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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 right). In 2001 the logo (shown next page) 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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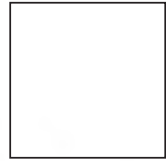
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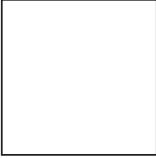
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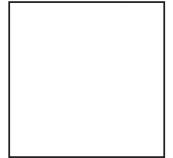
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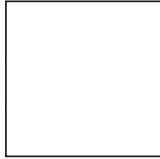
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*Curtis C. Larrimore	1937-1952	Easton
*John S. Prichard	1943-1968	Grantsville
*John O. Cockey	1942-1954	Glyn
*Showard T. Culver, PP	1946-1961	Hebron
*Vincent A. Simmell, PP	1948-1956	Cottage City
*Dr. James P. Swing	1952-1957	Cambridge
*B. Harrison 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. Jarman, PP	1970-1975	Ocean City
*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	2005-2013	Ocean City
Terry E. Thompson, PP	2005-(now serving)	Savage
Clarence "Chip" Jewell	2005-2005	Libertytown
Gene Worthington, PP	2005-(now serving)	Level
C. Daniel Carpenter III	2006-(now serving)	Potomac Heights
Douglas C. Alexander	2009-(now serving)	Mt. Airy
Jeffrey H. Thompson	2014-(now serving)	Chestertown

PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Conv Num.	Year	Chairman	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 Point
19	1911-12	*Russell P. Smith	Cambridge
20	1912-13	*Peter B. Cain	Midland
21	1913-14	*Peter B. Cain	Midland
22	1914-15	*Frederick G. Keich, 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 Point
26	1918-19	*Russel P. Smith	Cambridge
27	1919-20	*Charles N. Tucker	Annapolis
28	1920-21	*Adolph C. Fry	Frostburg
29	1921-22	*Adolph C. Fry	Frostburg
30	1922-23	*A. Sherwood Bayly	Cambridge
31	1923-24	*A. Sherwood Bayly	Cambridge
32	1924-25	*Robert Strobel	Hagerstown
33	1925-26	*John F. Fainter, 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
40	1932-33	*Noble Rushe	Hyattsville

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41	1933-34	*John O. Cockey	Glynndon
42	1934-35	*Frank T. Shaffer	Westminster
43	1935-36	*J. Miller 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 Joffe	Bowie
49	1941-42	*Noah Joffe	Bowie
50	1942-43	*Noah Joffe	Bowie
51	1943-44	*William G. Kerbin	Snow Hill
52	1944-45	*William G. Kerbin	Snow Hill
53	1945-46	*W. Bartgis Storm, 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
79	1971-72	*C. Edwin Turner, PP	Centerville
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

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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	Leonardtown
95	1987-88	Eugene Curfman	Union Bridge
96	1988-89	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
97	1989-90	Craig A. Moe	Laurel
98	1990-91	C. Daniel Davis Jr., 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., PP	Wheaton
108	2000-01	Stephen V. Hales	Ocean City
109	2001-02	Doyle E. Cox, PP	Prince Frederick
110	2002-03	Benjamin W. 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, PP	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
118	2010-11	Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf
119	2011-12	Wylie L. Donaldson Jr.	Odenton
120	2012-13	Benjamin W. Kurtz	Jarrettsville
121	2013-14	Dennis Skinner	Avalon Shores

*Deceased

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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	
	<i>1992 Special Centennial Convention</i>						
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
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	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	2011	2012
	2013	2014					
Salisbury	1898	1919					
Westernport	1913	1920					
Westminster	1899	1901	1906	1914	1926	1933	

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122nd ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

- 0900 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Board Room
M-203
1800 **JOINT OFFICERS' BANQUET** – Invitation Only

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

- 0730 Hands-On Training (HOT) Registration – Room 213
0800-1700 Hands-On Training (HOT) Check schedule for rooms/location
0800-2000 Courtesy shuttles from Bus Stops (check times)
0800 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0900-1200 Delegate Registration – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0900-1500 MSFA Store Opens
0900-1700 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center Classrooms
0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Convention Center Rooms M201 and M204
0930 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Convention Center East Hall
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1000-1400 Bus Passes – Convention Center Lower Level Foyer
1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center Room 215
1000-1400 **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** – Convention Center Sunset Room
1330 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Convention Center East Hall
1630 Sea of Blue Line-up for Memorial Service – Convention Center East Hall
1700 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
2130, 2200, & 2230 Ocean City Beach Lights – North Division Street and the Beach

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

- 0700 Registration – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0730 Hands-On Training (HOT) Registration – Room 213
0800-1700 Hands-On Training (HOT) Check schedule for rooms/location
0800-2000 Courtesy shuttles from Bus Stops (check times)
0800-1400 Bus Passes – Convention Center Lower Level Foyer
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
0830 **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900 Exhibits Open
0910 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION**
"Problems and Concerns Facing the Current and Future U.S. Fire Service"

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Harvey Eisner, Editor-in-Chief, FIREHOUSE Magazine, Melville, New York

In this presentation, Harvey Eisner, Editor-in-Chief of FIREHOUSE Magazine and former fire chief details a number of areas of concerns for fire departments nationwide, including staffing, budgets, safety, technology and, in these tough political and economic times, how the public and elected officials even question the need for fire departments.

- 0930 Recognition of the MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
- 1000 **LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA MEETING** – Convention Center East Hall
- 1000 Reading and acceptance of the 2013 Convention and Conference Minutes
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Association Officers
Report of Standing and Special Committees
Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
National Volunteer Fire Council Up-date
- 1045 **Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention**
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
- 1200-1700 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center Classrooms
- 1230 **CALL TO ORDER – SECOND SESSION**
Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
Maryland Instructors Certification Board
Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Department of Homeland Security
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
- 1300 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
"Major Incident Response: The Rosedale Train Derailment/Fire: 5/28/13"
Michael W. Robinson, MA, CFO
Division Chief-Emergency Operations, Baltimore County Fire Department, Towson, MD.
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- 1330 **Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office**
Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report

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- 1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits area after 1615
1830 **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**
1930 **BASKET & BAG BINGO** – Convention Center Room 215

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

- 0730 Hands-On Training (HOT) Registration – Room 213
0800-1700 Hands-On Training (HOT) Check schedule for rooms/location
0800-1300 Courtesy shuttles from Bus Stops (check times)
0800-1700 Bus Passes – Convention Center Lower Level Foyer
0800 VOTING – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom and Room 209 – (Open for two hours)
0830 CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Edwin L. Emkey Sr. Cadet Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem Jr., PP, Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards
0900 Exhibits Open
0930 MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION
"Modern Fire Challenges"
Robin Zevotek, PE
*Research Engineer III, UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois*
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0950 AWARDS CEREMONY CONTINUED
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award
Fire Prevention Grant Awards
1000 Legislative Committee Update
1010 SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Report of the Election Judges
1300-1630 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center Classrooms
1630 Exhibits Close

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- 1700 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
2130 PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

- 0730 PRAYER BREAKFAST - Convention Center Sunset Room
0900 CALL TO ORDER – FOURTH SESSION – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0900 Exhibits Open
Reading of Communications and Announcements
Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
0930 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
"Fifty Years of Service to the Citizens of Maryland"
Rocco Gabriele, Maryland State Fire Marshal (Retired)
William Barnard, Maryland State Fire Marshal (Retired)
Brian S. Geraci, Maryland State Fire Marshal
Timothy Dayton, Chair, Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission, *Pikesville, MD*
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0945 Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary
Remarks by Past President
Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
Installation of Assistant Officers
1015 **MAIN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
"Planning for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network"
Ray Lehr, *State Interoperability Director, Maryland State Police, Annapolis, MD*
The Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network is being built to provide emergency responders with the first high-speed nationwide network dedicated to public safety. Learn how to contribute your expertise to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for members of the public safety community to become involved in the planning and oversight of this extremely important network.
1045 Final Report of Convention Committee
Unfinished Business and New Business
\$10,000 Raffle Drawing
1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145
1300 **MSFA PARADE** – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue, Line-up Inlet Parking

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Special Note – Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue.

1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center – Dockside Hall

2030 Movies on the Beach – Carousel Hotel, 118th Street and the Beach

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

0900 **Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center East Hall**

1900 First Responders Appreciation Night – Delmarva Shorebirds Stadium, Salisbury

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

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

MAIN FLOOR PRESENTATIONS

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The Convention Committee has spent considerable time locating educational presentations that are interesting, knowledgeable and relevant to the delivery of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services here in the State of Maryland. These topics represent some of the most current issues that are facing our statewide emergency services delivery system. Please take the time to participate in these outstanding learning experiences.

Memorial Tribute
Line-of-Duty Deaths Tribute



David Barr Jr.
Community Fire Company of Perryville



James D. Brooks
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department
Prince George's County Volunteer Marine Fire Rescue Department

**Maryland State Firemen's Association
Special Recognition**



Deacon George L'Heureux
MSFA Chaplain
SMVFA Chaplain
Second District VFD & Rescue Squad
Seventh District VRS
St. Mary's Advanced Life Support



James "Robbie" Robertson
Maryland State Fire Marshal - Retired



Joseph Weisgerber
Maryland Instructors Certification
Hillandale VFD



Ronald Poole
MSFA Executive Committee
Clear Spring VFD



John Guntow
MSFA Executive Committee
Ocean City VFC

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President's Memorial Tribute
2014

As we honor the memories of those brothers and sisters who have passed away this year, we not only pay tribute to them as an individual, but to the communities they served and their commitment to the Maryland Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS services.

Tonight, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it is an honor and privilege to dedicate the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference Memorial Service and Memorial Book to those who have gone before us. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and the companies who have lost a "firehouse family" member and say "Thank You!" to their families for sharing them with us and we will keep them in our hearts and prayers. "We will take it from here."

MSFA Chaplain George H. L'Heureux; MSFA Executive Committee Members Ronald W. Poole and John F. Guntow, Maryland State Fire Marshal (retired) James C. "Robbie" Robertson and MDICRB member Joseph Weisgerber, all have made many contributions to our organization and the State of Maryland. We honor and remember David Bar Jr. and James D. Brooks who departed our presence in the Line-of-Duty. Much of our organization's success as well as county associations and companies derive from the legacies of those we will honor tonight and we are grateful to have known, loved and learned from them, may they rest in peace.

We extend our sincere appreciation to those individuals of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association who assisted with the 2014 Memorial Program and Book.

Jacqueline Olson
President, MSFA

Carol Hayden
President, LAMSFA

Chaplain's Memorial Tribute 2014

Tonight we honor the memories of those of our colleagues who have departed this life in the past year. Some of them were very close friends others were acquaintances, some held offices in their companies, county associations, the MSFA or its Auxiliary, others were "blue shirts" through their careers. They all had something very special in common – a commitment to the volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS service of Maryland. They, and we, were all then part of the "the family" and mourn the loss of each and remember their lives and extend our sympathy to their loved ones and the companies they served.

We have one special tribute who although was a member of the volunteer fire company, is more remembered for his work at preserving life. Maryland State Fire Marshal James C. "Robbie" Robertson was known around the world for his hard work and dedication to reducing fire deaths.

Those we honor tonight remind us of the parable that Jesus told in the book of Luke, Chapter 10. He tells how the Samaritan took care of the man who had been robbed. Jesus pointed out in this parable that everyone we meet is our neighbor and we should love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The individuals we honor tonight exemplify this as they gave freely of their time and God given talents to help those in need. Proverbs 24 say "one man gives freely, yet gains even more." We pray for those who are receiving their just rewards from the heavenly Father.

As you listen to the readings and see the faces and names being memorialized tonight, silently lift their loved ones up in prayer for comfort, and thank God for their dedication to the fire service.

John F. Long, Jr.
Chief Chaplain, MSFA

Lori Denbow
Chaplain, LAMSFA

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Ocean City, Maryland – June 14-20, 2014

Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 14, 2014

(Prelude music and singing)

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

Tom Musgrove, Chaplain Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department sings a medley of hymns.

Chief Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon: Good Evening. I'm Harvey Dixon, Chief Chaplain Emeritus of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and I want to say thanks for your presence and support of our Memorial Service this evening. Memory allows our loved ones to live on in our midst. Let us remember memory is also a gift from God and He is able to recognize and strengthen until death does not destroy that precious memory.

Will you also turn off your cell phones and pagers? Will you clear the center aisle and will everyone also, that is able, stand as we start and the Colors are presented. Please remain standing as the Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums enters followed by the Chaplains and Presidents and the "Sea of Blue" makes their entrance. Thank you. And may God bless you as we remember and honor those who have given their best for us. Thank you again.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Brothers and Sisters, ladies and gentlemen tonight we continue a long tradition of honoring those who have served our organizations and have departed this earth. Tonight we have five special tributes along with two tributes for brothers who have died in the line of duty. When your company or county name is called, please stand to honor your members. 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 this past year. Just as when Jacob took his father's body to the land of Canaan, we find this in Genesis 50:20. They had 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 the broken hearted here this evening. Comfort them in their grief as we pray that what is done this evening to honor those who we pay tribute too. Amen.

We'll now have the National Anthem sung by Mr. Tim Konig.

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Tim Konig: "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're 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." (Applause)

Retirement of colors

Chief Chaplain John Long: You may be seated. We will now have a welcome by Maryland Sate Firemen's Association President, Jacqueline Olson.

President Jacqueline Olson: Good evening and welcome to the 122nd MSFA Annual Convention and Conference Joint Memorial Service.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have a welcome by the President of the Ladies Auxilliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Carol Hayden.

President Carol Hayden: Good evening and welcome everyone. Thank you for coming to join us in remembering our fellow fallen firefighters. Thank you.

Chief Chaplain John Long: At this time the Presidents will unveil the crosses.

We'll now have scripture reading by Chaplain Mike Bowen from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Chaplain Mike Bowman: A reading from the Old Testament. From the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 verses 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 up-root; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build up; A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance; A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to refrain; A time to search and a time to give up; A time to keep and a time to throw away; A time to tear 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 for his toil? I have seen the burden that God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in his time. He has also said eternity in the hearts of men and they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. May God have his blessing to his word.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We'll now proceed with our special tributes for tonight.

Chaplain Long and Chaplain Denbow placed a rose in the vase in remembrance of each of the special tributes. David Barr Jr., LODD, Community Fire Company of Perryville; James

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D. Brooks, LODD, Allentown Road VFD, Landover Hills VFD and Prince George's County Volunteer Marine Fire/Rescue Department; James C. "Robbie" Robertson, Maryland State Fire Marshal (Retired), College Park Volunteer Fire Department; Deacon George L'Heureux, MSFA Chaplain, Second District VFD & Rescue Squad, Seventh District VRS, and St. Mary's Advanced Life Support; Joseph Weisgerber, Maryland Instructors Certification Review Board, Hillandale VFD; John Guntow, MSFA Executive Committee, Ocean City VFC; and Ronald Poole, MSFA Executive Committee, Clear Spring VFD.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have the reading of the 23rd Psalm LAMSFA Vice Chaplain Donna Struntz.

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

Chief Chaplain John Long: Tonight we normally have the author of the poem with us but she is unable to make it. Standing in for Stacey Faust, will be her husband, Mike Faust. The reading of the "Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven"
Mike Faust of the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company:

"Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven"

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

But life has its twists,
Its bumps and its turns
Life isn't simple

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As everyone learns.
No one is better
Each equals the other
Everyone here
Is a sister or brother.
But a life that is lost
In the midst of a call
Brings new meaning to life
To the great and the small.

A Last Call on earth
Doesn't mean it's the end
-There's a First Call in Heaven
For those we call "Friend".

And once the Last call
Has been sounded out loud
A reverent hush
Falls over the crowd
And there in the quiet
Inside of each soul
Comes a First Call from Heaven - The ultimate goal.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We'll now have another scripture reading by Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Chaplain Hetz: A reading from Lamentations Chapter 3. When you have bereaved my soul and cast it off, I have forgotten what good and happiness are. I say parish is my strength and my expectations from the Lord. O Lord remember my affliction and my miseries, my wandering and my outcasts. The wormwood and the gall. My soul has been continually in remembrance and it bows down within me. It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving kindness that we are not consumed because his compassion never fails. They are new every morning, great and abundant. It is your stability and your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion or share. This is my living being. Therefore I will hope in Him and wait expectantly on him. The Lord is good to those who wait and hopefully expectantly for him. To those who seek Him it is good that one should hope in and wait quietly for salvation of the Lord. Here ends the reading.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have our Memorial tribute. Again when your County's name is called, please stand.

Deceased members were as follows:

Allegheny County

Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company - **William R. Hout**
Barton Hose Company No. 1 - **Francis A. Trenum**
Barton Hose Company No. 1 - **Richard C. Fram Jr.**
Barton Hose Company No. 1 - **Edward P. "Paul" Miller**
Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department - **Linda A. Robertson**
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department - **George W. Lovenstein**
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department - **Ronald W. Poole**
Bowman's Addition Volunteer Fire Company - **Mae M. Bonner Bennett**
Clarysville Fire Company - **Idella M. Gaudio**
Clarysville Fire Company - **Floyd W. Kroll**
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company - **Raymond J. Hensel**
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company - **Henry M. Kneriem**
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company - **Linda K. Vanmeter**
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department - **Arthur E. Winter**
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company - **William M. Madden**
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company - **Donald W. Smith**
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service - **Joline H. Nelsen**
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service - **David M. Yates**
Frostburg Fire Department #1 - **Robert L. Conner**
Frostburg Fire Department #1 - **Christopher E. Webble**
George's Creek Ambulance Service - **Betty G. Holshey**
Good Will Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 - **James M. "Mink" Turner**
Good Will Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 - **Walter E. Woodford Jr.**
Good Will Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Auxiliary - **Betty G. Holshey**
LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad - **Elizabeth J. May**
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department - **Susie L. Holbrook**
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department - **Michael R. Huey**
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department - **Wanda L. Johnson**
Luke Volunteer Fire Company - **Leroy R. Bland**
McCoole Fire & Rescue Department - **Robert E. Brown**
Midland Fire Company No. 1 - **Thomas D. Dunn**
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 - **Donald C. Rice**
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 - **John E. Walsh**
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 - **Steven V. Watkins**
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 - **Arthur D. Whitehead**
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department - **Olive M. Long Breeman**
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department - **Margaret E. Carder**
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department - **Jerry L. Humberson**
Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department - **William J. McMillian Sr.**
Orleans Volunteer Fire Department - **Delmar L. Yonker**
Orleans Volunteer Fire Department - **George E. Yonker**
Potomac Fire Company No. 2 - **Francis M. "Sket" Gardine**
Tri-Towns Volunteer Fire Department - **Donald A. Bland**

Anne Arundel County

Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – **Robert F. Walston Jr.**
Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department – **Charles F. Micciche**
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department – **Benjamin L. Hebron**
Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Company – **Milton J. Mekins Sr.**
Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Company – **Catherine S. Snodderly**
Maryland City Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – **Gregory S. Croft**
Rescue Hose Company #1 – **Robert F. Walston Jr.**
Riveria Beach Volunteer Fire Company – **Frederick G. Hyde Sr.**
Riveria Beach Volunteer Fire Company – **Edward L. Koehnlein Jr.**
Riveria Beach Volunteer Fire Company – **William C. Toft Jr.**
Seventh District Rescue Squad – **Florence A. Bast**
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire & Improvement Company – **Floyd W. Sheckells Jr.**
Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Company – **Leila F. Dye**
Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Company – **Guy L. Pearl**

Baltimore County

Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – **Grayson E. Fowble**
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – **Howard Scotland**
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – **Francis T. Dziecichowicz**
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – **Charles Taylor**
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – **Gilbert F. Card**
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – **Gilbert L. Sipes Sr.**
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – **Michael D. Welden**
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – **C. Stanley Mayer**
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – **Thomas R. Harry Sr.**

Calvert County

Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department – **Eddie Catterton**
Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department – **Margaret L. Catterton**
Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department – **Leonard R. Jones Jr.**
Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department – **James H. King Sr.**
Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department &
Rescue Squad Auxiliary – **Elizabeth Ann Osbourn**
St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co. #7 – **John A. Bateman**
St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co. #7 – **Eleanor Jean Davis**
St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co. #7 – **Hilda Fleming**

Caroline County

Denton Volunteer Fire Company – **William C. Davis Sr.**
Denton Volunteer Fire Company – **Donna M. Fretterd**
Denton Volunteer Fire Company – **George H. Gordy Jr.**
Denton Volunteer Fire Company – **Carol E. Scupper**

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Denton Volunteer Fire Company – **George F. Wise Jr.**
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – **William I. Andrew**
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Dawson Anthony**
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Robert S. Detweiler**
Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Connie Larimore**

Carroll County

Auxiliary to the Harney Volunteer Fire Company – **Julia A. Ridinger**
Auxiliary to the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Company – **Lynne H. Warner**
Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – **Flora E. Richard**
Harney Volunteer Fire Company – **Calvin Amoss**
Harney Volunteer Fire Company – **George Cligan**
Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department – **William F. Warner**
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – **Donald Lippy**
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Company #1 – **Elmer Lippy**
New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – **Grace E. Strine**
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company – **Samantha M. Reaver**
Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company Auxiliary – **Carolyn Smith**
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary – **Betsy Lou F. Alexander**
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary – **Donald J. Shauck**
Thurmont Community Ambulance – **Donna "Dean" Bailey**
Thurmont Community Ambulance – **Glenn L. Nikirk**
Thurmont Community Ambulance – **Robert F. Oxendale**
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – **Robert Pfoutz**
Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company – **Donald M. Wetzel Sr**
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 – **William B. Rau Jr.**

Cecil County

Charlestown Fire Company – **Walter C. Heath Sr.**
Charlestown Fire Company – **Ronald L. Moore Sr.**
Charlestown Fire Company – **Richard P. Shelley**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Austin D. Amos Jr.**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Kelly Anne Ashford**
Community Fire Company of Perryville - **David R. Barr Jr., LODD**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Donaldson D. Cole Jr.**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Larry D. Perry**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Esther Willen**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Thressa Marie Williams**
Community Fire Company of Perryville – **Herbert J. Yeatman Jr.**
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun – **Charles R. Goodie**
North East Fire Company – **Evelyn E. Basham**
North East Fire Company – **Nicholas C. Letts**
North East Fire Company – **Gene Price**

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North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – **Mabel Slate**

Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City – **John "Jack" Myers Sr.**

Wm. M. Singler Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – **Martin W. Ruckman**

Charles County

Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department – **Alexis L. Frye Sr.**

Benedict Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad – **Dallas L. DeMarr**

Bryans Road Vol. Fire Department &

Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – **Ethel M. Eastburn**

Bryans Road Vol. Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – **Renne V. Kenlon**

Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad – **Sandra L. Sherman**

Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **William D. White**

Dorchester County

Rescue Fire Company – **T. Franklin Collins**

Rescue Fire Company – **Russell Smith Sr.**

Rescue Fire Company – **Kenneth Walton Jr.**

Frederick County

Citizens Truck Company #4 – **M. Allen Wachter**

Guardian Hose Company – **James B. Bentz**

Guardian Hose Company – **Glenn L. Nikirk**

Guardian Hose Company – **Robert F. Oxley**

Independent Hose Company #1 – **Robert L. "Bob" Sheckles**

Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – **Eugene E. Larkin**

Junior Fire Company #2 - **John Hoffman**

Junior Fire Company #2 – **Joseph Orndorff**

Junior Fire Company #2 – **Robert Oxendale**

Junior Fire Company #2 – **Robert Tobery**

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Annabell Houch**

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company – **Joseph Clabaugh**

Thurmont Community Ambulance – **Donna Bailey**

Thurmont Community Ambulance - **Glenn L. Nikirk**

Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Elsie M. Dodson**

Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **John "Buddy" Gladhill, Sr.**

Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – **Madeline E. Main**

Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – **Charles A. Dixon**

Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – **Phillip R. Heflin**

Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company – **Margaret E. Myers**

Garrett County

Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department – **J. Lotte Brenneman**

Bloomington Fire Company – **James M. Bever**

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Bloomington Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – **Jo Ann V. Bever**
Oakland Volunteer Fire Department – **Willard K. Hayden**
Oakland Volunteer Fire Department – **Max A. Messenger**
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad – **Arvetta M. Sallage**

Harford County

Aberdeen Fire Department – **James H. Barbre**
Aberdeen Fire Department – **Edward Donald**
Aberdeen Fire Department – **Al Severn Jr.**
Abingdon Fire Company – **Donald J. Allen Sr.**
Abingdon Fire Company – **Jarrett N. "Jerry" Anderson Jr.**
Abingdon Fire Company – **Thomas S. "Bubba" Stanford**
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – **Richard B. Davis**
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – **R. Carl Colvin**
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – **Betty Barben Gray**
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – **John R. Williams**
Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company – **Joseph Wiley**
Havre De Grace Ambulance Corps – **Jean H. Mears**
Havre De Grace Ambulance Corps – **Karen A. Melton**
Havre De Grace Ambulance Corps – **James C. Vancherie Jr.**
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – **John H. Davis**
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – **J. Ralph Medley**
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – **Donald Moore**
Susquehanna Hose Company – **Merrill A. Hardy**
Susquehanna Hose Company – **John M. Hamilton**
Susquehanna Hose Company – **John E. McLhinney**
Susquehanna Hose Company – **Mary I. Schweers**
Susquehanna Hose Company – **Michael Wilkinson**
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company – **John R. Williams**

Howard County

Ellicott City Volunteer Firemen's Association – **Richard L. Thomas**
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company – **Russell Gordon**
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Hazel M. Esworthy**
Savage Volunteer Fire Company – **Elmer Luber**

Kent County

Betterton Volunteer Fire Company – **Louis T. Grahmer**
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company – **Edward P. Sutton**
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – **Jean D. Freeman**
Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – **Charlie Collins**
Kent-Queen Anne's Rescue Squad – **Donald E. Hollinger**
Kent-Queen Anne's Rescue Squad – **Harry W. Willis**

Montgomery County

Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – **Chief Thomas W. Carr**
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Melvin H. "Tom" Logan III**
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **Leonard Moxley**
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – **Authur M. Ferguson**
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – **Walter H. Hershey**
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department – **Howard G. Kinsey**
Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department – **Joseph A. Weisgerber**
Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department – **John L. "J.J." Johnson**
Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department – **Frank "Chubby" King**
Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department – **Orman Z. Rippeon**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **Thomas C. Curtis**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **James W. "Jack" Jones**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **Robert A. Parsly Jr.**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **Jere B. Rex**
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department – **James W. Williams**
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – **Muriel H. Barber**
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – **James L. Eanes**
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – **George H. Geisbert**
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – **Mary V. Kemp**
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – **Simon C. Oland**
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – **Hyter H. Webb**
Maryland Instructors Review Board – **Joseph A. Weisgerber**
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – **Woodrow E. "Skip" Marth**
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – **Chief William R. Wiegel Jr.**
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – **Frank G. Fones**
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – **Douglas M. Aquinto**
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **Marion E. Brown**
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – **Natalie J. Berg**
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – **Roy L. Selby**

Prince George's County

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **Irene Jenkins**
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department &
Prince George's County Vol. Marine Fire Rescue Dept. – **James D. Brooks, LODD**
Allentown Road Volunteer Fire Department &
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **James D. Simpson**
Baden Volunteer Fire Department – **Samuel E. Bruce**
Baden Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary – **Nancy L. Mandragos**
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Russell L. Mabry**
Ladies Auxiliary to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Robert A. Parsly**
Ladies Auxiliary to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Ruby E. Meyers**
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Aux. – **Jane Black**

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Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Aux. – **Peggy Cooper**
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Brian T. Johnson**
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Garrie A. Weeser Sr.**
Bowie Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad #2 – **Thomas W. Hayden**
Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – **Barbara Reamy**
Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire Association – **Dennis J. Vermellion**
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – **Haskel Bing Jr.**
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – **Philip Dihenzo**
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – **Walter L. Owens**
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – **May Whittington**
College Park Volunteer Fire Department &
Maryland State Fire Marshal – **James C. "Robbie" Robertson**
Cottage City-Colmar Manor Volunteer Fire Company – **Catherine "Plummie" Howes**
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 &
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department – **Eleanor Jean Davis**
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 &
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department – **Adrian Swicegood**
Glenn Dale Fire Association – **Glenn E. Swisher**
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Keith Grimes Sr.**
Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department &
Rescue Squad – **Cleo Dutton**
Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department &
Rescue Squad – **Linda Wynkoop**
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – **Gilbert S. Allwine**
Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department – **Norman Westover**
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department – **Donald L. Powell**
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department – **James Sheriff Sr.**
Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department – **Calvin C. Hansen Jr.**
Tuxedo-Cheverly Volunteer Fire Company – **Walter L. Owens**

Queen Anne's County

Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **Mabel Davis**
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **John "Jack" C. Russum Jr.**
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company – **Paul Swain**
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Jeanne P. Davis**
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Mary E. Downey**
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – **Thomas F. "Sonny" Walls**

Somerset County

Marion Volunteer Fire Department – **Fred M. Henderson**

St. Mary's County

Bay District Volunteer Fire Department – **Peter Kropp Jr.**

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Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department – **George A. Ferguson**
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **Joseph B. "Clinton" Duke Sr.**
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **John H. B. Gough**
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **Steven R. Haffer Jr.**
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **Walter K. Sterling**
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **John G. Trossbach**
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **Theodore R. Wathen**
Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – **Frances Curley**
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Stanley J. Williams Sr.**
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – **John B. Cullison**
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – **John B. Fenwick**
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – **Michael E. Hammett**
Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad – **Patricia L. Webb**
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **Patricia A. Cullison**
Second District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad,
Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad & SMVFA Chaplain &
MSFA Chaplain 2004 – 2013 – **Deacon George H. L'Heureux**
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – **LaRuby Frederick-Armstrong**

Talbot County

Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary – **Agnes M. Cheezum**

Washington County

Clear Spring Ambulance Club – **David A. Michael**
Clear Spring Ambulance Club & Volunteer Fire Department &
MSFA Executive Committee – 1981-1982 – **Ronald W. Poole**
First Hagerstown Hose Company – **Robert G. Hammond**
First Hagerstown Hose Company – **Randy B. Schindel**
Hancock Fire Company – **Edward Henson**
Hancock Fire Company – **Ronnie L. Van Meter**
Hancock Fire Company Auxiliary – **Dorothy F. Reed**
Ladies Auxiliary of Fairplay Volunteer Fire Company District 12 – **Doris J. Kline**
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Robert W. Blair**
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – **David H. Ebersole**
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Edweyn L. Finfrock Sr.**
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Daniel L. Grover Sr.**
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Clayton L. Stoner**
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – **Catherine Delauter**
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – **Dorothy Buchanan**
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – **Kenneth J. Singer**
Maugansville Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company – **Ralph W. Weaver**
Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company &
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 – **Charles M. McCoy**

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Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Clyde W. Butts**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company – **Sandra F. Jamison**
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – **Richard F. Kuhn**
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – **Barbara A. May**
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – **Lillian I. Pryor**
Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway – **Wallace "Lee" Ridenour**
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 – **Charles L. Bean**
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 – **Robert S. Churchey**
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 – **Michael L. Shingler**
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 – **Floyd C. Tressler**
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 Auxiliary – **Gloria D. Basore**
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 Auxiliary – **Helen V. Randall**

Wicomico County

Delmar Fire Department – **Richard L. "Dickie" Nichols**
Hebron Volunteer Fire Company – **David A. Mammi**
Parsonsborg Volunteer Fire Department – **David Webster**
Parsonsborg Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – **Peggy Wright**
Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department – **Chaplain William H. Hastings**
Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – **Ethel B. Wilkins**
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – **Richard T. Bennett**
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – **Robert H. Cooper**
West Side Volunteer Fire Department – **Scott W. Hammond**

Worcester County

Berlin Fire Company – **Douglas Backer**
Berlin Fire Company – **Glenn Baublitz, Sr.**
Berlin Fire Company – **Samuel Bromley**
Berlin Fire Company – **Donald Bunting**
Berlin Fire Company – **Elwood Bunting**
Berlin Fire Company – **Marvin Scott**
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – **George B. Conner III**
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company &
MSFA Executive Committee – 2004-2014 – **John F. Guntow**
Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department – **Warren F. Herzog**

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have a special flag folding ceremony by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association's Honor Guard with the narration by President Jackie Olson.

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

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

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

The next morning it is brought out and at the Ceremony of Reveille and 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 harm's way each and every day to afford safety to both friends and strangers.

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

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

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

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

The Eighth fold is for Appreciation: For Fire fighters who hold a special sense of fragility of the human being. Each moment of service we can give to others is 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

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volunteer firefighter. Find this love of duty in any other profession.

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

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

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

The thirteenth fold is for Freedom: Fire fighters 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.
The Fire Brigade Piper plays Amazing Grace.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the playing of TAPS.

You may be seated. We now have the Lord's Prayers and Benediction by Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Lori Denbow.

LAMSFA Chaplain Lori Denbow: Please join with me in reciting the Lord's Prayers. Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Father, tonight we have honored the men and the women of the fire service who have passed away. We thank you for loaning us these special people and know they are now our guardian angels to watch over us each day. Let us not forget the sacrifices of these men and women. Guide us, protect us today and always. In Your precious son's name, Amen.

Chief Chaplain John Long: At this time the honored families will be departing escorted by the Honor Guard. Everyone please remain in their seats until dismissed. This concludes our Memorial Service. Thank you for your presence and support of this Memorial Service.

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Maryland State Firemen's Association
Ocean City, Maryland – June 14-20, 2014
Opening Ceremonies
Monday, June 16, 2014**

Richard Brooks: Good morning ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 122nd Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. For everyone's comfort and viewing enjoyment, we will all stand to honor our Nations Colors as they are presented. After that please remain seated unless instructed otherwise. Enjoy your day here at Convention. Our opening ceremonies will begin in a few moments.

(Musical Interlude by the Westminster Band)

President Jacqueline Olson: It's my honor to call to order the 122nd Annual Conference Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I welcome you today, firefighters, EMTs, auxiliary members, administrative members and new members to the fire service, cadets and your brothers and sisters of the fire service. From Oakland to Ocean City, from Hollywood to Havre de Grace and from everywhere across the state – welcome

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Good morning. My name is Hoby Howell, member of the Safety Committee. Welcome to the 122nd annual MSFA Convention. Congratulations to Jackie for her year as President. We ask everyone to know your surroundings. Your exits are over to my left, front and rear. Over here (motions to his right) the same – this side takes you out to a hallway, you go down the hallway to the exit. If for any reason we ask you to evacuate the premises due to an emergency, always stay calm and walk to your closest exit. If you, for any reason you view what you feel to be a safety hazard to all of us, please let one of us know - your safety is our commitment. Your Safety Committee members are in bright red shirts marked in bright white letters either on the front or back with the word "Safety." We wish to ask all attending to show respect for your neighbor sitting next to you, and the officials on stage, by silencing fire pagers and placing cell phones on vibrate. Thank you from your Safety Committee. I have also been asked by the Convention Committee to ask anyone with a trailer parked in the front parking lot where the fire service personnel are to park, please be moved behind the Dough Roller in the parking lot by the water tower. Thank you.

Chaplain John Long: Good morning. I am Chief Chaplain John Long. Welcome to Ocean City. All successful beginnings begin with God, the first four words of the Bible "In the Beginning, God" is a great motto for our life and for this Convention and Conference.

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Let us pray: Father, you have been so good and gracious to us in allowing us to assemble as we are this morning. We pray that you will give guidance to this 122nd annual convention and conference. Open our hearts that we may be receptive to your guidance. Bless each Officer, each committee, and each activity until we will be sensitive not only to our needs and the needs of those that we represent and serve. But, may we be sensitive to your will that we would be a blessing to one another and to you truly for the way that you will help in each area of this convention and conference. And, help us that we would reach out to the association that we may contribute to this great nation of ours, in safety and security. We do ask for each of these privileges and blessing this morning for our good and for your Glory. Amen

At this time I would like to ask the Past Presidents to take their position of honor.

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Jackie Olson and, the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Carol Hayden. (Applause)

(Video presentation that highlights President Olson’s and President Hayden’s year in office. Applause)

Richard Brooks: Please enjoy this presentation of our Maryland Counties. We begin with:

Alleghany County	Charles County	Prince George’s
County		
Anne Arundel County	Dorchester County	Queen Anne’s
County		
Baltimore City	Frederick County	Somerset County
Baltimore County	Garrett County	St. Mary’s County
Calvert County	Harford County	Talbot County
Caroline County	Howard County	W a s h i n g t o n
County		
Carroll County	Kent County	Wicomico County
Cecil County	Montgomery County	Worcester County

Richard Brooks: And ladies and gentlemen - the Great State of Maryland. (Applause) The Westminster Band “Maryland, My Maryland” as the Maryland Flag is raised.

Tim Koenic: Sings the National Anthem. (Applause) He then sings “God Bless America.” (Applause)

Richard Brooks: Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the playing of “Amazing Grace” by a member of the Pipes and Drums.

The Westminster Bank plays "Eternal Father Strong to Save".

Richard Brooks: Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated and remain seated during our solemn presentation of our memorial flags.

Bagpipers entered the hall playing "Scotland the Brave".

Richard Brooks: We now take a moment and honor our Maryland Fallen Fire Fighter Flag.

Bagpipers play "Highland Cathedral".

The Fallen Firefighters Flag.

The National Fire Fighters Memorial Flag.

The Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Flag.

They are all posted on the stage.

Richard Brooks: Please join our Presidents in welcoming the Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums. (Applause) Ladies and gentlemen there is nothing more stirring than the pipes to honor the fire service, please enjoy their awesome set. (Applause)

Special Video presentation "My Name is America". (Applause)

President Olson: Please rise for the presentation of the colors by the Maryland Combined Fire Service Honor Guard.

President Hayden: 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: Please join us in recognizing our combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard. (Applause and cheers.)

Richard Brooks: Please be seated.

Slide presentation dedicated to Maryland Fire Service who proudly wear the uniforms of the United States Military. (Applause)

The Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums exit the hall playing "America the Beautiful". (Applause) They were followed out by the Westminster Band. (Applause)

President Olson: Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in thanking the Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums, the Westminster Band and the combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard. (Applause)

At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce the Honorable Rick Meehan, Mayor of the Town of Ocean City. (Applause)

Mayor Meehan: Good morning everybody. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council and all of the citizens of Ocean City I am extremely proud to be here this morning and to welcome you here for your 122nd Annual Convention. I have said before and I will say it again today, my time in Ocean City dates back to the mid-sixties. I moved here in 1971 for good and I know that every year since that time period you could really tell when the summer season was upon us and was about to begin and that was when the Maryland State Firemen's Association came to town. So the season is officially open today! (Applause) And I want to welcome each and every one of you. (Applause)

I don't know if you all recall or not in the recent weeks we have had some social media interference in Ocean City and there was a prediction that there was going to be a college take over weekend a couple of weeks ago in Ocean City. Well that never really materialized but what President Olson has told me was that this would definitely be a Maryland State Firemen's Association takeover week in Ocean City. (Cheers and Applause) And we are prepared.

How did you like that fabulous air show we did for you over the week-end? (Applause and Cheers) Watching what I saw on the screen this morning, and following that theme watching the air show and all of our agencies out there performing, in particular the Thunderbirds, there is something special about when they come across the skies in Ocean City. If that doesn't make the hair stand up on your arms nothing else will. It was a great show and we are glad you were here to enjoy that.

I want to congratulate your Convention Committee. You conventions like this and all that goes into it doesn't just happen. It happens as a lot of hard work and a lot of hard work was put into preparing for this convention. So I want to congratulate them on a job well done.

I also want to congratulate President Olson and President Hayden on the great job they have done this year in representing your organization. We are very proud of what they have been able to do. And also not only how you are here today, but your families are here as well and how this convention has really become a family event. I know you have the Jolly Roger event this evening and there are other events planned throughout the week. And I think that is wonderful that not only are you here but your families are here enjoying Maryland's best vacation destination. So we are very proud of that as well.

On another note, I do want to ask you all while you are here not only to enjoy the beach and boardwalk and everything else the beach has to offer but also be safe. Our goal is that everybody comes to Ocean City safely and is safe while they are here and returns

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home safely. And I know safety is a code you live by as well. So while you are here – please, please – use our crosswalks. There are laws at the beach. Make sure when you are out on the beach that you swim near a lifeguard. Just protect yourself and your family while you are here in Ocean City.

On another note, I was here last night and attended the Memorial Service. That was an unbelievable tribute honoring those that have served in this wonderful organization and have passed during the recent year. And I noticed something you don't see very often when you have a large crowd of people, I didn't hear anybody talking to each other, I didn't hear one cell phone go off or one person texting. That was amazing and that is a real tribute to your organization and showed a real tribute and a way to honor those that have passed. So I want to congratulate you on that. It was a very moving evening and something I won't miss in the future. You are doing everything right.

I want to thank you for the service you give to our communities – each and every one of you and to your families for allowing you to do so. It is a great job that you perform and it certainly is a tremendous service to all the people of Maryland. So thank you very much.

I hope you have a wonderful time while you are here in Ocean City. Please take this as an opportunity to enjoy it and to come back. I know you have some valuable things to learn during the convention. But enjoy your time in Ocean City. Thank you.

Also, is Jackie here? Is Carol here? Okay. You notice the President of your association is smiling. To thank them and to honor them for the job well done for your organization and everything they have done, I honor them with a key to the Town of Ocean City. And that is presented not only by the Mayor and City Council but all the citizens. Jackie said I don't have to tell you but I don't have the key. Imagine that – government just did not react in time. I went to my office to pick it up this morning for both of these ladies and they told me they didn't come yet. I said what do I do? She (Jackie) said give me your car keys. (Laughter) So, the keys are on their way – this has never happened before – but we can all smile about it and it is a tribute to both these ladies that serve your organization so well in the past year. And I want to thank them and thank them for their friendship and for getting to know both of them and for being here in Ocean City. Jackie thank you very much and congratulations and Carol, thank you as well. (Applause)

And now it is my privilege to introduce someone who is no stranger to this organization, certainly not to Ocean City but the former Mayor of Ocean City and now our Senator representing this district in Annapolis, the Honorable, my friend, Jim Mathias.

Senator Mathias: Good morning Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary! Make some noise, let me hear you out here Maryland – come on!!! (Applause and cheering!) Good morning, good morning, good morning. It really is summer and I just want to take the opportunity and welcome you and thank you for all you do.

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Oh yeah, by the way, there is one thing. The sun WILL shine on parade day! (Applause) Absolutely, we thank you and if Jackie and Carol can come out please, I would appreciate it very much. Now this is the best part of the job right here, this is what it is all about. I just want to say to you, although we are in session ninety days, we are out working everyday day just like you on the scene 365 days a year. And the ninety days in Annapolis, the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Jackie, Carol and all are out there every day telling us what's important. Whether we are working on tax credits, sprinkler bills, smoke detectors, and presumptions, you name it, we are there working for you and we thank you. How about it one more time for these two ladies presidents and all they do. (Applause and cheer) I will tell you a little secret, the Mayor says that we are getting along so well, they didn't bother changing those locks that the keys that are given out to the city, so the same one we had still works.

I just want to take a moment and thank you again for everything that you do. How about it – where are our friends from Western Maryland? Make some noise out here Western Maryland. (Applause) Oh yeah! Where's Southern Maryland, come on now? I know you are in the house. (Cheers and applause) You hear that Congressman Hoyer? Where's our friends from Central Maryland? Come on Carroll and Baltimore Counties, let me hear you. (Cheers and applause) Oh yeah! Harford County where are you out there? (Cheers and applause) Anne Arundel County I know you are in the house somewhere. (Cheers and applause) Get me over the Bay Bridge, where are we Eastern Shore? (Cheers and applause) How about it one more time for all of Maryland. Let's hear for those firefighters and the great state of Maryland. Put your hands together. (Cheers and applause) God bless you and we thank you and I am ever ever grateful.

It gives me great pleasure now at this point, I heard the Mayor talking about the different concerns we have here – whether a hurricane or whether there is something on the ground. We just trying to make sure you have a good time when you come to Ocean City and he asks you to make sure you are safe and enjoy yourself. When you come here it is our job to make sure you enjoy, you are safe and you get back home safely and prepare to come back again. It gives me great pleasure, you have a great team out here, I see from Fire Chief Steger in the front row. Whether it is our firefighters, our EMS, career, our volunteers, our police, our beach patrol, whether it is a storm coming up the Atlantic or whether it is one coming over the bridge into town showing us they know how to do it – we have a fabulous team. And our Emergency Services Director, Joe Thiebold, is doing a fabulous job. Ladies and gentlemen of the MSFA and LAMSFA please give a warm welcoming to our Executive Director Mr. Joe Thiebold. Ladies and gentlemen – Joe. (Applause)

Joe Thiebold: The Mayor and the Senator make it so easy to come up here because there is really nothing more to say, other than on behalf of public safety, we certainly welcome you to Ocean City. And to re-enforce, please be safe. A lot of the kids are in town. They don't pay attention crossing. They don't pay attention driving. Make sure YOU pay attention.

I am very proud to be here today. I have been in the fire service for 38 years. It is all about unity of effort and working together. I know you do that day in and day out. We are proud of Ocean City because of all the disciplines do work together well. And that is what is important, no matter how large or small the emergency is. You are going to mitigate it, you are going to leave your egos at home and get to work. So enjoy this week. The weather looks good. If you need anything, my good friend Roger Steger knows how to find me, anything at all. If we can help you during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask. So I am going to stop it here so you can get back to business. You all have a nice day. (Applause)

Presidents Olson and Hayden: If I could have the Mayor, Senator Mathias and Joe. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we would like to recognize and present with a resolution for the Mayor, the Ocean City Fire Department as well as the Ocean City Police Department. And of course we would like to present you with Convention Mugs and a goody bag. Thank you all for taking time out to be here and thank you again for hosting us and always showing us such great hospitality. Thank you again. (Applause)

Mayor Meehan: Do you hold my bag until I give you the key?

President Olson: Yes! (Applause and laughter.)

President Olson: And now I would like to bring to the podium Adjutant General James Adkins head of the Maryland National Guard. He is not only a partner with us but he is also a friend. Please give him a warm welcome. (Applause)

Major General James Adkins: Thank you all. I thank President Olson and the leadership team of the MSFA for inviting me back this year, which is probably my final year as Adjutant General. It is a great honor to be before you today.

I have one simple message and that is thank you for your service. You know I counted up this morning, being in my travels and where I have lived around Maryland and I think no less than seven volunteer fire companies have protected my home and my family. And that service is greatly appreciated. And there is probably no greater example of service that you all do than looking back and reflecting on someone we lost this past year. Tink Collins from Linkwood Salem, served proudly in the US Army in Vietnam. He came home and he could have hung up his uniform and gone about his business but he volunteered at Linkwood Salem and continued for decades to lead and assist and serve the people of his community. And he is someone we miss greatly at Linkwood Salem and we all miss his leadership and presence. Although I expect he is looking down on us today. So I thank you all for that. My next duty today is to introduce a great friend of mine. Someone I have known for over 20 years. Someone who is known for his support for those of us who wear the uniform, whether it is in

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national service like I do or those who wear their uniform in their communities across Maryland. It is someone who celebrated his birthday on June 14th and June 14th is also the birthday of the United States Army and also Flag Day. So he is a great leader in the U.S. Congress. A servant of the great state of Maryland and the citizens of Maryland. My good friend Congressman Steny Hoyer. (Applause)

Congressman Steny Hoyer: Thank you very much General and please stay here. Good morning. (Reply from audience – good morning.) I am so pleased to be here, not withstanding that I am VERY overdressed to be in Ocean City, Maryland. But then again, many of you are as well I see.

General before I get into my speech, the Association has asked me to do something that I am very proud to do. Jackie. I want you to remain here so that I can announce your induction into Maryland State Firemen's Hall of Fame. (Applause and cheers.) My staff tells me it doesn't happen if you don't take a picture of it right? This award is given to individuals in special recognition for a life of service to the community in activities of delivery of fire and EMS service in the state and work that has made the Maryland State Firemen's Association better as an organization. General Adkins was nominated by President Jackie Olson for working with the MSFA to secure additional funding for the families of our fallen firefighters and helping to improve the state of Maryland Volunteer Company Assistance Trust Fund which provides low interest loans and grants to volunteer fire departments in need of equipment, apparatus and facilities. General Adkins we thank you. We congratulate you and we look forward to working with you for many years to come. Thank you sir. (Applause.)

I also want to thank my dear friend Catherine Kelly who works with General Adkins as his legislative assistant in Annapolis and at the federal level. She does a great job on behalf of all of them.

Well I am so pleased to be back in Ocean City. The good news I am in Ocean City with you. The bad news is I have to leave in about an hour and a half to be down at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home at 2:00. I look forward to being with them too but I sure hate to leave this weather and all of you. I was going to Fishtails last night. Now where are the people from Hollywood and Bay District? Where are they? I was going to Fishtails and two of the guys from Hollywood were in front of me. One was Keith Fairfax's nephew and we got in and they said there was an hour and a half wait. We didn't wait. We turned around and went to Phillip's and got right in and we had a good buffet. We were taken good care of. But for those of you who went to Fishtails you can report to me how really good it was and what I missed.

But I am pleased to be here, your Jackie Olson, your out-going President and David Keller, your in-coming President. And I had an opportunity to spend some time with Ron Siarnicki, a very dear friend of mine for a very long period of time. He does such a wonderful job for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, Treasurer of the MSFA and the

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Executive Director of the Fallen Firefighters Association. Mayor Craig Moe from Laurel, part of my district, just a wonderful, wonderful guy is here. And then Tommy Mattingly, is Tommy out front or is he still in the back? Tommy where are you? He is in the back. Tommy is a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association as all of you know but Tommy Mattingly has now spent 50 years in the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Tommy congratulations to you. The Chief of Prince George's County is back here. He's in shorts too and looking good. Chief Bashore is here with us. And Bob Allen, where are you Bob? Is here but I don't know where he is - out back or out front. I haven't seen everybody. (Shout from audience). Hey! Southern Maryland, alright! Now I want you to know that I like Mathias, you know went through Western Maryland and Central Maryland, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery Counties, Southern Maryland, Eastern Shore, I want you to know I like everybody all over the state! But the folks from Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's have a special place because they can vote to fire me if I'm not good. (Laughter) So I am going to be very nice to my Southern Maryland folks. Where are the Southern Maryland folks? Let me see you, stand up. (Cheering from audience). Alright! A particular shout out to my folks at Mechanicsville. A particular shout-out because if I have a problem they are the ones first to my house. So I want to make sure they know how important I think they are.

I am so pleased to be here with all of you. I want to say to the Mayor, Mayor Meehan, he has done a good job on the weather. Senator Jim Mathias, Jim Mathias is a great great member of the Maryland Senate and a great advocate of the fire service and a great human being. Those of you who know Jim Mathias know what extraordinary he gives.

I also want to congratulate Bill Barnard, our retired fire marshal who you have dedicated this program to. And that is excellent. I am pleased to be here.

From the Atlantic to the Potomac, from Point Lookout to the Mason Dixon Line, our communities are safe. They are safe because of your courage, your commitment, your caring and always showing up when we are in trouble. I am proud that Maryland has a strong tradition of the fire service. As you know I am the Co-Chairman of the Fire Service Caucus in Washington. The largest caucus in the Congress of the United States. Why? Because members of Congress, whether they be Democrats or Republicans, where they be conservative or liberal, they know that the people who are closest to their communities of the volunteer fire service and EMS. Maryland's firefighters form the backbone of our strong communities. And I am proud to stand with you not only today but everyday as you carry out the work of protecting those communities from the ravages of fire, flood, hurricane, tornado. And yes, is Company 26 from Prince Georges County? Tommy Stimpell here by any chance? Apparently they would not let him out I am being told by this young whipper snapper down front here. Friendly.

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My wife had a real problem. I was up in Annapolis, the Senate was in session, a long time ago, my wife had a problem. One of the kids had left the door open, a squirrel came in and we had a squirrel in the house. Who did she call? She called Tommy Stimpell, Company 26, the ladder truck comes running down the road. This squirrel must have been absolutely terrified. I surprised the squirrel didn't die of a heart attack. But they got the squirrel out of the house. So not only the ravages of fire, flood, and all the adversities that confront men but the little things as well. You are there because you care. Because you are dedicated to serving. As the Co-Chair of the Fire Service Caucus, I see that first hand all over this country. Your work is inherently dangerous. And we have sadly lost two Maryland firefighters this year. James Brooks from Prince George's Fire and EMS and Robert Fogel from the Baltimore County Fire Department, they are both in our thoughts today as we have already recognized. And their families continue to be in our prayers. We take care of our own. I am so honored to go to Emmitsburg every year. I have missed maybe one or two in the last 25 years, but to go and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe. The willingness of firefighters to place themselves between their neighbors and one of the deadliest forces in nature is a testament to their bravery and to their spirit and to your bravery and your spirit and your willingness everyday to say send me. If there is a crisis, if there is a challenge, if people are at risk and property is as well, send me. You know the risks. You have seen colleagues lose their life in responding.

Sadly as a nation we have mourned too many fire service peers over the past year, including the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots in Prescott, Arizona who fell on the fireline last June. I went with the Vice President to the Memorial Service to pay tribute to them and all who take the same risk and perform the same acts of courage. It was a deeply moving experience. The pipes played, the drums played, you felt palpably the support of love felt by the members of the Prescott community for their fallen heroes. Many of whom they knew personally. But there were literally thousands of others from all over the country who came sharing that love and that respect and that appreciation. It reminded me of that incredible feeling when I arrived at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and when I join you at this annual conference. It reminds me of the sense of community and camaraderie when I visit a firehouse in Maryland. It is men and women ready to go at a moment's notice to protect the safety and lives of others without concern for their own. But someone, someone has to stand up for your safety and your lives while you are on the job and that is why I have been proud for almost 50 years, since 1966 as a Maryland State Senator and 33 years as a member of Congress of the United States to protect to try and do what I could to make your job more effective, to make your job safer, to make the men and women who respond sure that they will come back to the house after the crisis is past.

That is why I have made it my mission to fight for the Fire Safer Grant Awards. For Maryland's Fire Departments, to enhance your safety by ensuring that you have the tools that you need to extinguish fires without harm to yourself. And yes, that the public has the tools to make sure that they are on guard as well. And thank you for

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making sure that they understand on an annual basis they need to make sure their alarm's working. That the batteries are installed. What a public service that is. And I want to thank, and I don't know whether Motorola and other are in the room who provide so much support to the fire service around this country, both in terms of communications and fire equipment. I read a Congressional letter with 172 signatures in March calling for \$680 million dollars for these important grant programs. You know when there is a crisis and the federal security is at risk, as the Pentagon was at risk, as the Capitol was at risk, do we have Federal firefighters, we do. Do we have Federal Law Enforcement Officers? We do. But almost invariably whether it is Fort Meade or Andrews or PACS, almost invariably the responders are the local, county and state and municipal responders to those crisis. The Feds may get there later but initially it is you and that is why I urge my colleagues to make an investment of federal tax dollars in making sure that our LOCAL domestic defenders are ready, able, trained and well-staffed. You deserve the peace of mind that they will never be left behind alone. That they will be enveloped by the warm and comforting embrace of the community and country. I feel honored to represent so many outstanding firefighters and their families, as I said from Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties where I live. And help support their brothers and sisters in the fire service from across this great state. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you. Thank you for what you do every day. You may not have a crisis every day but every day you get out of bed or the auxiliary helps somebody get dressed, not physically but by encouraging them to get up and respond to meet the challenges of that day. Now that may be going around on their regular job and then they hear the bell or the siren, they get the call and every day they say send me I am ready. Ladies and gentlemen I pledge to continue making sure that Congress keeps watch over you and yours.

This year the bonds shared as we looked at the military personnel who are in the fire service that also protected our freedom. And you have heard me say it before, those of you who wear the uniform of the fire service of our country, of the emergency medical response teams of our country, just as surely as those who wear the uniforms who we send overseas in our armed forces to protect our freedom and justice from tyranny and attack. Just as surely your willingness to defend us here at home, keeps that torch of freedom and democracy and community alive. God bless America that we sang a little earlier, God blesses America through the service and the commitment of all of you. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Congressman Hoyer, please stay here. Congressman thank you again for taking time out of your busy schedule to come here and we actual have a trinket bag for you but I need your help with one more presentation. At this time I am going to invite Ron Siarnicki to the podium.

Ron Siarnicki: How are you sir? Good morning to all of you. This is unscripted and unrehearsed. So we are going to try and do this. The good Congressman has been a long-time friend to the fire service and when he started his speech today he was

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talking about an individual who has been behind the scenes making things happen here in the state of Maryland. And this individual has been charged to work with the Maryland State Firemen's Association on a variety of funding issues and been working with her agency, I have left the first clue as to who it is, to provide support with the Volunteer Assistance Fund, there is your 2nd clue, the relief fund which is our widows and orphans fund that is handled by our Trustees, and the appropriation funds that come from the state to the MSFA. And so her boss, General Adkins, is suppose to come up on stage (General Adkins joins them on stage). Perfect timing! And I would like to bring to the stage Catherine Kelly, Director of Government Affairs for the Maryland Military Department. Catherine? (Applause.)

So Catherine was assigned by the General to help us get all these issues related to funding squared away. And so Wiley (Donaldson) and myself and a couple of other members of the fire service travelled to her office in Baltimore at the Armory. And I don't know if you remember that day or not, but we went into the Armory, got through security and got up to her office and sat down in a conference room to talk about things. And I noticed that the walls were covered with all this military stuff and I'm like wait a minute. Where are the fire trucks? And she said she would only have a fire truck in her office if it was pink. So I want you to know that we went to Pearce Manufacturing and had a fire truck done on the assembly line in hot pink just for you Catherine. Thank you for all you do. (Applause)

Congressman Hoyer: I am sure that somebody is going to write a song about the pink fire truck.

President Olson: No, this way Congressman as he walks off stage.

President Olson: At this time we will have our first presentation. I am very happy and excited to have this gentleman here to come and talk to you today. We are actually looking at doing some partnership with him at the Firehouse Expo in July. So it is my pleasure to introduce to you Harvey Eisner, Editor-in-Chief of Firehouse Magazine and former Chief of Tenafly, N.J. with 35 years of service. So please welcome him. (Applause)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Good morning. I'd like to thank the Maryland State Firemen's Association and all the people behind the scenes who put this together inviting me. I appreciate it. I'm going to speak this afternoon a little more in depth, so I'm going to whip right through this program.

This is a brief review of some of the things affecting the fire service, an amazing compilation of things that happen every day across the country. I was fortunate to cover the World Trade Center, both incidents, Charleston sofa store, the Worcester cold storage warehouse, Devils night in Detroit, ~~the~~ Oklahoma City bombing, and Hackensack.

From several incidents this last year, the Asiana jet incident, the San Francisco plane crash, Yarnell, AZ Wildland fire that killed 19, Bryan TX that killed 2 and burned 2, 2 killed here in Maryland as the Congressman just said, and Boston where a wind-driven fire killed 2.

This is a wind-swept fire in Boston, Mass. And the Oklahoma tornados and the Boston marathon building collapse under demolition. Last year in Los Angeles a serial arsonist started 50 fires to cars underneath a carport. He was caught several days later. Another recent arrest in CA. where somebody was setting fires the night before, setting one fire after another. He was arrested and I understand right here in the Mid Atlantic region a woman is going to get 62 separate trials for setting 62 fires. She wants a separate trial for each offense.

California, last night I got an email and pictures three house fires were destroyed by a wild land fire in Curran County. Of course the drought, the reservoir is empty. Aircraft and extra personnel were assigned to deal with the extreme situation. There's a tremendous drought as I just said. There's no more wild land season, it almost happens year around. I was in California last month and San Diego had 9 major fires. Usually they are the last ones to get it because the winds start up north and come down but somebody helped out the situation and probably several of those were arson fires.

This is a fire you might have seen in Huston, Texas. An apartment house under construction, fifty Million dollars damage, and five alarms with 15 to 20 mile an hour winds. Three hundred ninety six units destroyed. This is where you saw the construction worker jumping on the aerial ladder to be saved.

This is in March of this year, a six story 80 foot tall, where 360 units out of 900 units destroyed near where the San Francisco Giants play baseball. This entire complex was destroyed. You'll see this in a magazine coming up shortly.

Washington state mudslide was the worst mudslide in US history. Forty-two people were killed on March 29th. It covered one square mile and destroyed 49 homes. They have 200% rain in the area in 45 days prior to this mudslide. It covered an area of 1500 feet long that was 4400 feet wide. The debris was 30 to 70 feet tall.

This is Detroit, about any night. I was out there in 1984. In 1950 there were 1,850,000 people. Today, in the last census, 2013, there are about 700,000 people. When I was first out there they told me there were about 5,000 vacant buildings. Three years ago a Sgt in the Fire Department was killed and they said there were 114,000 vacant buildings. Nobody has cut the lots where the vacant buildings are and they are going to have a tremendous wild land fire problem in the city of Detroit.

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This was just recently, a couple weeks ago, this person had purchased this old church which was on the National registry of Historic places, he asked if he could knock it down, they said no. The Detroit Redwings apparently are going to build a new hockey stadium across the street. He was told he couldn't knock it down, so look what happened.

Dispatch problems. I'll just start in that one area. San Francisco, FDNY, and LA are having problems with their dispatch systems. In New York the cost is one billion dollars over the budget. The brand new mayor said we are going to shut everything down and see what this is all about. Questions about the response time have come up, several instances the wrong location was dispatched, fatalities were involved. In New York they did not notify the EMS section, which is separate and two babies died. It was unknown if they would live or not live but the EMS responses were delayed. In many areas, especially one state there are hundreds of public service answering points and they are trying to reduce that into regional areas.

Economic times, brown outs, companies closed, people call in sick so they close companies, and they are not able to do all the services they want to do. In Phoenix recently they talked about cutting fire prevention and pool drowning programs and pensions are in question. In Detroit with the city going bankrupt fire fighters don't know if they will have pensions or what sort of pensions they will have. Overtime is exceeded because they are not able to hire. Many fire fighters are trying to be moved to EMS. That's the next greatest thing happening, the population is getting older so our services are more in need. No life hazard except for fire fighters where insufficient manpower is unsafe.

Meeting NFPA compliance – One of the departments just got a grant of \$300,000 to equip 100 fire fighters which came to about \$3,118.00 each, coats, boots, pants, helmets and hood. Ten years ago the same department paid \$100,000 to equip those people. A lot of cost.

Safer grants, some departments are getting them, others haven't gotten them. In Flint, MI, they lost 7.9 million dollars; they were counting on that money. In 1985 they had 275 fire fighters and today they have 85. San Francisco, replacing rigs, they are putting \$28 million to replace a portion of the fleet. New York, brand new engines, I believe they just ordered 90 of them, \$600,000 each. San Diego, they had a shortage of spare rigs, they had 20 spare rigs and they just had the Wildland fires. They had to do a tremendous job at the last minute to put those rigs back in service.

Fire Houses-that's why we're all here, we all have a fire house. 36,000 fire departments, 10s of thousands fire stations or more. Public voting-years ago the politicians didn't care, today they don't want to spend any more money so new stations and training facilities, some are being approved and some aren't being approved. New apparatus again, some approved, some not approved. Tax hikes, some approved some not

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approved. Addition of or working with other ambulance services, same thing. Diserol ILL, \$5 Million dollars for a fire house. I was just recently with a chief in California, \$23 Million dollars for one brand new fire house and \$3 Million dollars for the planning fees. Hianus Mass., \$19.8 Million dollars was voted down for a fire house. They wanted him to trim the fat off the fire house and the location. In one state only 6% of the registered voters turned down the initiative. The vote was 611 to 517. Only 6% of the registered voters came out to vote. We have to get out there and talk to the politicians and tell them why and what we do and why we need these things. In a VA station, they are finally building it after a 10 year wait for approval. Two Florida counties are partnering and building a brand new training facility.

Apparatus- some of it is almost a million dollars apiece. Some departments have to replace their whole fleet because they haven't been able to put money away or have not planned to purchase apparatus over a time period, instead of all at one time. This one department here is buying four rigs.

Changing the name of the fire department to fire and medical or fire and medicine is the new thing that's happening in many parts of the country because of Obama care and the increased use of EMS and what we are responding to. Corpus Christi is looking to change their name to the Emergency Services Department or the Corpus Christi Medical Rescue and Fire Department. Indianapolis is screening 400 fire fighters in a cardio vascular survey. The political landscape and economic down turn following 9/11 is the problem here. In Conn., the FBI raided a fire house to look at their financial records. In one department they spent a \$100,000 to audit their department accountability looking at every aspect and all levels of the department. Here's Chesterfield Co Va., now called Chesterfield Fire & EMS. 80 – 85% of our responses by some departments across the country, LA, Las Vegas is probably 95%, Ft. Worth, New York City is over 1 million calls on the EMS side. Public vs private carriers, in Las Vegas the department use to respond and only transport a certain percentage patients, today they are doing almost double that and the privates are all upset because they are losing out on the money. EMS, there's a shortage in Chicago despite they have 60 ALS units, 15 BLS units and paramedics on every engine and ladder. One of the departments is placing ads on ambulances, suppose to bring in \$20,000 a year in AZ. In the FDNY the average response time, they just found out, is 9 minutes and 23 seconds. The city council is not happy. For the first time the city is actually using, they are counting when the caller reaches 911. They used to just start the response time after the fire department got it and that could be one, to two, to three minutes when a 911 operator turned it over to them. The actual time is about 9 minutes and 42 seconds, they are finding out. They are looking into changing that right away. And again, I am saying Las Vegas handling about 50% of the transports; it's all about dollars and cents.

Hiring of nurse practitioners to eliminate frequent flyers, so the people that call up several times a day or week, are treated instead of going to the hospital. The hospitals want the fire department, nurse practitioners, to actually work or go visit these people

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at their home so they don't have to be transported to the hospital. Many departments have aging fleets of ambulances just like fire apparatus. I know one department here just bought 11 and they need more. Another department in Texas, they just bought 16 and have another 22 that are waiting to be delivered. Sometimes there are drugs missing off of ambulances. I know a friend of mine in Florida had to use a scale that measures dollar bills, that's how intrigued, somebody was trying to steal drugs out of vials, but these things happen today. And of course, mostly on the upper North East coast, overdose for heroin users is being issued to police, fire and EMS in New York and Mass., areas to try to stop the heroin overdoses.

Here's another symbol, Chandler Fire Health & Medical in AZ. Here's a business card I got on Friday. It's the Fire Chief's name. It used to be the Apache Junction Fire Dept., they are near the superstition mountain so they just changed their name to the Superstition Fire & Medicine.

Multi-causality incidents; any chief or any fire department in the country could be on the front page of the newspaper or on the 6 o'clock news any day because some individual went out with a gun or decided to do something crazy. That's what happens whether it's in Newton Conn., a mud slide, a plane crash; a tractor trailer accident on the highway, any person could be on the front page of the news with a hundred cameras in front of them at any time. Social media; there was just a recent incident where two people running an ambulance put a dead deer in the back of an ambulance on the cot, took a picture, they were going to simulate CPR, I guess the chief heard about it and those guys were fired right away. There's a lot of things that happen, you can do those things but you shouldn't take a picture and you shouldn't share it on social media. And one of our writers, Curt Verone, is the retired Assistant Chief, a CFO from the National Fire Academy and he's a lawyer, and the basic sentence is: what don't you understand? You are going to put yourself in a situation that you will not be able to get yourself out of. Helmet cams; in PA one department approved it. In San Francisco they banned it, and in fact in CA another department said it was ok, so some do and some don't with helmet cams. Drones; somebody from RI sent me a video from a drone right near Christmas, absolutely one of the most pronominal things I saw, almost every fire department in the country could use one to check the building, to see where the streams are going, exposures, if they were on a search, if it's a railroad incident, a Wildland fire, anything, it's absolutely pronominal, you let it take off, it goes up and sends back video to the incident commander at the command post and it comes right back to the spot you launched it from. So the US government, FAA said nobody could use them, I know Montgomery Co. just bought several, but apparently they must have just approved the use for oil drilling companies and also the movie companies for making movies just applied for them. But I could see drones being used in almost every department or mutual aid within the country.

New technology; UL, I guess Dan Malocowski was here yesterday, NIST and UL are doing these tremendous live fire burning and testing; absolutely pronominal. I've been

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involved in going to the Chicago area to see these. This was an exterior wall they lit on fire, they were trying to see the materials, and this actually took about 20 minutes to get to this stage. Whatever materials it was at the time was very fire resistant and it worked out very well where other ones took off and burnt up to the attic area in about 3 minutes. So a lot of tremendous testing going on around the country and they are just giving us options to put in our tool box when fighting fires. The building materials aren't the same today, the building living materials that are inside the buildings aren't the same today, they're looking at different options to give us, if it's an exterior attack, don't open up, where we were taught to open up windows and roofs, so if we give it less air, it's not going to burn as fast. So they are just giving us options to look at and testing is continuing.

Inappropriate behavior is really making a lot of us get a bad name. A couple bad apples really tarnish the fire service. Embezzlement, I'm just going to read off some figures here. People have taken funds, \$34,000, \$400,000, \$5,000, \$34,400, \$48,000, \$300,000, \$30,000, \$20,000. In one department they didn't have a run the entire month. There's a gas credit card to fill up the rigs. It was used four times but they didn't have any runs. One department is trying to stay in business because they don't have enough money. Another one, the dive team may have to close because funds were taken. A lot of overtime cheating in Cleveland and a lot of guys were suspended. Guys were not working their shift; they were paying guys to work their shift so there are problems there. We just talked about the credit card, fire fighter shot off duty. I just read in yesterday's paper or it was this morning in New York, he was asked to leave a bar. He didn't want to leave. When the police came he got into a fight with them so now he's under arrest and on suspension.

High rise fires don't have to be 50 stories high, it could be three stories right down the street, it presents a lot of problems to the fire service. Many of the major things that are happening, consolidation of fire departments, in MI four departments are spending \$200,000 to study consolidation. In PA they are trying to make their departments into one. In Florida two departments into one. In one department they spent \$30,000 to do a top to bottom review. And \$23,000 is being spent to look for a new Boston Fire Commissioner. Many of the departments, there's one that would rather send the closest unit, automatic aid, similar to EMS, than waiting for the jurisdiction to respond. Back ground checks, a friend of mine that was a Chief in Fort Worth, near Fort Worth, he gave a lie detector test to people coming in, he said to the one applicant, and did you ever steal anything from any jobs that you were at? He said that I used to work for a beer distributor and I used to steal about 30 cases a week. He's not in the fire department today.

Tactics & Strategy with the light weight construction and the things I just talked about with the UL testing. Changing the culture of the fire service is going to take a long time. Active shooter is again; one of those things that can put us all on the map, at night, on the 6 o'clock news. CA is trying to get all the agencies on the scene on the same page, of this type scenario doing a lot of police and fire training. Again multi casualty

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incidents, this happens a lot, the Sandy Hook school shooting in Newton, CT, too much help arrived that was not requested. People self dispatched arrived, and they were not able to handle the massive amount of EMS resources that came there. A similar thing happened in Oklahoma City after the bombing. People on the radio and TV and said everybody come to the scene. One hundred forth nine were injured and within about two hours they were all taken to the hospital. Everybody that came later was not needed. Same thing in LA, they call the counties down there parishes, when the plane crashed back in the 80s, due to a thunderstorm, people came from all over the state. The Chief said, I just asked for three parishes, I didn't ask for anybody else. If you are not assigned, you're not supposed to be there and I don't believe you will be covered if something happens to you.

SWAT medics and task forces in CA, I'm going there tomorrow to talk to them, a fellow, a former Navy Seal, and they are working on putting all these presentations together to respond because there are these things happening all the time. There was an erroneous number the other day that said there were 74 shootings after Newton, CT and they revised it down to 14 school shootings since that time.

Public safety education, a friend of mine I went to college with was the Fire Chief in Largo, Florida in 1984 said I'm an EMS department first, public education department second and a fire department third. That was in 1984. I know a friend who was helping out with the people in Yarnell where 19 fire fighters were killed, he was not at the scene, but he was helping out to the people who were affected and now he's being affected by post traumatic stress. In CT they passed a bill to help with workers compensation for those affected by the Newton school shooting. Again, regional training centers, there's more people trying to work and partner together. Close calls, we have close calls all the time. I look at sometimes the guys that are fighting these fires and I look as some of these situations. If there is nobody salvageable, what are we doing in there, we need to step back and take a look. It's better to protect exposures.

This was recently in CA where two different departments responding on automatic aid to a working fire, one engine was out of position, they responded and were hit by a ladder truck and the engine went into a store, a restaurant. There were 15 injured, including 6 fire fighters. They were working on separate frequencies and responding to a working fire.

I live in NJ so we just had a couple instances where members were drinking alcohol in the fire house, that really wasn't the problem, but they crashed the truck on the way back from an incident. Those things are happening. Recruitment and retention, I was just with someone from south Jersey, they say they pay 4 fire fighters \$100 a night to sleep in the fire house to supplement the paid men. They do that 3 nights a week. In 1982 in Cherry Hill, NJ, before it was a paid department they were paying fire fighters to sleep in the fire house to respond to automatic alarms so the majority of the department did not have to respond.

Last year, excuse me 2001, father's day, this is a mural of where three fire fighters were killed in New York, an explosion in a hardware store, so since father's day was I guess yesterday, it was just appropriate to put this up. Thirteen years ago these three fire fighters were killed and it was not over looked, but it was over shadowed by 9/11 just three months later. This is a sign, it may be a little tough to see, the fire fighter that was killed in the line of duty, and Phoenix notes that location where that fire fighter was killed. Right on that same street about 50 years before, there were two other fire fighters killed and their signs are on that street and I just heard earlier this week that the Los Angeles Police Department is going to do the same thing. They are going to honor officers killed in the line of duty by putting up a sign at the location where they were killed. This is where a fire fighter had a very close call, tremendously burned in New York about a year and a half ago and he is still out on medical leave with serious burns.

As I finish up the most significant challenges facing a fire department and the fire service, again this afternoon about 1:30 in room 208, I'll go over these a little more in depth, but enhancing the image of the fire service, policy makers and the public and what we do, enhancing fire service based EMS, the image of the fire service and political climate that we have today, pay, pensions and credibility. The hero factor from 9/11 is really over, we can't rely on that and staffing is what we really need in the career and the volunteer services.

Thank you very much. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. If you have any questions you can see me after. (Applause)

President Olson: Harvey, again, thank you so much for the presentation. It was very informative and I look very forward to our partnership when the Expo comes in and other ventures we have work well together, so thank you again. We also have a certificate of appreciation and a goodie bag for you.

At this time I would like to introduce Bart Kennedy from Senator Mikulski's Office.

Bart Kennedy: Good morning everyone. Thank you for allowing me to be here on behalf of the Senator and I welcome everyone to the convention. We want to make sure you have a great convention. Congratulations. I want to say a couple of things. Some accomplishments we got through this past year as a result of working with the MSFA and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

As you know last year with the Affordable Health Care Act there was a proposed regulation that would have required volunteer fire companies to provide health care insurance. Because of your advocacy to our office and also the National Volunteer Fire Council, the Senator did write to the Department of Treasury. And rather than waiting for a bill to get through Congress, between the House and Senate side, we were able get the Department of Treasury to come out with clear guidance and regulations. So

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we were real happy about that. So I want to give you all a round of applause for letting us know about that. (Applause)

Also want to give a shout out to the folks in Clear Spring. I know you have gone through some stresses up there in Clear Spring with the floods up there and our office is on top of that today with FEMA. See whatever assistance we can provide the town for the flooding and road issues. There have been some homeowners who have lost their homes and we are trying to help them up there. But also up in Clear Spring, the Washington County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association just won a \$500,000 Safer Award for their cadet program. Congratulations to the Cadets in Washington County. They were just voted the Cadet Program of the Year by the National Volunteer Fire Council. I think that says a lot. So congratulations and a round of applause for that. (Applause) What is more impressive about this is that this is only their second year in existence. I think this says a lot about the leadership there in Washington County, so congratulations on that.

We are coming out with the Fire ground Awards right now so if you haven't heard your award and you are inquiring about the status, if you applied for an application or funding, let me know and I will find out where we are in the processing.

So other than that, we want to wish you all a great convention. Thank you for allowing me to be here and represent your interest to the Senator. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Bart, on behalf of the MSFA, I have a Resolution for Senator Mikulski, as well as the goodie bag for our convention. Please let her know that we all understand why she could not be here and thank her for all the support she does for us. Especially this year, I know one of the accomplishments was to get us exempt from the Affordable Care Act. Thank you, again.

Bart Kennedy: Thank you. I want to thank Jackie because I went to the Anne Arundel Association last August and that is when I first found out about the ACA issue. Because of Jackie's leadership and the Association for Anne Arundel County, and NVFC, we were able to get some quick resolution to that. Thank you.

President Olson: At this time I would like to dismiss the Ladies Auxiliary, which I know most of them proceeded to their meeting. Registration started at 10 a.m. and their meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m.

At this time I would like to recognize the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. 1989-1990 – Joe Robison; 1990-1991 – Tom Mattingly; 1991-1992 – Bernard Smith; 1993-1994 – Phil Hurlock; 1994-1995 – Richard Yinger; 1995-1996 – Fred Cross, who is running around here; 1996-1997 – Steve Cox; 1997-1998 – Danny Davis; 1998-1999 – Bob Knippenburg; 1999-2000 – Carl Edelin; 2000-2001 – Roger Steger; 2002-2003 – Gene Worthington; 2003-2004 – Terry Thompson; 2004-2005

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– Bobby Jacobs; 2006-2007 – Bobby Balta; 2007-2008 – Paul Sterling; 2008-2009 – Frank Underwood; 2009-2010 – Roger Powell; 2010-2011 – Doyle Cox; 2011-2012 – Dave Lewis; and from 2012-2013 – John Denver. (Applause for each Past President)
Thank you all.

President Olson: At this time I would like to introduce our out-of-state association and other guests. The always show us great hospitality when we travel. Jim Watson, President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. (Applause); Hoby Howell, 3rd Vice President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association (Applause); Teddy Nerhoff from Bernbeer Volunteer Fire Company (Applause); Pastor Bob Preston from the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Steve Austin, Past President, Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. I know he was here because I saw him. (Applause); Charles Framton, Past President, Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Charles Boyer, President Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Patricia McCall, Past President from the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (Applause); Warren Jones, from the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); we also have James McCall from the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); we also have Anthony Ozso, Past President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Rich Tolson, President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Sara Lee Stevens, 2nd Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Joseph Z (I am just saying Z because I don't know how to pronounce the name) 1st Vice President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Ray Stevens, Past President Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause); Allen Metheny, Treasurer and Past President Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (Applause); Harford County Executive David Craig; Larry Logan, 1st Vice President of the Virginia State Firefighter's Association. (Applause); Allen Brennan, Past President from Virginia State Firefighter's Association. (Applause); Jeff Flipbow from the Virginia State Firefighter's Association. (Applause); Allan Steele, Past President, from Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause)

I would like to welcome you all. I am sorry that apparently the list is a little out-dated and I apologize for that. But I do appreciate you all coming down. We always like the hospitality when we come to your conventions and I hope we can show you the same. If there is anything that you need or assistance of any kind, please don't hesitate to ask us. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: A couple of caucus announcements: Southern Maryland in room 201; Carroll County in room 208; Harford-Cecil in room 214; Baltimore County in room 201; Eastern Shore is in the front of the Convention Center; Howard County by the flagpole in front; Prince George's in the Mezzanine Board Room at 1 p.m.

We also have the PEPCO Electronical Safety Trailer demonstration downstairs at 11:30 and 1:30. That is outside closest to the Sunset Room.

And this year during the Maryland State Volunteer Firemen's Association 2013-2014 we actually got two new memberships. So if there is a representative from the Baltimore County Firemen's Association, could you come up? We would just like to welcome you to our Association. (Applause) We also have an Associate Member that join and that is the International Association of Arson Investigators. I am not quite sure if she is here yet or not but I will make sure she gets the certificate. Thank you.

President Olson: At this time I would like to introduce Mr. Burton Brenner. He is here to present the Silver Spring Trophy Award. Please welcome him. (Applause)

Burton Brenner: Good morning! Boy it must have been a rough night. Presidents, officers, delegates, distinguished guests, firefighters, EMS personnel, auxiliary, and everyone else from their respective fire companies from this great state of Maryland, the Board of Directors of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and its membership welcomes you to this 122nd Annual Maryland State Firemen's Convention again.

I have the honor of addressing this convention recognizing the men and women as firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, technicians and auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of the great state of Maryland. The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence was born from those who have come before, some still here to guide us, and those who have gone from our physical midst and are yet remembered today for their contributions to fire prevention over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement in the field of fire prevention as judged by one's peers.

The trophy symbolizes what we strive to do in the field of fire prevention in **every** community in our state. It also singles out an outstanding member of a fire department or rescue squad who deserves individual recognition for in the year 2013 in fire prevention excellence. We recognize these efforts and fresh new innovative ideas which bring credit to the fire service, respect to the fire company and give honor to our state association.

For excellence in the field of fire prevention for the year 2013 it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence from Frederick County, Christopher Ayers of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

I want to give special thanks to the Fire Prevention Committee and the Maryland State Fire Marshal, his staff and its committee for selecting today's fire prevention winner. I have several things to present: a Maryland State Firemen's Association Ribbon; a first for this year, a Certificate of Congressional Recognition to Christopher presented by the U.S. House of Representatives and Steny Hoyer; I have a plaque for the winner to hang and to keep. And I will take it over to the Trophy for presentation. (A representative was present to receive the presentation until Christopher arrived.) Thank you all very much for your kind attention. (Applause) Let's have some innovative and outstanding

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ideas for fire prevention programs for the year 2014, which we will present to you at the convention next year. Thanks you again. (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you. At this time I will bring Executive Committee, Ben Kurtz, to the podium.

I need a motion for the 2013 Convention Minutes.

Ben Kurtz, Executive Comm. Chair: Madame President, Ben Kurtz, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, I make a motion to accept the minutes of the 2013 Convention and Conference.

President Olson: Thank you. Do I have a second? Motion made from the floor (no name heard). All those in favor signify. Thank you.

At this time I will bring Rick Hemphill to the podium to give the Credentials Report on how companies have registered and I know that it is a really good number this year isn't there Rick?

Rick Hemphill: It is always a good number. Thank you President Olson. The registration of companies and people registered at this convention as of 10:45 hours today: 22 Past President; 251 Companies in good standing. Each President is eligible to cast one vote and each eligible company is eligible to cast 5 votes; time the 251 registered companies here to exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,255 company votes; total eligible votes cast will be 1,277. Thank you. Have a good day. See you all tomorrow morning. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time we will now have the Officer's reports. I would just like to say thank you again, thanks what you do on a day to day basis, as well as what you do for your community, county and state. It has truly been an honor to have served you as your President. And again, I am just overwhelmed and God where has the year gone. So just a little accomplishment and in the Program Book my report is on page 29.

So just to let you know, a lot happened with Legislation. So, of course, as you heard earlier today, about the Income Tax. Right now if you are a member in your company and you serve over three out of ten years, you will get a deduction of \$3,500 for your income tax. And we will in the next five years be able to double that. So by 2019 you be, not double that, I am sorry, you will actually, by 2019, \$5,000 as an income tax deduction. So we are very happy about that. As well as a lot of counties do their Senator Amoss Fund, some counties do it different, some do it 100%, some do 51% and some have other ways they work it. And one of the things that was threaten by this year was to it 51% across the board and some companies and counties that have 100% would actually be reduced. So I was really glad we were able to fight that battle and won and nothing really changed in the Senator Amoss Fund except for the increase that was given to us last year from MSOF₁01

We talk a lot about new pieces of apparatus and what we need to do to survive to be able to help our community out – save lives, save property. And I know a lot of people purchased a lot of equipment.

And in case you didn't know, the MSFA does have a Volunteer Company Assistance Fund which helps companies, if you apply for it, to get loans. And I know you might have heard horror stories that it takes real long and things like that but I am very proud to say that Committee actually streamlined it this year and you can actually fill the whole application out on the website. And I will tell you that yesterday, in the Executive Committee meeting, that we actually with the Executive Committee's approval we will go to the Board of Public Works next, but we are looking at decreasing that loan to a 1% loan for everybody. So please go onto the website and look under VCAF under committees, and again like I said, we have really stream-lined it. Actually the time frame now is 5 weeks now to at least give it to the Department of Public Works and voted on. And then in the mean time you can be designing that new piece that you need to help with your community and again save lives and property.

I know there are a couple of things – I know before the Convention I was really hoping today or tomorrow, that we will be able to tell you that the Maryland State Firemen's Association, along with the Maryland Fire Chief's Association will partner together for the SAFER Grant program. And I am really hoping that maybe they are just waiting till this meeting to let us know that we, as the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Maryland Fire Chiefs, have been awarded with the 2.5 million dollar grant. That would definitely help us with helping your companies with marketing, retention and recruitment, training – sending our members to seminars. I know a lot of the young people, especially in my company, definitely like the on-hands training, especially what we are having down here, and I would like to see those classes being held more than just down here. I would like to be able to provide them to other counties and other events that we have due to the fact of a lot of the you say some of our training we are only getting MFRI class. So I know a lot of counties are different, so keep your ears and eyes open and hopefully by Wednesday we will be able to tell you that and then you will be able to reap some of the benefits of that. It is a 2.5 million dollar grant and it will be divided over four years.

Other than that, thank you again. Thanks for what you do, as I always say. Thanks for always being my heroes because I am just so proud of the Maryland Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service. It is definitely world premier to me and that's just favoritism but we just have a great system and a great volunteer source whether firefighters, EMTs, as we have always said, we are very diverse and we definitely have administrative members. I mean some of you that are Presidents, Chiefs, Treasurers and things like that, you actually run a business when it comes to your company so, we give you Kudos for that – administrative members as well as ladies auxiliaries and cadets. Just thank you again and you are definitely are the epitome of the word volunteer, you give

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so much and countless hours and unfortunately some of us give the ultimate sacrifice. So again, thank you. Enjoy the convention. Make sure if there are things you want to change or you have new ideas make sure that you fill out the surveys so it gets back to us and we can always improve for you. Enjoy the rest of the week.

At this time I will bring up Vice President Dave Keller and that is with two "LL". Thank you.

1st Vice President David Keller: Good morning, great to see all of you here this morning.

My full report is on page 33.

Some general highlights from my report are: It was an honor to represent the MSFA at some of the MSP helicopter dedications. I had the opportunity to attend the Juniors Fire Company 175th banquet and attend the Ellicott City and Pocomoke City 125th banquets. Networking with our out of state partners is outstanding and I look forward to continue working with them.

Also at this time I want to take this opportunity to recognize those who helped to make my past year a success, my wife, Vicky and my son, Davey; Executive Committee Vice- Chair Charlie Abrecht; I could not do it without my companies: the Citizens Truck Company, the Junior Fire Company and Williamsport Fire & EMS. My counties that support me: Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. I appreciate all that they have done and they have given me the time and opportunity to serve. I look forward to serving you all next year. Thanks you.

1st Vice President David Keller: I now call Johnie Roth, 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (Applause)

2nd Vice President Johnie Roth: Thank you Dave. It is a pleasure to be with you this morning. My report is on page 35 of your Convention Program Book.

I certainly want to thank everybody for their hospitality this year through the great state of Maryland. I travelled 34,000 miles. It was certainly a pleasure to see many of you at association meetings, parades and the like. Certainly look forward to working with you again this year.

And it is my pleasure to introduce the Secretary of the MSFA, Mr. Doyle Cox. (Applause)

Past President Fred Cross: Ok, just to keep things on the record, I am not Doyle Cox and I am not Mitch Vocke. Mitch is actually at the hospital in Salisbury where he is becoming a grandfather. So I will be giving his report (Financial Secretary). His report can be found in the confines of the page 37 of the Program Book.

Make sure you use the correct P.O. Box when you are paying your dues. I am still getting people sending to my P.O. Box which has not been in existence for 4 years. The following people have not paid their dues: Clarysville – I understand they have paid \$100 but still owe \$100; Indian Head and Powellville. So if you can get somebody to pay your dues it would be much appreciated.

Thank you very much and have a nice day. (Applause)

Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer: This is not Doyle either! So good morning. I appreciate the opportunity to be here and I have my Treasurer's hat on today. What a great Opening Ceremonies and activities today. And I will say that the FULL report of the Finance Team is in the Convention Book on page 37 if you really want to read all that. I only have a couple of things I really want to do today. And the first is to thank the great members of the finance team and my assistants who do so much to ensure the financial stability of the MSFA. That group has been working since that team was created by the Executive Committee to work on our issues and really bring things together. So I offer my personal thanks to Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbi Aaron, Assistant Treasurers; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross and Wylie Donaldson and of course, Budget Chair Past President Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Benjamin W. Kurtz, and his committee members which includes: Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta.

We went through some rocky roads, I have reported on that in the past. But I am here to say that we really have some stability. We just finished our Financial Review which is done by Fike, Conner and Associates who are located in LaVale, Maryland. They have helped us through this transitional process and with our annual fiscal review, I am happy to report that there are no major issues that have been identified in their review and all of our appropriate reporting requirements have been met. Therefore, I bring to you another sound financial report for the MSFA. That final report was provided to the Executive Committee yesterday at that meeting and they made some additional recommendations relative to our finances which we have been working on which include:

Office of the Treasurer has been working to revamp our banking efforts and has transformed our accounts to a treasury enterprise fund. All of our accounts have been moved to PNC – and I am not paying them a commercial but reporting the facts. And the idea is to have all of the accounting, the payments and the banking all interconnected via the internet so that we have access **anywhere** in the state of Maryland that will allow access to any of our officers can have access at home so they can do their various work for their offices. And what this is going to do is enhance our services to you, the membership. We are going to be able to do on-line banking, with payments being directly deposited into our beneficiary's accounts and not have to write those checks every month. Plus it is going to supply some enhanced credit card

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services. Not only for purchases but processing via the web, things like Convention booth space, tickets and it will automate all of that. It will not only automate all of that but coincide with our Quick Books and PNC Bank. The idea really comes from some review that took place by the Finance Team and out of recommendations by a financial retreat that was held several years ago. So I just wanted to bring you up to speed. I will be around all week if there are any questions. I will be at the Executive Committee meeting Thursday to report out on the next physical cycle. I want to thank the Executive Committee and our elected officers for having trust in the Finance Team to carry our financial efforts forward. So thank you very much. (Applause)

So now the order is to bring up the Chief Chaplain, John Long for his report.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning. My report is on page 39 of the Convention Book. Folks I want to let you know that in October in Annapolis at the Double Tree Hotel, I will be hosting the Federation of Fire Chaplains Conference. If you have a chaplain and you want to get him trained, it is a great opportunity for training to train your chaplain but also for him to find out what other chaplains do around the country, Canada, Germany and Australia and from wherever else in the world they come from. Thank you very much and have a great convention.
(Applause)

Believe it or not ladies and gentlemen at this time I would like to introduce our Secretary Doyle Cox.

Secretary Doyle Cox: Good morning! Real quick, as I said last year, I thank you for your support. I thank you for what you are doing. And thank you for being here. My report is on page 35. Read it. Any questions? Thank you. (Applause)

Steven J. Scheinin, Esq., Chair Constitution & By-Laws Committee: Good morning. My name is Steven Scheinin from Fallston Fire Company in Harford County. I am the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. For your consideration tomorrow morning is 1 Constitution change and 1 By-Law Change. The Constitution Change submitted by Mt. Airy Fire Company, Carroll County deals with benefits administered by the Trustees. And the By-Law change submitted by Easton Volunteer Fire Department deals with minimum standards for volunteer fire, ALS, BLS, rescue and marine companies. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommends a vote in favor of those two changes.

Anyone interested in filing a Constitution or By-Law change for the 2015 Convention must have your change to the Executive Committee no later than March 24th, 2015. If you submit it on March 25th you are too late. If anyone is interested in the Constitution and By-Laws Committee helping you draft a proposed change, you may contact us prior to January 1st, 2015 and we will assist you. If anyone has any questions, I will be here throughout the Convention. Thank you. (Applause)

Ron Siarnicki, Chair of the Convention Committee: Okay, I am back. This will be my last report today.

Welcome to Ocean City, and you have heard that from everybody including me a minute ago. And I just want to tell you I am pleased to serve as the Chairman of the Convention. Obviously a lot is happening in Ocean City and even more is happening here in the Ocean City Convention Center. Of course a whole new set-up that caused our production team a little bit of work. But we hope we were able to meet your expectations for not only the Memorial Service last night but today's Opening Ceremonies. A lot of this has been revolving around the construction here at the Convention Center. If you will look to my right, your left, that wall used to be 60 feet further east. So thus we lost space here in the Convention Center Main Ballroom and that is what caused some of our issues in getting the capacity square for our events. On the other side of that wall will be 1,200 seat Performing Arts Center. It will run north to south with a lighting, sound, curtains, wings and an elevated seating capacity with a balcony and side balconies. And that is scheduled to be completed by next Convention. It is definitely going to add some dimension to our event. It has certainly added some headaches and come concerns along the way by the Convention Committee and our leadership. But we will adapt and overcome I think is the correct terminology. And we will prepare then for the next round of construction that we are hearing about. And that is to double the size of the exhibit space in the wing next door which is A/B Hall. The Convention Center plans to take the parking lot that is between this building and the Sunset Room and add another exhibit hall the same size of A/B Hall. So that will give us more exhibit space but it still means this is the main meeting room. So we appreciate you putting up with a little bit of changes as we learn to adapt to the building and making it work. We are going to do everything we can to provide you with a good Convention and Conference.

As far as the Program goes, we think we have provided some great activities. You notice that we have an app this year for the convention. If you haven't programmed your smart phone, I suggest you do. Go downstairs, there are pictures of the little symbol, I keep forgetting what it is called, but the little square with the little dots and what it does is programs your phone. What we are doing is the schedule, activities and messages related to the convention right on your smart phone. It has worked out fairly well to be able to get people to the places they need to be. We are excited with the hands-on training. You have heard a little bit about that. We offered 21 hands-on-training classes, both here and off-site locations. And we offered 23 individual workshops through today and tomorrow. So we have really expanded the training and education component of the Convention.

I am happy to report that A/B Hall is sold-out completely. We have increased the front exhibit area significantly and D Hall is full. So we have had a good year relative to our vendors group. They worked hard to do that. We continue to provide more family

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events. Jolly Roger event is tonight. If you haven't gotten your tickets, you can still do that. The Splash Mountain Experience, \$20 a person, all day at Splash Mountain which is the Water Park at Jolly Roger Amusement Park. Those passes are downstairs. And the one thing everybody has been asking about, the Dine and Fun Coupons Books, it is a book that has a variety of free and discounted activities here in Ocean City. You have two choices, you can go to the Visitors Center and pay \$10 for it or you can go down to D Hall and we will give you one for free. So you make up your mind which way you want to go with it. The Convention Committee provides those each year. So they are in D Hall, which is the hall along the bay which was the old loading dock. So stop down there and pick it up.

And if you haven't read the Program Book, or you weren't at the Banquet, we want to acknowledge that the Program Book was dedicated to Bill Barnard, our retired fire marshal. Bill has done a lot in the state of Maryland relative to that office. And he has done a lot with these conventions, so we want to recognize Bill and say thanks for all he has done.

And as I finish I would be completely out of order if I didn't thank the Convention Steering Committee, the Convention Committee, the Go Team, and the members of my home department, United Communities who are behind the scenes running around here busy as bees taking care of all the loose ends. I often get the accolades for all the good stuff, now granted when something goes wrong, they come find me too. But it is a team effort. And we run this Convention just like we would run a fire ground and we delegate and we let people do their jobs. They do a phenomenal job and amount of work. And they do it in excellence fashion. So I would like you to join me in recognizing all those members of the Convention Committee who work hard all year. (Applause)

Thank you for the opportunity to report. Relax. More programming and more education on the way. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you Ron. And again, like he says, it does take a village to make this happen. So make sure if you do know anybody on the Convention Steering Committee or what we like to call the "Go Team," please make sure that you thank them, because the countless hours to do this for us is great.

And at this time I would like to introduce the National Volunteer Fire Council, Delegate/ Representative for MSFA Mr. Jim Seavey.

James Seavey, Delegate NVFC: Good morning. As our full report can be found page 69 in your Convention Program Book, I am only going to touch on two major items before I introduce a speaker for the NVFC. The past year has been one of an unusual level of additional federal activity involving the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) over the past year but one singular item that seemed to take the bulk of our time and that was the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) as it related to

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the volunteer fire departments. Over the last nine months your delegates, myself and Dave Lewis along with many of the other directors on the Council, worked feverishly to force a clarification/exemption from a provision in the Obamacare Law that would require, in some cases, volunteer fire departments to provide full health insurance for their members. Finally, in March, the IRS issued an Executive Regulation that would exempt all fire, rescue and EMS personnel. Your two delegates were very instrumental in participating in that work.

Just before the end of 2013, the NVFC moved their offices from the fourth floor to the third floor of the Headquarters Building in Greenbelt, Maryland, saving a net of \$125,000 a year in rent. While this was occurring, the Executive Director of the NVFC reached out to the MSFA – and it is still on the table – should the Maryland State Firemen's Association ever wish to open an office for conducting business, the NVFC is more than willing to entertain the thought of renting some of their space to the MSFA.

Some people are not aware that the Disaster Relief Program within the NVFC. This past year \$48,000 was provided to firefighters who lost their homes during hurricanes and tornadoes, especially in Moore, OK and Washington, IL. We also pushed very strongly for the first ever National Summit between the NVFC and the IAFC arm that serves volunteer and combination departments - the volunteer combination officers section. And that meeting occurred in April in Arlington, VA.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the member companies of the MSFA for the past year. Your team of Seavey and Lewis are active and energized in looking forward to another great year working on your behalf in 2014-2015. We are also committed to an All State Membership Program within the NVFC. I am not going to go into that other than to say when you hear the next speaker, listen very closely because this is when we talk about member benefits for our volunteers. This is a tremendous member benefit that is being funded in part by the MSFA. With that said, I would like to introduce to you someone very special to me with whom I have worked since Lee Sachs appointed me back on the NVFC for the MSFA; she has been Executive Director of the NVFC since 1993. If you'd see her you would think she started when she was 12. But I would like to introduce to you for a brief PowerPoint presentation on what is going to be available to you all for at least the next three years, which your Executive Committee and leaders have funded, our Executive Director from the NVFC in Greenbelt, MD Heather Shaffer. (Applause)

Heather Shaffer, NVFC Executive Director: Thank you. That was awesome. What kind words. Thank you so much Chief Seavey. It is an absolute pleasure to be here. I was here earlier for the Bagpipes – it is just awesome. I am really happy to be here and talk about some of the things that we have been able to work on together – both with NVFC and the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I see lots of friends in the room, lots of folks I have known over the years and it is just an honor to be here. Just real quickly I am going to go through this PowerPoint presentation and it is only 92 slides.

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I'm kidding, I hear you are awake out there! So I will go through this very quickly for you. Just who is the NVFC? Hopefully you are familiar with us. We operate at the National level although we are located in Greenbelt, MD which is in your backyard. So if you are nearby or passing through Greenbelt our doors are always open. Feel free to come and visit us. We work on a lot of legislative and advocacy issues; NFPA Standards making bodies and committees; and training and education as well. This week is the International Fire Safety and Health Week. We are partnering with the IAFC on that week and we are offering a Training Summit this week. So you can leave Ocean City and go down to Myrtle Beach on Friday and Saturday for the training summit we are holding. We offered 60 scholarships to volunteer firefighters to attend that training summit. We hope to do it again next year. Keep watching out for our materials so that you can take advantage of those types of training opportunities.

We also offer different give-away programs that matter to you – like the Glove Gear Giveaway Program. They have given almost 200 sets of gear to volunteer fire departments and combination departments. We have also ATS offering \$250,000 worth of training to fire departments as well. As Chief Seavey mentioned, you have excellent representation from the state of Maryland to the National Volunteer Fire Council. Both Jim Seavey and Dave Lewis attend our Board meetings and are active participants in that Board.

We work on Capitol Hill. And one of the things that is essential to what we do on Capitol Hill is having strength in numbers. You heard from Bart Kennedy earlier today, you heard from Congressman Hoyer and those are the folks that need to hear your voice. They need to know that you are there. And by being members and having the number of people together speaking with one voice to effect changes is so important. As Chief Seavey mentioned we worked on the Affordable Care Act this year. We also worked on a lot of funding and authorization with the Safer Grant Programs. Having those strength in numbers is so important and key.

One of the things we wanted to announce today is just an excellent opportunity that your state association leadership has put together, and that is to fund an all-state membership program for your state for the firefighters of Maryland. No other state is doing this for their membership. Only MSFA can offer this opportunity within the state. And I will talk a little bit about that. It will be offering 50% off membership for firefighters within the state of Maryland. NVFC offers that to you because you are part of MSFA. MSFA is taking it a step further, and said we want to give another 50% off of that and we will pay \$7.50 for every individual firefighter who signs up for membership to the NVFC. The department then pays \$7.50 themselves and then collectively we can be stronger and have more numbers of firefighters and grow both the MSFA and the NVFC together. Some of the benefits that come along with that membership, I mentioned training, legislative advocacy, resource sharing and the like. We also offer a \$10,000 AD&D insurance policy through Provident Agency. This is really key here, it is a big retention and recruitment benefit that you can give to your firefighters. Hopefully

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they will see the value in it. We also offer a newsletter, membership card, discounts to many different partnership giveaways like the Globe Give-Away.

I also wanted to let you know that we have been very fortunate and NVFC has been very fortunate to receive a grant from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and part of that funding is to offer free retention and recruitment training to Maryland firefighters only. This is on-line training, it is available now. There is a code that you can access, the portal, so that you can use this on a training night, you can use this to your individual firefighters at home or at the station. This is **only** for Maryland firefighters. And thanks again for the grant from BG&E.

And that is all I have for you today. I just want to thank you so much for having me. If you have any questions I will be around and I hope that you take advantage of this membership opportunity. It is always a pleasure to be in Maryland where we are located. So thank you again. (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you Heather and Jim. We will make sure we have more information for you about the All Star Membership and put it on our website and send it out. So if you are not a member of our website, please join it. Go to members area at www.msfa.org.

At this time I would like to open the nominations for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. And at this time I recognize Past President Bobby Jacobs.

Past President Bobby Jacobs: Thank you Madame President and good morning everyone. Currently I am waiting on Past President Yinger – here he comes. Officers, delegates, and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it is my honor, as well as Past President Yinger, to stand before you today and offer each of you the nomination of David R. Keller, III for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. David is not new to our organization as he has served on many committees over the years including several terms on the MSFA Executive Committee. He has spent countless hours serving not only this Organization as your Vice President, but his community and county as well. David has held many operational and administrative positions including chief, past president of the Citizens Truck Company in Frederick and served several terms as a Trustee on the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Executive Committee.

I have personally known David since his little league days in Frederick and have watched him grow as a young man, as a person, but more importantly as a firefighter. He was in the first fire cadet program offered by Frederick County Public Schools in the early 1990s and after graduation he continued to learn the fire service by commitment, attitude and the ability to listen, as he gained experience and knowledge.

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Past President Yinger and I are privileged to present his name into nomination for the Office of President. In addition, I also know his family is equally proud of his accomplishments as they join him on stage because they too have assisted in guiding this young man to understand the value of serving your fellow citizens. Not only have his parents been part of his accomplishments, but many of his aunts and uncles have been active volunteers in the fire and rescue service for many years and contribute to David's involvement in the fire service.

As many of you know, when one makes a commitment to step forward to seek a position of this nature in this organization it is a commitment of time, being away from home, especially evenings and weekends. When David approached me and Richard about running for this position one of the first things I said to him, was you need the support of your spouse. He said to me immediately, I have it.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is also our honor to introduce you to Vicky Keller and their young son Davey. Vicky is involved in the fire and rescue service as well. Again, I request your support and ask each of you to join me in supporting David's nomination for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He has traveled across this great state since his announcement two years ago and has had the opportunity to meet many of you personally. He has the support of his family, his company, his county and knows the challenges and to the best of his ability. Thank you and God bless. (Applause)

Past President Richard Yinger: Thank you sir. Past President Richard Yinger, I would like to second David Keller's nomination for President. Thank you.

Executive Committee Vice Chair Charles Abrecht: Morning. Charlie Abrecht, incoming Chairman of the State Executive Committee and I, too, would like to second the nomination of David Keller for President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Joining me on stage will be Past Presidents: C. Oscar Baker, Thomas Tharp, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Richard Yinger who is already here, Fred Cross, Steve Cox, C. Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Gene Worthington, Terry Thompson, Bobby Balta, Robert Jacobs who is already on stage, Paul Sterling, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Doyle Cox, David Lewis and John Denver. From the Executive Committee: Current Chairman Dennis Skinner, Ben Kurtz, Mark Bilger, Tim Dayton, Doug Simpkins, Mike Faust, John Fisher, Charles Walker, Jim Seavey, Richard Smith, and Dan Stevens. And I apologize but I missed Past President Phil Hurlock. I will apologize for the mistake for Mr. Phil, I should say Dr. Phil, but Dave made the mistake, he typed the list. From Frederick County: Dave Keller Jr., Brian Winpigler, Bill Nichols, Fred Enos, Tim Ganley, Jeff Wisner, Clarence Rhinehart, Tommy Lawson, Ramona Ridgley, Todd Johnson, Keith Brown, Ron Urie, Rusty Hahn, Carly Brown, Keisha Brown, Marty Fuller, Chuck Handley, John Hahn, Cynthia Rupe, Jerry Dorsey, Chip Jewell, Rick Bomb, Eric Smothers, Andy Smothers, Sherry Soper, Leanne Milstead and Chief Abrecht. From

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Washington County: Harry Goshert, Butch Bloom, Craig Osborne, Dan Grove Jr., Dale Hill, Will Ball, Clarence Webber, Skip Menzies and Rick Blair. From Dorchester County: Bobby Aaron. Garrett County: Pat Bowser, Ron Bowser. Harford County: Richard Brooks. Charles County, Southern Maryland: Danny Carpenter. Talbot County: Tom Diem. Wicomico County, Mike Farlow. St. Mary's County: John Gatton; Worcester: Steven Hales. Anne Arundel County: Wylie Donaldson. Prince Georges County: Lee Lutz. Cecil County: Richard "Pappy" Hahn. Kent County: Bill Hildebrand. Talbot County: John Keyser. Allegany County: Barbara Knippenburg, Dave Kyle. Prince George's County: Amber Leizear. Baltimore County: Stuart Carter. Kent County: Heather Miller. Queen Anne's County: Ron Siarnicki. Anne Arundel County: John Spiker. Talbot County: Paul Oshezski and I apologize if that is wrong. Dorchester County: J.B. Teeter. Prince George's County: Ed Wood. Baltimore County: Richard Snader. Prince George's County: Barry Johnson. Carroll County: Doug Bostian, Tom Garber. Somerset County: Dan Foard and Donnie Howard. Talbot County: Ed Mulligan. Baltimore County: Joel McCrea. Also we have other members from the Frederick County Association, Talbot County Association, Worcester County Association, and the Washington County Association. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Band master, strike up the band.

Are there any other nominations for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Are there any other nominations for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Are there any other nominations for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Do I have a motion nominations for the Office of President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association be closed? Motion from the floor (individual did not state their name or department). I have a motion. Is there a second? Motion from the floor (again, no name or company given). I have a second. All those in favor? Ayes heard from the floor. Any nays? None. Motion passed.

President Olson: I will now open the nominations for Office of 1st Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. At this time I will recognize Executive Committee Member, Jim Seavey.

Jim Seavey, Executive Committee: Thank you Madame President. President Olson, Officers of the Association, Fellow Delegates and Alternates, Members of MSFA Companies and Distinguished Guests: Good Morning, I am Chief Jimmy Seavey Sr., Chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, as well as a Member of your Executive Committee and your Director to the National Volunteer Fire Council.

I stand before you today, to bear witness and speak to the accomplishments of a great individual. He has been both, Fire Chief and President in our industry, serving at two different departments in Montgomery County collectively for nearly 100 years. He has served with distinction as a Presidential Officer in our brother Organization, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association.

Having held nearly every position at both, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, as well as serving the citizens of our County as one of the very first certified Paramedics, he has showed his abilities and his dedication to provide the best to those we protect. Active these days still, at Departments as well as our County and State Associations he serves in a multitude of positions. Having served as the Chairman of your Training Committee, Chairman for a number of years, he did an incredible job of forging joint initiatives with other committees within our Association. During the last year in service as your 2nd Vice President, he accrued a remarkable 33,000 miles traversing the road of our state to reach nearly every fire, rescue and EMS department to better understand YOUR needs and your desires for the purpose of ultimately providing new and exciting programs and benefits to our members over the next two years.

The partner of a lovely lady who herself is a rising star within the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association he supports her with all of his heart. Currently with respect to a number of us, his wife and I included, he has pledged to follow forth the augural efforts of this body in providing for those who fight the insidious disease of cancer. He is extremely active within the Special Olympics of Maryland and the proud father of a superior athlete in that organization. He remains also the dotting father of a daughter who brought him his first grandchild. Last year he announced his platform and he is committed to charting a course in the direction of better communication, joint cooperation between brother associations in the state, enhanced support for member companies, passionate encouragement for others to become involved in the Association, and the planned mentoring of youth leaders in our organization.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you, and humbly request your support once again, as well as your vote, for the next 1st Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, your current 2nd Vice President and my great mentor and dear life-long friend, Johnie Roth Jr. I would like to ask Past President and Past Fire Chief of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Roger Steger to read those who have pledged their support in 2nd this nomination of Vice President Roth. (Applause)

Past Pres. Roger Steger: Good morning. I would like to second John's nomination for 1st Vice President along with all MSFA Past President: Oscar Baker, Bobby Balta, Clarence Carpenter, Doyle Cox, Stephan Cox, Fred Cross, Bob Cumberland, Danny Davis, John Denver, Carl Edelin, Phil Hurlock, Bobby Jacobs, Leonard King Sr., Bob Knippenburg, Dave Lewis, Tom Mattingly, Roger Powell, Joe Robison, Bernie Smith, Roger Steger, Paul Sterling, Tom Tharp, Terry Thompson, and Frank Underwood, Gene Worthington and Richard Yinger.

LAMSFA Past Presidents: Sherry Soper, Sandi Lutz, Kathy Knipple, Peggy Zembower, Teresa Crisman, Rose Pandolfini, Lois Hetz, Patricia Deamond and Nora Ryan. Also:

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John Long, MSFA Chief Chaplain; John Hogle, MFCA Chaplain; Charlie Abrecht, MSFA Vice Chairman Executive Committee; Executive Committee Members: Ben Kurtz, Chuck Walker, Mike Faust, Mark Bilger, Richard Smith. Trustees: Doug Alexander, Jeff Thompson; Richard Brooks-MSFA Parliamentarian, Tom Flint-MSFA Transportation Committee Chairman, Joe Chornock-MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee Chairman, Chief Mike Kelley-Chief Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Marcine Goodloe - President Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Gene Kidwell - President Allegany Garrett County Fire & Rescue Association, John Spiker - President Anne Arundel County Firemen's Association, Pete Mellits - President Prince George's County Firemen's Association, Dale Hill - President Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Shirley Copado - Past President Southern Maryland Firemen's Association, Harve Woods - Assistant Chief Prince George's County Firemen's Association, Laura Woods - MSFA Sergeant-at-Arms, Lee Lutz - President Glen Dale Fire Association, Dennis Beard-Maryland Fire Rescue Service Memorial Foundation, Leon Fleming-Vice President Hebron VFC, Tom Diem-President Cordova VFC, Calvin Stack-Past President Cambridge VFC & 2nd Vice President MFCA, Harry Gossard-Past President Sharpsburg VFC, Bill Barnard-Past Maryland State Fire Marshal, Rosie and Clark Beall - Laytonsville VFD, Chief David Dwyer - Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chief Jack Hartley - Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad; Maryland Fire and Rescue Associations: Allegany Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Dorchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Eastern Shore Volunteer Firemen's Association, Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Howard County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Prince George's County Fire and Rescue Association, Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Wicomico County Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Worcester County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Maryland Fire and Rescue Departments, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary.

On behalf myself, I would like to ask you all to support John. Thank you.

President Olson: Strike up the band!

Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President Maryland State Firemen's Association? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President Maryland State Firemen's Association? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President Maryland State Firemen's Association? I have a motion to close nominations. (Motion came from the floor, no name or department given.) Do I have a second? (Second came from the floor, no name or department given.) All in favor? Ayes from the floor. Any opposed? None. Motion carries.

President Olson: I open the nominations for the 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We have two candidates at this time. So to do this the fair way I will pick a name from the jar as to who goes first. I did not do anything with these, so I do not who folded what. At this time the candidate for 2nd Vice President Michael Davis. At this time I will recognized Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association President John McDowell.

President Baltimore County VFA John McDowell: Greetings Madame President, MSFA Delegates and Officers. As President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association it is my pleasure to nominate Michael Davis for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Michael has been a volunteer firefighter and EMT since 1993 and has been involved in many aspects of the fire and rescue service including Firefighter, Heavy Rescue, Advanced Technical Rescue including ropes and rigging, High Angle Rescue, Trench Rescue and Confined Space. Michael has been an active member of Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company since 2004 as a firefighter/EMT. He has been serving as a delegate to the MSFA for the past four years.

Michael's work experience has also prepared him as a well-suited candidate having worked in public safety and providing public safety to many of Maryland counties and fire companies as a wireless communications technician and a project manager for over 17 years. He was responsible for the maintenance of Whalen Outdoor Warning Sirens in Southern Maryland, Harford and Frederick Counties as well as several colleges and universities – both weather warning and active shooter warning communications. He has also serviced wireless communication systems for the Maryland State Highway Administration, MIEMSS, MFRI, Cecil County and the US Armed Forces National Guard Bases across the country. Recently Michael has been employed with Verizon Communications as a Power Technician, responsible for emergency generation and back-up power plants for over 28 telephone switching systems sites, making sure they have emergency power when needed. Much like the fire service, when a problem comes up, you have to respond quickly, safely and fast. Making decisions and doing whatever it takes to fix the problem and prevent it from getting worse. With all this I feel that Michael's past 21 years experience in the volunteer fire service and coupled with his extensive career working with public safety organizations across this great state of Maryland he will provide the leadership that the MSFA demands.

At this time I would like to call Past President Fred Cross for 2nds.

Past President Fred Cross: Thank you Madame President. It is my pleasure to 2nd the nomination of Michael Davis for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Michael has been attending MSFA meetings for 10 years actively. He then took a position of Logistics and Public Address Committee. In 2010 he moved to Chair of that committee and has actively held that position faithfully every since. He has made every meeting and often was the first person there and the last to leave. He has played a key role bringing the portable radio system to where it is

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today that allows us to have successful meetings. Michael is always there to help and continues to do whatever he can whenever he is asked. I would also like to comment that he has been to every county association meeting in this state, including taking the boat ride in Crisfield. As an MSFA past president and member of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association, I second the nomination of Michael Davis for 2nd Vice President. I would like to introduce Past President Robert Jacobs to read the additional seconds.

Past Pres. Robert Jacobs: Thank you Fred. It is my pleasure to second Michael Davis for the Office of 2nd Vice President and also offer the following associations and individuals to join us on the stage: Past President Bobby Balta Jr.; Past President Doyle E. Cox, MSFA Secretary; Past President Fred Cross; Past President Danny Davis, Past President Carl Edelin; Past President Phillip M. Hurlock; Past President Leonard T. King Sr.; Past President Robert Knippenburg; Past President David Lewis; Past President Thomas Mattingly Sr.; Past President Roger Powell; Past President Joseph Robison; Past President Bernie Smith; Past President Roger Steger Sr.; Past President Paul Sterling Jr.; Past President Terry Thompson; Past President Frank J. Underwood; Shirley Copado, Asst. Secretary MSFA; Diana Gunther, Asst. Secretary MSFA; Nancy and Thomas Scott, Asst. Secretaries MSFA; Treasurer Ron Siarnicki; Asst. Treasurer Wylie Donaldson; MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long; MSFA Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart Jr.; Rev. Harry Hetz; MSFA Executive Committee Members: Mark A. Bilger; Timothy Dayton; James Seavey; Doug Simpkins Jr.; Richard Smith; Daniel Stevens; and Charles Walker. The following Associations are asked to join as the endorsed Michael: Executive Member of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association; Allegany and Garrett Fire Association; Anne Arundel Volunteer Association and Pres. John Spiker; Prince George's County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association; Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association; Worcester County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and President Harrington; and present members in attendance of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company.

Madame President we present to you Michael Davis for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (Applause)

President Olson: I know you are going to do it before I say it. Strike up the band.

At this time I will recognize Richard Brooks, Parliamentarian of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to nominate Robyn Sheldon Hahn for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Richard Brooks, Parliamentarian: Good afternoon, President Olson, Officers, Reverend Clergy, fellow delegates of this great Association. I rise before you today as a delegate from the Water Witch Fire Company in Cecil County to place the name of Robyn Sheldon Hahn in nomination for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Robyn Hahn has served the citizens of Cecil County and the

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Hack's Point Fire Company since 1972. Robyn Hahn has served as a firefighter and pump operator in active service to her company. Robyn rose through the ranks to serve as an assistant engineer, member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board and has served in many capacities for both Hack's Point and the Chesapeake City Fire Company. She would become a cadet advisor and a mentor to the youth of the company. She participated in many committees and chaired the parade and fair and the 100th Anniversary of the Chesapeake City and the Cecil County Miss Fire Prevention program. Robyn Hahn has dedicated her adult life to the fire service running parallel services in the Hack's Point and Chesapeake City Companies as well as the ladies auxiliaries. She rose through the ranks of the ladies and fulfilled that multi-year commitment and was President in 2004-2005. Robyn Hahn has served the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association in several capacities over the last 30 years. She has risen through the chairs and currently serves the Association as a dedicated and courageous president. Robyn Hahn was honored by both the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Ladies Hall of Fame being inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame in 2010 and the Ladies Hall of Fame in 2011. Robyn Sheldon Hahn has served the volunteer fire service for 42 years in two counties, three companies and four associations. Robyn Sheldon Hahn brings tenure and experience to the trusted officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Robyn is the officer we want to represent this great Association. Therefore, I take great pride and pleasure in introducing you to Robyn and her family and as for your support, as we support her as the next 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Please welcome Robyn and her family. (Applause)

It is now my pleasure to ask the Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and dear friend, Stephan D. Cox for his words.

Past Pres. Stephan Cox: Thank you Richard, good morning ladies and gentlemen. President Olson, Officers and Delegates and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. On behalf of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association Officers and members, The Cecil County Volunteer Firemen's Association Officers and members and the Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Association Officers and members, it is my great pleasure to second the nomination of Robyn Sheldon Hahn for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Robyn has travelled many miles across our great state to meet the member companies of this Association. She had dedicated her time to the volunteer fire service for over 40 years and we feel she will make a good leader of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; therefore, we ask for your support and vote for her. Robyn has served her home companies of Chesapeake City and Hack's Point, the Cecil County Firemen's Association, the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association where she currently serves as our President, and the Maryland State Firemen's Association and their Ladies Auxiliaries. She has served on many committees, chaired many committees and held numerous offices including President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association in 2004. Robyn has served with 100% dedication and shown the true spirit of true volunteerism

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throughout her life. And she will do the same with this great Association. Again, we ask for your support and your vote for Robyn Sheldon Hahn for 2nd Vice President. And I would ask Past President John Denver come out and include the other seconds to the nomination.

Past Pres. John Denver: Good morning. At this time I would like the following persons to join me on stage to assist in seconding the nomination of Robyn Sheldon Hahn for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: Lou Jonske, Chairman of the MSFA Ways & Means Committee; Buddy Schweers, Secretary of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association; Rusty Leftwich, Past President, HCVFA; Ray Stevens Sr., Past President HCVFA; Don Briscoe, Past President HCVFA; Ben Kurtz, MSFA Executive Committee; Bill Lay, Past President HCVFA; Bill Dousa, Chairman MSFA EMS Committee; Linda Dousa, MSFA EMS Committee; Dan Stevens, MSFA Executive Committee; Wayne Tome, Vice President Cecil County Firemen's Association; Dave Meaders, Vice Chairman MSFA Safety Committee; Rusty Eyre, President HCVF&EMSS; Richard Brooks, Chief Cecil County Emergency Services; Mitch Vocke, MSFA Financial Secretary; Joe Fiscona, President Cecil County Firemen's Association; Heather Miller, President, Eastern Shore Firemen's Association; Richard Smith, MSFA Executive Committee; Tom Diem, President Talbot County Firemen's Association; Malea Daughton, LAMSFA Guard; Drew Carroll, Fin. Secretary HCVFA; Calvin Stack, 2nd Vice President MFCA; Ron Watkins, MSFA Public Relations Committee; Carol Hayden, President LAMSFA; Gene Worthington, Past President MSFA; Bobbie Aaron, MSFA Asst. Treasurer; Gene Aaron, Past President Dorchester County Firemen's Association; Joe Tolliver, Vice President HCVFA; Ruth Tolliver, Past President Harford County Auxiliary; Janet Fisher, MSFA Safety Committee; John Fisher, MSFA Safety Committee; Steve Hefner, Past President Washington County Association, Stephan Cox, Past President MSFA; Joe Robison, Past President MSFA; Bobby Plato, Chief Cecilton Fire Company; Monica Penhollow, Past President CCFA; Troy Odenthal, MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee; John Spiker, Past Anne Arundel County Firemen's Association; Tom Flint, MSFA Transportation Committee Chair; Shirley Copado, Past President SMVFA; Mike Deckard, Deputy Chief Cecil County Dept. of Emergency Services; Lori Denbow, Chaplain LAMSFA; Dani Brown, Miss Fire Prevention for Harford – Cecil; Stacey Holden, Maryland Fire Chief's Miss Fire Prevention; Holly Trego, MSFA Fire Prevention Committee. Mike Faust, MSFA Executive Committee; Frank Underwood, Past President MSFA. In addition I would like members of the Harford Cecil Association, the members of the Harford County Fire & EMS Association and Ladies Auxiliary, the Cecil County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Fire Ambassadors and all the members of the Eastern Shore Association also join us in seconding this.

President Olson: Strike up the band please.

At this time I will ask if there any other nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? At this time I will recognize Dale Hill, President of the Washington County Fire & Rescue Association.

Dale Hill, President Washington County VFRA: Thank you Madame President. I would like to address the officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, delegates and guests. My name is Dale Hill, I am a Delegate from the Funkstown Fire Company and the President of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association. At this time I would like to nominate Rick Blair for the position of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Rick Blair and his wife, Rosalyn are with us today. I do feel that Rick is the right person to serve as your next 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Rick has shown his leadership ability and skills on many fronts within the Maryland Fire, EMS and Rescue service over the years. Rick serves on a number of committees within the Maryland State Firemen's Association that being the Training, Sprinkler Committee and past sergeant-at-arms in Registration. Rick started his volunteer firefighting and rescue career in 1974 with the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company. And has served and had many offices within the company and worked on multiple committees throughout the years. Rick served as Vice President for a number of years with the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company under the leadership of the fire company President Ronald Poole who also served on the Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee and Legislation Committee. Rick served for many years with the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company Standing Committee. Rick has also been a delegate for the company for the Maryland State Firemen's Association over the years. Rick is also a lifetime member of the Clear Spring Ambulance Service which he also joined in September of 1974. Rick has served every office on the operations side of the ambulance service during his career as a volunteer with the company. Rick has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Clear Spring Volunteer Ambulance Service on the Board of Directors for a number of years. Rick had to make some tough and very necessary decisions that changes were needed to maintain the quality and level of service and delivery of operations for that company and the best route for that organization. Rick is also the current Treasurer for the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and has been in that position since 2003. Rick assists on a daily basis in the administration side of the county association. He is a very intricate part of our organization. Rick is very much involved with many other committees and programs with the county association. He also is currently the Volunteer Captain at Western Enterprise Fire Company located in Hagerstown, Maryland. Rick is also the immediate Past President of the Maryland Fire's Chiefs Association. This past year Rick worked very hard in Annapolis on a number of bills including the 508 Funding for the Volunteer Fire and EMS Companies across the state and the Income Tax Subtraction Bill, which was signed into law by the Maryland Governor in April of this year. Rick has the ability to get things done and that is why I am recommending him for the position of 2nd Vice President. At this time I would like to introduce Mr. Harry Gossard for a second to the nomination.

Harry Gossard: Madame President and members of the MSFA it is my privilege to second the nomination of Rick Blair to the office of 2nd Vice President of the MSFA.

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It has been my privilege for many years to serve with Rick in Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. And in the past as a member of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association. It is now my privilege to add to the list of seconds: The Howard County Volunteer Firemen's Association; Past President Roger Steger; Past President Terry Thompson; Past President Roger Powell; John Hoglund; Chip Jewell; Rick Hemphill; Roslyn Levine; Doug Alexander; Ron and Glenna Moncreef; Mark Bigler; Ron Watkins; Laura Woods; Havre Woods; Brian Lowman; Jerry Cunningham; Dave Irwin Sr.; Dave Irwin Jr.; Glen Fishack; Blaine Snyder; Charlie Abrecht; Sherry Hizer; Cathy Bartles; Clarence Weber; Chaplain Richard Bauer; Clyde Tressler; Jeff Thompson; Robert Downs; Gary Marioty; Vernon Brown; Bill Barnard; Woody Morris; Bruce Bouch; Harvey Smith; Smiley White; Judy White; Joe Cooper; Chuck Austin; Joseph Chornock; Richard Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Darron Long; Jay Tucker; Teresa Crisman; and John Fisher.

President Olson: Gentlemen strike up the band.

Last call. Are there any other nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? I have motion that nominations be closed. I have a 2nd to close nomination. Nominations are closed.

At this time I will take any nominations for the Office of Secretary. The podium recognizes Past President Danny Davis.

P.P. Danny Davis: Thank you. President Olson, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and honored guests. I stand before you today to nominate Doyle E. Cox for the office of Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doyle has served this association over the years as President, twice as the Chairman of the Executive Committee, as a member of various committees and currently as Secretary. Doyle is a member of the MSFA and SMVFA Hall of Fame. Doyle has served the Southern Maryland Firemen's Volunteer Association as our President. Doyle is a friend and I am asking you for your support in electing Doyle E. Cox to the Office of Secretary. Thank you. (Applause)

P.P. Richard Yinger: I would like to place a second on Doyle Cox for Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

President Olson: Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Motion nominations be closed. Motion made from floor and did not use mike. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. Motion carries. Nominations for the Office of Secretary are closed.

President Olson: Do I have any nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? The podium recognizes Ron Siarnicki.

Ron Siarnicki: Thank you Madame President. Good afternoon, Officers, Past

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Presidents, delegates and alternates of the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference, it is an honor to stand before you this on this beautiful day in Ocean City and submit the name of Mitch Vocke from the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company for the position of Financial Secretary for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Mitch has been serving in this position for a couple of years and he and I are on a two year rotational cycle for serving in the positions we hold and this year he is required to run for another term in order for him to continue in office for the next two years. Mitch has held many leadership and managerial positions within his individual company, his county association and within the Maryland State Firemen's Association. In all of those roles, he has demonstrated excellent qualities to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position he served as. Since the formation of the MSFA Finance Team, Mitch has taken a very active role in carrying out the fiduciary responsibilities entrusted to him and has been a valuable asset to the team. I have personally been very pleased to have him as a member of the team and to have the opportunity to work with him on various financial matters of this organization. Besides being very dedicated to the fire service, Mitch is very committed to his family. One of his children was married Saturday night here in Ocean City and today he is sharing in the birth of his grandchild. That is true commitment. Having said all of this, I ask that you lend you support to Mitch and re-elect him to the Position of Financial Secretary for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time we recognize Steve Cox, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Past Pres. Steve Cox: Thank you Madame President. On behalf of the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association, Cecil County Firemen's Association and Harford County Fire and EMS Association as well as the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company and Mitch's family, it is my honor to second the nomination of Mitch Vocke for Financial Secretary. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary for the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary for the MSFA? The floor makes a motion to close nominations for Financial Secretary. I have a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

At this time are there any nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association? At this time we recognize Chief Jay Olson of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company.

Jay Olson: Good afternoon. Thank you Madame President. The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company takes great pride in submitting the name of Rev. John F. Long Jr. for the Office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. John has held this office since being elected in 2005 and has performed his duties associated

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with this office to the best of his abilities. No matter what time of the day or night, you can count on him responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters. John also serves on the Maryland LAS Team and is very active in educating companies and their membership on the importance of preparing for a line-of-duty death. He has been a great asset to those companies that the LAS Team has assisted when they have experienced a line-of-duty death. He serves as Chaplain for the Anne Arundel County Firefighters Association and a member of the Anne Arundel County Crisis Intervention Team. As a certified pump operator, John is dedicated in staffing our station every Thursday night and Friday daytime. He also makes himself available when special circumstances require us to staff up our station. He has a Chief Officer certification up to III, Advanced Chaplain and ICIFF Pastoral Care. He has 39 years in the fire service and has held every line officer position. It is with great pride that the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company nominates Rev. John F. Long Jr. for the Office of Chief Chaplain. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: The Chair recognizes John Spiker, President of the Anne Arundel County Firefighters Association.

John Spiker, Pres. ACVFA: I take pride in and honor in seconding the nomination of John F. Long Jr. for the Maryland State Firemen's Association's Chief Chaplain position.

President Olson: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain of the MSFA? Any other nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain of the MSFA? Are there any other nominations for the office of Chief Chaplain of the MSFA? From the floor, move nominations be closed. Second from the floor. All those in favor? Any nays? Motion carries.

At this time we are looking for nominations for the Office of Trustee. At this time I recognize Richard Baker.

Richard Baker: Good afternoon. My name is Rick Baker and I'm Past President of the Mt. Airy Fire Company and Past President of Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association. On behalf of the membership of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company I nominate Douglas C. Alexander, who is on stage with his two grandsons, for the position of Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doug has been a member in good standing with Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company for 45 years. Serving in administrative positions, as a member of the Board of Directors and 2nd Vice President. He has held several line officer positions over the years to include, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief. He continues to function as a driver/operator. Doug has been active in Carroll County Emergency Services Association and Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association since 1974, serving on various committees and holding the leadership position of 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and the Office of President in 2010. Since 1994 Doug has actively served the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He has represented the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company as a delegate and served on the following committees: Chairman of

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the Residential Sprinkler Committee for 7 years, Rural Water Supply Committee for 10 years and Marketing Committee for 2 years. He served as Executive Committee Member for 8 years, Vice Chair for 1 and Chairman for 1 year.

For the past five years Doug has served as a Trustee to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doug would like to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association Trustee for another 5 year term. To assist the surviving spouses and children of volunteer firefighters killed and injured in the line of duty. There are many challenges facing us in the years to come and Doug Alexander is the person to help address and mitigate the issues on the horizon as a Trustee. At this time I would like to introduce Jeff Thompson.

Jeff Thompson, Trustee: Good afternoon. My name is Jeff Thompson, President of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company and member of the Board of Trustees of the MSFA. It is a distinct honor and privilege to stand here before you to second the nomination of Doug Alexander as a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Having known Doug for quite a few years, I can tell you firsthand about his passion and dedication to the job. Doug's experience and attention to detail is what makes him available as a valuable part of the Board. Also joining us in seconding the nomination are: all the elected officers of the MSFA, all the Board of Trustees of the MSFA, all the living Presidents of the MSFA, all members of the MSFA Executive Committee, all assistant secretaries and treasurers, the MSFA Attorney. The following have endorsed the candidacy of Doug Alexander for MSFA Trustee: the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, Howard County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Allegany-Garrett Counties Firemen's Association, the Eastern Shore Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the MSFA Foundation. So please join me in supporting Doug Alexander for the Board of Trustees. (Applause)

President Olson: Any other nominations for the office of Trustee for the Maryland State Firemen's Association? Any other nominations for the office of Trustee for the Maryland State Firemen's Association? We have a motion on the floor for nominations to be closed. I have a second from the floor. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried.

President Olson: At this time I would like to appoint the following tellers: for Dave Keller – it will be Ben Pigler; for Johnie Roth – it will be James Seavey; for Michael Davis – it will be Doug Simpkins; for Robyn Sheldon Hahn – it will be Alan Thompson; for Rick Blair – it will be Anna Dobson; for John F. Long – it will be John Spiker; and for Doug Alexander – it will be Mark Bilger.

I need to appoint the following tellers: For Dave Keller – Tim Ganley; Joseph Chornock for Johnie Roth; Rick Udell for Michael Davis; Charles Stewart for Robyn Sheldon Hahn; Anna Dobbins again for Rick Blair; Charles Austin for John Long; and Mark Bilger again for Doug Alexander.

At this time I would like to recognize Rev. Harry Hetz.

Harry Hetz, Chaplain: Please rise. Let us pray. Our Lord and our God, as we recess this Association meeting, Lord we would ask that you go with us. That you would bless the refreshments and bless our time as we go out to enjoy refreshments and a time together. Lord we ask that you would bring us back safely. Be with those who are grieving Lord, reach out your hand and touch them. Reach out to those who are suffering, that you would bring healing strength and health to their bodies. Guide and direct us and be with us as we pray. Amen.

President Olson: At this time I will recess the meeting until 1:30.

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President Olson: At this time I'd like to call to order the second session of the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to order.

At this time I'd like to recognize Hoby Howell for the safety message.

Hoby Howell: Thank you madam President. Good afternoon. Welcome back to our next meeting and it was a lot longer this morning wasn't it. Hope you had a safe and prosperous morning, which I'm sure you all did sitting in here. Let's be as safe as possible. Don't drink and drive this afternoon or evening while you're out on the town. Get your free tickets and ride the bus. We want you to be a safe one for you and your family this evening. Our group is always dedicated with all aspects of safety while in and around the convention center. Please help us by looking around for all the exits that might affect you. Visit us in room 212 and again, thanks from your safety committee.

President Olson: At this time I'd like to bring to the podium Director Steve Edwards of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, and he'll also be doing MIRB, MICRB. There ya go.

Director Edwards: Thank you Jackie. It's certainly a pleasure to be here today at the MSFA convention and I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to address you. I have a few items to address real quickly both on behalf of the Maryland Instructor Review Board and the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. You're getting two for on this afternoon in the presentation.

First I'd like to thank President Jackie Olson, the MSFA Officers, the Executive Committee, and the MSFA Training Committee, for their dedication and support regarding quality training and educational programs. They do a great job working with MFRI day in and day out every year. We're on tune to train over 34,000 students, over 1,800 classes. They help us very much in that regard and I'd like to extend my appreciation to them for that. Also thanks and appreciation for the MFRI staff and field instructors, they work hard day in and day out. They work every day, every night, all weekends and what ever it takes to get these classes completed and I'd certainly like to thank them for their dedication and what they contribute to our training programs.

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In addition to that this year there's extra good news on behalf of the EMS Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly there is a pay raise for the MFRI Instructors, Field Instructors that will take place July 1st. We certainly thank them for that.

Let me start with the Maryland Instructor Review Board. Very quickly. On an unfortunate note, many of you know Joe Weisgerber who served on the MICRB and he was the last MICRB original member when that group began in 1980. Unfortunately he passed away several months ago. He had been very active, he was dedicated, and he contributed a lot with 34 years of service to the MICRB. It is very sad to see that. With regard to the MICRB members, thank you to each of them for what they contribute. Currently there are 713 certified state emergency services instructors. There's 258 instructor trainers, I mean 258 instructor evaluators, and 20 instructor trainers throughout the state. In addition there was a major improvement this year in regard to PDI opportunities. As you know you have to submit for that. It has to be approved. We have an on line approval process for that within the MICRB so we'll be able to process that much quicker. We certainly thank the MICRB for what they contribute day in and day out.

With regard to MFRI, I'd like to cover quickly a few highlights. As you know we've tried to move our programs more towards distance education. We've had some success with that. We have a number of on line programs now that allows the student flexibility of when to take the class, when to be in session, and how that works from an on line perspective. We're moving to have an on line component for all of our classes. We're not moving as quickly as you would like, but we're making progress with that. In fact we recently hired a new faculty member from the University of North Carolina to work with us to put our training content on a learning management platform to have these on line training programs opportunities, so that's going very well.

Active shooter, those incidents those are very prominent. You read newspapers today, no matter where you live or work these are issues. We've had several active shooter seminars. They have been very well attended throughout the state. We participated in the statewide governance with regard to active shooter/active assailant. We're going to put together a distance-learning program at the awareness level. It will be public safety in general, not just fire but fire, EMS and police on what you need to be aware of in regard to response to active shooter events. You'll see that happening over the next several months.

Academic integrity and testing, it's a very important issue and we continue to work with that. All our instructors who conduct exams on behalf the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute went through an on line PDI, proctor training/test program issue with that and it went very well. And also to let you know all our tests, all our practical evaluations that occur in our classes, everyone is under review. We're looking at the test questions, we're looking at the test validity, we're looking at the content of the exams as well as the practical evaluations and we hope to make improvements where improvements are needed.

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Our Incident Command Simulators just worked out extremely well throughout the year. It's been extremely busy at College Park and we have the mobile center that can be taken out into the region. Medical clearance police, as you know, three years we enacted a policy with very strong support of the MSFA where students have a medical clearance before they enter into a fire-training program. I can tell you this year our training injuries were down 45% over a two-year period, so a 45% reduction to injuries. I can not exactly say it was attributed to the medical clearance but I think it's been a strong factor in it. That's worked out very well.

EMS leadership, last fall we began an EMS leadership seminar. There's a lot of technical training with regard to EMS leadership throughout the state. We felt we needed some more with regard to managerial and leadership issues in EMS. That course went very well last fall. It's being repeated this year on November 14-15 at MFRI, College Park.

With regard to our curriculum, these programs were revised and brought up to date. EMT refresher, Fire Officer III, Fire Fighter I & II, Haz Mat Incident Commander, Advanced Life Support refresher, Rescue Tech, Fire ground Ops, Rescue Tech D & E, and the on line study skills course, which is a course that we are putting on line that will teach students how to take examinations and how to improve their studying skills which will be applicable to all courses across the board. So with that, let me thank each of you, there's many students in the room, there's many instructors in the room. This association each year helps make MFRI successful day in and day out and I appreciate that. In recognition of that I'd like to have President Jackie Olson come forth, Jackie. I'd like to make a presentation to her.

Jackie has worked with us, myself and our Institute since day one. She's made training and education a priority. She clearly understands that in order to have a strong and viable Fire and EMS service you have to have new recruits. They have to be trained. People in the service have to be trained to maintain their skills and abilities. She's been great to work with. I'd like to make this presentation. It says, in recognition to your successful term as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Your dedication to the firemen along with your professionalism is very much appreciated. On behalf of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute I wish you continued success. It's not just from me, it's from the entire faculty and staff. Jackie thank you for everything. Thank you.

President Olson: Thank you. One of the things, since we have such a great premier service in our training and a lot of the counties are envious. We have MFRI, MIEMSS, we have Shock Trauma, Office of the State Fire Marshal. We have MEMA and other partners and MIEMSS, one of the things I noticed is we never have a collage of all our agencies together, so I want to present to Director Edwards and our partners a collage that represents all of the Maryland Volunteer Fire Service. What we expect from them and what we get from them from our training and certification and things like that, so I'm going to present that to Director Edwards. (Applause)

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As always we have a resolution thanking you for your partnership with us as well as a goodie bag to reminisce about our convention. Thank you again.

At this time I'll bring to the podium Lynn Gilroy and he's with MFRETC, which is Maryland Fire & Rescue Education Training Commission.

Lynn Gilroy: Good afternoon. President Olson, Vice Presidents Keller and Roth, honored guests and delegates on behalf of Acting Secretary of Higher Education Catherine M. Shultz and Chairman Michael Clemens I bring you greetings. Over the last year the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission has met numerous times to discuss issues that have affected the fire service training needs of this great state. The Commission continues to monitor the rules and the funds to implement the changes to the Charles W. Riley Scholarship Program. All students who took qualifying coursework during the 2013-2014 academic year must submit reimbursement applications to the Maryland Higher Education Commission by July 1, 2014 for funds to be paid under the Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program. We have been advised that the transition to the scholarship program will have a "gap year" in funding for the 2014-2015 academic year. Once we learned of this we contacted Delegate Norm Conway for his guidance and suggested remedial action. We will be seeking a legislative remedy with the new session in January.

Each year the Commission prepares a yearly report that is submitted to the Secretary of Higher Education and the Governor. Over the last few years we have been unable to provide each department with a copy of that report due to budget constraints. You can find that report on the Maryland Higher Education Commission web site.

In closing we look forward to working with President Keller and the other officers of the MSFA in the coming year. We wish President Olson well as she finishes her term of office and we wish all of you success in the balance of your convention. (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you Lynn. Next I'm bringing to the podium another one of our partners and that would be the Director of Preparation from MEMA, and that would be Mr. Brandon McKluskie. Welcome.

Brandon McKluskie: Good afternoon. On behalf of Executive Director Ken Mallette and Governor Martin O' Maley thank you for inviting MEMA for being part of your convention. I am Brandon McKluskie. Most of the traditional Emergency Management functions fall under me at MEMA so I wanted to give you an update on some of the happenings and events that have been going on at MEMA over the past year since, I think Ken Mallette was here last year.

We've added staff in key areas, especially, planning, training, and exercising and grants. We've expanded some programs and taken on some new initiatives. We've focused

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on the vision the Executive Director had and that is a prepared Marylander creates a resilient Maryland. One of his initiatives has been to create a center for prepared excellence. Very similar to what we see at higher education institutions across the country. One of the hallmarks for this Center for Preparedness Excellence has been the Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program. Which was created through a new Executive order, which updated one from 1991. We also updated our strategic plan for preparedness across the state. That replaced an old plan that also had been around for about 10 years.

We're looking at what the Federal Government is doing, what's going on nationally across the country and what's going on in local government as well and we've created four mission area plans. One for response, which I think everybody, is probably familiar with. But we've also gone beyond that and created plans for mitigation operations, recovery operations, and protection and prevention operations. Most of these are done or in the final process and hopefully we'll have them out and published very shortly.

In training and exercises we've expanded a number of courses we offer based on the need as identified in our training and exercise plan. We go out and solicit information from the locals. We've had a partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to get our expertise and training out to other partners to include health departments and hospitals. One of the other things that we've done that we are very excited about is to engage the learning where we have an on line system to go in and all of our courses are found in this learning system. We manage our courses there, we can create transcripts and even do evaluations from this lms, so if you haven't seen this I encourage you to go on line to our web and take a look for the learning management system. We also included some information in our public information and outreach including, we were on of the first at the state level to come up with a new web site and social media, we're on twitter and face book if you haven't seen us there and we're looking to go onto other forms. And one of our other areas we've been expanding into is private sector, integration with our private sector partners out there whom platform such as Osprey Business. Maybe you're all familiar with Osprey who has expanded into a business focus, including space in our state emergency operations center. Now as far as the state emergency operations center goes, if you're not familiar we moved out of the old space we had about a year ago and we've been constructing a new space in that area. It is a state of the art, high technology emergency operations center that uses new concepts and best practices that we've learned from across the country. We're right now in the process of moving back into the state emergency operations center, this brand new state of the art center. We hope to be fully operational in that place in about a week or two. We'll have a grand opening probably in the August time frame, mid August late summer and we'll make sure the Association gets a copy of when that will be. Anybody that is interested can come out and take a look at our new center.

We've also come up with some changes at our headquarters. The Maryland Joint

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Operations Center, probably a place where many of you get some information from, has upgraded its computers, its radios and its radio consoles recently. It will also be going into overhaul in terms of the arrangements inside, furniture, carpet and paint, etc. If you've been up to MEMA you might have noticed that we have some trailers in the back where we have about half of our staff. While they were never designed to be permanent, we're moving out of them into some new space that we've leased with the hope that in about four or five years we'll get a new headquarters building, expanded on our site right there. So that's about it for updates for MEMA so again on behalf of Ken Mallette and Governor O'Malley I'd like to thank President Olson, the Officers and Delegates and all you representatives here for your leadership, and welcome the incoming officers and the new president, so thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Ok, on behalf of the MSFA I want to present you with a certificate of appreciation and thank you for taking the time to come down to our convention. Please let the Executive Director know we thank him for his support so we have a certificate for him and our lovely goodie bag.

At this time I'd like to bring another one of our partners, Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division and I'd like to bring out Mr. Chris Robertson.

Chris Robertson: Thank you President Olson.

President Olsen, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I bring you greetings on behalf of DNR Forest Service State Fire Supervisor Monte Mitchell. He sends his regrets that he could not be with you today as he is in attendance at the annual conference of the Northeast Forest Fire Supervisors in Minnesota this week.

During 2013 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 122 wildfires that burned 161 acres. The year saw below normal wildfire activity with typical peak occurrences in the spring and fall. The leading wildfire causes for the year were debris burning and arson. Also in 2013, the agency and partners conducted 64 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 1,190 acres. Maryland continued to support the national need for wild land firefighters and dispatched nine individual single resources, three 20-person fire crews, and one Type 6 wild land engine assignment.

For 2014, the agency has responded to 79 wildfires burning 1,659 acres to date. The Forest Service continued progress on our Heavy Equipment Replacement Plan. A 2013 Ford F-550 Type 6 Wild lands Engine has been completed and placed in service in the Eastern Region at Church Creek, Dorchester County. The unit is equipped with a 350-gallon slip on unit and was placed in service spring of 2014. A 2015 Ford F-550 Type 6 Wild land Fire Engine is on order and expected to be in service by this fall at the Green Ridge Fire Center in Flintstone, Allegany County. Also a 2014 Kenworth Dometail Transport Truck is on order for the Green Ridge facility to transport the 2013 JD650 Fire Dozer that was purchased last year.

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In 2013, Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were awarded to 43 volunteer fire departments in fifteen counties for \$90,901. Of the awarded grants, 39 departments completed their grants and received \$78,172 in grant funding that allowed departments to complete over \$214,881 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, wild land nomex gear, portable radios, and other small equipment purchases such as fire hose.

The 2014 grant application period is currently open with \$82,500 in grant funds available for distribution this year. Applications are available online or by contacting the Fire Staff. Application deadline is July 18. Grant awards will be announced by the end of September. There are new federal reporting requirements for any department receiving a grant and purchasing a single item with less than \$5,000 purchase cost. All eligible volunteer

Companies are encouraged to apply! (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you again for taking time from your busy schedule to come down and support us. We appreciate the time you and Monte give to support us so we'd like to give you a certificate of appreciation and our lovely goodie bag of convention trinkets that we have.

At this time I'd like to again bring one of our other partners and that would be the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal Brian Geraci. You have a fan club.

Fire Marshal Geraci: Of course, I paid them to be here. I am happy to be here and happy to be the fourth State Fire Marshal appointed and talking to you at the convention. I've been here a few times before, but not in this capacity so I'm proud to be here. I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O'Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your Association Presidents, Jackie Olson and Carol Hayden. Your terms of office have been extremely productive and your service to your members is one your entire Association should be very proud of. It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

In 2013, there were 58 fires that resulted in 69 deaths in 19 Maryland counties and Baltimore City. Those totals represent a 30 percent increase over the 53 deaths reported in 2012 and a 31 percent increase over the 56 fatal fires reported that year. Twenty-one fire deaths in eighteen fires in Baltimore City represented a dramatic 75 percent increase over the 12 fire deaths in eight fatal fires reported during 2012, as well as, a 125 percent increase in the number of fatal fires compared to the previous year. In Baltimore County, five deaths in four fires in 2013 reflect a 29 percent decline from the seven deaths in six fires in 2012. Fifteen people lost their lives in 11 fires in Prince George's County during 2013, which was 50 percent more than the 10 fire

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deaths reported in 2012. Anne Arundel County reported four deaths in as many fires during 2013, an appreciated decline from the seven deaths reported during 2012. Montgomery County reported four deaths in four fires in 2013 compared to three deaths in two fires in 2012.

In recent years, the numbers of fire fatalities reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office have continued to decline with fire deaths averaging 66 a year from 2009 through 2013. Fire deaths have remained below 100 each year, with the exception of 114 in 1994 for the past 20 years. This downward trend does not happen on its own; it is a direct result of the necessary fire prevention efforts of our fire service family. Through your efforts, we will continue this trend by remaining active in our communities by developing and presenting our successful fire prevention programs. Consistent with most previous years, more fire deaths occurred in the late night and early morning hours than at other times of the day, and the hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. proved to be the most deadly eight-hour period in 2013. The 30 fatal fires that started during those eight hours resulted in 39 deaths accounting for almost 57 percent of the 69 fire deaths for the year, compared to 2012 when 20 fatal fires led to 26 deaths accounting for 50 percent of the 53 fire deaths that year. Six of the eight multiple-death fires occurred during those hours in 2013.

In 2013, as in other years, most fire deaths occurred in residential structures, including 43 deaths in one and two family dwellings, 12 victims of apartment fires, and two victims of mobile home fires. Residential fires accounted for 83 percent of the fire deaths in 2013, compared to 81 percent in 2012, and 79 percent in 2011. Unfortunately, 2013 was not kind. During the first quarter of 2013, twenty-nine Marylanders lost their lives to the ravages of uncontrolled fire when compared to 18 fire deaths recorded in the first quarter of 2012, an increase of 61 percent. Baltimore City and Prince George's County were particularly hard hit with very significant increases in fire deaths. I do however; applaud the fire service leaders in every local jurisdiction for their continuing efforts to reduce fire deaths and injuries. Without these efforts the fire deaths would increase exponentially year to year.

Congratulations go to Caroline, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's and Somerset counties that experienced zero fire deaths last year. As you are very aware, the MSFA leadership and member fire companies play a critical role in promoting fire and life safety to help make our State safer from the devastating effects of fire.

Once again, the Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group (MFSLWG) held weekly meetings at the Annapolis City, Taylor Avenue Fire Station to discuss numerous legislative issues. Just like the MSFA legislative team, the OSFM followed the 2013/2014 session of the Maryland General Assembly with an eye towards protecting the many items of interest impacting citizens of Maryland and the fire and emergency services. I want to thank DSFM Kirby Travers. I also want to thank the MSFA leadership for their continued support in working on a number of important legislative issues. The

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MSFA leadership has always operated by the guiding principle of protecting Maryland's citizens as its highest priority.

Prior to my arrival the OSFM and the MSFA effectively joined forces to successfully address updates to Maryland's outdated smoke alarms laws. The Maryland Smoke Alarm Technology Task Force spent nearly two years reviewing smoke alarm technologies and the present model code requirements before recommending updates to the smoke alarm law, which are now clear, concise and up to date. A key element of the new law that became effective on July 1, 2013, requires the use of sealed long-life battery smoke alarms with a built-in hush / silence feature and a requirement for a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level and outside of each sleeping area. As your new State Fire Marshal, I will continue to promote the partnerships our agency shares with local, State, and private industry in helping us gather more resources, disseminate more information and accomplish more tasks in the name of fire and life safety. For the 12th consecutive year, Delmarva Power's Emergency Services Partnership Program donated residential smoke alarms to the OSFM for distribution throughout Delmarva's service area in Maryland. This year we received 1,000 smoke alarms, which have a long life sealed battery. By working with partners like Delmarva Power, PEPCO and others, we are able to increase resources and extend our reach into the community to those people who need the most help. The public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power have enabled the distribution of over 18,750 smoke alarms, 1,042 special needs alarming devices and 1,850 carbon monoxide alarms in both Maryland and Delaware. 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 next Statewide Community Risk Reduction Weekend is scheduled for October 18-19. I ask that all Maryland fire departments use this opportunity to check and/or install lifesaving smoke alarms in the homes of the citizens they serve and have sworn to protect from the effects of fire.

In 2013, the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 54th Anniversary and the title of the program held on September 24, 2013, was "Confronting Today's Challenges." The 2014 conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2014. The theme, "O Say Can You See, the Future!" is based on America's 200th celebration of our National Anthem and the workshops are designed to help departments to work on future strategies.

I would ask for a little indulgence here, we're going to take a little break in the presentation. I'd like Deputy Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch to come out and Fire Protection Engineer Ken Bush to come out please.

Bruce Bouch: This is a little impromptu we worked out without Ken's knowledge. It's in recognition of twelve years in excellence in leadership for the Mid Atlantic life safety

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conference. If any on the members of the conference are here feel free to join us. We just want to say thank you very much Ken Bush, you've really set the bar. I'm pleased with the ability to stand in and take over for you, so thank you very much. (Applause)

Fire Marshal Geraci: Thank you. The Office of the State Fire Marshal, Maryland State Firemen's Association, Delaware State Fire Marshal, Delaware State Fire School, Dover Fire Department, National Fire Protection Association, and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition combined efforts to promote fire prevention and residential fire sprinkler awareness at the Dover International Speedway NASCAR event on September 27, 28, 29, 2013. This was the first time to perform this in such a large venue with this group of professionals. We spoke with roughly 2,000 race fans at our display tent, located in the fan zone, which involved interactive fire safety for children and adults, smoke alarm awareness and instruction, as well as myth and facts on residential fire sprinklers that included a side by side burn demonstration on Saturday the 28th to promote the value of residential fire sprinklers. The event was very well received by all members of the public and fire professionals involved with the event. Plans are already being put together for this September to perform another live side-by-side demonstration burn and to make the experience even better.

Every year the OSFM experiences some staffing changes. In 2013, I became the fourth State Fire Marshal of this great State and I look forward to the progress we will make together in our life saving efforts. Additionally, were able to fill a much-needed Administrative Aide position at the Upper Eastern Regional Office in Easton with the hiring of Penny Doty. DCFM Dexter Hodges was assigned to the ATF Joint Law Enforcement Operations program in March and currently remains in his position at the ATF's Arson Field Office in Baltimore. William Barnard retired after 12 years of exemplary service as the State Fire Marshal. Deputy Chief Mark Bilger retired from the agency after 20 years of outstanding service. Deputy Carson Widdoes departed the Upper Eastern Shore Region after a fulfilling 14 years of service to the agency. Chief Joseph Flanagan after many years of dedicated leadership stepped down as the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal to return to the Lower Eastern Shore, as the regional commander replacing Chief Mike total criminal closure rate for all cases was 39%. OSFM staff members completed 16,113 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is an outstanding example of the level of commitment to the safety of the citizens of Maryland. Fire Protection Engineers reviewed 1,858 constructions and fire protection system plans and as a whole the agency had 1075 hours of community outreach. 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 from fire and explosions.

I would ask that you please embrace all of the 16 Life Safety Initiatives that were developed ten years ago. I also ask you to place more emphasis on initiative 14 - Public Education and 15 - Code Enforcement and Fire Sprinklers. We need to continue to get the message out more into our communities. Take the time when you go back

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home from the convention and develop a plan to continually get the fire prevention message out into your community. Take all opportunities to interact with the public, not just during Fire Prevention Week in October. When you do have a fire incident, make it a point to get back to that area as soon as possible to talk to the people that were impacted by the event. Promote the 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms, escape plans, and to get out and stay out. If requested, install smoke alarms within the homes in your community, and conduct fire safety reviews. Focus on our senior and youth populations. Go to schools, day care facilities, senior centers and other locations where these folks will be located. Do not wait for them to call you, reach out and ask to visit and share the information and knowledge you have on preventing fires. It takes very little time, but the information you will share goes a long way in the end. Please make fire prevention your most important service within your departments and reinforce that message with your personnel each and every day. (Applause).

Ladies and gentleman, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our Regional Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2013, Deputy State Fire Marshals: Edward Ernst — Western Region, Daniel Giblin- Upper Eastern Shore Region — Filling in his place is his brother CP Giblin. Daniel has since departed the agency and is now working for the ATF. Thomas Harr — Lower Eastern Shore Region, Caryn McMahon - Southern Region, Brian Quick - Metro Region, and Joseph Walters — Northeast Region. Each of these individuals represents their peers with great distinction. Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work everyday, looking forward to the challenge of making Maryland a safer place to live, work and raise a family. It is important to note, each have risen to this level with the strong support of their supervisors, the administrative staff, and their fellow Fire Safety Inspectors, Fire Protection Engineers and Deputy State Fire Marshals.

As always, the job of the DCFM of the Year selection committee is extremely difficult and this year was definitely no exception. The letters of nomination were filled with examples of exemplary duty and service deserving of much more than this award provides. Let's give them a hand! (Applause) To each of you, I sincerely thank you for your service and devotion to duty.

I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2013, Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year. During 2013, this DCFM excelled in their responsibilities involving the fire marshal profession. This deputy established them self as a thorough and efficient professional with a great deal of confidence in their ability. This deputy has consistently demonstrated them self as a self-motivated and reliable employee and always represents the Office of the State Fire Marshal in a positive manner.

This deputy was cited for their many achievements in 2013, such as; conducting 95 initial fire and explosive investigations, maintaining a 56% criminal case closure rate and conducted 163 fire safety inspections. This deputy was also the lead investigator on a multi-county arson spree involving 42 fires set in vehicles, barns, homes, garages

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and trash containers. This deputy worked feverishly alongside a team of Deputy State Fire Marshals, Maryland State Police, Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives and the Washington County State's Attorney's Office. Their outstanding efforts resulted in the arrests of the eight individuals responsible for setting these fires. While off-duty, this investigator observed suspicious persons leaving a local bank and continued to follow them while updating the 911 centers of their activities, leading to their felony arrests for robbing the bank. All of these tasks were accomplished while maintaining his normal workload as an on-call Bomb Squad Technician and serving on the Drug Enforcement Agency Western Region "Clan Lab" Response Team. This deputy also performed multiple public safety demonstrations throughout the year and serves the community as a volunteer firefighter at the Volunteer Fire Department of Halfway. This highly respected investigator has excelled in each and every aspect of their career and is a model employee. It is my honor to present to you, the recipient of the first James C Robertson Award recognizing the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2013, Deputy State Fire Marshal Edward Ernst. (Applause) (Presentations)

The staff of the OSFM looks forward to working closely with incoming Presidents, David Keller and Ann Price-Davis. We wish them great success during their term in office.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has welcomed me back into the Maryland fire service family. It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve as the fourth Maryland State Fire Marshal. I look forward to maintaining our long-standing relationship and working with the leadership to make Maryland safer from fire and explosions. I also want to thank my staff, who's here today. They came out to see the presentation. Thank you for coming. As always; Thank you for all of your support and stay safe!

At 3:30 I will be doing a workshop on hording in the fire service. You can reach out to your folks. Clearly we've had some issues on that last year. We lost six people and we lost a fire fighter in a hording situation so that presentation is in room 209at 3:30 so I hope to see some of you there. Again, thank you very much. (Applause)

President Olson: I just want to say thank you again on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and personally thanks for our friendship. I hope it continues even though I'll be a past president soon, so here's a certificate of appreciation for you from us as well as our goodie bag. Please attend his workshop today and there's another one on Wednesday early morning that talks about history. They will be celebrating 50 years in October, so thanks again. (Applause)

Ok, so at this time I'd like to bring to the podium Chief Michael Robinson of the Baltimore County Fire Department to give his program. Main program presentation.

Chief Robinson: Good afternoon and before I get started I have a brief report, I also

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happen to serve as the Chair of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. On behalf of the MSFPQB I bring you greetings and I have a brief annual report.

This past year the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board has continued to prosper as your Maryland Voluntary Certification Agency. As I talk about what we've done, I'd like to request that any of our delegates, alternates or past delegates or alternates please stand and be recognized. That you Gene Worthington. And without them and if you're not aware of it each county and several of the major cities in the state have an alternate and delegate who serve as the representatives to the board.

We began in 1986. We're currently in our 28th year and during our tenure as the certification entity for the state of Maryland we have issued a total of 130,000 certifications. One Hundred Thirty Thousand certifications in areas from Fire Fighter I through Fire Officer IV, from Instructor I to Inspector III and many other technical areas in between. We continue to prosper because of a cooperative working relationship and I'd like to recognize some of our principle associates here today. First and foremost, Director Steve Edwards of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute who provides us a permanent home for the Certification Board and its activities along with Larry Preston the Assistant Director who works with us daily, and most importantly Evelyn Graf and Bob Rose our certification coordination staff who works tirelessly in College Park on our behalf. Any of you who have been down there to get a certification that was promptly needed to apply for a promotional opportunity, to win an election in your Fire Company, you know how important the behind the scenes work. Also to Ron Hasset who over sees the Certification Section of Maryland of MFRI and I'd also like to acknowledge the work of both Larry Preston and Ron Hasset. Ron Hasset serves on the International Accreditation Congress Board of Governors and Larry serves on the National Pro Board Commission on Accreditation and to Director Steve Edwards who serves on the Board along with three other Marylanders of the National Pro Board. So we're really in good shape.

This year we have done 6,000 certifications and I'm pleased to announce that we will continue with our previous addition certifications. That means that if you have taken training under a previous standard of an NFPA technical professional standard you will still be able to get certification even though that standard has sunsetted and has been replaced with a current standard. I encourage you to go to the MFRI website which we have a link off of that to download the applications and I thank each of you and each participating Company for making Maryland number one in the nation for professional qualifications and certification. Thank you. (Applause)

Now at this time I'm going to begin the 1:00 presentation, not that anything's behind but, those that don't know me, I'm a Division Chief with the Baltimore County Fire Department. I've been there about 31 years and I currently serve as a Division Chief in Emergency Operations. I'm also the Special Ops Chief, oversee our Fire Dispatch, over see our Public Education and Public Information Office and I happened to be on duty

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back on May the 28of 2013. I was actually sitting at our headquarters building at 2:00 in the afternoon on the second day of my four day tour when suddenly a call came out announcing that we had a railroad emergency, specifically a train fire.

The good news is that our regularly assigned Battalion Chief was out of service doing training at our fire academy so I actually became the first due Chief on that incident. So what I'm going to talk to you about for the next several minutes today, plus we have some actual video footage is an incident that any one of you could have in your own communities. How many of you have railroads going through your communities? Ok, this could happen anywhere. On our particular case it happened in Baltimore County just at the Baltimore County/Baltimore City line. In fact though the technology that our Haz Mat unit was able to provide, I had an area goggle map that clearly showed the boarders and that resolved a lot of issues real quickly. But it's not about who's in charge, it's about partnerships, it's about liaisons, knowing who your neighbors area, knowing all the agencies who are going to show up at an incident like this and being able to have a command presence to make things work, very functionally, very specifically and to bring the incident to a positive close.

We could have had some major injuries. We could have had some fatalities, but fortunately we didn't so in the next several minutes I'm going to take you through exactly what happened that day. We're going to take a look at our incident response. We're going to take a look at actions of our first arriving units, we're going to look at the incident organization particularly how we used the incident command system that day. We're going to look at our mitigation actions and our interagency operations and cooperation and we're going to look at our demobilization and we're going to take a look at what were the lessons learned.

You can read this better than I can, but here's an overview of what happened on that day. We received a call shortly after 1400 hours for Lake Dr near Pulaski Hwy in Rosedale. This is a commercial area that consists of light industry activities, lots of type II combustible warehouses. It's an area that's been an industrialized area for probably over 100 years and it's in close proximity to Interstate 95, which is a mile away. It runs off US Rt. 40 Pulaski Hwy and it is close to both the CSX major north south rail line as well as the major Amtrak north south line. It is also part of the air corridors coming into BWI and the General Aviation and Military Airport at Martins in Middle River.

Our initial response consisted of an initial first alarm response which we use the emergency fire dispatch program and this is what I'd call a heavy first alarm response with additional equipment as well as our Hazardous Material response which consists of our main Haz Mat unit out of our Brooklyn View Station, closest satellite unit out of our East View Station, our foam engine as well as an advanced life support strike team, 5 ambulances and an EMS supervisor. In route I escalated the incident to a collapse rescue as you will hear in the video. There was a pretty significant explosion

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or for you chemists out there it was probably an oxidation-reduction action. If you see the videos you'll just call it an explosion so we enhance this with the collapse rescue which brought our USR team, the City's USR team and a number of other resources. We then went to a second alarm and a number of special calls. The ironic thing about this response was that Baltimore City simultaneously received probably hundreds of 911 calls as we did. If you look at the proximity to the city, obviously it's a matter of which tower you hit off of. So the city sent a first alarm Haz Mat assignment as well. Now hopefully this will work, we're going to show you a video. This video is about 12 minutes long and this will first have all the dispatch talk which will go for about six minutes then you'll hear the actual fire ground response.

I want to thank my crew at station 14, Captain Scott Russell and Lt Phil Heber for putting this video together. These were all the partners we had. This is the actual crash occurrence and driving that trash truck is a retired fire fighter from Baltimore. Ok so as you could see from the video there was quite a bit of activity. Again that was a compilation of different scenes. The first arriving units on the scene was the career engine from our Golden Ring station, the Rosedale Volunteers, it was actually their first due area. In Baltimore County volunteers have three minutes to respond. They are required to respond with a minimum crew of four people either on a special services unit or on an engine company. There was a lot of initial transmissions, a lot of being a day in the middle of the week, a lot of the volunteer units didn't get out fully staffed, ultimately we had more than enough help career and volunteer.

In the Baltimore County system, those who aren't familiar with it we have career stations, all volunteer stations, when the alarm goes off, we're all part of the same team, integrated chain of command and it works well most days. This is something that would challenge most fire officers. Typically we run to single alarm incidents. We do well, we deploy fire tactics particularly on structural fires and it's not a big deal. This was challenging for a number of reasons because we had multiple events that we had to deal with.

Those events included; a train derailment, 44 cars, multiple hazardous materials cars, we had the initial blast wave from that explosion that impacted structures as far away as a half mile, we had broken glass. We found in substantive days some structural damage pretty significant to buildings within a quarter mile radius to that incident. The other thing is we had a pretty significant fire which we also had an explosion. The blast wave from that explosion knocked out windows, caused structural damage and knocked down trees, caused the air bag to deploy on a police car that was one of our minor injuries. Then we have chemicals that are going into the air. What are those chemicals consist of? If you pull out the DOT ERG we evacuated a half mile in all directions, we would have been looking at about 122,000 people, which is not a realistic evacuation. So we made a decision early on to defend in place.

The other big issue was getting validation of the chemicals involved. Within two minutes, unknown to me, on my portable devise on my side I had the contents sent

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from our dispatchers which they got from CSX operations in Jacksonville Fla. Our Haz Mat crew ultimately got the information, we had some technical glitches, but once we got the information, we were on line with CSX, we were on line with Dupont, were on line with Chemtrec and all these units working in partnership with our Haz Mat folks did a tremendous job to identify the materials. But we made a stance early on that we were not going to do any fire suppression until we identified the material. The real tribute goes to the first in companies. They did exactly what they are trained to do under Haz Mat Ops training, which is scene isolation, entry denial, setting up initial evacuation distances and had it not been for what they did we might have had some issues.

So our first arriving Engine 15 arrived simultaneously with Truck 15 and City Engine 51. Station 15 comes out of Dundalk and they are also a Haz Mat satellite crew. Between the engine and truck they have 8 Haz Mat technicians to assess the scene. Obviously the first priority was we had a total of 5 warehouses that had sustained some kind of damage. Looking at the priorities on any incident, life safety being number one their first objective was to make a cursory search of the warehouses and get people to start evacuating.

The next issue we had is that we had to recon the entire area to see what we were dealing with and certainly to get a verification of the contents of the cars. The next issue was the buildings involved and the structural collapse potential. As you can see from the closest building we had some significant collapse damage. Ultimately we brought in our Chief Fire Protection Engineer who has some structural background to validate what we had found. The other thing we need to do is we needed to determine what was going on with the train and start to set up an incident that would support a pretty significant incident. We did level II staging, you heard that a couple times. That's critical.

If you turn on your porch light tonight what happens? All kinds of things gravitate to that light. What happens with fire fighters, make no mistake about it? We have an incident like this that can be seen as far away as Harford County and Anne Arundel County. We all want to be there, we all want to help, but if we don't gain scene control early on you're going to have a big challenge. We also had the hazard. We had an explosion. We didn't know if we were going to have additional explosions. Level II staging was critical. We set up two staging areas, a fire staging area and an EMS staging area and the police set up their own staging area. The position of staging manager is very important to an incident like this.

The other this is we established command early on, the first arriving officer, career or volunteer, under our SOPs assumes command. We had a Captain of our career engine 16, who assumed command and maintained command until my arrival.

These are some scenes of the incident. This is what we thought was a tractor trailer but was actually a Mack roll on roll off truck, Mack chassis which carries a dumpster

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normally. It was an unprotected railroad crossing and the driver, who was a retired driver from our department thought he could make it across prior to the train, he was mistaken, he was trapped; he ended up at shock trauma with multiple injuries and spent a number of weeks there. I just ran a working fire a couple weeks ago and he was the pump operator of the second engine. I can tell you he made a good recovery and he's an active volunteer with us.

This is the site of the train just as it's getting ready to explode, a number of chemicals were there. The most significant being chemical sodium chlorinate which is a strong oxidizer. You'll see when I show you the MSDS in a moment that the highest flammability of any of these materials was a one. But what we have to remember is what do they do when they mix together? This is at the time of explosion and if you go to U-tube there's some pretty good renditions of this explosion with some really good conversations going on. I'll leave it at that. This is the nearest warehouse. I drive an unmarked Chevy Suburban and everybody that see's this says, Chief you were too close to the incident. That is NOT my car. However I will say in retrospect, I probably was too close to the incident initially. You really need to make sure as an incident commander where you going to position that command post. My car ultimately became where the Operations Section Chief worked and when the mobile command bus got there I gave him everything I had set up, walked away and went to the mobile command bus.

This is an overhead shot, 44 cars in the train, we had 4 cars carrying hazardous materials and basically this area is our ground zero which until we got more information and did initial recon we did total scene isolation for this.

This shows you the impact area and this is based on some Haz Mat software we used. We plotted it out. We entered the chemicals, we were challenged a little bit with some of our equipment, which wasn't functioning to 100 %, and redundancy is the key to an incident like this. We had the city Haz Mat team and their unit with us, so we made use of their software. We also had the Maryland Department of the Environment. So we looked at modeling and we looked at if we had to potentially evacuate the area what would we be dealing with? This shows you another shot of the potential evacuation area. If you look at the orange highlighted area, that's the area we evacuated. And of course we have apparatus coming in, we have civilian workers at 5 warehouses and we had to evacuate them out.

If you look at some of the videos you'll see the State Police Command Post there. It just so happened that one of those warehouses operated a shop of some sort and the State Police Command Post was being worked on. So that's where we ultimately located our command post. I guess they thought the MSP was already there, but they weren't there, it was just there for repair. That shows you the magnitude of what our evacuation distances would have been.

Talk a little bit about the incident organization. Again first in officers need to take

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command. This is not the type incident where you want to pass or limit command. You need a strong command presence from the onset. That is what saves lives at an incident like this. If we just go in and focus on fire fighting, what could have happened? So our posture was scene isolation, entry denial, let's establish command. Once I got there I established command and I've been around a couple years. My first thought process was, I am not worried about any tactics right now. I'm not worried about mitigation. What I need to do is to have a good solid organization, so my thought process was using the ICS tool box. Let me make branches. And a branch, those of you that don't use branches, a branch is an intermediate level between the Section Chief and all you Divisions and Groups. Branches can be function or geographic. The first Branch I made was a Haz Mat Branch. And a fate would have it our former Haz Mat Captain Kenny Hughes, had just made Battalion Chief. We had a Chief's meeting that day and he talked me into buying him lunch somehow. So I bought him lunch in the Towson area. I went back to work and he wasn't even home yet, when I got the call, I called him on the cell phone and I said you owe me for lunch Kenny, get down here, you're going to be the Haz Mat Branch. That was probably the best thing I could have done. Kenny is very knowledgeable. I know some of you know him. He's got a Masters Degree in Homeland Security. Once I made him Haz Mat Branch, what did I have to do with Haz Mat? Nothing. That's the job of the Branch Director, he organized the whole Haz Mat Branch with all the Groups to go with that. I'm blessed as the Special Ops Chief to have a great crew at Station 14, because they had some great mentors, I'm looking at Richard Brooks out there and those guys are unbelievable. Between them and Chief Hughes, they set up, they knew exactly who to call. Baltimore City got there. We train with Baltimore City at least monthly. We're going to meetings with them and one of the best things to happen out of 9/11 was the urban area security initiative and all the committees that come with it. They work seamlessly together. Maryland Department of the Environment gets there. Their Chief of response, Jeffrey Dohahue, one of our volunteer Captains so everything came together with the Haz Mat.

I then created a Medical Branch. We didn't know if we were going to have multiple casualties but we prepared for it. We had about three or four ALS strike teams, which is about 20 transport units. Our medical director, Dr. Andy Pollack from shock trauma came to the scene. Dr. Wade Gash, the city's medical director came to the scene. One of the products was a derivative of fluorine so we thought we were going to have some hydrofluoric acid issues. We immediately contacted the nearby hospitals to get large quantities of calcium gluconate which is an antidote for that. So again our hospital preparedness kicked in. So if there's ever a success story of partnerships and networking it was this incident.

We then made a Suppression Branch because we knew eventually either the fire would burn out or we would have to put it out. We run Emergency Management in the Fire Department and our Division Chief in Emergency Management, Steve Miller came, I'm looking at him now. I just turned to Steve and said to him you figure out all the things, evacuations, and that's the way we did it by going into Branches. Once the Branches

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were established, the Battalion Chief that was suppose to be first due showed up from the academy, Chief Tommy Kimble, and I looked at him and I said Tommy you're going to be the Operations Section Chief, do you understand what that means? At that time Branches are going to do their thing. They come to the Ops Section Chief only if they need a resource and if he can't get it out of staging, then he calls Command and we'll get the resource for him. So I brought together my command team early on and said this is our game plan. You all go out and do your thing, lets communicate effectively and the incident kind of ran itself from that point in time.

If there's any thing in retrospect is using the Incident Command System and we have to understand how that works. Engine 16 was the initial IC. I as shift commander became the sustained Incident Commander. We utilized NIMS/ICS to it's fullest by establishing Branch Directors who took care of that overall incident scene. And that again proved to pay a whole lot of dividends.

Here's our Incident Organization Chart. The other thing I did was early on to special request our mobile command post. This, like everybody else's, we got telephones, mobile computers. It's run by our fire academy and they have all taken the NIMS/ICS planning section chief class so they are all qualified as planning section personnel. That includes documentation, resource management all those things and we committed to making a written Incident Action Plan, so that was one of the things they did including this incident org chart.

You had an Operations Section Chief. When you make Operations, Staging falls under Ops and we had a Haz Mat Branch, Suppression Branch, a Medical Branch, and because of the structural collapse we had a USR Branch. Then we had a Planning Section Chief and we had a Logistics Section Chief and all the moving parts fall under that. The Command Staff, the Safety Officer, Chuck Rogers who is here somewhere, he's our Health and Safety Officer showed up, I gave him safety, I didn't have to say another thing if you know Chuck Rogers he adequately handled that and we had a number of assistant safety officers. We had a Liaison Officers because we had over 20 Federal, State, and local agencies that responded. The Incident Commander doesn't have time to shake hands with everybody. The Liaison Officer handles those functions. And then Public Information, which we will talk about, was a big issue as well.

Strategy and Tactics, again we had to identify the products to determine what we had. That was the big issue was product identification. Our Haz Mat Branch did that. They did an outstanding job. We had to determine what were the properties and verifying things, cross-referencing things. Before the incident was over we had a PhD chemist that was on the scene to verify everything we did before we made a move because if you go pouring water on this and we now have a contaminated atmosphere and we have tens of thousands of people with respiratory issues, even in Maryland we're going to be challenged to manage that many patients. We did an initial entry and recon which consisted of MDE, our Haz Mat team and the City Haz Mat team. They

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went in with all their high technology instruments to verify things like ph, the chemical properties and then we made several entries after that. The other issues we had with that is that we had to have enough trained people so that we could rotate crews and that we assured we had enough Haz Mat technicians to do that. Then we had the issue of fire suppression. It was at least three hours before the first water went on the product. The issue was do we use foam, BWI came, Martin's came, do we use water? The temperature was so high on this fire it would have burned off the foam so we ultimately made the decision to deluge this with multiple master streams.

This is an initial entry into the area. This is the CSX Haz Mat specialist. A guy named Mike Austin, former member of Earleigh Heights, as the Chief I taught him his first Haz Mat class at age 16. Now he runs Haz Mat incidents all over the country for CSX. We work with him on a regular basis. He's very involved with both the City and the County Haz Mat teams. Having a resource from the railroad who is the responsible party was very valuable with his level of technical expertise. I called him on the phone. He didn't know the derailment had occurred and he got there within 20 minutes of the initial assignment. To have somebody like that was tremendous.

There's the railroad com list, we got that pretty quickly, with in about two minutes it came into our dispatch center. Ultimately it was relayed to our Haz Mat Branch and we were dealing with three primary chemicals. Those chemicals were basically if you look at the 704 markings, I'm not going to get heavy into the chemistry, but we had something called flurosik acid which we thought might have been a derivative of fluorine which might present some big issues. We also had the sodium chlorate, which is a strong oxidizer and we had terephthalic acid, which is a constituent used in the production of these types of containers, plastic water bottles. So we had to research significantly what happens when these things mix. Whats their current state of matter? Once we identified that we had an Incident Action Plan to go along with what we were going to do. The sodium chlorinate was in hopper cars. The other two materials were in tank cars. We turned out to find they were non-pressure vessels they were purely liquid vessels. Because of the explosion we had five warehouses that had damage and we were committed to doing a USR type search and rescue looking at these with potential for structural collapse. Our Urban Search & Rescue team at our Station 17 is part of PA task force 1, they've been to the World Trade Center, they've been to a number of national level disasters so they were called in along with our volunteer heavy rescue companies that are trained in structural collapse and the Baltimore City special rescue operations team and together they divided themselves into search and rescue groups and their task was not done until they had searched every inch of those buildings. Fortunately we were able to evacuate everybody out of there. We did not have any victims in those collapse areas but it was important that we follow and validate everything we would normally do in a structural collapse and we weren't finished until that happened. We also had an assistant safety officer assigned to that also under the search and rescue branch was the extrication of our truck driver, retired fire fighter in the vehicle. You noticed in the video we said we had a fire fighter

down, that was the actual crews that found him and they wanted everyone to know it was a fire fighter. There was obviously some confusion thinking that was a mayday type situation with one of our fire fighters down. So we finally clarified what that was all about.

Then the Medical Branch; we called for a number of strike teams. We were preparing for a lot of injuries and I believe we only transported two people. We had somebody, a civilian that was injured slightly and we had an MDTA police officer whose airbag activated. An incident like this certainly triggers the call down through EMRC. Phil Hurlock's here, I don't know if he got a page on it, he probably did. MIEMSS sent the assistant regional coordinator to the scene. And I threw him out of our command post because he belonged with the Medical Branch. One of the lessons learned is lots of people show up well intended but we need to get them to the right places. MIEMSS provided outstanding assistance had we have to transport lots of people we would have certainly been prepared for that. The other big thing the Medical Branch transitioned into is we ended up with 350 responders, that's potential patients. So the Medical Branch ultimately sets up a medical unit under the logistics section and we had to prepare for the hydration, the feeding, and the other needs of those people. So we stood up a Medical Branch. We had separate ambulance staging because they have to have a different level of accessibility.

The Suppression Branch; again our biggest issue was do we use water or do we use foam? How big of a water supply do we need? My estimate is we probably put over a million gallons of water to contain and cool the product. That's a significant long term operation. We had both BWI and Martins there should we have to use foam. But we identified that we didn't use foam. Again, what happens with the water run off? We had the Department of the Environment there and we determined with a million gallons of water, we're going to be pretty safe. So there was not a whole lot of issues with that.

The other big thing is interagency cooperation. Those people are going to be there and here's what works out well, somebody may recognize that guy in the MEMA jacket, John Dulina is standing there somewhere, I told him I'd embarrass him. The guy to the left of John is our local Federal EPA person because he's involved in our LEPC, I see that guy at least quarterly and we are on a first name basis. So partnerships are very important, not only mutual aid, but all kinds of agencies are going to be showing up. So interagency operations, we need to know who the people are, we need to know that there's resources. This occurred 50 miles from Washington D C. So think of all the Federal agencies that decide they are going to have a role with this. I saw a guy from TSA and I asked him if he was there to check baggage. They don't have a very good sense of humor, trust me. But when you get an incident like that you need to have a good sense of humor. We had lots of people, some whom we never met before. Lots of local resources. Lots of police. We had Harford County there. We had Baltimore City there. We had MDE there, lots of people we deal with on an ongoing basis.

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Office with Emergency Management; they were on line with MEMA. They made all the determinations with that. The key to this if you are the Incident Commander or in the command staff is delegation. If you try to decide nozzle patterns and where everything goes you're going to have a problem. And somebody came in to the command post and said, chief you need to change that nozzle pattern and I looked at the guy and said, not my problem, I got an Operations Section Chief who has the Suppression Branch. We can't get parochial with those things or the incident's going to go down hill. And again this shows you the importance of training and exercising.

Probably my greatest asset that day is 25 years teaching Incident Command and running exercises at the National Fire Academy. We've got a train derailment in one of the classes I do and this was almost identical to what we have there. Training and exercising is what will prepare you for this type of event.

We had the state DOT, we had all kinds of police departments. We're about a half mile from interstate 95 so this has an impact on everything going on along the east coast at some point in time. And Maryland Department of the Environment, we respond with them regularly. Know who your partners are.

Investigation; understand if it's transportation and it's big who's coming to take over. National Transportation Safety Board, if you look at the gentleman on my left, he was the lead investigator. I just stopped talking to him this past May. This went on for one year. You need to understand who is the lead agency? When they get there, they don't carry guns, they carry a lot of power and authority, including they will get people to arrest you if you're not going to be cooperative. So understand when they get there it's going to be their incident.

There will be a lot of legal issues. I had to get designated by the county as the resident agent and had to be the official person. You had to be one person who they are going to deal with as the go to person. And I thought this is going to be an easy job because we met the next night over at the Hilton Garden Inn in White Marsh and I said, damn, big buffet, bar tab, and that was a mistake me getting involved, but it was also an educational experience because for the next year I was the person they called for. They're going to ask for all your records. Your 911 tapes, your communications tapes, your training records of your Haz Mat folks, this is very similar to going through a line of duty death investigation because they want to make sure that the local emergency services have dotted l's and crossed t's. So be prepared to gather a lot of data for them and be prepared to work effectively with them. And again that investigation is going to be on going and a credit to NTSB before they published anything or put it on the Internet, they would always send it to me to review. I would make sure my superiors had access to it and that we were all sure before they put that up and I have to commend them for doing that.

Media; that was a quick shot of the Chief and the County Executive. Media interface

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is a big thing. In Baltimore County we have a shared PIO office, we have a director of communications, Lisa Armicost, some of you in the Baltimore area see her on the news. She's our director of communications; she runs the public information office, police and fire. What that gets us is a lot of media specialists that handle social media, the inquiries, on the fire department side, I run the PIO function and we have 5 people that are staff officers that rotate through. That day we had to engage all of our PIOs including some from the police. You are going to have media frenzy, this is like a magnet to the media. When the BC news stations come to Baltimore and CNN and MSNBC you know you got a big event. So what you say is going to be very critical. And again we had helicopters; we had to restrict air traffic. We had our PIOs and assistant PIOs. You need to have a clear and consistent message. My recommendation is that you have press briefings that you prepare for in advance so we are all saying the same thing. We need to have a media briefing area and we need to do those at regular intervals. If we don't talk to them, who are they going to talk to? Everybody else - so make sure that you are prepared how to handle the media. The other thing you need to understand is an opportunity politically good bad or indifferent for your elected officials, which is a great opportunity to market your jurisdiction, market your agency, the county executive was there and the fire chief came to the scene to be with the county executive to brief him and all ultimately they were doing press briefings prompted by our PIO staff. One of our biggest lessons learned in the future we will assign a Haz Mat specialist to the media group for the simple reason if you misspell something or if you misspeak understand that the media has already done their research. And don't try to be a chemist if you are not a chemist. Give them factual information, it's ok to say we're not 100% sure but we're researching it you can read between the lines. Make sure your people are prepared when they give technical information to the media. And the other thing is remember, this doesn't end right away. An incident like this is going to go on for two or three days and if you give them inaccurate information they will create a side bar and a whole new story will emerge as a result of that, so technical information is going to be important.

Demobilization; that was our next area to deal with. We put out the fire and the incident started to wind down about 2000 hours. So that was roughly six or seven hours after our initial operations. By 2030 hours I changed command to our nighttime Battalion Chief for the East Side. Battalion 34, Wayne Tome, another guy active in the organization and our role at that time became complimentary to what was going to go on for the next two days cleaning up the incident. The other thing is with demobilization you have a lot of career people. We change shifts between 4 and 5 o'clock. We had 100 career people, you do the math, at one minute after 4, actually after 5 if they are still there, that just cost us \$20,000 so one of the things our planning section did is we brought in several fire department busses from the academy and some volunteer companies and we set up bus routes to get our career people relieved. Bring in the new crews, take the old crews back and that saved us significant amounts of money. Understand in a combination system we have volunteers that may have to work another shift, we have to include them in that same plan and work with those company officers to get

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those volunteers relieved because quite frankly, where did those volunteers have to be by 1600? To work at our firehouses, we're a unique system and most of our people are volunteers. So that became an issue and that was part of our demobilization plan.

Transition from an active fire scene to a recovery scene. CSX took the lead. I had a liaison with the senior manager of CSX. We sat down, we talked about what was going to happen and our commitment to CSX was for the next 24 hours, we'll provide fire and EMS support, after that you're going to be on your own. You'll need to bring in a private ambulance service, you'll need to bring in catering, until then we will support you 100% with logistical support.

The NTSB then took the lead with the investigation and lots of the things that we can't do, because they need to investigate it. And again, lots of logistical issues, CSX, I said we need lighting and within two hours two flat bed trailers were there with twelve portable lighting plants. I called our public works; they brought two portable lighting plants. And again a lot of our fire apparatus has that, we don't want to tie up four or five heavy rescue companies doing nothing but providing lighting, so you need to be able to transition to private sector resources. This is some of the things that they brought in. They have lots of people, they have a blank check and they will write those blank checks. We had to replace portables about 20 sets of turn out gear, and over 100 sets of leather boots. You know what the price is, go down stairs to the exhibitors and they wrote us a check within a day, but what we needed to make sure of, the fire chief told me, if the guy driving that trash truck gets a new set of gear, you're getting fired, so we had to make sure we were checking and everybody just didn't raise their hand saying I need a new set of gear. And our Health and Safety Officer, Chuck Rogers did a great job with that. This is some of the stuff that goes on after that. They build roads. This is a company from Taneytown called crane masters, and these guys are crane masters. They moved cars, they built a right of way and basically we were there to support them.

So to conclude, what were some of the things we learned? We've got to identify these chemicals. That may take some time. I, you have technology, laptops, special software programs, even things like cell phones you need to make sure that stuff works all the time and it will do what you need to have done. So identification and information.

Incident organization. You've got to know the Incident Command System beyond Divisions, Groups and Command. If you've never used a liaison officer, then have a drill and talk about what they do. If you've never set up a planning section or information officer, have an exercise to figure out what they do. Using technology is good but have a back up system.

Communications. Didn't talk about it much but we used 7 or 8 talk group channels and we have it in our SOPs we go into something we call the command net, Incident

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Commander stays on one frequency, each Branch Director had a frequency and I can't hear any fire ground communications. You want to be successful at an incident like this, don't be an Incident Commander if you're hearing what the hose patterns are because you're going to get what, tunnel vision, you're going to get focused in the wrong area and you can't lead and manage that way. So communications were critical.

PIO and the media. Have a plan and when it gets technical, have a technical specialist to whisper in their ear or let that person do the briefing on what the chemicals are.

Mitigation and extinguishment, how would we fight a fire like this in the future? We'd do exactly what we did. We'd find out what is what, identify the properties.

Cost recovery, this is a hazardous materials incident under Federal law; this is a fully reimbursable incident. You need to talk politically to the people you report to see where we want to go on this and we did a lot, CSX came through and we got some significant costs recovery involved in this.

And the investigation, understand who's going to be investigating it. They came in and worked with our local law enforcement, with our accident deconstructionist, but respect what they are going to do.

And then an after action review. That was one of our big challenges and we did an after action review. We brought in a Haz Mat expert that used to work for us, now internationally known, he conducted a very good after action review for our Special OPS companies and then the rest of our after action review has been done in concert with NTSB.

So look at the lessons learned and move on beyond there. And I know I'm beyond my time and the convention ended today two hours ago, so if anybody has any questions you can get a hold of me through Baltimore County. I'd be glad to come out and do this presentation locally for you, but again what I want to emphasize, training, exercise and those of you that are Chief Officers, most of the calls that we go to are room and contents dwelling fires, be prepared to step out of the box, step backward to handle the major incident. And finally I'd like to thank all the men and women who responded to this incident. If you were on this incident stand up real quick. Stand up, come on Steve. (Applause)

That was who made this, it was the training the experience and everything coming together. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the convention. (Applause)

President Olson: Chief, (use the mike), Chief on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we want to give you a certificate of appreciation of thanks for the outstanding program that you did and for the support you always give us, so thank you very much. We have a resolution and a goodie bag. (Applause)

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Ok at this time I'd like to bring to the podium co executive director of MIEMSS Ms Pat Gainer.

Pat Gainer: Good afternoon. On behalf of the state EMS Board and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services, I'd like to, I'm happy to be here and I'd like to thank all those in the fire and EMS community for their hard work and support. This year has been a year full of challenges but also countless achievements and it's through our extraordinary partnership that Maryland's EMS system became and remains a model for others throughout the world. We're grateful to the MSFA and all its members for all their dedicated efforts on behalf of the EMS system.

I'd like to begin by acknowledging President Jackie Olson. Jackie's support this past year and her hard work is greatly appreciated. I'd also like to thank 1st Vice President David Keller and 2nd Vice President Johnie Roth for their support this past year. I'd also like to thank Linda Dousa for her hard work on the state wide EMS Advisory Council. And I also want to acknowledge the deep appreciation of MIEMSS and the EMS Board to Past President Gene Worthington. Gene stepped down from the board in May. We will miss him greatly. Over the past years his contributions to the EMS system have been tremendous. Past President Fred Cross has been appointed by the Governor to take Gene's place and we welcome Fred and look forward to working with him. Now I'd like to give you a brief overview of some of the significant successes we've had during this past year. First in January our long serving Executive Director, Dr. Robert Bass retired after almost 20 years at the helm at MIEMSS. The EMS board is in the process of searching for a new Executive Director and we look forward to concluding that search in the coming months.

Also most recently Dr. Joseph Wright, Associate Director for EMS for Children also retired, he is now the chairman for the Department of Pediatrics at Howard University Hospital.

Programmatically we are nearing the completion of implementing eMEDS statewide. eMEDS is Maryland's pre hospital electronic patient data collection system. During the past year Prince George's County and Charles County joined eMEDS and I'm happy to report that Montgomery County will be joining eMEDS sometime this summer. Once that occurs, Maryland will be the first state in the country to be collecting pre hospital information electronically and we're very proud of that.

We are poised at the start of another milestone and that is the renovation and reconstruction of our EMRC/SYSCOM communications system in Baltimore. EMRC is responsible for handling EMS communications in regions III and V and patching support in regions I, II and IV. Our SYSCOM facility dispatches the MSP helicopters and coordinates the inter facility transports for the commercial services. The construction is actually going to begin later this week and we hope to complete all renovations by mid October. All the work has to occur while the EMRC and SYSCOM remain

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operationally 24/7. Once the work is completed we'll begin the next phases of the project in region I and region IV and that will integrate our system into the Maryland First Integrated System.

This has also been an exciting year for MSP and MIEMSS as we work toward the integration of the new Agusta Westland 139 helicopter. The AW 139s are better able to handle our current and future helicopter needs. And the project's success was brought about not only by the hard work of the MSP but also the hard work of the partners in getting the funds to purchase the helicopters and then making the transition. To date the state police have completed the transition of four sections and they are currently working on the transition of the Washington section. MIEMSS and the State Police have just released for comment a draft guide that local jurisdictions can use to plan for and respond to active assailant incidents. These type incidents present unusual circumstances where police, fire, and EMS respond simultaneously not only to subdue the assailant but to care for the injured. The draft guide contains information on training, PPE, and response and recovery and also contains protocols for EMS providers. We put it out for comment, if you want to get to the guide, go to the MIEMSS website and click on the link. We'd like to get all comments in by July 7th and get the report out and finalized later this summer.

July last year MIEMSS began implementing the Veteran's Full Employment Act that expedites licensing for U S armed forces members who want to become certified or licensed in Maryland. We are also one of the first state agencies to participate in the 100-day veteran hiring challenge to hire veterans. We encourage all the jurisdictions to participate in the challenge and if you'd like more information on that, it's also on the MIEMSS website.

Our cardiac arrest steering committee continues work in three areas of concern. EMD or early dispatch of EMS, high performance CPR, and community awareness. During the year MIEMSS and Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue held another successful Maryland resuscitation academy. And the cardiac steering committee is currently working on a CPR appreciation night at Ripken stadium on June 29th. That will provide mask training and hands only CPR training to those who come to the game.

I want to make a brief mention now of some of the milestones during the legislative session. Among those bills that passed was one that formalized the state wide interoperability radio control board to coordinate the operation of the Maryland First System. The board will be comprised of state agencies and local jurisdictions.

Another bill that passed expanded the use of the Amos money that benefit volunteer companies. And another note worthy bill that passed will require that beginning in 2015, in the school year 2015 all ninth graders will have to complete a CPR course that includes instruction on how to use an AED.

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Now between now and the time the General Assembly reconvenes in January we will be working on a couple studies. One of the studies will look at whether or not Maryland should begin the use of EMS personnel to provide mobile integrated health care services in the community. Another study we will be doing will look at the billing practices and methods of payment for commercial services when they respond as back up to the state police in the pre hospital phase of care.

I also wanted to mention the work of our Ambulance Safety Task Force. The committee continues to meet and we held a summit in November to continue the work in jurisdictions and providers to increase safety to providers riding in the ambulance. Also during the year our regional educational calendar held a number of seminars and conferences that were well attended. We were proud to present the Star of Life Awards in May. Among the winners this year were 5 Maryland youths for providing the right care when it counts awards and 23 departments, providers and citizens for the Stars of Life Award. Among this years award winners was Paramedic Sheri Donaway of the DelMar Volunteer Fire Department who was awarded the Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS. This award is given for lifetime achievement in EMS and we congratulate Sheri and all the awardees for their dedication and hard work.

As a final note we had two other employees retire this year, Leona Rowe in Licensing and Communications and Frank Forte in Communications. Between the two of them they devoted 52 years of work to MIEMSS and we wish them well in their retirement.

The Maryland State Firemen's Association and all our partners have shown incredible support and continuing support to help make and keep Maryland EMS system the number one in the nation. This collaboration has made us strong and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Thank you very much. (Applause)

1st Vice President Keller: Well thank you Pat. We'd like to give you this certificate of appreciation for all that you do and working with us over the years and we appreciate it and we look forward to the continued service. And a convention bag.

Now I call to the podium the Vice President of Shock Trauma, Karen Doyle.

Karen Doyle: Good afternoon. So am I standing between you and the beach? Is that the deal? On behalf of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center I am pleased to provide this report to you this afternoon. We've had a little bit of a technical difficulty with my presentation. So I'm just going to give you a written report so that will be good because I'll be quick and short and sweet.

First of all I want to congratulate President or Past President Jackie Olson, she's been a great partner. We have really enjoyed the year with her and our congratulations to Dave Keller; I know he'll do a great job.

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As far as the Shock Trauma Center goes, I think most of you know that we've opened up our new building; we officially had the grand opening in November 2013. Our volumes, sadly in trauma, we see the volumes increase of acutely critical patients. And thanks for your support you continue to bring patients to the higher echelon of care. We opened up a new unit called a Critical Care Resuscitation Unit and we've broadened our mission a little bit to be from taking care of the injured to taking care of the most critically ill and injured. You'll see that we have a high volume of inter-hospital transports for sepsis, necrotizingphysous, aortic dissects, in addition to our trauma volume. We rely heavily on our inter-hospital transfers and scene transports from our EMS providers. We just had a great presentation on a mass causality situation and I want to compliment our partners and team on the Sparrows Point building collapse May 14. I think most of you know that the roof of the building at the closed steel mill in Sparrows Point collapsed and it took all of our partners, the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Maryland State Police, the Shock Trauma Center to respond to this event. There were 7 medic units and 2 helicopters that were deployed to the scene. We received 4 workers that were transported to the Trauma Center, University of Maryland and there were 5 other patients transported to hospitals, local hospitals. We are continuing to evaluate that incident and we're going to have an after incident review in July so that all of our partners can take a look at that incident and review what went extremely well and what opportunities exist for improvement there. To those of you who were part of that response, congratulations it was well organized and coordinated and a good outcome for the majority of our patients.

I wanted to briefly mention that the Shock Trauma Center is the center that donates the largest amount of organs through the Living Legacy Foundation our organ donor program in the state of Maryland. The reason I tell you that is because the work you do at the scene is critical to us when we receive patients at the trauma center so that if we are not able to preserve life, which 97% of the time we are able to do, we are able to preserve those patients so that they can donate their organs to other needy patients in our state. Please know that the work that you do at the scene is meaningful to us and we've been recognized over the year for our work with the Living Legacy Foundation and our ability to be advocates for organ donation.

Now as you know the Shock Trauma Center serves at the hub of the trauma centers in terms of receiving the highest echelon of care for the sickest patients. What I want you to know is we see many people from across the county and across the world. They come in and do observations and tours in our center. Over the last year we've had people come from 23 countries to visit specifically the Shock Trauma Center; however what we do when they come to the Shock Trauma Center is we highlight the entire system. So we show them MIEMSS, we show them our relationship with MSP, our relationship with MSFA, and our relationship with MFRI. Without those 5 partners we aren't able to work together so when we have these other countries in to see us they see you. So 23 countries, 6 continents come to the state of Maryland to see the work that you do.

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Our center for injury prevention policy certainly works with all of you and your teams to make sure we get injured trauma patients. Sadly we see about 6,000 patients a year. We put on many programs Trauma prevention and trauma survival network, violence prevention programs so we are able to try to prevent people from getting to our trauma centers.

What do we do with EMS education and outreach programs? It's important that we share our knowledge and I want you to know from July 2013 to May 2014 we've put on ALS airway courses, observation programs with the resuscitation unit, many tours through the center and MIEMSS. We do evening educational programs and broadcasts through the trauma center so you are able to get state of the art care from our physicians and nurses.

We participate in winter fest and many other training activities with MFRI. We work with our local Fire Departments so that we can help teach about test tube management, rapid sequence intubations, managing concussions, and hyperthermia, how we preserve life with permissive hypertension and we've done workshops on ocular trauma and burns.

Then finally there are a number of you that were able to celebrate our Gala, which is a celebration of our system, April 26, 2014 we celebrated all of us and we presented the Gala as the Architecture of a Hero. 57 medial persons and heroes representing Maryland high coordinated medical system were honored. There were 1,600 attendees to see the work that we do. Sponsored partners contributed over \$1,000,000 the ongoing work of our heroes and we are able to provide scholarships to some of our EMS providers and support the MSFA in a way you need support. We were also able to honor a fire fighter, Jeff Novak who was severely injured on the job and he served as one of our Gala heroes and had a beautiful night and he was certainly recognized for the heroic work that he did during a major fire in Baltimore City. With that I'm going to close and I want to let you know what a privilege it is to work with each and every one of your divisions and companies, in the regions and on a personal note, thank you we are grateful for what you do.

Have a great conference. Thank your (Applause)

1st Vice President Keller: Well Karen we want to thank you for coming and we appreciate the partnership and we have a token here for you.

All right before we close today there's a couple announcements. Make sure you go down there and visit the vendors. The vendors will be open till 4PM. Don't forget that there's Jolly Rogers tonight at 6:30. Make sure you go down stairs and get your tickets. Also the basket bingo, 5:30 the doors open so if you could swing by if you want to play bingo, we appreciate it. The elections are tomorrow from 8:00 to 10:00 so please come out and vote.

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At this time I call Reverend Harry Hetz. Thank you

Harry Hetz: Please rise. Let us pray. O Lord and God dismiss us in peace. Watch over our going out and our coming in. Grant us a time of refreshment this evening. Thank you for all that you do. We praise and thank you. Amen

1st Vice President Keller: We recess the second session of the 122nd Convention until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

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Session 3

President Jackie Olson: Good morning! It is my pleasure to call the 3rd Session of the 122nd Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to order. At this time I call upon Rev. Harvey Dixon for the Invocation.

Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon: Good morning. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is a privilege to be here this morning with you for this occasion. Let us look to the Lord for his divine guidance as we enter this session. Father, we pause in your presence today, realizing Lord that you are our guide, the refuge and strength in every circumstance and every crisis. And Lord we pray now that you would just give us guidance to the officers and direct this session. We pray that you would guide and direct in the elections. That you would bless our officers, the leadership of this Association from the officers to delegates make this a session and conference that would mark history in many ways that we would look back to. Thank you for your touch, for your guidance, and the way that you DID give direction and purpose as you surrounded us with your love. And we will continue to give you praise. We ask these favors to your glory. Amen.

President Olson: At this time I would like to recognize Hoby Howell for the safety message.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Madame President. Good morning! Are you awake yet? Welcome back. Hope you all had a wonderful evening wherever you may have found yourselves - hospitalities, Jolly Rogers, the Boardwalk. Safety is our responsibility while you are here as you all know. We will continue to advise you to continue to check all areas you walk, to know your quickest exit – it should be a priority for each and every one of you. Emergencies happen at a moment's notice, as most of you all know. Don't drop the ball in reference to your own safety due to the construction going on around us. Thanks from your Safety Committee.

President Olson: At this time we have some announcements. Exhibits will open at 9:00 a.m. today and stay open until 4:30 p.m. We also have voting that is going on now and will continue to 10:00 a.m. Joint Installation of Officers tonight in this ballroom and will start at 17:00. We also have the Pajama Parade tonight if anyone is looking to come and be a participant or just have some fun. That starts tonight at

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21:30. We also have the Prayer Breakfast in the morning for some early risers and that will be at 7:30 a.m. and will be next door at the Sunset Room where the Flea Market was on Saturday. And the Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial Foundation is selling their Challenge Coins and you can find them in the Lobby in their booth.

Also Chief Derrick Lloyd of Joppa Magnolia VFC is still recovering from his surgery. And they are having a 50/50 fund raiser for him. So if anyone would like to go and support him, please go to the \$10,000 raffle booth downstairs and purchase your ticket.

And right now we are going to begin with the Awards Ceremonies. We will start with the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy. At this time I ask Daren Long of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department to make the presentation.

Chief Darren Long: Thank you Madame President. On behalf of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary it's an honor is an honor for us to be here to pay tribute to two of the greatest individuals to serve in the fire service in the State of Maryland, Mr. Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill and Chief Leslie B. Thompson.

That bell that just rang is not just an ordinary bell. Les served from 1958 to 1970 as our Chief and when he stepped down in November 1970, a couple of months later, in January, 1971 Buck Gladhill presented Les with that bell. And there is a saying on that bell - "To my best and most loyal friend, Les Thompson from Buck Gladhill, 1971." I restored that bell the last few weeks before I came down here because I wanted to put it on display. So many people don't know about this. And I checked with Buck's son, Marsh Gladhill and got permission to bring that down here. He loved the idea to have that on display. It is quite a tribute to Damascus to bring it here.

I would first like to bring up here the 2013 Gladhill – Thompson Award winner, George A. "Fred" Cross to receive his keepsake trophy. Is Fred here? (Applause.)

Next I would like to call President Olson back up to the podium and she will name this year's lucky recipient for the Gladhill Thompson Award.

President Olson: And the recipient of this award this year is Stephan Cox, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (Applause and Cheers.)

President Olson: The next presentation for this morning is the Colburn Cup Award and the Vice Chairman of our Board of Trustees presents it for the Maryland State Firemen's Association Doug Alexander.

Doug Alexander: Good morning. We're having a few organizational difficulties here but we will work through that. At this time we'd like to present the 2014 Colburn Cup Award. This award is awarded each year at the MSFA convention for an act of heroism by one of our member company's personnel. The recipient is selected from

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submissions by the MSFA companies and selected by the Board of Trustees, which allows equal opportunity for all areas of the state to be selected. The award originated in 1932 by retiring President George W. Colburn Jr. and is sponsored annually by the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Department of Somerset County. At this time I'd like to turn the microphone over to Deputy Chief Bob Murphy of the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Co, civic leader, and Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He conceived the idea to award a volunteer fireman who might during the year perform a heroic deed during the call of duty and he or she should be recognized in some way. This award is known as the George W. Colburn Trophy. The first award was given in 1931 and every year thereafter.

The award used to be a cup with the recipient's name engraved on it and kept for a year at his fire station and returned the following year to be awarded again. Since we ran out of room on the engraved cup the company decided to give a trophy every year for the winner to keep and be given at the convention each year. In 1959 the original cup was placed in the home station of Princess Anne. Since 1931 it has traveled many miles around the state of Maryland. The Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Co. in keeping with the legacy of Dr. Colburn will continue this award for many years to come.

Doug Alexander: This year we had several submissions for the Colburn Cup. The following departments provided submittals with the following person's names.

Paul J. McKinney was submitted by the Branchville Volunteer Fire Co., Prince Georges County.

Tyler Letvalla of Huntingtown Vol Fire Co and Rescue Squad.

Wesley Burrier of the Rocky Ridge Vol Fire Co, that's Frederick County

And three separate companies on an incident in the lower eastern shore; Deale Island Chance, Mt Vernon and Fairmount.

There were two separate companies and five individuals on an incident in Crisfield involving the Crisfield Fire Dept and the Lower Somerset County Ambulance and Rescue Squad. That was Fire Chief Frankie Pruitt of Crisfield Fire Department, Lt. Jay Pard of the Crisfield Fire Dept., Engineer Maurice Davis of Crisfield Fire Dept, FF David Barone of Crisfield, and FF Doug Curtis of Crisfield.

All of these incidents were reviewed and gone over to pick out the one that was felt to be the most worthy of the prestigious Colburn Cup and this year's award winner is from the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., Mr. Wesley Burrier. If he's in the house, if he would please come forward or if there's a representative of the Rocky Ridge Fire Co please come forward to receive the Colburn Cup for this year.

While we are waiting for them, I'd like to read the affidavit. Burrier has been a valuable member since joining the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co at the age of 16 in 2007. He quickly received the training necessary to become a firefighter and is a devoted and enthusiastic young member. On the night of October 12, 2013 Wesley responded in

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his personal vehicle to a woman stranded in rapidly moving water near his home. He was the first firefighter on the scene. The woman was out of her vehicle standing in the water that was slowly rising. She was crying for help. Upon her pleas for help he disregarded his own safety and waded out into the water to help her. Once reaching the woman he was able with great struggle to help her out of the water and comforted her until the remaining responders arrived on the scene. Wesley has devoted his life to serving community and his country and we think he's very deserving of the Colburn Cup. That was submitted by the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept. (Applause)

At this time we'd like to call the other people submitted for this award to the stage to receive their certificate. Paul McKinney from Branchville, Tyler Letvalla of Huntingtown, Deale Island Chance, Mt. Vernon and Fairmount representatives, Chief Frankie Pruitt, Lt. Jay Pard., Engineer Maurice Davis, FF David Barone, and FF Doug Curtis of Crisfield Vol Fire Co., along with a representative of the Lower Somerset Ambulance and Rescue Squad. If you are in the house please come forward to receive your certificates.

We thank everyone for the submittals and we would like to remind everyone that during the year if you have an incident where you have extraordinary service by some of your personnel, particularly and individual, an act of heroism, jot it down, keep it in mind and when the submittals are requested next year for this award please send them forward to us so that we can have a good opportunity to choose from a wide selection. We want everybody that needs to be recognized to be recognized. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Olson: Our next award is the Robert Shimer administrator of the year award and I'd like to call Past President Bobby Jacobs to the podium.

PP Bobby Jacobs: Thank you madam President. Good morning everyone. First of all I'd like to thank all the companies and individuals that submitted a nomination for the Shimer award. The nominees were down this year. I know there are many people out there deserving of it. Also I'd like to at this time to announce the committee members C. Daniel Davis, Philip Hurlock, myself, Joseph R. Robinson, and Roger A. Steger. If those other gentlemen are in the audience, if they could please come to the stage at this time to assist with the award.

The nominees this year are Otis Isaacs Jr. submitted by Howard Flower, Vice President North East Fire Co., David R. Keller III submitted by Vicki Keller, Secretary Citizens Truck Co., Gloria Lewis submitted by David Lewis, Past President, and also a second nomination came in for Gloria by Bruce Strong, President Rivera Beach Vol. Fire Co., and Janet R. Woodfield, submitted by Doug Alexander, PIO for Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. At this time I'd like to refer the rest of the process to Danny Davis.

PP Danny Davis: Thank you Bobby. The Robert Shimer Administrator of the Year Award, at the request of the family and with the endorsement of the officers of the

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Maryland State, was established to be presented annually in recognition for the many years of faithful and dedicated service that was provided by Past President Robert H. Shimer to the fire, rescue and emergency medical services of the state of Maryland. This prestigious award will recognize an individual for their achievements and positions they have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirements are not restricted to the past year but could have included the prior years as well. The intent of the award is to honor Past President Robert H. Shimer for his 37 years of continuous service to the state of Maryland for the many different roles and responsibilities he held in his career.

This award is a tribute to him for the recognition he earned as a member of the emergency services in the state of Maryland. His passion for the emergency services touched every one of us and his presence is surely missed. Unfortunately the Shimer family could not be here today and as a result we are pleased to present the Robert H. Shimer Administrator Person of the Year Award on behalf of the family to Robert W. Jacobs, Citizens Truck Co, Frederick. (Applause)

I also have a certificate of Congressional recognition presented on behalf of Steny Hoyer.

Ron Siarnicki: The day is just full of surprises. Bobby congratulations and I have an email that I need to read. Bobby grabbed me first thing this morning and said listen, my son Eric sent you an email. I don't know what's in it, but he said it's really important.

So it reads: Dad, Unfortunately I was just notified of this award presentation Monday afternoon. Now he's going to take a shot, but I'm not going to go there, by your wonderful wife and late to tell me Mom, and could not reschedule a project at work. You do know I need more time than that with my schedule now. I cannot think of a more deserving person for this award. You know I am always on my A game and looked at the criteria before writing this note. The nomination must be submitted for an individual's efforts. Your over 50 plus years I think really provides an understanding of the service recognizing you individually, but more so the fire service as a whole. I can never thank you enough for the coaching and pep talks when things got tough at work. Well that hasn't happened in a while thanks to Chief D. Without a doubt you are one of the most dedicated fire service professionals in the state and thank you for allowing our family to be a part of this rich tradition. Congratulations. Enjoy this well deserved recognition. With love, Eric, Teresa, Carren, and Tracy. (Applause)

President Olson: Our next award is MSFA's Hall of Fame and I will ask Danny Carpenter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees to come to the podium.

Danny Carpenter: Thank you President Olson. Good morning. Officers, Past Presidents, delegates and guests, the Hall of Fame committee report is printed in the convention book. Will the Hall of Fame committee please come out on the stage at this time?

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Vice chairman Ben Kurtz, member Emeritus C. Oscar Baker, PP George A. "Fred" Cross, Thomas Dean, Jack Ferguson, Timothy C. Jones, William B. Lay Sr., James T. Riegel Sr, Richard Smith, and Richard Yinger PP. This year the committee received 36 nominations for the Hall of Fame.

We can only induct 10 nominees each year. If your nominee did not get selected this year please resubmit them and remember the dead line is April 15, 2015.

At this time it gives me great pride to announce the Hall of Fame Inductees for 2014. When I call your name, would you come up on the stage to receive your award? If the member is not present, would somebody from the company come up to accept the award?

First inductee, Barbara P. "Bobby" Aaron, Hurlock Vol Fire Co. (Applause)

David N. Cropper, Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. (Applause)

Michael W. Farlow, Pittsville Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause)

John F. Guntow Jr., Ocean City Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause) The committee and the Vice Presidents made it down to Ocean City on May 14th and presented John with his certificate. I can tell you he was very grateful at that time. We remember you John.

Fifth inductee, Robert L. "Bobby" Hall Jr., Prince Frederick Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause)

Craig B. Harman, Odenton Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause)

Lewis Harvey, Arbutus Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause)

Walter A. Walt Kerr, Level Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause)

Luanne A. Schweers, Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps. (Applause)

Clarence Smiley White, Citizens Truck Co #4, and Guardian Hose Company (Applause)

At this time I like to ask the inductees to report back stage for a photo session.

While they are getting that lined up I'd like to call President Olson out to help me with this next three presentations. Each year the committee can induct up to three members into the MSFA Hall of Fame as special inductees. These people are not fire department or rescue related. They are individuals that have helped the organization tremendously throughout the year and years that have passed.

The first special inductee is Jerry K. Poland, Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service (Applause)

Second is John Allen, Regional Vice President, Delmarva Power (Applause)

The third inductee was presented yesterday to Major General James A. Adkins, Maryland Military Department (Applause)

All recipients please go to the photo area.

The Hall of Fame committee also has the honor of doing the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award. The Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award is awarded to individuals who

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have at least 50 years of continuous and faithful service to the organizations within the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the committee received 66 nominees for a total of 3,685 years of service. Each individual nominated will receive a Governor's Citation, an MSFA plaque the first year nominated, and any sequential years nominated a MSFA certificate. Please come up front. We are not bringing everyone on stage this year. Please come up front in front of the podium to receive your certificate and plaques and line up across the front. If the nominee is not here would someone from the company please come forward? The first nomination and these are not in any special order. They are in order by the way I received the nominations:

Robert H. Gibson Jr., Queen Anne-Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co., 68 years of service (Applause)
John J. Kline, Ellicott City Vol. Fire Dept., 54 years of service (Applause)
Ronald Leizear Sr., Branchville Vol. Fire Co., 50 years service (Applause)
E. Leon Deamond, North East Fire Co., 50 years of service (Applause)
Robert Loynds, North East Fire Co., 54 years (Applause)
Alan Brauer Sr., Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 50 years (Applause)
Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept., 51 years (Applause)
Louis F. Freddie Burris Jr, Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept., (Applause)
Joseph L. Gardiner Jr., La Plata Vol. Fire Dept., 51 years (Applause)
Joseph M. Harmon III, La Plata Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
Stefan Thomas Nalborczyk, Middletown Vol. Fire Co., 50 years (Applause)
Gary Walker, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
Delbert Myerly, Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. # 1, 54 years, (Applause)
Floyd Neudecker, Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. # 1, 51 years, (Applause)
Sterling Petry Sr., Westminster Fire Engine & Hose Co. # 1, 52 years, (Applause)
Charles Asmussen, Trappe Vol. Fire Co., 60 years (Applause)
Ephraim Dieferfer Sr., Trappe Vol. Fire Co., 57 years (Applause)
Robert F. Quidas, Trappe Vol. Fire Co., 51 years (Applause)
Emory Ellwood Leight, Hereford Vol. Fire Co., 72 years (Applause)
William Kreimer, New Windsor Fire & Hose Co. #1, 52 years (Applause)
Phillip Cooper, Ridge Vol. Fire Dept., 51 years (Applause)
Joseph H. Raley, Ridge Vol. Fire Dept., 51 years (Applause)
Franklin B. Wood, Ridge Vol. Fire Dept., 51 years (Applause)
James Beall, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
George Easterday, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 57 years (Applause)
Athtur C. German, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 53 years (Applause)
Robert Mullinix, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 67 years (Applause)
Thomas Poole, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 52 years (Applause)
William Riggelman, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 57 years (Applause)
Roger Runkles, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
Kenneth Shipley, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 59 years (Applause)
Ronald E. Watkins, Damascus Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
John C. Spiker Sr., Rivera Beach Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
Lawrence J. Gaddis, Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)

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Rodney L. Musgrove, Sandy Spring Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
Francis D. Jester, Church Hill Vol. Fire Dept., 50 years (Applause)
Les States, Marydel Vol. Fire Dept., 57 years (Applause)
Herbert L. Hamon, Willards Vol. Fire Dept., 58 years (Applause)
Earle B. Poole, Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., 57 years (Applause)
Carlton J. Thomas, Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., 57 years (Applause)
Hank Thornes, Stockton Vol. Fire Co., 55 years (Applause)
George E. Ward Jr., Stockton Vol. Fire Co., 54 years (Applause)
Richard Scott Smith, Pleasant Valley Community Fire Co., 55 years (Applause)
Steve Lamphier, Laytonsville Vol. Fire Dept., 57 years (Applause)
Otis Norwood, Urbana Vol. Fire Dept. & Urbana Vol. Rescue Squad, 54 years (Applause)

This next group will just receive an MSFA certificate. They have been nominated in the past.

William J. Delcher III, Long Green Vol. Fire Co., 59 years (Applause)
Angelo A. Floria, Hillendale Vol. Fire Co. & Ocean City Vol. Fire Co., 61 years (Applause)
Edward T. Clopper, Funkstown Vol. Fire Co., 55 years (Applause)
Robert Conway Sr., North East Fire Co., 54 years (Applause)
John Crothers, North East Fire Co., 63 years (Applause)
James Ewing, North East Fire Co., 58 years (Applause)
Lowell Howard, North East Fire Co., 72 years (Applause)
Otis Isaacs Jr., North East Fire Co., 52 years (Applause)
Joseph Letts, North East Fire Co., 52 years (Applause)
Paul Nickle, North East Fire Co., 70 years (Applause)
James F. Penhollow, North East Fire Co., 65 years (Applause)
Joseph Piatelli, North East Fire Co., 53 years (Applause)
Harry Reynolds, North East Fire Co., 61 years (Applause)
George Rhudy, North East Fire Co., 70 years (Applause)
William Shifflett, North East Fire Co., 57 years (Applause)
Charles Stewart, North East Fire Co., 56 years (Applause)
Vernon Stewart, North East Fire Co., 55 years (Applause)
Charles Tull, North East Fire Co., 62 years (Applause)
Raymond F. Stevens Sr., Vol. Fire Co. #1 of Chesapeake City, 54 years (Applause)
Donald Gutberlet, Arbutus Vol. Fire Dept., 52 years (Applause)
Alfred D. Neighoff, Arbutus Vol. Fire Dept., 66 years (Applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, that's a total of 3,685 years of service standing up here in front of you. (Applause) At this time I'd like to call the President of the Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., Timothy C. Jones for some remarks and presentation of the winner.

Timothy Jones: Good morning. What an accomplishment. Myself along with Chief Scott Evans and the members of the Rockville Vol. Fire Dept., Inc. are extremely honored to be here today to present this prestigious award. Let me give you a little history on it.

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In 1981 the Rockville Vol. Fire Dept. wanted to sponsor an award in the name of Marbery F. Gates who was a 60-year active member of the corporation. The Maryland State Firemen's Association Executive Committee accepted the award. It is to be presented to an individual who has at least but not less than 50 years service to their respective fire companies.

Assembled before us today are some of the 67 nominees for the Gates award. Collectively, as Danny said earlier, have over 3,000 hours service to their communities. Now I know everyone can't receive the Gates Award but truly what an honor it is for this assembled group of gentlemen to be nominated for this award and to be up here in front of you today to receive their plaques and their Governor's citation. You must remember that these individuals who contributed so much time to their respective fire companies moved their fire company forward and were the foundation for their fire company to be honored here today. They may no longer run the calls or serve on the committees but they are the ones that got you where you are today in your fire companies. I challenge you to come back next year to recognize your members that have over 50 years service and I know some of you still have some of your charter members alive in your companies.

Now this year's winner is a gentleman who ran his first fire call in 1963. Once elected to his fire department he strived to take every fire course he could take to better himself and help better his fire company. He served on many committees and worked diligently in his community for fire prevention. He's been an officer for over 34 years stressing that fire prevention for his community was the way to go and help in the state of Maryland. So without further to do, it is our extreme honor of the Rockville Vol. Fire Dept. to award the Marbery F. Gates Award to Chief Thomas A. Mattingly Sr. (Applause)

Danny Carpenter: Thank you that concludes the presentation of the Hall of Fame and the Marbery F. Gates.

President Olson: Wow For 3,000 years plus. Amazing, congratulations to Chief Mattingly. Our next award is the EMS award and I will bring to the podium the Chairman of the EMS Committee for MSFA, Mr. Bill Dousa.

Bill Dousa: Thank you President Olson. The Josiah Hunt, EMS person of the year award was established in 1991 in honor of Dr. Josiah A. Hunt who rode with Delta Cardiff and trained many of our people in Harford County. He was an outstanding physician who had a tremendous dedication to EMS. This award is for an outstanding individual who has accomplished things over at least 5 years as an EMT. That's the primary requirement of the award to have 5 years service as an EMT.

Our first order of service today is to give out the plaque for last year's winner. If Michael Young or a representative of his company is in the audience we'd like them to

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come forward and we'd like to present the plaque for last year's winner.

Ok this year we had four nominations for the Hunt award. We established a sub-committee of the EMS committee and they made a selection. First of all we are going to honor the four people who were nominated.

First is Cara R. Attanasio, Arbutus Vol. Fire Dept. If you or a representative is here, please come forward and get your certificate and stay on the stage with us.

The second nominee is Nolan Gallion from Level Fire Co. (Applause)

The third nominee is Kenneth Hickey of Odenton Fire Co.

And the final nominee is Susan R. Tingler of the Abingdon Fire Co. (Applause)

This year the committee selected from these four people. The winner of the group had 15 years service. They had served seven years as an officer in their company and they had been top responder for 10 years during those 15 years service. The winner and I'm sure this will give it away has an amazing 1,042 calls in one of those years that she was top responder. So Susan R. Tingler is our winner this year. (Applause) We have her campaign ribbon and a certificate for her for her leadership in her companies in Harford County. Thank you (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I will ask to the podium President Bruce Walz of the Mt Airy Vol. Fire Co. to do the award for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year.

Bruce Walz: Good morning as the sponsoring organization of the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award the Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. is pleased to make this presentation. This award honors the many years of service to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, to the fire service of Maryland and to the Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. by C. Oscar Baker. Oscar has over 70 years service to the fire service and will shortly be celebrating his 92nd birthday. (Applause)

The Rookie of the Year Award recognizes an individual who has recently joined the emergency services and who has shown significant dedication and a proud future in the fire service and in the emergency medical service. We have two runner ups for the award. Tyler Anthony Gallis of the Winfield Community Vol. Fire Co. Is he here? (Applause) and Ed Knotts of the Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co. (Applause)

The winner of this year's Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award is Katlyn Stallnaker of the Odenton Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause) Katlyn joined the Odenton Vol. Fire Co. on July 10, 2010. In less than two years Katlyn has become one of the companies' most active responders. In her short time with the company Katlyn has become a role model for other members of the department. She never fails to pitch in when a work assignment is required and is one of the first to volunteer for special assignments. In addition to being a volunteer at the Odenton Vol. Fire Dept. Katlyn

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is perusing a degree in Emergency Health Services at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She is also working part time at the Baltimore/Washington Medical Center as a patient care technician. It is our pleasure again to recognize Katlyn Stallnaker Rookie of the Year. (Applause)

President Olson: Again congratulations Katlyn. The next award will be Firefighter of the Year and I will call to the podium Rusty Leftwich.

Rusty Leftwich: Thank you Jackie. Good morning. Everybody bright eyed and bushy tailed? Well you'll have this on a Tuesday. Ok, it's my honor this morning to present this year's Fire Fighter of the Year award. We had seven applications this year, which was down from last year. I know there are a lot of companies out there that pick a fireman of the year, so take a few minutes after you do it, get the application and send them in so you can honor your people.

What I'd like to do is call the rest of the committee up, if they are here come up to the stage: Vice Chair Mr. Bill Radish, James Jarboe, Bill Lay, Sonny Rose, Bill Smith, Jimmy Snyder and Jeff Thompson.

This year's individual joined the fire service in 2011, still in school and started taking all these classes to work his way up. He received his fire department's Firefighter of the Year Award, taken numerous classes, he holds a 3.8 GPA which is very good. He's very active in the fire company and the community. He's doing a lot for the citizens and the community, dwelling on fire prevention, community service and just being there to help out his community. Without further ado, I'm not going to drag this out, the Firefighter of the Year, this year from the Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept., Jared W. Trossbach. (Applause)

Jared we'd like to present you with the coat with your year, a certificate, plaque and Congressional Certificate of Recognition. Also we have your uniform recognition and service bar and I thought you would like to have it, here is the original letter that was submitted by your fire chief. Congratulations. (Applause)

I would also like to recognize the other nominations:

1. Willie T. Gray, Prince Frederick VFC
2. Charles Langley, Ridge VFD
3. Raymond Mercure, Ridge VFD
4. Chris Brossard, Winfield Community VFD
5. Tyler Leavens, Level VFC
6. Jared W. Trossbach, Leonardtown VFD
7. Stephen M. Hardesty, Arbutus VFD

Thank you very much.

President Olson: At this time I will call Hoby Howell for the Smith Stathem Safety Award.

Hoby Howell: Good morning. Thank you for this opportunity to bring before you these individuals who were nominated for the Smith Stathem Memorial Award. I would ask these individuals to come forward as I call their names:

Dave Gassback from the Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept.

Phillip N. Cooper Jr. from the Ridge Vol. Fire Co.

R. Scott Collins from the Vol. Fire Co. # 1 Chesapeake City

Kenneth Sanner from Fallston Vol. Fire and Ambulance Co. last year's 2013 recipient to receive his plaque.

If these people don't happen to be in the building please send an officer to the front to receive their plaques. Please present Kenneth Sanner's plaque. Do we have a representative of Fallston to receive his plaque? Thank you gentlemen for all your hard work.

We are pleased to announce the 2014 recipient of the Smith N. Stathem Jr. Memorial Safety award goes to President Dave Gassback from the Waldorf Vol. Fire Co. (Applause) You didn't let me finish, Charles County, Maryland. Please present the trophy. Also the plaque to the gentleman.

We want to congratulate all who were nominated this year for their accomplishments in safety. I want to express our special thanks to all who serve on our MSFA safety committee. They have given countless hours and travel. Thank you all. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I'd like to call Dan Stevens chairman of the training committee for the MSFA to the podium for the Zembower Training Award.

Dan Stevens: Thank you and good morning. We're here to, if there is anybody from the training committee in the audience, if they would come up and help Kingsley Poole the vice chairman and myself, help present this.

First thing I'd like to do and Doyle's going to get Peggy Zembower because this is the award that basically her family sponsors but I'd like to thank Jackie for the opportunity to chair the training committee this past year and also express my appreciation to the members of the training committee that served the past year and worked on issues the past year throughout the state. A particular thanks to vice chair C. Kingsley Poole who worked with us and made the accomplishments we had possible.

The Zembower award is/was initiated in 1976 by Bruce and Peggy Zembower in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower. Cromwell they were from LaVale and he was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and also a long time member of the training committee. And we, first I'd like to invite all the members,

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a representative of the companies that applied for this. We had five companies this year, which is great. We'd like to see 105 but the 5 is up from past years and we're pleased with that and would like to encourage the others to apply in future years. But the five companies that applied this year, if they could come forward, in no particular order would be:

St Leonard a representative from St Leonard or the Chief or whoever they designate
Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad
Chesapeake City Vol. Fire Company
United Steam
Ellicott City

Ok I think everyone is here that we need. Do we have representatives from those companies? Once again, Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Chesapeake City Vol. Fire Company, United Steam and Ellicott City.

I see Chief Wood is already up here and he's also a member of the training committee. But just to give you a thought, we don't, the training committee, we don't even know who wins this thing. The applications go to MFRI, Karen Layton I'd like to thank her for her work and going through these and verifying the training, and then all I get is a list with the number of hours per member. So that's what we'll read off here and we've given plaques, we have a certificate and a plaque for each of the companies that presented or applied for this, this year. Every one of them has very respectable training hours per member. I'd like to read those and if we could give the company their plaques, well lets go first, we'll go first with St. Leonard the winners last year, we have a plaque for them to keep. They returned the trophy and uh, we uh, we'll give them a plaque to hang in the firehouse. Congratulations, actually just a side note, St. Leonard, I believe, has won this award ten times since its' inception in 1976. So that's pretty remarkable. (Applause)

Ok the forth runner up this year with 73.5 hours of training per member and they have a very large membership is the Bethesda Chevy Chase Volunteer Rescue Squad. Do we have a representative from Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad? (Applause)

Ok the third runner up was Chesapeake City Vol. Fire Dept with 99.4 training hours per member, so Robyn. (Applause)

The second runner up - we'll get Chesapeake City taken care of here first. The second runner up was the St. Leonard Vol. Fire Dept 111.7 hours of training per member and this, (Applause) this plaque is sponsored by Mark and Nancy Bilger of Hamstead.

Ok the first runner up was United Steam they were, I didn't even put it, yea I've got it here, United Steam was 132.1 hours of training per member and this plaque is sponsored by Dan and Bobbie Stevens in memory of Robert A. Stevens treasurer at

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Bay District. So anybody from United Steam here? (Applause)

Ok the winner will take the big trophy home and bring it back next year hopefully and we'll give them a plaque to keep at the firehouse as we did St. Leonard this year. So uh, the winner this year with a very impressive 148.2 hours of training per member goes to the Ellicott City Vol. Fire Dept and I think Chief Wood wanted to bring his members up on stage. They are the ones who did the training, so Ellicott City if you all will come on up, the guys and gals who did the training, Congratulations (Applause)

And congratulations to Ellicott City and you all keep up the good work and maybe get some competition going here with the other companies to see who can take this trophy home next year. Thank you all and thank you for your attention. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I would ask Dale Fishack chairman of the scholarship awards to come to the podium.

Dale Fishack: Good morning, it gives me pleasure to give the scholarship report and announce our scholarship recipients for this year. If there are any of our committee members out there if you will come and join us here on stage for when we recognize those who we are presenting awards to. Before we can present the awards we need to recognize those groups and organizations that have supported us by giving us funds to be able to award the students with scholarship money.

First I would like to recognize Tara Carlson, Business Director, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. Shock Trauma supports us with \$10,000.00 in scholarship money each year. Thank you Tara. (Applause)

Next PEPCO and DelMarVa Power also support us with scholarship funds and Pete Peterson is here to represent them and Linda.

And this year we have two new scholarships to award. The first one is President Jackie Olson is supporting a student in the amount of \$500.00 this year. Thank you, Jackie. (Applause)

And also Carol Hayden, Past President of the LAMSFA is also giving matching funds of \$500.00. I don't think Carol is here. Carol is next door in a meeting.

And the last one is one that will be committed for the next 10 years. It is in memory of a great supporter of the scholarship committee. He was a member of the scholarship committee and it gave me great pleasure to serve with him and in memory of Jim Deskins. His family is here, his sister, Jim and his daughter, Jena Dean. (Applause)

Thank you to all our supporters. Without your support we would not be able to give the amount of awards we give today. Thank you.

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I'm going to call the scholarship recipients. If each individual recipient is here, if they would come up on stage to receive their award.

The first one is Ethan Goldshen. Ethan is from Ellicott City Vol. Fire Dept. he is being presented with an award from the Presidents of the MSFA and the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary and also the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. He's receiving the amount of \$4,000.00 combined with all those listed. He's attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County. (Applause)

Next is Cal Coaler. He is with the College Park Vol. Fire Dept. He's being supported by the MSFA and DelMarVa Power. He's being awarded \$4,000.00. He is attending the University of Maryland College Park. (Applause)

Next is Katherine Pearson. Katherine is a member of the Cordova Vol. Fire Dept. She's attending Chesapeake College and she's being supported in the amount of \$2,000.00. And she's being supported by the DelMarVa Power and the MSFA. (Applause)

Next is Philip Smith. Philip Smith is a member of the Sandy Springs Vol. Fire Dept. He's attending the University of Maryland College Park. He's receiving a scholarship for the MSFA and also in memory of James Deskins. Philip was not able to be with us today but has written us a nice thank you letter. And I'd like to ask Richard if he would come out here and read that to you.

Richard Brooks: Dear Mr. Fishack and the Maryland State Firemen's Association scholarship committee. I am very grateful and honored to be a recipient of the 2014 scholarship from the Maryland State Firemen's Association. My gratitude goes out to the MSFA as well as all of the sponsors who make these scholarships available. The financial assistance that you have provided me for my education is truly appreciated and has helped me move closer to achieving my goals and earning my fire protection engineering degree. I am in my senior year at the University of Maryland, College Park and have one semester left to complete my degree. This summer I am working on an internship with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I will also continue to volunteer with the College Park and Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Depts. I feel that I have met so many great people and have learned so much from all of my jobs and experience in the fire department. The fire department has been a very important part of my life. As a fire service member for the past four years I have had incredible experiences running calls and serving my committee. I have learned an enormous amount about myself, the community and what it takes to be a fireman. Overall I have gained life skills that will help me in life experiences. I have had tons of fun and have met many interesting people in the fire department. I also have gained some lifelong friendships.

I believe that as a fire protection-engineering student the knowledge and skills that I have gained by being a part of the fire department has given me a leg up over students with no experience. I have been able to directly relate what I learn in class to an

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experience gained in the fire department. Thank you again for your continued support. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Sincerely, Philip C. Smith. (Applause)

Dale Fishack: Next is Jay Yang. He is a member of the Abingdon Fire Co. He is attending UMBC and he is receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.00 and that scholarship is sponsored by Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. (Applause)

Next is Matt Yanker. Mat is a member of the Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad. Matt is also attending UMBC and is receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors. (Applause)

Many of the students aren't able to be with us today and that's directly a result that they are either working, so you know how much this money means to them, or they are in school trying to get as many classes as possible and are cramming them in over the summer. This year's amount totaled \$21,000.00 that we awarded in scholarships and we are always happy to support that amount to our students. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Just a couple short message announcements. This morning we said the prayer breakfast was in the sunset room, it is actually here in room 215. Also any of the runners up for the Zembower Fire Training Award please report to the back for your picture, any runners up for that award. Also the credentials committee and registration committee have a lot of extra bags that have the proceedings book and program book in the back if anybody would like them.

I'm pleased to announce our presenter. His name is Robin Zevotek, he is from the Fire Protection Engineer Program and he graduated in 2006 from the University of Maryland in College Park and will complete his graduate studies in Fire Protection in December. He is also with UL Research Institute and UL in Northbrook, IL. So, he will be here today to talk to you about Modern Fire Challenges, so please give him a warm welcome. (Applause)

Robin Zevotek: Good morning. How is everybody doing this morning? That's much-much better. Just getting everything started. As she said my name is Robin Zevotek of the Firefighter Safety Research Institute and Underwriters Laboratories. We specialize in research for fire fighter safety. I'm here to talk to you today about fire behavior and what that can tell us about today's fire ground.

To start off, why research? What does research tell us? Well here's a photo of the typical fire service learning time line. It starts off with memorizing standard operating procedures, developing and implementing, training with new operating procedures. Once the training is complete you try to apply those as best as possible to an incident and experience. Through experiences gained you try to take advantage of that and then once you critique it you move it back to revise your standard operating procedures or tactics to go back to more incidents.

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The problem with this is fires are decreasing in number. So about 30 years ago you went to about twice as many fires as you do today. Without that experience gained from fires it becomes difficult to keep up with the modern changes we have today, so we have fire research. We can take experience learned on the fire ground to answer questions about what you have or what you saw. You experience how your tactics work, researches them, produce all kinds of research papers. A lot of information exists that can be used to develop standard operating procedures through their training to gain experience.

So, I'm an engineer, what I do is formulas, so we came up with a formula for you, the modern fire. Bare with us, that's how we think. So it starts off with, if you look at the left side of the equation that is working against you. We have larger homes; we have open spaces, evolving fuel loads, many more void spaces, changing building materials, smaller lots, and new technologies. On the right side of the equation you have problems such as faster fire propagation, shorter escape times, shorter time for flashover, we'll review a couple videos to talk about that, rapid change in fire dynamics, something that happens within two to three minutes of a fire, in the 1970s and 1960s is now occurring within 5 to 10 seconds, so conditions are changing much quicker than you can react to them. You're seeing shorter times to collapse as the building materials change, increase in exposure problems and then there's the unknown. The biggest hazards you have out there are the ones you don't know about. As research continues we're investigating those hazards as they crop up every day. So, home sizes as you can see from the graph, in 1972, your average home size was just under 1700 square feet. As we fast forward to 2008 you are looking at the average home size of over 2500 almost 2600 square feet. That's a drastic change when you think of the number of homes we build in the country every day and the homes that are existing. To take and add 1,000 square foot to the average home size you have to build millions and millions of homes that are much greater than 2600 square feet. So it's an even greater problem than the graph can show. You have open spaces in these houses. In 1970 you were limited by the length of a 2 X 4. The longest span you could have was a 2 X 4 that was as big as it went. Today they have engineered trusses, they have engineered I joists. They are moving these spaces from the 12 foot they used to be and even 16 foot in some cases where now you are looking at 25 foot and 30 foot spans. It's great for the watching the kids play and in the family room while you are cooking in the kitchen but for fire it causes a different challenge. It's adding more oxygen and it's allowing fire to spread much more easily throughout a structure. We have 9 to 14 foot ceilings in houses, everyone likes the clearances, and everyone likes to be able to have the additional light. However that's again adding oxygen to the fire. The more oxygen we add the more the fire can grow. We have evolving fuel loads. This is a National Geographic article which challenged a family of four to remove everything in their house that was made of plastic or synthetic material put it in their front yard and take a picture of it. This was done in 2006. Now I'm sure there some of you in the audience that can put this picture to shame. You would need a larger lot than your house has to be able to put all your synthetic material out in front. However,

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take a look at things you didn't think were synthetic that don't come to mind that are synthetic. Shoes, that's what strikes me. When you look at the shoes we have today, clothing, everything, computers, that's all synthetic and its adding to the fuel load. We're not having a lack of fuel problem in fire in the country it's the available oxygen that's driving everything.

So we wanted to study those fuel loads and how they impacted modern fire behavior at UL, so we took and we constructed a room. On the, I'll show you a side-by-side video, but on the right we have a modern room and on the left we have a legacy room. In our modern room we put modern furnishings. We went and grabbed a couch from a whole seller that was selling some furnishings from a hotel wholesale. We grabbed coffee tables from IKEA, TV's, a flat screen TV on a pressboard TV stand.

In the legacy room we had a little more trouble because we had to find furnishings that matched 1970s or 1960s. To do so we ended up having to trick an old lady on Craig's list to sell us her furniture so that we could use it. We did it about three times, we tried to buy furniture on Craig's list, and when we told them what we were going to use it for, they no longer wanted to sell it to us. So we told her we were going to put it in our nice lake house and we wanted this nice feel to it and you'll see what happens here. So we took those two rooms, set them side-by-side and then ignited a fire in the corner of the couch. On the left we swapped the videos, I apologize it's a little harder to move them but on the left is the legacy room, on the right is the modern room. You can see the fire growing in the corner of the couch in both videos, starting to progress up the arm, as it moves up the arm in the modern video, you are starting to see the dark smoke production. You are starting to see it develop two layers in the fire. We are about 2 minutes in and you're starting to see it transition into the cushion. Take a look at the legacy room, we still haven't even gotten the blanket involved yet. At about 2 ½ minutes we have a pretty decent smoke layer in there. Because we have a wide opening at the front, we have plenty of oxygen to supply that fire, adding to the fuel loads. In the legacy room you're still having trouble progressing over to the sofa cushion. In about 3 ½ minutes that room in the modern room, the modern room goes to flashover. With the legacy room it's just progressing to the curtains. So you ask yourself, what's causing this increase in time, why is this occurring; it's the synthetic fuels that we showed in the earlier picture. The synthetic fuels have a higher heat release rate; they release more energy much faster, which is changing the fire growth.

On the right we had a room that went to flashover in 3 minutes 40 seconds. On the left we had a room that went to flashover in 20 minutes 25 seconds. There's still enough fuel in the legacy room to go to flashover but there's not enough, but the propagation of the heat transfer does not allow it to transfer as quickly as in your modern room. So you'll say Robin that's not realistic, we don't have single rooms, we don't build them in labs, we don't put a 12 X 12 opening at the front of them and light them on fire. So that's nothing like I would see when I go on a fire call and I would agree with you. I've spent a bunch of years in the fire service so I'm at College Park Fire Dept. So what did

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we do, we built two houses. On the left is legacy and on the right is modern. And we caused the same, we started the same fire in the living room to try and look at how the fire behaves. As we watched the fire growth we saw exactly the same thing we saw in the singular room. We see the uh, upper layer form, we see the cushion, on the left in the legacy we're having trouble getting the couch cushions ignited. At about 5 minutes we see the fire almost self extinguish in the modern structure. Why is that? A lack of oxygen. You need to provide oxygen to allow the fire to grow and to burn. So on the right in the modern room we have a ventilation-limited fire after about 6 minutes and 50 seconds. That ventilation-limited fire contently corresponds to about the time the fire department is going to arrive, in this video it is about 8 minutes. You see in the top there they are going to come in, they are going to open the front door and like any good truck company they are going to take out that front window because that was going to let all the heat and smoke out of the structure. As they are letting that out, take a look at the fire growth at the bottom right hand corner. Now all of a sudden you went from a ventilation limited fire that needed oxygen to grow, you provided it the oxygen it needed, and in less than two minutes you went from zero visibility, low heat conditions, however; high potential for the fire to go to flashover just needing oxygen to a flashover room. Two minutes and 15 seconds.

I challenge all of you in the room, take your best pump operator, take your best nozzle man and tell them to deploy the line from engine from the parking brake in 2 minutes and 15 seconds. See if they can do that. If they can, that's great, they will put water on that fire in 2 minutes and 15 seconds, but if there's a car in the front yard, if there's a bush, if someone happens to trip like I've done numerous time on the fire ground cause I'm so excited, this 2 minutes 15 seconds starts to increase and instead of ventilating to let the oxygen out, we're now ventilating to add or add, I'm sorry, ventilating to let the smoke out, we're now ventilating to add oxygen and that oxygen is taking it to flashover.

Just like we saw in the side by side videos the legacy room see the fuel does go to the ventilation limited and it will decrease the fire size, once it went to ventilation limited we went over and opened the door and the window just the same way we saw before, but take a look at what happens in the fire room. Instead of seeing the fire rapidly increase in size, we start to see conditions improve for a couple minutes. Things get better, what we expected to happen when we ventilated, happened. It lifts the smoke layer and we can crawl in there, hit the seat of the fire without a problem and extinguish it. It takes much longer for it to go to flashover so we, once we ventilated it, it grows for 3 to 5 to 7 minutes, giving you enough time to deploy your hand lines to reach the seat of the fire and suppress it. Not quite what we saw in the modern fuel. It will still go to flashover as you can see in the fire on the left; in about 32 minutes is what it will take.

So you are now looking at two different time scales, from 1970s construction to what we see in today's structures. Here's a graph of what that looks like. The blue line is going to be your modern, the temperatures in your modern structure with the modern

fuel load. The red line is going to be the temperatures in the legacy. As you can see on the blue line the temperatures start to increase, at about 5 minutes it goes to ventilation limited like we expected. As the temperature decreases, because we don't have enough oxygen for it to burn, all it's waiting for someone to open the door, whether it be a police officer, a good Samaritan, a home owner comes home, or a fire fighter. As soon as they open the door, you have about a minute and a half to two minutes till you see that rapid increase in temperature well above what a fire fighter could sustain. Conveniently two minutes is just about enough time to crawl into the structure before it moves to flashover. So without the application of water, that fire grows rapidly and it doesn't allow you a lot of chances to initiate change. Whereas the red line the legacy structure took a while to grow. Once it did reach ventilation limited and we opened the door, it still went to flashover, but it took much longer. So from about 24 minutes till 34 minutes was the time it took it to go to flashover. Another point to notice is on the green and yellow line. The green line is the oxygen concentration in the modern structure. As the fire became oxygen limited at five minutes, you notice the oxygen concentration drops from 21% down to about 5% as it runs completely out of oxygen in that structure, it burned up all the available oxygen and it tries to suck oxygen in any opening it possibly can. It does so and brings the oxygen concentration back up, but it's still below the level of what sustains most combustible fuels. When we provide that additional oxygen by opening the front door, it allows the oxygen concentration to go back to 21%, fire goes to flashover and the oxygen drops right off. In the legacy construction as we saw, much, much longer time for that to happen.

Additional concerns in our structures are open void spaces. So with the creation of engineered I joists, uh, joist construction in general, we've created more void spaces for fire to travel. As the fire travels through those void spaces, there's nothing to stop it from continuing. In commercial construction, we have firewalls. Firewalls aren't required in your residential construction. We have these large spaces, these open voids which are causing that to become more and more of a problem. Building materials have changed. As I said we talked earlier in the first slide you need to gain experience. The best way to gain experience is to go to fires. If you're not going to as many fires as you were before, you're not seeing the changing building materials and how they respond to fire. In the upper left hand corner you are looking at the old construction method. You had solid wood boards over 2 X 4s. As you move towards the right, you see the change in materials there. It went from solid wood to a little bit of plywood to OSB asphalt down to fiberboard. Today we're in polyisocyanurate foam. These foams cause rapid-fire propagation.

Here's a quick video of it. Just watch the video of it, I don't want you to have to listen to me. It moves too quickly to show. So that time, that video is real time. I didn't speed that up at all. That's the 19 seconds it took it to go from ignition of that polyisocyanurate foam wall to flashover of the space it was in, 19 seconds. If that was a piece of plywood it would take on the order of 10 to 15 minutes to get it ignited enough to get it to go to flashover.

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Your building materials structurally are changing. In the upper left hand corner you'll see a piece, uh a picture of heavy timber I saw in Indiana. We got a chance to some, uh, research burns right outside of South Bend Indiana. We were burning an old farm house, estimated construction 1906 or so, had solid wood beams in the bottom there, they were actually trees they just shaved the bark off and used them for structural support. From there we moved to what is old growth lumber. Old growth lumber, nice tight dense wood, takes longer to ignite, takes longer to burn, once we used all that for construction we had to go with new growth lumber cause that was all we had left. If you take a look at the rings on the two pieces of wood up there the rings on the new growth lumber is much wider apart, it's a less dense material, it ignites quicker and it is less structurally sound under fire conditions.

From there we moved to engineered I joists because making lighter less dense wood wasn't enough we had to take more of the wood away. We had to let those to support exponentially loads but it took much, much less time under fire conditions for them to fail. On the right, the furthest right picture there, we see what the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractors decide to do to those engineered I joists when they are installed in a building. There was, they just took out the parts that weren't needed. And the engineer says you're right, that's not needed, those are not needed. However; for under fire conditions they certainly allow for it to be much structurally sound much longer. At the bottom left you are seeing all the different combinations they have now of these engineered I joists and what's causing quicker collapse. Currently in the building code you don't need to put any sort of protection on these, I'm sorry in the International Building Code, you don't need to protect those engineered I joists with anything in your basement, so they can be open construction. Just putting a single layer of gypsum wallboard on there gives you an additional 10 minutes prior to collapse. In the bottom right is a graph of how this is affecting the fire service. In the legacy construction on the bottom, you see that our shortest time to collapse was on the order of about 30 minutes. Where in the modern structure it's less than 2 for some of our engineered I joists. It's a much higher hazard.

Technology is also changing. Not only are we changing the materials that your house is built of but also we are changing the materials that are put on the house. You're seeing photoactinic systems on houses. These systems operate, sometimes in commercial applications, at 600 volts DC. That's much higher than your 120-volt outlet in your house. I'm sure there are some of you in the crowd, I've done it before, you're doing overhaul in a residential house, they tell you the power is secure, you throw the hook into a ceiling, you hit a line and get a little tingle, everybody laughs about it and somebody goes and cuts the power, right? 600 volts DC does not allow that to happen. It will cause you to latch on to the tool you are using and it will electrocute you. It's much like a rail car when it comes to the voltage there. A much higher hazard, does not have to be labeled, does not have to be marked, can be run anywhere in your house and you can't turn it off. As long as there's light the photoactinic system is working. If, unless you can find a way to turn the light off, it won't turn the power off.

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So you arrive, we go to half of our fires at night and I would agree with you, however we put giant light towers out front so we can see and in the testing we did at UL, the panel produced just as much energy in an overcast day as it does when you pull out front and put the big light tower up. So you can go ahead and go with assumption however you're still causing energy into that system.

Not only is the technology in the building changing but also the technology we are using in the fire service is changing. Upper right corner there, turn out gear, you went from rubber boots, rubber coat, solid tin helmet to the modern encapsulation you are seeing there on the right. What does this cause? This causes the feeling of super hero. We could go into any structure we want. In 1980 fire service training changed. In the 80s they said if you see fire coming out a window, you better put water in it before you go in that structure because your gear will not support you going into that structure. Once they got SCBA, full turn out gear and encapsulation they said you can go in there, don't worry about it your gear will help you.

But now since 1980 we've taken the time from flashover, for around 5 minutes to about 2 and ½ minutes for you to be in that structure. Apparatus is changing, the technology evolved in those apparatus and we need to understand how they work. SCBA is changing, that was another big change in the 1980s, because now you could go into a fire and not have to worry about smoke and the products of combustion. And not to mention the tools we're using are changing. Thermal imaging cameras, hydraulic tools, and the nozzles are all changing. I went to FDIC this year, stopped by one of the nozzle manufactures booths and they had about a hundred different nozzles I could purchase if I wanted. I asked what is your most common and they said that depends what you want to do with it. I said what's the most common one used in the fire service, I want to test it, and they said well that depends it's all based on what the salesman likes to sell in that area. Do they really know how they, to use those? And lastly positive pressure fans, my favorite, because the fire wasn't big enough so we had to find a way to provide additional oxygen to the fire to make it a little bit larger so it was more fun to go to. Do we really understand how all of that works? That's what we do at the fire fighter safety research institute, we test those things. We're starting a grant starting in December on positive pressure research and positive pressure attack. So you understand when to use those tools, how to use them and what they are to be used for so that you can be a smarter firefighter.

Our lot sizes on our homes are getting smaller, how close is too close. Used to be the city you had to go before, you had to go into an urban area before you could stretch your arms out and touch structures on either side. That's not the case anymore. Suburban home lot sizes are decreasing rapidly. In 1976 your average lot size was about 10,000 square feet. Now we are down to about 8,000 square feet. So take a 12,000 or 16,000 square feet house and put it on 10,000 square feet, houses are pretty well separated. Take a 2,600 or 3,200 square foot house and put it on 8,000 square feet and now all of a sudden they are really close together. We're seeing multiple home

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fires. These are three instances where there are more than one structure on fire when the fire department arrives, they were in 2012. I sure I can find another 10 examples from this year. So what does this mean for you? Lets sum it up a little bit. Houses are getting larger and lots are getting smaller. Over the last 50 years your fuel loads have changed drastically. Your time to flashover is much faster. Your home designs are changing, they are more open. There are more void spaces. The structural integrity and building materials have changed. So how are you adapting your staffing to meet these changes? If the answer is I'm not sure, maybe we should go take a look at it to try and provide the safest environment for those individuals who are going out there.

Couple more things about the fire fighter safety institute, we have a web site, www.uffirefightersafety.com. We update that regularly, all the research we're doing, all our reports are up there. You can also access our on line trainings from there, we have six free on line training courses, designed by a technical trainer. They are about 2 and ½ hours in length and they go over all the concepts I just talked about. We've also partnered with Fire Fighter Close Calls, the Gems, the team from Fire Fighter Close Calls to create a web site called www.modernfirebehavior.com. The team from Fire Fighter Close Calls maintains the web site. We provide and review all the content for it. It's anything in the country, not just our research that's related to modern fire behavior. So with that, I'll leave you with the understanding that your environment has truly changed and how are you adapting to make that change for you. Thank you (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you again for that wonderful presentation. As the Maryland State Firemen's Association President and we have an expression of thanks for you to come all this way to do that wonderful presentation and we also have a lovely trinket bag of all our goodies from the convention. So, thank you. (Applause)

So just a few house-keeping things. The Marbery F. Gates service Award, if anybody knows of Earle Poole, I have his Governor's citation up here if he happens to be in the room.

Also we'll be presenting a certificate of appreciation to California Casualty, that's the partnership of ours who were down in the exhibit room and couldn't come up, but they are celebrating 100 years this year so we just want to congratulate them on their 100 years of service, so in case you go by there.

And at this time I'd just like to present a certificate of recognition, if Tyler is here, this young man was on a school bus, and if I'm wrong, Tyler will definitely correct me, was on a school bus on his way home, and happened to tell the school bus driver to stop because there was a gentleman in the snow, he was unconscious, apparently he was walking his dog, so Tyler got off, of course he checked for responsiveness and everything he needed to do and actually without Tyler's help this gentleman would not have survived. So we just want to recognize his heroic efforts on the school bus that day. For as we all know we are an organization that thrives on trying to get the youth

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involved, when you do you just simply amaze us, so we want to recognize Tyler today for that valiant effort. (Applause)

So always tell us about those stories so we can recognize them. And I know Tyler is from Huntingtown in Southern Maryland, so, you know we are always interested in those types of stories. Right now I'm going to call up to the mike Past President Roger Powell and he will be giving out the Edwin L. Emkey Sr. Cadet Award.

Roger Powell: Thank you madam President. The Emkey Cadet Award is awarded to the best junior or cadet fire company in the state of Maryland. And the Maryland State Firemen's Association views this as an important award because it is the future of the Maryland volunteer emergency services our junior fire companies. The training that these individuals go through, the dedication they have and the fact that it feeds into their parent companies is something that is irreplaceable as far as recruitment and retention issues are concerned. We are constantly concerned over our ability to recruit and retain. So the junior fire companies and the cadet fire companies are extremely important to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and that is why we recognize them every year with this award. Is David Gould here, in the room?

This award is given yearly. There is a large trophy that is rotated from year to year, from winner to winner, the name of this year's winner will be inscribed on the trophy and they will retain the trophy for one year, um, at the end of that year they will be given a permanent trophy. Is anyone here from Arcadia to accept their permanent trophy?

This year's winner is Williamsport Junior or Cadet Company. If anyone is here from Williamsport, could they please come forward? (Applause). In addition to the trophy we have a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Hoyer on behalf of the Congress of the United States recognizing and acknowledging Williamsport as this year's winner and there they are ladies and gentlemen, the future of the Volunteer Fire Service. We would like to see more fire companies or Junior Fire Companies formed, the reason is obvious, we would like to see more nominees because what they do, they don't do to be recognized any more than the rest of the volunteers but it's nice to have recognition and it's nice to have a future. Thank you all very much. (Applause)

President Olson: Congratulations, real quick while we have a moment and we're talking about youth in the fire service, I'm not quite sure if there is a representative here but I wanted to see if there is anybody here from the Washington County High School Academy class that just recently graduated. So anybody here from that, if not I just want them to be recognized, ok, come on up, I just wanted them to be recognized because luckily the National Volunteer Fire Council, they do a Junior Cadet program every year and you know Maryland's been really great to have Arcadia last year and to now we have the Washington County Fire Rescue High School Academy Class Cadets that actually received it this year. So that's two times in a row so let's keep going and as they said in the previous award, I know there's wonderful cadet programs

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out there that are just doing amazing things so please make sure that we're aware of everything that's going on. I try to keep up on everybody's web site but we do have 370 companies so sometimes our crew does miss something, so, but on behalf of myself and the officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I just want to award the cadets from the Washington County High School program with a little certificate of appreciation, so thank you very much. (Applause)

President Olson: At this time I'd like chairman of the Recruitment and Retention to the podium, it is Chairman Joe Chornock for the family appreciation award.

Joe Chornock: Thank you President Olson, I'd also like any of the committee members that are here to please come up and help us with this presentation. Good morning officers, past presidents, delegates and guests. The family appreciation program award program is to recognize the family of a volunteer fire and EMS member whose family must sacrifice time with their family for the good of the community that they serve. Their departments for this award nominated the following members and I would appreciate it if the nominee or someone from their department would come forward:

Chief George Brown, Sandy Spring Fire Department, Montgomery County
Chief Steven Piatelli, North East Fire Co., Cecil County
Bobbie Ann Sheldon, Hack Point Fire Co., Cecil County
Carolyn Klein, Ellicott City Fire Dept, Howard County
And, Bryan Bowman from the Sykesville Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause)

It is with great pleasure to announce that the committee has selected from the Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Co., Cecil County, Bobbie Ann Sheldon as the family recipient for the 2012 Family Appreciation Award. Congratulations. (Applause). I also have a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Steny Hoyer to Bobbie Ann Sheldon as part of her appreciation award. Along with her award she will be receiving a two day stay here in Ocean City compliments of the Harrison Group and I really appreciate what you've done. Thank you. (Applause)

President Olson: Congratulations, at this time I'd like to bring to the podium Skip Carey. He will be presenting the Francis Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award.

Skip Carey: On behalf of the Chesapeake Fire & Rescue Instructors it's an honor to be here to present to a recipient the Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award. The individual who was chosen this year is unique in the sense that his instructorship spreads over a variety of fields and a variety of endeavors. He started within his own company doing company drills and type training. He proceeded to become a MFRI instructor doing MFRI classes, MICRB recognition and went into development of classes, continued beyond the development of classes to the implementation of the classes that he developed, it gives me great pleasure and honor to present to my dear friend Dave Lewis the Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award. (Applause)

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President Olson: At this time I will ask to the podium Richard Smith who is MSFA Legislative Chairperson along with Vice President Keller, and Vice President Roth. And at this time if I can have, because I know they are around, because you're never alone with Malone, Delegate Malone and Senator Glassman. If you could come to the stage.

Oh look there, no pink. (Applause) I'm sorry fuchsia pants.

Delegate Malone and Senator Glassman we sure are going to miss you guys. In case you don't know they are actually retiring from their position as Delegate and Senator to pursue other avenues and we wish you good luck with that and we just want to recognize you this year to say thank you so much for the service and the outstanding dedication that you give to the Maryland Volunteer Fire Service and um that you're surely going to be missed and we'd like to present you with special recognitions for the both of you. So good luck, stay in touch, you're always part of our family and good luck in your future endeavors. So we wanted to let you know how much we appreciated it. (Applause)

So at this time I would introduce the chairman of the Legislative Committee, who has done an outstanding job this year with the committee and we were just congratulating the and the ladies and the ladies auxiliary, in case you didn't know if you haven't read the book yet, we have 5 wonderful ladies and they for the 90 day session have put countless hours, well over 2500 of them, so we thanked them last year so if you happen to see Elaine Huttenloch, Jane Huffman, Teresa Crisman, which you'll see in a couple minutes, Carene Housenfluck, and Mareen Nicholson, if you happen to see them or know them tell them thank you.

Richard Smith: Thank you Jackie. My report is on page 63 of the convention book and at this time I'd like to bring up the President of the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association since they do the legislator of the year award and let them do the presentation.

Robyn Hahn: Good morning everyone. On behalf of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association, myself, officers and all of our members, today we would like to present the Senator William H. Amos Memorial Legislative Award to Delegate Norman Conway. (Applause). Delegate Conway, this recognition of an individual's contributions and determination in promoting the betterment of Maryland Fire and Emergency Medical Services through successful legislation and the legislative process presented this 17th day of June, 2014 from the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association, myself as President. Congratulations (Applause)

Richard Smith: This was one of the toughest decisions the officers and myself had to make this year. The three gentlemen that are before you and many, many other legislators were my coach, my confident. If I had questions we talked back and forth, Jimmy and I talked back and forth an awful lot and we still do. But we thank them

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for the work that they do and the work they are going to continue to do and we have one more certificate and it's a certificate of Congressional recognition presented on this 17th day of June, 2014 at the Maryland State Firemen's Association, 122nd annual convention and conference awards ceremony to Delegate Norm Conway. The Senator William H. Amos Legislator Award in recognition in your contributions in promoting the betterment of Maryland Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services to the legislative process. With thanks and appreciation to you all, Steny Hoyer, US House of Representatives. (Applause)

President Olson: As they are making their way back for their photo opportunities I will present Senator Barry Glassman, Delegate Norm Conway, Delegate Malone and Senator Grange with certificates for their continued support of the Maryland Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services programs.

At this time I will call to the podium Teresa Ann Crisman. She is chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee. (Applause)

Before Teresa starts I would just like to introduce Corey. He is with, got to read it, Blue House and Raw Bar which is actually in Embers Restaurant. They are actually very gracious today to present us with a check for all the fire prevention awards. So if I can get a round of applause for this, this is good. Do you want to say anything? So please make sure while you are here this week you visit Embers. Again we are so appreciative of this so thank you very much. (Applause)

Teresa Crisman: I'm killing time, can you tell? Don't worry the Cork Bar is open, I know. One day there's a drunk, that was me. Ok, report of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee on June 17, 2014. We would first like to thank Jackie Olson for her support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee has worked very hard to keep current on trends and demands on life safety in the state of Maryland. We are here for the member associations and companies. We look forward to working with President Keller and President Roth in their respective years. To my vice chairs Mike Fennington and Dave Reid and Secretary Ed Thurston thank you for your dedicated work in the field of fire prevention and life safety. It is with bitter sweetness that our vice chairman Mike Fennington has decided to step down as vice chair of this committee. He will be moving and he actually has moved to South Carolina with his wife. We thank him for his efforts and many talents in support of this committee. We thank you and that you to do so not only as a career fire fighter and as a volunteer to this state. Your actions on and off the job have supported the actions of true fire prevention. Thank you for your many countless hours that you've placed before the committee and the contributions that you were able to secure for so many companies. The committee kindly thanks you for all that you've done. Your support and what you have provided. Thank you is not enough we know that. We wish you the very best in your next adventure.

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The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee wishes to congratulate Brian Geraci as his appointment as the State Fire Marshal for Maryland. He joined a very excellent group of leaders that have strengthened this state in the areas of fire prevention, and countless other means to make this one of the safest states to live in. We wish you the very best in your tenure as the State Fire Marshal and we look forward to working with you for countless years. Congratulations on a job well done. To Bruce and Cindy thank you for leading the charge of your respective committees. The committee could not function without your efforts and time giving valuable information to the MSFA membership. To Danny and Christa, I want to thank you both for an outstanding year. Congratulations. Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Fire Prevention 2014-2015 Stacey Holden who will represent the state, representing Maryland Fire Chiefs Association. (Applause) Miss Fire Prevention Runner Up, Brittany Hill representing Carroll County Firemen's Association, job well done. (Applause) I think the judges said there were only a couple of points between the two of you. So actually all of the contestants it was very hard to do, both very excellent jobs. I would like to thank the girls who competed this year in the contest. They did an outstanding job. Speaking with the judges they had a very difficult time choosing a winner. Each of the contestants have honored their county and company very well. The committee looks forward to working with each of them respectively for the upcoming year:

Shelby Simmons represented Allegany Garrett

Melissa ???? yea you got it from Baltimore

Brittany Hill from Carroll

Sara Bolts from Cecil

Rebecca Becky Lynn Olsen from Charles

Stephanie Gallion from Harford

Danielle Brown from Harford Cecil

Stacy Lynn Holden from Maryland Fire Chiefs

Allison Elbain from Talbot

And Serria Smallwood from Washington

To President Hayden and Chairman Jane Hoffman from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association thank you for your continued support and efforts in spreading the word of prevention to the state. The committee thanks you for attending our meetings and taking a vested interest in spreading fire prevention and life safety.

This past year we worked very hard on several projects for the county associations that are being implemented in their areas for specific action areas for their own programs. We look forward to helping any association or department in development or information on any topics they need support on. The committee is always ready to assist when called upon. I would like to thank all my sub-committee members. I could not do this committee without all of them. It is truly one of the hardest working committees that the State has. I only can say thank you for the very bottom of my heart.

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Within all of this there is always special people. So today I would like to honor those two special people. When I was growing up these two people would take me with them to meetings, convention activities and I think that's what led me to where I am today. With the work I do for Prince George's County and the state, and this county like helping where ever I can, I truly appreciate the knowledge they were able to give me and the ability to do what I need to do on a daily basis. I've always looked forward to seeing them and being with them and I can't say thank you enough. So on behalf of the committee, myself and the Presidents we would like to honor Ed and Audrey Thurston in appreciation for your outstanding dedicated service as members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee dated this day. (Applause)

President Olson: Also Ed as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association I like to give to you this certificate of appreciation for again all the work the many years of service you've given to us in fire prevention, the convention committee, just thank you and I know you're not going anywhere. We just want to make sure you get the recognition you deserve.

Teresa Crisman: We've lost Mrs. Ed. We'll go find her.

Each of us has a very valued interest in fire prevention and life safety. This committee is ready to support the needs of the members of the state. We have many valuable tools to support the department's needs when it comes to implementing programs. Please contact any of us when your department needs any of the items and hopefully we can support you in any way. You know we are only a phone call away. Also right now we are conducting the Risk Watch program in room 207. Please, please if you have the ability to go over there to look at the stuff, look at what we are doing and take the time and go through the projects. We worked very hard to have that stuff presented for you today. Now we would like to start the awards. Ok. For year round category. We're going to start with year round category. I ask that you please stay up on stage because we are going to have a big group photograph afterwards:

Year round category Class I

Cobb Island

Ridge (Applause)

Class II we had no entry

Class III is going to be:

Indian Head

BelAlton

Gamber

Jefferson

Seventh District (Applause)

These are all the entrants

Class IV

Hollywood (Applause)

Class V

LaPlata

Winfield

Bay District

Mechanicsville

Citizens

Berwyn Heights (Applause)

Class VI had no entry

Class VII

Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (Applause)

For single project winner:

Class I

Cobb Island

Bel Alton

Newburg (Applause)

Class II – No entry

Class III

Gamber

Indian Head (Applause)

Class IV

Hollywood Fire Prevention

Hollywood AV4V (Applause)

Class V

Leonardtown

Mechanicsville

LaPlata

Winfield

Bay District (Applause)

Class VI – No entry

Class VII – No entry

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Total qualifying entries were 25. Eight additional books were disqualified per contestant's rules regarding cover letter or entry disqualifications. We had a lot that didn't have a letter telling us what they qualified for, so when you go back and review the rules, please look knowing that we need a letter and we need to know what class you are submitting for. We tried to make contact with people but they didn't get back to us so we need to get that going for next year.

So the Fire Prevention Book winners Year Round Category:

Class I

Cobb Island (Applause)

Class II

No entry

Class III

Indian Head (Applause)

Class IV

Hollywood (Applause)

That was my head banging. Yea.

That's five dollars. I heard a phone. Everybody wave to Senator Dyson. Senator Dyson wave back.

Class IV

Hollywood (Applause)

Class V

La Plata

Class VI

No entry

Class VII

Carroll County Emergency Services Association (Applause)

Single Category:

Class I

Cobb Island (Applause)

Class II

No entry

Class III

Gamber (Applause)

Class IV

Hollywood (Applause)

Class V

Leonardtown (Applause)

Class VI

No entry

Class VII

No entry

So your overall winners for 2014 are:

Number one Indian Head for the year. (Applause)

La Plata number two for the year. (Applause)

Number three Gamber for single. (Applause)

Number four Winfield for the year. (Applause)

Number five Hollywood for the year. (Applause)

Number six is Bel Alton for the year. (Applause)

Number seven is Cobb Island for the year. (Applause)

Number eight is the Carroll County Emergency Services Association for year. (Applause)

Number nine is Bay District for the year. (Applause)

And Number ten is Cobb Island, Bel Alton and Newburg single. (Applause)

Congratulations to all the winners. Ok now I'm going to turn it over to Bruce real quick.

Ok now that we've found Mrs. Ed the APB is secured. Mr. Ed can you come back up please? Like I said I can't do a lot without these two, Mr. Ed's been secretary forever and ever for this committee as long as I know. And we have something special for you guys. We gave Mr. Ed a watch so he could follow you around when you need to find him and we have these lovely roses for you. (Applause)

I'd like to thank the fire prevention for being up here with us also.

Bruce Bouch: Good morning outstanding members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. How are you all doing? For the few remaining people that do not know me I am Deputy State Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch, the Director of Public Education and Media Affairs for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. One of the many outstanding activities I am involved with allows me to give away money that doesn't even belong to me. That's awesome. As the chairman of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Grant Program, I get to work with the MSFA's best leaders, and I really mean that. In

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determining who will receive funds from this great program, this year the committee is proud to announce that 119 member companies have received \$500.00 grants this year for their use in fire prevention activities in their communities. It is well recognized that effective Fire Prevention and Life Safety Programs are the best way to protect the lives of citizens as well as first responders. Injuries and deaths are greatly reduced with the implementation of community risk reduction indicatives. Today I get to share the opportunity to present \$ 59,500 in \$500 increments to member companies that put forth a little effort and applied for this program. These departments understand the need to expand their outreach and promote fire and life safety throughout the year. I personally encourage all member departments to apply for this valued program. I will now call off all the departments who are receiving their grants today. I ask that one representative come up and remain on stage for a group photo. We have one little issue this year. Our checks were not prepared in time today, however; we will be mailing those out and my intern is fully aware she is going to be sending out 119 checks this coming week. So Melissa Williams will be doing a little bit of work. So sorry we will not be able to give you a check today, but it will be in the mail. So I would like to now call and I will call right through this. Please make your way up safely and we will form in about four rows up here, by the direction of our lovely photographer staff. Then we're going that way when we are all done. Ok in the enforcement of time.

Abingdon Vol. Fire Dept., please come up
Arbutus Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.
Arcadia Vol. Fire Co.
Arnold Vol. Fire Dept.
Arundel Vol. Fire Dept.
Baden Vol. Fire Dept.
Bay District Vol. Fire Dept.
Bedford Road Vol. Fire Dept.
Bel Air Vol. Fire Co.
Beltsville Vol. Fire Dept.
Benedict Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Berwyn Heights Vol. Fire dept. & Rescue Squad
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad
Bladensburg Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Bowie Vol. Fire Dept.
Bowleys Quarters Vol. Fire Dept.
Bowling Green Vol. Fire Dept.
Branchville Vol. Fire Dept.
Brandywine Vol. Fire Dept.
Capitol Heights Vol. Fire Dept.
Citizens Vol. Fire Dept.
Cobb Island Vol. Fire Dept. and EMS
College Park Vol. Fire Dept.
Community Fire Dept. of Rising Sun

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Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept.
Deale Island-Chance Vol. Fire Co.
Deale Vol fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Dentsville Vol. EMS & Aux.
Easton Vol. Fire Dept.
Ellicott City Vol. Firemen's Assoc.
English Consul Vol. Fire Dept.
Ferndale Vol. Fire Co.
Frederick Co. Dept. Fire & Rescue Services
Friendsville Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.
Funkstown Vol. Fire Dept.
Galena Vol. Fire Dept. Sta. 3
Gamber & Community Vol. Fire Dept.
Germantown Vol. Fire Dept.
Glen Bernie Vol. Fire Co.
Glen Echo Vol. Fire Dept.
Goodwill Vol. Fire Dept. of Lonaconing
Goodwill Vol. Fire Co.
Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Hacks Point Vol. Fire Co.
Harford Co. Fire & EMS Assoc.
Hebron Vol. Fire Dept.
Hereford Vol. Fire Co.
Hereford Vol. Ambulance Assoc.
Hollywood Vol. Fire Dept.
Huntingtown Vol. Fire Dept.
Jacksonville Vol. Fire Co.
Junior Vol. Fire # 2
Kennedyville Vol. Fire Dept.
Kensington Vol. Fire Dept.
Kent Island Vol. Fire dept.
Kingsville Vol. Fire Co.
Kitzmiller Vol. Fire Dept.
LaPlata Vol. Fire Dept.
Lakes & Straits Vol. Fire Dept.
Lake Shore Vol. Fire Dept.
Lansdowne Vol. Fire Dept.
Laurel Vol. Fire Dept.
Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad
Leitersburg Vol. Fire Co.
Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept.
Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad
Level Vol. Fire Co.
Lewistown District Vol. Fire Dept.

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Liberty Road Vol. Fire Co.
Long Green Vol. Fire Co.
Manchester Vol. Fire Co.
Marlboro Vol. Fire Dept. Co. 20
Maryland City Vol. Fire Dept.
Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept.
Middle River Vol. Fire Co.
Midland Fire Co.
Morningside Vol. Fire Dept.
Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co.
New Midway Vol. Fire Dept.
New Windsor Vol. Fire Dept.
North East Vol. Fire Co.
North Point Edgemere Vol. Fire Dept.
Ocean City Vol. Fire Co.
Odenton Vol. Fire Co.
Orchard Beach Vol. Fire Dept.
Orleans Vol. Fire Dept.
Owings Mills Vol. Fire Co.
Perryville Vol. Fire Dept.
Pikesville Vol. Fire Dept.
Potomac Fire Co. #2
Preston Vol. Fire Dept.
Prince Frederick Vol. Fire Dept.
Providence Vol. Fire Co.
Ridge Vol. Fire Dept.
Ridgley Vol. Fire Dept.
Riverdale Heights Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Riverdale Vol. Fire Dept.
Rivera Beach Vol. Fire Co.
Rock Hill Vol. Fire Co.
Rockville Vol. Fire Dept.
Salisbury Fire Dept. Sta. # 1
Salisbury Fire Dept. Sta. # 2
Salisbury Fire Dept. Sta. # 16
Seat Pleasant Vol. Fire Co.
Second District Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Seventh District Vol. Fire Dept.
Singerely Fire Co.
Smithsburg Comm. Vol. Fire Co.
Sudlersville Vol. Fire Dept.
Tacoma Park Vol. Fire Dept.
Thurmont Community Ambulance Service
United Communities Vol. Fire Dept.

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Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept # 3
West Annapolis Vol. Fire Dept.
Western Enterprise Vol. Fire Dept. # 4
Westminster Fire Engine & Hose
Whiteford Vol. Fire Co.
Winfield Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Woodland Beach Vol. Fire Dept.
Woodlawn fire co.

As everyone is lining up please remember the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference is scheduled for Sept. 26, 2014 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. That is located in Laurel and the Public Life Safety Educators Seminar is scheduled for May 8, 2015 at MFRI in College Park.

Before you are representatives of 119 fire companies in this great State of Maryland. (Applause) the committee members thank each and every one of you in participating in this grants program and encourage all member companies that did not apply, please do so next year. Thank you everyone. (Applause)

Teresa Crisman: Ok we're going to call up Victoria Rill, Miss Fire Prevention; Isabella Springith, Little Miss Fire Prevention; Taylor Blissard, Jr. Miss Fire Prevention; Haley Santez, Little Miss Fire Prevention; Brooklyn Logan, Little Miss Fire Prevention; Dakota McCoen Little Fire Chief; Colby Andrews, Jr. Fire Chief. If they are in here please come up. Any of the Fire Prevention Queens or Chiefs please come up anyway. Mekella Patrick, Miss Fire Prevention; Lake Andrews, Little Fire Chief; Gracie Asceto, Little Fire Chief; or Fire Prevention, Katie Libson, Miss Fire Prevention; Chelsea Roberts, Miss Fire Prevention; Maria Maines, Jr. Miss Fire Prevention; Lauren Caudill, Jr. Miss Fire Prevention; Paul Graves, Jr. Fire Chief; Aiden Eyre, Jr. Fire Chief; Katyln Sweet, Little Miss Fire Prevention; Ciera Smallwood, Little Miss Fire Prevention; Alison Elban, Miss Fire Prevention; Emily Jones Wheers, Miss Fire Prevention; Stacey Lyn Holden, Miss Fire Prevention; Danielle Brown, Miss Fire Prevention; Stephanie Gallion, Miss Fire Prevention; Rebecca Olsen, Miss Fire Prevention; Sara Bolis, Miss Fire Prevention; Melisa Cornes, Miss Fire Prevention; Shelby Simmons, Miss Fire Prevention; and Brittany Hill, Little Miss Fire Prevention. Are there any more that we did not call? Are they all up here? Anybody else want to come up for the photograph? Come on. Ok come up Jennifer. We do have certificates that are being made so we want to make sure all the kids are captured and then done. We'll make a list on the side. (Applause)

President Olson: Ladies and gentlemen at this time I'd like to bring Chief Election Judge Rick Hemphill.

Rick Hemphill: Thank you President Olson. The report of the election judges for 2014. There were a total of 360 companies in good standing as recorded by the Secretary. The credentials committee reports that 272 of those companies in good standing

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registered at the convention. There were a total of 22 Past Presidents registered at the convention. The following offices were unopposed and a single ballot was cast by the Secretary with the exception of the election of the Office of Secretary and that ballot for that office was cast by the President. President David R. Keller III, First Vice President Johnie Roth, Secretary Doyle Cox, Chief Chaplain John Long, Trustee Doug Alexander and Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke.

Results for the position of Second Vice President. The results are as follows:

Robyn Sheldon Hahn received 189 votes

Rick Blair received 287 votes

Michael Davis received 592 votes

Out of a total of 1,068 votes therefore the successful candidate was Michael A. Davis for the Office of Second Vice President. (Applause)

This year we also had two proposed by-law changes. The results to the changes of the by-laws.

Question #1 965 for, 16 votes against, the amendment passed.

Question # 2 855 for, 98 against, this amendment also passed.

This concludes the report of the election judges, thank you President Olson.

President Olson: I would ask for a motion to destroy the ballots. First, Second, all those in favor, any nays, motion carries the ballots will be destroyed.

I have a couple announcements to make before we dismiss for today. Vendors are open until 4:30. Please support them. Installation of Officers begins at 1700 in the main ballroom, which we call the bay front ballroom. Pajama parade; please don't forget if you want to participate, 2130 hours tonight. The prayer breakfast again is in room 215, not the sunset room. Coupon books are still available down stairs. And I will dismiss until tomorrow, whoops, I didn't do the ballot yet. At this time I'd like to bring Chaplain Barnhart to the podium.

Chaplain Barnhart: Lets rise for prayer. Gracious Father we give you thanks for another beautiful day in this wonderful town. We give you thanks for our new officers who have just been elected by this body to serve this Association for the New Year. Father we ask you to be with us now as we fellowship one with another. We ask you to grant us safety and grant us good health and be with us until we meet again. And now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep in your hearts and your minds through Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Olson: I would like to recess the meeting until 9 AM on Wednesday.

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JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

President Jackie Olson: Good evening. I would like to convene the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

LAMSFA President Carol Hayden: And Ladies Auxiliary.

Richard Brooks, MC: Good evening. It has been a great day. The ballots have been cast and the elections have concluded. It is time for the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to move forward. So we shall. We will do that this evening in this session of our conventions and it is a pleasure to be with all of you and to serve as Master of Ceremonies for this fine event. I would ask at this time that the Honor Guard from Baltimore, Frederick and Washington Counties take their place at the base of the stage to help our participants on the stage.

At this time I am going to ask for our out-going presidents to begin the Procession and to move forward. Ladies and Gentlemen would you please welcome the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, President Carol Hayden of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County and her escort, Bobby Campbell. (Applause and cheers.)

President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association President, Jackie Olson of the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County and her escort, her husband Jay. (Applause and cheers.)

It is now a pleasure to welcome the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary.

First we have Mary Jane Tegler, Past President 1980-1981 and Rose Pandolfini, Past President 2007-2008 escorted by Roger Steger, Past President 2000-2001. (Applause)

Marie Soutar, Past President 1988-1989 escorted by Richard Yinger, Past President 1994-1995. (Applause)

Betty Grabenstein, Past President 1999-2000 escorted by John Denver, Past President 2012- 2013. (Applause)

Past President Gayle Jester, 1993-1994. (Applause)

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Past President Kathy Knipple, 2009-2010. (Applause)

And now we will begin with the introduction of the appointed and elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the MSFA. We will begin with:

Ladies Auxiliary Conference Co-Chair: Cathie Price, from the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department, Baltimore County. **Her Escort:** Asa Davis.

Ladies Conference Co-Chair: Linda Scheide, Cockeysville Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Baltimore County. **Her escort:** Asa Davis.

LAMSFA Color Bearer: Shari Steffen, Branchville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George's County; **Her escort:** Bill Bucco; **Page:** Kristi Grinder; **Past President:** Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985), **Bessie Marshall Chairman.**

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Justin Towels, Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Anne Arundel County.

LAMSFA Color Bearer: Stephanie Dalton, Laytonsville Fire Company, Montgomery County; **Escort:** William Holsinger Jr.; **Page:** Daughter - Layna Dalton; **Past President:** Sandi Lutz (2010-2011).

Executive Committee Member: Charles Walker, Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George's; **Escort:** His wife – Sharon.

LAMSFA Guard: Jean L. Main, Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Frederick County; **Escort:** Husband – Warren; **Page:** Ruth Martin; **Past President:** Nora Ryan (2001-2002).

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Daniel Stevens, Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department/EMS, Charles County; **Escort:** Wife – Bobbi.

Executive Committee Member: Mark Bilger, Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company, Carroll County; **Escort:** his wife - Nancy.

LAMSFA Historian: Malea Daughton, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Harford County; **Escort:** Brittanay Mann; **Page:** Barbara Schulz; **Past President:** Robyn Sheldon Hahn (2004-2005).

MSFA Executive Committee Member: John Fisher, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County; **Escort:** his wife – Janet.

Executive Committee Member: Michael Faust, Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, Queen Anne's County; **Escort:** his wife, Stacey.

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LAMSFA Vice Chaplain: Rebecca “Becky” Wathen, Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, St. Mary’s County; **Escort:** Johnny Wathen; **Page:** Debbie Fairfax; **Past President:** Leone Gatton (1985-1986).

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Timothy F. Dayton, Potomac Fire Company #1, Allegany County; **Escort:** his wife, Diana.

MSFA Executive Committee Member: Benjamin “Ben” Kurtz, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Harford County; **Escort:** his Goddaughter – Ashlyn.

LAMSFA Chaplain: Donna Struntz, Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Allegany County; **Escort:** her husband - Joe; **Page:** her Granddaughter – Skylar Stewart; **Past President:** Sandi Lutz (2010-2011).

MSFA Executive Committee: Richard Smith, Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Talbot County; **Escort:** his wife, Cindy.

Executive Committee Member: Doug Simpkins Jr., Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County; **Escort:** his wife – Christine.

LAMSFA Corresponding Secretary: Lori Denbow, Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Harford County; **Escort:** her husband – Jeff Denbow; **Page:** her sister – Christine Deckard; **Past President:** Sharon Worthington (1995-1996).

MSFA Executive Committee, Vice Chairman: James P. Seavey Sr., Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; **Escort:** his wife – Mary.

MSFA Executive Committee (Chairman): Charles Abrecht, Junior Fire Company Number 2, Frederick/Washington Counties; **Escort:** Carly Brown.

MSFA Chief Chaplain: Reverend John F. Long Jr., Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, Anne Arundel County.

LAMSFA Financial Secretary: Marcia Roth, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Montgomery County; **Escort:** her husband – **MSFA 1st Vice President, Johnie F. Roth Jr.;** **Page:** her son – Eric; **Past President:** Patricia Deamond (2006-2007).

MSFA Financial Secretary: Mitch Vocke, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Harford County; **Escort:** his wife – Darlene.

LAMSFA Treasurer: Michelle Healy, Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George’s County; **Escort:** her brother-in-law – Dan Healy Sr.; **Page:** Virginia Huttenloch; **Past President:** Rosa Maher (2002-2003).

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LAMSFA Recording Secretary: Vivian M. Boyd, Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Prince George's County; **Escort:** her husband – Ronald; **Page:** Sandi Lutz (2010-2011); **Past President:** Sharon Worthington (1995-1996).

MSFA Secretary: Doyle Cox from Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Calvert County; **Escort:** his wife, Cathy.

LAMSFA Junior Vice President: Barbara Sue Nelson, Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, St. Mary's County; **Escort:** her husband, John; **Page:** her friend - Barbara Lacey; **Past President:** Joyce Thorne (1996-1997).

MSFA 2nd Vice President: Michael Davis, Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Baltimore County.

LAMSFA Senior Vice President: Darby Byrd, Dentsville Volunteer EMS Department Ladies Auxiliary, Charles County; **Escort:** her husband - Kevin; **Pages:** her daughter – Katie, and **Past President:** Eloise Healy (1994-1995) and Granddaughter – Kennedy Ketchum.

MSFA 1st Vice President: Johnie F. Roth Jr., Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Montgomery County; **Escort:** LAMSFA Financial Secretary Marcia Roth.

MC Richard Brooks: Ladies and gentlemen, would everyone please rise as we introduce our incoming Presidents.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Ladies Auxiliary Maryland State Firemen's Association President for 2014-2015:

LAMSFA President 2014-2015: Ann F. Price-Davis, Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Baltimore County; **Escort:** MSFA 2nd Vice President Michael Davis and her Father - Paul Price; **Pages:** Cathie Price and Nathaniel Price; **Past President:** Leone Gatton (1985-1986).

Please welcome President Davis. (Applause)

And now ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Please welcome the President for 2014-2015:

MSFA President 2014-2015: David Keller III from the Citizens Truck Company #4, Frederick County; **Escorts:** his wife and son, Vicki & David Keller IV. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: He doesn't see it yet. (The members of the Executive Committee and Fellow Officers are wearing his campaign hat in a modified form and salute him when he is on the stage.) It doesn't get any better than that. (Applause) Hold on a

minute, I am while I try and clear my eyes so I can see.

Ladies and gentlemen please remain standing as I ask the Honor Guard from the Baltimore, Frederick and Washington Counties' to present the colors a long with the Combined Pipes and Drums of Maryland.

At this time I will ask for the Invocation by Chief Chaplain John Long.

Invocation: Chief Chaplain John Long – Let us pray. Almighty God, all powerful God, You have blessed us so well this year with the leadership of President Jackie Olson and President Carol Hayden. Father we asked that you bestow the same blessing on David Keller and Ann Price-Davis. We ask those same blessings, with wisdom and knowledge for the Executive Committee and all the committees that serve. We ask for continued strong relationships with our partners. And Father, God, as we are here tonight, we ask your blessings on this installation. May it be in honor of You. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

Richard Brooks, MC: The Pledge of Allegiance will be conducted by President Carol Hayden.

President Carol Hayden: 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, MC: It is now a pleasure to have sing our National Anthem and representing the Montgomery County Pipes and Drums, please welcome Amy Dant.

Amy Dant: "Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at twilight's last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight. O're 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're the land of the free and the home of the brave." (Applause.)

Honor Guard retires the Colors.

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in thanking the Combined Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums and Honor Guard. (Applause)

Would everyone please be seated. I need to make one amendment to one introduction and that and that is to Amy Dant who just gave that wonderful rendition of our National Anthem. Amy is from Montgomery County but she is part of the Baltimore Pipes and Drums. So I wanted you all to know that, we have many members of the pipes and drums here, so that is why that mistake was made.

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Well, so far we have learned one lesson today, and that is be careful what you hand out when you are promoting your campaign. You never know when they are going back to visit you again. It was absolutely awesome and I know the folks in the audience had a great time with that. And that is just an example of a tradition that is obviously going to continue into this year.

In the past 12 months, like 10 years before us, the administration of the State Firemen's Association we have had a great time. The hospitality shown by our member companies, by our Association, certainly led by our Presidents of both ladies and men, it just fosters the camaraderie that we all look for and that we all thirst for in the fire service and that is wonderful. As I said, this year has been no to that. The two ladies who have led these organizations here have fostered just that thought. It has been wonderful to enjoy the hospitality, to spend time with them at their meetings and their conferences, and certainly support the member organizations. And as such, I would take great pleasure to introduce the Ladies Auxiliary President Carol Hayden for her final remarks. Please welcome Madame President. (Applause)

President Hayden: Thank you Richard. It has been a great year travelling and everything. All the Officers in line, I have enjoyed every time we have been together. And I want to thank to thank my Past President Peggy Zembower, my home company of Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary. Also, I want to thank the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary and, of course, Bobby who has helped taking pictures for me. And it has been great travelling with Jackie – going to meetings and seeing her there and conversing and what not. I have had a great time with all the Officers. I am sure Ann will do the same and have a good year too. With Dave and Johnie, it has been great seeing them at meetings and car pooling with Johnie a couple of times helped. Darby has been a big help this year with the financial chairs for us. Thank you everybody for your support. And I look forward to seeing you still in the future at different meetings or wherever we cross paths. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Carol. And now the other half of the team and they certainly have done that, two presidents working closely together to accomplish the goals. Again, it's a pleasure to welcome to the podium, the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Jacqueline Olson for her final remarks. Madame President. (Applause)

President Olson: Thank you Richard. As you all know over the last couple of days it is very overwhelming and this last year, there has got to be words greater than just "Thank you." It is so humbling to have represented you this past year. As I have always said, we are a very diverse organization, we are not just firefighters and EMTs, we are administrative members, auxiliary members, cadets. We are out there as the President of our companies running multimillion dollar companies sometimes or million dollar companies. I am just so proud when I go around everybody is just so envious of our

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partnerships with people that make it a premier volunteer fire and rescue service. We don't just do it on our own, we do it because of you. And I just need you to know that I am so thankful for the support over the last year; for the hospitality, the invitations and I tried to do my best to make sure our voices were heard. As I always say a lot of times, thank you for what you do on a day to day basis for your county and of course, this great state. Again, I am just very proud to have had this experience this last year.

I thank my husband and my son and my mom who are truly looking forward to a little time with me. I know my mom is always one to want to capture moments at family dinners. So I think she is getting back to that.

To my home company, Ferndale, I don't know to thank them enough. You saw them at the Opening Ceremonies as part of the Honor Guard. I will have to tell you I am so proud of them, they only had about 5 or 6 hours of Honor Guard training and did such a wonderful job. And anything I ever asked of them, they jumped over hoops to get it done for me.

Again, thank you all for making us such an outstanding fire rescue service and thanks for being my heroes. Good evening. (Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Jackie. We have a very special gentleman, he has joined us many times and always makes himself known. It is a pleasure to bring to the podium Senator Roy Dyson. (Applause.)

Senator Roy Dyson: How are you all doing? How you doing, uh? This isn't church. How you doing? Yeah! You know thanks to you we have one of the best volunteer fire rescue systems in the world. (Applause.) Yes! Amen!

Tonight we are going to say goodbye to some people – Jackie you are one and Carol you are the other. Get over here! That's the last time I can say it that way right? I can't boss them around anymore. Thank you, Jackie. Jackie says I can.

Carol, I am very proud of what you've done and what this is - is a recognition from the Maryland General Assembly signed by a senator by the name of Roy Dyson. Someone asked me how long have I been coming here and I said since the 70s. And they looked at me and said yes, I know you were in diapers. Anyway this is an official citation for you, where we offer you our sincere congratulations for your services as the 2013-2014 President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary. We thank you and I am here today to present it to you. Congratulations and thank you very much. (Applause)

Can we do Jackie and we will do them together? She has another minute and a half, so we may as well let her be boss. Get over here. This is a citation, this lady has been very helpful to me this year and this Association during the winter lives in my office.

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We are very proud of them and are pleased to do whatever we can for them. There is only one rule! You can come, you can spend the day, do whatever you want to do but you CANNOT take your shoes off. None have done that. Anyway, this is to you, it is an official citation, it is our way of saying as you were the 2013-2014 President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association your service was very much appreciated. Thank you very very much. (Applause.)

MC Richard Brooks: And if the two of you would step out in the center – I need you to step out in the center. Ladies and gentlemen what I have you do is support the statements you have heard earlier. And certainly what you have witnessed for the last twelve months, a great job by two wonderful ladies. Please acknowledge our Presidents Olson and Hayden as they stand together for a wonderful job in 2013-2014. (Applause and standing ovation.) Ladies thank you very much, please take your seats because it is time to pass the baton.

It is time for leadership to continue and organizations to grow even stronger. To begin that process I will ask our Installing Officer for the Ladies Auxiliary, Past President Sherry Soper to please install the Ladies Auxiliary. Madame Past President.

Sherry Soper, LAMSFA PP: Ladies this is it. Please raise your right hand and say your name where I say mine. I, Sherry Soper, do solemnly promise to fulfill the duties of the office to which I have been elected. I will abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to the best of my ability. I will protect and maintain all records and property entrusted to my care and will turn same over at the end of my term. So help me God. Congratulations ladies. (Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Please be seated ladies. Past President Carol, if you would come forward please to pass on the trappings of your office.

Carol Hayden, PP: Ann, could you come up please? Now that you are President, I have a few things to give to you. One is your gavel use it wisely at your meetings. Okay? I also have the Presidents Seal for the Ladies Auxiliary to display at your firehouse. Be proud of that. (Applause) Also this is a shadow box of the officers' pins for the various offices of the auxiliary. This one is a pin donated by Past President Marie Soutar. It is the very first fund raising pin for the ladies auxiliary's Bessie Marshall Fund. Last, but not least, also donated by Past President Marie Soutar is the Past President's Pin from Christine Fulmiller, who was President in 1952-1953. Enjoy your office. I am sure you will have a great year. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Ladies, congratulations. Look forward to a great year. Enjoy your year as the leadership passes on. And as you have heard me say many times, the ladies are always fascinating because of the amount of time you invest in your offices along the way that you take to get to the first chair. Thank you very much. Thank each

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and every one of you for your efforts along the way.

Now I will ask for Past President John Denver to install the officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Mr. Past President.

John Denver, PP: Good evening. First of all I would like to congratulate each of you and thank you for stepping forward to take these very important leadership positions in our organization. Please stand. Raise your right hand and repeat after me using your name where I use mine.

I, John Denver, do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I will keep and maintain all monies, equipment and entrusted to my care and turn them over to my successor at the end of my term of office. I will perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability so help me God.

I declare you all properly installed. Ladies and gentlemen, please help me in congratulating your officers for the coming year. (Cheers & Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Please be seated all. I call for Past President Roger Steger to please come forward to bestow the honors on Past President Olson.

Past President Roger Steger: Thank you. Good evening. Now, Past President Jackie Olson. I got a couple of boxes here I have to open. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Past Presidents, I would like present Past President Jackie Olson with her Past President's Ring and now I will present her with her Past President Badge. And now, on behalf of the Past Presidents, we would like to present her with her Past Presidents Shirt. (Applause.)

Past President Olson: As I am pinned with my Past President's Pin, I would like to do the honor of pinning Dave with his President's Pin.

Richard Brooks, MC: Now I will ask Past President Tommy Mattingly to come forward with the Presidential Seal presentation.

Tommy Mattingly, PP: Asked for us to put a diamond in that ring but we couldn't quite afford that. She is used to that kind of treatment.

It has been my pleasure for some 23 years to present a copy of Maryland State Firemen's Association Logo to the outgoing President. When I served as President in 1990-1991, my good friend, Noah Callas from Hollywood, presented me with a hand painted of the MSFA Seal and asked that we pass it on to the sitting President of the Association. And we have been doing that since 1990-1991. It is my pleasure to present Jackie with her permanent seal since she returned the original.

Now Dave if you would come forward, I would like to present you with the original hand

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painted one that Noah did for us. Display it with pride in your station or the appropriate place. We expect to see you return it next year and we will fix you up with a permanent one. Hang it up with pride. Good luck David. (Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Mr. Mattingly. Now I will ask Past President Sherry Soper to please return to the podium for the presentation of the Past President's Pin to Carol Hayden.

Sherry Soper, PP: Carol, it is my pleasure to present to you the Past President's Pin and the Past President Luncheon is tomorrow and welcome to the club. (Applause.)

Richard Brooks, MC: Now I will ask President Davis to come forward to make a presentation to the Past President.

President Ann Davis: Past President Carol now this is a gift from your officers. Thank you for a wonderful year. It is two of your favorites – the color purple and it is crafty. So enjoy these goodies.

Carol Hayden, PP: A wallet, a bag biggest for me to get into, another bag for craft items and various other items and finally a gift card.

President Davis: Thank you for a great year and we wish you lots of rest and relaxation. But don't go too far, we will always need a little guidance. (Applause.)

Carol Hayden, PP: Thank you Officers of the LAMSFA, I will enjoy them and use them wisely. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Congratulations Carol. Mr. President if you would stand and escort madam President right there in front of the steps. Ladies and gentlemen this is our time to cheer them on, to show our support and demonstrate our confidence. Please welcome the Ladies Auxiliary President Ann Price-Davis and Maryland State Firemen's Association President David Keller. (Applause) And if you would escort the ladies President over here and we'll hear our remarks from Ladies Auxiliary President Ann Price Davis.

Ann Price Davis, LAMSFA President: Good evening. Thank you for attending and supporting us, both associations tonight. Thank you to my family and friends that have arrived. Some are surprises and some are not. My nephew was eight when he first escorted me down and now he's eighteen. My best friend and roommate from college is in attendance and my family who I baby sat for, and baby sat for my little monsters here and a surprise that came with them is Mr. Guntow's daughter, so that's an honor too that she could attend. I wish for a successful year working with the association and my ladies. We'll have a great time, work forward and move ahead with leadership. I've been asked by people why I do this, volunteer stuff as my coworkers call it. They don't get paid. Why would you bother and do it? And another coworker

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said you can stop, you're already getting into heaven, and you've done enough and she's only known me for six years.

I said this is what I do. I grew up with it. My grandmother did it, my mom did it, my dad did it, and my sister in law does it now. They made me a junior auxiliary member because I was always helping. We have an age requirement. I was too young. And once I did that with Cockeysville I went to the county meeting and they needed an officer so I had to borrow a skirt and I got installed as color bearer at Glyndon many moons ago and then I went on to serve Baltimore County ladies twice as their President cause it's just something we do.

And then I met a fireman in Ocean City during senior week, AKA also firemen's convention, he's my husband. Something happened there. And then I thought about running for state office and I thought, I'll do that when I'm older, but what is older, why wait, so I decided in 05 to run for offices and climb the chairs of the LAMSFA and have enjoyed every moment of it. But then I thought to my coworker and others, the real reason why we do it. And it is part of the family, the friends you make, the giving back and I thought ok. I teach high school home economics so I should teach about this. Why do I do it? And it's called self-actualization, Maslow and the Higher Needs and I'm not going to give you a lecture, pyramid, I made it, love, physical safety you climb to the top and if you don't you die. Self-actualization is where we want to be. So we're all still here. We're working on it. But basically, meet your lower needs first. And those that self-actualize are giving back to the greater good. And that's what we are all doing here today in some way, shape or form. And then I thought what makes a person a self actualizer? And I think I have some of these characteristics and maybe you too. I've got an unusual sense of humor, a concern for the welfare of humanity, we're willing to try new things rather than sticking to the safe path. We avoid game playing, hopefully. We take responsibility and we're problem centered people, not self-centered. So with that, I challenge each and every one of us to self-actualize. To find friends and family and encourage them to give back and self-actualize as we have. And thinking back to my coworker, as far as getting into heaven, I'm still going to volunteer as long as they want me, so thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you madam President I understand we have some presentations and I'd ask Linda Scheide, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Baltimore County to please come forward.

Linda Scheide: Good evening. Ann Price Davis you don't have to come up yet. You stole a little of my thunder. I am going to have a word with you after this. Have you ever met anybody in your life that you couldn't say no too? She's one of them to me. I've known her all my life. Before she was born I knew her mom and the reason I don't say no to her is because over the years I have watched her grow and she has gained my respect so much and admiration because of all of her accomplishments. I can venture to say she is probably younger than the majority of the people in this room

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but yet her accomplishments far out way. Let's just talk about a couple of them from elementary to college, just a few things: Art club, Key Club, National Honor Society, SBLA, French club, 4 H club, Marksmanship - so be careful - and Girl Scouts just to name a few. Then she decided to go to Hood College. She got her BS in Retailing and Secondary Education. That wasn't enough she went to McDaniel College and earned her Masters of Liberal Arts, an additional 60 plus credits for Post-Secondary Education.

She's a teacher at Catonsville High School. She's on committees there. She served as a leader of the Baltimore County 4-H Rabbit Club. She did Fair Board President for 4-H. Maryland 4-H all-stars member. In her church she served on the church board. She's been a junior member since 1990 for Cockeysville. She held all offices. She held all the offices in Baltimore County Ladies Auxiliary. She was President for two years and did all the other offices.

Over the past ten years Ann has worked her way up through the chairs in line to become President of the Maryland State Auxiliary. She juggles all of these things and she does it well. She's a wife and her biggest accomplishment is her little guy who's around here somewhere, Asa. Now we ask ourselves where did she get this? Well, I knew Nana as she knows her. Cathryn Bosley started years and years ago before an Auxiliary even existed and helped at the carnivals. She also was an officer for Cockeysville and Baltimore County and served on many committees of the Maryland State.

Then there's Papa, he's here somewhere. We know him as Shadow, her dad Paul Price who's been with Cockeysville since 1955. I don't know the exact amount of years but for many years he was top responder. He held offices at Cockeysville.

And then there's Kathryn Price her mom. Kathy is somebody else that I totally respect. She's always doing things for the community and other people. She served with Cockeysville forever. She was Baltimore County twice, President twice and she served on many committees of Maryland State.

All those people in combined have given over 162 years. That's something pretty special. (Applause) And if that's not enough she went and married one. So ladies you're in for a ride. She's a traditionalist. She's a stickler for the rules, right Michael, she'll tell you if you don't do something right, but what greater thing to have in a leader who is passionate and loves what she's doing and believes what she's doing and is not afraid to tell you. So I wish her luck and if she'd come up. I too happen to have a couple of hats because I can't say no to Ann, is one of the reasons and on behalf of the Baltimore County Ladies Auxiliary we would like to present you with this check for \$500. (Applause)

And as President of Cockeysville Ladies Auxiliary we are very proud of you and we would like to present you with this check for \$5,000 (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Now we'll hear from the mother of the family and I'll ask Cathy to please come forward for her presentation.

Cathy Price: On behalf of the family I'd like to say that you have our congratulations for acting on and achieving President of the LAMSFA. You are thoughtful and dedicated in what you do. We know you will do a great job and we are all here to help you. I have something for you and I love you. We're so proud of you and we have a few gifts for you.

This one is from Asa.

Ann Price Davis, LAMSFA President: From my Mon and dad a cross necklace because I lost mine cutting grass, I couldn't find it, a couple years ago.

A quilt from Baltimore County and all the fire companies. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Next presenter is some guy named Mike. He's the guy that made you mow the grass. That's going to come back.

Mike Davis: It's already coming back. Let's get the grass thing straight. She mows her parents grass, she won't mow our grass, it can grow six feet high and it wouldn't matter. She's says it's no big deal, get it later, sure I'll get it later. So, but seriously this is carnival money, grass cutting at her parents but we'll work on that.

I've been thinking of a gift and thinking of a gift and I couldn't come up with a gift so me in my infinite wisdom, I work in the city so I'll stop in one of those neat little shops and get something. I failed to look at the hours on the shop. I stopped Thursday morning, they were closed, didn't look at the little thing hanging on the door, go to work, ran into trouble, came the end of the day, 3:15 look at the door and there's these little book notes, 10 to 3 Tuesdays and Thursdays only. That's my luck, so that's coming to you later. I was thinking what could I do, and somebody else had a really good idea and I'm going to get house cleaning twice a month for you and probably a robot vacuum because that's for me because I'm the one that does the vacuuming so that doesn't matter what I do or come up with it's always for me to benefit me, it will benefit you too. It will give me more time with you.

What a great ride. She's right Ocean City's the fault of all this. Firemen's Association started it, me coming down here. I met her. Her and her friend took my jacked up truck for a ride. I got the door for her. That's what made her remember me at her friend's wedding she thought I was going to be in the wedding with her and we started talking ever since and have been coming down here since 94, I think and one of the first, I was just thinking about it today, one of the first conventions we were at was here. It was under Paul Sterling, I'm trying to remember, I can't remember, but it's been some years ago, but one of the first executive committee meetings was down here in Ocean City in

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February and been coming ever since and going to the meetings ever since. She got me involved in this as well. I've been in the fire service 20 years myself so it's been a great ride, it's going to be a fun year. I'm going to enjoy the next three years with you and everyone else and they are already making plans for me. It's going to be great. Thank you. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thanks Mike. Next I'll ask for James Walker from the Cockeysville Fire Co. for his presentation, Mr. Walker.

James Walker: Well you know why I'm here. I've known Ann for about that long. That's how long she was. I have some presentations from the politicians and whatever. You're not going to get them all at once. They are not in alphabetical order, who are they and how thoughtful the lawyer and the delegate and whatever it is it doesn't count. Some of them if you read them maybe they should be at the bottom of the pile but I'm not going to do that. The first one is from the certificate of special congressional recognition presented to Ann Price Davis. In recognition of your long standing service and earning the rank of President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Maryland State Firemen's Association on the 17th and this is Congressman Andy Harris.

We have Baltimore County Council Resolution of which I'm not going to read because I can't see it and the bifocals are dirty. This is from Todd Huff, Councilman 3rd District.

And we have some big ones here. Maryland General Assembly, boy those boys are doing good too. Official citation be it known that sincere congratulations are offered to Ann Price Davis in recognition to being President of the Ladies Auxiliary etc. and all the other stuff and presented on this 17th day of June. They should have put my name in there to be presented but anyway Delegate David Lafferty I think it is.

And I got one more here. I forgot which one, which one was I suppose to give that one to? It's a flag. It's the Maryland flag. As you get old your mind goes downhill.

And one more from the Baltimore County Executive to Ann Price Davis from Kevin. All politicians should have names either Smith or Jones. That way you can't go wrong. And then they write left handed and that even makes it worse.

I think we have everything. I've known Ann for too long and everything she said a while ago was. (Cell phone rang and Ann advise him it is \$5.) Fire call. Thank you people. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: And lastly we have Mr. John McDowell the President of Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Mr. President.

Mr. McDowell: Ann I'd just like to say congratulations and on behalf of the member companies, the officers and members of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's

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Association, congratulations. We have some flowers and also something to help you to offset your costs throughout the year. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you all for those special presentations. At this time I call upon LAMSFA Senior Vice President Darby Byrd to speak on behalf of the Officers.

Darby Byrd: Good evening, my secretary Johnie Roth was holding my comments. Ladies if you would please stand while I speak to Ann on our behalf, I would appreciate it.

Ann on behalf of myself and your fellow officers we would like to extend our congratulations on your election as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We look forward to your leadership and guidance in moving the LAMSFA forward into a bright future. We know that change is hard but we will stand behind you and beside you at all times. We pledge to be one cohesive team under your leadership. We also extend our support to the MSFA. Dave please feel free to let us know if we can be any assistance to you. And may God bless us all. Congratulations Ann. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you mam and I know you all look forward to an exciting year. And now it's a pleasure to ask to come to the podium the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, President David Keller for his remarks. Mr. President. (Applause)

David Keller, President: Thank you Richard. It is my honor to stand here tonight as the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I'd like to congratulate both Vice President Roth and Davis on their newly elected positions. I want to extend my thanks to the Executive Committee for accepting the appointment to serve with me and a special thanks to Chairman Abrecht for his willingness to take this journey with me. I want to thank my wife Vicky and son Davey, my Mom and Dad, my Brother, my companies - the Citizens Truck Company, Juniors Fire Company, Williamsport Fire and EMS Company and Associations - the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for their support over the last several years. Without their support and dedication to my success I wouldn't be standing here today. I'd like to take a moment to give a little history that I find interesting. 20 years ago Past President Richard Yinger became the President of this Association. 10 years ago Past President Robert Jacobs stood in front of you to do the same thing. Now tonight I stand here. Why do I find this interesting well each of us are members of the Citizens Truck Company #4 we each became president in a year ending in #4, and our terms are 10 years apart. Little did I know that I would have the same privilege as them to lead this great association? Both of these men have remained active in our association and it has been a privilege to have both of these men as mentors and friends. I hope to serve this association as President with the same determination, honesty and passion as they did. Thank you both for everything.

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I have traveled over 44,000 miles across this state in the past year. These miles were invaluable as they allowed me to get a better understanding of the needs of the Emergency Services in all corners of the State. I still have a lot to learn so I guess my traveling days are not over.

My goals for the upcoming year include:

- Working on better communication and
- Recruitment and Retention working with our young adults

With that being said if there is anything the Association can do to assist you it is my intention that we will step up to the challenges to help provide the best support to you, the members of this association.

To all the Past Presidents who gave their support and words of encouragement. To the previous Executive Committees I have worked with thank you for teaching me about the association.

To President Ann Price- Davis Congratulation to you and your officers. If I can assist you in any way please let me know.

In closing I want to leave you all with a short version of the meaning of the seal for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Color red is for life, the hose for the energy put forth, the tools: axe is force and the ladder's steps to success the nozzle dispense success, the oak leaves show strength, the acorns represent the firemen's accomplishments, the wreath symbolize valor and achievement and the bow ties it together to make this a great organization. Good Night. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC Thank you Mr. President. Great words. We have a few presentations for you as well and I'll ask the Fire Chief of the Frederick County Division of Fire & Rescue Services Chief Denise Pouget to please come forward for her presentation. Chief.

Denise Pouget, Fire Chief: Good evening. Father Barnhart was trying to find a campaign hat for me so it took me a little while to get out here. But that's a fun group back there. David we're so proud of you. Frederick is a fire service rich in tradition, very proud, just wonderful people. They have been very welcoming of me, very supportive, just a great group to work with and I'm so proud to be a part of Frederick's family and in my first year July 2013 till now has been a world wind but to come in and then have you voted in as the Maryland State Firemen's President is just an incredible feeling to know that this has happened for the third time. We talked about Richard Yinger and Bob Jacobs big shoes to fill and I know Citizens Truck Co is so proud. So with that the Division of Fire Rescue Services wants to present you with this plaque of congratulations and we hope that you will think of us every time that you look at it. David we are excited and we are proud. Good luck. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you Chief Puegot. Thank you for making the trip down to Ocean City. Next I'll ask Senator Roy Dyson to please return to the podium as he has proclamations now for the Presidents. (Applause)

Senator Roy Dyson: Hey listen I've been a part of a damn pajama game and you think this is funny. Mr. President you don't know what you are getting into do you? I hope you at least read about it. With the internet today you don't know there are probably a lot of them out there. Could I have you and the lady bride over here? If she would come over and it's not my intention to make fun of you but I understand this is an old tradition and you're bring this old tradition back. I like tradition. Let's give her a hand for doing that. (Applause)

I was going to do you first Dave, but I'm not.

This is for Ann Price Davis. I have made a small mistake on this official citation. Normally I wouldn't tell anybody but what's her name Darby Byrd. Darby Byrd has spread the word to everybody that I have made a mistake. I'm a damn politician, what do you expect? You will be in charge next year dear, not now. Just wait to see what your official citation is going to look like. And I'm going to have a State Policeman here because when the citation is done, I hope they are going to arrest you. Darby, Darby listen when the other citation comes and the guy with the guns, it won't be misspelled. I will guarantee that one.

Alright let's get serious. These two wonderful people have a lot of challenges today. They really do. I want you to know our office is open to you. It's simple, don't take these off in the middle of winter but we want you to make use of that and I'm a firm believer in our volunteer system. I started seeing something that I really don't like to see in these last couple years. Even in my own area and these are big times about needing volunteers. Even in my own constituents I'm hearing it all the time, Roy you don't think the time will come when we don't have volunteers and I say I hope it never comes. I looked today at what happens. I looked at 66 individuals who had at least 50 years and the sum total and I don't think I can remember this was 6,300 and some years a volunteer to our fire and rescue. How impressive that is. It is a shame to Governor or Lt. Governor and the whole General Assembly to be here to hear and to see that because that is very impressive. (Applause) But I am here and Ann this is an official citation. It's for you, it's about your election as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary 2014-2015 and I'm just here to wish you well and to tell you we will do anything in the world to help you. So God bless you. And now we're going to do David. Darby Byrd, No. This is for David Keller for your election as President of the Association and again we just appreciate what you are doing, your loyal dedication to this system is going and does make Maryland better so thank you both very much. (Applause) I have here from the State of Maryland, from the Governor of Maryland it's to Ann Price Davis, at least he got one thing right. I didn't say that. I didn't say that. Be it hereby known on behalf of the citizens of the State in recognition a special tribute to honor the occasion of your installation as President of the Ladies

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Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in appreciation of your dedicated service and commitment I am pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation on this 16th day of May, well, signed by the Governor, the Lt. Governor and the Secretary of State. (Applause)

And this is for David Keller III and it is: Be it hereby known on behalf of the citizens of the State in recognition a special tribute to honor the occasion of your installation as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in appreciation of your dedicated service and commitment I am pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation on this 16th day of May, well, signed by the Governor, the Lt. Governor and the Secretary of State. Congratulations (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Senator thank you very much. It's always a pleasure to have Senator Dyson he is always around for us. Thank you. Look at that. They even go to their seats without being asked. That's wonderful.

Next we have a rather special presenter, I'm going to ask Mr. David, master David Keller IV to please come out.

Vicki Keller: Today Davey and I have been talking about what we would give you, dad, and it's hard to give dad something because when he wants something he goes and gets it so in preparation this evening we were standing in line and dad came up and he said you know what, I don't think you all got me anything so he handed me this envelope and said when you get up there you just hand me this and we're good. So, I'm giving you your envelope. (Laughter). Now what we're really going to give him because Davey and I talked and Davey really wants to give him something very special.

Davey Keller: I know you've always wanted it so when we get back I'm going to give you the challenge coin. (Applause)

Vicki Keller: I don't know if you heard it, but the General gave Davey the challenge coin that only a very few special people receive in the military and so the General had given that to Davey is giving it to his dad.

Davey Keller: Dad have a lot of fun and just keep the company straight. (Laughter and Applause)

David Keller, President: All right, thank you. And real quick, you are the first recipient of the Dave Keller challenge coin. (Applause) We went out and did challenge coins and they have been sitting there and how Davey has not found them in my room is beyond me. But I know a lot of people have helped get this together. (Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: Mr. Finally I'm going to ask our transportation chair to come forward and make a joint presentation. Mr. Flint.

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Tom Flint: Good evening, part of our pleasure of the transportation committee is being able to honor the people that work so hard to get here and can be recognized through the years. All the years to get here we have a tag for them to be recognized as they go through the state. (Applause) Always a pleasure, thank you.

Richard Brooks, MC: Thank you gentlemen. Ladies and gentlemen just a brief announcement. There will be a receiving line of the Officers and Presidents outside Room 209. Please stick around there's something that occurs here at 9:30 called the Pajama Parade. One or two of you may be familiar with, not me but one or two of you. The other thing I would ask you as we call for the blessing and the benediction is that after the benediction, please remain in your seats as the officers recess down the aisle and we get the receiving line straightened out.

I will tell you just a little bit of humor before we go. The Keller's and the Brooks are staying in the same building over at Bradley on the Bay. I'm at dinner the other night and I get this foreign number that I really didn't have programmed in and I answered it and it was Dave. He said Richard we have a problem. What do you need? He said you're leaking on me. He said we already have the resident manager out we think your washing machine has sprung a leak. Good, do we need to do anything, he said no so I said thank you Mr. President. (Laughter)

I'll ask now for Charlie Barnhart to come out for a special blessing followed by our Vice Chaplain Becky Wathen for the benediction. Chaplain Barnhart.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart Jr: I feel like Red Skelton. Do you remember him? (Laughter) Wow. Ok I'll take it off now. Ann and Dave would you join me at the podium please? And again I feel like I'm at a wedding. One on each side. I was asked by these good people to give a special blessing and we've been good friends for through the fire service for many years and I'm much honored that I could stand before you tonight and grant you that blessing. From the oceans here in Ocean City to the lakes in western Maryland you're going to be taking a course that's going to lead you into wonderful places and you're going to meet wonderful people and you're going to work very hard for the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary. So it is my wish as you begin travelling again over this great state of Maryland that you take God's speed with you, well maybe not speed, do you drive fast, how about you. You have got a great journey ahead of you and you both will do well with Gods blessings. Let us pray.

Gracious God we give you thanks for Ann and Dave this night as they begin their new jobs as Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. And Father we ask you to guide them safe travel all over the state as they continue to do the good work that has been passed on and as the torch is raised to Ann and Dave now may that continue to burn high and that we will be able to say that we are the greatest fire and EMS state in the country. Father again we give you thanks for

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these two people and we even give thanks this night for the work of Jackie and Carol and all those who have served this association well and now have the rank of Past President. Father we ask your blessing be upon these great two people and we ask this and all your blessings in his abundant and ever loving name. Amen

Congratulations and God's speed and best wishes. You can leave the kids off in Taneytown on your way through if you need to. I'll take the hat now back and give it to your son.

Richard Brooks, MC: It has become important obviously that the hat returns to its proper owner. That one goes to big Shirley in the back. Who's got my hat? You're taking care of it. Obviously they are becoming quickly a collector's item.

Vice Chaplain if you would.

Becky Wathen, Vice Chaplain: God let us take this time to bestow on the new leadership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association your guiding hand so that they can lead this organization throughout the next year. Please also take care of their families, their fire fighters, and their companies their rescue personnel as they continue on throughout the year. And PS lord, please let Richard Brooks learn to say my last name before I become President. Amen (Laughter and Applause)

Richard Brooks, MC: It's family, what can I say. Ladies and gentlemen thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules and certainly your enjoyment time here in Ocean City to support our officers. That's our responsibility. They have placed themselves in this position to lead our organizations and they are wonderful and great people. It's our responsibility to stand behind them, encourage them on and support them in their duties. Please do so. Tonight please be careful as we dismiss from here and enjoy your evening. We'll see you at 9:30 I hope.

Mr. President would you please escort madam President to the back. Gentlemen if you would follow the pack. Good night. (Applause) (Music)

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Session 4

President David Keller III: I now call the 4th Session of the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association to order. We will now have the Invocation by Chaplain Michael Bowen.

Chaplain Michael Bowen: Let us pray the Invocation. Almighty God unto who all hearts are open and all desires known and from who no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Be with us today as we come together to conduct the business at hand on our final day of the Maryland State Firemen's Convention, and give us Father the power to go on, to carry our share of the burden of work to the end of time. And to live all the years of our lives faithful to the highest we have seen as we continue our work in the fire and EMS service. In His name we pray. Amen.

President Keller: I now call Hoby Howell with the safety message.

Hoby Howell, Safety Committee: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning and welcome back for our last meeting. Hope you all had a safe and enjoyable evening. Congratulations to David Keller III from your Safety Committee for becoming our newly elected President. Good luck on the coming year.

Last evening I know folks showed up at the pajama parade. It was an evening to behold. Looking forward to the parade, let's be safe and don't drink and drive this afternoon or evening. Take the bus, tickets are still available.

We hope the rest of your stay is a safe one for you and your family. Once again, thank you from the Safety Committee.

President Keller: At this time are there any communications from the floor? With none, I now call Roger Powell for the reading of the Resolutions.

PP. Roger Powell: Thank you. Good morning everyone. Resolutions, as you know, have been presented throughout the convention. This is the time the Resolutions need to be adopted. There are two ways to do this: I could have a motion to suspend the reading of each Resolution and I would just read the list of Resolutions so that you

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could adopt those on the list; or, I can read each Resolution. So if anyone wants to make motion to suspend the reading please do so.

Name and company (did not come to microphone – inaudible).

The Resolution Committee is Lew Harvey, Richard Snader and myself. The Resolutions are as follows:

Past President Jackie Olson, Past President LAMSFA Carol Hayden, the Convention Committee and Chairman Ron Siarnicki, Dennis Beard for his years of service on the MEMA Fire Service Desk, Gov. Martin O'Malley, Delegate James Malone, Senator Barry Glassman, Delegate Norm Conway, for his continuous support of the MSFA Partners Legislative initiatives, Delegate Eric Ludtkke, and Senator DeGrange, for their support of the Income Tax Subtraction Modification Bill, Ocean City Police Department, Ocean City Fire Department, and Mayor Richard Meehan.

I need a motion to adopt the Resolutions. Motion made but not at microphone and was inaudible.

President Keller: All in favor of motion? (Loud ayes) Opposed? (None)

P.P. Roger Powell: Thank you.

President Keller: All right, for the Main Presentation this morning from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office with 50 Years of Service to the Citizens of Maryland. Panel members are: Rocco Gabriele, former State Fire Marshal; William Barnard, former State Fire Marshal; Brian Geraci, Maryland State Fire Marshal; and, Timothy Dayton, Chair of the Maryland State Fire Prevention Commission.

Rocco Gabriele: Good morning everyone, Let me preface my remarks. We're going to talk about the 50 years of the State Fire Marshal. Just to remind you that 50 years ago there was no State Fire Marshal's Office. It was in the insurance Commissioner's Office and the Insurance Commissioner was the State Fire Marshal. Governor Millard Tawes had a deep interest in the fire service and wanted to improve and expand the role and the effectiveness of the Maryland State Fire Marshal.

The first annual Governor's Fire Prevention Conference was held during the Tawes administration. He established a committee on fire codes in 1963 with Senator James Clark of Howard County serving as the chairman. That was the legislative committee. The need for the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office to investigate fires and enforce codes was known long before 1963 and was actually encouraged by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. A House joint resolution 12 section laws of 1956 request the appointment of a commission for the advisability of appointing the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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Assistant Fire Marshal Robertson and James Clark took a trip to Dover, Delaware on October 5, 1963 to review the operation of the Delaware Fire Prevention Commission and the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office.

The law approving the State Fire Marshal's Office was approved on April 7, 1964 with an effective date of July 1, 1964. The Commission was tasked with appointing a State Fire Marshal no later than August 31st with the State Fire Marshal to begin his duties on September 1, 1964 and the State Fire Code to take effective on that date. The State Insurance Commissioner was directed to continue being the State Fire Marshal until this time.

In September 1st of 64 the commission voted to select James C. Robertson the first State Fire Marshal. Mr. Robertson was actively involved in the proclamation of the first Maryland State Fire Prevention Code in the modern era. Under Robbie the legislation was passed in the General Assembly in 1965 to change the crime of arson from a misdemeanor to a felony. On May 26, 1965 Fire Marshal Robertson presented the Fire Prevention Commission the essential need to bring nursing homes domiciliary care facilities into compliance with life safety code including automatic sprinkler protection in all wood structures, establishing the deadline of August 1, 1967.

After failing to pass in 1964 due to its late introduction, Maryland became the first state to require smoke alarms in all new occupancies effective July 1, 1975. Senate Bill 606 then required automatic sprinkler protection throughout all new buildings housing 50 or more people needing evacuation assistance. An announcement was made in July of 1975 of the publication of Mr. Robertson's new book; Introduction To Fire Protection by the Glen Cove Press. That 8th edition is presently being completed. That required all existing occupancies to have smoke detectors effective January 1, 1981.

Mr. Robertson's term as State Fire Marshal ended on June 30, 1982 and unfortunately he passed this May 13th. May his soul rest in peace.

My appointment as State Fire Marshal began on May 1, 1982 upon my retirement from the Maryland State Police. With the superb leadership of late Chief Deputy John Farrell, the late Bob Shimer, Robert B. Thomas Jr., Chief Fire Protection Engineer John Bender along with his staff of Fire Protection Engineers and the cooperation of the Maryland State Police, the agency surged forward in many directions. We remained the agency personnel, deputy Fire Marshal instituted a successful completion of the law enforcement academy and required each deputy to perform 30 fire inspections each month. We introduced legislation to enhance enforcement powers of the deputies, therefore they were no longer required to obtain a hand gun permit from the Maryland State Police. Each of the deputies were trained with the side arm they were issued, which happened to be the same as issued by the Maryland State Police, they were trained and issued in their use.

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We designed new badges, new ID cards and a new logo. During my tenure annual fire safety inspections increased from 3,120 in 1980 to 13,787 in 1992. Automatic sprinkler protection would now be required in all new multifamily buildings constructed after 1990 and smoke alarm law was strengthened several times to require AC power back up and smoke alarms on every level of the construction.

A public information officer was established to enhance the recognition and to make the public aware of the role and responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal's Office. A testing and licensing program was instituted for all blasting in the state. A major incident response team was established for the deployment of resources on major fire incidents. A K-9 arson program was developed and was the first used throughout the state. Grant funding was secured to grow and equip the Fire Marshal's bomb squad.

In 1997 the Maryland Fire Marshal's Office was transferred from the Department of Correctional Services to the Department of the Maryland State Police. During my tenure in office I was elected President of the National Association of State Fire Marshal's and the Fire Marshal's Association of North America. To the best of my knowledge I am the only state fire marshal in the country to have that recognition.

In June 2001 after more than three terms in office as State Fire Marshal I accepted a position as Senior Liaison to the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police coordinating the weapons of mass destruction program, working with legislators, Fire Associations and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. My successor, Bill Barnard.

Bill Barnard: Thank you very much Rocco. Good morning everyone. Bill Barnard as I know many of you and worked with you over the years. It's certainly been a pleasure. I served 12 years as the State Fire Marshal as Rocco indicated, started in July 2001, July the 11th in fact and served until July 1 of last year. It was a great honor to be appointed as the third Maryland State Fire Marshal of the modern era by Col. David B. Mitchell, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police and that happened to be one week before a fire some of our may remember and that was the Howard Street tunnel fire also known as the Baltimore freight rail crash when a 60 car CSX freight car train derailed in the Howard Street tunnel. That occurred on July 18 which sparked a fire that raged on for six days virtually shutting down the downtown area of Baltimore city and that was two months to the day before the horrific events of September 11, 2001.

It was certainly an honor to work with such top notch professionals including Chief Fire Protection Engineer John Bender, Dennis Gentzel and currently serving Larry Iseminger. Chief Deputies Bob Thomas and Joe Flanagan. I cannot say enough about the professionalism, leadership and support these individuals and many other office of the State Fire Marshal individuals provided during my time as the State Fire Marshal.

As we all know September 11, 2001 changed everything, especially first responders. At the time the State Fire Marshal's bomb squad was located at the BW Fire Station and

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was tasked with numerous calls for service in the weeks following 9-11. In the months that followed, under the leadership of Deputy Chief Jack Waldner, an aggressive plan to decentralize OSFM Bomb Squad was implemented using Patriot and other homeland Security grant Funds. By 2004 the OSFM had one of the best equipped and trained bomb squads anywhere in the country. Additionally, the OSFM developed a much closer relationship with the bomb squads operated by local jurisdictions in Maryland and around the nation. Early in 2002, we began implemented of the fire safety inspector program developed by Fire Marshal Gabriele with the hiring first five Fire Safety Inspectors. The employment of Fire Safety Inspectors resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of fire safety inspections conducted and allowed Deputy fire marshals the opportunity to concentrate more of their time on fire investigations and other law enforcement functions. Unfortunately, all efforts to increase the salaries for fire safety inspectors have been unsuccessful and have resulted in significant staff turnover.

During my time as the State Fire Marshal, budget limitations and reductions became the norm. The Friday before Christmas in 2002, I was called to the Superintendent's Office and advised that 96 positions within the DSP budget had to be identified for abolishment by close of business. At the meeting, the original ten fire safety inspector position were reduced to nine, as one fire safety inspector, one deputy fire marshal and one office clerk position were eliminated from the budget. With the great recession, there were several years where extreme measures, including staff furloughs and salary reductions were imposed. The impact of these budget reductions are still being felt today as many vehicles in the OSFM fleet have in excess of 250,000 miles.

Even with severe budget limitations, our dedicated staff continued to make progress. Just a few of our accomplishments included: A significant effort was undertaken to strengthen existing partnerships (MSFA, MFRI, FOP 123) and develop new ones with local jurisdictions, Metro Fire Chiefs, Maryland Fire & Police Chiefs. During my first six months in office, much time and effort was spent on this effort meeting with partners in local jurisdictions and OSFM staff. In December of 2001 a management retreat was held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg to chart our course for the next several years.

In partnership with the MSFA, the OSM undertook an aggressive educational effort to convince local elected officials to adopt residential fire sprinkler requirements. MSFA President Lee Sachs appointed the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Also, we participated in the national effort to require fire sprinklers in all newly constructed townhomes and one and two family dwellings. These requirements were included in the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code and ultimately in state legislation.

In partnership with the MSFA, the OSFM developed "Educational Support Kits," developed and continue to maintain the Maryland Life Safety Website and continue to administer the highly successful Public Fire Education Grant Program for MSFA member

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fire companies. Fire safety guidelines for haunted houses were revised and fire safety guidelines for corn mazes were developed and like several other code modifications over the years, these guidelines were subsequently proposed and adopted into the NFPA Life Safety Code.

In partnership with the Departments of Health, Education and Human Resources, the number of contractual fire safety inspector positions was increased to ensure health care facilities and numerous day care homes and facilities were inspected throughout the state. To improve efficiency and safety, we partnered with MEMA to provide alerting and monitoring of OSFM personnel by the Maryland Joint Operations Center (MJOC).

Budget issues were of constant concern. Over the years, there were countless budget related meetings and budget reduction exercises and far too often, reductions did occur.

A new Deputy Fire Marshal – Senior classification was created to provide promotional opportunities and increased pay for dedicated and experienced Deputy Fire Marshals. Thanks to the partnerships that were developed and the efforts of many, we were very successful in our legislative efforts over the years. Major pieces of legislation, impacting RIP cigarettes, residential fire sprinklers and smoked alarms were passed along with numerous others. A special thanks to Delegate Jim Malone, Baltimore and Howard Counties and Senator Barry Glassman, Harford County for their support and leadership on many fire service issues.

Safer Cigarettes – Effective July 1, 2008

Residential Fire Sprinklers – Effective October 1, 2012

10 year long-life smoke alarms – Effective July 1, 2013

Prohibit the sale of Exploding Target components as a kit - Effective October 1, 2012

Significant Incidents:

Hunters Brooke Arson Fires – December 2004

The Hunters Brooke arson fires that destroyed over two dozen houses in the under-construction Hunters Brooke Development on Maryland Route 225, southeast of Indian Head, Maryland, on December 6, 2004. It is considered to be the worst residential arson event in Maryland state history (estimated damage \$10 million). OSFM, FBI, ATF and many local fire and law enforcement investigators worked the case bringing it to a successful conclusion with the arrest and conviction of five individuals.

Washington, DC Area Arsons – 2003 and 2004

Thomas A. Sweatt is a convicted serial arsonist, who was possibly the most prolific arsonist in American history, setting over 350 fires in and around Washington, D.C., most of which occurred in 2003 and 2004. Following his April 2005 arrest, Sweatt admitted to setting fires for more than twenty years. He is currently imprisoned at the United States Penitentiary II in Coleman, Florida.

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Incendiary Devices – 2011

Department of Transportation and Secretary of State's Office

Washington County Arson Fires - 2013

In April of 2013, a total of eight Pennsylvania and Maryland residents were charged in the serial arson case. Several of the individuals pleaded guilty to setting over 40 fires set between March and April 2013.

Continued Reduction in Fire Deaths – 94 in 2001 to 53 in 2012.

And now I'll turn it over to the next Fire Marshal who took over in September 2013, Brian Geraci who is a good friend and I know he'll do a good job and partnership with this organization and others around the state.

Brian Geraci: Thank you Bill. Good morning. First I want to thank Bill and Rocco, especially Rocco for being here today and doing this presentation. They've been good friends of mine for the last several years and when I worked in Montgomery County with the bomb squad and they really helped us get the bomb squad off the ground in Montgomery County. If it wasn't for them we would not have had a bomb squad in Montgomery County so I thank them for that. It was a great partnership.

You hear about partnerships and relationships up here and really that's what it's all about. We are going to stress to continue to do that, I stress that with my folks every day. That's the only way we're going to get anything done. These days we can't do it on our own. You heard about the challenges we face financially and fiscally. Just last week the Maryland State Police was asked to cut another \$7.4 Million dollars out of their FY 15 budget. How will that impact us? They have frozen several of my positions that we are not able to fill right now, several deputy state fire marshal positions and one civilian position. The one civilian position we were hoping to get and we even gave a deputy state fire marshal position to get was an IT position to come into the office and really help us get into the automation of things. We planned to automate the reports that we do on a daily and weekly basis so that position has been frozen as well, so we have those challenges and those things. We have a dedicated great work force in the Office of the state Fire Marshal day in and day out.

Some of the things we've done recently. We've set a priority on closing criminal. Both the deputy state fire marshals do inspections and do fire investigations as well. We've focused them on doing criminal cases, closing them as well. The numbers are up so that priority has panned out. The number of criminal cases we've closed out just this year is up some like 20% so we're really focusing on that. That seems to be working out really well in that respect. We're looking at also increasing our fire protection engineering staff. We have six fire protection engineers on staff and we look at those

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folks to also be getting out on the larger scene fires now and to help us with computer modeling. They are working with the ATF now on that, we're sending them to different classes as we speak and working with Beltsville to increasing our fire modeling on large scale fires and large fatality fires, we are working on that as well.

We are, we just had a reorganization. The metro office which only covered Carroll County has been essentially dissolved. The investigators that are assigned to Carroll County are working out of the Westminster State Police Barrack and the two inspectors are working out of Pikesville. You know we moved the metro regional office to Pikesville in December last year. Now we've brought on staff into headquarters to really be able to bolster that office/section of the agency and to really provide better service to the regional officers out there we serve, Southern, Western, the Lower Shore, the Upper Shore and out west. I think this is going to be a great opportunity for us to do that. We have Deputy Chief Zack Wagner who is now our Administrative Services Chief is doing a great job for us. We are in the process of hiring a Chief Deputy. As most of you know, Chief Deputy Joe Flanagan went back to the Lower Eastern Shore and replaced Chief Mike Mulligan at the end of last year, so we are in the process of hiring a new Chief Deputy and he should be on board next month. I'd also like to increase our supervisory positions. You heard about the position Bill was able to get with the Senior Deputy State Fire Marshals. We're going to try to do one more step. Obviously they are in the tough time to do that but we are looking to have a supervisor under the Deputy Chief Fire Marshals in each office again to provide that extra supervision. We have a 50th anniversary, we have a banquet coming up for all you who are interested. That's October 18th out at Martin's West in West Baltimore off Security Blvd. and we'll recognize the agency during that.

One of the initiatives we've taken on here recently is obviously the hoarding issue. I think you heard me talking about that. We gave a little presentation on that the other day. We have over 20,000 cases of hoarding here in the State of Maryland and it continues to be a problem not only for the fire service but for the communities and the people there, so we've really focused on that reaching out to our mental health partners, DHMH, or law enforcement partners, animal control and all those people who have a stake in this to really work at it in a task force approach to address hoarding issues. We've asked and we know most of the time you will come in contact with these folks on an EMS run. We ask that you go back and to your EMS providers and make sure they know that situation exists and make sure you flag it in CAD in the hazard field because clearly these houses are death traps for fire fighters.

We had a case here just last year, you know we lost Fire Fighter Holster, he was involved in a hoarding situation and we've lost since I've been the fire marshal about a half dozen folks where hoarding was a contributing factor where they were not able to escape their house. Not to leave the fact that some of them did not have working smoke alarms, but some of them did try to get up and escape. You can just imagine the amount of materials in a normal situation where it is not a hoarding situation and

the fact of a hording situation with the amount of smoke and heat and the amount of combustibile materials you're going to find really exacerbates the problem so much more that it really gets to be a problem. So we are asking folks to call their local fire marshal's office, call my office, we are working with all the different partners we are involved in working on that.

We also are working with the department of aging and the different department of aging in each county again to focus in on the senior population, because the numbers continue to go up on the fatal side of the house so we're working with those partners and again our private partners like meals on wheels and private nurses to go in and see and be our fire ambassadors to go in and check on these folks and to work on that. Those numbers are a little down this year. We have a goal of 31 and right now we are at about a dozen seniors we've lost this year. Apparently we lost another one last night in Baltimore City. Three fire fatalities in this week while we have been in Ocean City. Again the young and the old are that target population where we lost a seven and an eight year old the other day and a 60 year old last night. We are going to focus on those as well and work with the MSFA, the Fire Prevention Committee, Safe Kids and those folks, they do a great job in reaching out to those people and we're going to continue to work closely with them to try to get the numbers down. But we need everybody's help, as I said earlier in a presentation on Monday, we can't do it alone, we need everyone's help. We need to continue to get the message out each and every day about some type fire prevention message. So if you would, consider that in your companies, go back and see what you can do, use your marquee's, use your apparatus to try to get those messages out and please get out there in your neighborhoods and visit these homes. I know there have been a lot of questions raised about the liability of putting in smoke alarms and when I get posed that question I ask "what is the liability if you don't do that?" I think it's much greater if you are not putting them in, just handing them out and you come back and it's still sitting in the box. There's a greater liability on our part than installing smoke alarms. Clearly there are different forums out there and even under state law you are covered under that so I would hope the whole liability issue and that discussion goes away because clearly we need to be in there. We are the experts. We know we here the smoke alarms need to be. We just can't be passing them out and expecting people to put them in. One of the legislations we are looking at for this next legislative year is trying to remove the 9 volt batteries from the market. That was done in a bill that California did. We're going to try to come back with that and try to eliminate the 9 volt alarm this year and just continue to focus on the 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms that are out there now. They are not much more expensive than the 9 volt really and we want to go in that direction so it's one thing we'll be looking at.

Like I said earlier I appreciate everybody's good wishes and everything for me coming back to the Maryland Fire Service. I spent 30 years with Montgomery County, over 30 years for those that don't know between the career and the volunteer side of the house. After I retired I went away for a little while and worked for Arlington County Fire Department before I came back as the State Fire Marshal. It's been great for me

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to come back and serve as the fourth State Fire Marshal. It's always something I've looked at many years ago. Many of you may ask how I got the job. I saw Bill one night at the Congressional Fire Services dinner and he said I have a job for you and I said yea what is that and he said mine. So I said ok. We've had numerous conversations. I knew what I was getting into and I knew what the challenges but I up for this. I think my staff is up for this. I'm looking forward to the next 5 years. It is a six year term, I'm at one year already. I'm like Bill. We have a great staff. Dedicated folks that go out. You saw on Monday the Deputy State Fire Marshal's that were selected for each region. It's unfortunate we did not have time to read the letters about all the good things those folks do. It's not only the things they do in the office each day and the inspections and investigations, it's the other things we do in the community such as what you all do. We support Special Olympics, we do the law enforcement torch run, and we just did the one in Carroll County. There was a tremendous outpouring of our folks there in supporting those types' activities. We also support shop with a cop in communities and those type situations. Those type of community outreach efforts that our office does on a continued basis makes me very proud that we do that. So again I thank everybody. I am happy to be here and I look forward to working over the next year and the new leadership here at the MSFA. (Applause)

I'm going to turn it over to the current Chairman of the State, Maryland State Fire Prevention Mr. Tim Dayton. He's going to talk about the commission.

Tim Dayton: Thank you. Good morning. First off I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Fire Marshals that are here today for the distinct honor in being here to present a synopses of the first fifty years of the State Fire Prevention Commission.

The State Fire Prevention Commission had its first meeting on July 17, 1964 and its first chairman was Past President Raymond Adkins. Shortly after, in January of 1965 printed copies of the State Fire Code were available. The Commission also discussed the need for public meetings on any changes to the state fire code. They also developed a set of procedures for conducting appeal hearings.

In May of 1965 the Commission voted to amend the fire code to require automatic sprinklers in all new and existing wood frame nursing homes, with a phase in period of 1 – 4 years. This was done to put Maryland ahead of the Federal Medicare Program that would soon make automatic sprinklers a requirement.

In 1968 Governor Spiro Agnew would appoint Past President Peter Paul Lochary as the Chairman of the SFPC.

In 1969 would come the first appeal hearing before the SPFC – the appeal was from a care home in Washington County. The Fire Marshal order to install sprinklers was upheld by the Commission.

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In 1970 there was a reorganization of the state government and the OSFM, SPFC, MSP and the Division of Corrections would be under the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Also in April of 1970 there would be an appeal come before the SFPC to permit self-service stations in Maryland. The Commission would take the next decade to wrestle with this.

In 1973 the Commission would produce a newsletter to promote and increase public awareness on fire safety.

After July 1, 1975 all new residential occupancies would be required to have hard-wired smoke detectors.

In 1976 the State Fire Prevention Commission voted to appoint James C. Robertson to a 3rd six year term as State Fire Marshal. Also in 1976 a bill was introduced to standardize the state building code and take away the authority of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the State Fire Prevention Commission, this bill did not pass.

In 1979 Past President Leslie Thompson was appointed Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. Also during this year the SFPC would meet with several fire investigators of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to discuss a wide variety of concerns that the investigators had. The issues were later discuss with Fire Marshal Roberson and Secretary Tully. The SFPC decided that this should not be the normal procedure for complaints from the investigators.

In 1980 the State Fire Prevention Commission discussed the need to license and regulate the sprinkler contractors in the state. They also approved the only evacuation assistance symbol to be used in the State of Maryland – the Rescue “R” as most of us remember.

In 1982 the Commission proposed regulation for smoke control in high rise buildings. Also in 1982 the law was changed concerning the appointment of the State Fire Marshal. No longer would the appointment be directly made by the governor. The State Fire Prevention Commission would submit three names to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services who shall make the appointment for six years. The Secretary was also given the authority to remove the Fire Marshal for just cause. In July of that year the State Fire Prevention Commission would review 29 applications for the job of State Fire Marshal, nine were interviewed and 3 names were submitted to the Secretary. Rocco Gabriele was appointed the new State Fire Marshal. The SFPC would also look at smoke alarms with strobe lights for the hearing impaired.

In 1983 the OSFM would plan and promote a seminar on residential sprinklers at the Timonium Fairgrounds. Past President C. Oscar Baker was the new Chairman of the SFPC and Earl Smith was the only original member of the commission still serving. Also in 1983 changes were made to the state code expanding the SFPC to

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nine members. Chairman Baker wrote a letter to the State Law Department asking for an attorney to be present at all future appeal hearings to represent the Commission. The State Law Department was short staffed and stated that an attorney was present to represent the OSFM at every hearing.

In December of 1986 the State Fire Prevention Commission discussed the task force report on fire deaths. In the report – 75% of homes now have smoke alarms and only about 60% are working smoke alarms. The Fire Chief's Council is looking at software to automate the fire incident reporting system.

In 1988 Chief Fire Protection Engineer John Bender presents a final draft of the residential sprinkler standard for multi-family dwellings. A fee schedule is discussed for the plan review and inspections of new construction. Fire Marshal Gabriele was reappointed as the State Fire Marshal.

In 1990 Past President Smith Stathem was the new Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. Maryland is the host of the thirteenth Annual Mid-Atlantic Conference of State Fire Prevention Commissions. Also Stuart Nathan from the Attorney General's Office becomes the primary counsel for the SFPC.

In 1993 Lydia Butterworth, fire protection engineer from the Smithsonian Institute becomes the first female member of the State Fire Prevention Commission.

In 1994 Fire Marshal Gabriele was appointed to a third term as the state fire marshal.

In 1996 the State Fire Prevention Commission discussed the transfer of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of State Police.

In 1999 Heidi Ritchie from Western Region becomes the secretary to the State Fire Prevention Commission. Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Regulations were approved by the Commission. A review of the Maryland Open Meeting Laws was reviewed at the October meeting of the Commission. Special attention was being paid to the Y2K and all leave for the Office of the State Fire Marshal staff was cancelled. Edward Sherlock was the new Chairman of the Commission in 2000. Discussion at the March 2000 SFPC meeting centered around the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code, this code was not intended to dilute the authority of the State Fire Code or the provisions of the Life Safety Code – Colonel Mitchell of the Maryland State Police attends the meeting of the SFPC.

In July 2001 William Barnard became the third State Fire Marshal for Maryland. Ground base sparking devices became legal in the state. And the Commission looked at sample logos for the SFPC. The SFPC endorsed the "Change your clock, Change your battery" campaign.

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In 2001 Past President Robert Shimer became the Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission after his retirement from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

2002 An appeal came before the SFPC about a 14 story mixed use building that involved open air parking space – the appeal was denied by the SFPC. It was noted that later in the years a fire happened in this building with no significant damage.

In 2003 the State Fire Prevention Commission suffered a loss of Chairman Shimer with his sudden death. Delegate Mandel spoke at the January meeting of the SFPC to discuss a Statewide Initiative on Residential Sprinklers.

In 2004 Richard Clements became the new Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. There was a Life Safety Summit held to focus on the rise in fire deaths within the state. At the June meeting of the SFPC in Ocean City the first Chairman, Raymond Atkins, attends the meeting.

In 2005 the SFPC had a discussion on the standardization of LDH threads.

In 2006 Richard Brooks became the Chairman and also during that year the State Fire Prevention Commission sent a letter to the Secretary of the State Police recommending William Barnard as the Fire Marshal.

2008 Maryland was the host for the Mid Atlantic Association of State Fire Prevention Commissions, this was held in Annapolis.

In 2009 Tim Dayton became the Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. In 2011 Legislation was passed where the locals could not weaken the sprinkler requirements in the IRC. Also this year the Smoke Alarm Task Force started its' long review of the emerging technology in smoke alarms. Their goals were to update the 25 year old law requiring smoke alarms in one and two family dwellings.

2012 Went on record as the year with the lowest number of fire related deaths in the state – 53 was the record low.

2013 The Smoke Alarm Task Force gave its' review and legislation passed later that year to update the 25 year old law with new technology.

2014 Besides myself, the present members of the State Fire Prevention Commission are Vice Chairman Danny Davis, K.C. Harrington, Mark Hubbard, Martin LePore, Anthony Spencer, Stacey Welch and Richard Yinger.

In closing I would say that Chief Isminger in the end of Chapter 4 says it best about the State Fire Prevention Commission: The State Government is made up of many boards and commissions. It would be difficult to envision that any appointed commission has been more dedicated to accomplishing their mission and more effective in exercising

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their duties than the State Fire Prevention Commission. From the beginning, the SFPC has been served by extraordinary individuals who are the clear leaders in the Maryland Fire and Rescue Service; bringing dedication, experience and a vast wealth of fire protection knowledge to the position. Over the fifty year period, the members of the State Fire Prevention Commission have led the way for a fire safe Maryland, through the promulgation and adoption of modern state-of-the-art fire codes, regulations and the selection of truly qualified State Fire Marshals.

The SFPC has the difficult and critical role of conducting appeal hearings brought forth by those individuals who are aggrieved by the decisions of the State Fire Marshal's Office or local fire code authorities. These hearings have historically been conducted in a fair and professional manner. Every citizen who appears before the State Fire Prevention Commission is given more than ample opportunity to present their case. Decisions rendered by the Commission are consistently fair, reasonable and well thought out. On the rare occasion when the decision of the SFPC has been appealed through the court system, the ruling of the court has almost always affirmed the decision of the Commission.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for this great honor to provide you with the first fifty years of the State Fire Prevention Commission.

President Keller: Ok. At this time we would like to present an Appreciation of Thanks for these gentlemen to come here today. Rocco we have a certificate for you and a bag. Thank you. Bill, we have one for you sir. And Fire Marshal, we have one for you Brian. And Tim Dayton, we have one for you sir. Thank you.

At this time we have the Ladies Auxiliary. Would you all like to come down please? At this time we will let President Ann Price-Davis introduce her ladies. Ann.

Ladies Auxiliary President Ann Price-Davis: Good morning everyone. We look forward to working with the MSFA this year and supporting them in whatever they need us to do to assist in the betterment of the groups.

I am President Ann Price Davis and I have Senior Vice President: Darby Byrd; Junior Vice President: Barbara Sue Nelson; our Recording Secretary: Vivian Boyd; Treasurer: Michelle Healy; Financial Secretary: Marcia Roth; Corresponding Secretary: Lori Denbow; Chaplain: Donna Struntz; Vice Chaplain: Becky Wathen; Historian: Malea Daughton; Guard: Jean Main; and our two newest officers, Color Bearer: Shari Steffen and Color Bearer: Stephanie Dalton; and our Bessie Marshall Chairman: Elaine Huttenloch. (Applause)

President Keller: Ladies and escorts thank you very much.

At this time I call on Past President Jackie Olson for her final remarks.

Past President Jackie Olson: Good morning. Before I actually say my final remarks, we have one last piece of unfinished business. So if I can catch Vice President Roth before he goes out the door and Vice President Davis before he goes out the door. I would also like to ask MFCA Past President Rick Blair to the podium as well as MFCA President Terry Thompson, if they are in the room please.

As I mentioned Monday morning in my opening remarks, there was one last piece of unfinished business that we needed to do. And I was hoping to hear from that this week, we actually got the call yesterday. So I am happy to announce that our SAFER Grant that we jointly submitted with MFCA, Past President Rick Blair along with President Keller and Vice President Johnie Roth and now Vice President Davis, I am happy to report we did receive one grant in the amount of \$2,254,670.00. (Applause). So I just wanted to let you all know we did write the grant to better some of our programs such as Marketing, Retention and Recruitment, and Training and a lot of seminars and things like that. So we are actually working together so you'll probably see a lot more during President Keller's year. We are going to appoint a task force to oversee it the next four years. So I just wanted to be able to tell you guys today that beside the Income Tax Incentive being raised to \$5,000 and the Senator Amos kind of staying the same this year. Those are the accomplishments this year. It wasn't just me, it takes a team and it takes all of you as well. One more round of applause for Wahoo! (Applause) So thank you all for helping me with that.

And last but not least, I just wanted to say thank you for electing me to serve this past year. It has definitely been a humbling experience and I am very honored. You know as I travelled from Oakland to Ocean City, Hollywood to Havre de Grace and everywhere in between, your support, your friendship, your hospitality, your guidance, your advice, your criticism – I took as well as I could and made things better to that. So I tried the best that I could. I know we are far behind and we have a lot to do. It was definitely a pleasure working with Vice President Keller and Vice President Roth, cause you know it really was a team effort as everybody knows, the three presidents work together. Some of Dave's goals we put into place this year and I would hope that any that are not accomplished that Johnie would take them on in his year further down.

The other thing I travelled over 95,000 miles in the past three years, so that's a lot of travelling but it was well worth it to get to meet all of you because like we say, "we are only successful as the people that we represent." So I want to thank you guys again for what you do on a day to day basis and for sometimes making our job a little easier. I also want to congratulate Dave. I wish him the best of luck for the future. And congratulate all the incoming officers as well as the officers of the LAMSFSA as well.

President Keller: Now we will have a few words from the newly elected officers. Starting with me.

I stand here today as the newly elected President of the Maryland State Firemen's

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Association. The honor and pride that I feel is overwhelming knowing that you, my peers, have elected me to run this great association and I want to say thank you to each of you. Also if it wasn't for the strong support of my family and my companies and my county associations I would not be here today ready for the upcoming challenges.

Today we start a new year with new leadership and some new visions to move us the Maryland State Firemen's Association forward in a service that continues to change. I would like to congratulate Vice President Roth and Vice President Davis on their newly elected position. I want to extend my thanks to the Executive Committee for accepting the appointment to serve the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

As I stated last night some of our goals include:

- Better communication
- Recruitment and Retention
- Mentoring our young member as they are our future

As I have traveled across this state I have listened to the concerning issues we are facing in the Emergency Services and will step up to the challenges to help provide the best support to you the members of this association.

To our partners the willingness to work together to archive common goals for our emergency services has placed us, the state of Maryland, as a leader in our profession and I look forward to working with you all this year.

To our out of State guests it will be a privilege to join you at your convention as you have joined us at ours. Working with you through Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association for the betterment of the emergency services has been tremendous and the friendship will continue again this year thank you for coming. In closing thank you to everyone for attending this year's convention and placing your trust in me to lead this association. Please be safe and I will see you in my travels. (Applause)

President Keller: At this time I would like to recognize First Vice President Johnny Roth for his remarks.

First Vice President Johnny Roth: Thank you Mr. President. Before I start, I certainly want to thank Past President Jackie Olson for her year. It has been a busy year with what was supposed to have been a pretty quiet year in Annapolis – and it was far from that. I think we had some very good accomplishments this year. I am certainly not going to stand up here and give you a big long speech but I want to thank both of my companies – Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad as well as the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department. I like to thank the Montgomery County Volunteer Firemen's Association that helped to get me where I am today. But certainly thank all of you. First of all for your hospitality, it has been a pleasure travelling this year through the county associations, coming to your parades, coming to your fund raisers and the like.

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That is not going to stop. I have a lot of time on my hands except for what Dave Keller is going to give me do this year.

But there are many challenges this year and with all the elections we could have a whole bunch of new delegates and senators and the like to educate on the fire and rescue services in Maryland. We are not going to be able to do this ourselves. We are going to rely on you all to pick the people that you think are going to be most representative of your needs within your counties for both your personal needs as well as the fire and rescue services.

I would like to thank you very much for your support. I look forward to serving with President Keller as well as 2nd Vice President Davis and the Ladies Auxiliary. This is a team effort and we can't do it without you. So, again, thank you very much. Have a great rest of convention and the rest of your vacation. We look forward to you at the parade.

At this time I would like to introduce the newly elected 2nd Vice President, Mike Davis. (Applause.)

Mike Davis, 2nd Vice Pres.: Thank you. Through your strong support, you were able to make my election possible. To be able to be elected into this position with three candidates running, shows your support! I am very thankful and wanted to make sure that we carry on through leadership, just as Johnie Roth stated. Together we can make this a successful year and I look forward to continue our success for the next three years as I will hopefully be your President as we go into our 125th Convention. I am here for you and I will do whatever I can for you. I am always open to suggestions or complaints, anyway I can help, I will do my best. I hope to see you all as I travel across the state!

And now Mr. Doyle Cox, Secretary.

Secretary Doyle Cox, P.P.: Good morning and thank you. Good morning Rusty! The Secretary's Office with the Assistants, is here to serve you in any way we can, just let us know. Thank you for your support for last year and we look forward for your support this next year.

And now Financial Secretary Mitch. (Applause)

Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke: Thank you. I want to thank everyone for their support over the last two years. I will appreciate your support over the next two years as your Financial Secretary. If you need to contact me, the information is found in the Trumpet and also online at our website. Thank you. (Applause)

Chief Chaplain John Long: Thank you very much for your support. God is good all

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the time. Have a good year folks!

At this time I would like to introduce Doug Alexander, Trustee.

Doug Alexander, Trustee: Good morning to the few and the faithful! I would like to thank you for allowing me to be one of your trustees for the next 5 years. We will be facing some challenges over the next year or 2 or 3 or 5, whatever it turns out to be in providing appropriate benefits for line-of-duty deaths for the volunteer firefighters of this state.

Certainly when you go home and you have somebody who has been injured on an incident, if you have somebody that has died in the line-of-duty, PLEASE get hold of one of us so we can help you in getting benefits for that family. That is probably the biggest thing we need to emphasize to our members, is that fact – we are here to help you whenever we can and if you have problems with the paperwork or don't understand the process, we are here to help you! So please don't hesitate at all to give us a ring. We're in the book, so give us a call. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Keller: Thank you very much. At this time I would like to introduce the Executive Committee for this year. Charles Abrecht, James P. Seavey Sr., Mark A. Bilger, Timothy Dayton, Michael Faust, John Fisher, Benjamin W. Kurtz, Doug Simpkins Jr., Richard Smith, Daniel J. Stevens, Justin Towles, Charles Walker, and Jacqueline M. Olson, Past President, Ex-Officio member. Last night we had the joint installation with the ladies and they took their oath of office at that time. Thank you.

President Keller: At this time we will introduce the Assistant Officers and ask Past President John Denver to install them.

Assistant Secretaries: Shirley Copado, Dana Gunther, Richard Hemphill, Nancy Scott, Thomas W. Scott III;

Assistant Treasurers: George A. "Fred" Cross Jr., P.P., Wylie L. Donaldson Jr., Robert W. Jacobs, P.P.;

Assistant Financial Secretary: Barbara "Bobbie" Aaron;

Chaplains: Rev. Frederick B. Bahr, Deacon Charles E. Barnhart Jr., Rabbi Kenneth Block,
Michael Bowen, Rev. Harry Hetz, Rev. Marvin C. Jackson, Calvin "Pete" Walbert;

Office of the Attorney: Michael W. Farlow and Ashleigh Daughbach;

Office of the Parliamentarian: Chairman Richard K. Brooks III, Ken Bush, William J. Wagner III, Tyler Patton.

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I would also ask that Trustee Doug Alexander to please come out and take the oath of office since he was unable to be with us last night.

John Denver, PP: Good morning and congratulations to each of you and I would again thank each of you for stepping forth and accepting this office within our organizations. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me using your name where I use mine:

I, John Denver, do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I will perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I will keep and maintain all money, equipment and records and turn them over to my successor at the end of my term of office, so help me God. I declare you all duly installed. Congratulations to each of you and please join me in congratulating your officers. (Applause)

President Keller: At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce our next presentation. It is "Planning for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network" by Ray Lehr, State Interoperability Director for the Maryland State Police in Annapolis, Maryland. Mr. Lehr.

Mr. Lehr: Good morning, ok I heard a couple voices, Good morning. Alright, much better. Thank you for the opportunity to come before the Maryland State Firemen's Association and give you an update. I was actually here two years ago and talked about the Maryland State wide 700 MHz radio system. That's making good progress, I'm happy to report we completed the entire Eastern Shore in December of last year. We are going through the testing and a number of the Eastern Shore Counties are taking a look at it to either supplement their current system or join the Maryland State System. But I'm here today and Chris, and this is my grandkids, didn't know they were going to make an appearance but were using my laptop so, Chris do you have the power point ready to go? Ok, one minute, so I am just going to keep talking. Let me tell you that all the places I've gone to speak, probably in the hundreds now, this is probably the best because you have the coolest podium in the world. Being an ex-firefighter I am torn as to whether I should move this way and drive or move this way and ring the bell, so alright good timing.

Ok so again, I'm Ray Lehr, Statewide Interoperability Director and I'm here today to talk to you about something called FirstNet. How many people, let me see a show of hands, know about FirstNet? Ok that's a very small portion. That's good because now you are going to get something from this presentation. Hopefully. So again just to give my credibility here the program says I'm with Maryland State Police, which is true, 5 years with the Maryland State Police but I actually did 30 years with the Baltimore City Fire Department, so hopefully that transcends that paid volunteer, we all do the same thing, the same job and you guys do it in a lot more hours than we do as paid fire fighters. If you look at the picture in the upper right hand corner, if you have perfect 20-20 vision you can see that is in fact a bullet between my teeth. That was a fire in

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East Baltimore, a little row house in East Baltimore that had more ammunition in it than the Maryland National Guard had in it at their armory. This is, the reason I bring up my 30 years in the fire service, I got to tell you the reason I bring up my 30 years is there was not a whole lot of technology or change from the time I went in as a rookie fire fighter and when I left as an Assistant Chief. This is a survey done recently on Fire Engineering magazine and they asked what the greatest technology change was in the last 50 years? The answers are kind of surprising; the pass device, again it's a good piece of technology when you are in an area where it is not too noisy so that you can still hear the piercing sound of the PASS going off. But it's not really technology yet. You can't locate fire fighters in a building because the radio waves will not penetrate the concrete and steel. So the good news is we think that's being developed. Actually the University of ? has a very viable option for that. The other was thermal imaging cameras. I don't know how many of the volunteer companies have that. I found when we used them in the city they were pretty good for locating overheated light ballasts, but you never actually used them to find a victim in a fire. Maybe that has changed, maybe the technology has gotten better. And the last person they threw in is the internet. I really think the internet is really going to be the game changer when it comes to the fire service.

This is a prediction of over the last 50 years of what we have seen in technology. But the development of a Nationwide Public safety Broad Band Network is, essentially think about your cell phone today, you have a carrier Verizon or AT&T and it works great. You're able to do a lot of things, more things on your cell phone or smart phone when you are at work and you need to get building plans or you need to see closed circuit of a fire you are headed to, so the National Public safety Broad Band Network is going to give fire fighters, police officers, paramedics, first responders a dedicated network so you don't have to worry about it crashing at time when you are trying to use it. This is kind of the future. You're going to have the incident commander with a hand held device being able to get the type of data they need in order to better handle the incident they are dealing with. This is the vision for FirstNet. As stated this came out of the plan from 9-11, the fire fighters, police officers in New York City in particular did not have a way to communicate vital data during that tragic event. Congress kind of woke up to that. We in the public safety world knew that there was a need for data at the scene of an incident long before that, but this was Congress's wake up call. The good news is they started providing funding, started doing work to enable that. Most of it was focused on land mobile radio in the beginning but this is now focused on broadband. So this actually came out of, it was an act of Congress to make it, this happen. This is the Act and the good thing is it is providing billion dollars, that's billion with a B to build out this network across the United States. The good news for us in Maryland is it will give us the opportunity to have coverage in areas like Western Maryland and even parts of the Eastern Shore that today don't have cellular coverage at all. So this network will cover every square meter of the US. It's going to do it in partnership with some of the commercial networks by enhancing them and bringing them up to public safety standards. It's going to come by building out brand new portions of the

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network. So this is again what we all knew or I knew as an old timer several years ago there was not a lot of technology involved in public safety communications. This is the old joker table. How many of you remember these? Ok it's me and one guy.

His is kind a, this is the wakeup call in terms of what's happening in technology. This is a few years ago when the last Pope was announced in the Vatican. You can see down in the corner here there's one smart phone at that location. This was the last Pope. Look at the difference. Everybody's got smart phones. They are taking photographs of it. They are videotaping or sending it out to face book or twitter. So we are seeing data and smart phones everywhere except here. This is the Boston marathon bombing. And look through that picture. We've gone through it with magnifying glasses and there may be one person with a phone to their ear but chances are the network is not functioning because everybody who was not involved in attending to patients was trying to call home and say I'm ok or have you seen so and so.

Why? Why is that the case that the public safety community has not had the benefit of technology? One of the main reasons is when you had a major event, this was the earth quake they had down in northern Virginia and Washington a few years ago and everybody is outside calling home telling their loved ones they are ok or checking on them and the network basically crashes. It can't handle that amount of use.

This is another example. This is after a storm had moved through mid-West and you can see one of the radio towers was taken down. Those commercial networks do not even have backup generators. So if the power goes out like it did in New York and New Jersey like it did in hurricane Sandy the cellular networks go down because they don't have backup power.

And this is the other issue. Obviously being in the fire service. I know you can't make anything fire fighter proof, but hopefully you can make it fire fighter resistant. This phone was not fire fighter resistant. As you can see it's burned pretty severely.

(Played Audio/video) Ok that's a little difficult to hear in a big auditorium but that's actually the dispatch for the Boston Marathon Bombings.

This is the promise of FirstNET if in fact we had a similar incident with the ability to use broad band data. This is what would happen differently. First of all the media had live video/camera feeds going on here, so imagine you're a paramedic three miles away from Boston and you hear this incident and while you are in route you could actually have a smart phone that gives you the actual images from the scene so you know what kind of a situation you are rolling into. This is another data use envision, the ability to have maps and put your resources, set up staging areas, where your command post is and send it out so everybody at the scene understands where everybody else is. And this is obviously with the law enforcement focus, what eventually captured the suspects up there was the video that they had from a local establishment. One of the

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stores downtown captured the guys dropping the back packs. But it took two days for that video to get out to the officers in the field. Imagine with FirstNET they will be able to get that immediately. They will be able to tap local resources when there is an event and get it into the hands of officers so that they can make the stop before a second police officer was killed in that particular event.

This is another incident. (Played audio/video) Ok again a fertilizer plant. Anybody who's studied firefighting knows that these are some of the most horrendous fires you can have. (Played audio/video) This was actually available on social media. Somebody put this on their Facebook page, their twitter site before the fire units even left the stations, so again this is data that is out there but the fire departments are not getting it because there is not a network that can give you this kind of broad band data.

This is actually a map which would be helpful when you're evacuating, your first responder, manager, incident commander responder responding from a half mile away. Obviously you are going to hear the concussion and see the plume but this gives you the ability to start assigning your resources to a map that everybody can see. Material Safety Data Sheets is another thing everybody can see, you look through a book and hope you find the right page. Dispatch can actually send this to you and eliminate the need to go through books. Then when you are doing the cleanup, searching for victims, just having the image. I saw on the floor, somebody's got a drone, a small drone. I know Montgomery County has just deployed them for the fire service. This is the future that's coming, but when you have that data being streamed from above, you need to have a broad band network capable of providing that to your incident commanders. This is an example of how you could use that imagery to do your search.

Ok, so that was the exciting part, hopefully. I just want to give you a slide that shows you the difference between, you just can't take your land mobile radio networks with radio towers and hook your antennas for broad band on it and be done because broad band has to cover a wider area, has to penetrate buildings. You actually need more towers. If you think of your cellular networks, they are not necessarily on 300' towers, they are on building tops. They are on smaller monopoles you see along the beltway when you travel and so forth so this is what FirstNET is going to have to build or is going to have to work with the commercial carriers to get access to. So this is another, in fact, I think it's going to happen, billions of dollars is only a start, so there's going to be partnerships with Verizon, AT&T. But the good news is public safety has the spectrum so they don't have to use Verizon's spectrum or AT&T's. Its 20 MHz dedicated to public safety. But that 20 MHz doesn't have to be used all the time so in down times where there's no incidents going on that spectrum can be leased back to Verizon or AT&T so that they can use it and basically pay rent to FirstNET so the public safety has the advantage so hopefully you don't have to pay user fees or if you do they are less than what you pay today if you have a commercial network. The second advantage of that is; if an event happens there's this element called Ruthless Preemption, probably the two best words I've ever heard. So no matter who's on

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the commercial side using the spectrum, if you have a major event and the incident commander needs to get to that broad band, boom, it bumps everybody else off and first responders get priority access to that spectrum.

This is again a basic graph to give you an understanding, there's going to be a couple nationwide cores, these are strategically located throughout the US and that will basically tie into networks. You're going to have an apps store, apple has an app store, google has an app store, and actually APCO has already stood up the first version of this. How many people have been to the APCO site? Downloaded any apps for your fire company. Ok so they have stuff like, if you get in an automobile accident you can pull up that vehicle and see where the air bags are. All the special fuels that are in vehicles today a lot of that stuff creates quite a hazard for the fire fighters, so this website allows you to pull up this vehicle and see exactly where the shut offs are, areas where you have to be cautious around.

This is what we are doing. So essentially the funding has been put into place. FirstNET has a board, they are represented by a number of public safety professionals. There is also a lot of work that's going on in terms of planning. That's why I am here today. To get the word out about what's happening. This is by no means the end of it. You're not going to see this network deployed in the next year. What has to happen is we need to get your input so we make sure when we build the network we are building it to the needs of the public safety community. The time line just lays it out. We're going to be doing this, we have a grant, Lori Stone is actually in the back, live tweeting this, is the state coordinator to do the outreach. We've met with MACO, MML, we're here with the fire fighters, and we've been with the Sheriffs' Association, the police Chiefs, so we're trying to get the word out on what FirstNET is and then there is going to be a second interaction of this where we give you a survey and ask you questions about what you are doing today in terms of broad band use, do you have any kind of a mobile data terminal in your apparatus and if so, what are your monthly costs? We want to make sure that FirstNET is able to beat that with the price, if not why would public safety do to it? This is just some of the questions we will be asking you in the next several months as we get the surveys out and into your hands. So again to reiterate this is the process, we're gathering the requirements then eventually we'll do a consultation with FirstNET and say this is what Maryland's needs are based on the conversations we've had with the users.

So the governance for this, we're actually using the same Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, it's already in existence. Chip Jewell has represented Maryland State Firemen's Association on that group. I know his term is coming up, to an end, so we are going to need you to nominate somebody else to represent Maryland State Firemen's Association's interest as we start making these decisions. We've broken the state down into these regions. There's 5 interoperability regions so we'll also not only go through your organization but we'll be happy to do that. You'll see us every time we go to a conference because we'll be getting the information out through twitter and the Facebook page.

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And this is what I'm going to leave you with, so take a minute and look at that. Anything wrong with this photo? I don't know who is going to have the worst time of this. The train that's going through there or the hose that's got jumpers on it, but this was again just to try to drive home the point we don't want to build a network that everybody looks at and says you know what, it doesn't work. What were they thinking? We need your input. That's what we are here for and you're going to be hearing more from us in the months ahead. So that's it. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Keller: We appreciate you coming here today and giving us a brief overview. I have a certificate for you to express our thanks to you for taking your time out to come here. We also have a gift bag. Thank you sir. (Applause.)

I would now ask Treasurer Ron Siarnicki to step to the podium with his final Convention Report.

Ron Siarnicki, Convention Chair: Good morning! I was back working with the Convention Center Staff and all of a sudden it was my turn. This will be the final report of the Convention Committee. We have had a pretty good couple of days.

I do have some statistics if you are interested.

- We had an increase in the number of people who participated in the Jolly Roger Event on Monday night – 1,854 people took advantage of the rides and food activities that was an increase from last year.
- Prayer Breakfast was up as well with 194 people this morning. The golf tournament is sold out for Friday.
- Halls A and B were sold out. Outside we had more displays this year.
- Hall D has room for expansion but our problem here is people don't go back to see what is in D Hall.
- 1,700 people attended the Memorial Service on Sunday.
- Opening Ceremonies went down to 1,200, a drop of 300 people.

We know some of the problem has been construction but the Convention Center Staff says the Performing Arts Center will be completed before Convention next year. We set the stage up to give maximum capacity and hope it was satisfactory.

The parade is this afternoon and it is to be very hot. Please stay hydrated. Enjoy the rest of the Convention. If you have any members who would like to help on the Convention Committee, please contact one me or one of the presidents. We can always use more help. If you have any suggestions, please fill out the forms we have at the Registration area. Have a good day and thank you.

President Keller: I call to the podium Past President Gene Worthington.

Gene Worthington, PP: Good morning. Thank you. I stand here as your Trustee

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of the Association and elected for a 5 year term. My term will come due at the next convention. In the past years I have served as Secretary to the Board. I have had one on ones with widows and families and injured folk. It has been a really humbling experience for me. However, I have decided not to seek re-election next year. Best of all to that is I have a gentleman who wants to step up and be our Trustee for the next 5 years. So I am really very pleased to announce my support and my endorsement for Mr. Ben Kurtz. (Applause.)

Ben Kurtz: Thank you Gene. Good morning. I am here to announce my candidacy as Trustee in the year 2015. I will be travelling around this coming year to your various regional and county meetings so that you can meet me and I can meet you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Gene Worthington, PP: I know Ben will do an outstanding job for you and ask for your support.

President Keller: At this time I will call for any unfinished business. Unfinished business? Two times. Any unfinished business three times?

Is there any new business? Is there any new business? Is there any new business. At this time I recognize Rick Blair.

Rick Blair: Good morning. My name is Rick Blair and I will be running for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association next year and I would love to have your support. I will do anything and everything possible to take on the business of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you. (Applause.)

President Keller: At this time I would like to introduce Lou for the Ways and Means \$10,000 raffle. Get your tickets out! (Applause)

Lou Jonske, Chair Ways & Means: Good morning. Thank you Mr. President. This year we gave out 130,000 raffle tickets to the men and ladies. The committee worked the Harford County Farm Fair, Sunfest, Bel Air BBQ Bash, Darlington Apple Fest, and Springfest just to mention a few. Next year we hope to do more as President Keller is getting more people in other counties to help us. The members returned and the LAMSFA returned \$57,317 ±. They were still selling chances when I came upstairs. 40% of the counties did not sell any. We are working for a record next year. MSFA members returned \$40,000 ± and the LAMSFA returned \$17,000 ±. Mitch has tickets for 2014-2015 season now so we are giving them out as we speak.

Many thanks to my committee – Anna (still spending our anniversary at Springfest!) Lou Ann and Buddy Schweers, John and Betty Byrne, Robyn Hahn and Pappy, Joe and Ruth Tolliver, Alan and Shirley Thompson, Chris Cornes and Susan, Bill Lay, Jim and Linda Younger, Bill Vanarsdale, Tim Wynne, Jeff Geiman, Jim Bair, Calvin Stack – all but 4 from Harford County.

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We have requests for 5,000 to 7,000 tickets for next year already and have people in two other counties with planned affairs to sell chances. It has been a good year and now we are closing. I really enjoy this job but if anyone is interested, I would be willing to train them.

Teresa Crisman will be drawing the tickets.

This year's winners are:

Carla Stevenson - \$10,000

Mark C. Thomas - \$2,500

Bev Brown - \$1,500

Clarysville Volunteer Fire Department – \$1,000

Ironsides Volunteer Rescue Squad - \$750

Kevin Landis - \$500

Allen King - \$250

Mel Hess - \$100

Natalie Baker - \$100

Sandy McClafferty - \$100

Thank you.

President Keller: Thank you. Please support this well worth cause. As you can see many of the fire companies and individuals – there is a good chance.

President Keller: As we get ready to wrap things up here, I just want to reiterate that at 1 o'clock the MSFA Parade will be starting between 16th and 30st Streets. The awards will be at 17:30. We will do that downstairs in D Hall due to the heat. Tomorrow Executive Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the East Hall and Friday we have the golf tournament starting at 7:30 a.m. at Eagle's Landing Golf Course.

At this time I would like to recognize Deacon Charles Barnhart for the Benediction.

Deacon Barnhart: Let us rise for prayer. Gracious Father as this Convention comes to a close, we pause and give you many many thanks for the wonderful weather, the camaraderie and for the fellowship you have given us, one with another during this time. Father we ask for blessings upon our new Officers as they begin their travels around this great state promoting the best in fire and emergency medical services. And Father we ask that you be with those who could not be at this Convention this year because of health reasons. We ask you to give them strength and to give them hope and to give them power to overcome their sickness and become healed. Father we give you thanks for the volunteers around this great state, both women and men. We ask that you be with them as they go back to their individual companies now and do the work that needs to be done in order to keep our citizens safe. And now Father, as we leave here grant us safe travels and be with us until we meet again. May the grace

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of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all until we meet again. Amen.

President Keller: I need a motion to adjourn. Mark Bilger motion. 2nd by Vicki Keller. All those in favor. Any opposed? The 122nd Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is closed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

First Vice President Keller, Second Vice President Roth, Chairman Skinner, Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, and Guests of the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association 122nd Convention and Conference.

First and foremost I would like to thank you, the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for what you do on a day to day basis for your community, county and State. It is greatly appreciated! As I have said before and have learned over these past years and has become very clear to me that we all have one common goal and that is to provide the best service to our community, whether saving lives, protecting property or just being an integral part of the community. We will do what it takes to get the job done and fight to keep what we need to keep providing this service as well as to survive.

As I write my report to you as your President of this great organization, I must emphasize just how humbled I am to have served you this past year, the experience has been challenging and rewarding. I thank all of you, the Officers, Past Presidents and Committee Chairmen and members for your support and assistance during this year and your suggestions and guidance were always welcomed. It was an honor to work for you and with you during my term as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The MSFA is a diverse organization that represents over 25,000 volunteer fire, rescue and Emergency Medical Services personnel as well as those who help to run the volunteer fire departments, the administrative, auxiliary and cadet members. Remember your talents are not too small or simple, but of one direction and one goal that is clear, to serve our community to the best of our ability and to make a difference today and every day. Don't wait until you make a difference in your community, if you have something to give, give it now! Not every day is going to offer us a chance to save someone's life but everyday offers us a chance to affect one.

Please remember those many dedicated members who have passed in the last year and my condolences to each family member and their home company. The MSFA has lost several members whose contributions to their company, county and this organization are invaluable and they will be sorely missed. We honor MSFA Chaplain George L'Heureux, State Fire Marshal Robbie Robertson (retired), Joe Weisberger (MICRB); and we will not forget David Barr, Jr. and James Brooks who were line of duty deaths. Our thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with not only the families and friends of those mentioned here, but also all of those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year.

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Also, we remember the Granite Mountain Hotshots in Prescott, Arizona, Lt. Ed Walsh and FF Michael Kenney of the Boston Fire Department, Captain Greg Barnas of the Wallington VFC in New Jersey who paid the ultimate sacrifice to save the property and lives of total strangers and the many others who passed providing service to their communities. Please continue to keep in your thoughts those affected by Super Storm Sandy and the New Jersey Boardwalk Fire. I would like to wish a speedy recovery to all our brothers and sisters who were not mentioned and are dealing with health issues.

I would also like to congratulate David Keller and thank him for his friendship and company over these past years. I would like to wish Johnie Roth best of luck as he moves thru the chairs and thanks for the memories. My appreciation is also extended to the Past Presidents of this great association for your support, fellowship and assistance this past year. I also thank my Officers, my Executive Committee and Committee Chairman for their dedication and commitment to our organization and for their leadership. I would be remised if I did not extend my gratitude to Past President Leonard King for his friendship, guidance, advice and encouragement to join the MSFA as an Assistant Secretary many years ago, thank you.

To Ladies Auxiliary President Carol Hayden, Congratulations to you on your successful year, and thanks for your friendship, good times and some lifelong memories. I would also like to thank Sr. Vice President Ann Price-Davis and Jr. Vice President Darby Byrd as well as the Officers and members of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary, for your assistance and for always being there to help and support our organization, while working hard to support your home companies and counties as well.

As I reflect over this past year, many memorable events come to mind; we participated in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) convention and the Maryland Association of Counties (MaCo) Expo. I want to thank the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association as well as all our out of state partners from Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, New York and New Jersey for their hospitality that was shown to us while attending their conventions. Several members of MSFA had the pleasure of hosting the "Pink Heals Tour" that came to Ocean City and I had the opportunity to invite my company to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Gala and then we enjoyed a thrill of driving the survivors around the track to kick off the Dover NASCAR race to benefit the NFFF. We once again supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with the Memorial Weekend. I want to welcome the Maryland Association of Counties to our extended family as we have partnered with them this year and I want to thank them for their support of the Senator Amoss bill and for the invitation to their Winterfest conference.

I would also like to Congratulate Dr. Robert Bass on his retirement, thank you for your 20 years of dedication and commitment to the Emergency Medical services community; as well as the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center on the opening

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of their new critical care unit, and the Maryland State Police Aviation Command for placing four new helicopters in service this past year. Congratulations to Bill Barnard on his retirement from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's office and welcome Brian Geraci to our family. Thank you to General Adkins, Catherine Kelly and his staff in working together with our Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Chairman Craig Harman and the committee to streamline the process of our fund. I would also like to thank MFRI Director Steve Edwards, DNR Forestry Supervisor Monte Mitchell and MEMA Director Ken Mallette.

I would like to welcome the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association and the International Association of Arson Investigators as associate members of our organization. Congratulations to our member companies/departments that have reached milestones this year with the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS service: Junior Fire Company celebrated 175 year anniversary; Aberdeen VFD, Pocomoke City VFC and Ellicott City VFA on their 125th Anniversaries; Arbutus VFC on 75 years; the Water Witch Fire Company on 50 years of EMS service; the Gamber and Community VFC on 50 years of service and those who have reached other milestones that we did not mention.

I would also like to do a "shout out to the Washington County High School Fire and Rescue Academy on being named the recipient of this year's "NVFC Junior Firefighter Program of the Year" as well as Skills USA winners: Gab Robison (1st); Blake Gadway (2nd) and Tristen Plant (3rd) all from Southern Maryland.

As I stated my goals at the first executive meeting, I am glad to report that many have been initiated and we will see them come to fruition during Dave and Johnie term, I want to thank Bill Hildebrand for his diligent work on the Diversity of the Volunteer Fire Service; we will get started with the Politicians Education and Awareness day next year's session since this session was busy and successful and we will have several new legislators to educate. The Events and Marketing committee attended several new EMS events; Winterfest and the MEMA conference this year spreading the message of the MSFA and I will continue to visit Maryland fire houses to get our Youth more involved.

Thanks to all my Committee Chairpersons and members and here are some of the highlights of several of those committees; the Cancer Support Network is taking a new approach and please visit their booth in the convention hall this year; the EMS committees Ambulance Safety Summit recommendations were approved by both the EMS Board and SEMSAC and they continued to work on the Volunteer Ambulance Inspection Program, the EMS Plan and the Active Shooter program; Fire Prevention and Life Safety worked on the grant program again this year and will present their awards at the convention and the MSFA Junior Miss Fire Prevention contest visited all areas of the state; the Grants committee worked very hard with the President and

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Ron Siarnicki on the joint application for the AFG Safer grant and I hope to have good news to announce at the convention this year; the Recruitment and Retention group established the tool box as a resource for our companies to use to help with new and experienced members and helped organize two regional meetings of company coordinators and held their second Beyond Helmets and Hoses seminar and look for more information about their seminar being held at the Convention. The Safety committee is also going back to the basics this year and look for them at this year's convention protecting us from any safety issues; the Training committee is working on finalizing the 10 year training plan and thanks to the Volunteer Trumpet for keeping us up to date with quarterly newsletters. Please be sure to read each committees report to see all they are accomplishing to better serve our membership and if interested in becoming a committee member, let Vice President Keller know.

I would like to thank Delegate Malone, Delegate Wood and Senator Glassman and wish them the best of luck in the future and we can't thank Delegate Conway enough for his continuous support of our first responders in Maryland. I want to especially recognize Chairman Richard Smith, Carene Housenfluck, Marion Nicholson, Teresa Ann Crisman, Jane Huffman and Elaine Huttenloch who staffed 17 State Circle and dedicated countless hours to the Legislative session this year. The MSFA was successful in the 2014 Legislative year, with the passing of the revised Senator Amoss distribution bill, the Income Tax subtraction deduction bill incrementally increasing it to \$5,000 by 2019 and the increase to the Widows and Orphans fund of \$25,000.

To Ron and the Convention and Conference team it has been a very challenging year with many obstacles but it never ceases to amaze me what we can accomplish when we work together and I say another Job Well Done... the long hours, hard work and dedication this team has is why we have a successful convention each year and the members and their families say thank you for always working to make this a family oriented event.

On a personal note, I would like to recognize the Officers and Members of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, my home company – Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company, the Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Company for hosting my executive committee meetings this year as well as Talbot County and the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Associations for hosting my Welcome reception's. The hospitality that these companies and associations have shown our organization was above and beyond my expectations and again I say thank you, it was greatly appreciated.

I am very fortunate to have so many great individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them have to help me carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position, thank you for your continued support and assistance during these past years. To Ron, my other BFF, I can't thank

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you enough for your friendship, advise, guidance and assistance these past years, I am truly blessed to have you in my life and I know that Lee is watching over both of us and I could not have lead this great organization as successfully as I have without you and those who have gone before me. Thanks for the great opportunities and lifelong memories you have helped me achieve and I look forward to assisting you in any way next year.

To my family, Jay, Tyler, Mom, my friends and my extended family of Ferndale a big THANK YOU for your continued support , well wishes, thoughts, prayers and encouraging words that make me know that anything is possible and I can accomplish my goal. To my dad, who is not with us but I know is watching over me, he never got the chance to know how I followed in his footsteps of public safety, he served as a police officer when I was young and it took me a while to realize how great giving back to your community, county or state feels, I never got a chance to say "Thank You" for showing me how giving back to others and your community is a great thing and I am blessed to have the ability to do so, thanks Mom and Dad.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this leadership position, President of this great organization. On behalf of the MSFA members, I have traveled over 68,000 miles and attended over 1,000 activities/events.

Yours in service,
Jacqueline Olson, President

REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

President Olson, 2nd Vice President Roth, Chairman Skinner, Officers, Members and Guests of the Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association 122ndConvention and Conference it has been a pleasure working with you over the past year. I wish I could thank and mention each person individually who has supported me during my year as 1st Vice President however the number is too great. The overwhelming generosity, guidance and hospitality as I have traveled around the State has been more than I could have asked or wished for.

I must give an extra special thank you to my wife, Vicky, and son, David, the Citizens Truck Company, Charlie Abrecht, the Junior Fire Company, Frederick County and Washington County for their continued support and dedication.

President Olson I need to thank you for your leadership and guidance and Congratulations on a successful year. 2nd Vice President Roth thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you next year. President Hayden congratulations on your successful journey over the years. It has been a pleasure working with you. I want to

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offer Best Wishes to the incoming LAMSFA President, Ann Price-Davis. In addition, I extend my Congratulations and support to her and to all of her Officers.

My year as 1st Vice President has given many opportunities to learn, experience new things and form invaluable relationships. All of these have set a stronger foundation that will assist me in my goal to be President. I want to take the opportunity to mention some of the highlights from the past year.

As 1st Vice President I had the opportunity to represent the MSFA at numerous functions. Two exciting and very well attended functions were the 125th Anniversary Banquets for the Ellicott City Volunteer Firemen's Associations and the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company and the 175th Anniversary Banquet for the Junior Fire Company #2. The excitement continued during the dedication ceremonies for the new State Police Helicopters used for emergency transports. The State of Maryland now has four of the seven new helicopters in operation.

Representing the MSFA also took me out of Maryland. I attended Conventions for the West Virginia State Firemen's Association, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association, and Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. It has been and continues to be my goal to work with our local and national partners to insure we are providing the best emergency services to our members.

I want to take the opportunity to thank a special group of partners. They are those who help and support the MSFA in our legislative goals. I need to include the MSFA legislative team, Delegates and Senators who worked closely with us in Annapolis, the Governor's offices, and all those who dedicated time to assist the MSFA in moving proposed Legislation forward that would benefit emergency services in Maryland.

The excitement and joy of my second year in office did not go without having to say goodbye to members of our fire family. Two goodbyes were spoken as Dr. Bass, Executive Director of MEIMSS, and State Fire Marshal Barnard retired this year. Sadly our other goodbyes were spoken as the MSFA/LAMSFA lost several exceptional members this past year that will forever leave a void for the MSFA and for those who knew them. My condolences to their families and friends.

As I look back over the past two years I realize just how much I have learned and just how much I will continue to learn. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the MSFA 1st Vice President. Now as I begin to focus on the upcoming year I hope to continue to further my knowledge, extend my partnerships and build on the foundation that was laid by the exemplary Past Presidents of the MSFA.

Respectfully Submitted
David R. Keller III

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

President Olson, 1st Vice President Keller, Chairman Skinner, Officers, Members of both the MSFA and LAMSFA, and Honored Guests to the 122nd Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. It has been a pleasure traveling this great state and working with you this past year.

I wish I could thank each and every member, company, and association that supported me in my quest to become a leader of the MSFA but that would be impossible. My travels have taken me from Friendsville to Chesapeake City and Elliott's Island, from Emmitsburg to Ridge and everywhere in between and I have been overwhelmed by the hospitality, friendship, and support that I have received all along the way as your 2nd Vice President. I must give special thanks to my wife, Marcia, my son Eric, and my daughter Rachel, the Officers and Members of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Alumni Association, the Officers and Members of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, Joseph Chornock, Joan Kramer, PP Leonard King and all the MSFA Associations that supported me this year. I would also like to recognize my traveling partners MSFA Fire Prevention Ambassador Dani Crane, PP LAMSFA Sherry Soper, PP Dave Lewis, and all the MSFA Past Presidents for their help and support this year.

President Olson and 1st Vice President Keller I would like to thank you both for your leadership and guidance in what proved to be a most interesting and learning year for me dealing with our partner agencies, legislative leaders, as well as future concerns and challenges that we will face within the fire and rescue service in Maryland the next several years.

The duties of my office have taken me over 29,860 miles throughout the state and surrounding state meetings and conferences. It has truly been a pleasure to attend numerous Association Meetings, Banquets, Fundraisers, Parades and Carnivals, MSFA Committee Meetings, Pink Heals Tour, 911 Stair Climb, MSP Polar Bear Plunge, and many other Miscellaneous Meetings and events. I want to thank all our member companies and auxiliaries for their warm hospitality shown us as we've traveled all year.

I offer my congratulations to MSFA President Jackie Olson, LAMSFA President Carol Hayden, and MSFA Fire Prevention Ambassador Dani Crane and Runner-Up Fire Prevention Ambassador Christa Green for a successful year. I offer my continued support to incoming MSFA President David Keller and LAMSFA President Ann Price-Davis. I look forward to working closely with LAMSFA President Darby Byrd and all of the members of Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

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This office has given me a new perspective and respect for Officers, Executive Board Members, and Committees both current and past that do so much behind the scenes activities for the Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Members welfare. We must continue to encourage not discourage our younger members to step forward and get involved in committees and other leadership rolls within the MSFA for they are the future of this organization.

This year we've again lost several members and friends of our MSFA extended family and to their family and friends I extend my condolences. They will always be remembered and in our thoughts.

Finally, as I reflect on my year as the 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association I think back of all the activities that I've attended, the life-long friendships that I've made, and the knowledge that I have attained in this short time. I look forward to the challenges that the future holds but we can succeed only with YOUR help. It has been a pleasure serving this year as your 2nd Vice President and with your help and support I will continue to serve you, the MSFA, and your departments together.

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnie Roth Jr.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

President Olson, Vice Presidents Keller and Roth, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Secretary this past year. The members of the Secretary's Office have attended all of the Executive Committee that were scheduled by the President. The Executive Committee Meetings were held at the following locations and dates listed below, with all correspondence and business from those meetings was duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon.

June 20, 2013 - Ocean City, Convention Center
August 24, 2013 - Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co., Carroll County
December 7, 2013 - Ferndale Vol. Fire Co, Anne Arundel County
February 22 & 23, 2014 - Cordova Vol. Firemen's Association Talbot County
April 12, 2014 - Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept., St. Mary's County
June 15, 2014 - Ocean City, Convention Center

This year some additional changes were made in the Secretary's Office, one being

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some additional modifications were made in the electronically filling of your 2014 Credentials Form. The second was that each meeting of the Executive Committee was video recorded with some additional changes next year. The Secretary's Office will continue to search for the lost or misplaced records.

Special thanks to each of the Assistant Secretaries Shirley Copado, Diana Gunther, Rick Hemphill, Nancy Scott, and Thomas Scott for taking care of the responsibilities of the Secretary's Office. Each has done an exceptional job for the association. Each of these individuals has dedicated countless hours in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office to which they were appointed. To the many other individuals that have stepped up and assisted when needed through the year, without your assistance, the office would not have been able to provide the service that was requested.

Our Association membership now consists of 388 member organizations. The membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association now consists of: 364 Active fire, rescue, ambulance and ALS departments; 22 Associate members; and 2 Sustaining members.

Thanks to all for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, P.P., Secretary
Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary Emeritus
Joseph A. Cooper, Assistant Secretary Emeritus
Shirley Copado, Assistant Secretary
Diana Gunther, Assistant Secretary
Rick Hemphill, Assistant Secretary
Nancy Scott, Assistant Secretary
Thomas W. Scott, III, Assistant Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCE TEAM

To the Officers, Delegates and Membership of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

On behalf of the Finance Team for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), representing the Office of the Financial Secretary, Office of the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, we would like to extend to all in attendance at the 122nd Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. As we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, the Finance Team would like to thank our elected officers, President Olson and Vice President's Keller and Roth, for their continued support and assistance as we have worked all

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year to maintain strong fiscal control and development of our organizational needs. Our presidents have done so very much to support the mission and purpose of our great organization and traveled many miles crossing the state to address the needs and concerns of our membership. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

The MSFA Financial Team continues to provide strong financial oversight of the resources belonging to the Association and hope that our efforts have been in the best interest of the MSFA. With a slight reorganization of the team this year, we were able to realign our duties and responsibilities while ensuring that no issue was not addressed or taken care of. We have seen great advancements in the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) program and in our relationship with the Maryland Department of the Military. This should prove to be very beneficial to our member companies, our thanks to all who made that possible.

For the past twelve months, the Finance Team has worked very hard to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of managing the finances of this Association. As elected and appointed officers, we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the organization, assist in its growth and, most importantly, appreciate the support the Association has given us. 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. Our efforts this year also have included working with the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA as they continue to convert their records and reporting system to come in line with that of the MSFA. Through the commitment and efforts of their elected officers, this changeover is progressing.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbi Aaron, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross and Wylie Donaldson along with Budget Committee Chair and Past President Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Benjamin W. Kurtz, and his committee members; Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Bobby Balta and Past President 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 our fiscal picture and outcome and for that, we are grateful. Additionally, it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Trustees whose charge it is to support the families of our lost and injured brothers and sisters. The Trustees have worked hard to bring additional resources to the forefront for our families and assisting them is both rewarding and the right thing to do. We are excited to have automated the payment process for our relief recipients and to have revamped the entire banking system utilized by the MSFA.

As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Dennis Skinner, have supported each of the

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new approaches we have proposed to better our fiscal state and worked hand in hand with the Finance Team 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 service in office and ensuring that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great Association. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Siarnicki for The MSFA Finance Team

REPORT FROM THE CHAPLAINS' CORPS

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. Again this year we have lost one of our own. Chaplain George H. L'Heureux had served the Maryland State Firemen's Association for many years and he will be greatly missed. Chaplain Mike Bowen from Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department has been appointed to replace Chaplain L'Heureux. Mike also serves as the Chaplain of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association.

As I write this report I am reminded of all the many people who are no longer with us. Some of these folks contributed some, and some contributed greatly to the success of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue services here in Maryland. I personally miss some of those folks who have been a great support of the MSFA Chaplain Corps. May their families find peace and comfort from their grief.

I would like to recognize a few people who work so hard to put together the Chaplain events at the convention. As has been the custom our Sunday morning worship service is put together by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart, with the help of Ellen Martin (organist), Dave Miller (trumpet), and Sandy Miller for putting the bulletin together.

Working hard for us every year on the Memorial Service are Chaplain Harry Hetz, Elaine Huttenloch, our MIEMSS partners Jim Brown, and Brian Slack for putting the power point together, and Gail Koster who assembles the memorial book, along with the stage crew and the pipe and drum corps.

Psalm 121

A song of ascents. ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come

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from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Sometimes we don't acknowledge where our skills and abilities come from. Daily we need to take time in our day to remember to thank God for giving us the will and abilities to help save a life or some property. God is Great.

This October in Annapolis, Maryland we will be hosting the Federation of Fire Chaplains Conference. Chaplains from all over the world will be coming to train and fellowship with other chaplains. This is a great opportunity for the chaplains of Maryland to attend. Please contact Chief Chaplain Long for information about the conference or visit the Federation of Fire Chaplains website at www.firechaplains.org.

In closing I pray that you would find it in your heart to seek God on a daily basis. Your skills and abilities have been given to you from God and you are an instrument of God to help his people in their time of need. I pray that God will keep you safe and protect you from harm.

Chief Chaplain
John F. Long Jr.

REPORT OF THE MSFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Olson, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

The Board of Trustees is asking for the support of all Past Presidents and Delegates to vote for Question #1 (Article VI – Benefits Administered by the Trustees).

This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to thirty one (31) widows/widowers, four (4) dependent children, one (1) dependent child college education, six (6) Line-of-Duty-Injury and three (3) Line-of-Duty-Death claims.

We are saddened to report three (3) Line-of-Duty Deaths this past year. Please keep the families of Gene Kirchner, David Barr Jr., and James D. Brooks in your thoughts and prayers.

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The Trustees did increase benefits again this year. Benefits were increased for widows/widowers from \$600.00 to \$650.00 per month (effective 1/2014), and benefits for dependent children from \$500.00 to \$550.00 per month (effective 1/2014). The Line-of-Duty-Death benefit was raised from \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 (effective 7/2013), and the Line-of-Duty Disability benefit from \$600.00 to \$650.00 per month (effective 1/2014).

Please remember to visit the www.msfa.org web site and look under the Board of Trustees for the updated manual with all the forms and procedures you will need to file a claim.

Lastly, I would like to thank Vice Chair Doug Alexander, Secretary Gene Worthington, PP, Terry Thompson, PP, and Jeff Thompson your very dedicated Trustees for their service. Thanks for the opportunity to serve the Volunteer Fire Service of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Dan Carpenter III, Chair

REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

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

The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. The budget committee as part of the "Financial Team" strives to improve communications and operations which make us a stronger organization and more responsive to those we serve.

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

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

As expenditures of this Association continue to increase, it becomes increasingly problematic to balance the income versus expenses and requires complete cooperation, prudent spending, and communications from all officers and committees. The Committee would like to thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK COMMITTEE

The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Cancer Support Network is to help Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services personnel and their families who are dealing with cancer by providing them with positive efforts through support as well as to share with them the resources needed to be a survivor.

Our History was established in 2011, Past President David Lewis initiated the Cancer Support Network Committee, and he was very impressed with the mission of the Firefighter Cancer Network and decided this was something that could benefit the members of MSFA. The Committee consists of those currently dealing with cancer, cancer survivors and caregivers.

Support is offered to those fighting this disease by matching them with someone who has survived or is dealing or a caregiver to someone with this particular type of cancer. Sometimes all it takes is to talk with someone who has experienced similar circumstances, be it family member, friend or committee member. We are currently in the process of developing a matching database and if you are interested in becoming a "Cancer Coach", please contact us. We will be happy to discuss the process and answer any questions you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact any members of the Committee and if you know of someone in your or another department who would benefit from the services that can be provided by the MSFA Cancer Support Network Committee, {All interactions of the committee are kept in the strictest confidence}.

The MSFA Cancer Support Network Committee is trying to raise awareness for

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Maryland Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services personnel who are facing the battle with cancer. We are offering Resource Kits as a way for the patient/support person or family to keep track of all medical information, such as appointments, medications, doctor's information, etc. Also, included in this Resource Kit is a Journal and other important trinkets that will help keep the patient's information at his/her fingertips.

If you would like to sponsor a MSFA Cancer Support Network Resource Kit, please complete the information below and send your donation of \$75.00 to MSFA Cancer Support Network, 424 Greenland Beach Road, Baltimore, MD 21226. (Note in the memo field: Resource Kit and make checks payable for to MSFA.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State ____ Zip _____
In Honor of: _____
In Memory of: _____
Donation: _____

We are also putting together a resource guide of state wide businesses that would donate or discount their services to include the following: lawn care, heating and air conditioning, house cleaning, spa services such as manicure, pedicure, massages, hair (wigs) and make-up as well as volunteers who would assist with picking up groceries or prescription, transportation, pet caretaker, run errands, etc. If you know someone in your area that would like to participate in our program, please have them contact any committee member.

We ask that you remember the Cancer Awareness Ribbons. The history of the Ribbons were first worn to represent the plight of solders in the 1955 French War and Vietnam and Iran Hostage Crisis with the United State in 1979. Following this, red ribbons were worn to support AIDS sufferers.

Owing to their popularity, colored ribbons have since been used to raise awareness for various types of cancer, beginning in 1991 with the pink ribbons for breast cancer. And the ribbons have continued as follows:

- All Cancer – Lavender
- Appendix Cancer – Amber
- Bladder Cancer – Marigold/Blue Purple
- Brain Cancer – Grey
- Breast Cancer – Pink
- Carcinoid Cancer – Zebra Stripe
- Cervical Cancer – Teal/White
- Childhood Cancer – Gold

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Colon Cancer – Dark Blue
Esophageal Cancer – Periwinkle
Gallbladder/Bile Duct Cancer – Kelly Green
Head & Neck Cancer – Burgundy/Ivory
Hodgkin's Lymphoma – Violet
Kidney Cancer – Orange
Leiomyosarcoma – Purple
Leukemia – Orange
Liver Cancer – Emerald Green
Lung Cancer – White
Lymphoma – Lime
Melanoma – Black
Multiple Myeloma – Burgundy
Ovarian Cancer – Teal
Pancreatic Cancer – Purple
Prostate Cancer – Light Blue
Sarcoma/Bone Cancer – Yellow
Stomach Cancer – Periwinkle
Testicular Cancer – Orchid
Thyroid Cancer – Teal/Pink/Blue
Uterine Cancer – Peach
Honors Caregivers – Plum

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Cancer Support Network Committee, please contact Jay Tucker at fittest20@aol.com or MSFA President Jackie Olson at jolson@msfa.org.

Respectfully

Jay Tucker, Chairman

Flo Collins, Vice Chairman

Jean Parsons, Vice Chairman

Teresa Ann Crisman

Tom Diem

Beth Stone

LA MSFA Liaison: Donna Struntz

Janet Fisher

Chris Hyzer

Marianne Warehime

Firefighter Cancer Support Network Liaison: Trey Kelso

Susan Mott

Jackie Olson

LA MSFA Liaison; Marcia Roth

Dorothy Rue

Richard Smith

LA MSFA Liaison: Mary Lee Smith

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

President Olson, Vice-Presidents Keller and Roth, Ladies Auxiliary President Hayden, Vice-Presidents Price-Davis and Byrd, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of

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the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary, I am pleased to report that many individuals have worked hard to bring about the uniqueness and depth of our annual gathering as we celebrate the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA. I wish to thank all of them for what was done to make this convention a reality and continue the tradition of providing a benefit to all of our member companies.

The Convention Committee, under the direction of the Steering Committee, has continued to monitor the ever changing environment in Ocean City relative to the changes that are underway in the Convention Center, it has been challenging at times, but through the teams' perseverance and efforts, we have made sure our needs were met. Convention center construction continues as work is in full swing with the conversion of part of the building into a performing arts center. While this may restrict part of the usage of the building, our action plan ensures that all of our activities will function with little or no disruption. As a result of this, we are confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your departments from this year's Convention and Conference experience.

The committee has made numerous visits to Ocean City during the past year to monitor the construction process and during those visits have relayed our interests and needs to the Mayor, Convention Center Staff and the Town of Ocean City Officials. That effort will continue as we experience the remaining phases of the construction process. I think it is appropriate at this time to 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 and how he managed previous construction projects at the Convention Center. His leadership, and that of the Chairs before him, helped make the Convention Committee structure we use today work for our betterment.

The Steering Committee has met several times this year in person and via conference call. I want to thank the team that works so hard to pull everything together; Susan Taylor-Proels, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, LAMSFA Past President Elaine Huttenloch, Past President Frank Underwood, Past President Roger Powell, Past President John Denver and Past President Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration, (Chair Past President Danny Davis, Vice-Chair Past President Doyle Cox); 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). Each of these individuals has made a personal commitment towards providing you with a successful convention and I am proud to have them on my team.

As we work to plan out the convention and conference, having a diverse and all-encompassing exhibit area is critical to a successful event. Our team works hard to bring you displays of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services available to our

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membership. 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 in the main exhibit hall in "D" Hall at Bay Side and out front in the parking lot. We owe a big "thank you" to all of the exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference; please let them know we appreciate their attendance. Also, a special thanks to the entire exhibit committee and their Chair Wylie Donaldson and Past President Dave Lewis who has jumped in fully to support these efforts.

As has occurred in the past, a dedicated group of people work very hard on the production of the convention program book. They solicit the ads, layout the reports and ensure that the information being provided through this document is accurate and very professionally composed. They work behind the scenes, often unnoticed and I want to thank each of them personally for all they do. Leading the group is Past President Tommy Mattingly, who has been working on the book since 1992, along with Dennie Mattingly, Danny Carpenter, Elaine Huttenloch, Ginny Wilhite, Past President Danny Davis and Rose Davis. In addition, helping is the Leonardtown VFD who provides their facilities for the book layout, the staff of The Printing Press and Shirley Copado. Thanks guys for a job well done.

Each year the Joint Officers' Banquet kicks off our convention activities as a tribute to all of the accomplishments our association has experienced this past year and a thank you to our two presidents. A special thanks to Rose Clark and her team (Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Jim Hall, Darlene and Steve Woodhurst, Skip and Rory Stokes 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 and Audrey Thurston for the banquet program presentations; and Richard Brooks for serving as the Master of Ceremonies. This year the Banquet will be supported by Augusta Westland and we thank them for that.

Miss Fire Prevention Contest interviews will again occur on Sunday morning and the actual contest is Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. The location of the contest will be in the East Hall and our appreciation goes out to Teresa Crisman, Lori Denbow along with Tom Collins for making this work. Special thanks to Frank Underwood and Clark and Rosie Beall for pulling together the annual Convention Flea Market. The location will again be in the Sunset Room which is located on the North Side of the Convention Center and will start at 11:00 a.m.

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

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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. The "Sea of Blue" will gather in East Hall and process into the Joint Memorial Service. Thanks to Mike Davis, The Honor Guard Corp and members of the UCVFD for assisting.

Secretary Doyle Cox, Rick Hemphill and the entire registration team have put in many hours taking care of all the credentials listings, delegate check-ins and of course the voting activities and are to be thanked for their efforts. This process will again be located in the main hall and will allow for the delegates to actively participate in the program components of the ballroom and should provide for more room and amenities to service our membership.

The Program Development Team has been working tirelessly to ensure that some of the most up-to-date informational topics will be featured in the numerous seminars and main program presentations at the convention this year. Scheduled seminars will only occur on Sunday and Monday afternoons. Please take some time to review the schedule to ensure you do not miss any learning opportunities. Special thanks go out to the Program Team, under the leadership of Ken Bush, with the help of Joe Ward, and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, Maryland State Police Staff along with Jim Brown and Dr. Alcorta at MIEMSS for their devotion and assistance.

The Hands-On Components of this year's convention have been expanded again to include 21 classes. Our training alliance with the Ocean City FOOLS proved to be very beneficial last year with a record number of attendees taking part in the offered training, and we again have scheduled three full days of Hands-On Training with instructors from around the United States. These classes are being brought to you as a member benefit by the Convention Committee in hopes of expanding the value for you attending the convention. This will be a great opportunity to be exposed to new ideas and concepts, so please bring your PPE and participate in the learning experiences.

Our Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be 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 special video presentations. Thanks to Dennis Beard, Bob Ryan, Ken Bush, Tom Mattingly, Mike Davis, Paul Sterling and others on their team for the work completed in this area, especially the talented members of our convention go-team and special operations crew. Without these hard working and committed team members, the audio-visual, program support, logistics and back stage needs of the convention would never get off the ground. They truly are a major component of the backbone of this conference crew. In addition, a special thanks to the Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Pipes & Drums and all the Honor Guard members

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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 keynote presentation by Firehouse Magazine Editor Harvey Eisner will occur followed by the first general business session to include special recognition activities, the presentation of reports and nomination of officers. The second session that day will include reports from our partner state organizations and a special program presentation mid-day. Monday afternoon will conclude with more partner reports. Do not forget about the Bingo Monday Night starting at 6:30 p.m. in a new location, Room 217.

The LAMSFA will begin their business session on Monday afternoon beginning at 12:00 noon and the location of their meeting will remain the same this year. East Hall has proved to be an excellent location for the ladies activities for the entire convention term. It has been a real pleasure working with their planning team and with Flo Collins who has led their efforts for many years.

We will again be offering the special Family Activities on Monday night at The Jolly Roger Amusement Park, located at 34th Street. The event will feature food, entertainment and open access to the park for our membership. 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. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

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 and Past President Doyle Cox and the Ladies Auxiliary Officers for their efforts in recognizing our membership.

The Joint Installation of Officers which will again begin at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday night, will continue to allow more time for the newly installed officers to be with their family and friends to celebrate their new roles with the Association before returning to the convention center for the Pajama Parade which will start at 9:30 p.m.

Fire Marshal Brian Geraci and recently retired Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, along with the entire delegation from The Office of the Fire Marshal, 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, Maryland State Police, 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.

For some time now, a group of talented fire service members have been providing

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web support and computer assistance to the convention and the MSFA as a whole through the Data systems Committee. Our sincere thanks to the entire committee and especially Richard Snader, Barry Johnson, and Lew Harvey for making all of this technology work for us. They make sure that our general membership can participate in the annual convention and conference even if they are not in Ocean City, a great job by all of them.

Individuals such as Chris May and the audio-visual team put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events run smoothly and deserve a special note of gratitude. Jeff Thompson; thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this weeklong event. Sandy Jacobs, Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, John Spiker, Jen Underwood, Ben Kurtz, Mike Faust, Bill Hawkins, Ed Bilger, Kevin Reilly, Jim Brown, Hoby Howell, Laura Woods, Harve Woods, Richard Snader, John Guntow, Bruce Bouch, Matt Tobia, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Sandi Lutz, Trevor Stedman, Jason Bloom, Jeff Dickie, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Woods, Charlie Phillips, Chris and Lisa Tona, AJ Papa, Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy Hinton, Joy Hinton, J. Franklin Harvey, Ron Watkins, Tom Collins, Steven Scheinin, Past President's Worthington, Preston, Yinger, Cumberland and Underwood, Ladies Past President Teresa Crisman, Ladies Past President Fran Crisman, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center, back stage and logistics areas for all events during the week. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Taylor-Proels, PGFD, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and managed without a flaw.

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 Dennie Mattingly, Sandy Jacobs, Pat Cross, JoAnne Robison, Rose Davis, Chris Yinger, and Nancy Cox.

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 goes to Sandi Lutz and her team, including Lisa Tona and Jenna Childress, who have managed the Special Activities Booth so well. A special thanks to Lou and Anna Jonske, along with Mitch and Darlene Vocke and their great crew, for the tireless effort put forth all year long managing the \$10,000.00 Raffle program.

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, Ocean City based block parties and others. Thanks to all who make them possible for their dedicated work in

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producing these various events. A special thanks to all of our corporate sponsors and the Town of Ocean City for sponsoring many of our events. A special thanks to Past President Tom Mattingly, President Jackie Olson, Chuck Austin, Past President Steve and Nancy Cox and the entire golf planning team for another great golf outing. Good job guys.

I would be remiss if I did not personally thank my home company, the United Communities VFD for all of the support and assistance they have given to both me and the convention. They are an excellent team and I appreciate all that is asked of them. My thanks to Treasurer Buck Ferrin, Kent and Donna Whalen, Chris and Lisa Tona, Tyler and Katie Patton, Rose and Tom Clark, Pat Neil and Jim Hall, Tim Thomas, Brad and Jenna Childress, Kevin Henderson, AJ Papa, Rick Ringenbach, Chris Tona Jr., Scott and Carrie Svoboda, Skip and Rory Stokes, Pat and Kim Dempsey and Steve and Darlene Woodhurst.

As in years past, 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 Hayden and her entire leadership team as they conduct their events this week.

In cooperation with the Town of Ocean City, the parade route will be the same as last year, starting at 16th Street on Baltimore Avenue and ending at 30th Street. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hildebrand, Paul Sterling, Bruce Surette and your entire team for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Town Transportation Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the Town Government including the Mayor, City Manager and Town Council for all they do to make it the biggest and best fire service parade throughout the State of Maryland. We continue to look for ways to improve our parade activities and will work to ensure your experience is the best.

Finally, the Convention Committee extends a special thanks to Mayor Meehan for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year, ensuring that everything he can help with is successful in support of the convention and conference.

Many thanks to the City Manager David Recor and entire Town Council who helped in many ways over the years to assist us and to every single town employee who has contributed in some way – we really do appreciate your efforts.

Thanks also to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center, under the leadership of Mr. Larry Noccolino, and his wonderful team that includes; Reatta Tate, Regina Brittingham, Amanda Evans, JoAnne Hunsicker, Donna Abbott, Sharon Bradford, Fred Wise, Centerplate and the entire Convention Center Staff. Their assistance, cooperation

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and dedication make the difference during the planning process and throughout our annual event.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Chairman and working with a great team of individuals on the Convention Committee. We are already talking about things we would like to do next year to make the convention even better. I am looking forward to seeing you in Ocean City.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The Constitution and By-Law Committee had one By-Law and one Constitution change request this year, which are on this year's ballot for your consideration. The dates for submitting a Constitution and By-Law change for presentation at the 2015 Convention for a vote are:

June 22, 2015: First day of Convention (from which all dates are calculated).

January 1, 2015: Last day to submit proposed change to Constitution and By-Law's chairman if you wish the Committee's help in writing or checking for conflicts.

March 24, 2015: Last day for Executive Committee to receive Amendments (90 days before Convention).

April 23, 2015: Amendments to Secretary in proper format (60 days before Convention).

May 8, 2015: Amendments to member companies (45 days before Convention).

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Scheinin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE DIVERSITY OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE COMMITTEE

This was the first year for this committee whose purpose came out of the 2012 Statewide Volunteer Leadership summit which opened eyes to a lot of issues and

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made all who attended aware of not only the issues we are facing, but how different the fire service is from county to county. That is the purpose of this committee, to gather information from each jurisdiction on how they provide Fire/Ems/Rescue service to their citizens. President Olson and the Vice Presidents put together some ideas based on the results of the summit.

The type of information they were thinking about were type of service providing the fire EMS protection, type of county government, where funding comes from, budgets, and much more. This information is to be used along with the information gathered from the statistical report is to be used when promoting the Volunteer Fire/EMS Service.

The committee was only able to meet once this year and from that meeting an initial survey was developed and presented to the Executive Committee at the April meeting to answer for their counties. The results will be gathered and the information disseminated.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hildebrand, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EMS COMMITTEE

President Olson, 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 122th Annual Convention. The Committee would like to recognize two leaders of Maryland's EMS program who retired in the past year. The First was Dr. Robert Bass, the Executive Director of MIEMSS, who retired after 20 years of excellent leadership of our state-wide program. The second is Dr. Phil Hurlock (PP). Dr. Hurlock's extensive knowledge of the Maryland EMS system as well as his experience within the MSFA has made him an extremely valuable resource to us. We wish both well in their retirement.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held five full committee meetings last year, several sub-committee meetings and served as part of several other state-wide EMS groups. The Committee meetings were routinely attended by representatives from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Division and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. A committee member was recently reappointed to and served on the State EMS Advisory Council. Major efforts for the past year included:

- AMBULANCE SAFETY PROGRAM/SUMMIT

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- MIEMSS CARDIAC ARREST STEERING COMMITTEE
- ACTIVE ASSAILANT WORKGROUP
- MIEMSS AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM COMMITTEE

AMBULANCE SAFETY PROGRAM/SUMMIT

The EMS Committee made a presentation entitled "Designing an Ambulance for Safety and Comfort" at the Safety Summit as well as chairing two breakout sessions at the event. At the committee's urging the MSFA Executive Committee formally supported the following six ambulance safety points:

- Screen ambulance drivers
- Insure effective initial driver training and periodic refresher training
- Increase the use of restraints and safety improvements during ambulance operations
- Reduce the incidence of excessive ambulance speeds and routine use of "lights and sirens"
- Improve monitoring of ambulance safety issues and enforcement of safety practices
- Create an ongoing statewide forum for ambulance safety issues

The committee will continue to support this effort which is now directed toward developing guidelines that may be used by each jurisdiction/company to improve their safety practices.

CARDIAC ARREST STEERING COMMITTEE

EMS Committee members are on 2 sub-committees of this Committee. The Public Access sub-committee which under the "Lend A Hand, Save A Life" expects to train hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in hand- only CPR over the next few years. This is a collaborative effort with MIEMSS, career and volunteers. The Field Provider sub-committee drafted a high performance CPR protocol which is an optional supplemental protocol in the 2014 update. The protocol includes a "pit crew" concept and the importance of getting hands on the chest immediately and endotracheal intubation is de-emphasized. Finally, Maryland took a large step forward in passing HB1366 which requires CPR education in grades 7 through 12 in public schools effective July 1, 2014.

ACTIVE ASSAILANT WORKGROUP

The goal of this group is to improve the timeliness of treatment of victims of active assailant incidents. It is a high priority from the Governor's Office and should have a draft of the "Maryland Guidance to Local Responders for the Resolution of the Active Assailant Incidents" completed at the April 28 meeting. The 4 major segments of this document are: Planning, Training, 911/Dispatch/Communication, and Medical Protocols and Treatment all of which will require EMS involvement on a jurisdictional level. There will be a "Life Sustaining Interventions in Potentially Volatile Environments"

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Protocol for all EMS providers included in the EMS protocols for all providers.

AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM

The initial effort of the MIEMSS Ambulance Strike Team was to simplify the administrative processes to respond to disasters both within and outside of Maryland. However, the current plan requires additional training, additional equipment and scheduling of on-call crews. We provided them with a document stating that rather than simplifying the process, they have made it even more difficult for the volunteers to support their efforts.

In addition to these efforts the committee is also working on numerous other issues such as the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP), basic EMS training, state-wide recognition of ALS skills and enhancements of the eMEDS documentation system.

In summary, the MSFA EMS Committee hopes to continue to provide a strong presence for the volunteer segment of Maryland's EMS system while improving the safety and effectiveness of all providers functioning within the system.

Respectfully submitted
William "Bill" Dousa

REPORT OF THE EVENTS & MARKETING COMMITTEE

President Olson, 1st Vice President Keller, 2nd Vice President Roth, officers, members, and guests: This year, President Olson made a commitment to increase outreach to elected officials and MSFA membership. To accomplish this, the MSFA Events and Marketing Committee was tasked with participation in governmental organization events as well as emergency responder events.

For a number of years, the MSFA has hosted a display at the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Summer Conference. This has given us the opportunity to meet face to face with county officials and have individual or small group discussions on an informal basis with those who stopped at the display. We feel these discussions are very beneficial to the MSFA and our member companies so we continued to host the display on August 15&16, 2013. A number of county, state, and even federal officials came into our booth to talk with us. In addition to answering their questions, we also provided information on the cost to equip a firefighter today. Many were very surprised that the cost can total more than \$9,400 per firefighter. We wanted to also send our message to those who did not join us at our display. To reach an even higher number of officials, we set a goal to also become part of the formal agenda.

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On August 16, MSFA President Olson participated in a discussion on the volunteer fire service as part of a panel hosted by Delegate Malone.

On June 24 and 25, 2013, for the first time, the MSFA hosted a display at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference. This group includes officials from small and large towns and cities across the state. During these two days, we were able to meet informally with municipal officials and distribute information and discuss issues important to the Maryland Volunteer Fire Service.

On Saturday November 2 and Sunday November 3, 2013, the MSFA Events and Marketing Committee, along with MSFA President Olson, hosted a display at the 2013 Pyramid EMS Conference held at the Bowie Comfort Inn and Conference Center.

In addition to government agencies and officials, it is important that the MSFA market itself to the "boots on the ground" emergency responders, especially Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field providers. Hosting the display at Pyramid provided the MSFA an opportunity to distribute informational flyers, answer questions, meet with field providers, and generally show support to this service which nationwide constitutes about eighty percent of fire service responses. The display was well received by attendees and we look forward to attending additional EMS events in the coming months.

The MSFA Marketing display was utilized at both the MSFA Legislative Reception, and the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association Legislative Reception in Annapolis in January 2014.

The MSFA Events and Marketing Committee will staff a booth and distribute information on the MSFA at the upcoming Maryland Municipal League (MML) Convention in Ocean City, MD. The possibility of staffing a booth at additional events and conferences this Spring is also being investigated.

In closing, I would like to thank President Olson, 1st Vice President Keller, and 2nd Vice President Roth for their assistance and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Denver

REPORT OF THE FIRE LAWS OF MARYLAND BOOK COMMITTEE

President Olson, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guests, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 122nd Annual

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Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference. My committee has been working for the past two years on identifying pieces of legislation that will be added to the next edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book.

I want to congratulate President Olson on a successful year and I also want to thank her for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

To my Vice Chairs Mike Fennington and Dave Reid and Secretary Ed Thurston thank you for dedicated work in the world of Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee wishes to congratulate Brian S. Geraci for his appointment as the State Fire Marshal for Maryland. He joins a very excellent group of leaders that has strengthened this state in the areas of Fire Protection, Fire Prevention and countless other means to make this one of the safest states to live in. We wish you the very best in your tenure as the State Fire Marshal and we look forward to working with you for countless years. Congratulations and well done.

But it is with bittersweet knowing that our Vice Chairman Mike Fennington has decided to step down as Vice Chair to the committee. He will be moving to South Carolina with his wife. We thank him for his efforts and many talents and support to the committee that you have been able to do not only as a career firefighter and that as a volunteer to this state. Your actions on and off the job has supported the true message of Fire and Injury Prevention. Thank you for the many countless hours that you placed before the committee and the contributions you were able to secure for the many member companies. The committee kindly thanks you for always being there and the support that you provided. THANK YOU is not enough and I wish you the very best on your next adventure.

Dani and Christa I want to wish you the very best for an outstanding year. You both did a great job and your travels and efforts are greatly appreciated.

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To President Hayden and Chairman Jane Huffman and to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association thank you for your continued support and efforts also in spreading the word of prevention to the state. The committee thanks you all for attending our meetings and taking a vested interest in the spreading of Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

This past year we have worked with several of the county associations on helping implement program specific action items for their own programs. We look forward to helping any association or department in the development of information for any related topic that they need support on. The committee is always ready to assist when called upon.

To the sub-committees I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the programs we work on. Each program is unique to the issue and it is a great resource and tool that can be used to help support the messages we work so tiredly on. Mr. Tom, Mr. Bob, Fire Marshal Geraci, FMB, Mike, Dave, Mellissa, Mr. Ed, Jennifer, Butch, Lori, Donald, David, Marcia, Emmons, Mr. Jim, James, Heather, William, Sharon, Debbie, Kristi, Allan, Marlene, John, Kay, Bruce, Jane, Steve, Mellissa, Robyn, Ruth, Tom, Nora, Bridget, Stacy, Dani, Christa, Donna, Tammy, Kim, Holley, Ms. Audrey, Marie and Cyndy. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for all that you do in the efforts. Your work is very important and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee.

Within us all there is always that very special person that is there for you day and night and always willing to help. I have such a person and that is Mr. Ed. Since I was a little girl Mr. Ed has always a very important part in my life in the world of Fire Prevention and Life Safety. He has been a constant to this committee for so many years. He has done so much for our committee as the caretaker for our history and I am grateful that he does such an outstanding job. Thank you for always being there and the support that you have to the committee. Fire prevention and Life Safety in this state is a much safer place due to your work. Thank you.

Each of us has a very valued interest in Fire Prevention and Life Safety. This committee is at its ready to support the needs of the members of this state. We have many valuable tools to support a department's needs when it comes to implementing programs. Please contact any of us when your department needs the many items that we are proud to support you with. We are only a phone call away.

Respectfully,
Teresa Ann Crisman, Chairman

2013 to 2014 MSFA MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONVENTION REPORT

I would like to thank all those whose lives have touched me over the past year. It has sure been a ride. I appreciate all of your support and dedication to fire prevention. I truly believe that Maryland is one of the best states for fire prevention and the only reason why is because of the men and women who dedicate their life to the fire service. Remember, every fire department member can be a fire prevention ambassador; you don't need a sash, crown, tiara, or title to make a difference in your community. Below is a list of the events I have attended this year and the miles I have traveled. Again I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve Maryland, and the ability to continue to serve after my year is complete.

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16-Jun-13 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews and Contest,
Joint Memorial Service

17-Jun-13 Opening Ceremonies, LA-MSFA Meeting, Basket Bingo,
Jolly Rogers, Fredrick's Hospitality House

18-Jun-13 Convention Awards, Lunch-in, Installation of Officers, Carroll
County Hospitality House, PJ Parade (Best Appearing Costume)

19-Jun-13 Prayer Breakfast, Raffle Drawling, MSFA Ocean City Parade,
Awards for Parade (3rd best appearing Miss award winner)

20-Jun-13 MSFA Executive Committee Meeting in Ocean City

29-Jun-13 Hollywood VFD Carnival

183.3

30-Jun-13 MSFA Open House at Ferndale VFD

59

4-Jul-13 Clarksville 4th of July (5th District FD, Clarksville MD)

19

12-Jul-13 Damascus VFD Parade and VBOC Opening Class

47.8

13-Jul-13 Damascus VFD Open house & Winfield VFD Carnival

67.3

14-Jul-13 Urbana VFD Car Show

55

17-Jul-13 Howard County Association Meeting, SaSVFD mtg

20

18-Jul-13 Suddlersville Parade and Event

193.2

25-Jul-13 Mount Airy Parade and Carnival

47

26-Jul-13 Fire Marshal Farewell Lunch-in

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87.4
27-Jul-13 Friendsville VFD & Kitzmiller VFD Parades
417.5
28-Jul-13 Carroll County Fairs Life Safety Day
57
29-Jul-13 Camp Educational Visit & Southern MD Assoc. Mtg
160
1-Aug-13 Council of Academies, Viewing at Linkwood-Salem
314.5
VFD (Past Chief) and Cordova Little Miss Contest
9-Aug-13 Midland VFD Parade and Carnival
275
10-Aug-13 Hacks Point VFD Parade and Carnival
201
11-Aug-13 MD Fire Chiefs Meeting (Brunswick VFD)
98.4
13-Aug-13 Hampstead VFD Miss Fire Prevention Contest
77
14-Aug-13 Montgomery County Fair Public Education
29
15-Aug-13 Montgomery County Association Meeting
31
18-Aug-13 MSFA Fire Prevention Committee Meeting
57
24-Aug-13 MSFA Exec. Committee Meeting (Mt. Airy)
42.8
2-Sep-13 Kensington Parade, Gaithersburg Parade, KVFD Pub Ed
79.6
5-Sep-13 Pink Heals Tour (OC), AAVFD Instillation
333.5
6-Sep-13 MFCA Golf Tournament, AAVFD Picnic
127
7-Sep-13 National Harbor Stair Climb
77
8-Sep-13 Roth Fundraiser
12.4
13-Sep-13 Delaware State Convention, Hartford Cecil Co Mtg
243
14-Sep-13 MCVFRA Fire Prevention Contest
29.2
17-Sep-13 Prince Georges Co Associations Memorial Service
48
21-Sep-14 Poolsville Parade, Germantown VFD Open House

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72

24-Sep-13 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference

30

25-Sep-13 MCVFRA Yearly Convention

20

28-Sep-13 NASCAR Fan Zone, MD Memorial Gala

198

29-Sep-13 NASCAR Fan Zone/Race

157

4-Oct-13 NFFF Family Arrival Day Activities

145

5-Oct-13 NFFF Family Day, Candle Light Activities

110

6-Oct-13 NFFF Memorial, Mt. Airy VFD Open, Sandy Spring

196

VFD Open, Fredrick Co Miss Fire Prevention Contest

7-Oct-13 Dorchester County Monthly Meeting

215

12-Oct-13 LAMSFA Fall Conference, Cecil County Fire

185

Prevention Contest

13-Oct-13 KVFD Open House

30

17-Oct-13 MCVFRA Monthly Meeting

20

20-Oct-13 Laytonsville VFD Breakfast, Cumberland Valley

220

Fireman's Associations Boosters Meeting

26-Oct-13 Emmitsburg VFD Open house, SaSVFD Banquet

140

6-10-Nov-13 VCOS, Clearwater FL

16-Nov-13 Capt. Barr's Funeral

146

21-Nov-13 Maryland Jr Fire Starters Coalition Meeting

25

24-Nov-13 MSFA and LAMSFA Fire Prevention Meeting

260

27-Nov-13 TV Interview in Hagerstown on Fire Safety

132

5-Dec-13 Anne Arundel Co. Vol. Firefighters Assoc. Meeting

67

6-Dec-13 MSFA Executive Meeting (Ferndale)

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60
14-Jan-14 MSFA Legislative Reception
90
17-Jan-14 MCVFRA Aux Meeting
52
22-Feb-14 MSFA Exec. Committee Meeting
154
14-Mar-14 Montgomery County Valor Awards
20
5-Apr-14 LAMSFA Spring Conference
100
12-Apr-14 MSFA April Exec Comm. Meeting
160
13-Apr-14 North East Jr. Miss Fire Prevention Contest
168
3-May-14 MSFA Miss 2014 Contestant Workshop
20
8-Jun-14 Maryland Fireman Memorial Service
90
14-Jun-14 MSFA Officers Banquet
328
15-Jun-14 2014 MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
06/13 – 06/14 KVFD Company Meetings (10)
380
06/13 – 04/14 KVFD Board Meetings (30)
900

Total Number of Miles

8706.9

(last miles are est. due to report due date)

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Crane, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 2013 to 2014

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

President Olson, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee received **thirty six (36)** nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and **Sixty (60)** nominations for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

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A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award were mailed or delivered to each member company as well as being placed on the Maryland State Firemen's Association web page, in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for fifty years (50) or longer. These individuals should be nominated for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award in recognition of their years of service.

There are many members in the departments/companies that have reached this stage of life. They need to be recognized for their service to the department/company, community, county and the state. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame or be selected to receive the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award, these are among the highest awards presented by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Remember that nominations are not held over from year to year. If your nominee does not get selected, please submit the individuals name again next year before April 15.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will be given during the presentation of awards on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 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 Olson for her commitment to the committee and for the opportunity to serve this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Dan Carpenter III
Chair, Hall of Fame Committee

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members, Madame President, Vice Presidents and Guests; this has been a busy year for the Historical and Archives Committee. As we know, the Marriott Corporation has taken over the building where the Firefighters room is located, spending over 32 million to rehab the building. Because of this construction, Historical and Archives Committee members needed to remove all displays and plaques from the room and put them into storage.

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Our next concern was for the display cabinets. They were going to be destroyed at first, but Marriott offered them to us as long as we removed them from the premises ourselves. Luck was on our side.

Thanks to the wonderful members of the Prince Georges County Fire/Ems Department we were able to remove the cabinets and donate them to the Fire museum in Emmittsburg.

As of this time I would like to report that the Firefighter's room has a new display cabinet and our committee is working with the University of Maryland and Marriott Corporation to restore the room.

I want to express my many thanks to the members of the Historical and Archives Committee for their invaluable help throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Frank J. Underwood, PP, Chair

REPORT OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Nineteen (19) Counties and two (2) municipalities now administer programs. All counties are requested to keep the Committee informed of any programs established or any changes to their existing program. This program is an award program for a members' years of service in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS or Rescue service. Those Counties paying their members an incentive vary as to the amount. This is a County funded program and is not transferable from County to County. A summary sheet of existing LOSAP incentive payments can be found on the website in the Incentive Programs Committee Section. All payments for LOSAP are taxable by the IRS however is not taxable by the State of Maryland.

Tax Incentive Program (TIP)

The Maryland Income Tax Incentive Program was established in 1996 offering those active members in the Maryland Volunteer Fire, EMS and Rescue service the ability to deduct a certain amount of money from their gross state income if they qualify by earning points thru their County LOSAP or Points program. The amount they can deduct for 2013 is \$3,500.00. At this writing the MSFA and the Maryland Fire Chiefs

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Association are attempting to get legislation passed to increase this amount.

The program requires that a member earn at least 50 points in at least 2 categories per year for any 3 out of the last 10 calendar years. If a member has not achieved at least 25 years of service, 1 of those years must have been earned during the taxable year (in this case that would be 2013). If a member has achieved 25 or more years of service it only requires any 3 years out of the last 10 years. The rule for members achieving 25 or more years of qualified service HAS NOT CHANGED. They must still have at least 3 qualifying years out of the last 10 years. Everyone must have at least 36 full months of service in order to qualify. For the year 2013 a member must have a date of membership on or before January 1, 2011. For the year 2012, 13,834 members qualified for the tax incentive. Reports are still being gathered for 2013 and when complete you will be able to view the total count of members by County on the MSFA website. That report will be available later on this year.

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

The TIP program is a State wide program and points can be transferred from County to County via form MSFA-P2.3 (10/97) found on the MSFA website.

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

Miscellaneous

I personally would like to thank Joan Robison for her many years of service as the Chairman of the Incentive Programs Committee. I would also like to thank President Olson for her support and guidance this past year. Many thanks to Rick Hemphill for developing the secure website for gathering the Points Coordinators' reports. Last I thank the Committee and the individual County Points Coordinators for their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stuart W. Carter, Chairman

Incentive Programs Committee Members

Stuart W. Carter, Chairman
Joseph A. Cooper, Vice-Chairman

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Joan Robison, Chairman Emeritus
C. Douglas Bostonian
Patricia A. Bowser
Ken Bush
Gary Crampton
Donald Lee Howard
David W. Lewis (PP)
Craig A. Moe

County Points Coordinators

Allegany – Cheri Lewellen
Anne Arundel – Dave Lewis
Baltimore – Stu Carter
Calvert – Courtney Woodward
Caroline – William C Cooper
Carroll – Linda Bostian
Cecil – Linda Reichenbac
Charles – William R Massey
Dorchester – Barbara Aaron
Frederick–Rhonda Cunningham
Garrett – Patricia A Bowser
Harford – J Alan Thompson
Howard – Steve Fleming
Kent – Lee Meyers
Montgomery–Linda Dowdy
Prince George's – Joan Robinson
Queen Anne's – Marie McHugh
St. Mary's – Joseph A. Cooper
Somerset – Donald Lee Howard
Talbot – Ken Bush
Washington – Skip Menzies
Wicomico – Michael W. Farlow
Worcester – John Fisher

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

President Olson, Vice presidents Keller and Roth, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests. The 2014 Legislative session started on January 8 and ended on April 7. During the session there were 1555 House Bills and 1117 Senate Bills introduced by the Legislators? The legislative committee monitored 63 of these bills for impact on the Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services of the great state of Maryland.

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A partial list of the bills that were introduced and passed are as follow:

HB 308 and SB338 - Public Safety Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board. **Passed.**

HB 365 and SB 254 - Public Safety Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds Distribution. **Passed**

Thanks to Delegate Conway and Senator Glassman for these bills with verbiage amendments.

HB378 and SB440 - Somerset County Service Award Program for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Rescue Personnel. **Passed**

HB436 and SB 3 - Vehicle Laws- Operation of Vehicle When Approaching a Tow Truck. **Passed**

This bill like the move over law for Emergency Vehicles means move over if possible or slow down when approaching a Tow Truck.

HB 1228 and SB 1070 - Income Tax Subtraction Modification -Volunteer Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services Members. **Passed**

This bill increases the subtraction to \$5,000 over the next 5 years. Thanks go to Delegate Luedtke and Senator DeGrange for sponsoring the bills and the entire group of Legislators for their vote since there were no nay votes on either side.

The legislative reception was held on January 14. This year the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, under the direction of their Chair Carene Housenfluck did a VERY GOOD job of putting the reception together and fixing the food. These ladies do a GREAT job during the year and this committee could not be successful without them. Thank you ladies for all your hard work and it was a pleasure working with you.

Thanks also go to Jim Towers and Ed Mullikin from the Easton Volunteer Fire Company for serving the refreshments.

The committee also wants to thank Senator Glassman, Senator Mathias, Senator Dyson, Senator DeGrange, Delegate Conway, Delegate Malone and Delegate Luedtke for your support throughout the year. Thanks also go to the Fire Caucus for their help and guidance.

The committee also thanks our partners M.F.R.I., MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, M.S.P. and Aviation for their continued support.

To Governor Martin O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and their staff

we thank you for all the support in the past and good luck for you in the future.

Last I would like to say thanks to PP Bernard Smith, PP Richard Yinger, PP Danny Davis, and the three Presidents for taking charge while I was in Florida for 5 weeks. Special thanks to V.P. Roth and Carene Housenfluck for all the extra days you put in and I must say I enjoyed working with you.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Smith, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The Foundation is sad to announce the placement of three additional names on the Wall of Honor this year. Our prayers are with the families.

Unfortunately, we have additional names, however will not be able to recognize them for logistical reasons. We invite all to join with us to honor those that gave all on Sunday, June 1 starting at 2pm. Chief Rod and his group always do an outstanding job making this a memorable event for all.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of over 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. We have signed a contract with the conference center in Hagerstown to host the GALA on September 27, 2014. We need your support as always to make this event a success. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition.

We are currently designing an upgrade to the lighting at the site by installing walkway fixtures along the pathways down to the water feature. Hopefully, this will work will be done before the annual ceremony.

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

The Foundation 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 coins, memorial replicas, bricks, pictures and DVD's along with our annual shirts. We have an annual budget that we must meet.

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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 NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

President Olson, Vice Presidents Keller and Roth, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2013 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 (NFFF) was created by Congress in 1992 with the mission to honor fallen firefighters and assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives. Since its inception, the Foundation has developed many programs to fulfill this mandate. The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and registered as a corporation in the State of Maryland. Donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations fund many of the Foundation's programs. In 2012, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation continued programs to carry out our Congressional mandate: "To honor and remember the nation's fallen firefighters, provide assistance to their families and coworkers, and work to prevent firefighter injuries and fatalities."

Survivor Programs - A core group of family members of fallen firefighters make up the Fire Service Survivors Network. These dedicated individuals volunteer to assist newly bereaved families and help the Foundation with projects throughout the year and during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. There are now a total of 457 Network members from 44 states and the District of Columbia. Survivors of 2012 and 2013 fallen firefighters were carefully matched with Network members. These matches took into account similarities between the newly-bereaved survivor and Network member. For example, widows with young children were matched with widows from previous years whose children were young when their firefighter died. This outreach provided peer-to-peer support for 46 families of firefighters who died in 2012 and 74 families of firefighters who died in 2013.

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The Hal Bruno Camp for Children of Fallen Firefighters is a weekend bereavement camp that provides children an opportunity to network with other children and gain tools to help them cope with the loss of their firefighter parent. The Virginia camp in June for ages 7-17 had 31 children attend. In August, 7 children attended the camp in Florida for ages 4-6.

Many children tell us that their fallen firefighter stressed the importance of getting an education, and our scholarships help them reach that goal. Since 1997, the NFFF's scholarship program has given spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Memorial the opportunity to pursue their personal, educational and career goals. With a very generous donation from the Motorola Foundation, the Foundation awarded \$213,468 for the 2013-14 academic years. Our partner, ICMA-RC, awarded \$15,000 to 13 recipients and Global Health & Safety awarded four \$2,000 scholarships for a total of \$8,000. The National Association of State Fire Marshals awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 recipients. The Foundation and its partners awarded \$246,468. There were 82 scholarship recipients: 78 children, 2 stepchildren, and 2 spouses. Recipients are attending colleges in 35 different states and are preparing for careers ranging from Aerospace Engineering to Nursing. Three recipients are enrolled in a Fire Science program.

The 8th Annual Fire Service Survivors Conference took place April 14-17 in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference was held in conjunction with the Foundation's Local Assistance State Team (LAST) training, and an annual meeting of the Everyone Goes Home® State Advocates. It was beneficial for both survivors and fire service members to meet and learn about the Foundation's programs. There were 145 survivors and 80 members of the fire service in attendance. Examples of workshops for survivors included: What the Grinch Taught Me About Love, Stress First Aid, Peer Support, Estate Planning, Technology 101, Grief & Depression, Budgeting & Money Management, Communication Issues in Bereaved Families, Home Safety & Maintenance, Self Defense, and Tai Chi.

A comprehensive federal, state, county, and local benefits research project for the families of fallen firefighters was completed. The updated information was posted in the State Benefits section of the Foundation's website: www.FireHero.org.

Fire Service Programs - All fire programs can be connected to one or several of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. The Initiatives were developed in 2004 at a first-ever fire service summit to focus attention on reducing line-of-duty deaths and firefighter injuries. In March 2014, the Foundation revisited the initiatives by hosting a second Tampa Summit. The second summit was as equally historic as the first and helped to develop strategies to further reduce injuries and preventable deaths.

Firefighter Life Safety Initiative 14, Provide Public Education with more resources and champion it as a critical fire and life safety program, and Firefighter Life Safety Initiative

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15, Strengthen Advocacy for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers have moved to the forefront of the Everyone Goes Home® program. With the assistance of a corporate sponsor, the Foundation has developed its Community Risk Reduction program around the slogan "Be a Hero, Save a Hero". Community Risk Reduction materials have been placed on a new web page dedicated to the "Be a Hero, Save a Hero" campaign. The program is aimed at encouraging the public to adopt safe fire practices, and fire departments can use it as their slogan to reduce the occurrences of fire.

In 2013, the Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) faced some of its greatest challenges since its inception in 2006. This past year, LAST teams across the country provided various levels of assistance for 104 reported firefighter fatalities. In that same timeframe, they also supported fellow public-safety agencies with aiding the families and departments of 16 EMS fatalities and 9 law enforcement deaths. The major challenge for the year came from two incidents where a total of 29 firefighters were killed. These two incidents required the largest LAST deployments since the Sofa Super Store Fire in Charleston, South Carolina, that took the lives of nine members of the Charleston Fire Department in 2007.

In April 2013, an explosion at a fertilizer factory in West, Texas, claimed the lives of ten first responders. Along with the Texas LAST team, three additional teams from across the country responded to help, and the NFFF maintained a physical presence in the town for more than three months to assist the families and the departments with starting to rebuild their lives.

In June 2013, 19 wild land firefighters died fighting the Yarnell Hill fire near Prescott, Arizona. The Arizona LAST deployed immediately and before completion of the nineteen funerals a total of eight different LAST teams were also called in to assist with this major operation. Several of the teams were deployed to Prescott to work directly with the Arizona LAST to coordinate the funerals being held in the immediate vicinity of Prescott. Other teams assisted by receiving the remains of the firefighters who were being buried in other states, and also to help the families where there was not a home department. This major deployment was a success and demonstrated the value of the LAST program. It has evolved into a functional first response for assisting families and departments when firefighters die in the line of duty.

In addition to the incidents described above, the LAST assisted in the preparation and submission of 76 Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) claims this year. In all, this was a difficult year that has proved the worth and benefits to the families and departments of the Local Assistance State Team Program.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through a Department of Justice grant, offers a training program to help fire departments prepare for the worst--a line-of-duty

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death or serious injury. Fire service personnel and families who have lost a firefighter in the line of duty helped develop this one-day course called Taking Care of Our Own® (TCOOO). It covers pre-incident planning, survivor notification, family and co-worker support, and benefits and resources available to the families.

The Fire Hero Learning Network continues to serve as the main source of the Everyone Goes Home® training programs. Courage to be Safe, the course that outlines the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives is now online, and continues to be the most popular course. We have also completed online Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge (LACK) course. We now have four online courses with several more in the works. The learning network can be accessed at www.FireHeroLearningNetwork.com. Both Courage to Be Safe and LACK have been accepted on the National Fire Academy's "Approved Course" list which allows the students of these classes to receive National Fire Academy certificates and permits use of USFA grant funds to present these classes. We worked very closely with the state fire training agencies in this endeavor and they have proven to be a great partner to the Everyone Goes Home Program®.

The newest training program, Leadership So Everyone Goes Home, has been piloted in several venues throughout the year. The 4-hour course uses four case studies to discuss how leadership can incorporate the 16 firefighter life safety initiatives to prevent line-of-duty deaths and injuries. A thirty-minute companion video will be rolled out in early 2014 to compliment this program.

The Foundation's Stress First Aid (SFA) program has been completed and is being delivered on a regular basis. Several departments have adopted the SFA program and instituted it within their departments. South Carolina serves as a national model having incorporated the program within the state. They have combined their efforts with Provident Insurance to deliver behavioral health assistance to firefighters and their families across the state.

In 2014, the Everyone Goes Home program held a fire service summit to focus attention on the issue of firefighter suicide. A guide on suicide prevention was developed for Fire Chiefs and clinicians to use. We plan to continue to study the issue of firefighter suicide in the coming year.

A group of operational firefighters and officers met at the Oregon State Public Safety Training Academy in March 2014. Check lists were developed for engine company officers, truck company officers, heavy rescue squad officers, special operations and command officers. The goal of the project was to develop a customizable check list that can be downloaded off of our website. The customizable check list resides on the Firehero Learning Network.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend -The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend on October 4-6 honored 73 firefighters who died in the line of duty during 2012 and 8 who died in previous years. Despite the Federal Government shutdown and being required to relocate the events, the Weekend was a fitting tribute to the fallen firefighters and a memorable event for their families. Both the Candlelight Service and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service were televised and streamed live over the internet and were viewed nationwide and around the world.

Fundraising Activities - The 9-11 Stair Climbs continue to honor fallen firefighters and assist survivors as well as serve to highlight the fact that firefighters must train as industrial athletes to serve their communities. In 2013, there were 37 stair climbs across the country and the Foundation sponsored stair climbs at all the major trade shows. Firefighters are traveling to participate in climbs, and there have been cases where firefighters have gone on regimented fitness programs and diets to be able to complete the 110-story climb. Very special thanks go out to each stair climb coordinator and the Stair Climb Steering Committee who make these great events happen every year.

This marks 11 years of Foundation Golf Tournaments across the country. In 2013, there were 32 golf tournaments from Maryland to California. Several tournaments have incorporated day-long training events, dinners with survivors as keynote speakers and other Foundation-related functions to augment their tournaments. Our thanks go out to the volunteers who turn these Golf Tournaments into a way to assist our survivors.

Public Awareness - The Foundation's Web Site was enhanced by including more resources and information for survivors. The site includes a special Family Programs section, online forms to request information and peer support, specialized grief materials, and links to other resources and organizations. There were 29,222,598 page views of the FireHero.org site; there were 1,117,551 page views of the EveryoneGoesHome.com site.

A "widget" on the web site featuring 2012 fallen firefighters changed each day to feature a new firefighter. It was accessed and downloaded by numerous fire service organizations and publications. After the 2013 Memorial Weekend, the widget was revised to show information on firefighters honored in previous years.

I am pleased to submit this annual report and encourage all of you to consider getting involved with one or more of our programs. The Board and Staff of the Foundation appreciate all of the support we have received from the Maryland Fire Service and hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 4, 5 and 6, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Jon Siarnicki, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

The past year has been one of an unusual level of additional federal activity involving the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). Of course, the one singular item that seemed to take an incredible amount of time and effort on the part of the NVFC and our national partner organizations is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Over the last nine months, your delegates, along with many of the other directors on the Council, worked feverishly to force a clarification/exemption from a provision contained within the PPACA that would require, in some cases, volunteer fire departments to provide full health insurance for their members. Finally, in March, the IRS issued an Executive Regulation that clarified the provision as specifically not applying to volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel. That was then followed by federal legislation introduced by Rep. Lou Barletta (PA) to have the Law amended to reflect this clarification.

Also, finally reintroduced following Sequestration were both, the Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act, which, if passed, will simplify how LOSAP awards are taxed and the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act, which extends an income tax exemption on volunteer benefits which lapsed at the end of 2010. Both of these Bills are still moving through the respective Chambers on the Hill.

The AFG and SAFER Grant Programs were reauthorized with a modest increase to each and the USFA and the VFA were flat funded with no increase over last year. However, considering the President's budget proposal was to force cuts in both of those agencies, flat funding actually was a small victory of sorts.

In the fall, Chief Seavey (Maryland Director) attended both the State Benefits Summit and the NVFC Board Meeting in College Station, Texas. At the Benefits Summit, Jim made a presentation on the MSFA and the structure of the fire service in Maryland, along with our various benefits. One important item to come out of this year's Summit was unanimous agreement that the Summit should be held every year, if at all possible, due to the valuable information disseminated in the little amount of time provided.

At the fall Board Meeting, there was a presentation on the new National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training, train the trainer program. This valuable training will assist in the saving of lives and reduction of injuries for our public safety providers and further, work to ease traffic issues in promoting multi-agency cooperation on the scene of interstate collisions. Chief Seavey recommended the MSFA Training Committee to look into this program.

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At the December Executive Committee Meeting, Chief Seavey made an appeal to the MSFA leadership to offer the President of Lighthouse Uniforms, Steve Cohen to come and make a presentation on the Bereavement Uniform Program. This is a very selfless program that he believes the MSFA should endorse and partner with. Also, in December, Chief Seavey submitted the FY '15 budget request for the NVFC Representatives to the Chairman of the MSFA Budget Committee, Steve Cox.

Just before the end of 2013, the NVFC moved their national offices from the 4th floor to the 3rd floor of the same building in Greenbelt, saving a net \$125,000 per year in rent. While this move was occurring, the Executive Director, Heather Schafer advised the Maryland Delegates that, should the day come where the MSFA would like to have a business office, the NVFC would consider renting out office space in their new location.

Past President Dave Lewis (Maryland Alternate) served on several occasions as a Peer Reviewer for the AFG/SAFER Grant application process and also provided some Maryland fire service personnel to represent the NVFC as reviewers on several occasions.

Of great interest within the Council is also the decision by the Board, following a recommendation by the recently formed International Relations Committee, to rent space and exhibit at the World Fire and Catastrophe Exposition in Hannover, Germany, known as Interschutz, in June of 2015.

For the second time in just as many years, a Junior Firefighter program from the State of Maryland was selected as the NVFC Junior Firefighter Program of the Year for 2013. Your delegates would like to congratulate the Washington County High School Fire and Rescue Academy, who immediately followed the Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company's Junior Program, the winners in 2012! The award was presented to the Washington County Fire and Rescue Academy at the NVFC Spring Board Meeting in Arlington, Virginia on May 2nd.

The NVFC provided \$48,750 in disaster relief for the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund in 2013. This fund helps firefighters, who have lost their own property during major events.

Chief Seavey was integral in pushing for the first-ever joint meeting between the two representative organizations for volunteers in our Nation. On May 2nd, the National Volunteer Fire Council Board met with the IAFC's Volunteer and Combination Officers Section Board during mutual Board meetings in Northern Virginia. This meeting has started an excellent relationship, partnering on issues of mutual benefit or concern.

Past President Lewis represented the MSFA at the Spring Board Meeting of the NVFC in Alexandria, Virginia, as Chief Seavey was sidelined with a medical issue during the

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week of the meeting. Dave is presenting information from this meeting at the Executive Committee Meeting at the Convention on Thursday, June 19th.

Past President Lewis will also be representing the MSFA at the National Volunteer Training Summit in Myrtle Beach, SC this month. This summit is being held to address the enormous training mandates being leveled against volunteer responders and how to cope with the growing hours that are being required of our personnel. With Dave's work experience at MFRI, he is an excellent ambassador to represent our Association, as he is keenly aware of the hardships faced by volunteer personnel with respect to training mandates.

Finally, your Delegates are committed to moving forward with the "All-State Membership" Program for the NVFC in Maryland. This program provides individual membership for each active volunteer at a member company, at a cost of \$15.00 per member per year. The MSFA will assist in funding this program with a subsidy of 50% of the dues per member or \$7.50 per year, while funding lasts for up to three years. This membership also provides the members with a \$10,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy during the period of membership.

Additionally, we wholeheartedly believe that the CAPWIZ/ENGAGE Legislator Communication System is of great benefit and value to the MSFA Legislative Committee, the MSFA Leadership and every member company in the State. This program has been funded for five years now and has yet to be properly utilized by our officers. With that said, both of your Delegates are going to make one more passionate attempt to get traction in both these areas within our Association. Should these efforts fail over the next six months, we shall recommend abandoning both of these priceless programs.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the member companies of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the past year and your team of Seavey and Lewis are energized and looking forward to another great year of work on your behalf in 2014-2015!

Respectfully,
Chief James Seavey, Director
Past President David Lewis, Alternate

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE

At the Executive Committee meeting in Cordova the Presidential Car Committee recommended we purchase the Chevrolet police package and the Executive Committee concurred with our recommendation. When attempting to order the vehicle we have

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run into obstacles such as: the vehicle is manufactured in Australia, uncertain delivery, and only comes in various grey colors.

We have ordered the Ford Interceptor (Police package) off state bid. The price of the vehicle is \$22,934.00 which includes the law enforcement package, red color, and All Wheel Drive. Unfortunately delivery will not be until late July early August.

Announcements seeking sealed bids for the 2010 Ford currently assigned to Vice President Keller are being circulated. The vehicle will be available upon receipt and the new vehicle placed in service. Sealed bids are to be submitted to: Rusty Leftwich, 2121 Harkins Rd, Pylesville, MD 21132. Bids will be opened on Sunday, June 15 and presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, PP, Chair

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS COMMITTEE

The Logistics & Public Address Committee would like to give our thanks to President Jackie Olson, Vice President David Keller III, and Johnie Roth Jr. for their wonderful support this past year. It has been a pleasure to provide our services to this great cause!

This past year has been one of the easiest since the latest additions to our equipment and transportation needs have been satisfied. The new aluminum 5'x10' trailer allows us to set up in record times, usually in 30 minutes, to set up or tear down. The hospitality and helpfulness of the hosting companies has been a joy! The fine food and good times shared by all is what makes this Association and the fire service so great.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all of my supporters who have, and continue to, help me with my campaign for the office of Second Vice President. If elected, I vow to provide the best leadership I can for the good of the Association. I would like to see less of a generation gap in the volunteer fire service as well as this Association. We need help from ALL ages if we are to continue to provide our services throughout the Great State of Maryland!

In closing, may you and your family enjoy safe travels wherever you may go. Remember, Everyone Goes Home, All the Time!

Sincerely,
Michael A. Davis, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COMMITTEE

President Olson, 1st Vice President Keller, 2nd Vice President Roth, Officers, Delegates & Guests to the 122nd Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It has been a wonderful learning experience serving as the chairman of this committee. In August of 2011, the Recruitment & Retention Committee took part in a retreat and set some lofty three-year goals, as well as developing a roadmap for the future Recruitment & Retention committees. I am pleased to report that the committee has stayed the course with its commitment to then 2nd Vice President Olson and has completed all of the tasks it was given.

To begin to accomplish these goals the committee needed a better understanding of the members needs. We have reached out across the state trying to ask the members what they had, what they needed, and what they wanted through a survey and by travelling to different regions to hold our monthly meetings.

We have held in cooperation with the Maryland Fire Chief's Association, two regional recruitment "Town Hall" meetings. The 1st was held on January 18th at the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and the 2nd was held on April 19th at the Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad in La Plata. These meetings addressed the following topics:

- How and when do we "Market"?
- How do we "recruit"?
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Retention

We addressed the groups to come ready to discuss these questions.

- From knocking on the door to boots on the ground; what's the process and hold up?
- How do you recruit and what's the cost?
- Retention; how is it calculated, average length of service, reasons for leaving, and how are you obtaining those reasons (exit surveys?)

The Committee organized and presented a seminar called "Beyond Hoses and Helmets" on April 27, 2013 that was prepared by the IAFC-VCOS section and delivered by Chief Norvin Collins and Chief Kenneth Farmer. The symposium was designed to provide the attendees with "**Strategy and Tactics of Leading a Volunteer or Combination Fire/Rescue Organization.**" 57 department leaders from across the state attend this class and by the end nobody wanted to leave. We were asked to hold another class this year and to make it the full two - day class. . The IAFC agreed to allow MSFA to hold another class this year, and it has been scheduled for May 3rd & 4th at the University of MD – Baltimore Campus.

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It was with the generosity of some wonderful vendors that we were able to fund these seminars and the committee would like to acknowledge them.

Thank you to Provident Insurance, Dr. Bill Jenaway and Jerry Poland of VFIS, Patricia Hill of California Casualty, Chief Hugh Owens of 1-800-BOARD-UP, Scott Colvin of Maryland Fire Equipment and Frank Splain of Municipal Marketing for all of your assistance. The Recruitment and Retention Committee intends to continue providing leadership seminars in the future. Our belief is that if a department has good Leadership – the members will follow.

In November 2013, PP Dave Lewis, Troy Odendhal and I attend the VCOS - Symposium in the Sun and took part in many classes and networking sessions that dealt with recruitment & retention issues. We were able to bring back the things we learned and utilize these ideas in dealing with our R & R efforts.

During this 122nd Annual Firemen's Convention the Recruitment & Retention Committee is holding a "Town Hall Meeting" facilitated by Dr. Bill Jenaway. Dr. Jenaway is a world-renowned speaker on Recruitment & Retention and VFIS is the sponsor of a VCOS scholarship award for Recruitment and Retention that is presented during the VCOS Symposium in the Sun is Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Also, during this past year, Committee Members discussed the value of the national Fire Corps initiative for use by our State's emergency services organizations. Fire Corps seeks to engage citizens to help their community's First Responders by assisting with a wide range of non-operational tasks that includes fundraising, safety fairs, fire & injury prevention activities, chaplaincy programs, awards & recognition duties, website implementation and maintenance, public affairs work, grant writing, and the list goes on and on. This year the number of departments with the Fire Corp program has grown to 36 across the state - <http://www.firecorps.org/volunteers/find-a-program#state=Maryland>. The Committee feels more Maryland volunteer and combination Fire and EMS companies could also make effective use of the FireCorp initiative.

The committee is working on another initiative for next spring, a State-wide Recruitment day in May, where all of the associations and fire/rescue departments will open their stations in a joint recruitment effort. More information to follow during the next few months.

We have already begun the planning to hold another IAFC-VCOS seminar this coming September 2014 called "FROG", which stands for Fire and Rescue Organizational Guidance. This course is an intensive 2.5-day, hands-on workshop designed as graduate-level leadership training for leaders of volunteer and combination fire departments that picks up where VCOS's Beyond Hoses & Helmets course leaves off. This course will continue providing the leadership training so needed in our departments.

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It was an honor to serve as Chairman on the MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee again this year with all of the dedicated & talented committee members.

I would like to thank President Jackie Olson and Vice President’s Keller & Roth Jr., who provided the committee with tremendous leadership and guidance by their presence at many of our meetings, and to Jim Brown, our most valuable MIEMSS Liaison.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Chornock, Chair

Julie Casey, Vice Chair

Jim Brown, MIEMSS Liaison

Joel McCrea, Planning Committee Liaison

Troy Odendhal

Victoria Cunningham

William Smith

Robert “Pappy” Hahn

William J. Wagner III

R. Wayne Powell

David Lewis

John McDowell

Ricardo Tappan

Robert C. McHenry Jr.

Angela Cowan

Frankie Stubbs

REPORT OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) COMMITTEE

President Olson, Vice Presidents Keller and Roth, Chairman Skinner, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 122nd Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The Watercraft Committee and Emergency Support Function/Resource Typing and Credentialing Workgroup were merged in 2010 and a new Search and Rescue Committee was formed by then President Cox. This Committee has continued to work on issues carried over from the previous committees. Please refer to the bulleted information below for the details of these matters.

▪ SAR Committee plan and goals:

- Combined Watercraft Committee and ESF/RTC Workgroup to provide task recognition to the work of member companies providing SAR and the MSFA role in that work; i.e. other organizations use the SAR term and have had difficult time identifying the role of the “Watercraft Committee” at various meetings.
 - Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.
 - Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR

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to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA.

- Monitor the field of technical SAR and work on positioning the MSFA and member companies to respond to any changes in a way that promotes the work of the MSFA.
- Serve as the MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) and attend the annual NASAR Conference as funding allows.
- Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues,
- Specifically serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF-9 matters including:
 - Providing subject matter experts as required in the ESF-9 annex to the State EOP.
 - Staffing the SEOC when required/ requested.
 - Developing and maintaining a roster of MSFA member companies that provide technical SAR response; type and credential those resources based on NIMS; and serve as the contact for mobilization of those resources when requested outside of normal mutual aid requests.

The following work has taken place this year to address the goals listed above:

- NASAR SAR Conference 2013 Report:
 1. ASTM is developing water rescue standards in an effort to facilitate agreement for NIMS applications. A draft standard addressing swiftwater/flood SAR operations and SW/F Technician I are currently out for comment by the members of the ASTM F32 SAR Committee members. Standards addressing additional personal rescuer qualifications are to be developed next. This will have an impact on the MSFA SAR Committee work currently in progress with MFRI regarding training. MSFA elected to join ASTM and Chairman Johnson has been participating in the review and comments on this developing standard.
 2. NASAR is decentralizing its training. This is being done by pushing programs out to local AHJs, providing support to those organizations, and going as far as developing academy style instructional packages for AHJs. In Maryland MSP is currently providing NASAR courses but NASAR would welcome additional vendors including MFRI. The MSFA SAR Committee will approach MFRETC/MFRI about the possibility of placing these courses in the MFRI Special Programs.
 3. A new organization, the International Association of Water Rescue

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Professionals (IAWRP), is being formed. Please go to www.iawrp.com for more information.

4. There is a new and free on-line journal, The Journal of Search and Rescue, available at www.journalofsar.org. Two editions have been published to date and both have contained very informative studies.
 5. The NASAR Water SAR Task Group is currently seeking a new chairperson. The major function of this position is to coordinate production of a Water SAR track for the annual conference.
 6. NASAR has a program to provide discounts on SAR products called Promotive. 250 vendors are currently participating in this program. MSFA is enrolled in this program and members can go to www.promotive.com/nasar. On the left navigation bar under login, click the link "Have a Code" and use code [B6FD-9DDE-DAED-F443](#), you will then be prompted through several screens to register as a user. This is available to all members of MSFA companies since MSFA is an organizational member of NASAR.
- Technical SAR NIMS training gaps discussion with MFRI and MFRETC regarding concerns of gaps in MFRI SAR training and requisite knowledge and skills needed to both meet any NIMS requirements and to perform safely and efficiently in the field. The Committee has gathered examples of training gaps that exist and have discussed these with other training stakeholders. Looking towards identification of vendors that MFRI can contract with via Special Programs.
 - Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board barrier for companies that only provide technical SAR. Is there some way to develop a provisional or limited MFSPQB rating for just SAR companies? Members in these companies are not involved in suppression or EMS response and are concentrating on highly technical fields that require their dedication of time. Since they do not have FFI or EMT the members of these MSFA companies are not afforded the opportunity to be recognized by MFSPQB. The SAR Committee will contact the MFSPQB representative of MFRETC to discuss this possibility.
 - Update of resource list on MSFA website; NIMS typed teams and watercraft. The committee will be developing a plan to survey and update the technical SAR resources and watercraft listed on the website. Methodology is yet to be determined but we will look to the officers of the MSFA to help spread the word on this project once that is determined. Discussion of using an on-line survey tool and targeted surveys.

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- The MSFA ESF-9 Resource List was published in 2012. Hard copy is at the MEMA Fire Desk, electronic copies provided to MEMA ESF-9 rep, the SEOC Managers, and SAR committee members. It is also available on the MSFA website under the SAR Committee. It should be noted by all that this is a dynamic document and updates/changes will be made. There are still some resources that need to provide information and contact with these providers continues in attempt to achieve this. I again want to emphasize that we want to hear about any SAR resource that a member company operates that may meet the NIMS typing requirements. Even a Type III or Type IV resource is valuable to have in the resource matrix. Committee members can assist you with review of the NIMS typing and compliance planning as needed.
- MEMA ESF9 participation. The ESF9 plan was approved by all stakeholders in May 2013. In our role we need to develop our SEOC deployment plan. Several committee members attended training on the new WebEOC program to allow continued monitoring and participation during activations or events. MEMA SEOC/ESF9 Requests: There have been no requests from MEMA for SAR Committee assistance since last report. Chair monitored WebEOC during severe weather/possible SAR incidents.

I would again personally urge each department providing technical search and/or rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable) certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Structural Collapse Technical Rescuer, Rope Technical Rescuer, Surface Water Technical Rescuer, Vehicle and Machinery Technical Rescuer, Confined Space Technical Rescuer, Trench Technical Rescuer, Fire/Rescue Boat Crew Mate I, II, and Motor Vessel Operator. By having these in place you will be on your way to demonstrating required competencies in the field of SAR response. Information on all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

I would also encourage departments with any questions related to search and rescue to contact a member of the SAR Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts.

The Committee would like to thank President Olson and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. The Committee looks forward to continuing its' work with each of you and others in the coming year.

Submitted for the Service by:
Todd "Scuba" Johnson, Chair

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS AND NFPA REVIEW COMMITTEE

For the past year, it has once again been my honor to serve as the Chair of the MSFA Standards and NFPA Review Committee. This Committee plays a critical role in the review and adoption of standards which directly impact the safety and survivability of firefighters and first responders throughout the State.

The prevailing issue to this Committee for this past year was the completion of the preparation of changes to the MSFA Bylaws regarding standards for the operation of fire department activities. Following consultation with the MSFA EMS Committee, it was decided to separate the issue of changes to the Bylaws for Fire Service and EMS operations, and to delay changes to the sections regarding EMS operations pending further consideration and review by both Committees. The Standards Committee will continue in its efforts to coordinate changes to these sections of the Bylaws with all appropriate Committees to effectively provide changes which are relevant, necessary, and acceptable to all governing Committees.

In cooperation with the liaisons from the MSFA Secretary's Office, MSFA Office of the Parliamentarian, and MSFA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, a final set of recommended changes to Article D of the MSFA Bylaws was reviewed and approved by the Standards Committee. In response to modifications suggested by both the Secretary's Office and Constitution and Bylaws Committee, several minor changes were made to the initial draft, and a final ballot copy submitted for consideration by the MSFA membership at the 2013 Annual Convention and Conference. The Standards Committee will delay any further action on this matter pending the results of that vote by the general MSFA membership.

The Standards Committee now plans to continue the process of revising the MSFA Standard Operating Guidelines regarding apparatus standards. It was decided to begin this process by assigning different sections of these SOGs to Task Groups of Committee Members for initial review and recommendation of each SOG Section for approval by the entire Standards Committee. In addition, a request has been sent to other MSFA Committees, including the Rural Water Supply Committee, EMS Committee, and Water Craft Committee to lend special expertise on proposed revisions to pertinent MSFA SOGs. It was noted that the final reports should be reserved pending the approval of the proposed changes to Article D of the Bylaws by the MSFA Membership, and prepared for submission to the MSFA Executive Committee at a future meeting of that Committee. All members of the MSFA Standards Committee were encouraged to participate in the review of these SOGs.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. The goal of this Committee is to continue the review and revision of current MSFA Bylaws regarding EMS operations and of current MSFA SOGs for Fire

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apparatus and EMS vehicles to coordinate these SOGs with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While the recommended SOGs will attempt to comply with the current NFPA Standards as much as possible, it is understood that many local conditions will require modification to the National standard in order to provide an adequate level of cost effective services. All of these issues will be considered as a part of the MSFA Standards Committee review and recommendation of proposed regulations, with the prime consideration for the safety of the emergency responders of this State and the citizens that they are committed to protect.

It is my personal commitment to continue the fine efforts and tradition of this Committee that has been long established. If anyone has any questions or comments that they wish to bring before the Standards Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Bush, Chair

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The 2013 recertification of member companies was completed in October with the final print-outs having been provided to the companies. The recertification is a requirement for member companies that are part of the MSFA and have MSFA logo tags. This happens every five (5) years. The individual that has the MSFA tag is required to pay \$5.00 to the MSFA. This will insure that the member is in good standing and still has the tag. 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.

The print-outs and fees from the member companies have been very slow in coming to the committee.

Also, there are numerous errors on the forms being returned which requires contacting the President of the member company for clarification. Most of the returned print-outs do not have a letter from the company President as is a MVA requirement to have a member removed.

The committee has verified and deposited to date \$18,860.00 in fees.

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The following Counties have completed the recertification process and submitted their fees: Baltimore-A-West, B-North-, D-South, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Queen Anne and Talbot. A list of companies that have not recertified was provided to the MSFA at the Executive meeting in February. The Executive Committee was to review and provide guidelines to the Transportation Committee on options for collection of the fees.

There are 6,473 active MSFA tags reported by MVA as of 11/26/13. There were 355 new tags requests this year. This number is up slightly from last year. There were two (2) new coordinators appointed this year: Deputy Chief Eric Tyler from Parsonsburg VFD was appointed for Wicomico County and Susan Nichols for Frederick County. Their contact information will be provided on the MSFA website and new directory. I sincerely thank Joyce Vincent for her many years of service as the coordinator for Frederick County and the MSFA Transportation Committee.

The focus for the remainder of this year and the next will be to process the numerous changes reported from the 2013 recertification of member companies.

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. I wish to extend a special thank you to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Dorothy Schultz, Past President Underwood and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint, for the work done this year. I wish to extend my thanks to President Olson for her support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

REPORT OF THE WILLS FOR HEROES COMMITTEE

Jacqueline Olson, President, David Keller III, 1st Vice President, Johnie F. Roth Jr. 2nd Vice President, Committee Chairs, Delegates, and Guests.

In furtherance of the mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Wills for Heroes Committee writes wills and durable powers of attorney for qualified members of member companies. The paper work necessary to have the documents custom prepared for you are downloadable from the Wills for Heroes Committee under Committees on the msfa.org website.

This year, the Wills for Heroes Committee will be scheduling dates for County Associations for qualified members to pre-register to bring their completed paper work to the location on the date agreed upon to have committee members prepare the documents at that location on that date.

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The Wills for Heroes Committee will be presenting a Seminar at Convention for those interested in attending and will be maintaining a "booth" to provide information for persons interested and inquiring.

Please feel free to contact the members of Will for Heroes Committee for further information thru the website or the officers' directory.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chairman, Roger N. Powell, Esq.
Patricia Bowser
C. Daniel Davis PP
Michael W. Farlow, Esq.
Gayle Moreland
Franklin D. Roth Jr.
Steven Scheinin, Esq.

**REPORT OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
\$10,000 RAFFLE**

President Olson, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2013 raffle, which was conducted from June 2012 through June 2013, yielded a total of \$58,725.00. The expenses totaled \$24,894.17 which left a profit of \$33,830.83.

Counter sales at the 2013 convention produced \$6,592.00 and the remaining \$52,133.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold \$13,950 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$25,644.00.

Although every county returned money, 170 out of 369 (46%) MSFA member companies did not! The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did return money:

Allegany	48%	Howard	100%
Anne Arundel	52%	Kent	28%
Baltimore	48%	Montgomery	68%
Calvert	86%	Prince Georges	32%
Caroline	43%	Queen Anne's	100%
Carroll	86%	Somerset	67%
Cecil	89%	St Marys	71%
Charles	62%	Talbot	43%
Dorchester	37%	Washington	48%
Frederick	50%	Wicomico	36%

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Garrett	46%	Worcester	18%
Harford	85%		

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies auxiliaries, and special individuals who have worked very hard to make the raffle a success.

The returns by county were:

Allegany	\$ 1,710.00	Howard	\$ 795.00
Anne Arundel	\$ 2,417.00	Kent	\$ 200.00
Baltimore	\$ 1,850.00	Montgomery	\$1,690.00
Calvert	\$ 1,061.00	Prince Georges	\$1,045.00
Caroline	\$ 300.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 580.00
Carroll	\$ 1,897.00	Somerset	\$ 546.00
Cecil	\$ 1,915.00	St Marys	\$1,407.00
Charles	\$ 1,390.00	Talbot	\$ 300.00
Dorchester	\$ 573.00	Washington	\$1,360.00
Frederick	\$ 2,120.00	Wicomico	\$ 500.00
Garrett	\$ 720.00	Worcester	\$ 222.00
Harford	\$25,644.00		

Expenses for 2012-2013 Raffle

\$ 16,800.00	Prize Money
\$ 4,540.00	Printing
\$ 1,990.00	OC Sunfest & Springfest fees
\$ 65.00	Darlington Apple Fest
\$ 25.00	Raffle license (Worcester Co)
\$ 350.00	Maryland BBQ Bash
\$ 16.95	Postage
<u>\$ 1,107.22</u>	Tent Rentals
\$ 24,894.17	Total Expenses

\$ 58,725.00	Total Sales
<u>\$ 24,894.17</u>	Total Expenses
\$ 33,830.83	Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2012-2013 Raffle

1 st	\$10,000	Friendsville Vol Fire Co
2 nd	\$2,500	Mance McCall III - Hebron, MD
3 rd	\$1,500	James Duffy - Bishopville, MD
4 th	\$1,000	Greenbelt VFC - Greenbelt, MD
5 th	\$750	David Caldwell, Elkton, MD
6 th	\$500	B. Blakeley – Rising Sun, MD

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7 th	\$250	Karen Richardson – Waldorf, MD
8 th	\$100	Joe Henry - Middletown, MD
9 th	\$100	Susan Lemar – Frankford, DE
10 th	\$100	Carol Senonin - Hanover, MD

The committee would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank them for their support. Also, many thanks are in order to the MSFA & LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the raffle. Without you, we could not have had such a successful year.

The committee has had a very busy year with the 2013-2014 raffle. We have attended the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland BBQ 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.

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

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

6:00pm **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET - By Invitation Only**

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

10:00-12:00 am **Convention Events Ticket Sales** -Convention Center - Ground
Floor Foyer

10:00-12:00 am **Ladies Auxiliary Early Registration** -Outside Convention Center -
Hall East

10:30 am **Sunday Morning Worship Service** -Convention Center - Room
215

11:00 am **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** -Convention Center -
Sunset Room

2:00 pm **Miss Fire Prevention Contest** - Convention Center - East Hall

5:00 pm **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** - Convention Center - Bayfront
Ballroom

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

8:00 am **Convention Events Ticket Sales** - Convention Center - Ground
Floor Foyer

8:30 am **Meeting Call to Order** - Convention Center - Bayfront Ballroom
Opening Ceremonies

9:00 am **Exhibits Open**
Keynote Speaker- After the speaker has presented his
program the LAMSFA will be
excused to go to the Auxiliary meeting in the East Hall

FIRST SESSION

10:15-11:00 am **Registration**

11:00 am **Meeting Call To Order** - President Carol Hayden

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Presentation of Colors - Color bearers Jean Means and Brenda Harrison

Invocation - Chaplain Lori Denbow

Pledge to the Flag - President Carol Hayden

Conference Song - Music chair Susan Derlumas

Welcome By Convention Chair - Flo Collins

Greetings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Nomination of Officers - Corresponding Secretary Marcia Roth

Reading of Election Rules - Corresponding Secretary Marcia Roth

Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents

Recognition of MSFA President Jackie Olson

Report of the Credentials Report - Fran Fusco

Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary Barbara Sue Nelson

Report of the Treasurer - Vivian Morgan Boyd

Report of the Financial Secretary - Nancy Jones

AWARDS CEREMONY

Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary

Hall of Fame Inductions - Chairman Leone Gatton

Honey Award - Past President Leonard King & Treasurer Ron Siarnicki

Report of the Officers

Report of the Committee Chairmen

Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary Marcia Roth

Unfinished Business

Door Prize Drawing - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Benediction - Vice Chaplain Donna Struntz

Recess

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

6:30 pm **Monday Night Family Event at Jolly Roger Amusement Park**
Must Have Ticket

7:30 pm **BASKET AND PURSE BINGO** - Convention Center Room 215 -
Doors open at 6:30

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

SECOND SESSION

8:00-8:45 am **Registration and Balloting** - Only the person with Chairman of
Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary

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will be allowed to share the Chairman's Badge. The Chairman must be present if a second ballot is needed.

9:00 am **Call to Order** - President Carol Hayden
Invocation - Chaplain Lori Denbow
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention Chair - Jane Huffman
Report of the Election Committee - Chair Leone Gatton
FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Bessie Marshall Fund - Chair Elaine Huttenloch
 Pins and Badges - Chair Marian Nicholson
 Safety - Barbara J. Lacey
 Ways and Means - Co-Chairs Gloria Schaffer and Kim

Thomas

Hall of Fame - Leone Gatton
 Report of the Credentials - Chair Fran Fusco
 Benediction - Vice Chaplain Donna Struntz
 Recess

Meeting of the 2014-2015 Officers, Past Presidents, and Pages to the front of the Ladies Meeting room with Installing Officer Past President Sherry Soper

5:00 pm **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** - Convention Center -
 Bayfront Ballroom

9:30 pm **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** - Convention Center
 - Bayfront Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

THIRD SESSION

7:30 am **PRAYER BREAKFAST** - Convention Center - Sunset Room

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

9:15 am **Call To Order** - President Ann Price-Davis
 Invocation - Chaplain
 Dismissal 2013-2014 Committees - Except Ads/Patrons
-Past President Carol Hayden

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Committee Appointments - President Ann Price-Davis

New Business

Good of the Order

Door Prizes -Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Adjourn Convention Meeting

Benediction -Vice Chaplain

Retirement Of Colors

Past President's Luncheon - By Invitation Only

12:00pm

Exhibits Close - No Entry after 11:45

1:00pm

FIREMEN'S PARADE - Downtown Ocean City - Rain or Shine
Parade Route is between 16th and 30th Streets on

Baltimore Avenue

5:30pm

Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies - Convention
Center - Dockside Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

9:00am

MSFA Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center -
East Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

7:30 am

Golf Tournament - Eagles Landing Golf Course



Carol Hayden
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
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Ann Price-Davis
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LAMSFA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the LAMSFA 2013-2014. I have enjoyed my year and cannot believe how fast the year has gone by, and that is it time to turn things over to the next President.

I have traveled over 6,000 miles around and across the State of Maryland to attend meetings, banquets, Miss Fire Prevention contests, and other functions of the many auxiliaries and fire departments. I thank you all for your invitations and hospitality. I was honored to install your officers at your banquets.

I also attended the Maryland Fire Rescue Service Memorial, Legislative Reception, Shock Trauma Gala, the CFSI Dinner and the executive meetings hosted by the MSFA. Jackie thanks for invitations to allow me and the other LAMSFA officers to attend these functions, we all had a great time. Also, thank you for attending the LAMSFA Conferences in October and April. I would also like to thank the other officer of the MSFA that attended the conferences. A thank you goes out to Ron Siarnicki for the invitation to attend the NASCAR race at the Dover Speedway, we had a great time.

I want to also thank my family allowing me to follow my dream once I started up the chairs in the LAMSFA. And Bobby, thank you for being there and taking pictures for me.

I want thank the members of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for their support during this time. Also, thanks to the members for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Association and Auxiliary for their support. Also, thanks to my Past President, Peggy Zembower.

Thanks to all of my committee chair and co-chair for taking on the committees, you have all done an outstanding job and made 2013-2014 a successful year.

And to the 2013-2014 officers, ladies, it has been an honor to serve with you and best of luck to all of the officers 2014-2015.

Respectfully,
Carol Hayden
LAMSFA President 2013-2014

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Serving the LAMSFA and MSFA as Senior Vice President for the year 2013-2014 has been an honor and privilege. I have attended numerous banquets, memorial services, meetings, parades, and also judged fire prevention. Thank you for the opportunity to travel the state and get to know you and your fire community better.

In my role as Sr. Vice President I am also By-Laws Chair and have worked diligently with my committee to refine our by-laws to ensure a more efficient organization.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Firemen's Association, Catherine Price (mother & LAMSFA Safety Committee Member), Paul H. Price (father), Leone Gatton (LAMSFA Past President), Mike Davis (husband , MSFA Public Address Chair, & MSFA 2nd Vice President Candidate), and Asa Davis (son) for their support and guidance through the year.

President Hayden and President Olson have been an experience to work with this year. I look forward to working with incoming MSFA Presidents Keller, Roth and hopefully Davis. In the coming year LAMSFA Sr. Vice President Darby Byrd and Jr. Vice President Barbara Sue Nelson and myself will work as a team to ensure better business throughout the organizations we serve. To the 2014-2015 Officers of the LAMSFA and MSFA I look forward to working with you for a successful and productive year. If you need me I am only a phone call away.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann F. Price-Davis

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

To my fellow officers; it has been my pleasure to serve as the Junior Vice President of the LA-MSFA for this past year. I have worked with the Financial Secretary, Nancy Jones, to contact all the Auxiliaries that have not paid their dues to date. She has kept me informed as dues have been received and I am appreciative of her support. I wish Nancy all the best as she has decided to step down as an officer this year.

To my fellow Presidents Carol Hayden and Ann Price-Davis, it has been my pleasure to work with you this past year. We have experienced some challenges but as a team we have overcome them. Carol, I hope you enjoy your move to the Past Presidents club. Ann, I look forward to working closely with you and Barbara Sue Nelson during the coming year.

To my family of the Southern Maryland Volunteers Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, I cannot thank you enough for your support. I would like to thank my Past President Eloise Healy for all of her long distance love and support. I extend a special thank you to my daughter Katie, for her support and keeping me in check. To my mom, thank you for understanding when I need to be away from home. To my heart and soul, Kevin, I could never have even attempt to take this journey without your love and support. You always take on the extra load and without complaint. You have always been the wind beneath my wings and for that, I love you. To the other officers of the LA-MSFA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this past year. I have enjoyed working with you and I look forward to our coming year. Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance. I am here to serve you!

Sincerely,
Darby Byrd

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Chaplain for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the term 2013-2014.

Thank you for the many invitations I have received to banquets and events throughout this great State. I would like to thank my fellow Officers and the membership of the LAMSFA for their votes of confidence and belief in me. I would like to thank my family for supporting me as I continue up the chairs. Also special thanks to my Past President Sharon Worthington for her support and advice, Level VFC Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Company and the Harford County Auxiliary for their continued support.

It's been a pleasure working with MSFA Chief Chaplain, John Long and Rev. Harry Hetz as we prepared this year's Memorial Service. Listed below are the names of our deceased LAMSFA Auxiliary members, who have left us here on earth between January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Denbow

Allegany

Linda A. Robertson

Bedford Road VFD

Mae M. Bonne Bennett

Bowman's Additions VFD

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Elizabeth Ann Osbourn	Huntington VFD&RS Aux.
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Helen "Sally Mitchell	Gamber Aux.
Helen G. Lawson	Aux.to Hampstead VFC
Julia A. Ridinger	Aux.to the Harney VFC
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Carolyn Smith	Pleasant Valley Auxiliary
Betsy Lou F. Alexander	Reese and Community VFC Aux.

Frederick

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Madeline E. Main	Urbana VFD&RS Ladies Aux.

Garrett

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Jo Ann V. Bever	Bloomington FC Ladies Aux.

Montgomery

Marion Brown	Takoma Park VFD Aux.
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Prince George's

Irene Jenkins	Accokeek VFD Aux.
Nancy L. Mandragos	Baden VFD Aux.
Robert A. Parsly	LA of the Beltsville VFD

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Ruby E. Perkins	LA of the Beltsville VFD
Jane Black	Bladensburg VFD&RS Ladies Aux.
Peggy Cooper	Bladensburg VFD&RS Ladies Aux.
Barbara Reamy	Brentwood VFD Ladies Aux.
May Whittington	Clinton VFD Ladies Aux.
Catherine "Plummie" Howes	Cottage City-Colmar Manor VFCLA
Eleanor Jean Davis	LA of the Forestville VFD
Cleo Dutton	Greenbelt VFD&RS Ladies Aux.
Eleanor Jean Davis	Morningside VFD Ladies Aux.

Queen Anne's

Mable Davis	Crumpton VFD Aux.
John "Jack" C. Russum Jr.	Crumpton VFD Aux.
Jeanne P. Davis	Sudlersville VFC Aux.
Mary E. Downey	Sudlersville VFC Aux.
Thomas F. "Sonny" Walls	Sudlersville VFC Aux.

St. Mary's

Frances Curley	Aux. of the Leonardtown VFD
Patricia A. Cullison	Ridge VFD Aux.
LaRuby Frederick-Armstrong	The Seventh District VFD Aux.

Talbot

Agnes M. Cheezum	Cordova Ladies Aux.
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Washington

Doris Kline	LA of Fairplay VFC - District 12
Robert G. Hammond	First Hagerstown Hose Co. Aux.
Randy B. Schindel	First Hagerstown Hose Co. Aux.
Dorothy F. Reed	Hancock Fire Company Aux.
Catherine Delauter	Leitersburg VFC Ladies Aux.
Dorothy Buchanan	Maugansville Goodwill VFC Aux.
Gloria D. Basore	Western Enterprise FC No#4 Aux.
Helen V. Randall	Western Enterprise FC No#4 Aux.

Wicomico

Ethel B. Wilkins	Pittsville VFD Ladies Aux.
Peggy Wright	Parsonsborg FD Ladies Aux.

REPORT OF THE BESSIE MARSHALL FUND COMMITTEE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support for the fund. So far to date we have paid 30 cases since the convention. I would like to thank everyone who has been doing special events to raise funds for the Bessie Marshall Fund.

I have mailed out to each auxiliary the annual money raffle tickets for the convention. Two winners will receive 25% each and the fund will receive 50%. I would like to thank everyone in advance for selling them to your friends etc. We will have them at the convention if you need more.

I would like to thank Mr. Steel for the beautiful handmade ladder truck to be raffled off at the convention. Along with the fire truck we have a beautiful wreath donated by the Silver Hill Ladies Auxiliary which will be included in the fire truck raffle. The winner will get their choice. Also, thanks to the Southern MD Ladies Auxiliary for the Brown Bag raffles held at several meetings that raised a lot of money for Bessie Marshall. A special thanks to the members of the Carroll Co. Auxiliaries who held their annual bingo for the Bessie Marshall Fund. That too raised many dollars. My special thanks to the members of the committee who faithfully serve each meeting.

Each of you should feel great pride in your support for the Bessie Marshall Fund. Your continued donations and purchases of all of our raffles have kept us in the black. This committee continues to be successful due to your dedication. Being chairman is only one part you the members are the heart of this committee. I am so very proud of each of you.

My thanks to all who have invited me to your functions. I have tried to attend as many as I can. I always enjoy the fellowship shared with everyone.

My very special thanks to Ginny Wilhite, my daughter, who saves us a lot of money by printing all of our raffle tickets and letters at her expense. Also a thank you to Forestville VFD Ladies Auxiliary for your continued support to this committee.

Again I would like to thank President Carol Hayden for my appointment. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as this year's Chairman and to have served this great organization of men and women who care about our firefighters and EMS when in need of a little help.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for your calls, cards and prayers during my fight with cancer. As of now I am in remission. Thank you Lord. And last but not least, Nancy Jones you have been one heck of a Financial Secretary. You were great to work with this year and I will miss you. Don't go far. We love you as sisters do!

Thank you for being so special! May God bless all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Huttenloch, Chair

REPORT OF THE INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

On May 1, we submitted the Income Tax Subtraction Summary Report, which included combined reports from 22 counties. For the 2013 tax year, 1,223 LAMSFA members were allowed a subtraction modification of \$3,500.

This has been a benefit to the LAMSFA since 2001. But there is good news to report! Senate Bill 1070 passed the State Legislative Session and takes effect on July 1, 2014. This bill expands the value of the existing income tax subtraction modification for qualifying personnel from \$3,500 to \$5,000 over six years beginning in tax year 2014. The modification amount will increase by \$250 each year until it reaches \$5,000 in 2019. These are the subtraction modification amounts for the next six years:

Tax Year	Amount
2014	\$3,750
2015	\$4,000
2016	\$4,250
2017	\$4,500
2018	\$4,750
2019	\$5,000

As you can see, this is such a valuable incentive to our organization that will be getting better every year! Make sure you stay active throughout the year to earn your 50 points so you can claim this benefit.

Respectfully,
Ann McGill, LAMSFA State Points Coordinator

REPORT OF THE SEVENTEEN STATE CIRCLE COMMITTEE

I would like to thank President Carol Hayden for the appointment as chairman of the Seventeen State Circle Committee. I have enjoyed working with committee members

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Jane Huffman, Marian Nicholson, Teresa Crisman and Elaine Huttenloch.

Our team reviewed 1117 Senate bills and 1555 House bills seeking to identify any proposed legislation that might affect the interests of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Of those bills submitted, the MSFA identified bills to track their progress through the State legislature. The State Circle Committee closely monitored 58 bills of specific interest to the MSFA.

I would also like to express my appreciation the MSFA Seventeen State Circle Chairman Richard Smith for all his help. We enjoyed working with him and the MSFA Officers and hope to have the opportunity to do so again. In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the committee members for their devotion and hard work. Best wishes for a successful convention.

Respectfully submitted
Carene Housenfluck, Chairman

**ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF 2014 DELEGATES & ALTERNATES
ACTIVE MEMBERS**

(Code: ** Registered at 2014 Convention)

****ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 21 North Rodgers Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001; Harford County. Telephone: 410-272-2211; Organized: 1889; Chartered: 1901; Joined MSFA: 1901. President: Edward S. Budnick, Vice President: Charles Glassman; Secretary: Jeffrey Sexton, Treasurer: Frederick H. Budnick, Chief: Stephen C. Hinch. Delegates: C Frederick Morlok Jr, Frederick H. Budnick, Noel Budnick, Dale Budnick Sr., John F. Bender. Alternates: Victoria Cunningham, Albert F. Severn III, Dale Budnick Jr., Eric V. Reith.

****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: Thomas Schultz, Chaplain: David Graham, Chief: Monti Arrington. Delegates: Donna Averion-Laird, Bill Dousa, Linda Dousa, Joe King, Joseph Tolliver. Alternates: Patricia Autry, Mark Foster, Joseph Tolliver.

****ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 50, 109 S. South Street, Accident, MD 21520; Garrett County. Telephone: 301-746-8800; E-mail ssaturday@live.com; Organized: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1947. President: Jesse Deniker, Vice President: Adam Bach, Secretary: Shaina Saturday, Treasurer: Alva Rexrode, Chaplain: Alva Rexrode, Chief: Richard Carlson. Delegates: Mike Simmons, Tim Simmons, Hobe Bowser, Allen Bach, Alva Rexrode. Alternates: Richard Carlson, Paul Custer, Dean George, Paul Hook, Derrick Bender.

ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607; Prince George's County. Telephone 301-283-2730 Fax 301-283-3024. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 128, 3676 S. Upper Ferry Road, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County. Telephone: 410-546-3515 Fax 410-546-5053. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****ALLENTOWN ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8709 Allentown Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744; Prince George's County. Telephone: 301-248-6519 Fax: 301-265-1164; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Ronald Auston, Vice President: Lori Roser, Secretary: Heather Walzel, Treasurer: Yvonne Jones, Chief: Nicholas Finamore. Delegates: Darrell Francis, Nick Finamore, Ronald Austin. Alternates: None Listed

****ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 790 Potomac Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County. Telephone: 301-733-3334; Website: www.antietamfirecompany.

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org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1818. President: James Forberger, Vice President: Charles Cunningham, Secretary: Jamie Barkdoll, Treasurer: Robert Daveler, Chaplain: Robert McGhee, Chief: James Sprecher Jr. Delegates: James Sprecher Jr., Jamie Barkdoll, Travis Barkdoll, James Forberger, Corey Sprecher. Alternates: Brenda Forberger.

****ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY - 5200** Southwestern Boulevard, Arbutus, MD 21227; Baltimore County. Telephone 410-242-6601; E-mail: cao350@bcvfa.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: John McDowell, Vice President: Steven Gorwer, Secretary: Gina K. Birsner, Treasurer: Jessie Tacka, Chaplain: Steve Owens, Chief: Douglas Simpkins Jr. Delegates: John McDowell, Joseph Antoszewski, Douglas Simpkins Jr., Donald Gutberlet, Lewis Harvey IV. Alternates: None Listed

ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 7, 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD 21155; Baltimore County. Telephone 410-887-1576 Fax 410-374-6238; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1950. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****ARNOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 1505 Ritchie Highway, Arnold,** MD 21012; Anne Arundel County. Telephone 410-757-2686 Fax 410-757-5942; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: William Erlich, Vice President: Kevin Knussman, Secretary: Wayne Handschur, Treasurer: Jeannine Allen, Chaplain: Chief: Randy Hopkins. Delegates: William Erlich, Randy Hopkins, Amy Brooks-Rice, Jeannine Allen. Alternates: None Listed.

****ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 2380 Davidsonville Road,** Gambrills, MD 21054; Anne Arundel County. Telephone 301-261-0060; E-mail arundelvfd@ccconline.net Website: www.arundelfire.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Kathleen D. Gross, Vice President: Sam Sumpter, Secretary: Sara Hilt, Treasurer: Dave Loyd, Chaplain: Laura Woods, Chief: David Ayers. Delegates: Bob Cochenour, Steve Race, Carene Housenfluck, Marian Nicholson, Kathleen Gross. Alternates: Ed Harv Woods, Laura Woods, Jen Benevicz.

****AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO BOX 528, 6270** Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764; Anne Arundel County. Telephone: 410-867-3141 Fax: 410-867-6862; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Thomas Ladd, Vice President: Kenneth Harrison, Secretary: Dennis Skinner, Treasurer: Dennis Skinner, Chief: Career Captain. Delegates: Dennis Skinner, Thomas W. Ladd. Alternates: None listed

****BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 16608 Brandywine Road,** Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7736 Fax 301-888-1526; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Roy A. Hall, Vice President: Robert E. Boswell, Secretary: Mary Summers, Treasurer: Cora Goldsmith, Chaplain: Roussan Etienne Jr., Chief: J. Robert Breen. Delegates: Paul Harris, John Summers, Doris Harris. Alternate: None Listed.

BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 359, 15010 Baltimore Pike, NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-4170; E-mail: co4@allconet.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. NO Credentials were submitted for 2014

****BARTON HOSE CO. NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 277, 19202 Legislation Road, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2138; Organized: 1919; Chartered: 1947. President: Stanley Broadwater, Vice President: Joseph Langham, Secretary: John Shuhart, Treasurer: John Shuhart, Chief: Kevin Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Robert Rounds, Stanley Broadwater, Kevin Rounds, Marilyn Rounds. Alternates: Gene Foutz, Kenneth Schramm, Joseph Kyle, Wayne Broadwater, Kevin Bowman.

****BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1440, (Station 3 - 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.org; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Wayne Johnson, Vice President: Richard Sullivan, Secretary: Joseph A Cooper, Treasurer: Bruce Theden, Chaplain: Keith Fairfax, Chief: Robert Wahrenbrock. Delegates: Wayne Johnson, Joe Cooper, Robert Wahrenbrock, Joe Zienda, Richard Sullivan. Alternates: Doug Medley, Melvin Tennyson, Bob Braddock, Pat Stanley, Keith Fairfax.

****BEDFORD ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 13200 Bedford Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-3670 Fax; E-mail; hirt@allconet.org; Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; Joined MSFA:1944. President: Tim Growden, Vice President: Bob Grabenstein, Secretary: Eddie Collins, Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter, Chief: Steve Shuhayda. Delegates: Tim Growden, Mike Helmstetter, Steve Shuhayda, Justin Cook, Seth Miller. Alternates: Carl Blank, Debbie Helmstetter.

****BEL AIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 109 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014; Harford County; Telephone: 410-879-6644 Fax 410-879-6644. President: Tony Coliano, Vice President: Tom Fry, Secretary: Charles Walls, Treasurer: Jimmy Rainwater, Chaplain: Chief: Eddie Hopkins. Delegates: Russel Eyre, Gary Kadolph, Mike Lochary, Joe Price. Alternates: Will Price.

****BEL ALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 37, 9765 Bel Alton-Newtown Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611; Charles County; Telephone: 301-932-0894 Fax; Organized:1962; Chartered:1962; Joined MSFA:1962. President: Tom Albrittain, Vice President: Secretary: Larry Fisher, Treasurer: Hoover Thompson, Chaplain: Julian Hayden, Chief: David Williams. Delegates: Tom Albrittain, John Hackley, David Williams Hoover Thompson. Alternates: None Listed.

****BELTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 831, 4911 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-937-3160; Website: beltsvillevfd.com; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Margie Dickey, Vice President: Michael Schaffer, Secretary: Samantha Schwartz, Treasurer: Garry Snider, Chaplain: Rev. Harry Hetz, Chief: Alfred

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Schwartz. Delegates: Rev. Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Alfred Schwartz, Steve Flora, Billy McNeel. Alternates: Tony McCall, Janice Gardiner, Matt Tomlins, Robert Allen Jr., Brian Hart.

****BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD 20612; Charles County; Telephone 301-274-3890 Fax; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950. President: Francis Griffin III, Vice President: Calvin DeMarr Sr., Secretary: Bob Ruddy, Treasurer: Katie Vanslyke, Chaplain: Chief: Brian Cusick. Delegates: Francis Griffin III, Brian Cusick, Sean Kerrigan, Katie Vanslyke. Alternates: Brian Cusick, Calvin DeMarr Sr., Donna DeMarr, Aaron Ruslander, Francis Griffin IV.

****BERLIN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 214 North Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone 410-641-1977 Fax 410-641-2494; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1910. President: David A. Fitzgerald, Vice President: H. David Bloxom, Secretary: Larry Hall, Treasurer: F. Gino Carozza, Chaplain: Marc Brown, Chief: David T. Lewis. Delegates: David A. Fitzgerald, H. David Bloxom, David T. Lewis, Joe Pylypczuk, Jeanne Feltes. Alternates: Larry Bloxom, Ron Eckman, Charlie Townsend, Phil Simpson, David Bradford.

****BERWYN HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 8811 60th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-474-5587, Fax 301-220-2476; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1924. President: James Hurley, Vice President: Chris Wipprecht, Secretary: Cindy Frend, Treasurer: Eric Norris, Chaplain:, Chief: Danny McCoy. Delegates: Peter Isaacson, James Hurley, Ryan Wagner, Jimmy Kiernan, Paul J. Martein. Alternates: Brent Woodhouse, Kenny Cooper, Jaime Simpson, John Hoffman, Chelsea Miller.

****BETHESDA FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 30384, 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20824; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-652-5602 Fax 301-656-3550; Website: www.bethesdafire.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: John B. Murgolo, Vice President: Gerry Morenoff, Secretary: Ted Rosen, Treasurer: Grant L. Davies, Chaplain: Chief: Lawrence J. Gaddis. Delegates: Lawrence J., Gaddis, Michael Kay, Peter Frank, Nathan Finkelstein, Virginia Miller. Alternates: None listed.

****BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-652-0077; E-mail: brooke.davies@bccrs.org Website www.bccrs.org; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1945. President: Brooke A. Davies, Vice President: Robert Kretzmer, Secretary: Paul Mackell, Treasurer: Barbara Brynlarski, Chaplain: Chief: Ned Sherburne. Delegates: Kenneth Holden, George Giebel, Robert Kretzmer, Paul Mackall, Jack Hartley. Alternates: Joseph Morquecho, Ned Sherburne, Brooke Davies, Keith Stakes, Brian Starin.

BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone 410-348-5678 Fax 410-348-5300; Organized: 1938. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD 21813; Worcester County; Telephone 410-352-5757 Fax 410-352-5482 Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1939. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 176 Brenneman Road, Bittinger, MD 21522; Garrett County; Telephone 301-245-4414; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1982. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 348, 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-864-4415 Fax: 301-277-9366. President: Donald S. Wells, Vice President: Gary Katz Jr., Secretary: Jason Byrnes, Treasurer: Robert Pickel, Chaplain: Roger Rinehart, Chief: Randy S. Kuenzli. Delegates: Donald S. Wells, John Aryes, Gary Katz Jr., Jane Wells, Randy Kuenzli. Alternates: Michael Hooper, Gary Katz Sr., Robert Wells, Raymond Edwards, Robert Pickel.

****BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 12, 77 North Branch Avenue, Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone 301-359-3729; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. President: Donald Harvey, Vice President: Paul Wilson, Secretary: Dave Robey, Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden, Chaplain: Paul Wilson, Chief: Dan Bever. Delegates: Shane Bosley, Tristan McCrobie, Jon Dowden, Shari Forney, Scott Windle. Alternates: Paul Wilson, Donald Harvey, Dave Robey.

****BOONSBORO AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 7, 7619 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-6979 Fax 301-432-2265; Websire: www.boonsbororescue.com; Organized: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1997. President: Mary Jane Blickenstaff, Vice President: Jean Burns, Secretary: Samantha Jones, Treasurer: Fred Smith, Chaplain: Tom Fralin Jr, Chief: Morgan A. Boyd. Delegates: Rick Beall, Morgan Boyd, Mary Jane Blickenstaff. Alternates: None Listed.

****BORDEN SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.** - 19303 Shaft Road, SW., Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-1535; Email: co17@allconet.org Website: www.shafffire.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Vice President: Secretary: Andrea Bennett, Treasurer: Chaplain: Chief: Scott Yates. Delegates: Aaron Winters, Roger Bennett. Alternates: None Listed.

BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020; Baltimore County; Telephone 410-429-5200; E-mail ca0420@bcvco.org. NO Credentials were submitted for 2014

****BOULEVARD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4101 Alton Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-568-8112 Fax: 301-568-0581; Website: www.bh17vfd.com; Organized: 1920; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Vanessa Surlles, Vice President: Lloyd Brooks,

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Secretary: Paula Warren, Treasurer: Shana Reams, Chaplain: Mark Coghill, Chief: Thomas Forrester. Delegates: Vanessa Surlles, Thomas Forrester, Wade Irby, Trevor Forrester, Lloyd Brooks. Alternates: Marco Baylor, Ronald Morris, Leslie Garrett, Paula Warren, Ignacio McDougal.

****BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 3262 Superior Lane – PMB 270 and 15454 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-809-0122; E-mail: info@bowievfd.org; Website: bowievfd.org; Organized: 1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929. President: Jonathan P. Bigony, Vice President: Glenn Locker, Secretary: Gary Blanton, Treasurer: Shirley Meadows, Chaplain: Chief: Jonathan Howard. Delegates: Jonathan P. Bigony, Jonathan Howard, Glenn Locker, Jason Bloom, Denise Bloom. Alternates: None Listed.

****BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** 12420 McMullen Highway, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1522; E-mail: bowlinggreen@hereintown.net Website: bowling-green-vfd.org; Organized:1947; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1947. President: William Bradley, Vice President: David Thompson, Secretary: Lance Adams, Treasurer: Richard Ross, Chaplain: Chief. Delegates: Mary Carr. Alternates: None Listed.

****BOWMAN'S ADDITION VOLUNTEER FIRE Company, INC.** – PO Box 868, 11710 Boardwalk Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone 301-759-3272; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Charles Jones, Vice President: Chelsea Mulligan, Secretary: Carole O'Baker, Treasurer: Sue Blacker, Chalpain: Carole O'Baker, Chief: Mark Blacker. Delegates: Dennis Bonner, Mark Blacker, Arron Blacker, Carole O'Baker, Jeff Deter. Alternates: Sue Blacker, Justin Blacker, Barry O'baker, Amanda Jones, Charles Jones.

BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 320, 6715 Jefferson Boulevard, Braddock Heights, MD 21714; Frederick County; Telephone 301-371-6820 Fax 301-371-6234; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1942. NO Credentials were submitted for 2014

****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; Website: bvfc011.com; Organized: 1924. President: Ronald Leizear Sr., Vice President: Kyle Scully, Secretary: Lani Lindsey, Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood, Chaplain: Chief: Richard Leizear. Delegates: Frank Underwood, Ronald Leizear Sr., James Davis, Steve Wiseman, Pete Raia. Alternates: Ronald Leizera Jr., Mark Brady, Mark Demberger, Richard Leizear, William Miskel.

BRANDYWINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – PO Box 238, 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-372-8507.
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BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5100 Ritchie Highway, Baltimore, MD 21225; Anne Arundel County; Telephone 410-789-0242;

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E-mail: Cdoegen@msn.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1938. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – 200 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8183; E-mail: zimmerchristina@aol.com; Website: bvar19.org; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Nelson C. Smith, Vice President: Shane Pyles, Secretary: Christina Stracener, Treasurer: Stacy Myers, Chaplain: Chief: Andy Smothers. Delegates: Eric Smothers, Susie Nicol. Alternates: None Listed

****BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 156, 1500 Volunteer Drive, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8300; Website: bvfd5.org; Organized: 1893; Chartered: 1894; Joined MSFA: 1910. President: Nate Gesse, Vice President: Kenny Nicewarner, Secretary: Terry Pryor, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain: Chief: George Clary Jr. Delegates: Nate Gesse, Gail Young, Dave Young, Clarence Webber, Todd Webber. Alternates: George Clary Jr., Jeff Simons, Kevin Myers, Kellie Shackelford, Terry Pryor.

****BRYANS ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 111, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road, MD 20616; Charles County; Telephone 301-375-7055 Fax 301-375-6130; Website: brvfd.com; Organized:1962; Chartered:1963; Joined MSFA:1963. President: John C. Allison, Vice President: Joseph Gronau, Secretary: Michael Chapura, Treasurer: Paul McCormick, Chaplain: Chief: David McCormick. Delegates: Elvan Hedges, Paul M. Tackish, Rick Green, Robert Eastburn, David E. McCormick. Alternates: Darrin Tomlinson, Bryan Hamilton, Ronnie Willett, Joseph Gronau, Michael Walko.

****BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION** – 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood Maryland 20722; Telephone: 301-927-5713 Fax: 301-927-5713; E-mail: information@bhvfrass.com Website: bhvrc.com. President: Steven King, Vice President: William Broadus, Secretary: Jennifer Hampton, Treasurer: Debbie King, Chaplain: Ed Mutchler, Chief: John Moats. Delegates: Steve King, Richard Melito, Edward Mutchler, William Broadus, Alonzo Aguilar. Alternates: John Moats, D'Angelo Cooper, Curtis King, Tony George, James Pilkerton Jr.

BUNKERHILLVOLUNTEERFIRE&RESCUECOMPANY–POBox264,3716RhodeIsland Ave. Mt. Ranier, Maryland 20712; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-985-5400 Fax: 301-985-5405; Website: www.bhvrc.com. NO Credentials were submitted for 2014

****BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 215, 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-773-8957 Fax 301-879-1487; E-mail: newmanlen@aol.com Website: bvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Tamera G. Bulla, Vice President: Drew Dunn, Secretary: Leonard Newman, Treasurer: Christine Stephan, Chaplain: Christine Stephan, Chief: Glenn Fitzpatrick. Delegates: Gary Jones, Allison Brown, Allison Manuccia, Michael Bulla, Tamera Bulla. Alternates: Richard Gregory, Christine Stephan, Harry Hetz, Joseph Pignataro, Lauren Wickson.

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****BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 75, 15019 Falls Road, Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone: 443-677-1547 Fax: 410-771-4103; E-mail cao490@bcvfa.org Website: butlervfd.com; Organized:1953; Chartered:1954. President: Cary Rutledge, Vice President: David Arbogast, Secretary: Milton Curtis, Treasurer: Wayne Hackley, Chaplain: Chief: Danny Wilhelm. Delegates: David Arbogast, Cary Rutledge, Dave Hundertmark, Danny Wilhelm, Wayne Hackley. Alternates: None Listed

****CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 41, 8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD 20818; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-365-2028 Fax: 301-365-2563; E-mail: firefighter@cjpvfd.org Website: cjpvfd.com; Organized:1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: James Lee Hunter, Vice President: Michael Harting, Secretary: Christian Mage, Treasurer: James Fones, Chaplain: Katherine Bryant, Chief: James P Seavey Sr.. Delegates: James Seavey Sr., James Lee Hunter, Robert Harrison Wilson, Joel Levitt, Christina Mage. Alternates: Satchel Kornfeld, Paul Krause, Paul Sterling, Mary Morgal, Frank Leizear Jr.

****CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC** – 60 Industry Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-0411; E-mail: chief10@calvertals.net; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989. President: Stanley Harris, Vice President: Stacy Clas, Secretary: Donna Ford, Treasurer: Brandi Elliott, Chaplain: Chief: Chris Shannon. Delegates: Stanley Harris, Kelly Zimmer, Chris Shannon, Stacy Clas, Steve Stanton. Alternates: None Listed

****CAPE ST. CLAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1411 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21409; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-757-3434; E-mail: webmaster@cscvfc.org Website: cscvfc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA:1957. President: Jessica Rindos, Vice President: Tina Dembowski, Secretary: Nancy Wright, Treasurer: George Ryan, Chaplain: Chief: Drew Mutch. Delegates: Frederick Seibel III, Jim Mekins, Carol Mekins. Alternates: None Listed

****CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-336-2111. See Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Capitol Heights, MD.

CARROLL MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 7, 2795 Adams Street, Adamstown, MD 21710; Frederick County; Telephone 301-874-5111; Fax 301-874-5101; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1954. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****CECILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 565, 110 East Main Street, Cecilton, MD 21620; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-275-8686; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA:1938. President: Howard Eveland, Vice President: Mike Cooper, Secretary: Leta O'Neal, Treasurer: Christy Biggs, Chaplain: Chief: Robert Plato. Delegates: Robert Plato, Jesse Plato, Lori Cichocki, Brandon Dixon. Alternates: Anthony Leonardi.

CHAPEL OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 31309, 5544 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20731-0309, Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-925-4438 Fax: 301-925-4950; E-mail: volchief38 Website: chapeloaksfire.com; Organized 1946; Chartered 1950; Joined MSFA 1973. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, INC.** – PO Box 366 ,10700 Billingsley Road, White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County; Telephone 301-645-7707 Fax 301-870-6136; Website: ccmedicunit.ore; Organized: 1978; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1983. President: Janet Siviter, Vice President: Charles Shaw, Secretary: Brian Clements, Treasurer: Gary Gertz, Chaplain: Dave Petroni, Chief: David Siviter. Delegates: Charles Shaw, Michael Thrift. Alternates: None Listed

****CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 40, 2 Calvert Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-4434; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1984. President: Robert Simpson, Vice President: B. R. Winkler, Secretary: Ashley Hudler, Treasurer: R. J. Earnshaw III, Chaplain: Allen W. Hayden, Chief: Dale Hopp. Delegates: Susan Grote, Robert Ansell, Robert Gregory, Ashley Martin, Allen W. Hayden. Alternates: Leeann Reece, Christy Coffey, Robert Simpson, B R Winkler, Patrick Dennison.

****CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 111, 307 Market Street, Charlestown, MD 21914; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-6451; Organized:1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Thomas Bicking, Vice President: Jason Barrow, Secretary: Kenneth Schockley, Treasurer: Rosalyn Bott, Chaplain: Chief: Gary R. Bott. Delegates: Ronnie Daniels, Gary Bott, Thomas Bicking, George Stanko, Mike Starling. Alternates: Jason Barow, Mark Rhodes, Roslyn Bott, Norman Doss, Mike Doss.

****CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-3434. President: Jeffrey H. Thompson, Vice President: Donald Hodges Jr., Secretary: Cindy Morris, Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney, Chaplain: Pastor Leon Frison, Chief: Bruce Neal. Delegates: Jeffrey H. Thompson, Bruce Neal, William L. Hildebrand, Donald Hodges Sr., Darlene Neal. Alternates: Debbie Hodges.

****CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 12020 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21074; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-262-9734 Fax: 410-252-6111; E-mail: crvfc@home.com Web Site: crvfc.com; Organized:1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Larry Getlan, Vice President: Ari Kodeck, Secretary: Megan Stover, Treasurer: Harry R. Kakel, Chaplain: Chief: Dan Uddeme. Delegates: Larry Getlan, Dan Uddeme, Harry Kakel, Ari Kodeck, Fred Cross. Alternates: Gentry Fitzpatrick, Chuck Fauer.

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 8001 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-652-0707 Fax 301-652-1532; Organized: 1927; Chartered:1930. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

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****CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. STATION 34** – 7833 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-434-3435 Fax: 301-434-5245; Website: 34box.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Louise M. Davis, Vice President: Charles Larkin, Secretary: Amanda King, Treasurer: John Guyton, Chaplain, Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Louis M. Davis, Charles Aldridge, Charles Larkin, Charles Walker, John Guyton. Alternates: Calvin Colwell, Ricky Rodriguez, Kyle Thompson, Chad Thompson, Matt Verlaque.

CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-4156 Fax: Same; E-mail: bsteiner@fastol.com. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****CHURCH HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 66, 316 Main Street, Church Hill, MD 21623; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-758-6552 Fax: 410-556-6244; Organized: 1895; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Kenneth N. Rhodes, Vice President: John Paul Griffin, Secretary: Dorcas Welch, Treasurer: Sandra A. Reed, Chaplain: M. Shane Moran, Chief: Tyler W. Williams. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Francis D. Jester, Patrick Robinson, Brett Vanzant, Shawn Rideout. Alternates: Stephen T. Hurlock, Charles Jester, Tyler W. Williams, Kevin M. Carson.

****CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4, INC.** – PO Box 3855, 15 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone 301-600-1713 Fax 301-600-1734; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: William Nichols, Vice President: H. Thomas Lawson, Secretary: Vicky Keller, Treasurer: Timothy Ganley, Chaplain: Timothy May, Chief: John Elden. Delegates: William Nichols, David Keller III, Tim Ganley Bion Winpigler, Jeff Wisner. Alternates: Vicky Keller.

****CLARYSVILLE FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 16304 Clarysville Road, SW, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3828; E-mail: co14@allconet.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Joey Railey, Vice President: Justin Ritchey, Secretary: Loretta Gomer, Treasurer: Kristi Logsdon, Chaplain: Carl D. Blank Jr., Chief: Shawn Dick. Delegates: Carl D. Blank Sr., Carl D. Blank Jr., Sharon Blank, Trisha Blank, Sonya Clark. Alternates: Alisha Clark, Morgan Blank, Xavier Clark.

****CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB, INC.** – PO Box 61, 233 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-2711 Fax: 301-842-3073; Website: clearspringems.org; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Cynthia Ramacciotti, Vice President: David Glaze, Secretary: Lori Irvin, Treasurer: Brenda Keefer, Chaplain: Lynn Hunsberger, Chief: Scott Wolff. Delegates: Walter Irvin Sr., W. Dave Irvin Jr., Lori Irvin, Grace Irvin, Lynn Hunsberger. Alternates: Cynthia Ramacciotti, Scott Wolff

****CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-3775 Fax: 301-842-3794; Email: chief4@myactv.net; Website: clearspringfire.net;

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Organized;1935; Chartered:1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Gary W. Mariotti, Vice President: Robert Downs, Secretary: Tammy S. Mariotti, Treasurer: Charles Munday, Chaplain: Theodore Hovermale, Chief: Michael Reid. Delegates: Gary W. Mariotti, Robert Downs, Michael Reid, Richard Blair, Zach Reid. Alternates: David Irving Sr., Donna Reid, Tony Lida, Greg Trumpower, Charles Munday.

****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: Jerry Spence, Vice President: Scott Kaiser, Secretary: Sally Brown, Treasurer: Robert B. McGhee, Chaplain: Chief: Robert N. Small Jr. Delegates: Jerry Spence, Scott Kaiser, Robert N. Small Jr., Robert McGhee, Sally Brown. Alternates: Lisa Faunce, Renaldo Mason, Michelle Desperes, John Rivera, Chad Hasselberger.

****COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS, INC.** – PO Box 156, 17069 Main Avenue, Cobb Island, MD 20625; Charles County; Telephone 301-259-4258 Fax 301-259-0527; Website: civfd.com; Organized:1949. President: William G. Pilkerton, Vice President: William A. Lawman Sr., Secretary: Kathy Kilinski, Treasurer: Michael Burnham, Chaplain: Chief: Bobby Higgs. Delegates: William G. Pilkerton, William A. Lawman Sr., William A. Lawman Jr., Bobby Higgs, Jen McKenzie. Alternates: Renea Shymansky, Jim Gerondakis, Kenny Staley, Cindy Pilkerton, Robert Higgs Jr.

****COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 344. 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-527-1634 Fax: 410-527-3739; Email: treas390@bcvfa.org Website: cvfc.org; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896. President: Lawrence Majchrzak, Vice President: Christopher Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer: John Dixon, Chaplain: Helen Banister, Chief: Tom Jeffers. Delegates: Clarence Tracey, Jack Roberts, Lawrence Gribble, Kenny Cole, Tom Jeffers. Alternates: Michael Davis, Kathy Walker, David Crumbie.

****COLLEGE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8115 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-901-9112; E-mail: webmaster@cpvfd.org Website: cpvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Pete Piringer, Vice President: Secretary: Mat Chibbaro, Treasurer: Fred Brower, Chaplain: Chief: William Corrigan. Delegates: Pete Piringer, William Corrigan, Fred Brower, Troy Dannenfelser, Robert Ryan. Alternates: Matthew Machala, Ken Bush, Jill Dannenfelser, Brandon Frieder, Jesse Walter.

****COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 248, 309 S. Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-859-0244; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1928. President: Joseph T. Delisle, Vice President: Jean Reese, Secretary: Jason P. Pippen, Treasurer: Joseph T. Delisle, Chief. Delegates: Joseph Delisle, Jean Reese, Jason P. Pippen. Alternates: Charles Doegen, J. G. Delisle, David E. Reese III.

****COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOWLEY'S QUARTERS AND VICINITY, INC.** - 900 Bowley's Quarters Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-335-8820 Fax: 410-335-6440; Organized:1944; Email: co210@bcvfa.org Website: bqvolunteers.org; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Max King, Vice President: John Hammon, Secretary: Bernard Eckert III, Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic Jr., Chaplain: Roy Elder, Chief: James Oliver. Delegates: Max King, John Hammon, Paul G. Cusic, James Oliver, William Stockum. Alternates: Jerry Cusic, Paul J. Cusic, Larry Grannas, Eric Baumgart, John Hienz.

****COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC.** – 185 Sassafras Street, 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: Crystal Arzola, Treasurer: Paige Hickman, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin White, Chief: Marshall Ellsworth. Delegates: Paige Hickman, Jessica Morales. Alternates: None listed.

****COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC.** – PO Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-642-2647 Fax: 410-642-0266; Website: pvfd616.com; Organized:1923; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: John A. Jones, Vice President: Daniel (Skip) Mahan, Secretary: Kimberly Jones, Treasurer: Dale DeWeese, Chaplain: Susan Hornbarger, Chief: Shawn Buchanon. Delegates: Terry Grove, Karen Jones, Daniel (Skip) Mahan, Charles Thomas, Dale Brown. Alternates: John Jones, Richard Hall, Charles Gardner, Mark Fayer Sr.

****COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC.** – PO Box 699, 300 Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-658-5115 Fax: 410-658-9899. President: Walter Funk, Vice President: Nicholas Sawyers, Secretary: Kristin Batz, Treasurer: Suzanne Wehry, Chaplain: Adam Haines, Chief: Matthew Blakeley. Delegates: Walter Funk, Don Wehry, Karl Reichenbach, Stacy Ewing, Kenneth Morris. Alternates: Kristin Batz, Suzanne Wehry.

****COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** –110 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-1113 Fax: 301-739-6015; E-mail: jsprecher@crs75.org; Organized: 1998, Chartered: 1998. President: Donna Long, Vice President: Lynn Brumbelow, Secretary: Charlie Shindle, Treasurer: Michael Zampelli, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: James Sprecher III. Delegates: James Sprecher III, Christopher Amos, Donna Long, Lynn Brumbelow, Scott Leeney. Alternates: Gerald Kendle, Cory Lescalleet, Ronnie Bolyard, Terry Gearhart, John Shaw.

****COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. of DISTRICT No. 12** – PO Box 97, 18002 Tilganton Road, 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 Moncreif, Secretary: Ira Heller, Treasurer: David Grabil, Chaplain: Chief. Delegates: Robert Moncreif. Alternates: None Listed.

****CONDUIT ROAD FIRE BOARD/GLEN ECHO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –** 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-229-9766 Fax: 301-229-9767; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1933. President: John Witherspoon, Vice President: Jane Callen, Secretary: Adele Seifried, Treasurer: Marc Hersh, Chaplain, Chief: Herbert Leusch. Delegates: John Whitherspoon, Herbert Leusch, Joseph Chornock, Christina Richardson, Audrie Dugger. Alternates: Michael Kay, Adare Byrd, John Hardison, Noah Guttman, Jane Callen.

****CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. –** PO Box 102, 11864 Kitty Corner Road, Cordova, MD 21625; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-364-5400 Fax 410-364-5119; Organized:1926; Chartered:1926. President: Thomas Diem, Vice President: Jason Lindorm, Secretary: Katherine Dulin, Treasurer: William Behrens, Chaplain: William Cheezum, Chief: Mark Secrist. Delegates: Thomas Diem, Mark Secrist, Vernon Dulin, Jason Lindorm, Logan Helmer. Alternates: William Dulin.

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 187, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-7418; Organized: 1939. NO Credentials were submitted for 2014

****COTTAGE CITY-COLMAR MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC. -** 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-985-5400; E-mail: cottagecityvfd@verizon.com; Organized:1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Wayne Parker, Vice President: Keith Schenk, Secretary: Diane Schmidt, Treasurer: Fred Hull, Chaplain: Ed Mutchler, Chief: Chip Ewing. Delegates: Wayne Parker, Michele Bunce, Jimmy Pilkerton Jr., Diane Schmidt, Chip Ewing. Alternates: None Listed.

****CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –** 13109 Warrior Drive, Cresaptown, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1111 Fax: 301-729-1820; Email: ccage@atlanticbb.net Website: cresaptownvfd.com; Organized:1932; Chartered:1933. President: Christopher Cage, Vice President: Calvin Pete Walbert, Secretary: Jackie Thomas, Treasurer: Susan Clark-Cecil, Chaplain: Pete Walbert, Chief: Jeremy Athey. Delegates: Patrick Reid, Christopher Cage, Jeremy Athey, Andy Thomas, Calvin "Pete" Walbert. Alternates: Sarah Stosick.

CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 591, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-968-1262 Fax: 410-968-9536; Organized: 1874; Chartered:1921; Joined MSFA: 1939. NO Credentials submitted for 2014.

****CRUMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. -** PO Box 68, 300 Third Street, Crumpton, MD 21628; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-778-6100 Fax: 410-778-0979; Website: cvfd7.com; Organized:1961; Chartered:1961; Joined MSFA:1963. President: Tom Pennington, Vice President: Norman Husfelt, Secretary: Linda Hamann, Treasurer: Eric Meredith, Chaplain: Chief: James A. Hurlock, Delegates: Norman Husfelt, James A. Hurlock, Erick Meredith, Steve Breithenbach, Joe Joyner. Alternates: Mary Husfelt, Linda Hamann, Brian Knott, Linda Breitenbach, Patsy Hunter.

CUMBERLAND HOSE #1, INC. – PO Box 1340, Dorn Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-7114 Fax: 301-777-8196. No Credentials submitted for 2014.

****DAMASCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-253-3988 Fax: 301-253-2323; E-mail: theresagartner@frontier.com; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA:1946. President: Ronald German, Vice President: Wayne Warfield, Secretary: Theresa Long, Treasurer: Tiffany Newman, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Braden, Chief: S. Darron Long. Delegates: Ron Watkins, Darron Long, Ronald German, Roger W. Runkles, Theresa Long. Alternates: Thomas Watkins, Cathy Dunn.

****DARLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 2600 Castleton Road, Darlington, MD 21034; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3760 Fax: 410-638-3756; Website: darlingtonvfc.org; Organized;1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Michael A. Vincent, Vice President: R. Donald Thomas, Secretary: Ralph Borden, Treasurer: Carolyn Phillips, Chaplain: Ralph Borden, Chief: David L. Weissert. Delegates: J. Alan Thompson, Sanuel Sauers, Willard Evans, Larry Lee. Alternates: None listed.

****DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, MD 21821; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-784-2612; Website: dealislandchance.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Charles Jacobson, Vice President: James Corbett, Secretary: Jimmy Muir, Treasurer: Danny Webster, Chaplain: David Webster, Chief: Donald L. Ford. Delegates: Donald Ford, George Mister, Billy Gray, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Evans. Alternates: None Listed.

****DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 114, 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1350; Organized:1946; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1948. President: Gayle P. Moreland, Vice President: Karen George, Secretary: Shannon Rohr, Treasurer: Eddie Lumpkin, Chaplain: Robert Wilkerson, Chief: Russell Lancaster III. Delegates: Gayle Moreland, Russell Lancaster III, Bernard Phipps, Karen George, Ray Mudd. Alternates Sharon Rohr, Russell Lancaster Jr, Eddie Lumpkin, Rusty Norfolk, Heidi Mudd.

DEEP CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 419, 1906 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-387-5252 Fax: 301-334-2803; Organized:1965; Chartered:1966 NO Credentials were submitted for 2014.

****DEER PARK COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 3152, 5353 Maryland Highway, Deer Park, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-4120 Fax: 301-334-4120; Website: co20@gc911.org; Organized:1950; Chartered:1950; Joined MSFA:1950. President: Ron O'Brien, Vice President: Bernard Moon, Secretary: Ron Perando, Treasurer: Barbara Collins, Chaplain: Ron Perando, Chief: Kenneth Collins. Delegates: Ken Collins, Ron O'Brien, Jeff Simpson, Craig Collins. Alternates: Barb Collins, Dan O'Brien, Ryan Sines.

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****DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, Bi-State & Grove Street, Delmar, DE 19940; Wicomico County; Telephone: 302-846-2530; Website: delmar74fire.com; Organized:1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929. President: Bill Griffiths, Vice President: James C. Bare, Secretary: Brain Hearn, Treasurer: Ken Kordek, Chaplain: Bob Jones, Chief: Andrew Rementer. Delegates: Robert E. Jones, Jack Morris Sr. Alternates: Ken Mooris Sr., Gover Adskins.

****DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314; (near)Harford County; Telephone: 717-456-7133 Fax: 717-456-7958; Website: deltacardiffvfc.com; Organized: 1898; Chartered:1910; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Jeff Griffith, Vice President: Dennis Emmel, Secretary: Sandy Kennedy, Treasurer: Joyce Smith, Chaplain: Gale Parthree, Chief: Joe Strickler. Delegates: Laura Taylor, Dan Blake, Thelma Blake, Daniel Blake, Jeff Petty. Alternates: Tina Carrier, Greg Fanton.

****DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 400 South Fifth Avenue, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-479-2121 Fax: 410-479-5377; Organized: 1892; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Allen Blessing, Vice President: Chris Baier, Secretary: Tracy Griffin, Treasurer: Bryan North, Chaplain: Bill Davis, Chief: Dennis Porter. Delegates: Wayne Fretter Sr., Donna Fretter, Wayne Fretter. Alternates: None Listed

****DENTSVILLE VOLUNTEER EMS & AUXILIARY INC** – PO Box 109, 12135 Charles Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-392-0500 Fax: 301-392-5754; Website: dvems.org. President: Brian Walter, Vice President: Joann Hoffmaster, Secretary: Ellie Rollins, Treasurer: Darby Byrd, Chaplain: Pat O'Conner, Chief: Madison Brady. Delegates: Darby Byrd. Alternates: None Listed.

****DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12100 North Branch Road SE, Cumberland, MD 21520; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-4444; E-mail: co7@allconet.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Alan Robey Sr., Vice President: Chris Robinson, Secretary: Richard Minnik, Treasurer: Jeff Grabenstein, Chaplain: Ron Grabenstein Sr., Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein Sr., Jim Decker, Ron Grabenstein Jr., Greg Boyd. Alternates: None Listed.

****DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-883-7726; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Kirk V. Ingram, Vice President: Timothy Titcomb, Secretary: Victor Curtis, Treasurer: Charles A. Norris, Chaplain, Chief: Thomas Stommel. Delegates: Kirk V. Ingram, Thomas C. Stommel, Charles A Norris, Jamaal Brooks, Tim Titcomb. Alternates: Mark Jackson, Clifton Moody, Bruce Beall, Victor Curtis, Eric Curtis.

****DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 301-855-8895 Fax: 410-286-2890; Email williamrector@dunkirk5.com Website: dunkirk5.com; Organized: 1974. President: Walter T. Ward, Vice President: Russell Wells, Secretary: Jaime Longfellow, Treasurer:

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Howard L. Kelly, Chaplain: Charles Hanko, Chief: William Rector III. Delegates: Walter Ward, Howard Kelly, Russell Wells, Randy Smith, Charles Hanko. Alternates: Chris McNally, Fred Holzberger, John Mowat, Jimmy Frisco, William Rector III.

****EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 547, 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-647-1990 Fax: 410-647-9463; E-mail: 2002theend@gmail.com Website: www.ehvfc.org; Organized: 1918; Chartered: 1918; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Andrew Condor, Vice President: Ken Walker, Secretary: Paul Demasky, Treasurer: Victor Henderson, Chaplain: Keith Zucco, Chief: Ed Detwiler. Delegates: Paul J. Demasky, Ed Detwiler, Chuck Austin, Joe Angeylof, Rob Reed. Alternates: Evelyn Graf, Scott Johnston.

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. No Credentials were received for 2014

EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 280, 101 Main Street, East New Market, MD 21631; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3663 Fax: 410-943-0900; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1942. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-822-4848 Fax 410-822-1970; E-mail: eastonvfd@goeaston.net Website: eastonvfd.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1917; Joined MSFA: 1914. President: James T. Knotts, Vice President: J. Edward Lynch, Secretary: Rebecca A. Caldwell, Treasurer: Kenneth E. Bush, Chaplain: Andrew Jensen, Chief: Morris Jones. Delegates: William E. Mullikin, Fred Ireland, Lyle Fuller, Rose Miles, Leonard Rieck. Alternates: None Listed.

EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-6133 Fax: 410-798-9018; Organized: 1886; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1930. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

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 received for 2014

****ELKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 6275 Old Washington Road, Elkridge, MD 21075; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-4901 Fax: 410-313-4903; Website: www.elkridgevfd.org; Organized: 1942; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Julianna Casey, Vice President: Keith Summers, Secretary: John Christoffel, Treasurer: Gene Poligardo, Chaplain, Chief: Russell Pryor. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Keith Summers, Vince Glorioso. Alternates: None Listed

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – PO Box 188, Ellerslie, MD

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21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0476; Organized: 1980; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1982. No Credentials were received for 2014

****ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 237, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. See Volunteer Fire Company of Ellerslie

****ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-2600 Fax: 410-313-2671; Website: ellicottcityvfa.com; Organized: 1888; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Dario Broccolino, Vice President: Jeffrey Germain, Secretary: Megan McAuliffe, Treasurer: Secora Rosebrough, Chaplain: Kathleen Ralston, Chief: Scott Wood. Delegates: Scott Wood, Shawn Germain, Megan McAuliffe, John McNeece, Kathleen Ralston. Alternates: Craig Ralston.

****ELLIOTT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2317 Elliott Island Road, Elliott Island, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3026; Organized: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1989. President: Chester Martinek, Vice President: Paul Osheske, Secretary: Ann Foley, Treasurer: Pamela Abbott, Chaplain, Chief: Wylie Abbott Jr. Delegates: Chester Martinek, Paul Osheske, Melissa Martinek, Doris Harrison, Linda Elliott. Alternates: Wylie Abbott Jr., Benjamin Elliott, Andrew Bukovsky

****EMMITSBURG VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC.** - 17701 Creanery Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-6626 Fax: 301-447-3887; Website: emmitsburgems.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1988. President: Mary Lou Little, Vice President: Eric Stackhouse, Secretary: Vicki Long, Treasurer: Pamela Bolin, Chaplain, Chief: Rose Latini. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed

****ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSN.**, 2827 Michigan Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-636-4433 Website: englishconsulvfd.org; Organized, Joined MSFA. President: Donald L. Condon, Vice President: Will Maddox, Secretary: Helene Nally, Treasurer: Gerald Mathison, Chaplain: Ronald Ware, Chief: Robert Bury Sr. Delegates: Frank P. March III, Donald Condon, Robert Bury Sr., James Miller, Samuel Suter. Alternates: Mary Condon, Savoy Miller, Kathy Miller, Ricky Zopp, Amanda Ashburn.

EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD 21824; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-425-5521; Organized: 1957; Chartered: 1957. No Credentials were received for 2014

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – PO Box 395, 27407 Fairmount Road, Westover, MD; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2888 Fax: 410-651-1018; Organized: 1999; Chartered: 1999; Joined MSFA: 1999. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE CO.**, - P O Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4890 Fax: 410-

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638-4889; E-mail: chief@fvfac.org, Website:fvfac.org; Organized: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Christopher Gibbons, Vice President: Scott Golly, Secretary: Mike Seifert, Treasurer: Kim Weber, Chaplain: Mike Hayden, Chief: Will Rosenberg. Delegates: Steven J. Scheinin, Christopher Gibbons, Ed Benesch, Cathy Pilachowsk, Mark Pilachowsk, Alternates: Kim Weber, Mike Kalck.

****FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 99, 208 N. University Avenue, Federalsburg, MD 21632; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-754-7400; Organized: 1900; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA: 1920. President: Michael Robinson, 1st Vice President: Douglas O Ramey Jr., Secretary: Thomas Blades, Treasurer: Kevin Mowbray, Chaplain, Chief: Joseph Holland. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Janet L. Blades, C. William Collins, Kenneth Trader, Todd Garvey. Alternates: Dawn M. Ramey, Douglas O. Ramey Jr.

****FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 4 Broadview Boulevard South, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-766-2131 Fax: 410-768-0437; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1943. President: Joseph M. Wojtowycz, Vice President: Gerard A. Varner, Secretary: Jeremy Weiss, Treasurer: Craig A. Bidinger, Chaplain: John Long, Chief: Jay Olson. Delegates: Jay Olson, Jackie Olson, John Long, Joseph Wojtowycz, Jeremy L Weiss. Alternates: Cliff Odendhal, Jacob Slusher, Timothy Doegen, Jon Johnson, Dickie Meise.

****FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-7215 Fax: 410-313-7219; E-mail: clarksvillevfd@erols.com Website: fdvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Miji Kim, Vice President: Carol Stevens, Secretary: Edgar Zepp IV, Treasurer: Roy Ferguson, Chaplain, Chief: F. Patrick Marlatt. Delegates: Butch Hipp, Ron Price, Wendy Norwitz, Pat Puglisi. Alternates: None Listed.

****FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3339 Fax: 301-733-3154; Website: engineone.org. President: Brian Stallings, Vice President: David Stevens, Secretary: Raymond Lushbaugh, Treasurer: Christa Hoover, Chaplain: Dan Garnand, Chief: Warren Royce. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, Brian Stallings, Douglas Davis, Tina Davis, Christa Hoover. Alternates: Richard Stallings, William King, Tara Wolfe, Andy Smith, Leno Parham.

****FIRST HOSE COMPANY OF BOONSBORO, INC.** - 5 St. Paul Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2348; Organized: 1832. President: Vernon Wachter, Vice President: James Williams, Secretary: Jacqueline Bussard, Treasurer: Michele Shaffer, Chaplain, Chief: Oley Griffith. Delegates: Daniel Bussard, Jacqueline Bussard, Vernon L. Brown. Alternates: None Listed.

****FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 105, 21701 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD 21530; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2311 Fax: 301-478-3324; Website: fvfd12.webs.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944; Joined

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MSFA: 1944. President: Bryan Adams, Vice President: Charles Whorton, Secretary: Amber Thomas, Treasurer: Dorothy Ruby, Chaplain: David Kyle, Chief: Steve Bowman. Delegates: David L. Kyle, Bryan Adams, Allen Ruby, Dottie Ruby, Steve Corioni. Alternates: Jan Stickley, Paul Porta, Pam Kyle.

****FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc.** - 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-736-7170; E-mail: emtbaby23@yahoo.com; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Jennifer Johnson, Vice President: Dorothy Talbert-Burket, Secretary: Kim Latham, Treasurer: Paul Thorne Jr., Chaplain: Ann Shepard, Chief: Robert Dickinson. Delegates: Jennifer Johnson, Robert Dickinson, Ed Thurston, Robert Wilhite, Joseph Gray. Alternates: Paul Thorne Jr., Jeff Thorne, Mark Worth, Jennifer Wilhite, Eric Miller.

****FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone 301-746-5577; Chartered: 1909. President: Rodney W. Bowser, Vice President: Edward B. Kelley, Secretary: Patricia A. Bowser, Treasurer: Craig P. Umbel, Chaplain: Robert L. Sisler, Chief: Terry E. Spear. Delegates: Rodney W. Bowser, Patricia A. Bowser, Terry E. Spear, Wayne A. Anderson, Edward B. Kelley. Alternates: None listed.

****FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE** – PO Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg MD 21532-0075; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3356 Fax: 301-689-1679; E-mail: faas53@yahoo.com; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005. President: Wayne Lewis. Vice President: Dorothy Turner. Secretary: Linda Rase, Treasurer: Shelley B. Drees, Chaplain, Chief: David Ogden. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None listed.

****FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 461, 75 S. Water Street, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone 301-689-8444; E-mail emilybladen@gmail.com; Organized: 1878; Chartered: 1878; Joined MSFA:1893. President: Bill Price, Vice President: Ronald W. Dugan, Secretary: Emily A. Bladen, Treasurer: Gary Tummino, Chaplain: Harry W. Foor, Chief: Richard L. Atkinson. Delegates: Bill Price, Richchard L. Atkinson, Dale Bladen. Alternates: Emily A. Bladen.

FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 70, Fruitland, MD 21826; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-9421; Organized & Chartered: 1909. No Credentials were received for 2014

****FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 670, 2 South Westside Avenue, Funkstown, MD 21734; Washington County; Telephone: 301-790-0090 Fax: 301-739-5244; E-mail: fyfd10hose@aol.com Website: funkstownfireco.org; Organized:1930; Chartered: 1931. President: Mike Cummings, Vice President: Glenn Fuscstick, Secretary: Judith Ann Bowers, Treasurer: Joan Kotanko, Chaplain: Dan L. Fraley, Chief: David W. Fraley. Delegates: Edward Clopper, Jean Clopper, David W. Fraley, Dale Hill, Kyd Dieterich. Alternates: Steve Pifer, Gary Farrell, Dave Harmon.

****GAITHERSBURG - WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

- 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-0660 Fax: 301-948-6836; E-mail: kvk2@juno.com; Website: gwgvfd.org; Organized: 1900; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Steve Hayes, Vice President: Sheila Colihan, Secretary: Robert B. Harding, Treasurer: Garry Walker, Chaplain: Fr Joseph Catrambone, Chief: Ken Knopp. Delegates: Garry Walker, Chris Carlson, Fr. Joe Catrambone, Sheila Colihan, Gary Timmons. Alternates: Angela Blom, Jackie Breeden, Angelica Kania, Michael Crocker, Steve Steinberg.

****GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –**

PO Box 189, 90 East Cross Street, Galena, MD 21635; Kent County; Telephone: 410-648-5050 Fax: 410-648-5907; Website: galenvfc.org; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; Joined MSFA:1942. President: Scott M. Duhamell, Vice President: John W. Duhamell Jr., Secretary: O. Raymond Long, Treasurer: Ethel K. Duhamell, Chaplain: Larry Hanifee, Chief: Christopher A. Powell. Delegates: Chris Powell, Robin Powell, S. Richard Powell, David Shaw, Scott Duhamell. Alternates: Scott Rodney, Jack Duhamell, Raymond Long, Ethel Duhamell, Albert Piasecki.

GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –

PO Box 174, 956 Main Street, Galesville, MD 20765; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1521; No Credentials were received for 2014

****GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. -**

3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD 21048; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-3456 Fax: 410-795-0208; E-mail: info@gambervfd.org Website: gambervfd.org; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964; Joined MSFA: 1964. President: Dale Bollinger, Vice President: Lionel Stickles, Secretary: Jeannie Green, Treasurer: Clay Myers, Chaplain: Arthur Frotton, Chief: Charles Green Jr. Delegates: Charles Green Jr., Michael Franklin, Dale Bollinger, Lonel Stickles, Richard Green Sr. Alternates: Robert Klinefelter, Shawn Chenoweth, Charles Daniel Green Sr.

****GEORGE'S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. –**

PO Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD 21539-0155; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6122 Fax 301-463-6172; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977. President: Robert D. Knox, Vice President: Harold Nicol, Secretary: Jennifer Knox, Treasurer: James W. Dawson Sr., Chaplain: Mary Guthrie, Chief: Thomas Morgan. Delegates: Barbara Knippenburg, James W. Dawson Sr., Robert D. Knox, Jennifer A. Knox. Alternates: None listed.

****GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –**

PO Box 1163, 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20875; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-777-4729 Fax 301-515-8764; E-mail: president@gvfd29.org Website: www.gvfd29.org; Organized: 1989; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA: 1989. President: Michael P. Dmuchowski, Vice President: Matthew G. Hermanson, Secretary: Jennifer M. Mogus, Treasurer: James R. Barto, Chaplain: Gina M. Hamilton, Chief: Matthew C. Kenworthy. Delegates: R. Scott Colvin, James R. Barto, Ricardo Tappan, Kevin Younkings, Chelsea N. Lewis. Alternates: Mitchell R. Dinowitz, Robert C. McHenry Jr., Joseph S. Chornock, Matthew G. Hermanson, Matthew C. Kenworthy.

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GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 25, 2739 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2128 Fax: 410-632-5664; E-mail: info@girdletree.org Website www.dmvweb.com/gvfc; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. No Credentials were received for 2014

****GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1268, 15 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-766-5153; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1937. President: Gilbert Dicus, Vice President: Paul McGinnis, Secretary: Kelly Roberts, Treasurer: Paul Cogswell, Chaplain: John Long, Chief: Robert Galante. Delegates: Paul McGinnis, Gilbert Dicus, Robert Galante, Cindy Dicus. Alternates: Thomas Nevin, Christopher Younger.

****GLEN DALE FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO 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: Mary K. Owens, Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Postell. Delegates: Lee Lutz, Laura Woods, H. Edward Woods Sr., Sandi T. Lutz, Hugh Owens. Alternates: Daniel Stallings, Mary K. Owens, Ardy Peters.

****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. See Conduit Road Fire Board/Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department

****GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 3671, 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-833-1262 Fax: 410-833-7362; Website: GVFD40.org; Organized: 1904; Chartered: 1904. President: Frank J. Corasaniti II, Vice President: Paul Wilhelm, Secretary: Richard Cole, Treasurer: Susan Coroneos, Chaplain: Pastor Jeannie Marsh, Chief: Danny Bollinger. Delegates: Frank J. Corasaniti II, Jamie Lloyd, Kathy Reitz, Scott Warner. Alternates: Richard Stem Sr., Paul Wilhelm, Cleve Armcost.

GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 35, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-6196 Fax: 410-482-8358; E-mail goldsborofirecompany@yahoo; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. No Credentials were received for 2014

****GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 212 Broadway Street, Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-758-1422 Fax: 410-758-3528; Organized 1889, Chartered 1889. President: Cliff Green, Vice President: Lester D. Downes III, Secretary: Raymond D. Aaron, Treasurer: Donald Dawkins, Chaplain: Rev. Mark Farnell, Chief: T. J. Palmatary. Delegates: Dan Tabler, Butch Kaufman. Alternates: Butch Britton, Jerry Walls.

****GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF LONA CONING, INC.** – 6 Douglas Avenue, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2255;

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Webdbsite: co20@allconet.org; Organized: 1882; Chartered: 1882; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: John J. Shockey Sr., Vice President: Gary T. Hadley, Secretary: Gerald J. Cook, Treasurer, Chaplain: Alan J. Hutcheson, Chief: Robert G. Ritchie. Delegates: John J. Shockey Sr., Gary L. Holshey, Alex B. Mcalpine, John Smith, Gerald J. Cook. Alternates: Gary T. Hadley, Joseph C. Inskeep, Richard A. Nicol Jr., Larry McKenzie, Tim Connors.

GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-1600 Fax: 301-334-1392; E-mail: hneel01@earthlink.net. No Credentials were received for 2014

****GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone 301-271-2000; Website: gvfc18.com. President: Brian Boller; Vice President: B. Scott Willard, Secretary: Kelly M. Willard, Treasurer: Sterling Seiss, Chaplain, Chief: Jim Kilby. Delegates: Brian Boller, Hilary Blake, James Kilby, Scott Willard, Kelly Willard. Alternates: Mike Beard, James Coyle, Bill Morgan, Eddy Woods Sr., Laura Woods.

****GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 248, 178 Springs Road, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5200 Fax: 301-895-3720; Organized:1928; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Steven Smith, Vice President: Anthony Bittinger, Secretary: Menno Yoder, Treasurer: Herman Yoder, Chaplain: Raymond Yoder, Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: John Yoder, Anthony Bittinger, Keith Durst, Brian Yoder, Shawn Broadwater. Alternates: Stephen Miller, Michael Glotfelty, James Wilburn, Eugene Stein, Steven Smith.

GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 457, 4925 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-827-8100. No Credentials were received for 2014

****GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 1125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1804; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-345-7000 Fax: 301-345-2235; E-mail: t.ray@verizon.net Website: engine35.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Brian Rudy, Vice President: Jason A. Morgal, Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis, Treasurer: Lawrence E. Hughes, Chaplain, Chief: Thomas Ray. Delegates: Thomas Ray, Lou Arias, Nick Lasick, Wayne Lewis, Jason A. Morgal. Alternates: None Listed.

GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 307, Main & Stonesifer, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-8420; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. NO Credentials were submitted for 2014

****GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 21 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-3413 Fax: 301-271-4990; E-mail: guardianhose@verizon.net Website: guardianhose.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1934. President: Wayne Stackhouse, Vice President: Terry Frushour, Secretary: Laurie Brown, Treasurer: Russell Schantz, Chaplain: Rev. James Hamrick, Chief: Christopher

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Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White Jr., Terry Frushour, Chris Kinnaird, Larry Duble. Alternates: None Listed

****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: Ernie Redfield, Secretary: Dawn Bielert, Treasurer: Rich Rand, Chaplain, Chief: Joseph R. Rinker. Delegates: Bobbie Ann Sheldon, Robert Hahn, Mary Wassamer, Drew Carroll. Alternates: None listed.

****HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – 1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-4280; Organized: 1899; Chartered: 1900. President: Robert R. Rill, Vice President: Leon Fleming, Secretary: Gary Wheeler, Treasurer: Dennis Rhoten, Chaplain: Mark A. Bilger, Chief: Jeffrey Carroll. Delegates: Mark A. Bilger, Leon Fleming, Brenda Perry, Gary Wheeler, Gerald. Alternates: None Listed.

****HANCOCK FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739 Fax: 301-678-7755; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928. President: Robert Barnhart Jr., Vice President: Thomas Leach, Secretary: Graham Snow, Treasurer: Mike Stewart, Chaplain: Graham Snow, Chief: Danny Shirley. Delegates: Greg Yost, Robert Barnhart, Graham Snow, Thomas Leach, Mike Stewart. Alternates: Danny Shirley, Robert Hoopengardner, Cassidy J. Barton.

****HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 6 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739 Fax: 301-678-6072; Chartered: 1969; Joined MSFA: 1998. President: Ernie Truax, Vice President: Tim Ward, Secretary: Beth Fields, Treasurer: Douglas Shaw, Chaplain, Chief: Stephen Barnhart. Delegates: Ernie Truax. Alternates: 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: James Waybright, Vice President: Charlie Blocher, Secretary: Richard Yingling, Treasurer: Leonard Bowers, Chaplain: Jenning Martin, Chief: Donald Yingling Sr. Delegates: Gene Curfman. Alternates: None listed.

****HAVRE DE GRACE AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.** – PO Box 465, 1601 Level Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-6664 Fax: 410-939-6665; Website: hdgac.org; Organized: 1984; Chartered: 1984; Joined MSFA: 1984. President: Mark Hemler, Vice President: Herman Schweers, Secretary: Nathan Armstrong, Treasurer: Cheryl Walsh, Chaplain: Frank McFadden, Chief: Peter D. Quackenbush. Delegates: Luanne Schweers, Herman Schweers, Peter Quackenbush, Neil Crouch, Susan Streb. Alternates: John Correrri Jr, Zachary Coyle, Amber Voelker, Kenneth Streb, Megan Bell.

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HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 200, 300 South Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-3037 Fax: 410-749-0511; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1937. None submitted for 2014.

****HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, Inc.** – 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-923-3990; Website: jvfd.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Robert Jones, Vice President: John Storm, Secretary: Rose Conrad, Treasurer: Alex Graham, Chaplain: Billie Armstrong, Chief: Dennis McDonald. Delegates: John Storm, Dennis McDonald, Kathy Gies, Ruth Orndorff, Marty Orndorff. Alternates: Robert Jones, Alex Graham, Shermeen Collins, Larry Barber, Rose Conrad.

HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1935 Fax: 410-887-1935; E-mail: info@herefordemsrescue.org Website: herefordemsrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA:1955. President: Gery Simms, Vice President: Mike Burton, Secretary: Cindy Humphrey-Elwood, Treasurer: Jennie Welsh, Chaplain, Chief: Robert Pearce. Delegates: Gery Simms, Robert Pearce, Jennie Welsh, Victoria Schwalka, Steve Wilcoxson. Alternates: Hope Bilger, Richard Bilger, Paul Tice, Casey O'Brien, Dave Crow.

****HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1934 Fax: 410-357-4443; Website: herefordfire.org; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1924; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Wayne G. Smith, Vice President: Michael Bonchewsik, Secretary: Deborah Champion, Treasurer: Christina Baldwin, Chaplain: Keith Peters, Chief: Chuck Bollinger. Delegates: Kenneth Bollinger III, Wayne G. Smith, William Klapaska, Keith Bonchewsik. Alternates: None listed.

****HILLDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-434-2400 Fax: 301-434-7886; E-mail: hvfdmail@yahoo.com Website: hvfd.org; Organized: 1941; Chartered: 1941; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Russell S. Hartung, Vice President: John G. Bork, Secretary: Betty J. Phifer, Treasurer: Earl Clime, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: Joseph Weisgerber, Russell Hartung, Steve Dubik, Byron Honeywell, Earl Clime. Alternates: Kelee Norris, Dono Pignataro.

****HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7, 24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-373-2900 Fax: 301-373-8772; Website: hvfd7.com; Organized: 1956; Chartered: 1957. President: William C. Mattingly Jr., Vice President: M. Kevin Gardiner, Secretary: John O. Gatton Sr., Treasurer: Steve Facini, Chaplain: John O. Gatton Sr., Chief: Dennis P. Brady Jr. Delegates: John O. Garton Sr., William C. Mattingly Jr., Stephen G. Facini, James M. Lloyd, M. Kevin Gardiner. Alternates: John O. Gatton Jr., J. C. Daniel Davis Jr.

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****HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 79, 43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-373-3131 Fax: 301-373-2033; Website: hvrs.org; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Natalie Himes, Vice President: April Johnson, Secretary: April Mister, Treasurer: Brenda Pruett, Chaplain: Richard Williams, Chief: William Johnson. Delegates: Joan Williams, Natalie Himes, William Johnson, April Johnson, Michael Ack. Alternates: April Mister, Stanley Williams, Brandi Shymansky, Chris Miller.

****HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3311 Fax: 410-397-3024; Email: hivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953. President: Marcus Flowers, Vice President: Brett Thompson, Secretary: Teresa Flowers, Treasurer: Rosemary Dean, Chaplain, Chief: Mark Flowers. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Mark Flowers, Teresa Flowers, Rosemary Dean, Rick Yinger. Alternates: None Listed.

****HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-4488 Fax: 301-274-9729; E-mail jrose@hvfdems.org Website: www.hvfdems.org Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Steve Cook, Vice President: Tim Goff Sr, Secretary: Jimmy Rose, Treasurer: Mary Ellen Hutchinson, Chief: Jeremy Mercure. Delegates: Steve Cook, Patty Therres, Tim Goff Sr., Beverly Jarboe, Bill Hemming. Alternates: Jeremy Mercure, Maryellen Hutchinson, Matt Herbert, James Harris, Chris Cole.

****HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 482, 4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-3331 Fax: 410-535-4438; E-mail mike270@verizon.net Website: www.hvfd.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Dale Bowen, Vice President: Eugene Farrell, Secretary: Josh Miller, Treasurer: Shiela Mann., Chaplain, Chief: Mike Montgomery Sr. Delegates: Dale Bowen, Caroll Spriggs, Kenneth Miller, Jessi Borden, Michael Montgomery Jr. Alternates: None listed for 2014.

****HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 178, 300 Charles Street, Hurlock, MD 21643; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3110 Fax 410-943-4355; Organized:1924; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA:1925. President: Jerry Rhue, Vice President: Brian Tolley, Secretary: Patricia Ruark, Treasurer: Ward Higgins, Chaplain, Chief: Jason Trego. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, Jerry Rhue. Alternates: Rachael Cox, Marlon Parker.

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 Website: hyattstownvfd.org; Organized:1929. None submitted for 2014.

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****HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-5770 Fax: 301-699-8947; E-mail: hyattsvillesq1@yahoo.com Website: www.hvfd.com; Organized: 1888. President: Thomas Falcone, Vice President: David Iannone, Secretary: Anna Van Valkenburgh, Treasurer: Patricia Thomas, Chaplain, Chief: Dave Hang. Delegates: Thomas Falcone, Dave Iannone, Dave Hang, Nick Welter, Chris Evans. Alternates: Matt Leonard, Patricia Thomas, John Carey, Mitch Kannry, Kevin King.

****INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY No. 2, INC.** – PO Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-295-5226; Organized: 1838; Chartered: 1838. President: Reginald B. Chambers III, Vice President: Lewis P. Jackson, Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio, Treasurer: George D. Clark III, Chaplain: George D. Clark Jr., Chief. Delegates: Thomas Newquist Jr., George D. Clark Jr. Alternates: George D. Clark III.

****INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. No. 1, INC.** - 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1720 Fax: 301-600-1751; Organized: 1818; Chartered: 1839; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Martin Fuller, Vice President: Greg Fulmer, Secretary: Terry Foreman, Treasurer: Susan Smith, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Rodney Masser. Delegates: Virginia Rinehart, Martin Fuller, Smokey Rinehart, Charles Handley, Walt Cramer. Alternates: Ryan Fuller.

****INDEPENDENT JUNIOR FIRE ENGINE CO. No. 3, OF HAGERSTOWN, INC.** – PO Box 2185, 100 Eastern Boulevard North, Hagerstown, MD 21742-2185; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-3839 Fax: 301-739-3839; Website: enginethree.org; Organized: 1871; Chartered: 1871. President: Charles E. Elgin, Vice President: Woodrow Morris, Secretary: Marsi Taulton, Treasurer: Terry L. Smith, Chaplain: Henry Ingram, Chief. Delegates: Charles E. Elgin, Woodrow Morris, Terry L. Smith, Marsi Taulton, Henry Ingram. Alternates: Brian Elgin, Robert Chaney, Donna Delauter-Smith, Sherry Smith, Rick Hemphill.

****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: ihvfd@aol.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1975. President: Richard Bowie, Vice President: Donald Chappell, Secretary: Molly Valentine, Treasurer: Larry Johnson, Chaplain: Mike O'Neil, Chief: Jeffrey Williams. Delegates: Richard Bowie, Jeffrey Williams, Mike O'Neil, William Valentine. Alternates: None Listed for 2014.

****IRONSIDES VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 409, 6120 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677; Charles County; Telephone: 301-246-9090 Fax: 301-246-4228; Website: ironsidesrescue.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964. President: Theadore R. Davis, Vice President: L. Janyve Vandeweert, Secretary: Dawn Moree Dugan, Treasurer: Roberta L. Spalding, Chaplain: David H. Summers Sr., Chief: Roberta L. Spalding. Delegates: Theadore Davis, Roberta L. Spalding, Ida Jones, David Spalding, JanyceVanDeWeert. Alternates: KenVanDeWeert, Dawn-MoreeDugan, BeckySundberg.

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****JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 344, 3500 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7780 Fax: 410-666-3736; Website: www.jvfc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: William Shields, Vice President: Steven Watkeys, Secretary: Barbara White, Treasurer: Cheryl Persico, Chaplain: Joan Paquet, Chief: Stephen Stelmach. Delegates: Dean Wiggins, William Shields, James Watkeys, Andrew Larid, Stephen Stelmach. Alternates: John Gribble, Scott Durdas, Oscar Schaparro, Claud Gamble, Joe Tambrino.

****JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 7, 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Harford County; Telephone: 410-692-7890 Fax: 410-692-7896; Website: jarrettsvillevfc.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Theodore Burkhardt, Vice President: Stephen Lancaster, Secretary: Nancy Dorn Treasurer: Laura Barwick, Chaplain: Terrence Murphy, Chief: Rudolf Walter IV. Delegates: Benjamin W. Kurtz, W. Mitchell Vocke, James Bair, Thomas Fruhling, Ernest Tracey. Alternates: None listed.

****JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 578, 4603A Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-473-5150; E-mail: jufc20@aol1phia.net; Website: jvfc20.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: David Remsburg, Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Secretary: Ashley Corun, Treasurer: Susan Corun, Chaplain: Bernard Remsburg, Chief: Thomas Lakin. Delegates: Thomas Lakin, Michael Ambrose, William Nichols, Donna Gosbee Cathy Lakin. Alternates: None Listed.

****JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 146, 7891 Max Blob's Park Road, Jessup, MD 20794; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-799-1314; Website: jessupvfd.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Mark Hartz, Vice President: Sean Gilligan, Secretary: Delta Priest-Maceiko, Treasurer: Kathryn Morgan; Chaplain, Chief: Stephen M. Maceiko. Delegates: Mark Hartz, Stephen Maceiko Sr., Delta Priest-Maceiko, Kathryn Morgan, Stephen Maceiko Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

****JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1403 Old Mountain Road South, Joppa, MD 21085; Harford County; Telephone: 410-679-1055 Fax: 410-679-3420; Website: jmvfc.org; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951. President: Robert Russell, Vice President: James Lyons III, Secretary: Ron Sollod, Treasurer: Gary Skillman, Chaplain: Margaret Bullock, Chief: Ryan Barrow. Delegates: William Lay, Bill Vanarsdale Sr., Jeffrey Wainwright, Johnny Brynne, Robert Russell. Alternates: None listed.

****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: Charles Abrecht, Vice President: John Hahn, Secretary: Keisha Brown, Treasurer: Grayson Abrecht, Chaplain: Rev. Barbara Kershner-Daniel, Chief: Keith Brown. Delegates: Charles Abrecht, John Hahn, Bertha

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Abrecht, Keith Brown, Tim Shelton. Alternates: Keisha Brown, Edward Marroquin, Chris Kordek, Ben Lowry, Deb Perkins.

****KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5340 Fax: 410-348-5150; Email: plott@kennedyvillevfc.org; Website: kennedyvillevfc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Peter Lott, Vice President: T. J. Smith, Secretary: Patti Scott, Treasurer: Brooke Bennett, Chaplain, Chief: Phillip Lott. Delegates: M. Heather Miller, Danny Quinn. Alternates: Peter Lott, Phillip Lott, Kenneth Miller.

****KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 222, 10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-929-8000; E-mail: heflinj@kvfd.org Website: kvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1925. President: Steven R. Semler, Vice President: John Connell, Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini, Treasurer: Robert M. Arnold, Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton, Chief: Jayme M. Heflin. Delegates: Stephen R. Semler, Jayme M. Heflin, Andrew White, Andrew M. Hawkins. Alternates: Donald Phillips, Josephine Phillips, Danielle Crane, James Carter Sr., John Connell.

KENT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-643-5454 Fax: 410-643-5457; Website: kivfd.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****KENT-QUEEN ANNE'S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 126, 140 Morgnac Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-4495 Fax 410-810-0346; E-Mail: aschauber@kentrescuesquad.com; Website: kentrescuesquad.com; Organized: 1961; Chartered: 1961. President: Allan W. Schaubert, Vice President: Mary Grussing, Secretary: Kathy Hastings, Treasurer: Raye Jones, Chaplain: Leonard Miller, Chief: Allan W. Schaubert. Delegates: Allan W. Schaubert, Larry Hastings, Kathy Hastings, William Loble, Kevin Kerr. Alternates: Travis Nelson, Alex Dolgos, Charles Prince, Maurices King, Robert Coleman.

****KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 7701 Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7733 Fax: 301-773-2410; E-Mail: tkelleher@gmail.com Website: www.kentland33.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Donald Aker Jr., Vice President: John Burns, Secretary: Oleg Pelekhaty, Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch, Chaplain, Chief: Anthony Kelleher. Delegates: Donald Aker Jr., Anthony Kelleher, Roger Steager, Candy Mitchell, Kenny Holderness. Alternates: John Burns, Mark Trader, Oleg Pelekhaty, Loretta Shaw, Ray Merae.

****KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 65, 11601 Bellvue Avenue, Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5773 Fax: 410-592-8557; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Mario Melfa, Vice President: Robert Chaney, Secretary: Rita Sayler, Treasurer: Victoria Clayton, Chaplain: Ronald Cassett Sr., Chief: Michael Berna. Delegates: Mario Melfa, Rita Sayler, Dennis Eyre,

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Ronald Cassett Sr., Robert Chaney. Alternates: Michael Berna, Jeffrey Weer, Gary Weer, Courtney Berkeridge, David Franz.

****KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 438, 249 East Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-453-3323 Fax: 301-453-3112; Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Sharon Paugh, Vice President: James A. Browning Jr, Secretary: Missi Nesselrodt, Treasurer: Ronnie Bray Jr., Chaplain: Shirley Coleman, Chief: Shawn Nesselrodt. Delegates: Sharon Paugh, James Browning Jr., Missi Nesselrodt, Shawn Nesselrodt. Alternates: None submitted.

****LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 728, 911 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646-0728; Charles County; Telephone: 301-934-9201 Fax: 301-934-4217; E-mail: treasurer@laplatafiredepartment.com Website: laplatafiredepartment.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA. President: William Frazier, Vice President: Stephen Shahan, Secretary: Mary E. Gilroy, Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy, Chaplain: Joseph Gardiner, Chief: Matthew E. Gilroy. Delegates: William A. Frazier, Lynn D. Gilroy, Robert Hutchins, Matthew E. Gilroy, Mary E. Gilroy. Alternates: Joseph Gardiner, Joseph Harmon III, Thomas Swann Sr.

****LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0871; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933. President: W. Roger Tomlinson, Vice President: Edward Kidwell, Secretary: Kimberly C. Reichert, Treasurer: Chaplain: Earl T. Pryor III, Chief: Ryan N. Reichert. Delegates: James F. Cook Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

****LAVALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 3343, 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21504-3343; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-4458 Fax: 301-729-8191; E-mail: adam.m.miller@lavalerscue.org Website: lavalerescue.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered. President: Kenneth L. May, Vice President: Dianne G. Shoemaker, Secretary: Kristina M. May, Treasurer: Scott C. Whetsell, Chaplain: Dale Evans, Chief: Adam Miller. Delegates: Walter May, Kenneth May, Dianne Shoemaker, Kristina May, Scott Whetsell. Alternates: Diane May, Dale Evans, Adam Miller, Edward Wilkinson, Tim Thomas.

LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-55-2401; E-mail: jflongjr@yahoo.com Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1941. None submitted for 2014

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 2014

****LANDOVER HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 2357, 6801 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7730; E-mail: jrroberts@co.pg.md.us Website: eng30ine.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA. President: Dawn M.

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Rowe, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roberts, Chaplain, Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: Dawn M. Rowe, John R. Roberts, Nancy L. Roberts. Alternates: Christopher M. Saputo, Keith A. Mitchell.

****LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1, INC.** – PO Box 7374, 140 Laverne Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1472; E-mail: cao360@bcvfa.org Website www.lansdownevfd.com; Organized: 1902. President: Donna Kern, Vice President: Stephanie Imbragulio, Secretary: Treasurer: William Kern, Chaplain: Chief: Derek Bowser. Delegates: Jason Dimeler, Donna Kern. Alternates: None submitted for 2014

****LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20725; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-776-3600; Website: www.laurelvfd.org; Organized: 1902; Chartered: 1902. President: Victor Whipple, Vice President: Robert Grant, Secretary: Rose Maher, Treasurer: Ken Wilson, Chaplain: Hubert Litchfield, Chief: D J Hull. Delegates: Joseph R. Robison, Victor Whipple, Robert Grant, Robert Grant, Bryan Cavanaugh. Alternates: Tommy Scaggs, Brian Moe, Kevin Frost, Rosa Maher.

****LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 1278, 14401 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20725; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-604-5055 Fax: 301-725-0654; E-mail: barry.johnson@laurelrescue.org Website: laurelrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952. President: Rafael Gibson, Vice President: Rich Sien, Secretary: Dawn Nakroshis, Treasurer: Pam Docarmo, Chaplain, Chief: Mark Arsenault. Delegates: Rafael Gibson, Mark Arsenault, Rich Sien, Barry Johnson. Alternates: None Listed.

****LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-1677 Fax: 301-948-8227; E-mail: b.sutton@ldvfd.org Website: ldvfd.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952. President: Mathew K. Bowles, Vice President: Gregory Albrecht, Secretary: Yana Babii, Treasurer: Murphy Richards, Chaplain: Phillip Herbert, Chief: Stanley S. Sutton Jr. Delegates: Robert Balsler, Clark Beall, Blake Bullard, Phillip Herbert, Murphy Richards. Alternates: Marge Turnbow, Tim Richards, Greg Albrecht, Lisa Lessin, Yana Babii.

****LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 21431 Leiter Street, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-9155 Fax: 301-739-9352; Website leitersburgfire.com; Organized: 1956; Chartered: 1956. President: Milton Bloom III, Vice President: Kent Niedzieski, Secretary: Twylla Grove, Treasurer: Mike Kipe, Chaplain: Vickie Stouffer, Chief: Bobby Myerly. Delegates: Milton Bloom III, Daniel Grove Jr., Joe Ralls, Clint Stouffer, David Graver. Alternates: Tim Bowman, Matt Bowman, Bill Hastings, Sydney Weller, Wayne Williams.

****LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 50, 22733 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-475-8996 Fax: 301-475-5850; E-mail: jpscully11@gmail.com Website: lvfd1.org;

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****LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 299, 22855 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-475-8509 Fax: 301-475-1825; E-mail: president@lvrs.org Website: lvrs.org; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975. President: Peter Woodburn, Vice President: Donna Whites, Secretary: Lisa Cooksey, Treasurer: Jaime Weber, Chaplain: Wendy Hite, Chief: Amy Smith. Delegates: Shirley Copado, Donna Whites, David Wright, Marvin Jones, Amy Smith. Alternates: None listed.

****LEVEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3633 Level Village Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3826; E-mail: kelopes@comcast.net; Website: levelvc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1954. President: Dale Burkins, Vice President: Sandra Gallion, Secretary: Karen E. Lopes, Treasurer: Sharon Worthington, Chaplain: Rev. Lonna Smith, Chief: Daniel Hawkins. Delegates: Gene Worthington, C. Dale Burkins, Alan Caudill, Nolan Gallion Jr., Jeff Caudill. Alternates: Russell Gallion.

****LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**–11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone 301-898-9988 Fax: 301-898-8770; Website: lewistownfire.org; Organized: 1970. President: Donald R. Stull Sr.; Vice President: Charles Jenkins; Secretary: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Lena Stull; Chaplain Chief: Vicky Martin. Delegates: Vicky Martin, Donald Martin, Donald Stull, Karen Stull, Warren Wachter Jr. Alternates: Bethany Wachter, Charles Jenkins.

LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 339, 21685 FDR Boulevard, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-862-3331; Email: president@lpvrs.org Website: lpvrs.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Kenneth Hicks, Vice President: Katherine Koch, Secretary: Patricia Davidson, Treasurer: Doug Walmsley, Chaplain: Rev. Sherril Page, Chief: Shawn Davidson. Delegates: James Cawley, D. Rose Long. Alternates: None listed.

****LIBERTY ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10010 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0651; Website: lrvc.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Krista Remmers, Vice President: Jack Ross, Secretary: Jarron Wormley, Treasurer: Lehman Stern, Chaplain, Chief: Bernard Habersham. Delegates: Stephen Miller, Bernard Habersham, Karen Meyers, Morgan Phillips, James Fulton. Alternates: Lee Stern, Krista Remmers, Eric Remmers, Caleb Spriggs.

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****LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9193; Fax: 301-898-0150; E-mail: daniel.p.more@gmail.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964. President: Michael Naill, Vice President: Mark Vasallo, Secretary: April Welsh, Treasurer: Ted White, Chaplain: Chip Jewell, Chief: Dan More. Delegates: Chip Jewell, Mike Naill, Doug Welsh, John Lowman, Larrie Welsh. Alternates: George Norris, Jackie Norris, Kenny Rippeon, Brittney Lowman, Tim Slane.

****LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21102-3125; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-2197 Fax: 410-374-9254; Website: lineborovfd.org; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1919; Joined MSFA: 1915. President: Donald Fair II, Vice President: E. Tim Warehime, Secretary: Wayne Oursler, Treasurer: Bette Sheperd, Chaplain: Chief: Robert S. Utz. Delegates: Donald Fair II, Marianne Warehime, Tim Warehime, Robert Utz, Wayne Short. Alternates: None listed.

LINKWOOD-SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 66, 3905 Ocean Gateway, Linkwood, MD 21835; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-221-0169; Organized: 1957; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1960. None submitted for 2014

****LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21765; Howard County; Telephone: 410-489-4646; Website: lisbonvfc.org; Organized:1944; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Thomas Esworthy, Vice President: Curtis Lowery, Secretary: Wayne Sharpe, Treasurer: Simone Rochstroh, Chaplain: Lisa Bandel, Chief: Lee Sirk Jr. Delegates: Thomas R. Esworthy, Ivan Betancourt, H. Marshall Fleming, Paul Atwill, Albert Musgrove. Alternates: Dave Parsons, Dan Parsons.

****LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1499, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-6235; E-mail Rodman@shorennet.net; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1960. President: Randy Travers, Vice President: Rick Travers Jr., Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Melissa Meredith, Chaplain, Chief: Martin Pepper. Delegates: Linda Horsman, Randy Travers, Adam Pritchett. Alternates: Frank Horsman, Rick Travers Jr., Martin Pepper.

****LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 4009, 4506 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-592-8337 Fax: 410-592-5776; Website: lgvfc.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930. President: Bill Saur, Vice President: Skip Hayes, Secretary: Joel McCrea, Treasurer: Amber Butcher, Chaplain, Chief: Ronald Harrison II. Delegates: Rick Eyre, Joel McCrea, Sherry Eyre, Ron Harrison, Bill Delcher. Alternates: Greg Stollins, Ron Harrison II, Katie Eyre, Bob Rigger.

LONG MEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY; 19307 Long Meadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Telephone: 301-797-5504 Fax: 301-797-7585; Email: Jeffdon12@myactv.net. Website: www.longmeadowfire.com. None submitted for 2014

LOWER SOMERSET COUNTY AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 406, 26344 Mill Lane, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-968-2000 Fax: 410-968-9588; Organized:1970; Chartered: 1980; Joined MSFA: 1980. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 236, Westernport, MD 21562; 500 Grant Street, Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone 301-359-3311x3240; Email; tddayton@pennswoods.net; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: William Squires, Vice President: Danny Beaver, Secretary: Jim Jenkins, Treasurer: Ron Files Sr., Chaplain: Philip Whetstone, Chief: Timothy Dayton. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Ron Carr, Jim Jenkins, Danny Bever, Kathy Bever. Alternates: None listed.

****LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 232,1609 Bellona Avenue, Lutherville, MD 21094; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7778 Fax: 410-252-3099; Website: lvc.com; Organized: 1909; Chatered:1909. President: Michael L. Huber, Vice President: James Weatherby, Secretary: Janet M. O'Rourke, Treasurer: Josh Kakel; Chaplain, Chief: Capt. Mark Goodwin. Delegates: Michael L. Huber, Mark Goodwin, James Cahn, James Doran, Frank Barranco MD. Alternates: Janet O'Rourke, Steven Weatherby, Janes Kenney, Josh Kakel, Robert Schott

****MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 23, 1154 Taylor's Island Road, Madison, MD 21648; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-8703 Fax: 410-228-0657; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1952. President: Samuel M Horseman, Vice President: Ronnie Reynolds, Secretary: Michele Reynolds, Treasurer: Peggy Horseman, Chaplain: Donald Knauer; Chief: Matthew Werner. Delegates: Donald Knauer, William Stevens. Alternates: Ronnis Reynolds, Samuel Horsman.

****MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-374-4259; Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885. President: Richard Dell, Vice President: Ed Paulsen, Secretary: Ralph Dull, Treasurer: Corrie Sanders, Chaplain: Danny Bloskey Sr.; Chief. Delegates: Ralph Dull, Malcom Helwig, Gary Eppley, Elwin Wagner, Danny Bloskey Sr. Alternates: None Listed

MARDELA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 299, Station Street, Mardela, MD 21837; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-5997 Fax: 410-749-2239; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. NO Credential were submitted for 2014

****MARION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, 28390 Chrisfield Marion Station Road, Marion Station, MD 21838; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-623-3791; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1937. President: Adam Stanley, Vice President: Alan Butler, Secretary: Gary J. Powell, Treasurer: Alfred Bradford, Chaplain: Hank Ward, Chief: Toby Swift. Delegates: Donald L. Howard, Alfred Bradford. Alternates: None Listed.

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****MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-952-0938; E-mail: mvfdc20@aol.com Website: marlborofire.com; Organized:1925; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Jeff Wyvill, Vice President: Jay Tucker, Secretary: Edith Rippy, Treasurer: Nicole Hunter, Chaplain: Ken Valentine, Chief: Tim Clark. Delegates: Jeff Wyvill, Jay Tucker, Tim Clark, Bobby Beavers, Chris Hunter. Alternates: Mark Wyvill, Kevin Hodges, Bobby Simms, Eddie Eivens, Mike Helmer.

****MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 400, 110 Firehouse Lane, Marydel, MD 19964; Caroline County; Telephone: 302-492-9917; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940; Joined MSFA: 1940. President: Joe Collins, Vice President: Ralph Rossi, Secretary: Denise Fox Madden, Treasurer: Denise Fox Madden, Chaplain, Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Gary Madden, Bobby Helmer, Les States. Alternates: Denise Fox Madden, Jason Mills, Justin Madden.

****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: Kevin Newman., Vice President: Kim Larsen, Secretary: Mary L. Snidow, Treasurer: Linda Isaacs, Chaplain, Chief: Ray Smallwood. Delegates: Joe Larsen Sr., Dawn Berry, Diane Jenkins, David Tibbetts, Josh Strenger. Alternates: Joe Larsen Jr., Amanda Bruns.

****MARYLAND LINE FIRE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1932 Fax: 410-343-0906; Website: marylandlinefire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. President: Douglas Holloway, Vice President: Royston Coale, Secretary: Carolyn Rosier, Treasurer: William Schmalzer, Chaplain: Gladys Pearce, Chief: Glen Wilhelm. Delegates: William Schmalzer, Linda Schmalzer. Alternates: None listed.

****MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-8515; Fax: 301-739-8516; E-mail: mgvfc@myactiv.net Website: mgvfc.com. President: Phil Ridenour, Vice President: Brian Pile, Secretary: Michelle Hutzell, Treasurer: Stephani Garrett, Chaplain: Leonard Horst, Chief: William Garrett. Delegates: Charles Shindle, Leonard Horst, L. Jason Baer. Alternates: Frank Ridenour, Brian Pile, Dave Baer.

****MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 37, 28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-884-4709 Fax: 301-884-8602; E-mail president@mvfd.com Website www.mvfd.com; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1937. President: J. Paul Colonna, Vice President: William Smith Jr., Secretary: Karen Montgomery, Treasurer: Tom Kidwell, Chaplain, Chief: John B. Railey Jr. Delegates: William Wilkerson, J. Paul Colonna, John S. Montgomery, William Smith, Andrew McWilliams. Alternates: Harold Anderson, David Sampson, James Adams, Scott Bellevou, Ryan Blizek.

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****MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 15, 28120 Old Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-884-2900; Organized: 1959; Chartered: 1959; Joined MSFA 1990. President: Dr. John Roache, Vice President: James Breeden, Secretary, Diane M. Mandel, Treasurer: Joyce Downs, Chaplain, Chief: Jessica Vallandingham. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None Listed.

MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 5021, 2000 Leland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-687-5328 Fax: 410-687-6350 Website: mrvar.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 18001, 1100 Wilson Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0326 Fax: 410-687-4507; E-mail: cao220@bcvfa.org Website: mrvcf.org; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Craig Stambaugh, Vice President: Eric Filipowcz, Secretary: Kyle Kennedy, Treasurer: James Sollenberger, Chaplain, Chief: Jason Moore. Delegates: Joe Dulina, Joe Backhaus, James Akehurst Jr. Alternates: None listed.

MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 16634, 1913 Middleborough Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410686-0214 Fax: 410-686-0214; E-mail: cao230@bcvf0326a.org; Website: orgsites.com/md/middleborough/mc; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-371-6907 Fax: 301-371-8986; E-mail: president@middletownvfd.org Website: middletownvfd.org; Organized: 1895; Chartered: 1935. President: James Goodman, Vice President: Dominick Losquardo, Secretary: Debbie Smith, Treasurer: Paul Fink, Chaplain: Al Caho, Chief: Brent Harne. Delegates: Stetan Nalboaczyk Jr., Janie E. Nalbrcyk, Wayne Smith, Debbie Smith, James Goodman. Alternates: None listed.

****MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – 14823 Broadway Avenue, Midland, MD 21542; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2511; Organized: 1900. President: Eugene Thrasher, Vice President: James Reno, Secretary: Julie Blanco, Treasurer: Barbara Knippenburg, Chaplain: Robert Blair, Chief: Michael McGowen. Delegates: Robert Knippenburg, Candi Blair, Andy Cesnick, Maggie Gatian, JR Monahan. Alternates: Paul Fair, Jesse James, Michelle McGowan, Barbara Knippenburg, Steve Moore.

****MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-736-4342; E-mail: mvf27@digizen.net Website: morningsidevfd27.com. President: David Hansen, Vice President: Charles Phillips, Secretary: Lisa McKlveen, Treasurer: Jamie Hansen,

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Chaplain: Les Hedrick, Chief: Michael White. Delegates: Charles Phillips, Les Hedrick, Michael White, David Hansen, Stephen Struesdell. Alternates: Lisa McKlveen, Michael Stout, Thomas Warren, Thomas Groom, Jamie Hansen.

MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 10305 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-797-5555 Fax: 301-797-0078; E-mail: DALEM33@aol.com; Organized: 1967; Chartered: 1969. No Credentials were submitted for 2014.

****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 E-Mail: kstull@mavfc.org. President: Bruce Walz, Vice President: Terry Baker, Secretary: Janet Woodfield, Treasurer: James Linton Jr., Chaplain: Charles Barnhart, Chief: Kenneth Stull. Delegates: Bruce Walz, Kenneth Stull, Dan Caiola, Doug Alexander. Alternates: Mathew Bowles, Terry Baker, Richard Baker, Dale Lowman, Steven Stull.

****MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-264-3333, Fax: 301-264-3145; E-mail; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Chad Robison, Vice President: Patty Carter, Secretary: Kay Tharpe, Treasurer: Scott Richard, Chaplain: Lloyd Wade, Chief: Rick Robison. Delegates: Gerard McGann, Gunter Corrado, Kay Wade, Lloyd Wade, Carder Miller. Alternates: None listed.

****MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 27440 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2100; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Bobby Harris, Vice President: Danny Baltezegar, Secretary: Ami Rentschler, Treasurer: Cindi Pietroski, Chaplain: Joe Webster, Chief: Bryan Barnette. Delegates: Emmons K. Horner, Cindi Pietroski, John Barnette, Bryan Barnette, Bobby Harris. Alternates: Adam Smith.

****MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** - 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-9817 Fax: 301-293-9828; Email: rebeccajustin*@yahoo.com Website: myersvillevfc.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. President: Ed Couthley, Vice President: Carol Linton, Secretary: Linda Frushour, Treasurer: Ellen Crutchley, Chaplain: Glenn Lantz, Chief: Justin Clipp. Delegates: Carol Linton, Katelyn Frushour. Alternates: Linda Frushour, Tim Linton.

****NANJEMOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662; Charles County; Telephone: 301-246-4322; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Michael Kisamore, Vice President: James Rye, Secretary: Doug Campbell, Treasurer: Brad Arbogast, Chaplain: Rufus Washington, Chief: Charles Perry III. Delegates: Michael Kisamore. 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. No credentials submitted for 2014.

NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 925, 76 W. Main Street, New Market, MD 21774; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-865-5700 Fax: 301-865-8148; Email: fpdep1@xecu.net; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-0543; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Matthew Moser, Vice President: George Nicholson, Secretary: Helen Eyler, Treasurer: Joe Lenhart, Chaplain: Monroe Main, Chief: Gary Keller. Delegates: Gary Keller, Joe Lenhart, Mary Lenhart, Nancy Keller. Alternates: None Listed.

****NEW WINDSOR FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.** – PO Box 247, 101 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-635-6373 Fax: 410-848-6711; Email: info@nwfd10.org Website: nwfd10.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. President: Rick Fritz, Vice President: Richard Hooper, Secretary: Sarah Lowman, Treasurer: Jack Coe, Chaplain: Neal Roop, Chief: Tom Coe. Delegates: Rick Fritz, Tom Coe, Richard Warrenfeltz, Dianne Guneerson, Jay Williams. Alternates: Felix Hill, Dave Coe.

****NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 82, 8338 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3980 Fax: 410-632-0915; Organized: 1929. President: JC Barbely, Vice President: Michael Donoway Sr., Secretary: Jackie Carey, Treasurer: James Scott, Chaplain: Gail Mansell, Chief: Michael Sirman. Delegates: JC Barbely, Michael Donoway Sr, Michael Sirman. Alternates: None listed.

****NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 9, 12265 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone: 301-259-2105 Fax: 301-259-4059; Organized: 1988; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA. President: Stephan Johnson, Vice President: John Thomas, Secretary, Phyllis Yates, Treasurer: Terry Langley, Chaplain: Diane Thomas, Chief: George Hayden. Delegates: Stephan Johnson, George Edelen, Lisa Yates, George Hayden, Mike Abell. Alternates: Phyllis Viars, Terry Langley, John Thomas, Cathy Murphy, Ronnie Wright.

****NORRISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2134 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-3644 Fax: 410-638-3647, E-mail: info@nvfc10.org Website: nvfc10.org; Organized: 1994; Chartered: 1994; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Tige Sheehan, Vice President: Holly Testerman, Secretary: Samantha K. Sheehan, Treasurer: Kris Miller, Chaplain: Melissa McDade, Chief: Brandon Watkins. Delegates: Brandon Watkins, Ed Watkins, David Leftwich. Alternates: None listed.

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****NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 86, 8536 Old Bayside Road, North Beach, MD 20736; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-257-6564 Fax: 301-855-2271; Website: northbeachfire.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1947. President: Jeffrey Idol, Vice President: William Hardesty, Secretary: John Gott Jr., Treasurer: Eric Brumley, Chaplain: Father David Russell, Chief: Orval Thrasher. Delegates: Herbert Dowell, Richard Cress, Jimmy Dickerson, Dave Devere, Orval Thrasher. Alternates: Eddie Humphreys, Robert Allen.

****NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 770, 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-8222 Fax: 410-287-6913; Email: admin@nefc4.com Website: nefc4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Otis Isaaca Jr., Vice President: Howard Flower, Secretary: Kathy Scott, Treasurer: Dollie Isaacs, Chaplain: Rev. Phil Meekins, Chief: Stephen Piatelli. Delegates: Howard Flower, John Hamilton IV, Steven Piatelli, Otis Isaacs Jr. Gabe Garzia. Alternates: Charles Stewart, Paul Huntzberry.

****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: Joseph Walters, Secretary: Stacey McElwee, Treasurer: Albert Palcher, Chaplain: James Caris, Chief: Todd Aupperley. Delegates: Jim Riegel Sr., Jonathan Tarburton, James Harvey, Scot Young, Melissa Davies. Alternates: None Listed.

****NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 293, 124 Miller Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5520 Fax: 301-895-4618; E-mail: ngcrs@verizon.net; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Gary Teats, Vice President: Barry Beal, Secretary: Nancy Savage, Treasurer: Harold Fike, Chaplain: Alan Johnson, Chief: Walter Augustine. Delegates: Patricia Bowser, Gary Teats, Mike Simmons, Pauline Faucett, Shelby Simmons. Alternates: None listed.

OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 43, 31 South Third Street, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3535 Fax: 301-334-2347; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1894. No Credentials were submitted for 2014.

****OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1409 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City; MD 21842; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-289-4346 Fax: 410-289-8421; E-mail: reteger@ocvfc.com Website: www.ocvfc.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1926. President: Clifford Christello, Vice President: Parker Shandroesky, Secretary: James L. Jester, Treasurer: Conner Braniff, Chaplain: Sean Donovan, Chief: David N. Cropper. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr., Reggie Bell, Charles Bunting, J. Paul Adkins, Larry Lewis. Alternates: David Cropper, Jim Smith, David Hedges, David Coleman, Joey Lessman.

****OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-8272, Website: opvfd.com. President: Daniel Healy, Vice President: Ronald Thorwart, Secretary, Treasurer,

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Chaplain: Neil Gottesman, Chief: Rich Angelo Delegates: Dan Healy, Ron Thorwart, Neil Gottesman, Tracy Jones, Steve Grunewald. Alternates: None Listed.

****ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-674-4444 Fax: 410-672-0758; Email joinovfc@verizon.net Website: ovfc28.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Robert L. Rose, Vice President: Wylie L. Donaldson, Secretary: Michael C. Davis, Treasurer: David M. Svadeba, Chaplain, Chief: Joseph McNally. Delegates: David W. Lewis, John E. Rose, Wylie L. Donaldson, Troy Odendhal, Ray Hodgson. Alternates: Robert L. Rose, Michael C. Davis, Nicile L. Organek, Craig Harman, Charles D. Rodgers Sr.

****OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555-0083; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-5151 Fax: 301-478-5400; E-mail: co13@allconet.org Website: www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/oldtownmd. President: Robert Piper. Vice President: Kevin Bender. Secretary: Cindy Crabtree, Treasurer: Dennis Mallery, Chaplain: Rodger Long, Chief: Ken Wolford Jr. Delegates: Dennis Mallery, Robert Piper, Rodger Long, Cindy Crabtree, Royce Crabtree Jr. Alternates: Ken Wolford Jr, Kevin Bender, Andy Brown, Justin Hetrick, Randon Crabtree, Andy Brown.

****ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 645, 7549 Solley Road, Pasadena, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1505 Fax: 410-437-2948; E-Mail: orchardbeach11@yahoo Website: orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Walter Snyder, Vice President: Wayne Snyder, Secretary: Donna Bushong, Treasurer: John Wenzel, Chaplain, Chief: James Evans. Delegates: Walter Snyder, Wayne Snyder, Donna Bushong, John Wenzel, James Evans. Alternates: Mike Maurer, Janet Aro, Rick Cummings.

ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12210 Orleans Road, NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2229 Fax: 301-478-3699; E-mail: ovfd43@tje1.com.

****OWINGS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10401 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-363-1933 Fax: 410-887-1577; Website: omfire.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921. President: Wayne Trump, Vice President: Marci Catlett, Secretary: Jenny Nilsen, Treasurer: Phil Herbert, Chaplain, Chief: Ed Schwartz Jr. Delegates: Mike Fold, Craig Nelson Sr., Craig Nelson Jr., Ed Schwartz Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

****OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-226-5110; E-mail: fgoodwin@oxfordfireco.org Website: www.oxfordfireco.org; Chartered: 1926. President: Darrin Clem, Vice President: Henry Hale, Secretary: David Baker, Treasurer: Connie Greenhawk, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Cross, Chief: Michael Greenhawk. Delegates: Richard Smith, Richard Schmitt, Steve Mroczek. Alternates: None listed.

OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 84, 6300 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-567-6333; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1930; Joined: MSFA: 1930. No Credentials were submitted for 2013

PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 160, 33030 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-742-2408 Fax 443-260-0725.

****PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-486-9834 Fax: 410-602-8583; E-mail: cao320@bcvfa.org Website: pvfc32.org; Organized: 1897. President: L. Allen Roody, Vice President: Samuel I. Dansicker, Secretary: John Pelton, Treasurer: Carl J. Phelps, Chaplain: Kathleen M. Resnick, Chief: Adam Goodman. Delegates: Stuart W. Carter, Roger N. Powell, Richard B. Udell, Aaron Robinson, John Pelton. Alternates: Glenn C. Resnick, Kathleen M. Resnick, John D. Gentzel, Sharon A. Bull, Adam Goodman.

****PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, INC.** – PO 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 Burclett, Secretary: Frances Marshall, Treasurer: Rita McCoy, Chaplain, Chief: Rodney McCoy. Delegates: Rodney McCoy, James Burclett, Fran Marshall. Alternates: None Listed.

****PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 387, 7447 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-2323; E-mail wknapp2@aol.com; Website pvfd.4t.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929. President: Anthony Webster, Vice President: Ronald Adkins, Secretary: Robert Sellers, Treasurer: Jennifer Hammond, Chaplain: Rev Rogers, Chief: Mark Bratten. Delegates: Essel T Farlow, Essel T. Farlow III, Michael Farlow, Mark Bratten, Joshua Farlow. Alternates: David Hearn, George Whited III, George Whited Jr, Rick Powell, Cristine Powell.

****PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1977 Fax: 410-848-6008; E-mail: dckrgs@msn.com Website: pleasantvalleyfire.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931. President: Stephen Wantz, Vice President: Michael Stewart, Secretary: Nancy Wagner, Treasurer: John Wagner, Chaplain: Donna Geiman, Chief: Michael Gist. Delegates: Richard Smith, Jack Wagner, Charlie Simpson, Steve Wantz, Jeffrey Geiman. Alternates: None Listed

****POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – Pocomoke City, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-957-2310; Website: pocomokefire.com; Organized: 1888. President: Chip Choquette, Vice President: Stan Finch, Secretary: Merrill Lockfaw, Treasurer: Choppy Layton, Chaplain: Michael Dean, Chief: Dicky Gladding. Delegates: Stan Finch.

****POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY #2, INC.** – PO Box 326, 61 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3701; Fax: 301-359-3377; Email:

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co22@allconet.org; Chartered: 1912; Joined MSFA: 1912. President: William F. Kight Jr., Vice President: Paul Metz, Secretary: Steven E. Householder, Treasurer: Judy S. Hamilton, Chaplain: Lonzy Clark, Chief: Timothy F. Dayton. Delegates: Timothy F. Dayton, William Kight Jr., Judy Hamilton, Justin White, Schelotta Kight. Alternates: Mark Karalewitz, Dennis Steiding, Josh Clark, Darrell Wildesen, Amber McKiddy.

****POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**
– 73 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-7700 Fax: 301-743-6814; Website: phvfd.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Robert E. Collins Sr., Vice President: Teddy Lundstrom, Secretary: Lisa Berry, Treasurer: Steve Rison, Chaplain: Charles W. Wills, Chief: Kevin Grinder. Delegates: Robert E. Collins Sr., C. Dan Carpenter III, Clarence D. Carpenter Jr., Charles W. Wills, Kevin Grinder. Alternates: Molly Johnson, Teddy Lundstrom, Jeff Clements, Craig Kavlick, Matt Rogers.

****POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2130 Fax: 301-432-7792; E-mail: fireco11@safe.quik.com; Website: potomacvalleyfire.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1975. President: Amber R. Hewett, Vice President: Nancy Tarmon, Secretary: Jeanne Gray, Treasurer: Terry Rohrer, Chaplain: Arnold Martin, Chief: Eric L. Gray. Delegates: Arnold Martin, Ronnie Gray, Eric Gray, Nancy Tarmon, Amber Hewett. Alternates: Jeanne Gray, Roger Otzelberger Jr., Terry Rohrer, Lacrysta Payne, Jeffrey Martin.

POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 4, 5085 Powellville Road, Powellville, MD 21852; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8181; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1962; Joined MSFA: 1963. No Credentials were received for 2013

****PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3680 Choptank Road, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-673-7874; Website: pvfc200.com; Organized: 1927. President: Mike Bradley, Vice President: Troy Brooks, Secretary: Jennifer Kenton, Treasurer: Lori Jester Childers, Chaplain: Bob Wahl, Chief: Troy Plutschak. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None Listed.

****PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 976, 450 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-2207 Fax: 410-535-3655; Email: pfvfdjwo@verizon.net; Website: pfvfd.org; Organized: 1940. President: Patrick F. Hassler, Vice President: James Cox, Secretary: Linda F. Reamy, Treasurer: Alan Billings, Chaplain: Michael Bowen, Chief: Timothy Delehanty. Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Michael Bowen, Robert Helms, Thomas Scott III, Mark Carrico. Alternates: Linda Reamy, William Reamy, Nancy Scott.

****PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 346, 755 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD. 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-5365 410-535-5750; Email: jwelpf@hotmail.com; Website: pfvrs.org; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Robert Francis, Vice President:

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Roland "Sonny" Brady, Secretary: Donna Webster, Treasurer: Diane Billings, Chaplain, Chief: Stanis Inscoe. Delegates: Tommy Tettimer, Cora Stockhausen, Stanis Inscoe, Don Inscoe, Dennis Plugge. Alternates: None Listed.

****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VOLUNTEER MARINE FIRE & RESCUE, Inc.** – 13600 King Charles Terrace, Ft. Washington, MD 20745; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-203-2045. President: Janet Demeritt, Vice President: James Roberts, Secretary: Melissa Gore, Treasurer, Chaplain, Chief: Jimmy Edelen. Delegates: Janet Demeritt, Melissa Gore, Tommy Yowell, Tommy Wilson. Alternates: None Listed

****PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2144; E-mail: pavfc@verison.com; Organized: 1914. President: Van Muir, Vice President: Keith Widdowson, Secretary: Jenny Cottman, Treasurer: Robert Murphy, Chief: Marion Mister Jr. Delegates: Van Muir, Marion Mister Jr., David Donohow, George Walston, Chris Keene. Alternates: Jenny Cottman, Lee Kelly, Mark Gentry, Jenny Holbrook, Robert Kemp.

****PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5774 Fax: 410-828-0860; E-mail: cao290@bcvfa.org; Website: pvfc290.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Robert K. Hornbacher, Vice President: John W. McClean, Secretary: Susan Denning, Treasurer: Jeff Mims, Chaplain: James Westervelt, Chief: Geoff Donahue. Delegates: Robert K. Hornbacher, John W. McClean, Phillip M. Darr, Jeff Mims, Geoff Donahue. Alternates: Dave Smith, Dean Denning, Stephen Pearce, Stephen Lancaster, Susan Denning.

****QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 226, 13512 First Street, Queen Anne, MD 21629; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-364-5612 Fax: 410-364-9888; Website: qahvfc.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945. President: Danny McNeal, Vice President: Phillip Starkey, Secretary: Thomas DiFatta, Treasurer: Linda Chalupa, Chaplain: William Cooper Sr., Chief: Chris Morgan. Delegates: William Cooper Sr., Lynn Humpleby, Charlie Wilson. Alternates: Chris Morgan, Danny Lister, Kenny Hope, Andrew Kram.

QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD 21658; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-827-8377 Fax: 410-827-8926; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1934. No Credentials were submitted 2014.

RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone 301-729-8229; Email co47@allconet.org; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985; Joined MSFA:1986. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****REESE and COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172;

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E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org Website: reesefvc.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Phil Hild, Vice President: Tim Crews, Secretary: Kati Townsley, Treasurer: David Davidson, Chaplain: Lori Davidson-Bell, Chief: Donald Love. Delegates: Norman Schaeffer, Phil Hild, Ed Geordt, Donald Raver. Alternates: None Listed

****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: Steven Hennigan, Vice President: J P Snyder, Secretary: Eric Marquess, Treasurer: Brian Quick, Chaplain: Rev. Timothy Feaser, Chief: Robert Murray Sr. Delegates: Michelle Crumbacker, Steve Hennigan, John Wright, Ted Schultz, JP Snyder. Alternates: Dorothy Schultz, Craig Coleman, Robert Murray Sr.

****RESCUE FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 776, 8 Washington Street, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-1670; Website: rescuefirecompany.org; Organized: 1881; Chartered: 1882. President: Juanita Weber, Vice President: Janice Banks, Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Timothy McCarter, Chaplain: Doug Ridley, Chief: Robert Phillips. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Frank Horsman, Don Kinnamon. Alternates: Robert Phillips, Linda Horsman, Walter Heisler.

****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 L. Clough, Secretary: Alfred W. Britton Jr., Treasurer: Denna E. Britton, Chaplain, Chief: Charles W. Cadle Jr. Delegates: Charles W. Cadle Jr., Timothy L. Clough, Alfred W. Britton Jr., Denna Britton. Alternates: William Clark, Charles Clark, Lenard Clark.

****RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD 20680-0520; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-872-5571 Fax: 301-872-0632; E-mail: secretary@ridgevfd.org Website: ridgevfd.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Joseph Bradburn, Vice President: James I. Raley, Secretary: Phillip R. Cooper Jr. Treasurer: John E. Wathen Jr., Chaplain: Pastor Elizabeth Jackson, Chief: Bruce R. Raley. Delegates: Joseph Bradburn, Robert Raley, John E. Wathen Jr., George Gatton Jr., Bruce R. Raley. Alternates: Phillip R. Cooper, Robert Lee Owens, Paul Balta Jr, Francis Raley, Philip Ridgell.

****RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 456, 16515 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-872-5970 Fax: 301-872-5971. President: Ed Pratt, Vice President, Secretary: David Morris, Treasurer, Chaplain: Jack Cullison, Chief: Debbie Drury. Delegates: Christy Merrell, Jessica Snyder, Paul Sullivan, David Morris, George Gatton. Alternates: Amanda Purdy, Ed Pratt, Debbie Drury.

****RIDGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgely, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-634-2424 Fax: 410-634-2798; E-mail: bwicrashcrew@comcast.net Website: rvfd400.com; Organized: 1905;

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Chartered: 1928. President: George Cohey, Vice President: John Gott, Secretary: Tammy Taylor, Treasurer: Bryan Ebling, Chaplain, Chief: Robert Utz. Delegates: Bryan Ebling, John Hurley, Justin Ebling, Robert Utz, George Cohey. Alternates: None Listed.

****RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-336-3731 Fax: 301-499-5916; E-mail: info@ritchie37.com Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 1970. President: Steve Wilson, Vice President: Steven Bernard, Secretary: Christie McGee, Treasurer: Terry Hill, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Wilson. Delegates: Lawrence H. Lee, Steve Wilson, Chris Wilson, William Cunningham Sr., Steve Benard. Alternates: William Cunningham Jr., Terry Hill, Christie McGee, Greig Bernard, Ernie Wood.

****RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 602, 3121 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, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: John Fluharty, Maurice E. Carr, David E. Carr, Joel Greenwell. Alternates: None Listed.

****RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 6101 Roanoke Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7713; Email: info@rhvfd.org Website: rhvfd13.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925. President: Robert Goninan, Vice President, Secretary: Sarah Dofflemyer, Treasurer: Tim Donoghue, Chaplain, Chief: Aldo Zambrana. Delegates: Robert Gonian, Aldo Zambrana, Sarah Dofflemyer, Tim Donoghue, Todd Reedy. Alternates: Shariff Thomas.

RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-0356 Fax: 301-699-3204; E-mail: whiting@jonez.com Web Site: www.riverdalevfd.org. No credentials submitted 2014.

****RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 301, 8506 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1314 Fax: 410-255-2036; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Bruce Strong, Vice President: Todd Sink, Secretary: Kimberly Smith, Treasurer: Amy Kiser, Chaplain: William Zamostry, Chief: George Smith. Delegates: John Spiker Sr., Russel Schlick, Jay Shipley, David Rictor, Timmy Johnson. Alternates: Russ Zacarri, Bruce Strong, Gloria Lewis.

****ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 577, 21500 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661; Kent County; Telephone: 410-639-7888 Fax: 410-639-7637; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. President: William Bickley, Vice President: Kelley Reuwer, Secretary: Glenda Dierker, Treasurer: Madelyn Reni, Chaplain, Chief: Paul Brinkley. Delegates: Paul Brinkley, Richard Jacqueline, Kevin Middleton, John Toulson, Kevin Nelson. Alternates: Louanne Usilton, William Glenn, Jack Bigelow.

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****ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 34034, 2212 Seneca Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0328 Fax: 410-780-1759; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1947. President: Howard French, Vice President: John Medinger Sr., Secretary: Alisa Knapik, Treasurer: Frank Spangler, Chaplain, Chief: Ryan Knapik. Delegates: Howard French, John Medinger Sr., Alisa Knapik, Frank Spangler, Ryan Knapik. Alternates: Michael R. Stuart Jr., Stephen Kerby, Stephen Bromwell, Tammy Medinger, Leroy Ogel.

****ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1547, 380 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20849; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-424-0310 Fax: 301-294-4721; E-mail: president@rvfd.org Website: www.rvfd.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921. President: T. Cosgrove Jones, Vice President: Matthew Frank, Secretary: Russell W. Dawson, Treasurer: Danielle Thomas, Chaplain: Father Valentine Keveny, Chief: Scott E. Emmons. Delegates: Scott E. Emmons, T. Cosgrove Jones, Tom Kavanagh, Matthew Frank, Sander Cohen. Alternates: Michael Ader, Jack Ferguson, Chris Hinde.

****ROCKY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21778; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-4991; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Dale E. Kline, Vice President: Dennis Mathias, Secretary: Paulette Mathias, Treasurer: Bernard Wivell, Chaplain, Chief: Alan Hurley. Delegates: Dale E. Kline, Joey Youngerman, Kay Ensor, Kevin Albaugh. Alternates: None Listed.

****ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – 8037 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-866-4042 Fax: 410-866-2598; Email: jmazza@us.ibm.com; Website: rosedalevfd.com; Organized: 1930. President: Jack Mazza, Vice President: Steve Stachowski, Secretary: Michelle Harding, Treasurer: Chuck McJilton, Chaplain, Chief: Jim Pizzini. Delegates: Eric Endryas, Jack Mazza, Bill Pearson, Jim Pizzini, Steve Stachowski. Alternates: Eileen Endrayas, Deb Chaney, Brian Stark, Pam Westfall, Amber Kelly.

****SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Headquarters Company, 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3122; Website: salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1872. President: Walter Townsend III, Vice President: Jon D. Black, Secretary: Kelly Stottlemeyer, Treasurer: Mark Cotter, Chaplain: Roger Kondrup, Chief: Rick Hoppes. Delegates: Tim Murrell, Roger Kondrup, Joel McCroy, Daniel Long, Shane Morgan. Alternates: Taylor Harrison, Chad Littleton, Hannah Putt, Kelly Stottlemeyer, Austin Ensor.

****SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1, INC.** - PO Box 3215, 1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3127; E-mail: sta#1ezy.net Website www.salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1986; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: W. David Elliott Sr., Vice President: Charles E. Foskey, Secretary: Justin Elliott, Treasurer: Billy Lewis, Chaplain: Terry Jones, Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: Justin L. Elliott, Billy Lewis, Eric Foskey, David Elliott,

David Cooper. Alternates: Cory Polidore.

****SALISBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2, INC.** – PO Box 3381 (zip 21802), 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD 21804; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3125; Website: salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1930. President: Bryan Cook, Vice President: Justin Byrd, Secretary: Luann Hampshire, Treasurer: Corey Allensworth, Chaplain: Roger Kondrup, Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: William Higgins, Bill Nutter, Richard Childers, Corey Allensworth, David Bowling. Alternates: Robert Strobel, Burt Wagner, Brad Sparrow.

****SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-774-7400 Fax: 301-774-4821; E-mail: info@ssvfd.com Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1925. President: Michael A. Valente, Vice President: Jennifer Musgrove, Secretary: Michael McTighe, Treasurer: Stephen C. Lamphier, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: A. Michael Kelley. Delegates: George Brown, Joseph Aceto, Patricia Congdon, John Lindner, Nancy Thornton. Alternates: Louis Kaufman, Michael McTighe, Michael Valente, Michael Thornton.

****SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 905, 8521 Corridor Road, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-8754; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937. President: Michael Hitt, Vice President: Kristin Cox, Secretary: Charisa Carkhuff, Treasurer: Alan Conway, Chaplain: Paul Epstein, Chief: Ronald Hunley. Delegates: Michael Hitt, Terry Thompson, Ronald Hunley, David Brosky, Morman Wines. Alternates: George Clayton, Jon Day, Kevin Larkins Jr., David Hunley, M. Patrick Lepore.

****SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 6305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-336-2331; E-mail: eng8sqd@ao01.com; Website: www.seatpleasantfire.com; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1915. President: Marcus Jones, Vice President: Keviette Potts, Secretary: Nicole Bennett, Treasurer: Bryce Mendez, Chaplain: Damian Legacy, Chief: David McGill Jr. Delegates: Marcus Jones, David McGill, Bryce Mendez, Kevin Brenner, Keviette Potts. Alternates: Nicole Bennett, Phillip Martin, Eric Lubben, Joseph Johnson, Cassandra Alexander.

****SECOND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 1, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-994-0751 Fax: 301-994-2794; Website: sdvfd.org; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1972. President: Robert Grant, Vice President: Michael Wilson, Secretary: Amber Johnson, Treasurer: Lisa Callicott, Chaplain, Chief: Joseph Scrivener Jr. Delegates: Robert E. Russell, Joseph M. Scrivener Sr., Jeanette M. Scrivener, Gregory Adams, Joseph E. Knott. Alternates: Jennifer Scrivener, Robbie I. Springer, Cindy Bowes, John Guy, Robert Lynch.

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****SECRETARY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 56, 115 Myrtle Street, Secretary, MD 21664; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3545 Fax: 410-943-0330; E-mail: secretaryfiredept@comcast.net; WebSite: www.fire-ems.net/view/firedept/secretary/md; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined: MSFA: 1938. President: David Cox, Vice President: John Burton, Secretary: Casey Kirwan, Treasurer: Amanda Gullion, Chaplain: Fr. Stephen Lonek, Chief: John Burton. Delegates: Samuel B. Yockey, Michael W. Larrimore Sr., Michael W. Larrimore Jr., Ryan Bramble, David Cox. Alternates: Christopher Short, Casey Kirwan, Susan Kirwan, William Gullion III, Brian Kimmey.

****SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 206, 21660 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-769-3600 Fax: 301-769-3602; E-mail sdvfd5@msn.com; Website: sdvfd5.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: John D. Nelson, Vice President: Michael R. Huseman, Secretary: Anthony Hammett, Treasurer: Robin Morgan, Chaplain: John H. Nelson Jr., Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: John D. Nelson, Michael R. Huseman, John H. Nelson Jr., Anthony Hammett, Justen Hall. Alternates: None listed.

****SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 7, 21530 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-769-2287; Organized: 1960; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1988. President: Donald Phetteplace, Vice President: Mathew Colliflower, Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Stevie Lawrence, Chaplain: George Kennett, Chief: Amy Farr. Delegates: George Kennett, Joan Raley, Donald Phetteplace, Jennifer Huntington. Alternates: None Listed.

SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. - 19303 Shaft Road, SW., Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-1535 Fax: 301-687-0121; Email: co17@allconet.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. No credentials submitted 2014.

SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 307, 110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone 301-432-5348 Fax 301-432-6456; E-mail: roaddoc@erols.com Website: sharpsburgens.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968. No credentials submitted 2014.

****SHARPSBURG VOLUNTER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 297, 110 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-6321; Fax: 301-432-5167; E-mail: heather.gossard@myactv.net Website: sharpsburgfire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944. President: Jay Brandenburg, Vice President: Daryl Benner, Secretary: Dolly Jones, Treasurer: Ron Delauney, Chaplain: Rev. Delancy Catlett, Chief: Chris Mullendore. Delegates: Harry E. Gossard, W. Allen James, Jay Morgan, Jay Brandenburg, Bob Moncrief. Alternates: None listed.

****SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 307, 315 Main Street, Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-883-3131; Fax: 410-883-3043; Organized: 1926; President: Lester Huss, Vice President: Eric Gosnell,

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Secretary: Brenda L. Marvil, Treasurer: Linda Lambrose, Chaplain:, Chief: Billy White; Delegates: Lester Huss, Ted Fletcher, Tommy Bowden, Jeremy Ray; Alternates: William White, JR Shockley, Ronnie Marvil.

SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 11620 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD 21862; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-2380; Website: showellvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-423-7293 Fax 301-423-3280; E-mail silverhillvfd@comcast.net Website: silverhillvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1948. President: Charles A. Diana, Vice President: Wayne Higdon, Secretary: Jheri Gregory, Treasurer: Matthew Holt, Chaplain, Chief: George M. Thompson. Delegates: Charles A Diana, George M. Thompson, Steffen Santos, Diana M. Diana, Carl Andersen. Alternates: Chris Gregory, Jheri Gregory, Wayne Higdon, Matt Holt, Mike Alfieri.

****SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-587-3400 Fax: 301-588-3548; Email: ssfd@dstarpower.net; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1918. President: William Reindollar, Vice President: Kevin Horahan, Secretary: Susan Myatt, Treasurer: Jerry Leener, Chaplain, Chief: Roger McGary. Delegates: Susan Myatt, Burton Brenner, Barry Contee, Harold Traver, Margaret Fowke. Alternates: None Listed.

****SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-7300 Fax: 410-620-0797. SEE - WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

****SMITHBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 32, 22 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-2889 Fax: 301-824-3880; Organized:1932; Web Site: www.smithburgvfc.org; Chartered: 1933. President: Phil Rohrer Jr., Vice President: Glenn Reynolds, Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Mac Hutto, Chaplain: Martha Wolfe, Chief: Charles Johnson. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Phil Rohrer, Margaret Fishack, Raymond Slick. Alternates: Donny Bradburn, Pat Smith, Steve Lewis, Buddy Blake, Mike Johnson.

****SMITHBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.** – PO Box 411, 8 Maple Avenue, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-3314 Fax: 301-824-3670; E-mail: sems@erols.com; Organized: 1981; Chartered: 1981; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Joseph Ralls, Vice President: Cynthia Hull, Secretary: Mike Arnold, Treasurer: Emily Demmons, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: James Ulrich. Delegates: James Ulrich, Garrett Snyder, Krystina Snyder, Andy Smith, Joseph Ralls. Alternates: Kevin Demmons, James Daily, Mary Ralls, Lisa Hodges, Todd Frey.

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****SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 83, 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2110 Fax: 410-632-3911; Website: snowhillfire.com; Organized: 1897; Chartered: 1897. President: Alfred Larsion, Vice President: Billy Layfield, Secretary: Howard Stephens, Treasurer: Howard Stephens, Chaplain: Jim Phillips, Chief: Trey Heiser. Delegates: Richard Mills Jr., Mike Farlow, Bobby Davis, Billy Layfield, Eric Mullins. Alternates: None Listed.

****SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 189, 13150 H G Trueman Road, Solomons, MD 20688; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-326-6657; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Michael Collins, Vice President: Bernie Shea, Secretary: Kiersten Shea, Treasurer: Jennifer Shymansky, Chaplain, Chief: Joe Ford. Delegates: Michael Collins, Joe Ford, Kathy Sheckels, Kiersten Shea, John Pardoe. Alternates: Gary Crampton, Renee Crampton.

****SOUTH HAGERSTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3337; E-mail: southhagerstownfire@myactv.com; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Clinton Rowland, Vice President: Steve Mitchell, Secretary, Treasurer: Jerry L. Cummingham, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: William Hastings. Alternates: None Listed.

SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC - PO Box 378, 200 Baltimore Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3000, Fax: 301-334-3000; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 2000. No credentials submitted 2014.

****ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC.** – PO Box 101, 200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-586-1713, Fax: 410-586-3200; E-mail: president@slvfd.com Website: slvfd.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982. President: George Anderson, Vice President: Earnie Earnshaw, Secretary: Ginger Weasenforth, Treasurer: Keith Graham, Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine, Chief: Jennifer Lankford. Delegates: George Anderson, Danielle Joy, D.O. Baker Jr., Jeff Joy, Earnie Earnshaw. Alternates: William Lankford Jr.

****ST. MARY'S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT** - PO Box 2421, 41550 Doctors Crossing Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-475-3474 Fax: 301-475-4930; Organized: 1983; Chartered: 1983; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Scott Cooley, Vice President: Eva Jones, Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Debbie Kenney, Chaplain: George L'Heureux, Chief: Gary Easley. Delegates: Scott Cooley, Eva Jones, Hattie Nottis. Alternates: None Listed.

****ST. MICHAELS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1001 South Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-745-9393; Website: stmichaelsfd.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Douglas Haddaway, Vice President: Jessica Kastel, Secretary: Donna Cheezum, Treasurer: Frank Hopkinson, Chaplain: Rev. Emmanuel Johnson, Chief: Phil Jones. Delegates: James Ferguson. Alternates: Daniel Mautz.

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****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: John Foxwell, Secretary: Chris Riddleberger, Treasurer: Tim Wynne, Chaplain:, Chief: Neil A. Payne. Delegates: Tim Wynne, Tom Beauchamp, Neil Payne, Tim Jerscheid, Lisa Jerscheid. Alternates: None Listed.

****SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 61, 203 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-438-3155 Fax: 410-438-2946. President: Michael Faust, Vice President: Kurt Wise, Secretary: Monic Stant, Treasurer: Nicole Brown, Chaplain, Chief: Francis Kinnamon. Delegates: Michael Faust, Logan Faust, Robert Nicholson Jr., India Hurtt, Michael Davis Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

****SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 58, 911 Revolution Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-1920; Organized: 1902. President: Charles Packard Sr., Vice President: Frank Hawley, Secretary: Elaine Burchett, Treasurer: Joe Weatherstien, Chaplain: Frank Roth, Chief: Scott Hurst. Delegates: Scott L. Pentz, Craig Triplett, Ron Cordwell, Frank Roth, Ron Cardwell. Alternates: Mike Forgey, Lance Waller, Elaine Burchett, Bob Wiley, Chad Myers.

****SYKESVILLE FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-8021 Fax: 410-549-8759; E-mail: sfdfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us Website: www.sykesvillefire.org; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933; Joined MSFA: 1935. President: Kevin Shiloh, Vice President: David Kreimer, Secretary: Paula Buck, Treasurer: Susan Tarrant, Chaplain: Charles Barnhart, Chief: Ed Ruch, Jr. Delegates: Lynn Gabler, Dennis, Gary McGinis, William Wagner. Alternates: None Listed.

****TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8954; Fax: 301-270-1906; E-mail: elmerhamm@msn.com Website: tpvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1922. President: Elmer E. Hamm, Vice President: Richard Willey, Secretary: Stephen Novik, Treasurer: Bruce Allen, Chaplain: David Hooker, Chief: Thomas Musgrove. Delegates: James E. Jarboe, Thomas Musgrove, Elmer Hamm, Bruce Allen, Richard Willey. Alternates: Jorge Alfaro, Andrew Willey, Leslie Deleon, Pam Vaga, Keki Alfaro.

****TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-756-6253 Fax: 410-751-0510; Website: tvfc5.org. President: James Haines, Vice President: Donald Shoemaker, Secretary: Daniel Haines, Treasurer: James Parker, Chaplain: Gordon Brauning, Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: James Haines, Craig Austin, Phil Petry, Tom Hogg, Steve Aberts. Alternates: Ryan Houck, Charles Parrish, Danny Myers, Jim Parker.

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****TAYLOR'S ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 277, 501 Taylor's Island Road, Taylor's Island, MD 21669; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-397-3524. President: Patti C. Tieder; Vice President: Anna Grossnickle, Secretary: Ed Bacon, Treasurer: Paul Mace, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Kirkley, Chief: J.B. Tieder. Delegates: J.B. Tieder, Patti C. Tieder, Ed Bacon, Paul Mace, Anna Grossnickle. Alternates: John Cutter, Josh Tieder.

TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 522, 7035 Poorhouse Road, Marbury, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: 301-753-8215; Fax: 301-743-6096; Website: tdvfd8.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1951. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****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: Lowman Keeney, Vice President: Jim Humerick, Secretary: Joyce Stitely, Treasurer: Judy White, Chaplain: James Hamrick, Chief: Dennis Ott. Delegates: Judy White. Alternates: None Listed.

****TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 297, 5979 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-886-2101; E-mail: tivfc@goeaston.net; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1938. President: Charlie Schneider, Vice President: Eileen Reiss, Secretary: Linda Gottlieb, Treasurer: Charlotte Fluharty, Chaplain, Chief: Billy Lednum. Delegates: Danny Mautz. Alternates: None Listed.

****TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 86, 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-476-3535 Fax: 410-476-3859; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. President: Ben Diefenderfer, Vice President: Shirley Quidas, Secretary: Beth Morris, Treasurer: Mike Marshall, Chaplain, Chief: Nick Newman. Delegates: George McCracken, Curtis Chase, Shirley Quidas. Alternates: None listed.

****TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC.** - 59 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3067; Fax: 301-359-0479; E-mail: co50@allconet.org Website: ttems.org; Organized: 1974; Chartered: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1999. President: Lonzy Clark, Vice President: Lynn Sweitzer, Secretary: April Woolard, Treasurer: Rhonda Clark, Chaplain: Thomas Morgan, Chief: Robert Pattison. Delegates: Lonzy Clark, Tim Connor, Rhonda Clark, Robert Pattison, Josh Burkett. Alternates: Pam Burkett, Lynn Sweitzer.

TYLERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD INC – PO Box 655, 21140 Tuff Street, Tylerton MD 21866; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-425-2420 Fax: 410-425-2420; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-775-7422 Fax: 410-

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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 Michael, Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Jerry Harris, Tom Garber, Doug Bostian, Chad Green, Brenda Burdette. Alternates: Eugene Curfman, David Nelson.

****UNITED COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 939, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-643-1162 Fax: 410-643-1163; E-mail: rsiarnicki@aol.com Website: www.ucvfd.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Ronald J. Siarnicki, Vice President: Tylor Patton, Secretary: Pat Neil, Treasurer: Buck Ferrin, Chaplain: Andy Cole, Chief: Chris Tona. Delegates: Tylor.Patton, Chris Tona, Kevin Henderson, Tom Clark, Scott Svoboda Alternates: Lisa Tona, Pat Dempsey, AJ Papa, Carrie Svoboda, Tim Thomas.

****UNITED STEAM ENGINE FIRE COMPANY NO.3, INC.** – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1711; Website: ufc3.org; Organized: 1845; Chartered: 1905; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: James Graham, Vice President: John Droneburg, Secretary: Angie Hummer, Treasurer: James Morgan, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Marc McNeal. Delegates: Kim Shook, Dave Smith, Derek Graham Keith Duball, John Droneburg. Alternates: Heather DuVall.

****UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-972-8719; E-mail: umcvfd@hotmail.com Website: umcvfd.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946. President: Ross Meem, Vice President: George T. Hillard, Secretary: Teresa Meem, Treasurer: Robert Settlermaier, Chaplain: Lynn Lipp, Chief: Mike White. Delegates: Ross Meem, Robby Bliss, Mike Burns, Bob Settlermaier, Christine Mulligan. Alternates: Dick Bauer, Teresa Meem.

****URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-662-3822 Fax: 301-874-2642; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Stewart Webb, Vice President: Ron Wilt, Secretary: Theresa Darragh, Treasurer: Susan O'Brien, Chaplain, Chief: James May. Delegates: Doug Smith. Alternates: None Listed.

****VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 5, 301 Ocean Gateway, Vienna, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3319 Fax: 410-376-3319; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. President: Robert Horsman Jr., Vice President: Edward Kukta., Secretary: Jennie Bradley, Treasurer: Debbie Horsman, Chaplain, Chief: Joseph Hughes. Delegates: Robert Horsman Jr, Edward Kukta, Joseph Hughes, Jamie McFarlane, William Wheatley. Alternates: Debbie Horsman, Vicky Wheatley, Pam Travers, Kathy Sellers, Alfred Travers Jr.

VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY, INC. PO Box 171, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-447-2728 Fax: 301-447-1724; E-mail: HN181@aol.com Website: www.vigilanthose.org; Organized: 1884. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1470 Fax: 410-242-3131; E-mail: ahoffman@bs.co.md.us Website: violetvillevfd.com; Organized: 1906; Chartered: 1945. President: Charles Weber Jr., Vice President: Melvin Rositzky, Secretary: John Rudasil, Treasurer: Carolyn Connell, Chaplain, Chief: William Swann. Delegates: Charles Weber Jr., Steve Pearsall, Carolyn Connell, Melvin Rositzky, Lee Buffington. Alternates: Albert Wingrove, Justin Wingrove, John Ijams, Gary Purkey.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BRANDYWINE, INC.** – PO Box 238, 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-883-7740 Fax: 301-372-0146; Website: brandywinevfd.net. President: Kenneth S. Rose Sr., Vice President: Michael Lantz, Secretary: H. Diane Daniels, Treasurer: Kenneth S. Rose Jr., Chaplain: Kenneth S. Rose Sr., Chief: William Carr. Delegates: Ronald Wilkinson Sr., Michael Lantz, Kenneth S. Rose Sr., Larry Wilkinson, Brian Clements. Alternates: Kenneth S. Rose Jr., Arthur Douglas, Glenn Johnson., Carolyn Lantz, Andy Carr.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS, INC.** - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-336-2111 E-Mail jmcclell@fm.umd.edu Website chvfd.org; Organized:1913; Chartered:1914. President: James E. McClelland, Vice President: Dwayne A. Frost Sr., Secretary: Robert M. Russell, Treasurer: Charles E. Miller, Chaplain: Dwayne A. Frost Sr., Chief: John H. Weaver. Delegates: James E. McClelland Sr., Robert M. Russell, Albert Adams, Kimberly F. Lee, John H. Weaver. Alternates: Charles E. Miller, David S Breeden Jr., Jennifer A. McClelland, Robert E. McClelland Jr.

****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; Website: chesapeakecity2and12.com; Organized: 1911; Chartered: 1911; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Terry Ferguson, Vice President: Jimmy Wadkins, Secretary: Heather Loveless, Treasurer: Ed Long Sr., Chaplain: Robert Loller, Chief: John Loveless Sr. Delegates: Donald L. Briscoe, Thomas Morris, Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Frankie Stubbs, Chris Arches. Alternates: Terry Ferguson, Jimmy Wadkins, John Loveless Sr., Edward Long, Ray Stevens Sr.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY of ELLERSLIE, INC. – PO Box 237, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. No credentials submitted for 2014.

****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: Jeff Kimble, Vice President: Dave Donohue, Secretary: Brenda Dattilio, Treasurer: Steve Heefner, Chaplain, Chief: Nick Dattilio. Delegates: Steve Heefner, Jeffrey Ringer, Jeff Preston, Jamie Drawbaugh, Kim Anderson. Alternates: Tammy Drawbaugh, Tina Adams, Scott Adams, Ed Ernst, Teresa Preston.

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****VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK, INC.** – PO Box 16786, 1449 Sussex Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0329 Fax: 410-391-4718; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: John Alban Jr., Vice President: Frank Pollock, Secretary: Anthony Schield, Treasurer: William Stump, Chaplain: James Alban, Chief: John Alban III. Delegates: Anthony Schield, John Alban Jr., John Alban III, Robert Oerman, Frank Pollock. Alternates: Cisco Guzman.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD OF WEST LANHAM HILLS, MD, INC.** - 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784; Prince George's County; 301-883-7728 Fax 301-731-5163; Website www.wlhvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Scott Vazquez, Vice President: Ronnie Solomon, Secretary: Saher Ali, Treasurer: Amy Solomon; Chaplain, Chief: John R. Alter. Delegates: Scott Vazquez, John R. Alter, Ronnie Solomon, Tom Burk, Richard Clemens. Alternates: Jeff Miller, William Smith, Robert Johnson, Michelle Elden, Saher Ali.

****WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Charles County; Telephone: 301-645-3000 Fax: 301-870-0136; Email: dstevens@waldorfvfd.com Website: waldorfvfd.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: David C. VanGasbeck, Vice President: Ron Marth, Secretary: Lee Hayes Jr., Treasurer: Mike Strain, Chaplain, Chief: James R. Hayden. Delegates: Daniel J. Stevens, David VanGasbeck, Jerry Hardy, Thomas Edwards, William Cooke. Alternates: Bobbie Stevens, J. R. Hayden, Mike Strain, Bill Bauer, Vernon Monday.

****WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9110 Fax: 301-898-4032; Website: www.walkersvillefire.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1940. President: John Zimmerman, Vice President: Brian Hildebrand, Secretary: Brenda Staley, Treasurer: James Graham, Chaplain: Chad Weiddle, Chief: Matt Staley. Delegates: Matt Staley, Billy Horine, Brian Hildebrand. Alternates: None Listed.

****WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 202, 73 W. Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-845-8875 Fax: 301-845-6058; Website: www.wrc24.com; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977; Joined MSFA: 1978. President: Sandra Maxey, Vice President: Cindy Cramer, Secretary: Lindsay Kelly, Treasurer: Chuck Hanfman, Chaplain: Pat Collins, Chief: William Cramer. Delegates: Topper Cramer. Alternates: None Listed

****WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 324, 15 North Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-378-4133 Fax: 410-378-9343; E-mail: waterwitchco@verizon.net Website: wwfco.com; Organized: 1844. President: Rich Hull, Vice President: Chris Bannon, Secretary: Ashley Hennemuth, Treasurer: Fred Mott, Chaplain: Rev. George Hipkins, Chief: Greg Miller. Delegates: Wayne Tome Sr., Donald Poist, Tony Dimauro Sr., Karen Mott, Richard Brooks. Alternates: None listed.

****WEST ANNAPOLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INC.** – 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-266-8066; Website: wavfd.org; Organized: 1911. President: Douglas M. Beall, Vice President: Linderman L. Burkhart, Secretary: Andrew Clemenko, Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell, Chaplain: James Caufield III, Chief: Robert E. Vice Jr. Delegates: Gayle C. Bender, Wayne Bender, Douglas Beall, Robert Vice Jr., Penny Nichols. Alternates: None Listed.

****WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 439, 12535 Old Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-5403 Fax: 410-442-1664; Website: wfvfd.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944. President: Carroll L. Roles, Vice President: Carl Buell, Secretary: Teresa Beck, Treasurer: Steven Fleming, Chaplain: Jeffrey Sturgess, Chief: H. Mitchell Day. Delegates: Carroll Roles, Mickey Day, Carl Buell, Mike Collins, James Piersall. Alternates: Theresa Callins, William Spicer, Norma Spicer, Marthe Roles.

****WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC** – 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784, Prince George's County; Telephone 301-577-0777 Fax: 301-731-5163; Organized: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. See Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad of West Lanham Hills

WEST SIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 85, 20455 Nanticoke Road, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-873-2140 Fax: 410-873-2170; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. President: Donald Messick, Vice President: Jerry Nelson, Secretary: Crystal Dickerson, Treasurer: Paul Dennis, Chaplain, Chief: John Wilson. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, John Wilson, Don Messick, John Catlin, Brian Catlin. Alternates: Pat Tobat, Jerry Nelson, Riley Scott, Crystal Dickerson, Carol Dickerson.

****WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY #4, INC.** – 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-8615; E-mail: wefc@myactv.net; Organized: 1872. President: Cherry Hiser, Vice President: Charles Barr, Secretary: Tania Leather, Treasurer: Devin Mills, Chaplain: Richard Bower, Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: Rick Blair, James Schaeffer, Devin Mills, Richard Bower, Cherry Hiser. Alternates: Anna Dobbins, Tania Leather.

****WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 357, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-1800 Fax: 410-848-3407; E-mail: westfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized: 1823. President: Daniel Plunkert, Vice President: Jason Tyler, Secretary: Charles Ray, Treasurer: Robert Ruby, Chaplain: Kevin Dayhoff, Chief: James Bangerd III. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Daniel Plunkert. Alternates: None listed.

****WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 2400 Arcola Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-949-4044; E-mail: webmaster@wvrs.org Website: wvrs.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Gamunu

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Wijetunge, Vice President: Roger Marks, Secretary: Rhonda Cohen, Treasurer: Bill Dunlap, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: Mark Dempsey. Delegates: Robert Lawson, Ben Mull. Alternates: John Rives.

****WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, Maryland 21162. Telephone: 410-335-5112; Fax: 410-335-1842; E-Mail: cao200@bcvfa.org Website: wvmf.org. President: Kevin Palmer, Vice President: Al Vaughn, Secretary: Kelly Murphy, Treasurer: Vicky Davidson, Chaplain: Rev. Jack Bussard, Chief: Rick Blubaughn. Delegate: Kevin Palmer, Al Vaughn, Rick Blubaughn, Barry Betts, Rick Breach Sr. Alternates: Mike Connelly, Vicki Davidson, Scott Davidson, Carol Vaughn, Heather Goulden.

****WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160; Harford County; Telephone: 410-452-8875 Fax: 410-638-3687; E-mail: co@netzero.com Website: whitefordfire.com. President: C. Larry Holbrook, Vice President: Dan Lemmon, Secretary: Janet Holbrook, Treasurer: Charles Mohr, Chaplain: Michael Karmann, Chief: Matt Barben. Delegates: James R. Williams, David C. "Rusty" Leftwich. Alternates: None Listed.

****WILLARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 38, 7370 Main Street, Willards, MD 21874; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8678 Fax: 410-835-2466; Website: willardsfire.com; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. President: Matthew McCormick, Vice President: J. Brandon White, Secretary: Samatha Gray, Treasurer: Joan Calloway, Chaplain: J. Michael March, Chief: D. Kyle Gray. Delegates: Matthew McCormick, J. Brandon White, D. Kyle Gray, James Parker, James Glime. Alternates: Randy White, James Milliner, Herb Harmon, John Michael March.

****THE WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.** – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-7300 Fax: 410-620-0797; Organized: 1892; Joined MSFA: 1896. President: Phillip B. Scott, Vice President: David Meaders, Secretary: Steven G. Horah, Treasurer: Norman E. Marquess, Chaplain: Fr. John Solomon, Chief: Fred Hill. Delegates: William R. Caldwell, Kay Trego, Walter Trego, Michael A. Patrick, John J. Denver. Alternates: Matt Patrick.

****WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS COMPANY, INC.** – 2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: 301-223-9500 Fax: 301-223-6122; E-mail: s2chief@wcvfr.org Website: www.williamsportfire.org; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Timothy Ammons, Vice President: Brandy Osborne, Secretary: Brian Lowman, Treasurer: John Raidt Sr., Chaplain: Robert Fraley, Chief: William R. Ball III. Delegates: Brian Lowman, Karen Lowman, William R. Ball, Tim Ammons, Mark Kopp. Alternates: Donnie, Bingaman, Michael Nokes, Brandy Osborne.

****WINFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1320 West Old Liberty Road, Winfield, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-1333

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Fax: 410-795-1375; Website: www.winfieldvfd.org. President: Robert Farver, Vice President: Carl Broussard, Secretary: Kim Legore, Treasurer: Norman Zepp, Chaplain, Chief: Zach Schneider. Delegates: Kevin Warner, Joe Beadenkopf, Nicholas Haspert, Zach Warner, Debbie Gartrell-Kemp. Alternates: None Listed.

****WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-877-7262 Fax: 410-288-6095; E-mail: co270@bcvfa.org Website: www.wavfc.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1972. President: George Bruzdziński, Vice President: George Schroen, Secretary: Judy Krouse, Treasurer: Deanna Beam, Chaplain, Chief: Tom Ludwig. Delegates: Robert Francis, Joe Bruzdziński. Alternates: None listed.

WOLFSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12464 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-1453 Fax: 301-293-1343; E-mail: dafddf21@aol.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. No Credentials were submitted for 2014

****WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 236, 529 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-3100; E-mail: vloemt448@comcast.net Website: woodlandbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1944. President: Mac Connell Sr., Vice President: Tim Faudree, Secretary: Candyee Hilgenberg, Treasurer: Paul Mills, Chaplain: Margaret Stalsberg, Chief: Joseph Howlin. Delegates: Joseph M. Connell, Paul Mills, Roy Faudree, Melissa Gore, Julie Faudree. Alternates: Mac Connell Jr., Tim Faudree, Jason Cutler, Vicki Ogilvie, Bobby Howlin.

****WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-265-8666 Fax: 410-944-2060; Website woodlawnvfc.org; Organized: 1941. President: Leroy Burch, Vice President: Barbara Krug, Secretary: Sheri Luck, Treasurer: Frank Al Seicke, Chaplain: Ed Marner, Chief: William Kern. Delegates: William J. Letourneau Jr., Thomas Richarts, Frank Al Seicke, Barbara Krug. Alternates: None Listed.

****WOODSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 153, 2 South Third Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-5100 Fax: 301-898-8443; E-mail: wvfd16@starpower.net Website: woodsborovfc.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Robert Lind, Vice President: Donald Beyer, Secretary: Sue Mosholder, Treasurer: James Writer, Chaplain: Kay Ensor, Chief: Michael Fyock. Delegates: Michael Fyock, Diane Fyock, Dennis Derry. Alternates: James Lind.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS ASSOCIATION, INC. – 115 Glenmont Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-766-4221 Organized: 1958.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION - PO Box 881, Millersville MD 21108; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-222-8200, Fax: 410-987-2904; Organized 1932; Joined MSFA April 2007.

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****CENTRAL ALARMERS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC.** – 7856 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21236. Telephone: 410-661-9321; Organized: 1955; Joined MSFA: 2002; Charter: 1955. President: Frank Ward, Vice President: Kirk Soistman, Secretary: Robert Frank, Treasurer: Joann Fales, Chaplain, Chief: Don Fales. Delegates: Frank Ward, Kirk Soistman, Al Vaughn, Don Fales, Charlie Lewis. Alternates: H. Goulden, C. Vaughn, J. Fales, T. Ward, C. Oliphant.

****CITIZENS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 31, 71 Market Street, York County, Fawn Grove, PA 17321; Telephone: 717-382-4432, Fax: 717-382-4454; Website: www.citizensvfc.com; Organized: 1996. President: William Kurtz, Vice President: Kirk Webb, Secretary: Bonny Burns, Treasurer: Suzanne Yowell, Chaplain: Douglas Winward, Chief: Scott Dickson. Delegates: Laura Taylor, Douglas Shanberger, James Williams, Daniel D. Blake, Hannah Lowe. Alternates: Stacey Shanberger, Daniel L. Blake, Thelma Blake.

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT – 1790 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-263-7975

CITY OF SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT – 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21802; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3120

FREDERICK COUNTY DIVISION OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES – 5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1536, Fax: 301-600-2592.

FREDERICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION - 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/dfrs; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2000

HARFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMS ASSOCIATION – 343C Granny Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050.

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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 400, Columbia, MD 21046, Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-6000 Fax: 410-313-6027; Email: rfaith@co.ho.md.us Website: ho.co.md.us.

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MARYLAND FIRE & RESCUE INSTUTITE - MFRI, University of Maryland, 4500 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20742; Telephone: 1-800-275-6374

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE - 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-777-2400 Fax: 240-777-2443

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD, 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-777-2400 Fax: 240-777-2443

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PROVIDENT AGENCY - PO Box 11588, 272 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15238; Telephone: (800)-447-0360 Fax: 412-963-0415; Email: cbens@providentbenefits.com; Website providentbenefits.com.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE SERVICES - PO Box 2726, 183 Leaders Heights Road, York, PA 21030

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Maryland State
Firemen’s Association
is to Serve, Promote,
Advocate, and
Represent
the interest of the
Volunteer Fire, Rescue,
and Emergency Medical
Services of Maryland”**

CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

An Act to Incorporate the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Section 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.

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 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.

Section 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.

Section 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

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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.

Section 5 - And be it enacted, That J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward 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.

Section 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

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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 service, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the findings and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance and Rescue companies of the state of Maryland composing the members of this Corporation shall annually, in June elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years), and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number of persons as may be provided by the Constitution of the Corporation to act as the Executive Committee; who, together with the other Officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Maryland State Firemen's Association has caused these presents to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and its Secretary, and to affix its Corporation seal hereunto this 17th day of June, 1975.

ATTEST:

CHARLES B. BURTON, Secretary

THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

by C. EDWIN TURNER SR., President

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF MARYLAND, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of June, 1975, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared C. EDWIN TURNER SR., President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, acknowledged the a 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 a foregoing Amendments were enacted and that the said Amendments were adopted and that the matters and facts set forth in the a 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

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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 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 presentees 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 B y :
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 a 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 a foregoing Amendments were enacted and that following proper notice to its membership, that said Amendments were voted on adopted, and that the matters set forth in the a 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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ARTICLE I- NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- The name of the Association shall be "The Maryland State Firemen's Association". "MSFA" shall be considered to represent the name of the Association when used, subsequent to this Section, in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2- Regular Membership - Regular members shall be the Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies whose stations are located in the State of Maryland, having equipment, personnel and facilities which comply with the provisions of this Constitution, and who have paid the initiation fee, yearly dues, and have elected delegates and alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. Nothing in this Article shall be constructed as affecting the membership status of any volunteer fire company or department, which was a member of the Association on July 1, 1975. The words "Member Companies" as used in 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 session of the Annual Convention and Conference 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

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of the Executive Committee for election to Associate Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. In order to qualify as Associate Member, the applicant organization must provide services, which directly benefit career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies of the State of Maryland, such as providing for services at the scene of an emergency, fund raising for such organizations or other similar purposes. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose of the organization applying for Associate Membership, and that it is effectively a non-profit organization; that it is an organization which does not exist for the profit of any individual member thereof, but for humanitarian purposes.

The annual dues for Associate Membership would be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The first year's dues plus a five-dollar (\$5.00) initiation fee must accompany the application. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the annual dues shall be donated to the MSFA Foundation specially identified for scholarships.

Associate Members once approved as such, are entitled to attend activities of the MSFA. However, Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote with regard to the business of the MSFA.

Section 5- Sustaining Membership- Any organization which desires to provide pecuniary support or otherwise collaterally support any program or purpose of the MSFA, and the existence of which as an entity does not otherwise contain any conflict with respect to the purposes of the MSFA, may apply to the MSFA as a Sustaining Member. The application for such membership would be required to be submitted to the Executive Committee of the 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.

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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- 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 9- 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.

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Upon a Member Company or member(s) of a company violating this provision, the Executive Committee shall direct the MSFA Secretary to notify the company, in writing, of the specifics of the misconduct and request a representative of the company to appear before the Executive Committee at a specific time and place.

The Executive Committee in executive closed session shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and Bylaws violation. The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member.

ARTICLE II- ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- The Annual Convention and Conference shall be held annually in June. Business sessions shall be at the call of the President. The President shall develop an Order of Business for the Annual Convention and Conference, to be approved by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee Meeting in the new calendar year. The Order of Business shall enumerate the business session planned and provide, at a minimum, for Reports of Officers; Reports of Committees; Nomination of Officers; Voting for Officers and Constitution and By-Laws changes; Unfinished Business; New Business; 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,

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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 the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference, shall automatically be suspended. The Secretary shall notify the Member Company that it has been suspended for failure to pay dues and shall not be permitted to register at the Annual Convention and Conference. If the suspended Member Company does not pay its dues by the Executive Committee meeting, held at least thirty (30) days following the Annual Convention and Conference, the suspended Member 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 Committee and a financial report conducted by an outside accounting service of their status made to the Executive Committee, prior to the next Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 7- There shall be a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Manual maintained by the Constitution and By-laws Committee which shall contain administrative and operational procedures approved by the President and the Executive Committee. SOPs shall be developed in accordance with SOP A001 "Preparation and Control of Standard Operating Procedures."

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1- All elected officers of this Association shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Chaplain, and a Board of five (5) Trustees.

The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Chief Chaplain shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees.

The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall be elected in alternate years, so that their terms of office do not

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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 and 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. They shall make an annual report to the Association and shall perform all other duties as may be required of them 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.

It shall be the duty of the President to invite through the Secretary, the Governor

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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 an appropriate medium 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.

Section 8- The Financial Secretary shall receive all monies and turn them over to the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall keep in an appropriate medium, 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 the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.

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Section 9- The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary and safely keep all monies belonging to the MSFA. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for the payment of bills of the MSFA, along with the President, the Financial Secretary, or Committee Chairman on whose budgeted funds the check is being drawn, after the expense has been submitted to the Budget and Revenue Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at the first session of each Annual Convention and Conference, giving an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, accompanied by the vouchers thereof. The Treasurer shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the Financial Secretary.

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 Board of Trustees shall make a report, in writing, to the MSFA at each Annual Convention and Conference.

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.

Section 12- No Officer, Committee Chairman, or Member shall at any time or in any way, by writing or otherwise, take into their hands any matter being handled by an Officer or Committee, without first consulting said Officer or Committee Chairman in charge.

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Section 13- Failure of an Officer to perform their 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 attending the MSFA Executive Committee shall be in accordance with SOP A003 "Travel Reimbursement".

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.

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The Executive Committee shall have the power to call Special Conventions and Conferences through the President. The Executive Committee shall make an annual report to the MSFA and shall look after its interest generally. At all of its meetings a majority shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those present shall decide all questions. (The Executive Committee shall only receive or make payment of money or contracts during its period of office.)

The Executive Committee shall take an annual inventory of all equipment, supplies, etc., owned by the Association, listing name of article, value of same and in whose custody said article is maintained. This inventory shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book. No property belonging to the Association shall be disposed of without the consent of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee and the Elected Officers shall manage the affairs of, and the Executive Committee shall transact all business of the MSFA requiring action between the Annual Conventions and Conferences.

The Executive Committee shall review and approve, or disapprove with recommendations all recommendations for grants, loans, or low interest loans made by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. The Executive Committee shall confer with the President of the MSFA, with respect to requests for funding to be made for the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board, to be presented to the Governor by the President of the MSFA.

The Executive Committee shall review and approve the creation and/or presentation of any new awards based upon the review and recommendations of the Awards Committee.

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

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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.

Section 21- MSFA Officers will be reimbursed for expenses occurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with SOP A002 “Expense Reimbursement”.

Section 22- The MSFA presidential vehicles are provided for the use of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents for official business of the Association as authorized by the Executive Committee. Rules for the operation and maintenance of the President’s vehicles shall be in accordance with SOP A004 “Operation and Maintenance of the President’s Vehicle Fleet”.

ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES

Section 1- The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

17 State Circle Committee- At least three (3) 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.

Budget and Revenue Committee- Six (6) members, plus the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall constitute the Budget and Revenue Committee. Two (2) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

Convention and Conference Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

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Data Systems Committee- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.

Emergency Medical Services Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Financial Committee- The Committee shall consist of the Office of the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Treasurer, the Budget and Revenue Committee Chairman and a representative of the Executive Committee.

Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

Firefighter of the Year Committee- At least nine (9) members, appointed annually.

Grants Committee- At least five (5) 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.

Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter's Room Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

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.

Legislative Committee- Chairman and one (1) member from each county represented in the MSFA, all to be appointed annually.

Planning Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

President's Vehicle Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Public Relations Committee- At least five (5) members all to be appointed annually.

Recruitment and Retention Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.

Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee- At least eleven (11) members, all to be appointed annually.

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Risk Management Committee- At least three (3) 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 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.

Sergeant-At-Arms Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.

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.

Statistical Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.

Training Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.

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.

Ways and Means Committee- At least six (6) members, all to be appointed annually.

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

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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 for Committee Chairman or their designated representative shall be in accordance with SOP A003 "Travel Reimbursement".

ARTICLE VI- BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall act in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq. to provide and administer Line of Duty death benefits to spouses and children, or other family members, of volunteer firefighters, volunteer rescue squad personnel, volunteer ambulance personnel, and volunteer advanced life support personnel who have been determined to have died in the Line of Duty.

The Board of Trustees will also provide and administer Line of Duty injury and disability benefits as provided in the Article of Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

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The Board of Trustees reserves the right to increase death and/or disability benefits subject to available funding and in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Article on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

Specific rules and application procedures for the award of benefits shall be published in a manual which shall be made available to the membership of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

Section 1- This Constitution may be amended or revised at any Annual Convention and Conference by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendments, provided the proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted, in writing, by the Executive Committee or a member company of this Association and forwarded to the Executive Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference. The proposed amendment or revision to be in the hands of the Secretary, at least sixty (60) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 2- Upon receipt of the amendment by the Executive Committee, in accordance with Section 1, the Recording Secretary shall mail or distribute by an appropriate means 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 |

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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;

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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 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.

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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).

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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.

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, ALS, BLS, RESCUE, AND MARINE COMPANES OR DEPARTMENTS ARE:

- a) Shall maintain records of responses in accordance with an approved reporting system.
- b) Provide a heated station of adequate size and configuration to house apparatus, vehicles and equipment.
- c) Shall have a suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting membership.
- d) Shall pass an inspection made by the Standards Committee prior to acceptance.
- e) Shall pass subsequent inspections made from time to time by the Standards Committee.
- f) Shall require all emergency vehicle drivers to be trained as Emergency Vehicle Operators.
- g) Shall require all Marine unit vessels to have a qualified operator.
- h) As used in these By-Laws the term "emergency medical provider" will include those individuals having a current valid certification or license issued by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

SECTION 2 – THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR DEPARTMENT ARE:

- a) Active membership consisting of at least twenty (2) 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 apparatus. These operators shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the apparatus and will be under the guidance of the Chief Officer.
- c) A minimum of ten (10) active members 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) Shall operate apparatus in conformance to the follow SOPs defining the MSFA standard for pumper, pumper/tankers, tankers with pumps, tankers without pump, and aerial apparatus as applicable:
 - 1. SOP No. S001 "Pumper Standards"
 - 2. SOP No. S002 "Tanker Standards"
 - 3. SOP No. S003 "Ladder Truck Standards"

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 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-B certification (or higher-level certification) issued through MIEMSS. The EMT-B (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,

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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. Ambulance supplies and equipment are listed in SOP E001 "Ambulance Company Standards".

**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)

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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

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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 set forth in SOP E002 "ALS (MICU) Standards".

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 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 ALS unit and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications system, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, each ALS unit belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least one (1) attendant certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials- Operations Level Course. That attendant 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.

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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 stated in Section 3.2 of SOP E002 "ALS (MICU) Standards".

ARTICLE H- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES

Section 1- The minimum standards for volunteer rescue companies are:

a) The following rescue equipment shall be carried on a motorized piece of apparatus with a minimum 1/2-ton capacity to carry same without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. All personnel staffing this unit shall have protective clothing available.

b) Active company membership consisting of at least ten (10) trained members including two (2) officers; a heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of apparatus and equipment; and a suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company members.

c) Member companies operating a rescue squad shall maintain on their roster a minimum of ten (10) members who have successfully completed the forty (40) hour basic course in rescue procedures, the intermediate course of Rescue

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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) Equipment standards are found in SOP E003 "Rescue Company Standards".

ARTICLE I- MINIMUM STANDARD BLS FIRST RESPONDER UNITS

Section 1- The standards for this unit are found in SOP E004 "BLS First Responder Standards".

ARTICLE J- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MARINE UNITS

Section 1- Standards for watercraft are found in SOP E005 "Watercraft Standards".

ARTICLE K- COMMITTEE DUTIES

NOTE: For duties of the Executive Committee, refer to MSFA Constitution, Article IV, Section 16.

Section 1- 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 2- The **Awards Committee** shall coordinate functions of the MSFA Committees responsible for the selection and making of awards.

Section 3- 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 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".

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Section 5- The **Convention and Conference Committee** shall make arrangements for the Annual Convention and Conference and, as needed, shall coordinate activities with local organizations.

Section 6- The **Data Systems Committee** shall establish a mechanism for collecting and recording information on the type and value of each kind of financial support provided or available by counties and municipalities to fire, emergency medical services, and 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 7- 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 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 8- The **Financial Committee** shall function as a team consisting of the Office of the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Treasurer, the Budget and Revenue Committee Chairman, and a representative of the Executive Committee.

The team will be responsible for the fiscal matters of the Association and shall provide an annual Financial Report conducted by an outside accounting service to the Executive Committee by the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 9- 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 and Life Safety 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.

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Section 10- 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 11- The **Grants Committee** shall promote participation in grant programs and provide assistance to Companies/Departments with grant applications and grant writing.

Section 12- 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 13- 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, and 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 14- 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.

Section 15- 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 on behalf of the Association also keeps and files records required by law. The Chairman shall report regularly and seek advice from the Officers and the 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.

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Section 16- The **Planning Committee** shall in conjunction with the Presidents and Executive Committee develop short and long range goals and plans of the Association.

Section 17- The **President's Vehicle Committee** is responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of Association vehicles and accessories.

Section 18- 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 19- The **Recruitment and Retention Committee** is responsible for developing and executing programs to assist members with recruiting new members and keeping their existing members.

Section 20- The **Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee** supports and works with local fire service groups in establishing requirements for residential sprinkler systems in new one (1) and two (2) family dwellings and educate various groups on the facts about residential sprinklers.

Section 21- The **Risk Management Committee** shall monitor MSFA insurance requirements and recommend adjustments as needed.

Section 22- 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 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 23- 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 to determine to provide or deny grants or loans to new applicants or continuing students. The Committee

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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 of any grant or loan.

Section 24- The **Sergeant-At-Arms Committee** shall maintain order at all Executive Committee meetings, the MSFA Convention and Conference, and other meetings as required.

Section 25- The **Standards Committee** shall study and keep abreast with fire fighting, emergency medical services and rescue requirements and make recommendations for any changes that would improve the standards of this Association, and to make inspections or perform such other duties as may be required by the Association.

Section 26- 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 27- 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.

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Section 28- 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 department, 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 of 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 29- The **Ways and Means Committee** shall operate the MSFA’s annual raffle and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

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 120th Annual Convention and Conference held at Ocean City, Maryland, June 16-22, 2012.

Dennis Skinner, Chairman
Constitution & By-laws Committee

APPENDIX A
MSFA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

- SOP A001 Preparation and Revision of Standard Operating Procedures
- SOP A002 Expense Reimbursement
- SOP A003 Travel Reimbursement
- SOP A004 Operation and Maintenance of the President’s Vehicle Fleet
- SOP E001 Ambulance Company 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

**MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SCHEDULE OF DEADLINE DATES FOR AWARDS**

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Award</u>
March 31	Russell J. Strickland Award
March 31	Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
March 31	Scholarship Awards
April 1	Edwin L. Emkey Sr., Cadet Memorial Award
April 15	Zembower Fire Service Training Award
April 15	Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award
April 15	Gladhill-Thompson Award
April 15	Hall of Fame
April 15	Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
April 30	Accident and Injury Prevention Award
April 30	Fire Prevention
April 30	Silver Spring Fire Prevention Trophy
April 30	Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., EMS Person of the Year Award
April 30	Family Appreciation Program Award
May 1	Colburn Trophy
May 1	Firefighter of the Year Award
May 1	Miss Fire Prevention Contest

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Award</u>
May 1	Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award
May 1	Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
May 1	Smith N. Stathem Jr., PP Memorial Safety Award
May 15	Roll of Honor
Parade	Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Parade	Governors Fire Prevention Trophy

Check msfa.org (Awards)
for details and specifics for each award

RUSSELL J. STRICKLAND AWARD

Purpose of Award: The Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board has established an award in honor of Russell J. Strickland. This award is to be presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated professionalism in the field of fire service certification in the same manner that Mr. Strickland performed for the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board.

Mr. Strickland was instrumental in the organization and founding of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board and has served in many capacities including Treasurer, Chairman of the Accreditation Training Review Agencies Task Force and while holding the position of Assistant Director of the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute served as a member of that agency's Accredited Training Review Agency Local Review Board and as their Representative to the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. Mr. Strickland also served many years as the Maryland Representative to the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Professional, dedicated, honest and fair were the hallmarks of Mr. Strickland's daily life and work. His words and deeds were always courteous and respectful. It is in this light that the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board honors Mr. Strickland through this award.

Award Criteria: The Russell J. Strickland Award is presented to a worthy individual who has made significant contributions towards the promotion of certification for fire and emergency services personnel in the State of Maryland in keeping with the high standards of dedication and professionalism exhibited by Russell J. Strickland.

Nomination Process: A call for nominations will be open to all member agencies during the months of January thru February each year and all member agencies are invited to participate. Nominations for the Russell J. Strickland Award must be submitted to THE RUSSELL J. STRICKLAND AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE, Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board, c/o Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, University of Maryland, Building 199, College Park, Maryland 20742-6811 by **March 1st** of each year on the form designed specifically for this award. A one-page narrative shall be attached to the nomination form detailing the nominee's contributions and up to 3 endorsements for the nominee may be included. The endorsements shall be no more than three pages in length and should thoroughly detail the nominee's contribution.

Previous Recipients: 2013
2014

**FRANCIS L. BRANNIGAN
INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education.

Award Sponsor: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors, and the Maryland Chapter of the International Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors.

Award Administered By: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

Background: The Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award was first established by Professor Francis L. Brannigan in 1977. Professor Brannigan was the first and longtime Professor with the Montgomery College Fire Science Program and a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. This award is presented annually by the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors in recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education in Maryland.

Award Rules

1. In order to be considered for the award, the following should be addressed in the nomination:
 - A. The contribution during the previous calendar year with any specific information related to fire, rescue, and EMS training and education.
 - B. The contribution made to fire, rescue, or EMS training and education during the years prior to the previous calendar year.
2. Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland fire and rescue service or the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors to be considered.
3. Nominations should be sponsored by a chapter member and submitted in a narrative format with as much specific information as possible to:

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Upper Eastern Shore Regional Office
Wayne C. Colburn
Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
University of Maryland
College Park, MD
4. All nominations must be received no later than **March 31st** of each year.
5. The award is presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Previous Recipients:

1977	Francis L. Brannigan	2000	Michael Weller
1977	Warren E. Isman	2001	Mark New
1978	Kurt Eisenschmidt	2002	Jackie Carey
1979	Theodore L. Jarboe	2002	Stephan Cox
1980	MFRI Staff	2003	John E. "Sonny" Rose Jr.
2005	Mike Crawford	2004	John G. "Jack" Hulet
1981	Mary Beth Michos	2006	Alan L. Braver
1982	John McNeece	2007	Earl Powell
1983	Not Awarded	2008	
1984	Harry Devlin	2009	George Fairfax
1985	W. Newton "Skip" Carey	2010	Jeff Dickey
1986	Judith K. White	2011	Mark Falkanhan
1987	State Fire Marshal's Staff	2012	Daniel J. Stevens
1988	Margaret E. SeBour	2013	
1989	Herman E. Rhue	2014	David Lewis, PP
1990	Milton Zepp		
1991	Andrew I Levy		
1992	George A. Morgan		
1993	Leon M. Fleming		
1994	Clarence "Smiley" White		
1995	Leonard E. Yox		
1996	Robert I. Rose		
1997	W. Newton "Skip" Carey		
1998	William Luberman		
1999	Elaine Wedding		

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Applicants may apply for scholarship assistance in the following areas:

1. Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland.
2. Emergency Health Services at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).
3. Current approved curricula are the Management and Paramedic tracks, which lead to a Bachelor's Degree.
4. Any Maryland Community College, in a curriculum that leads to a Bachelor's degree in Fire Protection Engineering.
5. Programs at any Community College in Maryland, in Fire Sciences or Emergency Medical Services leading to a Bachelor's Degree.
6. Any Maryland University, in a curriculum leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Fire or EMS related fields.
7. Programs at any Community College in Maryland, in Emergency Medical Services leading to an Associates Degree.
8. This scholarship is paid directly to the educational institution for the purpose of tuition and fees. At no time will this scholarship be awarded directly to the student or third party for cash or payment.

The committee has assigned the following priorities to control scholarship grants:

1. Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. (Juniors in good standing or higher standing, enrolled in a 4-year program, faculty recommendation.)
2. Fire Science at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). (Juniors in good standing or higher standing, enrolled in a 4-year program.)
3. Emergency Health Service Majors at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). (Juniors in good standing or higher standing or higher, enrolled in a 4-year program, faculty recommendation.)
4. Community College in Fire or EMS related programs leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Application must be submitted by **April 15th** to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year.

Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

Applications are available via download from the MSFA Web Site.

Program Requirements:

All applicants must enter full time or part-time status as a student in his/her respective College/University to be eligible for the scholarship.

Verified acceptance by the respective College/University with confirmation of approved program acceptance will be a prerequisite for receipt of a scholarship.

The awarded scholarship will be made available to the finance office of the College/University specified in the application at the beginning of the academic school year or designated semesters. At no time will the scholarship be awarded as cash funds to the individual recipient.

Unused funds are to be returned by the academic institution at the end of the academic year.

Applicants are required to advise the committee of any other grants or scholarships that have been awarded or for which the applicant is eligible at the time of application.

The respective campus finance office will be asked to review each application for scholarship assistance.

All applicants must be Maryland State High School Graduates or hold a GED. Verification of five years of active volunteer service in a Maryland fire or EMS company/department may be substituted for this requirement.

The applicant for any approved degree program shall be required to submit a letter of recommendation from his/her volunteer Fire/Rescue or EMS Company.

This letter must be signed by the President of the applicant's member company and accompany the application for scholarship.

Applicants must have completed one year of study at a college/university earning no less than 12 credit hours per semester and have been accepted to participate in an approved degree program.

Currently supported college level students will be required to maintain an acceptable Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.0 to be eligible for scholarship support for the ensuing academic year.

Currently supported college level students who have not maintained an acceptable GPA of 3.0 but have a GPA above 2.5 or greater will be placed on academic probation

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and required to bring their GPA back to the accepted standard with in one academic year to remain eligible for the scholarship.

New sophomore applicants are required to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for the program.

All students that have been awarded a scholarship are required to submit their transcript at the completion of each semester while receiving the scholarship.

Failure to present current grades at the completion of each semester to the scholarship committee may result in future funds being with held and ineligibility for future academic years.

Students must maintain full time status and carry no less than 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible for the scholarship.

Students dropping below the required credit hours per semester will forfeit their scholarship and be required to reimburse the Maryland State Firemen's Association the full amount of the scholarship.

Students changing to a major not supported by the program or dropping out of school may be required to reimburse the Maryland State Firemen's Association the awarded scholarship or a portion there of.

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

In an effort to conserve funds and to give our younger persons the opportunity for a college experience, committee policy is to deny scholarship support to those applicants currently holding a Bachelor or equivalent degree.

For more information, please contact:
Glenn Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com

Scholarship Application
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Name: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone Home: _____
Cell: _____
Email Address: _____

Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary:
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
President of Department: _____

Phone #: _____
Year Joined: _____
Years of Membership: _____

List all Fire or EMS Certifications and Courses, (ATTACH Copies of Cards and Transcript): _____

High School Attended: _____
Date Graduated: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____

If GED, Give date entered, received and location: _____

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: _____

*******ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*******

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a Member or Participated in High School. (Include any Office Held):

*******ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*******

Name of Educational Institution that you are attending:

Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Major: _____
Name of Faculty Advisor: _____
Phone: _____
Status: FULL TIME / PART TIME Credits per Semester: _____
Credits completed towards Major: _____
GPA: _____

Please circle Level for academic year that you are seeking scholarship:
Sophomore / Junior / Senior

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College: _____

*******ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*******

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a member or participated in college. (Include any Office Held):

List any other financial assistance opportunities for which you have applied or will be receiving: _____

List any other financial assistance that you have been awarded: _____

List scholarships or awards previously received: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Zip Code: _____

Supervisor: _____

Phone #: _____

Full Time/ Part Time Hours per week: _____

Do you plan to continue to work while in school: YES / NO Full Time/ Part Time?

On a separate sheet of paper to be submitted with the application please answer the following questions in typed essay format approximately 250 to 500 words.

1. Why are you applying for financial assistance?
2. What inspired you to pursue this course of study?
3. What are your career goals and objectives upon completion of this degree?

Before submitting this application, be sure the following items are enclosed:

1. Application
2. High School Transcript
3. College Transcript
4. Letter from President of Fire Department/Auxiliary
5. Copies of Awards and Certifications
6. Essay

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the Selection Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my ability.

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Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than **March 31st** to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year. Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

CHAIRMAN:

Glenn Dale Fishack Jr.
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Scholarship Committee
14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com

Scholarship Renewal Application
(Please Type or Use Dark Ink)
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Name: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/_____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone #'s: Home: _____ Cell: _____
Email Address: _____
Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

President of Department/Auxiliary: _____
Phone #: _____
Year Joined: _____
Years of Membership: _____

Name of Educational Institution that you are attending:

Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Major: _____
Name of Faculty Advisor: _____
Phone: _____
Status: FULL TIME / PART TIME Credits per Semester: _____
Credits Completed towards Major: _____
GPA: _____

Please circle Level for academic year that you are seeking scholarship:

Sophomore / Junior / Senior

*****ATTACH A COPY of TRANSCRIPT with APPLICATION*****

Scholastic & Athletic Honors Receive in College:

*****ATTACH DOCUMENTATION*****

List School & Community Activities, Teams or Clubs in which you are a Member or Participated in college. (Include any Office Held):

List any other financial assistance opportunities for which you have applied or will be receiving: _____

List any other financial assistance that you have been awarded:

List scholarships or awards previously received:

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Supervisor: _____

Phone #: _____

Full Time/ Part Time Hours per week: _____

Do you plan to continue to work while in school: YES / NO Full Time/ Part Time

Before submitting this application be sure the following items are enclosed:

Application Letter from President of Fire Department/ Auxiliary

College Transcript, Copies of Awards and Certifications

Applications submitted without all supporting documentation are subject to rejection and will not be reviewed by the Selection Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant not the committee, to ensure that parties entrusted with submitting supporting documentation follow through by the appointed deadlines.

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

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Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than **March 31st** to be considered for scholarship assistance for the ensuing academic year. Currently supported students will be required to submit a supplemental application form for consideration for continued support.

CHAIRMAN:

Glenn Dale Fishack Jr.
Maryland State Firemen's Association
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14545 Barkdoll Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
EMAIL: chiefringgold@aol.com

**PAST PRESIDENT C. OSCAR BAKER
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstand Rookie Firefighter/EMS Provider

Award Sponsor: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company or Carroll County

Award Administered By: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Background: The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was established by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 2002. The award was established to honor Past President 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. Past President 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). Past President 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. Past President 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 our citizens we all serve that Past President C. Oscar Baker exemplifies. The award is to be presented during the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Award Rules

1. Nominee must be from a member company or department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. Any active member of a member company or department of the MSFA may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Junior/Cadet members of a member company or department are **NOT** eligible for this award. Time spent as a Junior/Cadet member does not count towards the 24 months of service.
4. Nominee must be an active Senior Member of the sponsoring company or department, and at least 17 years of age at the time of award application.
5. Nominee must have at least 6 months, but less than 24 months of active membership with the sponsoring company or department, calculated from the April 15th application due date.

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6. A nominee that transfers from one company or department to another is not eligible for the award unless their total time of membership is less than 24 months combined.
7. Nominations in the form of a resume must be submitted on an individual basis only and on official company or department letterhead or stationary.
8. Nominations must be submitted to, and received by the MSFA Secretary no later than **April 15th** of each year. Late entries will **NOT** be considered.
9. All elected officers of the MSFA will judge nominees.
10. The mailing address for entries is:

Doyle E. Cox
Secretary, Maryland State Firemen's Association
29132 Superior Circle
Easton, MD 21601

Award Details:

Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President or Chief of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 15th of the selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual's name on the master trophy.

The master trophy will have the date of the award, name and fire company of the recipient engraved 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 company. The personal trophy also suitably endorsed will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever. The selected award winner will also receive the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue/red and the gold medal is inscribed as Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year, with the year and the MSFA Seal in the center.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
2002	Chris McDonald	Maryland City	Anne Arundel
2003	Matthew Rose	Odenton	Anne Arundel
2004	Derek R. Dods	Mt. Airy	Carroll
2005	Rachel Goucher	Middletown	Frederick
2006	Jeffery A. Martin	Potomac Valley	Washington
2007	Jennifer Chafin	Branchville	Prince George's
2008	Michael Offutt	Woodsboro	Frederick

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2009	Charles Cadden	Arbutus	Baltimore
2010	Tyler Olson	Ferndale	Anne Arundel
2011	Brandy C. Guy	Seventh District VFD	St. Mary's
2012	Nicholas Haspert	Winfield Community	Carroll
2013	Jesse Cade	Herald Harbor	Anne Arundel

EDWIN L. EMKEY SR. CADET AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Company Cadet Program

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association Past President Roger N. Powell

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association

Background: The Edwin L. Emkey Sr. Cadet Memorial Award was established by President Roger N. Powell and underwritten by American Claims Service and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Executive Committee at the November 2011 meeting. The award was established to recognize Edwin L. Emkey Sr. for his outstanding service in promoting Cadet Programs. The outstanding Cadet Program must be sponsored by a fire, rescue, and or EMS department, company or squad. The program should be based on the teaching of safety and basic skills required for firefighting or Emergency Medical Service.

The nomination may be submitted by a committee within the department, company and/or squad, as long as it is verified by the president and/ or chief. The award will be presented each year at the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The winning department, company or squad will be awarded a master trophy, which will be held for one year and relinquished at the following convention and conference, at which time, the past-year recipient will receive a plaque for permanent possession. The trophy will have the award date and name of the company engraved 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 fire, rescue, and/or EMS department, company or squad. The winning department, company or squad will also receive a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) prize, which will be utilized to assist with providing funding for the cadet program.

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA
2. To be eligible for the nomination, cadet program must:
 - a. Have a minimum of seven cadets between the ages of 9 and 15
 - b. Program must have been established no less than 5 years prior to nomination
 - c. Must hold monthly or bi-monthly meetings, drills, training events, community service programs and be involved in other department or company activities
3. The nomination must be submitted in a resume form letter on department/company letterhead, indicating when the Cadet Program was established, number of members, activities over the previous year, including all community

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activities, training and fund raising.

4. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums, or loose-leaf binders, cannot exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited. The book entered will only be used as backup information to the resume.
5. Slide presentations, DVDs, slide/tape presentations and video tape presentations will not be accepted.
6. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources indicated.
7. Entries must be in the hands of the Selection Committee by **April 1st**
8. All materials submitted should reflect activities of the previous calendar year (Jan. through Dec.)
9. Judges shall be the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Any evidence of material from previous years will automatically disqualify the entry.
11. Send or deliver all entries to Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Cadet Company/Department</u>	<u>County</u>
2012 English Consul Cadets	Baltimore
2013 Arcadia VFC	Baltimore
2014 Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS	Washington

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 recipient's names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; that it will be retained by the recipient for keeps. Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

The recipient will receive the Colburn Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is solid red and the gold medal, with red, white and blue enamel paint is inscribed as the "Medal of Heroism", with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules: Nomination submitted for consideration must follow the following requirements:

1. Must be on fire, rescue, or ambulance department stationary giving detailed summary of his/her outstanding actions or reason to be considered.
2. Must be received by the Board of Trustees prior to **May 1st** of each year.
3. Must be mailed or delivered to:
Gene Worthington, PP
MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
3663 Old Level Road
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

Previous Recipients:

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1933	Reuben R. Palmer	Kensington	Montgomery
1934	Wilbur R. Dulin	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
1935	Not Awarded		
1936	Captain Austin Leithiser	Susquehanna Hose	Harford
1937	Marion E. Rose	Northeast	Cecil
1938	Not Awarded		
1939	John A. Hornberger Sr.	Waterwitch	Anne Arundel
1940	Bernard P. Odum	Takoma Park	Montgomery
1941	William A. Kral	Bel Air	Harford
1942	Not Awarded		
1943	Not Awarded		
1944	Not Awarded		
1945	Captain George C. Arnold	Glen Echo	Montgomery
1946	Vernon Listman	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
1947	Not Awarded		
1948	Walter Jackson	Hancock	Washington
1949	Not Awarded		
1950	Not Awarded		
1951	Charles A. Pastrana	Independent	Anne Arundel
1952	Spencer J. H. Brown Sr., PP	Sandy Springs	Montgomery
1953	Amos C. Bear	Goodwill	Washington
1954	Edward S. Hall Jr.	Herald Harbor	Anne Arundel
1955	Carl W. Pollette Jr.	Hebron	Wicomico
1956	William MacWilliam	North Beach	Calvert
1957	Alfred 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
1962	Colin C. Colgan	Tuxedo Cheverly	Prince George's
1963	Ivan Reynolds	Perryville	Cecil
1963	Roland Rapacelli	Perryville	Cecil
1964	Not Awarded		
1965	James Ewing	Forestville	Prince George's
1966	Deputy Chief Baron E. DeKalb	Takoma Park	Montgomery
1967	Kenneth Frock	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
1968	Chief Lee Webster	Deal Island-Chance	Somerset
1969	William F. Padgett	West Lanham Hills	Prince George's
1970	Captain George Duke	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1971	Robert Ridgeway	Beltsville	Prince George's
1971	Charles Hall	Beltsville	Prince George's
1972	W. Frederick Coursey	Church Hill	Queen Anne's

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1973	John A. Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery
1975	Balmes N. Hildalgo	Rockville	Montgomery
1976	David Schultz	Bowie	Prince George's
1976	David Ploor	Bowie	Prince George's
1977	Jack E. Montgomery Jr.	Accokeek	Prince George's
1978	Laurel Volunteer Fire Co.	Laurel	Prince George's
1979	Timothy Thorne	Upper Montgomery	Montgomery
1980	Lt. James Kenneth Frank, Jr.	Kensington	Montgomery
1981	Sgt. Timothy DeRuyscher	College Park	Prince George's
1982	Thomas J. Campbell	Kensington	Montgomery
1983	Lt. David C. Jones	Wheaton	Montgomery
1984	Sgt. Thomas C. Brown	Wheaton	Montgomery
1985	Maggie Cooley	Upper Montgomery	Montgomery
1986	Lt. Michael J. LaVelle	Rockville	Montgomery
1987	Captain Richard Corcoran	Bay District	St. Mary's
1987	George Frye	Bay District	St. Mary's
1988	Robert D. Cowan	Deale	Anne Arundel
1989	George W. Brown Jr.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
1990	Charles Raines	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1990	Michael Frazer	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1991	Helen A. Kulle	Forestville	Prince George's
1991	Kurt Talbert	Forestville	Prince George's
1992	W. Newton "Skip" Carey	Ocean Pines	Worcester
1993	Jonas Rudzki	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
1994	Lt. Richard Weber	Wheaton	Montgomery
1995	William Merrill	Princess Anne	Somerset
1996	Todd Baldwin	Odenton	Anne Arundel
1997	Captain Eric Strongburg	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
1998	Captain John Frank	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
1998	Fred Labelle	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
1999	Not Awarded		
2000	Chief Charles E. Jester	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
2001	Not awarded		
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

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2008	Adam St. John	Wheaton	Montgomery
2009	John Klaron	Bethesda-Chevy Rescue Squad	Montgomery
2009	Curtis Warfield	Bethesda-Chevy Rescue Squad	Montgomery
2010	Donald F. Ford	Deal Island-Chance	Somerset
2010	Johnie R. Walters	Deal Island-Chance	Somerset
2010	Ryan Evans	Deal Island Chance	Somerset
2011	Kris Kene	Princess Anne	Somerset
2012	Brent Harne	Middletown	Frederick
2013	Ryan Barrow	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
2014	Wesley Burrier	Rocky Ridge	Frederick

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 departments 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

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:

David "Rusty" Leftwich
Chairman, MSFA Firefighter of the Year Committee
2121 Harkins Road
Pylesville, MD 21132

5. Guidelines for selection of nominee:
 - A. Outstanding citizenship, i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/

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- her department and community at large, etc.
- B. Exemplary job achievement, i.e., lecturing at school on fire safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising, etc.
- C. This award will be for calendar year only.

NOTE: This award will not be judged on acts of heroism. All heroism nominations should be directed to the Colburn Trophy Award.

- 6. Awarding of the Firefighter of the Year Plaque and Certificates:
 - A. Award to be made at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
 - B. Winner to receive large plaque annually
 - C. Winner receives the Firefighter of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red and white and the gold medal is inscribed as Firefighter of the Year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
 - D. Awarding of plaque and medal to be made by the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
 - E. Certificates will be presented or mailed to all nominees.
 - F. Recipients name will be placed on a large plaque in the Volunteer Firefighter's Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park. Plaque donated by the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department of Montgomery County in memory of Chief Spencer J. H. Brown Sr., Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1978	Herman E. Rhue	Hurlock	Dorchester
1979	Richard A. Ayers	Community FC of Rising Sun	Cecil
1980	James J. Snyder Jr.	Laytonsville	Montgomery
1981	Eugene L. Worthington	Level	Harford
1981	Joseph G. Burris	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1982	Tony Sterling	Salisbury	Wicomico
1983	Thomas Y. Miller	Level	Harford
1984	Harry A. Pafel Jr.	Fallston	Harford
1985	Ted F. Jackson	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
1986	Diane May	Luke	Allegany
1987	Rhonda J. Thomas	Level	Harford
1988	David C. "Rusty" 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

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1992	Michael E. Tarquini	Level	Harford
1993	James E. 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 VFD	Calvert
1999	Joseph Wayne Hardesty	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
2000	Joseph Della-Camera	Prince Frederick VFD	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 VFD	St. Mary's
2006	Aimee Cenate	Mechanicsville VFD	St. Mary's
2007	Derrick E. Lloyd	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
2008	Christopher Scully	Hollywood VFD	St. Mary's
2009	Jeff Thompson	Chestertown	Kent
2010	Jason Sharpe	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
2011	Michael Sullivan	Hollywood VFD	St. Mary's
2012	Darryl T. Benner	Sharpsburg VFC	Washington
2013	Jared W. Trossbach	Leonardtwn VFD	St. Mary's

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 is to have at least, but not less than 50 years of continuous and faithful service to organizations within the Association. Individuals nominated must be living prior to the cutoff date of April 15th of the year to be presented.
2. The Master Cup will have the award date, name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual's fire company. The Personal Cup also suitably endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.
3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbery F. Gates Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.
4. Each individual nominated will receive a MSFA plaque and a Governor's Citation the first year nominated and any sequential years a MSFA certificate recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service.
5. The Committee will receive nominations until April 15th. The President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department will be notified no later than May 20th of the individual selected, 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 April 15th of Each Year** to:

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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 G. 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	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
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
2000	Albert D. "Mickey" 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	Thomas P. Collins	Beltsville VFD	Prince George's
2011	John O. Gatton Sr.	Hollywood VFD	St. Mary's
2012	George A. "Fred" Cross Jr., PP	Chestnut Ridge	Baltimore
2013	William Olsen	Waldorf VFD	Charles
2014	Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., PP	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's

CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company in Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated – Montgomery County, Maryland

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention Committee

Background: In memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) and a man whose impact on the fire service was felt nationwide, the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County, Maryland) with the foreknowledge and endorsement of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Gibbons family, shall sponsor the annual A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award for the best appearing company in the MSFA Convention Parade.

Starting with the 1992 MSFA Convention, a trophy will be awarded by the parade judges at the regular award ceremony following the parade and will be presented to the best appearing company for their edification and personal safekeeping until the following MSFA Annual Convention. At that time, during the opening ceremony, the trophy will be formally surrendered to the Convention Chairman, who will then present a permanent award to the surrendering company. The trophy will then remain on display until it is re-awarded.

The perpetual trophy and permanent award will be provided by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County) in memory of our brother, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, who served with profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capacities, including President and Fire Chief.

Because Marvin was the driving force behind the annual MSFA Convention Parade and because he personally choreographed the opening ceremony of our convention it was universally felt that this award, having an impact upon both the annual parade and opening ceremony, would be a fitting tribute and memorial to this great man.

The award shall be presented to the company which, in the sole opinion of the parade judges, presents the best overall appearance considering such factors as: number of and composition of units, number of personnel in uniform, decorum, demeanor, and esprit de corps.

SECTION 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT - The following announcement was submitted to the MSFA for inclusion in the Awards Information Manual:

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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

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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

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away from the front. Place the granite base in the center of the felt field with the name plate toward the front. Align the rear side of the base with the "pointed" portion of the dust cover groove. Place the plastic trumpet holder (plastic rod) in such a fashion that the ends point toward the front. Place the Trumpet on the plastic holder so as to tilt the trumpet toward the back. The Trumpet should rest on the holder. Adjust the location (front to back) to space the Trumpet evenly over the granite base. Lift the dust cover over the Trumpet and place in groove with "seam" of dust cover at the "pointed" portion of the groove. Check the alignment of the Trumpet by standing at the front; the dust cover seam should be invisible behind and in line with the Trumpet.

- 1.2 MAINTENANCE AND CARE - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award has been designed with minimum care required. The pedestal requires only occasional dusting. Prior to returning the Award to the next MSFA Convention, the pedestal should be waxed with a good grade furniture wax. The dust cover should maintain the granite base and Speaking Trumpet relatively dust free. Prior to returning the Award to the next convention, simply dust the trumpet with a soft cloth. The granite base may be wiped with a damp cloth. The dust cover should be cleaned with the plastic cleaner provided.
- 1.3 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried insurance on the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award. The insurance is now provided under the MSFA insurance coverage. In the event of damage or theft, please contact Secretary Doyle E. Cox at doyle.cox2010@gmail.com or call 410-532-1416

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and support of the following individuals and organizations during the design and production of this award: Abe Lincoln Flags, Banners & Gifts, Vienna, Virginia; Acme Plating Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Clements Industries, Inc., Ashton, Maryland; Continental, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; Day Memorials, Beltsville, Maryland; John J. Habert, Ellicott City, Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland; William Thrift III, Bowie, Maryland; Wood Creations, Dunkirk, Maryland.

The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townesend Jones, Maureen G. Saval, Joseph A. Weisgerber, George W. Willie.

Previous Recipients:

1992	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1993	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County

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1994	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1995	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1996	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
1997	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
1998	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
1999	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2000	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2001	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2002	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2003	Galena Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2004	Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department	Queen Anne's County
2005	Galena Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2006	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2007	Easton Volunteer Fire Company	Talbot County
2008	Easton Volunteer Fire Company	Talbot County
2009	Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company	Kent County
2010	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2011	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2012	Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department	St. Mary's County
2013	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County
2014	Easton Volunteer Fire Department	Talbot County

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:
 - a. Members of the "Official Family" (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, etc.)
 - b. Bona fide members of member fire companies
 - c. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state
 - d. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state
 - B. The following are not eligible:
 - a. The judges
 - b. 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:
 - a. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits or meritorious recognition for the Association or its members, or
 - b. Contributed to/or developed a valuable program for the benefit of the future of the Association and its members.
3. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award.
4. Preparation of Award Certification - Factual information will be prepared as separate correspondence in the form of a proposal for each candidate. It shall list the candidates' accomplishments in accordance with the above criteria (Section 2).
5. Submission of Nominations -
- A. The name or names of prospective recipients shall be submitted to:
Doyle E. Cox, Secretary
29132 Superior Circle
Easton, Maryland 21601

Before **April 15th 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 - The judges shall be the elected officers of the MSFA. A simple majority of the judges present and voting shall be necessary for a decision.

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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, PP	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 M. 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, PP	Morningside	Prince George's
1983	William A. Hawkins	Jessup	Anne Arundel
Award known as the "Gladhill Trophy" prior to 1984			
1984	Eugene L. "Gene" Worthington, PP		Level Harford
1985	Chief Charles W. Riley, PP	Abingdon	Harford
1986	Bernard D. "Buck" Gladhill	Damascus	Montgomery
1987	Chief William J. Fleshman, PP	Beltsville	Prince George's
1988	William E. 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 W. Jacobs, PP	Citizens Truck	Frederick
1998	Chief Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., PP	Leonardtown	St. Mary's
1999	Lee N. Sachs, PP	Pikesville	Baltimore
2000	Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki		Prince George's County
2001	Richard L. Yinger, PP	Citizens Truck	Frederick

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2002	C. Oscar Baker, PP	Mt. Airy	Carroll
2003	Roger N. Powell, PP	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, PP	Prince Frederick	Calvert
2008	Louis J. Jonske Sr.	Joppa Magnolia	Harford
2009	C. Daniel Davis Jr., PP	Hollywood VFD	St. Mary's
2010	Benjamin W. Kurtz	Jarrettsville	Harford
2011	Philip M. Hurlock, PP	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
2012	W. Mitchell "Mitch" Vocke	Jarrettsville	Harford
2013	George A. "Fred" Cross, PP	Chestnut Ridge	Baltimore
2014	Stephan D. Cox, PP	Bel Air	Harford

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 department/company, either living or deceased, and up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, either living or deceased.
3. Names of individuals for nomination to the Hall of Fame may be submitted by:
 - A. The nominee's home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - C. A member department/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. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominee's individual

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department/company or County may be considered.

6. All nominations must be received, in writing, by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, by **April 15th 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. All nomination letters must be signed.
7. Selection of nominees to the MSFA Hall of Fame will be made annual by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. A permanent plaque may be installed in the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, 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.
11. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to:

C. Dan Carpenter III
Chairman
1106 Cornwall Drive
La Plata, MD 20646
301-609-8651

Previous Recipients:

<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

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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 Joffee	Bowie	Prince George's
John Meech	Avalon Shores	Anne Arundel
George R. Lindsay	Hagerstown	Washington
Cromwell C. Zembower, PP	LaVale	Allegany
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

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David E. Kirk, PP	Bowling Green	Allegany
Roland B. Duke, PP	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
John F. McNulty, PP	Linthicum	Anne Arundel
Leslie B. Thompson, PP	Damascus/Chestertown	Montgomery/Kent
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 MFRI	
Richard J. Mooney	Lansdowne	Baltimore
George W. McCullough	Lansdowne	Baltimore
Edward M. Dunn Sr.	Powhatan Beach	Anne Arundel
Lewis C. Graybill	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
George W. Colburn Jr., 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	Anne Arundel

1982

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. Lepore	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

1983

Harry C. Walters	Corrigansville	Allegany
Lawrence D. Beardmore	Morningside	Prince George's

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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

1984

John Ward Means Sr.	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
Smith N. Stathem Jr., PP	Pikesville	Baltimore
David S. Dwyer	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
Norris J. Beard	Laurel	Prince George's
Samuel Ahmuty Sr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Garyton Colvard Echols Jr.	La Plata	Charles
Edgar S. Freeman III	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel

1985

Charles W. Riley, PP	Abingdon	Harford
Harry J. Devlin	Midland	Allegany

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W. Newton Carey Jr.	Salisbury	Wicomico
Joseph A. Weisgerber	Hillandale	Montgomery
William T. Dorsey	West Friendship	Howard
Lindsay L. Browning	Mt. Airy	Carroll
Arthur Lowman	Mr. Airy	Carroll
Bill R. Bliss	Upper Montgomery	Montgomery
James J. Snyder Jr.	Laytonsville	Montgomery
Robert E. Mumma	Rocky Ridge	Frederick
Scott Lambert Smith	Pleasant Valley	Carroll
Melvin F. Schwearing	Independent Hose	Frederick
Catherine Small	West Annapolis	Anne Arundel
Donald E. Stitely	Guardian Hose	Frederick
Orville J. Morgan	Federalsburg	Caroline
William F. Cooke	Waldorf	Charles
Clyde Kreitzer	Manchester	Carroll
Stanley H. Patterson	Cockeysville	Baltimore
Herbert L. Corbin	Westminster	Carroll
Calvin W. Growden	Bedford Road	Allegany

1986

William G. Holley	Leonardtwn	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

1987

William A. Hawkins	Jessup	Anne Arundel
Don Dunnington	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Montgomery
Henry H. Purdy	Easton	Talbot
Malden B. Miller Sr.	Manchester	Carroll
Clarence D. Carpenter Jr., PP	Potomac Heights	Charles
L. Willy 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

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1988

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

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, PP	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	

1990

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
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

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	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
Philip M. Hurlock, PP	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
Francis D. Jester	Church Hill	Queen Anne's

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John Shuhart	Barton	Allegany
Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., PP	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
Bruce Zembower	Beltsville	Prince George's

1992

Martin G. Kurtz Sr.	Jarrettsville	Harford
Ronald Poole	Clear Spring	Washington
Leslie M. Dulin	Kennedyville	Kent
S. Richard Powell	Galena	Kent
Dennis H. Bonner	Bowman's Addition	Allegany
William B. Lay Sr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
W. Carroll Craig Jr.	Level	Harford
James "Jim" Marrow	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
Howard Springer, PP	Havre De Grace	Harford
Eugene Curfman	Union Bridge	Carroll

1993

Lawrence R. Woltz	College Park	Prince George's
Melvin Delbert Zang	Deale	Anne Arundel
Donald F. Knauer	Rescue, Cambridge	Dorchester
Vernon D. Horsmon Sr.	Prince Frederick	Calvert
Eugene L. Worthington, 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
William W. Olsen	Waldorf	Charles

1994

Noah W. Callis Jr.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
Paul M. Stackhouse	Rockville	Montgomery
Edwin C. Sokel Jr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
Michael W. Robinson	Earleigh Heights	Anne Arundel
Carl B. Edelin Jr., 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

1995

Paul M. Fabiszak	Hereford EMS	Baltimore
Wilbur O. Marshall	North Beach	Calvert
John E. "Jack" Snoddy	Greenbelt	Prince George's

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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

1996

Joseph B. Carroll	Seventh District	St. Mary's
John Crisman	College Park	Prince George's
Hartwood H. Cornell	Woodsboro	Frederick
John T. Ferguson	Rockville	Montgomery
John O. Gatton Jr.	Hollywood	St. Mary's
William R. Huttenloch	Forestville	Prince George's
Charles J. Mattingly III, 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

1997

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
Vernon M. Pessell	Braddock Heights	Frederick
James E. Cross	Marlboro	Prince George's
R. Keith Fairfax	Bay District	St. Mary's
Ronald B. Graf	Riviera Beach	Anne Arundel
Hon. Roland E. "Fish" Powell	Ocean City	Worcester
James Benny Shelton	Sudlersville	Queen Anne's

1998

James T. Ferguson Jr.	St. Michaels	Talbot
Patti Gordy	Caroline County ALS	Caroline
George W. Hardy	Denton	Caroline
David C. "Rusty" Leftwich	Norrisville	Harford
James B. Lions III	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
John M. Murphy	MIEMSS – University of Maryland	
Paul B. Lewis Jr.	Citizens Truck	Frederick
Lee N. Sachs, PP	Pikesville	Baltimore
Ronald J. Siarnicki	Prince George's County	
Stephen D. Cox, PP	Bel Air	Harford

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1999

John T. Baker	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Wylie L. Donaldson Jr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Wayne F. Fretterd	Denton	Caroline
Ronald B. Grabenstein	District 16	Allegany
Louis J. Jonske	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
John C. Korman	Hampstead	Carroll
David L. Kyle	Flintstone	Allegany
William R. Massey Jr.	Indian Head	Charles
Harry W. Stone Jr.	Deep Creek	Garrett
Charles R. Wisner	Independent Hose	Frederick

2000

John F. Bender	Aberdeen	Harford
Mark A. Bilger	Hampstead	Carroll
Richard S. "Stormie" Combs	Mechanicsville	St. Mary's
Steven T. Edwards	MFRI – University of Maryland	
Lester A. Downes Jr.	Goodwill-Centreville	Queen Anne's
Robert E. Halley	Hacks Point	Cecil
Robert E. Knippenburg, PP	Midland	Allegany
David W. Lewis, PP	Riviera Beach	Anne Arundel
J. Barry Monroe	Arbutus	Baltimore
Charles E. Turner Jr.	Goodwill-Centreville	Queen Anne's

2001

John Berryman Sr.	Pikesville	Baltimore
William "Bill" Boyd	Liberty Road	Baltimore
Delegate Norman Conway	Salisbury	Wicomico
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

2002

William E. Radisch	Chillum-Adelphi	Prince George's
G. Austin Smith	Oxford	Talbot
Frederick Robert "Bob" Seibel II	Cape St. Claire	Anne Arundel
Clinton B. Duke	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
Richard K. Wengert Sr.	Glen Burnie	Anne Arundel
Thomas F. Altman	Clear Spring	Washington

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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	Montgomery
Col. David M. Mitchell	Maryland State Police	
James C. Roberston	State Fire Marshal	

2003

Timothy F. Dayton	Potomac	Allegany
John Thomas "Jack" Gosnell	Jacksonville	Baltimore
Steven V. Hales	Ocean City	Worcester
William "Bill" Hawkins	Capital Heights	Prince George's
Wayne T. Higdon	Indian Head	Charles
Benjamin W. Kurtz	Jarrettsville	Harford
Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
J. Alan Thomas	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
J West Thomas	Goodwill	Queen Anne's
Calvin "Pete" Walbert	Cresaptown	Allegany
William E. Barnard	State Fire Marshal	
Robert R. Bass, MD	MIEMSS	
Donald Lewis	Maryland State Police	

2004

Doyle E. Cox, PP	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
Edwin L. Emkey Sr.	English Consul	Baltimore
George J. Gaton 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	Allentown Road	Prince George's
Joan W. Williams	Hollywood VRS	St. Mary's
Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich 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

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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
Maureen T. Brooks	Department of Natural Resource - State of Maryland	
James Brown	MIEMSS - University of Maryland	

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 "Ed" Woods	Glenn Dale	Prince George's
Laura A. Woods	Glenn Dale	Prince George's
Paul R. "Bobby" Balta Jr., PP	Ridge	St. Mary's
Dr. John L. Bryan	Department of Fire Protection Eng. U of MD	
Margaret King	Maryland State Firemen's Association	

2007

Judy A. Lau	Laurel	Prince George's
Rev. Harry Hetz	Beltsville	Prince George's
Robert W. Jacobs, 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. Frazier	Baltimore City Fire Department	

2008

William Reinecke	Fallston	Harford
Charles Abrecht	Junior Fire Co. No.2	Frederick
Hugh D. Owens	Glenn Dale Fire Association	Prince George's
James M. "Jimbo" Magruder Sr.	Gaithersburg-Washington Grove	Montgomery
John W. "Jack" Gouty	Jessup	Anne Arundel

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Earl "Dick" Baker Sr.	Winfield and Community	Carroll
Robert D. Jarboe	Takoma Park	Montgomery
Fred L. Plunkert	Westminster	Carroll
Kenneth E. Bush	Easton	Talbot
Austin D. Amos	Community Fire Co. of Perryville	Cecil
James L. Radcliffe	R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	
John W. Ashworth	University of Maryland Medical System	
Patricia Gainer	MIEMSS	

2009

Robert W. Ryan	College Park	Prince George's
Donald L. Briscoe	Chesapeake City	Cecil
Anna M. Jonske	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
John E. "Sunny" Rose Jr.	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Linda A. Dousa	Abingdon	Harford
William G. "Willie" Wilkerson	Mechanicsville VFD	St. Mary's
Charles H. "Chuck" Austin	Orchard Beach	Anne Arundel
Gayle P. Moreland	Deale	Anne Arundel
George W. Brown Jr.	Sandy Spring	Montgomery
David McQuay	Tilghman Island	Talbot
Major Andrew "A.J." McAndrew	Maryland State Police	
Captain Daniel Cornwell	Maryland State Police	

2010

Shirley Copado	Leonardtown VRS	St. Mary's
Nancy L. Cox	Norrisville	Harford
William J. "Bill" Dousa	Abingdon	Harford
Emmons Horner	Mt. Vernon	Somerset
Walter David Irvin	Clear Spring VFD	Washington
John F. Long Jr.	Ferndale	Anne Arundel
Johnie Roth	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue	Montgomery
Herman "Buddy" Schweers	Susquehanna Hose Company	Harford
Earl "Tim" Warehime	Lineboro	Carroll
Marianne Warehime	Lineboro	Carroll
Patricia Cross	Maryland State Firemen's Association	
Flow Collins	Maryland State Firemen's Association	
Elaine Huttenloch	Maryland State Firemen's Association	

2011

Richard A. Snader	Arbutus	Baltimore
Stephen J. Wisner	Citizens Truck Company	Frederick
Chris Hyzer	Middle River VFC	Baltimore
Daniel "Skip" Mahan	Community Fire Co. of Perryville	Cecil
Barbara L. Steiner	Church Creek	Dorchester

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Stuart "Stu" Cater	Pikesville	Baltimore
David Keller III	Citizens Truck Company	Frederick
Phillip L. "Pee Wee" Dyott	Easton	Talbot
Thomas Nevin Jr.	Glen Burnie	Anne Arundel
Luther E. "Jay" Grimes	Williamsport	Washington
Dennie Mattingly	Maryland State Firemen's Association	
Rose Davis	Maryland State Firemen's Association	
Sandra L. "Sandy" Jacobs	Maryland State Firemen's Association	

2012

Barry Johnson	Laurel VRS	Prince George's
Thomas Diem	Cordova	Talbot
Donald F. Hall	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
William D. "Buddy" White	Potomac Heights	Charles
Patricia A. Bowser	Friendsville	Garrett
Teresa Ann Crisman	Greenbelt	Prince George's
Edward T. Clopper	Funkstown	Washington
Dan M. Tabler	Goodwill	Queen Anne's
Alfred William "Butch" Britton Jr.	Rescue	Anne Arundel
Dennis E. Beard	Sykesville Freedom District	Carroll
Mark Gibbons	Major, Maryland State Police	
Christine "Chris" Yinger	Maryland State Firemen's Association	
Susan Taylor	Maryland State Firemen's Association	

2013

Donald "Duck" Anthony	Grasonville VFD	Queen Anne's
Charles E. Barnhart Jr.	Taneytown	Carroll
Lynn D. Gilroy	La Plata	Charles
Joseph Wayne Hardesty	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
Richard "Rick" Hemphill	Independent Junior VFC	Washington
James E. Malone	Arbutus	Baltimore
Leonard H. Rieck	Easton	Talbot
Michael A. Simmons	Glen Echo	Montgomery
Clarence Tracey	Cockeysville	Baltimore
Sharon Worthington	Level	Harford
John Philip Christman	Maryland State Police Aviation	
Vince Jacono	Delmarva Power Fire Safety Education	
Cindy Wright-Johnson	Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System	

2014

John F. Guntow	Ocean City	Worcester
Davis N. Cropper	Ocean City	Worcester
Barbara P. "Bobbie" Aaron	Hurlock	Dorchester
Lewis Harvey	Arbutus	Baltimore

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Robert L. "Bobby" Hall Jr.	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
Luanne A. Schweers	Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps.	Harford
Craig B. Harman	Odenton	Anne Arundel
Michael Farlow	Pittsville	Wicomico
Walter A. "Walt" Kerr	Level	Harford
Clarence "Smiley" White	Guardian Hose/Citizens Truck Co.	Frederick
Jerry A. Poland	Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services	
John Allen	Regional Vice President, Delmarva Power	
James A. Adkins	Major General – Maryland Military Department	

JOSIAH A. HUNT EMS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding EMS individual of the year

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Emergency Medical Services Committee and the Convention and Conference Committee

Background: The Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person of the Year) Award was established in 1991 and accepted by the Executive Committee. Doctor Hunt was a local physician in Harford County who was very instrumental in the establishment of ambulance service in that area. He often would leave his practice to ride on the local ambulance providing quality emergency medical service to the communities of Harford County. The original award was donated by the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company of Harford County to honor Dr. Josiah A. Hunt.

The award was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishments by an EMT/A, or above. The award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland Emergency Medical Services community.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be from a member company of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. The nominee must be submitted by an active member company of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA).
3. The nominee must be submitted on an individual basis only and the nomination must be on official letterhead or company stationary and signed by at least two (2) officers of the company.
4. Only one nominee may be submitted from any one member company.
5. Nominations and letters of resume must be submitted to the Chair of the MSFA Emergency Medical Services Committee, **No Later than April 30th**.
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: William Dousa
Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee
600 Rivershore Court
Edgewood, MD 21040
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Previous Recipients:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>
1991	Josiah A. Hunt, MD	Harford	
1992	Sharon Eskins	Calvert ALS	Calvert
1993	Leon Hayes	Waldorf	Charles
1993	Charles W. Wills	Potomac Heights	Charles
1994	Barbara Knippenburg	Midland	Allegany
1995	Dr. Frank Baranco	Lutherville	Baltimore
1995	Richard K. Brooks	Norrisville	Harford
1996	Paul M. Fabiszak	Hereford EMS	Baltimore
1997	Lee N. Sachs, PP	Pikesville	Baltimore
1998	Rose M. Murphy	Eldorado-Brookview	Dorchester
1999	Margaret E. Wedding	Ironside RS	Charles
2000	Joan W. Williams	Hollywood RS	St. Mary's
2001	Steve J. Kesner	Cresaptown	Allegany
2002	Linda A. Dousa	Abingdon	Harford
2003	Jackie Carey	Ocean Pines	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 J. "Bill" Dousa	Abingdon	Harford
2009	Mary H. Grussing	Kent & Queen Anne's Rescue Squad	Kent
2010	Amy Smith	Leonardtwn VRS	St. Mary's
2011	Richard Farrington	Delta-Cardiff	Harford
2012	Reginald Donald Thomas	Darlington	Harford
2013	Michael J. Young	Oxford	Talbot
2014	Susan M. Tingler	Abingdon	Harford

FIRE PREVENTION AWARDS

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Department Prevention Efforts

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association, Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, and Individuals

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office

Background: The Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) sponsors an annual contest to recognize fire, rescue, and EMS department's efforts in promoting fire prevention in their communities. Contest awards are provided for companies who participate in a year-round fire prevention program as well as departments who participate in special projects, such as an open house or other fire prevention activities. An additional category recognizes departments who have shown an outstanding overall contribution to fire prevention and fire safety education activities. Starting in 1977, a seventh class in both Year Round Projects, and Single Projects was added. This will be for County Fire Prevention Committees to enter.

A project may be submitted by an organization within the department as long as it is verified by the president or chief. The awards are presented each year at the annual convention and conference for the following categories:

Year-Round Program or More Than One Project

(Classified by population of first due area)

Class I	0 – 1,500
Class II	1,501 – 2,500
Class III	2,501 – 5,000
Class IV	5,001 – 10,000
Class V	10,001 or more, volunteer personnel
Class VI	10,001 or more, career personnel
Class VII	County Fire Prevention Committees

Single Project Programs

(Classified by Population of first due area)

Class I	0 – 1,500
Class II	1,501 – 2,500
Class III	2,501 – 5,000
Class IV	5,001 – 10,000
Class V	10,001 or more, volunteer personnel
Class VI	10,001 or more, career personnel
Class VII	County Fire Prevention Committee

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Overall Activities

1 st Place - \$200.	6 th Place - \$50.
2 nd Place - \$100.	7 th Place - \$50.
3 rd Place - \$75.	8 th Place - \$50.
4 th Place - \$75.	9 th Place - \$50.
5 th Place - \$50.	10 th Place - \$50.

(Award monies must be spent by the winning department/organization in the area of fire prevention)

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA.
2. A cover letter on department letterhead is required to accompany all entries.
3. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums, or loose-leaf binders, cannot exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited.
4. Slide presentations, slide/tape presentations and video tape presentations are acceptable.
5. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources indicated.
6. Entries must be in the hands of the State Fire Marshal's Office by **April 30th** and must be marked with the proper entry classification (Area and Class).
7. All materials submitted should reflect activities of the previous calendar year (Jan. through Dec.)
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the decision of the judges shall be final.
9. Any evidence of material from previous years will automatically disqualify the entry.
10. Any department/company entering any contest must have a representative at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
11. Auxiliaries and Junior Companies may submit entries for their department as long as the president or chief forwards a cover letter as verification.
12. Send or deliver all entries to:

MSFA Fire Prevention Contest
State Fire Marshal's Office
1201 Reisterstown Road
Pikesville, MD 21208

MISS MSFA FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST

Purpose of Award: To select a spokesperson for the 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. Contestant must be single, never married, have no children or be pregnant.
2. Must be between 16 thru 24 years of age. Contestants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian consent form signed and must be chaperoned to all events by a parent/guardian, representative of her County Association or Fire Company.
3. If seeking college or advanced education, the contestant must reside within a reasonable distance of the state and in the event that her schooling interferes with her ability to attend events and functions, her sash, crown, and other properties will be turned over to her runner-up.
4. One contestant per county, Harford-Cecil Firemen's Association and the Maryland Fire Chief's 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. MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is allowed to hold this position for one year. Once you hold this position, you will not be able to compete for this position again. A previous MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner-up is allowed to run again.
6. A panel of judges in the preliminaries will interview contestants. These judges will officiate the stage portion of the contest.
7. Judges are not associated with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Ladies Auxiliary, or members of Maryland Companies or Departments.
8. Preliminary judging will be held on the morning of the contest. The contest will be held during the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City. Information regarding the date and time of the contest will be provided as it is finalized.

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9. 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 the packet.
 - B. Presentation on a fire prevention related subject (limited to 5 minutes).
 - C. Interview questions by judges.
10. Stage judging will be calculated in a point system, with a total of 100 points.
 - a. Fire Prevention knowledge 0-50 points
 - b. Speaking ability and poise 0-40 points
 - c. General appearance 0-10 points
11. Applications must be received by May 1. If your county contest occurs after this deadline, then the current Miss Fire Prevention is eligible. All applications must be sent to contest chairperson by certified mail, return receipt requested. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ANY OTHER WAY. Any applications that are received other than certified mail, returned receipt requested will be deemed ineligible and will be returned to the contestant.
12. This is not a talent or beauty contest.
13. The contestants selected at MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up are required to attend the following activities:
 - Convention activities on day and times designated (a tentative schedule is enclosed)
 - Awards ceremonies; various events and times
 - Selecting winners of the \$10,000.00 Raffle
14. The newly elected MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up must vacate any previously 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.
15. Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and the First Runner-up will take an Oath of Office immediately after they are crowned.
16. 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.
17. A monthly activity report must be submitted by the last day of each month to the Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson.
18. A quarterly written report (summary of events and input) must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson at the quarterly fire prevention meeting. 10 copies of this report must be brought to each executive committee meeting.
19. The annual written report (summary of year's events) must be submitted by May 1 for printing in the MSFA Convention Book. This report must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, the Miss Fire Prevention Chairperson.
20. A packet of information will be given to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and

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her First Runner-up:

- A. Name, Address, and phone list of the following:
 - a. MSFA President
 - b. MSFA 1st Vice President
 - c. MSFA 2nd Vice President
 - d. LAMSFA President
 - e. Executive Committee Chairperson
 - f. Fire Prevention Committee and Chairperson
 - g. Transportation (ADC Books) will be passed down each year
 - B. Itinerary of Mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Conference, parades, banquets, carnivals, etc.
 - C. Upcoming seminars: subjects and expenses
 - D. Proceeding book
21. THE MSFA CONTEST RULES EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR 2012

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: Current Miss Fire Prevention Chairman
 MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest

Parental/Guardian Consent Form

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention will give her full support to all State, County and local functions by attending and participating to the best of her ability as the representative of the MSFA. She will be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.

I agree to all of the above.

Signature _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Contestants under the age of 18 years must submit consent form with application. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Previous Recipients:

1980	Terri Judge	1998	Jessica A. White
1981	Kimberly Ann Kessler	1999	Anne Marie Histon
1982	Melanie Susan Webster	2000	Rachael Lyons
1983	Cheryl Reese	2001	Heidi Johnson
1984	Carolyn Boone	2002	Katie Ritter
1985	Alice Kozier	2003	Sarah Blackowicz
1986	Verra Fleming	2004	Michelle Gallion
1987	Tammy Conners	2005	Kristi Gartrell-Kemp
1988	Terri Gartner	2006	Erin Drumheller
1989	Jennifer I. Laird	2007	Brittany Myers
1990	Bonnie Rae Crispin	2008	Colleen Frances
1991	Nicole Bordogan	2009	Erin Drumheller
1992	Jennifer Harman	2010	Elyssa Cool
1993	Susan Truslow	2011	Jennifer Barcz
1994	Jennifer Weedon	2012	Stacie Jaret
1995	Melissa Ann Turner	2013	Danielle Crane
1996	Heather Langley	2014	Stacy Holden
1997	Rachael Testerman		

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 departments on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association's legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association's legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or stationery. A photograph of the

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nominee shall also be submitted.

3. All nominations must include the following:
 - A. A letter of recommendation/resume
 - B. Accomplishments of the nominee
4. All nominations must be received by **May 1st** of each year.
5. The judges shall be the MSFA Legislative Committee
6. All nominations are to be submitted to:

Chairman
MSFA Legislative Committee
17 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1904

Previous Recipients:

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| 1999 | Senator William H. Amoss – Harford County |
| 2000 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
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 |
| 2006 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County |
| 2007 | Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County |
| 2008 | Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County |
| 2009 | Senator Barry Glassman – Harford County
Senator James DeGrange – Anne Arundel County |
| 2010 | Delegate Norman Conway - Wicomico County |
| 2011 | Senator Roy Dyson - St. Mary's County |
| 2012 | William E. Barnard - State Fire Marshal
Senator Roy Dyson - St. Mary's County
Delegate James Malone - Baltimore County
C. Daniel Davis Jr., PP
Richard L. Yinger, PP |
| 2013 | Delegate John L. Bohanan Jr., - St. Mary's County |
| 2014 | Delegate Norman Conway, - Wicomico County |

ROBERT H. SHIMER ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON 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.
3. The nominee must have no 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.

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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>
1. 2005	Leonard T. King Sr., PP	Damascus	Montgomery
2. 2006	Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
3. 2007	Ronald J. Siarnicki	United Community	Queen Anne’s
4. 2008	Philip M. Hurlock, PP	Church Hill	Queen Anne’s
5. 2009	Gayle P. Moreland	Deale	Anne Arundel
6. 2010	Louis J. Jonske Sr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
7. 2011	Eugene L. Worthington, PP	Level	Harford
8. 2012	Benjamin W. Kurtz	Jarrettsville	Harford
9. 2013	Kenneth “Ken” May	LaVale VRS	Allegany
10. 2014	Robert W. Jacobs, PP	Citizens Truck Co.	Frederick

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 his/her fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.
5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State fire Marshal's Office on later than **April 30th**.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal's Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee's procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the nominee's name, title, fire department name, and other pertinent information.

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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 – Washington 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	Bowley's Quarters	Baltimore
1965	Robert A. Smith	West Lanham Hills	Prince George's
1966	Joseph G. Wenrich	Greenbelt	Prince George's
1967	Orville G. Faulkner Jr.	Lansdowne	Baltimore
1968	Thomas A. Mattingly Sr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1969	Thomas A. Mattingly Sr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1970	Thomas A. Mattingly Sr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1971	Thomas A. Mattingly Sr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1972	Paul W. Piker	North Point-Edgemere	Baltimore
1973	Paul W. Piker	North Point-Edgemere	Baltimore
1974	Ralph E. Dull	Manchester	Carroll
1975	Burton A. Clark	Laurel	Prince George's
1976	Roger Mattingly	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1977	Raymond Alan Ryan Jr.	Perryville	Cecil
1978	Garrett Zour	Providence	Baltimore
1979	Edward T. Clopper	Funkstown	Washington
1980	Frank P. March	English Consul	Baltimore
1981	Robert Twilly	Delmar	Wicomico
1982	Not Awarded		
1983	Not Awarded		
1984	C. Daniel Davis	Hollywood	St. Mary's
1985	Faye Reider	Perryville	Cecil
1986	Judith White	Guardian Hose	Frederick
1987	Donald C. Brightwell	Mt. Airy	Carroll
1988	Thomas A. Mattingly Jr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1989	Thomas A. Mattingly Jr.	Leonardtwn	St. Mary's
1990	Charlotte A. Mandragos	Baden	Prince George's
1991	Cindy Tarouini	Level	Harford
1992	Brian Boyd	Indian Head	Charles
1993	Rhonda Polk	Level	Harford

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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 E. 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	Christine Flanagan	Sykesville Freedom District	Carroll
2009	Jeffrey Williams	Indian Head	Charles
2010	Melissa Gould	Bay District	St. Mary's
2011	Debbie Gartrell	Winfield Community	Carroll
2012	Debbie Gartrell	Winfield Community	Carroll
2013	Christopher Ayers	Middletown	Frederick
2014			

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.
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 no later than **May 1st**.
5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-

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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 T. 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 Pembleton	Waldorf	Charles
2008	Mark A. Gorham	Susquehanna Hose	Harford
2009	Mark Buhl	Bay District	St. Mary's
2010	Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
2011	Douglas C. Alexander	Mt. Airy	Carroll
2012	Timothy Holt	Fallston	Harford
2013	Kenneth Sanner	Fallston	Harford
2014	Dave Vangasbeck	Waldorf	Charles

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. and Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. and 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 will be based on formal training offered by other recognized agencies.

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 Daniel J. and Bobbi Stevens in honor of former Bay District VFD 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. Formal training include:
 - All courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI
 - Formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies
 - Courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
 - Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy
 - Refresher training classes in the following areas:

In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket

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- 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

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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 courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI, formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies, courses and seminars sponsored by MIEMSS, and courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy which your department has participated in during the training year noted above. Enter all information as requested and be as accurate as possible to ensure eligibility. 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 above) 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:
6. Layout for Course List to Quality for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award – Enter all information in columns using the following format:

Full Name of Student; Social Security Number; Location/Host Co.; 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 academies.

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic	165
Emergency Medical Technician - Re-fresher	24
EMT I	540
EMT I to P Bridge	442
Emergency Medical Services Officer I	48
Emergency Medical Responder	51
Emergency Medical Technician Skills	12
Emergency Medical Technician On line Continuing Education	12
Paramedic Refresher	40
Emergency Medical Responder Refresher	15
Aerial Apparatus Operator	24

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Aircraft Rescue Firefighter	40
Fire Officer I	63
Fire Officer II	45
Fire Officer III	60
Fire Officer IV	60
Incident Safety Officer	16
FD Safety Officer	30
Firefighter 1	108
Firefighter II	60
Leadership I	12
Leadership II	12
Leadership III	12
LACK	4
Courage to be Safe	4
Protective Envelope & Foam	9
Pumps	30
Truck Company Fire Grounds Operations	24
Engine Company Fire Grounds Operations	24
Firefighter Survival and Rescue	18
Emergency Vehicle Driver Refresher	12
Emergency Vehicle On-Line Course	18
Emergency Vehicle Skills for On-line Students	12
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course	30
Rescue Tech. Site Operations	27
Rescue Tech. V&M	27
Rescue Tech. Structural Collapse	84
Rescue Tech. Rope Rescue	54
Rescue Tech. Trench Rescue	30
Rescue Tech. Confined Space Rescue	30
Rescue Tech. Swift Water Rescue	48
Instructor Training I	33
Instructor Training II	36
Fire Inspector I	30
Fire Inspector II	30
Fire Inspector III	30
Hazardous Materials Awareness	13
Hazardous Materials Operations	24
Hazardous Materials Technician	60
WMD Awareness	6
Decision Making for Initial Company Operations	12
Strategy and Tactics for Initial Co. Operations	12
ICS for EMS	14
ICS for Fire Service	16

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Shipboard Firefighting for Land Based Firefighters	63
Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations	45
NIMS 100	3
NIMS 300	24
NIMS 400	16
NIMS 700	3
NIMS 800	3
ACLS	8
PALS	16
PTLS	16

Refresher Classes - (annually)

SCBA	1.5
Hazardous Materials	1.5
Blood Borne/Airborne Pathogens	1.5
CPR/AED	1.5
Trench Rescue	1.5
Confined Space Rescue	1.5

One day seminars are considered 6 hours and two day seminars are considered 12 hours. Seminars may include Executive Development Seminars, Chief Officers Seminar, Hazardous Materials Training, Confined Space, Rescue Weekends, Water Supply Drills, etc. CPR training and other classes offered in stations must be documented with the number of hours of all students. Documentation could include AHA or ARC pocket cards, or a signed letter from a certified instructor. All courses will be reviewed by the Training Committee for verification and acceptance of the appropriateness of the training for award consideration.

The following list of National Fire Academy courses is not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC, IRHMICI, MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation, MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support-Hazardous Materials.

Previous Recipients:

1976	Huntingtown VFD	Calvert
1977	Huntingtown VFD	Calvert
1978	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
1979	Deer Park VFD	Garrett

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1980	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1981	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1982	Potomac Heights VFD	Charles
1983	Leonardtown VFD	St. Mary's
1984	Community Fire Company of Millington	Kent
1985	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1986	Bedford Road VFD	Allegany
1987	Church Hill VFC	Queen Anne's
1988	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
1989	Glen Burnie VFD	Anne Arundel
1990	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
1991	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
1992	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
1993	Church Hill VFC	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	Calvert
2001	Bay District VFD	St. Mary's
2002	Rockville VFD	Montgomery
2003	Indian Head VFD	Charles
2004	Urbana VFC	Frederick
2005	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2006	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2007	Walkersville VRS	Frederick
2008	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2009	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2010	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2011	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad	Montgomery
2012	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2013	St. Leonard VFD	Calvert
2014	Ellicott City	Howard

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FAMILY APPRECIATION PROGRAM AWARD

Purpose of Award: To recognize the family of a Volunteer Fire or EMS members, sacrifices their 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 the family of volunteer members of the Fire/EMS Service.
2. Member **MUST** be an active volunteer and his/her Company or Department in good standing of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
3. Family nomination must be endorsed by the President or Chief of the member's Department or Company.
4. The Maryland State Firemen's Association Recruitment and Retention Committee will base their selection on the following criteria:
 - Exhibit consistent positive effort towards training, response to incidents, fundraising, etc.
 - Exhibit overall effort to support team concepts.
 - Active member for a minimum of 5 years.
 - Nominations must be submitted by **NO LATER THAN April 30th**, to:
Joe Chornock, Chairman
MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee
65 Bralan Court
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
josephchornock@gmail.com
 - Awards will be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference.
 - Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Committee, Members of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association are not eligible for the award.

Nominee must:

- Exhibit positive effort toward Department or Company and family member and have clear understanding of member's commitment.
- Exhibit overall effort to support team concept.
- Nominator must be an active member of a Department or Company

GOVERNOR'S FIRE PREVENTION TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the best fire prevention entry in the line of parade at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Annual Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention Committee and Fire Prevention Committee

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention Committee, Fire Prevention Committee and the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office

Background: The Governor's Fire Prevention Trophy is awarded each year at the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference for the best fire prevention float, demonstration, or entry in the line of parade. The award is in the form of a large permanent trophy. Awards are also awarded for second through fifth places.

Award Rules:

1. Clowns and commercial participants in the parade will not be eligible for this award.
2. Any individual, group, unity, float, etc., are eligible as long as they are in the line of parade and have been pre-judged.
3. Judging will be done by the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office.
4. Entries will be prejudged prior to the parade at a pre-announced location.
5. The decision of the judges will be final.
6. Judging will be on the following point system:
 - A. Theme and originality – (0 – 25 points) – Within a fire prevention subject area such as Fire Prevention Week, Home Inspections, Halloween, Christmas, Fire Safety, Spring Cleaning, Sparky, Smokey, Sweepy, Smoke Detectors, Etc.
 - B. Uniqueness in presentation – (0 – 25 points) – Construction aspects such as neatness, stability, occupant safety, and fire-safe materials.
 - C. Overall appearance – (0 – 25 points)
 - D. Conduct of participants – (0 – 25 points) – General conduct of, and how well participants carryout the theme of the entry.
7. Size, cost, and elaborateness are not a criteria.

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 of material from apparatus
6. Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus
7. Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress
8. Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
9. Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
10. Personnel 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 an unsafe or reckless manner
14. If seatbelts or other safety devices are provided they must be worn in their proper manner
15. All "Jake Brakes" 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.

THANKS 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.

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122nd Annual Convention**

TROPHIES AND AWARDS LIST

Maryland Company Making Best Appearance
Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Easton VFD

Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance
Hollywood VFD
President's Award
Ocean City

Williamsport VFC
Company Coming Longest Distance
Cresaptown

Company Coming Second Longest Distance
Liberty Fire, Schuylkill Haven, PA

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Easton

Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
Hollywood

Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
Galena VFC

Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel
Easton VFD

Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
Sudlersville VFD

Second Best Appearance
Arnold VFD

Third Best Appearance
Seventh District VFD

Honorable Mention - Galena
Honorable Mention - Fruitland
Honorable Mention - Kensington
Honorable Mention - Schuylkill Haven

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Honorable Mention - Glen Burnie
Honorable Mention - Independent Hose
Honorable Mention - Easton

Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance

Liberty VFC

Second Best Appearance

Cordova VFA

Third Best Appearance

Hollywood VFD

Honorable Mention - Middletown VFC
Honorable Mention – Chesapeake City VFC
Honorable Mention - Federalsburg VFC
Honorable Mention – Arcadia VFC
Honorable Mention – St. Michael's VFC
Honorable Mention – Grasonville VFC
Honorable Mention – Glen Echo VFD

Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance

Ocean Pines E1102

Second Best Appearance

Arcadia VFD E434

Third Best Appearance

Pittsville VFD E702

Honorable Mention – Liberty Fire Company #4 Wagon
Honorable Mention – N/A
Honorable Mention – N/A

Tanker Making Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)

Independent Hose

Second Best Appearance

Trappe

Third Best Appearance

Easton

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance
1500 gallon capacity tank and over
Leonardtwn

Second Best Appearance
Cresaptown

Third Best Appearance
Bishopville

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance
Galena

Second Best Appearance
Goldsboro

Third Best Appearance
Williamsport

Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance
Easton

Second Best Appearance
Kensington

Third Best Appearance
Ocean Pines

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance
Water Witch

Second Best Appearance
Community Fire Company of Rising Sun

Third Best Appearance
Charlestown

Brush Unit - Making Best Appearing
Galena Brush 3

Second Best Appearance
Arnold Brush 17

Third Best Appearance

Grasonville Brush 2

Honorable Mention – Seventh District Brush 5

Honorable Mention – Laurel Fire Dept. (DE) 81-1

Honorable Mention – Independent Hose Co. 1 Brush 16

Squad Truck Making Best Appearance

Goodwill – York Township

Second Best Appearance

Pittsville

Third Best Appearance

Easton

Ambulance Making Best Appearance

Cordova VFA

Second Best Appearance

Laurel

Third Best Appearance

Hollywood

Honorable Mention – St. Michaels

Honorable Mention – Kent Island

Honorable Mention - Pittsville

Honorable Mention – Grasonville

Honorable Mention – College Park

Best Appearing Company from Delaware

Frankford

Second Best Appearing

Dagsboro Fire Co.

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania

Liberty, Schuylkill

Second Best Appearing

N/A

Best Appearing Company from Virginia

N/A

Second Best Appearing

N/A

Best Appearing Company from New Jersey

N/A

**Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(25 years or older Not In-Service)**

First Place

Berlin 1924 Mack

Second Place

1919 Easton American LaFrance

Third Place

Ocean City E-708 (53 Ford)

Honorable Mention - 1954 American LaFrance Aetona

Honorable Mention - 1976 Mack/E-252 Clinton

**Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(25 years or older In-Service)**

First Place

1980 Mack Unit 736 Liberty 4

Second Place

Ocean City 1987 #715 Rescue

Third Place

1986 International Easton Brush

Honorable Mention - 705 Canteen Kensington

Honorable Mention - DNR/Forestry

**Emergency Services Special Unit Making Best Appearance
(Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, etc.)**

1st Place

Pittsville

2nd Place

Sussex County, DE

3rd Place

Galena

Honorable Mention - Washington County, MD

Honorable Mention - Kensington, MD

Honorable Mention - Glen Echo, MD

Honorable Mention - Cecilton, MD

Honorable Mention - Singerly, MD

**Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance
(25 years or older)**

1968 Cadillac, Franklin, DE

Second Best Appearing

1959 Fruitland Chief Car

Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform

Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary

Second Best Appearing

N/A

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance

N/A

Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance

Easton VFC

Second Best Appearing

Maryland Fire Service Pipes & Drums Color Guard

Third Best Appearing

Liberty Fire Company

Honorable Mention – Joppa Magnolia VFC Cadets

Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance

Westminster Community Band

Second Best Appearing

Xtreme Twirlers Little Color Guard

**Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance
Governor's Award**
Easton VFC

Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance
N/A

Fire Prevention Entry Making Third Best Appearance
N/A

Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Alison Elben – Cordova VFA

Second Best Appearing
Kaitlyn Moon, Easton

Third Best Appearing
Shelby Simmons, Allegany/Garrett Counties

Fourth Best Appearing
Jaki Stewart, Trappe

Honorable Mention – Sara Bowels, Cecil County
Honorable Mention – Andrea Crancell, Federalsburg

Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Madelyn Patrick, MSFA, NE Jr. Miss

Second Best Appearing
Kaite Moyer, Caroline County

Third Best Appearing
Reagon Dunn, Cecilton

Fourth Best Appearing
Madeline Moore, Cecil County

Honorable Mention – Sierra Smallwood, Washington County
Honorable Mention – Elizabeth Watkins, Sharpstown

Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance
Marleigh Wink, Sharpstown

Second Best Appearing

Elizabeth Rose Lynn, Cecilton

Third Best Appearing

Victoria Reil, Northeast

Fourth Best Appearing

Madelyn Bartz, Caroline County

Honorable Mention – Tiffany Collon, Sharpstown

Honorable Mention – Kelyn Suit, Harford County

Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance

Anthony Gardiner, Hollywood

Second Best Appearing

Dustin Wilkins, Cabin John

Third Best Appearing

Landen Andrews, St. Michaels VFC

Fourth Best Appearing

Dakota McClellan, Perryville CFC

Honorable Mention – Paul DeGraves, MVFD/Mechanicsville

Honorable Mention – Ayden Russell, Rigley

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company

Joppa Magnolia Cadets

Second Place

Liberty Fire Company Cadets

Marching Band Making Best Appearance - (\$500)

Westminster Community Band

Marching Band Making Second Best Appearing - (\$250)

N/A

Third Best Appearing - (\$200)

N/A

Best Drum And Bugle Corp

Maryland Fire Service Pipes & Drums

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes

Little Drummer w/Hagerstown Xtreme

Majorettes Making Best Appearance

Boonsboro Silver Starlettes

Second Best Appearing

Hagerstown Xtreme Twirlers

Third Best Appearing

N/A

Fourth Best Appearing

N/A

Pom Pom Squad Making Best Appearance

Hagerstown Extreme Twirlers

Second Best Appearing

N/A

Comic Entry Making Best Appearance

Water Witch

Mascot Making Best Appearance

Sparky, Sandy Spring VFD

Second Best Appearance

N/A

Judges Awards

Category 1

Galena Fire Company

Category 2

77 Rescue.org Support Unit "Betty Lou"

Category 3.1

Colton Wilkins, Cabin John

Category 4

Joppa Magnolia Junior Cadets

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Category 5

Maryland Forest Service Engine 57

Category 6

10 Wheel Storm Response Vehicle

Category 7

Snow Hill VFC Tanker

Category 8

Frankford Ambulance

Category 9

State Fire Marshall's Office

Category 10

Baltimore City Truck 29 TDA



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and Emergency Medical
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