Vice President: Chris Beard; Secretary: Kelly Sullivan; Treasurer: Richard Stem; Chaplain: Gary White; Chief: Brian Yankey. Delegates: Jay Betts, Bob Skelton. Alternates: Ben Nalborczyk, Kelly Sullivan.

NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

–P.O.Box67; 1209Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone:301-898-0543; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. Chief: Gary Keller. Delegates: Gary Keller, Nancy Keller. Alternate: None Listed.

NEW WINDSOR FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.

–101 High Street; New Windsor, MD 21776; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-635-6373; Website: nwwf10.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. Delegates: Rick Fritz, Eugene Smith, Steve Koontz, Kristie Gable, Richard Warrenfeltz. Alternates: None listed.

***NORRISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.**

– 2134 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3644 Fax: 410-638-3647; Website: www.nfvc10.org; Organized: 1994; Chartered: 1994; Joined MSFA: 1994; President: Robert Williams; Vice President: Lee Mundle; Secretary: Samantha Sheehan; Treasurer: Kris Miller; Chaplain: Rev. Melissa McKay; Chief: Stan Gustaitis. Delegates: David C. Leftwich, Travis Over, Corey Watkins, Jake Chaney, Richard Brooks III. Alternates: None listed.

***NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

– P.O. Box 86, 8536 Bayside Road; North Beach, MD 20714; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-257-6564 Fax: 301-855-2271; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1947. President: John Kneessi; 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, Robert Allen, Richard Cress. Alternates: John Kneessi, Justin Kivett, Matthew Weber, Billy Freesland III.

***NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC.**

–P.O. Box 770, 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-8222 Fax: 410-287-6913; Website: nafc4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: William Divirzilio; Vice President: Paul Huntzberry; Secretary: Suzie Hamilton; Treasurer: Valerie Combs; Chief: Jeff Isaacs. Delegates: Howard Flower, Charles Stewart, John Hamilton IV, Paul Huntzberry, Harold Hathaway. Alternates: Robert Ford, John Hutzel.

***NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 293, 124 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5520 Fax: 301-895-4618; Website: ngcrs.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Barry Beal; Vice President: Burton Lytle; Secretary: Nancy Savage; Treasurer: Harold Fike; Chaplain: Mary Friend; Chief: Lucretia Sines. Delegates: Pat Bowser, Michael Simmons, Pauline Faucett, Gary Teats, Shelby Simmons. Alternates: None listed.

***NORTH POINT EDMERE 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: Adam Davies; Vice President: Matthew Morgan; Secretary: Stacey McElwee; Treasurer: Douglas Price; Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Lizer; Chief: Todd Aupperley. Delegates: Jim Riegel, Sr., Lester Kottraba, Adam Davies, Shane Davies. Alternates: None listed

OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 43, 31 South Third Street, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3535 Fax: 301-334-2347; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1894; No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 27, 1409 Philadelphia Avenue; Ocean City; MD 21843; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-289-4346 Fax: 410-289-8421; Website: www.ocvfc.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: James Jester; Vice President: Joe Sexauer; Secretary: John Bunting; Treasurer: Cliff Christello; Chaplain: Phil Turk; Chief: David Cropper. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr, Reggie Bell, Reginald Charles Bunting, Larry Lewis, John Guntow. Alternates: Richard Bayles, Steve Hales, Jim Smith, Steve Price, Paul Adkins.

OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-8272 Fax: 410-641-6964 No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-674-4444 Fax: 410-672-0758; Website ovfc28.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Troy Odendhal; Vice President: Wylie Donaldson; Secretary: Jimmie Allen. Treasurer: Kimberly Jenkins; 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. – P.O. Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-5151; Fax: 301-478-5400; Website: www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 654, Pasadena, MD 21123-0654, 7549 Solley Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1505; Website: orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Walter Snyder; Vice President: Donna Bushong; Secretary: Gail Bush; Treasurer: John Wenzel; Chaplain: John Wenzel; Chief: James Evans. Delegates: Walter Snyder, Donna Bushong, John Wenzel, Gail Bush, Janet Aro. Alternates: Wayne Snyder, Jacqueline Snyder, Jonnie Hill, Tina Butrim, Mike Maurer.

ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 12210 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2229 Fax: 301-478-3699; No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***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; Secretary: Jenny Nilsen; Treasurer: Phil Herbert; Captain: Kevin Wallett. Delegates: Mike Fold, Craig Nelson Jr, Craig Nelson Sr, Ed Schwartz Jr, Joe Iman. Alternates: Tom Schwartz, Joe Christian, Mark Stavelly.

***OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-226-5110; Website: www.oxfordfireco.org; Chartered: 1926. President: Jonathan Fox; Vice President: John Hanes; Secretary: Connie Greenhawk; Treasurer: Darrin Clem; Chaplain: DeJay Bunting; Chief: Michael Greenhawk. Delegates: Richard Schmidt, Richard Smith, Michael Greenhawk Jr, Evan Rowe, Karl Kirchoft. Alternates: Ashlea Greenhawk.

OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. 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. No Credentials were submitted for 2010.

PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 208, 32960 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-742-2408, Fax: 443-260-0725. President: Julie Brown; Vice

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President: Leigh Tyler; Secretary: Dean Wilkinson; Treasurer: Burt Bunting; Chief: 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; Website: pvfc32.org; Organized and Chartered: 1897. President: Richard Berkowitz; Vice Presidents: Lee Sachs and Samuel Dansicker; Secretary: L. Allen Roody; Treasurer: Philip Goldsmith; Chaplain: Kathleen Resnick & Murray Rodman; Chief: Captain Glenn Resnick. Delegates: Lee N. Sachs, Glenn Resnick, Stuart Carter, Aaron Robinson, Roger Powell. Alternates: None listed.

PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 2799, 21-West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21741; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3338 Fax: 301-733-3368. President: Rodney McCoy; Vice President: James Burdett. Delegates: Rodney McCoy, James Burdett, Mike Mann, Rita McCoy, Marvin Niswande. Alternates: None.

***PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 387, 7442 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-2323 Fax: 410-835-2424; Website: pittsvillefire.com; Organized and Chartered: 1929. President: Anthony Webster; 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 III, George Whited Jr. Alternates: Michael Farlow, Josh Farlow, George Whitted III, Rick Powell, Kristine Ehrisman.

***PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1977 Fax: 410-848-6008; Website: 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, Jeff Geiman. Alternates: Steve Wantz, John Means Sr, Michael Swartzbaugh, William Wantz, Charlie Simpson.

***POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 73 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-7700 Fax: 301-743-378;7 Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined

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POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2130 Fax: 301-432-7792; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1975. President: Vicki Wetzel; Vice President: Amber Hewett; Secretary: Jeanne Gray; Treasurer: Terry Rohrer; Chief: Ronnie Gray. Delegates: Ronnie Gray, Arnold Martin, Vicki Wetzel, Jeanne Gray, Amber Hewett. Alternates: None.

POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY #2, INC. – P.O. Box 326, 61 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3701 Fax: 301-359-3377; Website: PFC22@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, Philip Whetstone, Walter May, Judy Hamilton. Alternates: None listed.

POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 4, 5085 Powellville Road, Powellville, MD 21852; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8181; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1962; Joined MSFA: 1963. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 44, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-673-7874; Organized: 1927; President: Charles Frase; Vice President: Jack Garvey; Secretary: Alan Kenton; Treasurer: Ken Doyle; Chaplain: Robert Wahl; Chief: Bryan Milligan. Delegates: Russell Dukes, Jacob Garvey, David Weight. Alternates: Donald Cheezum, Jeff Coeey, Troy Brooks.

***PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 976, 450 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-9875; Fax: 410-414-3655; Website: www.pvffd.org; Organized: 1940. President: Dwight Armiger; Vice President: Mark Carrico; Secretary: James Cox; Treasurer: Alan Billings; Chaplain: Michael Bowen; Chief: Brian Fecke. Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Mark Carrico, Joseph Reamy, Michael Bowen, Doyle Cox. Alternates: Alan Billings, Vernon Horsmon Sr, Thomas Scott III, Nancy Scott, Ethan Darrow.

***PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 346, 755 N. Solomon's Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD. 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-9836; Fax: 410-535-5750; Website: www.pfvrs.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Ronald Estoque Jr; Vice President: Roland Brady; Secretary: Ginger Weasenforth; Treasurer: Jenny Esotogue; Chaplain: Todd Marple; Chief: Keith Ferrier. Delegates: Ronald Estogue, Cora Stockhausen, Keith Ferrier, Shirley Menendez, Kelly Zimmer. Alternates: Patricia Dize, Diane Billings, Penny Ferrier, Thomas Tettimer, Jenny Estoque.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VOLUNTEER UNDERWATER RESCUE & RECOVERY TEAM, INC. – 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-888-1803; No Credentials submitted for 2010.

PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2144; Fax: 410-651-2159; Organized: 1914. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5774; Website: pvfc290.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Philip Darr; Chief: Scott Ebbert. Delegates: Andrew Doyle. Alternates: None.

QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 226, 13520 First Street, Queen Anne MD 21657; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-364-5612 Fax: 410-364-9888; Website qahvfc.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD 21658; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-827-8377 Fax: 410-827-8926; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1934. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-8229; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Garth Nasser; Vice President: Wes Foor; Secretary: Vicky Hartsock; Treasurer: Carol McKenzie; Chief: Kenneth McKenzie. Delegates: Wes Foor, Ken McKenzie, Garth Nasser, Mike McKenzie. Alternates: None listed.

***REESE & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.** - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172; Fax: 410-848-2396; Website: reesevfc.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Chad Reese; Vice President: Phil Hild and Matt Stonsbury; Secretary: Teresa Cox; 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, Chad Reese, Phil Hild.

***REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 108 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Baltimore County; Telephone: 301-833-1370; Fax: 410-833-0258; Website: 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, Robert Holtz.

RESCUE FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 776, 8 Washington Street, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-1023; Organized: 1881; Chartered: 1882. President: Mike Cheesman; Vice President: Juanita Weber; Secretary: Linda Horsman; Treasurer: Timothy McCarter; Chaplain: Rev. Doug Ridley, Chief: Jeff Hurley Sr. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Don Kinnamon, Frank Horsman. Alternates: Richard Travers Jr, Adam Pritchett.

***RESCUE HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.** – 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; Delegates: Charles W. Cadle, Jr., Timothy L. Clough, Alfred W. Britton, Jr., William Clark, Denna Britton. Alternates: None listed.

***RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-872-5571 Fax: 301-872-0632; Website: ridgevfd.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Thomas Ridgell; Vice President: James Raley; Secretary: Phillip Cooper Jr, Treasurer: John Wathen Jr; Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Karl A. Chimiak; Chief: Bruce Raley. Delegates: Bruce Raley, Timothy Ridgell, Francis Raley, John Wathen Jr, Phillip Ridgell. Alternates: Matthew Ridgell, John Wathen III, Paul Ballta, Bradley Cooper.

***RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. 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: Michele Brickman; Treasurer: Christy Bright; Chaplain: Jack Cullison; Chief: George Gatton. Delegates: George Gatton, Christy Merrell, Rich Merrell, Paul Sullivan, Jessica Titus. Alternates: None listed.

RIDGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgely, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-634-2424; Fax: 410-634-2798; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1928. President: Lou Hayes; Vice President: George Cohey; Secretary: Tim Gunderson; Treasurer: Bryan Ebling; Chief: Robert Utz. Delegates: Bryan Ebling, John Hurley, Justin Ebling, David McGinnis, Wayne Winchester. Alternates: Steve Franklin.

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 Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 1970. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. P.O. 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; Web Site: www.riverdalevfd.org. President: Steve Lamphier; Vice President: David Sutton; Secretary: Nova Johns; Treasurer: Joel Gagliardi; Chief: Charles A. Ryan III. Delegates: Charles Ryan III, Brian Carpio, Nova Johns, James Johns III. Alternates: None listed.

***RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 6101 Roanoke Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-985-4680; Website: rhvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. President: Kenneth Gilroy; Vice President: Kurt Palman and Michael Wilson. Secretary: Sharon Shoemaker; Treasurer: Timothy Donoghue; Chaplain: David Duffany; Chief: Bruce Harrison. Delegates: Kenneth Gilroy, Sharon Showmaker,

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Bruce Harrison, Kurt Palman, Michael Wilson. Alternates: David Yarbrough, John Richardson, Tim Donoghue, Nathan Belle, Don Gardner.

RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. 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: Todd Sink; Vice President: Justin Towles; Secretary: Corrine Ebert; Treasurer: Amy Kiser; Chaplain: Bill Zamontzy; Chief: James Shipley. Delegates: Jay Shipley, Justin Towles, David Johnson, Russel Schlick, Dave Rictor. Alternates: Christopher Fowler, Gloria Lewis, Richard Briggs, Michael Towles, Brian Davey.

ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 21500 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661; Kent County; Telephone: 410-639-7888; 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, Kevin Middleton. Alternates: None listed.

***ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** P.O. Box 34034, 2212 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.** – P.O. Box 1547, 380 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-424-0310 Fax: 301-294-4721; Website: www.rvfd.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921. President: Eric N. Bernard; Vice President: Raymond Whalen; Secretary: Lisa Hinde; Treasurer: Adam Stern; Chaplain: Valentine Keveny and Chesky Tenenbaum; Chief: Russell Dawson. Delegates: John T. Ferguson III, Tom Kavanagh, Timothy Jones, Eric Bernard, Russel Dawson. Alternates:

***ROCKY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 117, 13516 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: Alan Hurley. Delegates: Dale Kline Sr, Dennis Mathias, Paulette Mathias, Amber

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Humerick, Joe Youngermen. Alternates: Larry Humnerick Jr, Benny Hurley, Jim Rice.

***ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – 8037 Philadelphia Road, Baltimore, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-866-4042 Fax: 410-866-2598; Website: rosedalevfd.com; Organized: 1930. President: Jack Mazza; Vice President: Scott Small; Secretary: Michelle Harding; Treasurer: Chuck McJilton; Chief: Chuck Leiss. Delegates: Eric Endryas, Jack Mazza, Eileen Endryas, Scott Small, Debbie Potts. Alternates: Brian Stark, Steve Stachowski, Bill Pearson, Chuck Leiss, Shawn Kolego.

***ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC.** – P.O. Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-586-1713 Fax: 410-586-3031; Website:slvfd.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982. President: George Anderson; Vice President: David Payne; Secretary: Jessica Jones; Treasurer: Karen Sharpe; Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine; Chief: Monty Parks. Delegates: George Anderson, Monty Parks, William Landford, Robert Earnshaw, Danielle Dunn. Alternates: Daniel Baker Jr, Rev Howanstine, Jennifer Lankford, Erin Teates.

***ST. MARY'S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPP.O.RT UNIT, INC.** P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-475-3474; Organized: 1983; Chartered: 1983; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Dennis Gordge; Vice President: Mike Cahall; Secretary: Hattie Norris; Treasurer: Debbie Kenney; Chaplain: George L'Heureux; Chief: Carol Sullivan. Delegates: George L'Heureux, Dennis Gordge, Mike Cahall, Scott Cooley, Winnie Sullivan. Alternates: Carol Sullivan, Debbie Kenny, Hattie Norris, Joe Held, Tom Hesbach.

ST. MICHAEL'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1001 South Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-745-9393; Fax: 410-745-9947; Website: stmichaelsfd.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: John Haddaway; Vice President: Jill Hite; Secretary: Jessica Kastel; Treasurer: Robert Murray; Chaplain: Daniel Higgins Jr; Chief: J. D. Patricks. Delegates: Jim Ferguson. Alternates: Dan Mautz.

***SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Headquarters Company, 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3120; Fax: 410-548-3121; Organized: 1872. President: David Black; Vice President: Steve Dickenson; Secretary: Stephanie Rathel; Treasurer: Tri Townsend; Chaplain: Roger Kondrup; Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: Sheldon White, Tim Murrell,

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Ken Gaskins, Layne Bynum. Alternates: Justin Pantalone, Steve Dickenson, Stephen Records, Joel McCroy.

***SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** - 1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3127; Website www.salisburyfire.org; Organized: 1986; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: David Elliott; Vice President: Chuck Foskey; Secretary: Laraine Buck; Treasurer: Bill Lewis; Chief: A/C Jimmy Corron. Delegates: Gerald Beauchamp, Billy Lewis, David Elliott, Jeremy Mumford. Alternates: Charles Foskey, Eric Foskey, David Cooper, Justin Elliott.

SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT #2, INC. – P.O. Box 3381, 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3125; Organized: 1930. President: Rob Strobel. Delegates: William Nutter, Bill Higgins, Chris Sterling, John DiMore, Dale Albert. Alternates: None listed.

***SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 295, Sandy Spring, MD 20860-0295; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-774-7400; Fax: 301-774-4821; Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1925. President: Johnie Roth Jr; Vice President: Jennifer Musgrove; Secretary: Connie Somerville; Treasurer: Steven Lamphier; Chaplain: Roy Crawford; Chief: George W. Brown, Jr. Delegates: George Brown, Johnie Roth, Joseph Aceto, Brian Smet, Sean Purcell. Alternates: Michael Kelly, Victoria Aceto, Bruce Newcomer, Michael Valente, Vickie Stroup.

***SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. 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: Norman Wines; Secretary: Theresa Thompson; Treasurer: Alan Conway; Chaplain: Mary McNamee; Chief: Jeffrey Hatton. Delegates: Terry Thompson, Michael Hitt, Theresa Thompson, Ronald Hunley, Kevin Larkins, Sr. Alternates: David Hunley, Norman Wines, Laura Williams, Joe Beilke, Tom Parmer.

SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 6305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-336-2331; Website: www.seatpleasantfire.com; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1915; No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***SECRETARY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 56, 115 Myrtle Street, Secretary, MD 21664; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3545 Fax: 410-943-0330; WebSite: www.fire-ems.net/view/firedept/secretary/md; Organized:

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1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined: MSFA: 1938. President: Samuel Yockey; Vice President: David Cox; Secretary: Michael Stivers; Treasurer: Amanda Gullion; Chief: Bill Gullion III. Delegates: Samuel Yockey, Michael Larrimore, William Gullion III, Amanda Gullion, Dave Cox. Alternates: Jim Fraccaroli, Kenneth Walton III, Susan Kirwan, Darrin Lindsay, John Burton. .

***SECOND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-994-0751; Website: sdvfdrs.org; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1972. President: Arthur Pilkerton; Vice President: Theresa Cullison; Secretary: Cindy Bowes; Treasurer: Lisa Orwig; Chaplain: George L'Heureux; Chief: Lyn Henderson. Delegates: Robert E. Russell, Michael Roberts, John Caulder, Gregory Adams, Ray Carter. Alternates: Earl Knott, Robert Lynch, John Decker, John Guy, Jeremy Chism.

***SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** P.O. Box - 206, 21660 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-769-3600 Fax: 301-769-3602; Website: sdvfd5.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: John D. Nelson; Vice President: Mike Huseman; Secretary: Louis Hammett; Treasurer: Stanley Pilkerton; Chaplain: John H. Nelson Jr; Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: John D. Nelson, Michael Huseman, George McWilliams III, Anthony Hammett, John H. Nelson, Jr. Alternates: John A. Nelson.

***SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. 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, Wendy Gibson, Jennifer Huntington. Alternates: Zack Hill, Ronald Mattingly, Richard Colliflower, Joseph Murphy, Kim Mason.

***SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 19303 Shaft Road SW, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-1535; Fax: 301-687-0121; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Ryan Chapman; Vice President: David Speir; Secretary: Cassie Yates; Treasurer: Patty McGowan; Chaplain: Aaron Winters; Chief: Scott Yates. Delegates: Aaron Winters, Scott Yates, Ryan Chapman. Alternates: Roger Bennett.

***SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.** P.O. Box 307, 110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-5348 Fax: 301-432-6456; Website: sharpsburgens.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968. President: William Myers; Vice President: Peggy Myers; Secretary: Ashley Grimm; Treasurer: Walter Kipe; Chief: Lester Bussard. Delegates: Darryl Benner, Peggy Myers, Priscilla Myers, Harry Hawbaker, Marcy Lovett.

***SHARPSBURG VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 297, 110 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-6321 Fax: 301-432-5167; Website: sharpsburgfire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944. President: Harry Gossard; Vice President: Daryl Benner; Secretary: Patty Benner; Treasurer: Ron Delauney; Chaplain: Harry Gossard; Chief: Allen James. Delegates: Harry Gossard, W. Allen James, Chris Mullendor, Darryl Benner, Roger Otzelberger. Alternates: Henry Jones, Mat Stevens, Patti Benner, Jay Morgan, John Routzan.

***SHARPTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 315 Main Street, Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-883-3131 Fax: 410-883-3043; Organized: 1926. President: William White; Vice President: Jack Bennett; Secretary: Brenda Marvil; Treasurer: Linda Lambrose; Chaplain: Ike White. Chief: Howard Bowden. Delegates: Tom Bowden, Ted Fletcher, Ronnie Marvil. Alternates: William White, Howard Bowden, Jack Bennett.

SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 16, 11620 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD 21862; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-2380; Website: showellvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945; No Credentials submitted for 2010.

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; Website: silverhillvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1948. President: Charles Diana; Vice President: Anthony King. Delegates: Charles Diana, William King, Diana Diana, Carl Anderson, Curtis King.

***SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-587-3400 Fax: 301-588-3548; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1918. President: Kenneth L. Heltzel; Vice President: William Reindollar; Secretary: Susan Myatt; Treasurer: Gerald Leener; Chief: Roger McGary. Delegates: Kenneth L. Heltzel, Burton

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Brenner, Susan Myatt, George Peet, Harold Tarver. Alternates: Amy Roberts, Jonathan Bart.

SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY – P.O. 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: John Norman; Secretary: Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha; Chief: William McCall. Delegates: William Caldwell, David Caldwell, Joseph Gipson, John Denver, Kenneth Streets. Alternates: David Caldwell, Jaren Whiteman, Donald Miller.

SMITHBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – 8 Maple Avenue; Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-3314; Organized: 1981; Chartered: 1981; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Joe Ralls; Vice President: Valen Medows; Secretary: Mary Ralls; Treasurer: Emily Demmons; Chaplain: Melvin Smith; Chief: Jon Snyder. Delegates: Jon Snyder, James Ulrich, Garnett Snyder, Kevin Demmons, Jennifer Barciz. Alternates: None listed.

***SMITHBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. 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; Chartered: 1933. President: Phil Rohrer; Vice President: Glenn Reynolds; Secretary: Barb Miller; Treasurer: Buddy Blake; Chaplain: Juliué Brigham; Chief: Chris Rohrer. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Ronnie Jeter, Phil Rohrer, Joe Ralls. Alternates: Erika Jeter, Wayne Williams, Mike Lida, Buddy Blake, Steve Lewis.

SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. 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: Alfred Larson; Vice President: Jim Phillips; Secretary: Howard Stephens; Treasurer: Glen Phillips; Chaplain: Chris Tyler; Chief: Rat Wooten. Delegates: Richard Mills Jr, Bob Davis, Jay Bare, Mike Farlow, Erin Mullins. Alternates: Ray Wooten.

SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 189, Solomons, MD 20658; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-326-6657 Fax: 410-586-2019; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***SOUTH HAGERSTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3337;

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Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; Officers: None listed. Delegates: Clinton Rowland, Jerry Cunningham. Alternates: None listed.

SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC - P.O. Box 378, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County, Telephone: 301-334-3000 Fax: 301-334-3000; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 2000. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

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; 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. – 203 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-438-3155; Officers: None listed. Delegates: Robert Nicholson Jr, Bennie Shelton, Robert Nicholson III.

SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 58, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-4070 Fax: 410-939-5648; Organized: 1902. President: Charles Packard Sr. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

SYKESVILLE - FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-9311 Fax: 410-549-8759; Website: www.sykesvillefire.org; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933; Joined MSFA: 193. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; Montgomery County Telephone: 240-773-8954 Fax: 301-270-0546; Website: takomaparkfire.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1922. President: Elmer Hamm; Vice President: Richard Willey; Secretary: Stephen Novik; Treasurer: Bruce Allen; Chaplain: David Hooker; Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates: Robert Jarboe, James E. Jarboe, Elmer Hamm, Sherry Novik, Andrew Willey. Alternates: Steve Novik, Richard Willey, Michael DeVore, Thomas Musgrove.

TALBOT COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. – P.O. Box 514, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-820-8311 - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

***TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-756-6253 Fax: 410-751-0510; Website: www.tvfc5.org. President: Jim Haines; Vice President: Donald Shoemaker and Craig Bare; Secretary: Keith Phillips; Treasurer: James Parker; Chaplain: Charles Barnhart; Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: Jim Haines, Craig Austin, Charles Barnhart, Michael Clapsaddle, Keith Phillips. Alternates: Fern Haines, Bethany Six, Jeff Powell, Earl Lookingbill, Ryan Houck.

TAYLOR'S ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 277, 501 Taylor's Island Road, Taylor's Island, MD 21669; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3524. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 522, 7035 Poorhouse Road, Marbury, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-2080 Fax: 301-46-9914; Website: tdvfd8.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Bernie Dalcanton; Vice President: Charles Bourghs; Secretary: Kelly Hudson; Treasurer: Susie Tanner; Chaplain: George Abell; Chief: Wallace Danielson, Jr. Delegates: Thomas Milstead, Bernie Dalcanton, Charles Bourghs, Robie Tanner. 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: Jim Humerick; Vice President: Bill Morgan; Secretary: Joyce Stitely; Treasurer: Judith White; Chaplain: Jim Hamrick. Chief: Dennis Ott, Jr. Delegates: Jim Musselwhite.

TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 297, 5979 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-886-2101 Fax: 410-886-2677; Organized: 1925 Chartered: 1938. Officers: None listed. Delegates: David McQuay, Neal Lednum.

TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 86, 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-476-3535 Fax: 410-476-3859; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. President: Mary Lou Diefenderfer; Vice President: Shirley Quidas; Secretary: Kari Diefenderfer; Treasurer: Don English; Chaplain: Rev. Robert Hawkins; Chief: Ben Diefenderfer. Delegates:

George McCracken. Alternates: Shirley Quidas, Robert Quidas, Donald English.

TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC. - P.O. Box 144, 59 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3067 Fax: 301-359-0479; Website: ttems.org; Organized: 1974; Chartered: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1999. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-775-7422 Fax: 410-857-8775; Website: www.ubfc8.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1889; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Thomas M. Garber; Vice President: Freddie Green; Secretary: Linda Bostian; Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer; Chaplain: Rev. Richard L. Michael; Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Thomas M. Garber, Brenda Burdette, Chad Green, Doug Bostian, David Nelson. Alternates: James Harris, Jerry Harris, Eugene Curfman.

UNITED COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-643-1182; Fax: 410-643-1183; Website: 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: Ron Siarnicki, Chris Tona, Pat Neil, Kevin Henderson, Kent Whalen. Alternates: Lisa Tona, Rose Clark, Donna Whalen, Jim Hall, Tom Clark.

UNITED STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO.3, INC. – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1711; Organized: 1845; Chartered: 1905; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: James Morgan; Vice President: Jimmy Graham; Secretary: Angie Hummer; Treasurer: James Morgan; Chief: Jerry Dorsey. Delegates: James Morgan, Mike Roop, Robin Roop, Jeanna Panarella, George Wood. Alternates: Jerry Dorsey, Dave Smith.

***UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 8, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-972-8888 Fax: 301-407-0453; Website: umcvfd.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946. President: Ross Meem; Vice President: George T. Hillard; Secretary: Teresa Meem; Treasurer: Robert Settelmaier; Chaplain: Kenneth Fell; Chief: Earl Moore. Delegates: Bill Bliss, 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: 301-663-3822;

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VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 5, 301 Old Ocean Gateway, Vienna, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3319; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY, INC.** - P.O. Box 171, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-2728 Fax: 301-447-1724; Website: 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 Glass, Bill Boyd, Guy Baker III. Alternates: Steve Hollinger, Tom Vaughn, Austin Umbe, Wayne Powell.

VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1470 Fax: 410-242-2907; Website: violetvillevfd34.8m.com; Organized: 1906; Chartered: 1945. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BRANDYWINE, INC. – 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-372-8507. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***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: Scott Bolton; Secretary: Paul Wildey; Treasurer: Ed Long; Chaplain: John Long Jr; Chief: Thomas Morris. Delegates: Jeffrey Ritter, Donald Briscoe, Thomas Morris, Terry Ferguson, Paul Wildey. Alternates: John Loveless Sr, Ed Long, Mike Estes, Chris Arches, Robyn Sheldon-Hahn.

***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; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: James Kimble; Vice President: Steve Heefner; Secretary: Brenda Dattilio; Treasurer: Kingsley Poole; Chief: Jeff Ringer. Delegates: Steve Heefner, Jeffrey Ringer, Ed Ernst, Jamie Drawbaugh, Tammy Draugh. Alternates:

Kim Anderson, Tina Bowers, Paul Hottinger, Scott Adams, Ann Jochum.

***VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK, INC.** – 1449 Sussex Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0329 Fax: 410-391-4718; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: John Alban Jr; Vice President: Frank Pollock; Secretary: Anthony Schield; Treasurer: William Stump; Chaplain: Jequione Ford; Chief: Robert Oermon. Delegates: Anthony Schield, John J. Alban Jr, Robert Oerman, Francisco Guzman, Milton Herget. Alternates: Frank Pollock.

***BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO, INC** –3716 Rhode Island Ave, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-5713 Fax: 301-927-5713 ;Website: www.bhvfc.com; Organized: 1911; Chartered: 1913. President: Steven King; Vice President: James Pilkerton; Secretary: Diane Schmidt; Treasurer: William Tavel; Chaplain: Edward Mutchler; Chief: Howard Ewins, Jr. Delegates: Steven King, Tony Brooks, Edward Mutchler, Debbie King, Jesse McCullough. Alternates: None listed.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD OF WEST LANHAM HILLS, MD, INC. - P.O. Box 1348, 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-577-0777 Fax: 301-731-5163; Website www.wlhvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Charles County; Telephone: 301-645-3000 Fax: 301-870-0136; Website: 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, Robert Hardy, William Olsen, Thomas Edwards, William Cooke. Alternates: Barbara Stevens, Alicia Olsen, Jim Buckingham, Mike Strain, Matt Stevens.

***WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9110 Fax: 301-898-4030; Website: 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, Paul Stull. Alternates: John Zimmerman, Blaine Smith,

Chad Barrick, Jim Graham, Brenda Staley.

***WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 202, 73 Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-845-8875 Fax: 301-845-6028; Website: 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: Craig Moore. Alternates: None listed.

***WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 324, 15 North Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-378-4223 Fax: 410-378-9343; Website: www.wwfco.com; Organized: 1844. President: Michael Lipka Sr; Vice President: Joel McCall; Secretary: Tammy Hoag; Treasurer: Fred Mott; Chaplain: George Hipkins; Chief: Matthew Saylor, Sr. Delegates: Mike Lipka, Sr., Wayne Tome, Sr, Karen Roland, Donald Poist Jr, Frederick Mott, Sr. Alternates: None listed.

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, James Caulfield III. Alternates: Kenneth Blackwell, Penny Nichols, 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, Carl Booll. Alternates: Mike Collins, Will Spicer, Norma Spicer.

WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC – 7609 Annapolis Road, West Lanham Maryland 20706, Prince Georges County; Telephone: 301-577-0777 Fax: 301-731-5163; Website: www.wlhvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Scott Vazquez; Vice President: Brendon Burke; Secretary: Lena Grant; Treasurer: Susan Wilson; Chief: John Alter. Delegates: Dave Parsons, John Alter, Brendon Burke, Scott Vazquez, Josh Shientel. Alternates: Billy Smith, Darrin Grant, Jeff Miller.

***WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY #4, INC.** – 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-8615 Fax: 301-739-9124; Organized: 1872. President: James D. Schaffer, Vice President: Mike Kline; Secretary: Dennis Huffer; Treasurer: Terry Mose; Chaplain: Richard Bower, Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: James Schaffer, Clyde Tressler, Rick Blair, Clarence Webber, Charles Barr. Alternates: Michael Dobbins, Mike Kline, Mike Tressler, Harold Semler, John Fredrige.

WEST SIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. P.O. Box 85, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-873-2140; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. President: Donald Messick; Vice President: Jerry Nelson; Secretary: Aspyn 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. – P.O. Box 357, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1800 Fax: 410-848-3407; Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized: 1823. President: Robert Cumberland; Vice President: Todd Whitson & Krisyen Boyer; Secretary: Jamie Petry; Treasurer: Bob Ruby; Chaplain: Wayne Spencer; Chief: Jim Bangerd. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Rich Raver, Bob Cumberland, Jeff Alexander. Alternates: Dan Plunkert, Kevin Utz. .

WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. Box 1577, 11435 Grandview Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20915; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-949-9673 Fax: 301-942-0740; Website: wvrs.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Thomas Brown; Vice President: Steve Sobolewski and Andres Gluecksmann; Secretary: Ray Tucker; Treasurer: Nick Hrabak; Chaplain: Rory Crawford; Chief: Allan Platky. Delegates: Paul Sterling Jr, Robert Lawson, Ben Mull, John Rives, Rhonda Cohen. Alternates: None listed.

***WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160; Harford County; Telephone: 410-452-8425; Fax: 410-638-3687; Website: whitefordfire.com. President: Larry Holbrook; Vice President: Joshua Schueler; Secretary: Janet Holbrook; Treasurer: Charles Mohr; Chief: Frank Krick. Delegates: John R. Williams, James Williams, John Williamson, Larry Holbrook, Janet Holbrook. Alternates: None listed.

WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – P.O. Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh Maryland 21162. Telephone: 410-335-5112; Fax: 410-335-

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1842; Website: wmvf.org. President: Don Wilder; Vice President: Al Vaughn; Secretary: Kay Simmons; Treasurer: Donald Chilcoat Jr; Chaplain: Jack Bussard; Chief: Capt. Fred Koch Delegates: Al Vaughn, Don Wilder, Jack Amrhein, Heather Goulden, Fred Koch. Alternates: Rick Breach Sr, Ken Hughes, Mark Lundin, Jim Goulden, Scott Davidson.

WILLARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. 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. – P.O. 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 No Credentials submitted for 2010.

WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. P.O. Box 102, 30 West Salisbury Street, Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: 301-223-8532 Fax: 301-223-6945; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Scott Brown; Secretary: Carrie Ammons. Delegates: Karen Lowman, Brian Lowman, Harry Gossard. Alternates: None listed.

***WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS COMPANY, INC.** – 2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: 301-223-9100 Fax: 301-223-6122; Website: www.williamsP.O.rtfire.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, Craig Osborne, Radney Guessford, Ed Palmer, Carrie Ammons. Alternates: John Raidt, Mark Kopp, Skip Menzies.

***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. President: Scott Legore; Vice President: Robert Farver; Secretary: Kim Legore; Treasurer: Jeanne Legore; Chief: Tim Warner; Delegates: Kevin Warner, Earl Baker Sr, Matt Paskowski, Rick Warner, Bob Hardesty. Alternates: Zachary Warner, Dave Wallace.

***WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7262 Fax: 410-288-6095; Website: 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, Robert Francis. Alternates: Calvin Piefer, 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; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. No Credentials submitted for 2010.

***WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 236, (529 Londontown Road), Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-3100 Fax: 410-956-0180; Website: woodlandbeachvfd.net; Organized: 1944. President: Joseph Connell; Vice President: Mike Purcell; Secretary: Gary Hainer; Treasurer: Paul Mills, Margaret Strausberg; Chaplain: Margaret Stalsberg; Chief: Joseph Howlin. Delegates: Paul Mills, Joseph Connell, Joseph Howlin, Mike Purcell, Joseph Connell, Jr. Alternates: Roy Faudree, Bill Keyes, Tim Faudree, Gary Haines, John Sweeney.

***WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-265-8666; Website woodlawnvfc.org; Organized: 1941. President: Leroy Burch; Vice President: Clifton Macer; Treasurer: Frank Seicke; Chaplain: Sean Fields; Chief: Thomas Richarts. Delegates: William LeTourneau Jr, Thomas Richarts, Tom Skinner, Frank Seicke, Loquene Brown. 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: 301-898-8443; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Robert Lind; Vice President: Michael Offutt; Secretary: Sue Mosholder; Treasurer: Donald Trimmer; Chaplain: Kay Ensor. Chief: Dennis Derry; Delegates: Mickey Fyock, Diane Fyock, Dennis 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; Chartered: 1958. President: Bertha Saghy; Vice President: Raymond Neall Jr; Secretary: Dave Neall; Treasurer: Brian Turley. Chaplain: Randy Sauger. Delegates: Harry Hobson, Rose Hobson, Bertha Saghy, Fred Saghy Sr, Kevin Reilly. Alternates: Stephanie Russell, Brian Turley, Ray Russel, Logan Starr, Ruth Altvater.

***ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSN.** P.O. Box 881, Millersville, MD 21108; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-222-8200; Website: www.aacvfa.org; Organized 1932; Joined MSFA: 2007. President: Robert Couchenour; Vice President: Joseph Larson Sr; Secretary: Kathy Gies; Treasurer: Evelyn Graf; Chaplain: Rev John Long Jr. Delegates: Robert Couchenour, Joe Larson Sr., Kathy Gies, Evelyn Graf, Wayne Bender. Alternates: John Long Jr, Wylie Donaldson, John Spiker, Kim Larson, Jackie Olson.

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.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 205, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214; Telephone: 717-794-2323. No credentials submitted.

BOX 234 ASSOCIATION, INC. – Box 234, 22 Walker Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1290 Fax: 410-821-7676; Organized: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Bonnie Hand; Vice President: Wilson Holden; Secretary: Anida England; Treasurer: Debbie Jakobson. Capt. Kurt Jakobson. Delegates: Bonnie Hand, Wilson Holden. Alternates: Anida England, Rick Holden, Kurt Jakobson.

BOX 234 REHABILITATION UNIT, INC. – 23 W. Mayer Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048. No credentials submitted.

CAROLINE COUNTY VOL. FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION – P.O. Box 402, 11077 Garland Rd. Denton MD 21629; Telephone: 410-479-0488. President: Patti Gordy; Vice President: Doug Ramey; Secretary: Jan Blades; Treasurer: Keith Mowbray; Chaplain: Carol Price. No Delegates listed.

CITY OF ANNAPOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT –All paid Department; Chief: Michal Lonergan.

CITY OF CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 1702, 20 Bedford Street, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-759-6480 Fax: 301-759-6494; E-mail: wherbaugh@ci.cumberland.md.us; Website: www.ci.cumberland.md.us; Organized & Chartered: 1906; Joined MSFA: 1999; Chief: William Herbaugh; Secretary: Julie Davis. Delegates: None listed.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS – P.O. Box 653, 23090 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: (301)475-8016 Fax: 301-475-4512; E-Mail: **@co.saint-marys.md.us; Website: saint-marys.md.us; Comm Manager: Tommy Mattingly Jr. Delegates:

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; Website: ho.co.md.us; Chief Deputy: W. Raymond Faith. Delegates: None.

MIDLAND JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – P.O. Box 53, Midland, MD 21542 Telephone: 301-463-6631 Fax: 301-463-6631; Organized: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Elizabeth Halbritter; Vice President: Peggy Moats; Secretary: Candice Raynor; Treasurer: Justin Kenner; Chief: Candice Rayner; Delegates: Candice Raynor, Jason Thrasher, Elizabeth Halbritter, Lance Spataro.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE ASSN, INC. – 250 N. Washington Street, 4th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850; Telephone: 301-424-0297; Website: mcfra.org. President: Marcine Goodloe; Vice President: Earl Moore; Secretary: Russell Dawson; Treasurer: Juan Bofrel; Chaplain: Tom Claxton. Delegates: Marcine Goodloe, Paul Sterling, Ansy White; Joe C, Jack Ferguson. Alternates: Bill Bliss; Robbie Bliss; Earl Moore.

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; Website: pgfd.org. President: Robert McCoy; Vice President: Doug Bartholemew; Secretary: Susan Taylor; Treasurer: Theresa Lloyd; Chaplain: Theresa Crisman; Chief: Lawrence Sedgewick

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Jr. Delegates: Lawrence Sedgewick Jr, Robert McCoy, Doug Bartholemew, Susan Taylor, Kevin Riely. Alternates: Steve Williams, Theresa Lloyd, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Wood.

TYLERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – P.O. 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; Web Site: VFIS.com.

FREDERICK COUNTY DEPT. OF FIRE/RESCUE – 340 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-846-2282, Fax: 301-631-3466; E-mail: ckwn@starpower.net; Website: www.co.Frederick.md.us/govt/esd/dfers; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2000. President: James May; Vice President: Timothy Ganley and Judy White; Secretary: Kiona Black; Treasurer: Mark Vassallo; Chaplain: Dave Coblentz. Delegates: None listed.

***CENTRAL ALARMERS, INC.** – 7856 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21236; Telephone: 410-661-9321; Organized: 1955; Date Joined MSFA: 2002; Chartered: 1955. President: Frank Ward; Vice President: Albert Vaughn; Secretary: Maureen Ruppensbergen; Treasurer: Charlene Wooley; Chaplain: John Bennett. Delegates: Al Vaughn, John Cromwell, Carol Vaughn, Debbie Peyton, Frank Ward. Alternates: John Peyton, Kirk Soistman, Maureen Ruppensbergen, Sue Lee, Bill Stockum.

*****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. 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 - - -

PROVIDENT AGENCY P.O. Box 11588, 272 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15238;
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Represent
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Volunteer Fire, Rescue,
and Emergency Medical
Services of Maryland”**

CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

An Act to Incorporate the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward Israel, Edward S. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin H. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, William M. Crimmons, Hiram R. Heck, O. D. Golbert and their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Maryland State Firemen's Association", and by that name shall have perpetual succession and be capable in law to hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law and equity; to have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and bylaws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs provided the same shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or the United States; to elect officers and directors and generally to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this act, or to promote the objects and designs of the said corporation.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the object and purpose of this corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel who have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to insure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/ or emergency ambulance services, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the finds and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the volunteer fire and ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland, comprising the members of this corporation, shall annually in June, elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years) and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number as the Executive Committee; who together with the other officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the said corporation hereby formed shall have full power to receive subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of money, or real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and hold such property, to be applied by it to the objects of its incorporation.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward

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Israel, Edward E. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin R. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, O. D. Gilbert, William M. Crimmins and Hiram R. Heck shall be officers and managers of said corporation until the second Thursday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and shall serve as such until their successors are elected.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1894.

**STATE OF MARYLAND
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION
301 WEST PRESTON STREET
BALTIMORE 21201**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the within instrument is a true copy of the ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION as approved and received for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland, November 21, 1975 at 8:30 o'clock A.M.

RICHARD H. KELLER
CHARTER SPECIALIST, II
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE CHARTER OF THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FIRST: That the General Convention of the members of the Corporation, called by its governing body, and duly convened pursuant to the Constitution of the Corporation on June 17, 1975, upon recommendation of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation, the membership has voted to amend the Charter as follows:

SECOND: The Resident Agent of the corporation shall be: JAMES C. ROBERTSON, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

THIRD: The principal of the Corporation shall be located at the Fire Service Extension Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

FOURTH: The Charter is amended by striking out Section 2 and section 3 of the Charter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 2. And be it enacted, that the object and purpose of this Corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of the State of Maryland, to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to ensure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the Volunteer Firemen and volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of Volunteer Fire, Ambulance and Rescue

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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

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was a member of the Association on July 1, 1975. The words "Member Companies" as used in following articles of the Constitution and By-Laws shall include "Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies", except in those instances where it is necessary to differentiate.

Each company desiring to hold membership in this Association shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars (\$ 5.00). Each active company shall pay to the Financial Secretary on or before the first of April in each year the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) as annual dues or in the case of new members, a pro rata amount for the current year (payable with

the initiation fee), said sum constituting dues for the current fiscal year. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

Section 3- The MSFA is authorized to suspend a membership, so issued, at any time it determines that the Member Company is proven to be in violation of or no longer meets the qualifications as prescribed under this Article.

Section 4- Associate Membership- Any fire, rescue or ambulance company which does not otherwise meet the standards for membership in the MSFA; and any organization which provides direct services either in supporting any volunteer fire company, rescue company, or ambulance service, by the provision of collateral services

which aid the volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland in providing their services, shall be entitled to apply and upon approval to become Associate Members of the MSFA. Such application would require review and approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Associate Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. In order to qualify as Associate Member, the applicant organization must provide services, which directly benefit career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies of the State of Maryland, such as providing for services at the scene of an emergency, fund raising for such organizations or other similar purposes. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose of the organization applying for Associate Membership, and that it is effectively a non-profit organization; that it is an organization which does not exist for the profit of any individual member thereof, but for humanitarian purposes. The annual dues for Associate Membership would be fifty dollars (\$ 50.00). The first year's dues plus a five-dollar (\$ 5.00) initiation fee must accompany the application. Twenty dollars (\$ 20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships. Associate Members once approved as such, are entitled to attend activities of the MSFA. However, Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote with regard to the business of the MSFA.

Section 5- Sustaining Membership- Any organization which desires to provide pecuniary support or otherwise collaterally support any program or purpose of the MSFA, and the existence of which as an entity does not otherwise contain any conflict with respect to the purposes of the MSFA, may apply to the MSFA as

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a Sustaining Member. The application for such membership would be required to be submitted to the Executive Committee of the MSFA 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 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

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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.

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

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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; 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 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

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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 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 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

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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 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 anyway, 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

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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 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.

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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 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.

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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 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 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 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;

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(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.

(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 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.
- (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 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

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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:

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| 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 |
| 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 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

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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 MSFA, 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 MSFA 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 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

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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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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,

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200 GPM.

- 11) One (1) play pipe 1 1/2" with 1", 1 1/8", and 3/4" tips.
- 12) Two (2) 1 1/2" nozzles shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, variable flow.
- 13) Two (2) 2 1/2" double female couplings.
- 14) Two (2) 2 1/2" double male couplings.
- 15) One (1) hose clamp.
- 16) One (1) 2 1/2" wye reducer with 1 1/2" shut-off discharges.
- 17) One (1) reducer, 2 1/2" female to 1 1/2" male.
- 18) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2 1/2" 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 1/2" underwriters relay fitting with shut-off gate and 2 1/2" 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 1/2" quarter turn valve, relay valve.
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- 40) One (1) siamese (2 1/2" female X 2 1/2" female X 2 1/2" 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.
- 12) Two (2) hand lights.
- 13) One (1) rubber mallet.
- 14) Two (2) 2" double females.
- 15) Two (2) 2" double males.

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- 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.
- 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.

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

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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.
- 37) Four (4) Masks, self-contained, with audible alarm and four (4) spare bottles (NFPA 1981 Approved). (One {1} self-contained Breathing Apparatus complying with NFPA 1981, open circuit self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighters, for each seating position {see section 2-1} but not less than

four {4}).

38) Three (3) Portable Fire Extinguishers, in mounting brackets, one (1) twenty (20) lb. ABC, one (1) fifteen (15) lb. CO₂, and one (1) 2 _ gallon water.

39) Eight (8) Rope hose tools or ladder straps.

40) One (1) detachable or permanently mounted Ladder Pipe on end of ladder, with stack tips and fog nozzle, five hundred (500) GPM or more.

41) One (1) Hammerhead Wall Pick.

42) One (1) Bolt Cutter, minimum 36".

43) One (1) Two-way Siamese, with shut off valve, 2 _ " or larger.

44) One hundred (100) feet three 3" fire hose for ladder pipe or have built-in piping.

45) Two-way communication from ground to tip of fly of ladder or basket.

46) Communication from rear step to cab.

47) Two-way radio with local county frequencies.

48) One (1) Tool box containing the following small tools for fireground operation (NFPA 1904): One (1) Hacksaw, with blades; One (1) Keyhole Saw, One (1) 12 inch (305mm) Pipe Wrench; One (1) 24 inch (610mm) Pipe Wrench; One (1) Ball Peen Hammer; One (1) pair Tin Snips; One (1) pair Slip Joint Pliers; One (1) pair Lineman's Pliers; Assorted types and sizes of screwdrivers (flat blade and phillips); Assorted sizes of Adjustable Wrenches; and Assorted sizes of Combination Wrenches.

49) One (1) Hose Roller.

50) One (1) set Emergency Road Triangles (3).

51) One (1) each per crewmember: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.

52) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: Four (4) each surgical masks, Four (4) each eye protection devices and Four (4) protective gowns, Two (2) red Biowaste bags, Two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, Ten (10) plastic trash bags, Twenty-four (24) paper towels, Twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, Two (2) water-soluble bags, and Two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

ARTICLE E- MINIMUM STANDARDS AMBULANCE COMPANIES MIEMSS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Section 1- The minimum standards herein have been jointly developed by the MSFA and MIEMSS and thus also constitute the standard for the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program. Upon successful completion of a voluntary inspection conducted by MIEMSS personnel, Certificate of Excellence decals for the ambulance and a Certificate of Excellence wall plaque for the station will be issued by MIEMSS. Minimum standards for MSFA member fire and rescue companies operating Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be Line Officers with responsibility for the ambulance

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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)

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- 25) One (1) box Facial tissue
- 26) One (1) each Maryland Triage tag kit
- 27) One (1) each Sterile obstetrical (OB) kit containing: One (1) large towel or receiving blanket, Four (4) pairs sterile gloves (assorted sizes), Twelve (12) each sterile 4X4 gauze pads, Four (4) each umbilical clamps or ties, Two (2) sanitary napkins (or comparable absorbent dressings), One (1) bulb syringe for suctioning, and One (1) pair blunt scissors. (A commercially available OB kit may be substituted for these items)
- 28) One (1) each Rescue shears
- 29) Four (4) each Surgical masks
- 30) Four (4) each Gowns through which blood and/or body fluids cannot penetrate
- 31) Four (4) each Eye/face shields (NOTE: May be combined with surgical masks) NOTE: Items 29-31 may be combined into a bio-hazard kit carried on the ambulance.
- 32) Five (5) each Plastic, seal able bags with bio-hazard stickers
- 33) One (1) each bedpan
- 34) Two (2) each IV solution hangers
- 35) One (1) trash can

PORTABLE FIRST AID KIT

- 1) Twenty-four (24) each Sterile gauze pads (4"X4" minimum)
- 2) One (1) roll 2" adhesive tape (hypo-allergenic)
- 3) One (1) each Rescue shears
- 4) Eight (8) each Cravats (triangular bandages)
- 5) One (1) set Oropharyngeal airways (assorted sizes, 0-5)
- 6) One (1) each Ring cutter
- 7) One (1) each Stethoscope
- 8) One (1) each BP cuff (adult sphygmomanometer)
- 9) One (1) each Bandage scissors
- 10) One (1) each Penlight (narrow beam flashlight is acceptable)
- 11) Six (6) rolls 4" self-adhering gauze bandages
- 12) Two (2) rolls 6" self-adhering gauze bandages
- 13) Four (4) each Sterile trauma dressing (5"X9" minimum)
- 14) One (1) each Patient Marking pen
- 15) One (1) each Kit large enough to carry above equipment (dust and water resistant)
- 16) Two (2) pairs Exam gloves
- 17) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal Airways (assorted sizes)

AIRWAY MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

- 1) One (1) each Portable oxygen resuscitator of at least 300 L capacity. Two (2) size "D" or one (1) size "E" extra medical oxygen (green for steel cylinders, unpainted brushed metal for aluminum or stainless steel cylinders), shall be

free of grease and oil and shall bear a current hydrostatic test date. Unit shall be equipped with an appropriate thread or pin indexed yoke, a reducing valve limiting line pressure to 50 PSI, and a cylinder pressure gauge to indicate the amount of oxygen remaining. Additionally, a variable flow valve (not gravity dependent) and a flow meter capable of delivering at least 15 LPM shall be attached.

2) One (1) each on board installed piped oxygen resuscitator of at least 3,000 L capacity shall be available. Cylinder shall be properly color coded for medical oxygen, shall be free of grease and oil, shall be accessible for replacement, preferably from outside the patient compartment, and shall have a hydrostatic test date of less than five (5) years old. Unit shall be equipped with an appropriate thread or pin indexed yoke, a reducing valve limiting line pressure to 50 PSI, and a cylinder pressure gauge to indicate the amount of oxygen remaining. Additionally, at least one (1) oxygen wall outlet with plug-in variable flow valve, and a flow meter capable of delivering at least 15 LPM shall be installed.

3) Two (2) each Adult oxygen masks and cannulas, transparent, single use: Nonrebreather and Nasal Cannula.

4) Two (2) each Pediatric oxygen masks and cannulas, transparent, single use: Partial rebreather (Simple Face Mask) and Nasal Cannula.

5) Two (2) each Oxygen connecting tubing.

6) One (1) each Hand operated adult bag resuscitation unit with oxygen inlet, reservoir tube, clean adult and pediatric masks, without pop-off valve or with selective pop-off valve (clear recommended).

7) One (1) Hand operated infant bag resuscitation unit with oxygen inlet, reservoir tube, clean infant mask, and pop-off valve (clear recommended).

8) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal Airways (assorted French sizes).

9) One (1) set Oropharyngeal Airways (assorted sizes, 0 to 5).

10) One (1) Portable suction unit, battery powered with a minimum twenty (20) minute continuous operation. Assorted catheters and rigid suction tips. Must be able to develop 11.81 inches of water vacuum (300 mmhg) within four (4) seconds of clamping.

11) One (1) On-board, piped suction unit capable of providing a free air flow of at least twenty (20) LPM at the end of the delivery tube and a vacuum of 11.81 inches of water (300 mmhg) within four (4) seconds of clamping. The suction force shall be adjusted for use in children and intubated patients. The suction force must be reliable, such as from engine manifold and/or a permanent election suction pump powered by the vehicles' alternator/batteries.

LINEN SUPPLIES

1) One (1) each Pillow (Non-absorbent or disposable).

2) One (1) each Pillowcase.

3) Two (2) each Sheets.

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- 4) Two (2) each Towels.
- 5) Two (2) each Blankets (cotton or other non-conductive material).

CARRYING DEVICES

- 1) One (1) each Cot with mattress, four (4) wheels and adjustable head position.
- 2) Two (2) safety straps, minimum. (OSHA standards should be followed).
- 3) One (1) each Auxiliary Litter.
- 4) One (1) each Stair Chair (Items 3 and 4 may be combined.)

IMMOBILIZATION EQUIPMENT

- 1) Two (2) full spinal immobilization devices that meet OSHA standards.
- 2) One (1) half spinal immobilization device that meets OSHA standards.
- 3) One (1) orthopedic stretcher.
- 4) Six (6) 9 inch straps (speed clips, etc. or an equivalent for immobilizing two (2) patients on two (2) long boards).
- 5) One (1) adult leg traction splint with ankle hitch.
- 6) One (1) pediatric leg traction splint with ankle hitch.
- 7) Two (2) padded board splints (54"X3").
- 8) Two (2) padded board splints (36"X3").
- 9) Two (2) padded board splints (15"X3").
- 10) Two (2) sets of head immobilization devices (head blocks, blanket roll).
- 11) Two (2) sets extrication collars (Five (5) sizes per set. Note: Soft cervical collars do not provide adequate immobilization for undiagnosed potential injuries).
- 12) One (1) Child safety seat that meets federal specification FMVSS-213.

SAFETY ITEMS

- 1) One (1) fire extinguisher (5 lb. multipurpose dry chemical).
- 2) Two (2) hand lights.
- 3) One (1) each NO SMOKING sign in the patient compartment.
- 4) Three (3) each Reflective triangles that meet D.O.T. standards.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (SPLASH PROTECTION)

It is recommended that each riding member have their own protective gear (meeting NFPA standards). Should this not be available, the company will supply gear for members responding on that call.

- 1) One (1) each per crewmember present Protective coats.
- 2) One (1) each per crewmember present Helmet.
- 3) One (1) each per crewmember present Turnout pants and boots.
- 4) One (1) pair per crewmember present Safety Goggles.
- 5) One (1) pair per crewmember present Firefighter gloves.

EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT

Unless an emergency vehicle capable of providing extrication support is within a ten (10) minute response and is routinely dispatched with the ambulance from its or another station on every call that would reasonably require such support, then certain access and extrication equipment should be carried on the ambulance. The following

is the minimum extrication equipment that should be available at all times:

- 1) One (1) each Wrench, 12" open ended.
- 2) One (1) each Screwdriver 12" standard slot blade.
- 3) One (1) each Screwdriver 12" Phillips type.
- 4) One (1) each Hacksaw.
- 5) Six (6) each Hacksaw blades (Carbide type).
- 6) One (1) each Pliers, Channel-lock, adjustable.
- 7) One (1) each Pliers, 10" Vise grip.
- 8) One (1) each Hammer, 2-5lb., 15" handle.
- 9) One (1) each Fire axe, butt, 24" handle.
- 10) One (1) each 24" Wrecking bar.
- 11) One (1) each Spring-loaded punch.

The following equipment is recommended but not required:

- 12) One (1) each Crowbar 51" with pinch point.
- 13) One (1) each Bolt Cutter with 1 _" jaw opening.
- 14) One (1) each Portable power jack and spreader tool.
- 15) One (1) each Shovel 49" with pointed blade.
- 16) Two (2) each Rescue rope, each 50 feet long, _" diameter.

AMBULANCE VEHICLE

Refer to COMAR Section 11.14.02- Department of Transportation Standards

- 1) Functional climate control system (heating and cooling).
- 2) Functional emergency warning lights.
- 3) Functional emergency audible warning devices (horn excluded).
- 4) Functional head, tail, and signal lights.

SANITATION STANDARDS

- 1) Freshly laundered linen or disposable sheets and pillowcases or their equivalent will be used in transporting patients and changed after each use. At least one (1) complete change will be carried in the ambulance at all times. Moisture-proof protective covers shall be provided for the mattress and for any reusable pillows.
- 2) First aid supplies shall be stored in a clean container, free from dust, moisture, insects, and rodents.
- 3) The ambulance interior shall be cleaned after use. When patients with known infectious diseases have been transported, the patient compartment should be disinfected in compliance with organizations Infection Control Plan that meets OSHA bloodborne pathogen standards (CFR29.1910.30).
- 4) Suitable containers shall be provided for trash and soiled supplies.
- 5) An approved container to safely dispose of sharps (glass, needles, etc.) shall be provided on the ambulance.
- 6) Implements intended for use in a patient's nose or mouth shall be separately wrapped and properly stored and handled. Should such implements be contaminated through use, it should be disposed of, if disposable, and disinfected, if reusable. Of particular concern are suction tubing and

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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) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each MICU shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and appropriately marked. The equipment on each MICU and all records to its operation and maintenance shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA.

j) Each MICU shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

1) All the items required on a basic life support ambulance as set forth in Article "E" of the MSFA By-laws.

2) The following specialized ALS supplies and equipment (Note: The following items and kits may be carried in combination with other items or kits and shall be carried in appropriate containers free from dust, moisture, insects and rodents.):

ADDITIONAL ALS EQUIPMENT

- 1) One (1) each Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator with quick look capability (adult and pediatric) (Note 1 & 2).
- 2) Two (2) each Adult defibrillator pads (Note 3).
- 3) Two (2) each Pediatric defibrillator pads (Note 3).
- 4) Two (2) sets Monitoring cables.
- 5) Six (6) sets Monitoring electrodes.
- 6) Two (2) sets Adult pacing pads (Optional Note 4).
- 7) One (1) set Pediatric pacing pads (Optional Note 4).
- 8) One (1) set Spare monitor/defib batteries.
- 9) One (1) each Spare EKG paper.
- 10) One (1) each Tube electrode paste or jell pads (Note 4).
- 11) One (1) each PDR or equivalent index (Optional).
- 12) One (1) each Copy of Maryland Medical Protocols.
- 13) One (1) each Gastric tubing (8, 10, 12, 14fr).
- 14) Two (2) each Appropriate size lavage syringes.
- 15) One (1) each Pneumothorax Kit.

16) One (1) each Glucometer Kit (Optional).

MEDICATIONS & DELIVERY DEVICES (NOTE 5)

- 1) Five (5) each Adenosine- 6 mg each.
- 2) Four (4) each Albuterol- 2.5 mg each.
- 3) Two (2) each Nebulizers.
- 4) Eight (8) each Atropine Sulfate- 1 mg each.
- 5) Two (2) each Calcium Chloride- 1 g each.
- 6) Two (2) each Dextrose 50%- 25 g each.
- 7) Two (2) each Diazepam (Valium)- 10 mg each.
- 8) Two (2) each Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)- 50 mg each.
- 9) Two (2) each Dopamine- 800 mg each.
- 10) Six (6) each Epinephrine 1:10,000- 1 mg each.
- 11) Two (2) each Epinephrine 1:1,000- Multi dose (or 5 amp set).
- 12) Two (2) each Furosemide (Lasix)- 100 mg each.
- 13) Two (2) each Glucagon- 1 mg each.
- 14) Four (4) each Lidocaine 2%- 100 mg each.
- 15) Two (2) each Morphine Sulfate- 10 mg each.
- 16) Two (2) each Naloxone (Narcan)- 2 mg each.
- 17) Two (2) each Nitroglycerin- Spray/Tab (Note 6).
- 18) Two (2) each Sodium Bicarbonate- 50 mg each.
- 19) Two (2) each Terbutaline
- 20) One (1) each Controlled access system.
- 21) Four (4) each 1cc syringes with 25 g needles.
- 22) Eight (8) each 3-5 cc syringes.
- 23) Four (4) each 18 or 19 g needles.
- 24) Four (4) each 1 _ in. 21 g needles.

INTERVENOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- 1) Six (6) each IV catheters gauges (14,16,18,20,22,24).
- 2) Three (3) each Red Top tubes.
- 3) Three (3) each Purple Top or any tube w/anticoagulant.
- 4) Two (2) each Vacutainers.
- 5) Two (2) each IO needles.
- 6) Two (2) each Saline lock (Optional).
- 7) Two (2) each 20 cc of normal saline (for Saline Lock) (Optional).
- 8) Eight (8) sets IV Administration Sets (4 capable 10-15 drops per minute).
- 9) Six (6) each 1000 cc bags Ringers Lactate.
- 10) Site Preparation Materials.
- 11) One (1) each Portable Sharps container.

INTUBATION KIT

- 1) One (1) set Miller blades (0,1,2,3,4).
- 2) One (1) set McIntosh blades (1,2,3,4).
- 3) One (1) each Adult laryngoscope handle.
- 4) One (1) each Pediatric laryngoscope handle.

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- 5) Two (2) each ET tubes (6,7,8,9) cuffed.
- 6) Two (2) each ET tubes (2.5,3,3.5,4,5) uncuffed.
- 7) ET Tube holders (Optional).
- 8) Two (2) each Adult stylette.
- 9) Two (2) each Pediatric stylette.
- 10) Two (2) rolls 1" adhesive tape.
- 11) Four (4) each 10 cc syringes.
- 12) One (1) each Adult Magil forceps.
- 13) One (1) each Pediatric Magil forceps.
- 14) One (1) each Surgical lubricant (tube or packets).
- 15) One (1) each Lidocaine 10% or Benzocaine spray 20%.
- 16) One (1) each Lidocaine 2%- Jelly.
- 17) Spare laryngoscope bulbs and batteries (Optional).

Notes:

- 1) Cardiac monitor shall have capability of synchronized cardio version, and pacing capability where EMTPs respond on the unit.
- 2) Units with Defib Pads that offer "quick look" are acceptable in lieu of quick look paddles.
- 3) Required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 4) Not required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 5) Packaging of medications may vary but quantities must be met.
- 6) One (1) bottle of tablets or one (1) multidose spray.

**ARTICLE G- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS
(CHASE VEHICLES)**

Section 1- Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) companies performing ALS with a chase vehicle (ALS Unit). An ALS Unit is a vehicle equipped to render ALS, transport the ALS provider and equipment to the scene to provide patient care, and accompany the patient to the appropriate medical facility on an ambulance.

Note: This section does not apply to companies operating a chase unit to upgrade an ALS equipped ambulance from basic life support staffed to ALS staffed.

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ALS service. For purposes of membership in the MFSA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section "e" of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the ALS unit and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications system, said equipment shall be available for inspection

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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 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).

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- 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).
- 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).

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- 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.

ALS VEHICLE

- 1) Functional climate control system (both heating and cooling).
- 2) Functional emergency warning lights.
- 3) Functional emergency audible warning devices (not horn).

Notes:

- 1) Cardiac monitor shall have capability of synchronized cardiac version and pacing capability where EMTPs run on the unit.
- 2) Units with Defib pads that offer "quick look" are acceptable in lieu of quick look paddles.
- 3) Required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 4) Not required when unit not equipped with paddles.
- 5) Packaging of medications may vary but quantities must be met.
- 6) One (1) bottle of tablets or One (1) multidose spray.
- 7) Kit should be able to provide patient care per Maryland protocols at the patient side.
- 8) Sufficient number for EMS crew manning unit.
- 9) Per Seal of Excellence- BLS criteria.

ARTICLE H- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES

Section 1- The minimum standards for volunteer rescue companies are:

a) The following rescue equipment shall be carried on a motorized piece of apparatus with a minimum 1/2-ton capacity to carry same without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. All personnel staffing this unit shall have protective clothing available.

b) Active company membership consisting of at least ten (10) trained members including two (2) officers; a heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of apparatus and equipment; and a suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company members.

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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 bottles and one (1) positive pressure O2 resuscitator with demand valve and aspirator.
- 5) Chain- Two (2) 10' 20 ton capacity and two (2) 10' 10 ton capacity.
- 6) Chisels- One (1) air chisel with 100' section of line.
- 7) Cutting tools- Bolt cutters; one (1) large pair and one (1) small pair.
- 8) Electrical- One (1) 5 KW stationary or portable generator with a five (5) gallon safety can and one (1) quart of oil. 200 feet electrical line with twistlock connectors, one (1) 3-way electrical junction box and assorted pigtailed/adapters. Four (4) 500-watt portable lights with twist-lock connectors.
- 9) Fans- One (1) explosion-proof 16" smoke ejector.
- 10) Emergency Care- One (1) first aid kit; one (1) long back board; one (1) short back board or extraction immobilization device; one (1) stokes basket and fifty (50) triage tags.
- 11) Fire Extinguishers- One (1) 20 lb dry chemical; one (1) 20 lb Halon or CO2.
- 12) Lifting- One (1) 1/2 ton come-along; one(1) 20 ton porta-power; two (2) 10 ton jacks (manual or hydraulic).
- 13) Ladders- One (1) 10'-16' two (2) section fire service rated ladder; one (1) attic ladder.
- 14) Picks- One (1) point and chisel type; one (1) tunneling.
- 15) Poles- Two (2) 6' pike poles with hooked end.
- 16) Rope- One (1) each 150 ft 9,000 lb tensile strength life line (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 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).

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- 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 Gown 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).
- 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/eights 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

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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.
 - 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

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the Association, Committees or individuals receiving operating appropriations from the Executive Committee, and report, in writing, the results of its examinations during the second session of each Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 3- The **Convention and Conference Committee** shall make arrangements for the Annual Convention and Conference and, as needed, shall coordinate activities with local organizations.

Section 4- The **Constitution and By-laws Committee** shall formulate and present proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to the Executive Committee, providing the proposals have been submitted, in writing, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, entitled "Amendments".

Section 5- The **Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee** shall develop and promote a statewide year-round fire prevention program. The program shall be planned and promoted to inform the people of Maryland of all age groups. The program shall be developed and carried forward in cooperation with the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the State Fire Marshall, who will serve as technical advisors to the Committee. The Committee may enlist the aid of any interested organization, group or individuals at the discretion of the Fire Prevention Committee or at the direction of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall furnish a written report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, and it shall present a complete report of Committee activities during the year to the delegates assembled at the Annual Convention and Conference. The Committee shall maintain liaison between the Governor's Fire Prevention Conference and the MSFA.

Section 6- The **Training Committee** shall promote programs responsive to the needs of the fire service located within the State of Maryland and shall continue the development of a ten (10) year training program which reflects the future needs of the Maryland Fire Service; in addition, the Training Committee shall be the official voice of the MSFA in fire service training matters with the University of Maryland and other vocational or educational organizations of this State. The Committee shall advise and collaborate with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in the conduct of courses of instruction for the Maryland Fire Service; and shall encourage and assist in developing regional schools and local and other specialized courses in the State. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee enabling legislation, which will maintain and advance the necessary fire service training plans or programs. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee and a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 7- The **Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee** shall compile historical data relative to fire, emergency medical services and rescue activities in Maryland. This committee shall represent the MSFA in all matters relating to the Volunteer Firefighter's Room and shall coordinate appropriate MSFA activities including, but not limited to, furnishing and decorating with those activities of the University College, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland. The Committee shall endeavor to locate and acquire items for exhibit in a permanent museum and perform such other duties as may be required by the MSFA.

Section 8- The **Legislative Committee** shall formulate and monitor the passage of such legislation as may be to the interest and benefit of the MSFA. The Chairman of the Committee shall register as the legislative agent for the MSFA and shall direct others that assist him in this endeavor to also register. The Chairman shall keep records and file reports as required by the laws of Maryland and shall assure that any person registered in behalf of the Association also keeps and files records required by law. The Chairman shall report regularly and seek advice from the Officers and Executive Committee on positions of the MSFA, but shall have the authority to act by lone judgment when time is of the essence, being ever mindful of the goals and aims of the MSFA.

Section 9- The **Public Relations Committee** shall compile information of interest to fire, emergency medical services, rescue companies and the public, making this information generally known throughout the State, by whatever method that can be used to the best interest of the MSFA. The Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Association and shall submit a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 10- The **Safety Committee** shall promote a statewide safety program among member companies. The program will be planned so as to provide companies with material and literature on safety on the scene of any emergency and driving of equipment to emergencies, drills and parades. The Committee will cooperate with the Firemen's Training Committee, the Emergency Medical Services Committee, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or its successor, and any such agency that promotes safety. The Committee will have published in the bulletin of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, its successor, or other such publications, information on accidents as well as precautions to be taken for the best interest and welfare of personnel. The Committee will make a report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and will present a complete report for the year to the delegates at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 11- The **Scholarship Committee** shall by June 1st in cooperation with scholarship committees of appropriate universities, colleges, academies, or other institutions of higher learning within Maryland determine to provide or deny grants or loans to new applicants or continuing students. The Committee shall in proper cases award, to the extent funds are available, such grant or loan to an eligible applicant or student participating in a course related to fire or health services including, but not limited to, fire sciences or emergency medical services.

The Committee may use funds provided through resources of the MSFA Foundation or from other sources. The Committee is authorized to solicit funds for grants or loans from any source it deems proper. The Committee shall from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations relating to its duties, eligibility of applicants or recipients, acceptable sources of funds to be solicited or regulations dealing with liability of a given recipient to repay part or all of any grant or loan.

Section 12- The **Standards Committee** shall study and keep abreast with fire fighting, emergency medical services and rescue requirements and make recommendations for any changes that would improve the standards of this

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Association, and to make inspections or perform such other duties as may be required by the Association.

Section 13- The **Firefighter Of The Year Committee** will be responsible for receipt of the nominations and selection of the recipient of the annual MSFA award. The Committee will solicit nominations for the National Volunteer Fire Council's award and submit appropriate names to that group.

Section 14- The **Statistical Committee** shall assist and cooperate in the formation and operation of a uniform statistical reporting system by the State. The Committee shall encourage the use of the uniform statistical reporting system by all member companies of the MSFA and shall obtain and compile other statistical information as may be required by the MSFA.

Section 15- The **Transportation Committee** shall provide to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successor, as required, proof by MSFA that applicants for special "FD" license plates are eligible members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company, or auxiliary thereof. The applicable fees and time periods shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee on its own motion or on the request of the Transportation Committee. It shall be responsible for notifying companies and auxiliaries of current procedures for obtaining such plates or validation stickers for them. The Committee should maintain a close working relationship with the M.V.A. concerning any matters that may affect the emergency services organizations or their members. The Committee shall also maintain liaison with the Maryland Toll Facilities Administration to continue the special privileges provided for authorized emergency vehicles.

Section 16- The **Budget And Revenue Committee** shall establish and maintain procedures to implement the budget, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall supervise the compilation of the MSFA annual budget and submit same, with recommendations, to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Section 17- The **Planning Committee** shall in conjunction with the Presidents and Executive Committee develop short and long range goals and plans of the Association.

Section 18- The **Special Activities Committee** shall devise and manage fundraising activities, primarily to assist with financing the Annual Convention and Conferences.

Section 19- The **17 State Circle Committee** shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the building at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, for so long as it is leased to the MSFA, including such duties as formulation of a budget based on maintenance and operating expenses, recommending alterations in conformity with guidelines of the Maryland Historical Society, preservation of the building as a show place for the MSFA, and establishing exhibits of selected MSFA memorabilia.

Section 20- The **Hall Of Fame Committee** shall be responsible for naming persons to the MSFA Hall of Fame, 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

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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**

| <u>Deadline</u> | <u>Award</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| March 31 | Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award |
| March 31 | Scholarship Awards |
| April 15 | Zembower Fire Service Training Award |
| April 30 | Accident and Injury Prevention Award |
| April 30 | Fire Prevention Awards |
| April 30 | Silver Spring Fire Prevention Trophy |
| May 1 | PP 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. PP Memorial Safety Award |
| May 15 | Roll of Honor |
| Parade | Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award |

Check your Awards Manual or msfa.org (Awards Manual) for details and specifics for each award.

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PAST PRESIDENT C. OSCAR BAKER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Rookie Firefighter/
EMS Provider



Award Sponsor: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company or Carroll
County

Award Administered By: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the elected
officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Background: The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was established by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 2002. The award was established to honor Chief C. Oscar Baker for his sixty (60) years of active service to the citizens of Mount Airy and the surrounding communities, Carroll County and the State of Maryland. Chief Baker has served as President of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, President of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association and President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (1978-79). Chief Baker retired as Fire Chief of the National Bureau of Standards and then served as the Volunteer Coordinator for Carroll County for several years. He was a field instructor for the Fire Service Extension and later the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute for several decades. Chief Baker has served as Chair of several committees of the MSFA, including: the Training Committee, Hall of Fame and the Centennial Committee. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company saw it fitting to honor someone who is beginning their emergency service career with an award to encourage them to reach the high level of service and dedication to the citizens we all serve that Chief C. Oscar Baker exemplifies. The award is to be presented annually 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 stationery.
7. Nominations must be submitted to the MSFA Secretary no later than **May 1st** of each year. Late entries will not be considered.
8. The elected officers of the MSFA will judge nominees.
9. The mailing address for entries is:

Leonard T. King, Sr., PP, 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 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual's name on the master trophy.
11. The master trophy will have the award date name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA annual convention and conference, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual's fire company. The personal trophy also suitably endorsed will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever. The selected winner will also receive the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue/red and the gold medal is inscribed as Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year, with the year and the MSFA Seal in the center.

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2002 | Chris McDonald | Maryland City | Anne Arundel |
| 2003 | Matthew Rose | Odenton | Anne Arundel |
| 2004 | Derek R. Dods | Mt. Airy | Carroll |
| 2005 | Rachel Goucher | Middletown | Frederick |
| 2006 | Jeffery A. Martin | Potomac Valley | Washington |
| 2007 | Jennifer Chafin | Branchville | Prince George's |
| 2008 | Michael Offutt | Woodsboro | Frederick |
| 2009 | Charles Cadden | Arbutus | Baltimore County |
| 2010 | Tyler K. Olson | Ferndale | Anne Arundel |

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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 31st** of each year.
5. The award is presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Previous Recipients:

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|------|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1977 | Francis L. Brannigan | 1994 | Clarence "Smiley" White |
| 1977 | William E. Isman | 1995 | Leonard E. Yox |
| 1978 | Kurt Eisenschmidt | 1996 | Robert L. Rose |
| 1979 | Theodore L. Jarboe | 1997 | W. Newton "Skip" Carey |
| 1980 | MFRI Staff | 1998 | William Luberman |
| 1981 | Mary Beth Michos | 1999 | Elaine Wedding |
| 1982 | John McNeece | 2000 | |
| 1983 | Not Awarded | 2001 | |
| 1984 | Harry Devlin | 2002 | Jackie Carey |
| 1985 | W. Newton "Skip" Carey | 2002 | Stephan D. Cox |
| 1986 | Judith K. White | 2003 | |
| 1987 | State Fire Marshal's Staff | 2004 | |
| 1988 | | 2005 | Jack Hulet |
| 1989 | Herman E. Rhue | 2006 | Mike Crawford |
| 1990 | Milton Zepp | 2007 | |
| 1991 | Andrew I. Levy | 2008 | Earl Powell |
| 1992 | George A. Morgan | 2009 | George Fairfax |
| 1993 | Leon M. Fleming | 2010 | Jeff Dickey |

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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 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June, 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn, Jr. The award is to be awarded in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for some outstanding act of heroism or from some act for the good of the Association. Qualifications and awards to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as judges. This cup is to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association with appropriated ceremonies.

At the 66th Annual Convention in Ocean City in June 1958, due to the lack of space for more recipients names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; “That it will be retained by the recipient for keeps.” Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

The recipient will receive the Colburn Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is solid red and the gold medal, with red, white and blue enamel paint is inscribed as the “Medal of Heroism”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules: Nomination submitted for consideration must follow the following requirements:

1. Must be on fire, rescue, or ambulance department stationery 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 1st** of each year.
3. Must be mailed or delivered to:

Gene Worthington, PP
MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
3663 Old Level Road
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1933 | Reuben R. Palmer | | Kensington | Montgomery |
| 1934 | Wilber R. Dulin | | West Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| 1935 | <i>Not Awarded</i> | | | |
| 1936 | Capt. Austin Leithiser | | Susquehanna Hose | Harford |
| 1937 | Marion E. Rose | | Northeast | Cecil |
| 1938 | <i>Not Awarded</i> | | | |
| 1939 | John A. Hornberger, Sr | | Water Witch | 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 |
| 1960 | Sam Villani | | Ocean City | Worcester |
| 1961 | Victor L. Talbert | | Boulevard Heights | Prince George's |

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 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 Floor | 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 |
| 1992 | W. Newton "Skip" Carey | Ocean Pines | Worcester |

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 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 |
| 2010 | Ryan Evans | | |
| 2010 | Johnie Walters | | |
| 2010 | Donald Ford | | |

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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 1st of each year**. Any late entries will not be considered. The mailing address for the entries is:

John O. Gatton, Sr.
Chairman, MSFA Firefighter of the Year Committee
24429 Mervell Dean Road
Hollywood, MD 20636

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5. Guidelines for selection of nominee:
 - A. Outstanding citizenship, i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/her department and community at large, etc.
 - B. Exemplary job achievement, i.e., lecturing at school on fire safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising, etc.
 - C. This award will be for calendar year only.

NOTE: This award will not be judged on acts of heroism. All heroism nominations should be directed to the Colburn Trophy Award.

6. Awarding of the Firefighter of the Year Plaque and Certificates:
 - A. Award to be made at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
 - B. Winner to receive large plaque annually.
 - C. Winner receives the Firefighter of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red and white and the gold medal is inscribed as Firefighter of the Year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
 - D. Awarding of plaque and medal to be made by the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
 - E. Certificates will be presented or mailed to all nominees.
 - F. Recipient's 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 |

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1984 | Harry A. Pafel, Jr. | Fallston | Harford |
| 1985 | Ted F. Jackson | Church Hill | Queen Anne's |
| 1986 | Diane May | Luke | Allegany |
| 1987 | Rhonda J. Thomas | Level | Harford |
| 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. Leatherman | 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 |
| 2010 | Jeff Thompson | Chestertown | Kent |

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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 86th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Mr. Gates served on the MSFA Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989.

Award Rules:

1. The Marbery F. Gates Service Cup is to be awarded to an individual selected by the MSFA as deserving of this honor; such individual to have at least, but not less than 50 years of continuous and faithful service to organizations within the Association.
2. The Master Cup will have the award date, name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual's fire company. The Personal Cup also suitably endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.
3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbery F. Gates Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.

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4. Each individual nominated will receive a plaque recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service. Each individual will also receive a Governors Citation.
5. The MSFA will solicit nominations annually during the month of March to be presented by May 1st, and to; notify the President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department no later than May 20th of said selection, to allow preparation of the individual trophy and the recording of the individual’s name on the Master Cup.
6. Nominations in the form of a resume shall be submitted
NO LATER THAN MAY 1ST OF EACH YEAR to:

C. Dan Carpenter III
 Chairman
 MSFA Hall of Fame Committee
 1106 Cornwall Drive
 La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1981 | Marbery F. Gates | Rockville | Montgomery |
| 1982 | Chief Leslie B. Thompson, PP | Damascus | Montgomery |
| 1983 | G. Mitchell Boulden, PP | Singerly | Cecil |
| 1984 | Frank Middleton | Pittsville | Wicomico |
| 1985 | Chief Byron H. Miller | Gaithersburg-Washington Grove | Montgomery |
| 1986 | William Holley | Leonardtwn | St. Mary’s |
| 1987 | B. Harrison Shipley, Jr., PP | Ellicott City | Howard |
| 1988 | John R. Williams | Delta-Cardiff | Harford |
| 1989 | Chief Ralph N. Small, Jr., PP | Boulevard Heights | Prince George’s |
| 1990 | John W. Smith, PP | West Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| 1991 | Henry Harrison Purdy | Easton | Talbot |
| 1992 | Chief Smith N. Stathem, PP | Pikesville | Baltimore |
| 1993 | Chief C. Oscar Baker, PP | Mt. Airy | Carroll |
| 1994 | William “Barney” Miller | Barton | Allegany |
| 1995 | Chief Charles B. Burton, PP | Landover Hills | Prince George’s |
| 1996 | Chief Millard Purcell | Bel Air | Harford |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
| 1997 | David E. Kirk, PP | Bowling Green | Allegany |
| 1998 | Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill | Damascus | Montgomery |
| 1999 | Chief Gerald A. Glaubitz, PP | Morningside | Prince George’s |

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|------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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, PP | 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., PP | Damascus | Montgomery |
| 2009 | Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr. | Odenton | Anne Arundel |
| 2010 | Tom Collins | Ocean City | Wicomico |

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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 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.

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 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.
- 1.3 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, PP immediately
(1-800-KIN-MSFA access 13)

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and support of the following individuals and organizations during the design and production of this award: Abe Lincoln Flags, Banners & Gifts, Vienna, Virginia; Acme Plating Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Clements Industries, Inc., Ashton, Maryland; Continental, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; Day Memorials, Beltsville, Maryland; John J. Habert, Ellicott City, Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland; William Thrift III,

Bowie, Maryland; Wood Creations, Dunkirk, Maryland.

The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillendale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townsend Jones, Maureen G. Saval, Joseph A. Weisgerber, George W. Willie.

Previous Recipients:

| | | |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1992 | Easton Volunteer Fire Department | Talbot County |
| 1993 | Easton Volunteer Fire Department | Talbot County |
| 1994 | Easton Volunteer Fire Department | Talbot County |
| 1995 | Easton Volunteer Fire Department | Talbot County |
| 1996 | Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company | Kent County |
| 1997 | Easton Volunteer Fire Department | Talbot County |
| 1998 | Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company | Kent County |
| 1999 | Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company | Kent County |
| 2000 | Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company | Kent County |
| 2001 | Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company | Kent County |
| 2002 | Easton Volunteer Fire Department | Talbot County |
| 2003 | Galena Volunteer Fire Company | Kent County |
| 2004 | Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department | Queen Anne 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 |
| 2010 | Easton Volunteer Fire Company | Talbot County |

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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
 - C. The candidate may have exhibited great courage and voluntary risk of personal safety or personal possessions in the face of danger, over and beyond the call of duty, in performing an act or acts which resulted in direct benefit to the MSFA and/or its members (which this award is given for a "heroic" act it shall be given to the candidate if no other award (cash or otherwise) has been granted previously in connection with the same act); or
 - D. The candidate may have rendered outstanding service related to his/her activities for the Maryland State Firemen's Association comparable with the above and relating to the following:
 - 1. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits or meritorious recognition for the Association or its members, or;
 - 2. Contributed to/or developed a valuable program for the benefit of the future of the Association and its members.
- 3. Time Period - - - Although it is realized that to be fully effective an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award.
- 4. Preparation of Award Certification - - - Factual information will be prepared as separate correspondence in the form of a proposal for each candidate. It shall list the candidates' accomplishments in accordance with the above criteria (Section 2).
- 5. Submission of Nominations - - -
 - A. The name or names of prospective recipients shall be

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submitted to:

Jacqueline M. Olson, Secretary
424 Greenland Beach Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21226

Before **May 1st of each year** or at least 30 days before the Annual Convention.

- B. If no candidates are submitted to the judges, the judges shall 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, PP | Damascus | Montgomery |
| 1975 | Chief Ralph N. Small, P.P | Boulevard Heights | Prince George's |
| 1976 | Robert J. Smith, PP | West Lanham Hills | Prince George's |
| 1977 | Chief Lewis C. Grabille | Gaithersburg-Washington Grove | Montgomery |
| 1978 | Chief Joseph R. Robison, PP | Laurel | Prince George's |
| 1979 | Edgar Snyder | Manchester | Carroll |
| 1980 | Roy L. Wood, PP | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| 1981 | Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, PP | 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, PP | Abingdon | Harford |

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| 1986 | Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill | Damascus | Montgomery |
| 1987 | Chief William J. Fleshman, PP | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| 1988 | William Denver | Elkton | Cecil |
| 1989 | Chief J. Donald Mooney | Lansdowne | Baltimore |
| 1990 | Anne Hawkins | Jessup | Anne Arundel |
| 1991 | David E. Kirk, PP | 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, P.P | 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 |
| 2010 | Benjamin W. Kurtz | Jarrettsville | Harford |

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Distinguished Service to the Maryland State Firemen's Association or an Individual Department or County Fire or Rescue Service



Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association
Hall of Fame Committee

Background: The Hall of Fame Award was established by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1979 as a result of a recommendation from Past President Eugene J. C. Raney to recognize the distinguished service of individuals. The first emphasis 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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- a. The nominee's home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - b. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - c. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, or
 - d. An individual member (s) of the Hall of Fame Committee
4. Nominees must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service to be eligible for consideration.
 5. Nominations will not be limited to members of individual fire, rescue, or EMS departments/companies of the MSFA.
 6. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominees individual department/company or county may be considered.
 7. All nominations must be received, in writing, by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, by **May 1st of each year** to be considered. Until selected, a letter of nomination for an individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year.
 8. Selection of nominees to the MSFA Hall of Fame will be made annual by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.
 9. All individuals selected to the MSFA Hall of Fame will receive two (2) certificates, (one for the individual and one for their station,) a pocket card, a lapel pin, shoulder patch, decal and a hat. Each inductee will also receive the Hall of Fame Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/white/blue and the gold medal is inscribed as "Hall of Fame" and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center. Induction and presentations will take place at the Annual Convention and Conference.

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10. The names of individuals selected to the Hall of Fame shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book of the MSFA along with the year the selection was made.
11. A permanent plaque may be installed in the Volunteer Firefighter's Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MSFA offices at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, and the MFRI Regional Training Center. These plaques will list the individuals that have been inducted, along with the year the selection was made. The plaques at the Regional Training Centers will list only inductees from the geographical area.
12. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to:

C. Dan Carpenter III
Chairman
1106 Cornwall Dr.
La Plata, MD 20646
301-609-8651

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1979 | Eugene J. C. Raney, PP | Kensington | Montgomery |
| | Gov. J. Millard Tawes, PP | Crisfield | Somerset |
| | G. Mitchell Boulden, PP | Singerly | Cecil |
| | John W. Smith, PP | West Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| | Ted C. Gardner, PP | Riverdale Heights | Prince George's |
| | Philip H. Beard, PP | Walkersville | Frederick |
| | James N. Jarman, PP | Ocean City | Worcester |
| | Robert L. Smith | Frederick | Frederick |
| | William A. Wilson | Midland | Allegany |
| | Walter Bennett | Sykesville | Carroll |
| | Spencer J. H. Brown, Sr., PP | Sandy Spring | Montgomery |
| | Vincent A. Simmel | Cottage City | Prince George's |
| | Joseph H. Kelly, PP | Benedict | Charles |
| | Showell T. Culver | Hebron | Wicomico |
| | Dr. James P. Swing | Cambridge | Dorchester |
| | Noah Joffe | Bowie | Prince George's |

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| | John Meech | Avalon Shores | Anne Arundel |
| | George R. Lindsay | Hagerstown | Washington |
| 1979 | George R. Lindsay | Hagerstown | Washington |
| | Cromwell C. Zembower | LaVale | All e g a n y B . |
| | Harrison Shipley, Sr., PP | Ellicott City | Howard |
| | Thomas G. Basil | Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| | Jesse A. Fisher | Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| | B. H. Ford | Crisfield | Somerset |
| | Phil Ryan | Mount Rainier | Prince George's |
| | A. J. Fairal | Laurel | Prince George's |
| | John O. Cockey | Glyndon | |
| Baltimore | John S. Pritchard | Grantsville | Garrett |
| | Curtis C. Larrimore | Easton | Talbot |
| | Roy L. Morgan | Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| | Floyd B. Heimer | Branchville | Prince George's |
| | Felix Foote | Lonaconing | Allegany |
| | Rev. James W. Minter | Hereford | Baltimore |
| | F. L. Hiser | Bel Air | Harford |
| | Theodore W. Veneman | Riverdale | Prince George's |
| 1980 | Herman Dilg | Hillandale | Montgomery |
| | Frank Middleton | Pittsville | Wicomico |
| | W. Bartgis Storm, PP | Frederick | Frederick |
| | Heney A. Marschalk | Takoma Park | Montgomery |
| | Ralph N. Small, Jr., PP | Boulevard Heights | Prince George's |
| | Joseph R. Robison, PP | Laurel | Prince George's |
| | Pierce M. Damewood | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| | Marbery F. Gates | Rockville | Montgomery |
| | Irving W. Johnson | Takoma Park | Montgomery |
| | Charles S. Sewell | Abingdon | Harford |
| 1981 | Ermon O. Dill | Earleigh Heights | Anne Arundel |
| | J. Francis Fatkins | Clarysville | Allegany |
| | David E. Kirk, PP | Bowling Green | Allegany |
| | Roland E. Duke | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| | John McNulty | Linthicum | Anne Arundel |
| | Leslie B. Thompson | Damascus/Chestertown | Montgomery/ |

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| Hon. Louis L. Goldstein | Prince Frederick | Calvert |
| A. Marvin Gibbons, PP | Hillandale | Montgomery |
| William A. Chenoweth | Pikesville | Baltimore |
| William W. Fox | Landover Hills | Prince George's |
| Robert C. Byrus | University of Maryland - MFR | |
| Richard J. Mooney | Lansdowne | Baltimore |
| George W. McCullough | Lansdowne | Baltimore |
| Edward M. Dunn, Sr. | Powhatan Beach | Anne Arundel |
| Lewis C. Graybill | Gaithersburg-Washington Grove | Montgomery |
| George W. Colburn, Jr., PP | Princess Anne | Somerset |
| Clair Loughmiller | Morningside | Prince George's |
| Charles B. Burton, PP | Landover Hills | Prince George's |
| William M. Moore, PP | Frederick | Frederick |
| John A. Hornberger | Water Witch | Cecil |

1982

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| Charles W. Havens | Westminister | Carroll |
| Charles N. Ringer, PP | 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, PP | Morningside | Prince George's |
| Howard A. Kellar, PP | 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., PP | Centreville | Queen Anne's |
| Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill | Damascus | Montgomery |
| C. Robert Entwisle | Forestville | Prince George's |

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1983

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| Harry C. Walters | Corrigansville | Allegany |
| Lawrence D. Beardmore | Morningside | Prince George's |
| D. Edgar Hurlock, Jr. | Church Hill | Queen Anne's |
| Kyle I. Lenahan | Elkridge | Howard |
| Sterling M. Frock | Pleasant Valley | Carroll |
| John K. Williams | Funkstown | Washington |
| George E. Mayer, Sr. | Easton | Talbot |
| Gilbert Perdue, Sr. | Snow Hill | Worcester |
| John W. Dell | Burtonsville | Montgomery |
| Maurice E. Gray | Union Bridge | Carroll |
| Byrd J. Raby | Potomac Heights | Charles |
| Byron H. Miller | Gaithersburg-Washington Grove | Montgomery |
| James Meredith Marshall | Cambridge | Dorchester |
| Chester William Shimer | Westernport | Allegany |
| Herman B. Hare, PP | Hampstead | Carroll |
| William E. Denver | Singerly | Cecil |
| David E. Black, Sr. | Manchester | Carroll |
| Joseph Worthington | Level | Harford |
| Robert N. Dempsey, PP | Kennedyville | Kent |
| Fred A. Grier, Jr. | Salisbury | Wicomico |

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| John Ward Means, Sr. | Pleasant Valley | Carroll |
| Smith N. Stathem, Jr., PP | Pikesville | Baltimore |
| David S. Dyer | 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, PP | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| Thomas P. Collins | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| Jesse L. Kimble | Barton | Allegany |
| Russell Denbow | Level | Harford |
| Roy L. Wood, PP | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| C. Oscar Baker, PP | Mt. Airy | Carroll |
| Peter Paul Lochary, PP | Bel Air | Harford |
| J. Donald Mooney | Lansdowne | Baltimore |

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| 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 |

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| Charles W. Riley, PP | Abington | Harford |
| Harry J. Devlin | Midland | Allegany |
| W. Newton Carey, Jr. | Salisbury | Wicomico |
| Joseph A. Weisgerber | Hillandale | Montgomery |
| William T. Dorsey | West Friendship | Howard |
| Lindsay L. Browning | Mt. Airy | Carroll |
| Arthur Lowman | Mr. Airy | Carroll |
| Bill R. Bliss | Upper Montgomery | Montgomery |
| James J. Snyder, Jr. | Laytonsville | Montgomery |
| Robert E. Mumma | Rocky Ridge | Frederick |
| Scott Lambert Smith | Pleasant Valley | Carroll |
| Melvin F. Schwearing | Independent Hose | Frederick |
| Catherine Small | West Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| Donald E. Stitely | Guardian Hose | Frederick |
| Orville J. Morgan | Federalburg | 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

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| William G. Holley | Leonardtown | St. Mary's |
| Charles W. Wills | Potomac Heights | Charles |
| Robert J. Smith, PP | West Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| Thomas L. Tharp, PP | Odenton | Anne Arundel |
| Ralph E. Dull | Manchester | Carroll |
| Herman Rhue | Hurlock | Dorchester |
| James E. Lamberson | Barton | Allegany |
| Edward E. Raynor | Riviera Beach | Anne Arundel |
| Joseph Harrison | Cordova | Talbot |
| Robert H. Everhart | Rockville | Montgomery |

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| 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., PP | Potomac Heights | Charles |
| L. Willys Wilson | Bedford Road | Allegany |
| B. Harrison Shipley, Jr., PP | Ellicott City | Howard |
| Robert W. Saville | Bowling Green | Allegany |
| William Barney Miller | Barton | Allegany |
| T. Neville Cunningham | Aberdeen | Harford |

1988

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| H. E. "Sonny" Cannon | Brunswick | Frederick |
| Francis E. "Dutch" Philpot | Shaft | Allegany |
| Charles R. Stallings, PP | Pikesville | Baltimore |
| Dennis Skinner | Avalon Shore | Anne Arundel |
| Robert Renner | New Midway | Frederick |
| Elmer E. Dunn, Sr., PP | 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., PP | Damascus | Montgomery |

1989

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| Aaron Winters | Shaft | Allegany |
| Edwin F. Preston, PP | Arbutus | Baltimore |
| Clarence D. Carpenter, III | Potomac Heights | Charles |
| Russell Sears | West Annapolis | Anne Arundel |
| Thomas L. Reynolds, PP | Queen Anne's-Hillsboro | Queen Anne's |
| Roger N. Powell | Pikesville | Baltimore |
| Robert N. Stevenson | Midland | Allegany |
| Richard H. Carter, PP | Glen Burnie | Anne Arundel |
| Luther A. Della, Jr. | La Plata | Charles |
| John W. Hoglund | MFRI – University of Maryland | |

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| Robert H. Shimer, PP | Westernport | Allegany |
| Anne Hawkins | Jessup | Anne Arundel |
| Robert E. Collins | Potomac Heights | Charles |
| John O. Gatton, Sr. | Hollywood | St. Mary's |

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| Donald J. Ware | Baltimore Pike | Allegany |
| Amos E. Joiner, Sr. | Goodwill-Centreville | Queen Anne's |
| C. Danny Davis, Jr., PP | 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

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| Richard H. Carter, PP | Glen Burnie | Anne Arundel |
| Robert P. Cumberland, Jr., PP | Westminster | Carroll |
| George Blanco | Midland | Allegany |
| Calvin S. Stack, Jr. | Rescue, Cambridge | Dorchester |
| Robert P. King | Bel Air | Harford |
| Philip M. Hurlock, PP | Church Hill | Queen Anne's |
| Francis D. Jester | Church Hill | Queen Anne's |
| John Shuhart | Barton | Allegany |
| Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., PP | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| Bruce Zembower | Beltsville | Prince George's |

1992

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| 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, PP | Havre De Grace | Harford |
| Eugene Curfman | Union Bridge | Carroll |

1993

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| Lawrence R. Woltz | College Park | Prince George's |
| Melvin Delbert Zang | Deale | Anne Arundel |
| Donald F. Knauer | Rescue, Cambridge | Dorchester |
| Vernon D. Horsmon, Sr. | Prince Frederick | Calvert |
| Eugene L. Worthington, PP | 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 |

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| | William W. Olsen | Waldorf | Charles |
| <u>1994</u> | 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., PP | 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, PP | Lansdowne | Baltimore |
| <u>1995</u> | Paul M. Fabiszak | Hereford EMS | Baltimore |
| | Wilbur O. Marshall | North Beach | Calvert |
| | John E. "Jack" Snoddy | Greenbelt | Prince George's |
| | Paul H. Sterling, Jr, PP | Wheaton | Montgomery |
| | Raymond Adkins, PP | Berlin | Worcester |
| | Charles E. "Chip" Jewell | Libertytown | Frederick |
| | Horace Wright | Woodsboro | Frederick |
| | James Lee Deskins | Accokeek | Prince George's |
| | Jack V. Reckner, PP | Earleigh Heights | Anne Arundel |
| | Albert D. "Mickey" Harris | Glen Echo | Montgomery |
| <u>1996</u> | 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, PP | Hollywood | St. Mary's |
| | Roger A. Steger, Sr., PP | Ocean City | Worcester |
| | Richard B. Thomas, Jr. | Sandy Spring | Montgomery |
| | Richard L. Yinger, PP | Citizens Truck | Frederick |
| <u>1997</u> | George Anderson | St. Leonard | Calvert |
| | Elwood H. Banister | Cockeysville | Baltimore |
| | Richard K. Brooks, III | Norrisville | Harford |
| | George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr., PP | Chestnut Ridge | Baltimore |

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| 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

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| 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 | |
| Stephan D. Cox, PP | Bel Air | Harford |

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| John T. Baker | Takoma Park | Montgomery |
| Wylie L. Donaldson, Jr. | Odenton | Anne Arundel |
| Wayne F. Fretter | 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 |

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| 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, PP | Midland | Allegany |
| David W. Lewis | Riviera Beach | Anne Arundel |
| J. Barry Monroe | Arbutus | Baltimore |
| Charles E. Turner, Jr. | Goodwill-Centreville | Queen Anne's |

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| 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, PP | Savage | Howard |
| Sam Vallandingham | Ridge | St. Mary's |

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| 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 George's |
| Col. David M. Mitchell | Maryland State Police | |
| James C. Roberston | State Fire Marshal | |

2003

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| 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 | |

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Donald Lewis

Maryland State Police

2004

Doyle E. Cox

Prince Frederick VFD

Calvert

Edwin L. Emkey, Sr.

English Consul

Baltimore

George J. Gattton, 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, PP

Branchville

Prince George's

Joan W. Williams

Hollywood VRS

St. Mary's

Gov. Robert L. Erlich, 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

Laura A. Woods

Arundel

Anne Arundel

Glenn Dale

Prince George's

Arundel

Anne Arundel

Paul R. "Bobby" Balta, Jr., PP

Ridge

St. Mary's

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Dr. John L. Bryan Department of Fire Protection Eng. U of MD
 Margaret King Maryland State Firemen's Association

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| Judy A. Lau | Laurel | Prince George's |
| Rev. Harry Hetz | Beltsville | Prince George's |
| Robert W. Jacobs, PP | Citizens Truck | Frederick |
| John C. Spiker, Sr. | Lake Shore | Anne Arundel |
| Richard Baker, Jr. | Mt. Airy | Carroll |
| Jacqueline Olson | Odenton | Anne Arundel |
| Susan T. Schell | Norrisville | Harford |
| William Hildebrand | Chestertown | Kent |
| Marcine D. Goodloe | Kensington | Montgomery |
| Andrew B. White | Kensington | Montgomery |
| Brenda Fosler Johnson | R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center | |
| W. Faron Taylor | Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office | |
| John R. Fraizer | Baltimore City Fire Department | |

2008

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| William Reinecke | Fallston | Harford |
| Charles Abrecht | Junior Fire Co. No.2 | Frederick |
| Hugh D. Owens | Glenn Dale Fire Association | Prince George's |
| 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 | |
| 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

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| Robert W. Ryan | College Park | Prince George's |
| 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 |

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| 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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| Shirley Copado | Leonardtwn VRS | St. Mary's |
| Nancy L. Cox | Norrisville VFC | Harford |
| William J. "Bill" Dousa, Jr., | Abindgon FC | Harford |
| Emmons K. Horner | Mt. Vernon VFD | Somerset |
| Walter David Irvin, Sr. | Clear Spring VFC | Washington |
| John F. Long, Jr. | Ferndale VFC | Anne Arundel |
| Johnnie F. Roth, Jr. | Bethesda-Chevy Chase RS | Montgomery |
| Herman N. "Buddy" Schweers, Jr. | Susquehanna Hose Co. | Harford |
| Earl "Tim" Warehime | Lineboro VFD | Carroll |
| Marianne Warehime | Lineboro VFD | Carroll |
| Flow Collins | MarylandStateFiremen'sAssociation | |
| Pat Cross | MarylandStateFiremen'sAssociation | |
| Elaine Huttenloch | MarylandStateFiremen'sAssociation | |

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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.

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5. Nominations and letters of resume must be submitted to the Chair of the MSFA Emergency Medical Services Committee, **No Later Than May 1st**.
6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT/A or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of 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 | Ironsides 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 |
| 2009 | Amy Smith | Leonardtown VRS | St. Mary's |

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.

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| A. Fire prevention knowledge | 0 – 50 points |
| B. Speaking ability and poise | 0 – 40 points |
| C. General appearance | 0 – 10 points |
 10. Application deadline is **May 1st**. If your county contest occurs after this deadline, then your current Miss Fire Prevention is eligible.
 11. This is not a talent or beauty contest.
 12. The contestants selected as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up are required to attend the following activities:
 - Convention activities on days and times designated (a tentative schedule included)
 - Awards ceremonies; various events and times
 - Selecting winner of the \$10,000 Raffle.
 13. The newly elected MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-

- up must vacate any previously held state or county titles, unless the term of the title will be completed within two months of her reign. In the event her county is unable to obtain a representative, the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention may continue her county role for a two month period.
14. Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and the First Runner-up will take an oath of office immediately after they are crowned.
 15. If MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is unable to attend any functions, it is her responsibility to contact the MSFA First Runner-up to fulfill her commitment.
 16. A monthly activities report must be submitted (by mail) by the last day of each month to the Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, who will distribute to the MSFA President, MSFA 1st Vice President, and MSFA 2nd Vice President. Forms will be provided to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up.
 17. A quarterly written report (summary of events and input) must be submitted by the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson at the quarterly fire prevention meeting. The Chairperson will distribute the report to the MSFA President, MSFA 1st Vice President, MSFA 2nd Vice President and the Executive Committee Chairperson at the Executive Committee meeting. Forms will be provided to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up. Reports will be submitted from both Miss Fire Prevention representatives.
 18. The annual written report (summary of year's events) must be submitted by May 1st for printing for the MSFA Convention and Conference book. The report must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, the Miss Fire Prevention Chairperson.
 19. A packet of information will be given to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up:
 - Name, address, and phone list of the following:
 1. MSFA President
 2. MSFA 1st Vice President
 3. MSFA 2nd Vice President
 4. LAMSFA President

- 5. Executive Committee Chairperson
- 6. Fire Prevention Committee’s and Chairpersons
- 7. Transportation (ADC Books) will be passed down each year
- Itinerary of Mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Conference, parades, banquets, carnivals, etc.
- Upcoming seminars: subjects and expenses
- Proceeding book

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ County _____

Escort _____

Parents _____

Present School/College/Job _____

Hobbies or activities you participate in _____

Date chosen as Miss Fire Prevention _____

The winner of the contest MUST attend the convention events as outlined in the contest rules and as listed in the agenda which will be given to all contestants. You must also give full support to the MSFA and LAMSFA during your reign by attending State and County functions when requested,

to the best of your ability. If you win and you hold another State or County title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree to give up those titles upon becoming MSFA Miss Fire Prevention.

If chosen, I agree to all of the above.

Signature _____

All applications must be returned by **May 1st** unless your county president has made previous arrangements.

Mail applications to: Kristi Gable
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
65 Pleasanton Road
C33
Westminster, Maryland 2157

Parental/Guardian Consent Form MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention will give her full support to all State, County and local functions by attending and participating to the best of her ability as the representative of the MSFA. She will be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.

I agree to all of the above.

Signature _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Contestants under the age of 18 years must submit consent form with application.
No exceptions

Previous Recipients:

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| 1980 | Terri Judge | 1996 | Heather Langley |
| 1981 | KimberlyAnn Kessler | 1997 | Rachael Testerman |
| 1982 | Melanie Susan Webster | 1998 | Jessica A. White |
| 1983 | Cheryl Reese | 1999 | Anne Marie Histon |
| 1984 | Carolyn Boone | 2000 | Rachael Lyons |
| 1985 | Alica Kozier | 2001 | Heidi Johnson |
| 1986 | Verna Fleming | 2002 | Katie Ritter |
| 1987 | Tammy Conners | 2003 | Sarah Blackowicz |
| 1988 | Terri Gartner | 2004 | Michelle Gallion |
| 1989 | Jennifer I. Laird | 2005 | Kristi Gartrell-Kemp |
| 1990 | Bonnie Rae Crispin | 2006 | Erin Drumheller |
| 1991 | Nicole Bordogan | 2007 | Brittany Myers |
| 1992 | Jennifer Harman | 2008 | Colleen Frances |
| 1993 | Susan Truslow | 2009 | Erin Drumheller |
| 1994 | Jennifer Weedon | 2010 | Elyssa Cool |
| 1995 | Melissa Ann Turner | | |

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

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committee that is recognized by the MSFA.

4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association's legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or stationery. A photograph of the nominee shall also be submitted.
3. All nominations must include the following:
 - a. A letter of recommendation/resume
 - b. Accomplishments of the nominee
4. All nominations must be received by May 1st of each year.
5. The judges shall be the MSFA Legislative Committee
6. All nominations are to be submitted to:

Chairman
MSFA Legislative Committee
17 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1904

Previous Recipients:

1999 Senator William H. Amoss – Harford County
2000 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2000 Charles W. Riley, PP
2001 Senator Thomas M. Middleton – Charles County
2002 Delegate John F. Wood – St. Mary's County
2003 Bernard J. Smith, PP
2004 Delegate Richard B. Weldon, Jr. – Frederick County
2005 C. Daniel Davis, Jr., PP
Pat Gainer – Maryland Institute for Emergency
Medical Services System
James Brown – Maryland Institute for Emergency
Medical Services System

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- 2006 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
- 2007 Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County
- 2008 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
- 2009 Senator Barry Glassman – Harford County
- 2010 Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County

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**ROBERT H. SHIMER
ADMINISTRATIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Purpose of Award:: Recognition of the Outstanding Fire, Rescue or EMS Administrative Person

Award Sponsor: Shimer Family

Award Administered By: Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award Committee

Background: The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year award was established by the Shimer family and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee on February 22, 2004. The award was established to honor Robert H. Shimer, for the years of dedicated service he gave the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service as a President and a Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. President of the Allegan-Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, President of the Allegany County Fire-Rescue Board and President of the Potomac Fire Company. Mr. Shimer was also an active member of the State Fire Prevention Commission, Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council and the Emergency Numbers Service Board. This award has been established in honor of Mr. Shimer for his many years of dedicated service to the community of Westernport, Allegany County and the State of Maryland.



Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a volunteer from a member company that is in good standing with the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. Names of individuals for nomination for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award may be submitted by:
 - A. The nominee's home fire, rescue, or EMS department/company on official letterhead, or
 - B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue, or EMS department/ company, or
 - C. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, on official letterhead, or
 - D. An individual member of this committee or a Past President of the MSFA.

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3. The nominee must have not less than ten (10) years of service with his/her department or company.
4. The nomination must be submitted for an individual's effort only and, therefore, submission of the nomination is to recognize the one individual and not a group, department or company.
5. The nomination must be submitted in the form of a resume/bio. Including information on his/her department or company activities, administrative positions held within the company or department, county, regional or state association. Information should also be included on job achievement, establishment of programs, fund raising, community activities, and the reason the nominee should be selected.
6. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective, an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award, however an accumulation of the previous five years of accomplishments may be added.
7. The nomination must be mailed and received by the Shimer Award Committee no later than May 1st at the following address:

Robert W. Jacobs
Chairman
Shimer Award Committee
410 East Ninth Street
Frederick, MD 21701

8. The Award will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the Shimer family shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the award that will be given.

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2005 | Leonard T. King, Sr., PP | 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 |
| 2010 | Louis J. Jonske | Joppa-Magnolia | Harford |

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SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of fire prevention efforts by an individual

Award Sponsor: Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.



Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office

Background: The Silver Spring Trophy was established in 1981 by the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Executive Committee. This award is presented each year at the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most in fire prevention for his/her community. The award is for an individual effort and, therefore, submission on the entry must be for one individual rather than a group or department effort. The intent of the award is to recognize fire prevention activities which the individual performs within his/her community. The trophy is held by the individual for one year and then passed on. The winner will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The individual will also receive the Silver Spring Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is silver/blue and the silver medal is inscribed as Silver Spring Fire Prevention and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The recipient must be a volunteer firefighter
2. The individual must be nominated by their fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.

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5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State Fire Marshal's Office on later than April 30th.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
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 nominees 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 | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| 1961 | J. Clinton Duke | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| 1962 | John Mowatt, Jr. | Bladensburg | Prince George's |
| 1963 | J. Clinton Duke | Leonardtwn | 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, Jr. | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| 1969 | Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr. | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| 1970 | Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr. | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| 1971 | Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr. | Leonardtwn | 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 | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |
| 1977 | R. Alan Ryan, Jr. | Perryville | Cecil |
| 1978 | Garrett Zour | Providence | Baltimore |

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| 1979 | Edward T. Clopper | Funkstown | Washington |
| 1980 | Frank P. March | English Consul | Baltimore |
| 1981 | Robert Twilly | Delmar | Wicomico |
| 1982 | <i>Not Awarded</i> | | |
| 1983 | <i>Not Awarded</i> | | |
| 1984 | C. Daniel Davis, Jr. | 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 | Jeffery Williams | Indian Head | Charles |
| 2001 | Harold Younger | Mechanicsville | St. Mary's |
| 2002 | James Jarboe | Takoma Park | Montgomery |
| 2003 | Diane May | Luke | Allegany |
| 2004 | Debbie Gatrell-Kemp | Winfield Community | Carroll |
| 2005 | Jeffrey Williams | Indian Head | Charles |
| 2006 | Jeffrey Williams | Indian Head | Charles |
| 2007 | Lauren Johnson | Bay District | St. Mary's |
| 2008 | | | |
| 2009 | Christine Flanagan | Sykesville Freedom District | Carroll |
| 2010 | Chief Jeff Williams | Indian Head | Charles |

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**SMITH N. STATHEM, JR. PP
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.

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2. The submission must be on the official MSFA Nomination Form and include the name and contact information on the person recommending the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the “endorsed by” line of the form.
3. The nomination must include complete detailed information on the efforts performed by the individual during the previous calendar year. Supporting exhibits and documentation must be submitted in detail.
4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety Committee on later than April 1st.
5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-affiliated representatives from the safety industry.
6. All nominations are subject to investigation by the Safety Committee and Judges.
7. A Safety Committee member can nominate any member of MSFA.
8. MSFA Safety Committee members are not eligible to be nominated for the award.
9. Submit your nominations to Chairperson of the MSFA Safety Committee.

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1999 | Joseph Zienda | Bay District | St. Mary’s |
| 2000 | John P. Caulder | Bay District | St. Mary’s |
| 2001 | Philip R. Cooper | Ridge | St. Mary’s |
| 2002 | Wayne Higdon | Indian Head | Charles |
| 2003 | William Van Arsdale, Jr. | Fallston | Harford |
| 2004 | John T. Durrer | Waldorf | Charles |
| 2005 | George Ghiess | Fallston | Harford |
| 2006 | Thomas L. Flint, II | Landover Hills | Prince George’s |
| 2007 | Charles Penelton | Waldorf | Charles |
| 2008 | Mark A. Gorham | Susquehanna Hose | Harford |
| 2009 | Mark Buhl | Bay District | St. Mary’s |
| 2010 | Dan Stevens | Waldorf | Charles |
| 2010 | Harry “Stoney” Stone* | Deep Creek | Garrett |

* Posthumously

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 department 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

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- Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy, and
- Refresher training classes in the following areas:
 - CPR
 - AED
 - CEU
 - Bloodborne Pathogens

In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket card or certificate and verifiable by the organization providing the training. The training year will be from July 1st through June 30th of the year prior to presentation of the award.

2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report to the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.
3. To be considered for this award, complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than April 15th to:

MSFA Training Committee
c/o Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742

APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING
AWARD
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. CROMWELL ZEMBOWER

TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, _____ THROUGH JUNE 30, _____

Department Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

On an attached sheet, list all the courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI, formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Academies, courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS, and courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy which your department has participated in during the the training year noted above. Enter all information as requested and be as accurate as possible to ensure eligibility. All Formula for Computing Points:

- 1 Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students successfully completing that course or seminar to determine the number of student hours for that course or seminar. The training information will be based on information provided by the sponsoring organization.
- 2 Total the student hours for all courses and seminars.
- 3 Divide the total number of student hours (in #2) by the number of active members in the department from current Statistical Report.
- 4 The result is your training hours per active member.
- 5 Enter training hours per active member.

Layout for Course List to Qualify for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award – Enter all information in columns using the following format: Full Name of Student;

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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.

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| Emergency Medical Technician – Basic | 140 |
| 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 |
| Hazardous Materials Operations | 24 |

One day seminars are considered 6 hours and two day seminars are considered 12 hours. Seminars may include Executive Development Seminars, Chief Officer Seminar, Hazardous Materials Training, Confined Space Training, Rescue Weekends, etc. CPR training and other classes offered in stations must be documented with the number of hours of all students. Documentation can include

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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/RS | Calvert |
| 1977 | Huntingtown VFD/RS | 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/RS | 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/RS | Calvert |
| 1991 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | Calvert |
| 1992 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | 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 |
| 1998 | Fifth District – Clarksville VFD | Howard |
| 1999 | Fifth District – Clarksville VFD | Howard |
| 2000 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | Calvert |

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| 2001 | Bay District VFD | St. Mary's |
| 2002 | Rockville VFD | Montgomery |
| 2003 | Indian Head VFD/RS | Charles |
| 2004 | Urbana VFC | Frederick |
| 2005 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | Calvert |
| 2006 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | Calvert |
| 2007 | Walkersville VRS | Frederick |
| 2008 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | Calvert |
| 2009 | St. Leonard VFD/RS | 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

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

County _____

Department or Squad _____

Name and Title of Nominator _____

Address of Nominator _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

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Mail 3 copies of this page + 3 copies of narrative to:

Marcine Goodloe, Chair
MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
4122 Mitscher Court
Kensington, MD 20895

All nominations must be received by May 1st.

Previous Recipients:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2008 | Barbara "Bobbie" Stevens | Waldorf VFD | Charles |
| 2009 | John Loveless, Sr. | Leonardtwn | St. Mary's |

--- TROPHIES AND AWARDS ---

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| Second Place Trophy | Second Place Trophy |
| Best Appearing Company from Virginia Trophy | Third Place Trophy |
| Second Place Trophy | Honorable Mention Trophy |
| Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older) Trophy | Best Appearing Adult, Non Fire Service Color Guard Trophy |
| Second Place Trophy | Second Place Trophy |
| Third Place Trophy | Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot (Dalmatian, etc.) Trophy |
| Honorable Mention Trophy | Second Place Trophy |
| Honorable Mention Trophy | Hard Luck 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 |
| | 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's 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. 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
5. Throwing of any type 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 on apparatus in an unsafe position or over crowded positions
11. Excessive non uniform personnel on apparatus
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 a unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelts or other safety devices are provided they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All "Jake Breaks" or like equipment will be turned off during the entire parade route.

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!

FREE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED, TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PARADE PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, IN THE REAR OF THE CONVENTION CENTER - THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

**118TH Annual Convention and Conference Parade
Ocean City, Maryland
June 16, 2010 – 1300 hours
TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

**Maryland Company making the Best Appearance
The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award**

EASTON

Maryland Company making the 2nd Best Appearance

HOLLYWOOD

President's Award

OCEAN CITY

Company Coming Longest Distance

EASTERN GARRETT

Coming 2ND Longest Distance

WILLIAMSPORT

Best Appearing Fire Dept. Marching Unit 10 or More Personnel

1ST PLACE – CORDOVA
2ND PLACE – HOLLYWOOD
3RD PLACE – EASTON

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel

EASTON

Bands
Senior Band

1ST PLACE - \$500.00 WESTMINSTER BAND

2ND PLACE - \$250.00 CHESTERTOWN

Drum and Bugle Corps

1ST PLACE \$200.00 – COMBINATION FIRE BRIDGADE,
BALTO. CO. & MONTGOMERY CO. FIREFIGHTERS

Majorettes making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE - SILVER STARLETS – BOONSBORO

2ND PLACE – NEW HORIZONS – ALLEGANY, PA

Best Comic Entry

THE “WATER WITCH”

Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary

1ST PLACE – CHESTERTOWN

2ND PLACE – OCEAN CITY

Auxiliary in Uniform Coming the Longest Distance

1ST PLACE – CHESTERTOWN

Best Appearing Fire Prevention Entry

1ST PLACE – EASTON

2ND PLACE – LAKE SHORE

3RD PLACE – CHESTERTOWN

Best Appearing Adult Queen

1ST PLACE – CORI SABATE – MONTGOMERY CO.

2ND PLACE – MEGAN BICKING – HARFORD-CECIL

3RD PLACE – MEGAN CALLAHAN - RIDGELY

4TH PLACE – SHANNON WEBB - DELMAR

HONORABLE MENTION – MICHELLE MILLER - KENNEDYVILLE

Best Appearing Junior Queen

1ST PLACE – KRYSTA BROCKELL - CECILTON

2ND PLACE – SHELBY SIMMONS - MSFA WESTERN MARYLAND

3RD PLACE – CASSIE CLINTON – MSFA NORTH EAST

4TH PLACE – COURTNEY MYERS – WASHINGTON COUNTY

HONORABLE MENTION – COURTNEY STREETS – CECIL COUNTY

Best Appearing Little Miss Queen

1ST PLACE – BRENDA EVANS - TRAPPE

2ND PLACE – HALEY SADLER - TILGHMAN

3RD PLACE – ERICA FOSTER - CARDOVA

4TH PLACE – LAYLA PARDEE - CECILTON

HONORABLE MENTION – MADELINE MOORE – RISING SUN

Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief

1ST PLACE – COLTON WILKINS – CABIN JOHN PARK

2ND PLACE – ERIC JORDAN – RISING SUN

HONORABLE MENTION

MADELYN FISHER – RIDGELY

AIDAN & NICHOLAS GRASSINI - TIGHMAN

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company

1ST PLACE – ENGLISH CONSUL JR. FIRE DEPT.

2ND PLACE - ELKRIDGE JR. FIREFIGHTERS

Emergency Apparatus

1500 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – HOLLYWOOD

2ND PLACE – MECHANICSVILLE

3RD PLACE – RIDGE

HONORABLE MENTION – RISING SUN

HONORABLE MENTION – PRESTON

HONORABLE MENTION – GERMANTOWN

HONORABLE MENTION – PRINCE FREDERICK

HONORABLE MENTION – SNOW HILL

HONORABLE MENTION – RIVERDALE

HONORABLE MENTION – EAST NEW MARKET

1250 GPM and over Making Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – LEONARDTOWN

2nd Place – CORDOVA

3rd Place – SOLOMONS

HONORABLE MENTION – GLENDALE

HONORABLE MENTION – ENGLISH COUNSEL

HONORABLE MENTION – WATER WITCH

1250 GPM and over Making Best Appearance (cont'd.)

HONORABLE MENTION – NORTH BEACH

HONORABLE MENTION – RIDGELY

HONORABLE MENTION – SINGERLY

HONORABLE MENTION – MARION

1000 GPM and over Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – PARSONSBURG

2ND PLACE – COMMUNITY FIRE CO. / YORK NEW SALEM

3RD PLACE FRUITLAND

750 GPM and under Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – WILLIAMSPORT

2ND PLACE – PITTSVILLE

Best Appearing Pumper Tanker

1ST PLACE – RIDGE

2ND PLACE - HEBRON

3RD PLACE – PRESTON

Best Appearing Rescue Pumper

1ST PLACE - TRAPPE

2ND PLACE – CRUMPTON

3RD PLACE – KENNEDYVILLE

BEST APPEARING TANKER

1ST PLACE – EASTON

2ND PLACE – CHESTERTOWN

3RD PLACE – CECILTON

Best Appearing Brush Truck

1ST PLACE - BERLIN

2ND PLACE – MECHANICSVILLE

3RD PLACE – WATER WITCH

HONORABLE MENTION – RIDGELY

HONORABLE MENTION – PRINCE FREDERICK

Best Appearing Aerial Truck or Elevated Platform

1ST PLACE – HOLLYWOOD

2ND PLACE – SALISBURY

3RD PLACE – OXFORD

Best Appearing Squad

- 1ST PLACE – ROXANA
- 2ND PLACE – EASTON
- 3RD PLACE – THURMONT

Best Appearing Ambulance

- 1ST PLACE – CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD
- 2ND PLACE – BERLIN
- 3RD PLACE – SOLOMONS
- HONORABLE MENTION – SINGERLY
- HONORABLE MENTION – WATER WITCH
- HONORABLE MENTION – RISING SUN
- HONORABLE MENTION – KENT-QUEEN ANNE'S
- HONORABLE MENTION – MIDWAY

Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit

- 1ST PLACE – ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS

Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit (cont'd.)

- 2ND PLACE – CECIL COUNTY COMMAND
- 3RD PLACE – DEALE ISLAND BOAT
- HONORABLE MENTION – CHESTERTOWN BOAT 8

Emergency Apparatus Over 20 Years (In Service)

- 1ST PLACE – BARTON / PITTSVILLE
- 2ND PLACE – SHARPSTOWN (1980 SNORKEL)
- 3RD PLACE – CHESTERTOWN (1984 HAHN)
- HONORABLE MENTION – PARSONSBURG
- HONORABLE MENTION – FRUITLAND CHIEF (1958 FORD)

Best Appearing Company from Delaware

1ST PLACE – DAGSBORO

2ND PLACE – ROXANA

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania

1ST PLACE – YORK / NEW SALEM

Best Appearing Company from Virginia

NONE

Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 Years or Older)

1ST PLACE – BERLIN (1924 MACK)

2ND PLACE – CABIN JOHN (30 BROCKWAY)

3RD PLACE – CHESAPEAKE CITY (1958 FORD)

HONORABLE MENTION – MECHANICSVILLE (1950 AMERICAN
LeFRANCE)

HONORABLE MENTION – HOLLYWOOD (1947 INTERNATIONAL)

Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 Years or Older)

1957 FORD CONVERTIBLE

Fire Service Color Guard Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – EASTON

2ND PLACE – CHESAPEAKE CITY

3RD PLACE – COMBINATION OF PIPES AND DRUMS

4TH PLACE - CORDOVA

Non-Fire Service Color Guard Making the Best Appearance

1ST PLACE – KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

2ND PLACE – SILVER STARLETTES

Best Appearing Emergency Services Mascot

1ST PLACE – SMOKEY BEAR (DNR)

2ND PLACE – CUPCAKE THE CLOWN (JENNIFER B.)

Hard Luck Award

CHESAPEAKE CITY UNIT 212 (1958 FORD)

JUDGES AWARDS

CATEGORY 1 – CHESTERTOWN

CATEGORY 2 – BURTONSVLLE (E715 B)

CATEGORY 3 – POCOMOKE CITY

CATEGORY 4 – PRINCE FREDERICK

CATEGORY 4 – GEORGETOWN, DE

CATEGORY 5 – BCC RESCUE SQUAD ANTIQUE AMBULANCE

CATEGORY 6 – HECTOR THE CLOWN

CATEGORY 6 – THE RED KNIGHTS

CATEGORY 7 – LAUREL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB POMS

CATEGORY 7 – STEEL CITY ANGELS

NOTES