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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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*Charles N. Ringer	1969-70	Hagerstown
*Gerald A. Glaubitz	1970-71	Morningside
*Thomas L. Reynolds	1971-72	Queen Anne's-Hillsboro
*Richard H. Carter	1972-73	Glen Burnie
*Roy L. Wood	1973-74	Beltsville
*Edwin F. Preston	1974-75	Arbutus
*C. Edwin Turner Sr.	1975-76	Centerville
*Elmer E. Dunn Sr.	1976-77	Powhatan Beach

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*Arthur Marvin Gibbons	1977-78	Hillandale
C. Oscar Baker	1978-79	Mt. Airy
*Charles B. Burton	1979-80	Landover Hills
* Robert N. Dempsey	1980-81	Kennedyville
Thomas L. Tharp	1981-82	Odenton
*Smith N. Stathem Jr.	1982-83	Pikesville
*Charles W. Riley	1983-84	Abington
*Robert J. Smith	1984-85	West Lanham Hills
Leonard Thurston King Sr.	1985-86	Damascus
Clarence Daniel Carpenter Jr.	1986-87	Potomac Heights
Robert P. Cumberland Jr.	1987-88	Westminster
*Robert H. Shimer	1988-89	Potomac-Westernport
Joseph A. Robison	1989-90	Laurel
Thomas A. Mattingly Sr.	1990-91	Leonardtown
Bernard J. Smith	1991-92	Lansdowne
*William J. Fleshman	1992-93	Beltsville
Philip M. Hurlock	1993-94	Church Hill
Richard L. Yinger	1994-95	Citizens Truck
George A. "Fred" Cross	1995-96	Chestnut Ridge
Stephan D. Cox	1996-97	Bel Air
Charles Daniel Davis Jr.	1997-98	Hollywood
Robert E. Knippenburg	1998-99	Midland
Carl B. Edelin Jr.	1999-00	Kensington
Roger A. Steger Sr.	2000-01	Ocean City
*Charles J. "Jenks" Mattingly III	2001-02	Hollywood
Gene Worthington	2002-03	Level
Terry E. Thompson	2003-04	Savage
Robert W. Jacobs	2004-05	Citizens Truck
*Lee N. Sachs, Esq.	2005-06	Pikesville
Paul R. "Bobby" Balta Jr.	2006-07	Ridge
Paul H. Sterling Jr.	2007-08	Wheaton
Frank J. Underwood	2008-09	Branchville
Roger N. Powell, Esq.	2009-10	Pikesville
Doyle E. Cox	2010-11	Prince Frederick
David W. Lewis	2011-12	Odenton
John Denver	2012-13	Elkton
Jacqueline Olson	2013-14	Fearndale
David Keller	2014-15	Citizens

PAST SECRETARIES

*William M. Crimmins	1893-1896	Frederick
*John J. Stump, PP	1896-1898	Cumberland
*Charles V. Wantz	1898-1901	Westminster

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*William M. Crimmins	1901-1903	Frederick
*Harry T. Lively, PP	1903-1905	Annapolis
*James Peaarre Wantz	1905-1907	Westminster
*Harry I. Smith	1907-1909	Cumberland
*Joseph E. Hollar	1909-1911	Sparrows Point
*Edward Stevenson	1911-1913	Lonaconing
*Charles L. Davis	1913-1915	Westernport
*William Weagly	1915-1917	Westminster
*J. Hall Wright	1917-1919	Easton
*George R. Lindsay	1919-1921	Hagerstown
*Lawrence C. Cooney	1921-1923	Sparrows Point
*George R. Lindsay	1923-1939	Hagerstown
*Benjamin R. Benson II	1939-1940	Towson
*Ted C. Gardner, PP	1940-1953	Riverdale Heights
*Floyd B. Heimer	1953-1973	Branchville
*Charles B. Burton, PP	1973-1977	Landover Hills
*William B. Fox	1977-1979	Landover Hills
*William E. Denver	1979-1980	Elkton
William F. Cooke	1980-1981	Waldorf
*Charles B. Burton, PP	1981-1993	Landover Hills
Leonard T. King Sr., PP	1993-2008	Damascus
Jacqueline M. Olson PP	2009-2010	Ferndale
Joseph A. Cooper	2011-2012	Bay District
Doyle E. Cox, PP	2012-(now serv.)	Prince Frederick

PAST TREASURERS

*Hiram R. Heck	1893-1905	Frederick
*G. Walter Wright, PP	1905-1907	Cambridge
*John W. Brittingham	1907-1909	Salisbury
*Walter W. Wittig	1909-1911	Frostburg
*William B. Usilton Jr.	1911-1913	Chestertown
*Russell P. Smith	1913-1915	Cambridge
*Edward Stevenson	1915-1917	Lonaconing
*Peter B. Cain	1917-1919	Midland
*Frank C. Ort	1919-1921	Midland
*A. C. Fry	1921-1923	Frostburg
*Frank C. Ort	1923-1924	Midland
*W. B. Davis	1924-1927	Silver Spring
*Frank C. Ort	1927-1924	Midland
*Frank W. Truitt	1934-1939	Ocean City
*Elmer S. Knight	1939-1945	Frostburg
*William A. Wilson	1945-1975	Midland

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*David E. Kirk, PP, Emeritus	1975-1990	Bowling Green
*Robert W. Saville	1990-2003	Bowling Green
John Shuhart	2003-2004	Barton
Gene Curfman	2004-2005	Union Bridge
Ronald J. Siarnicki	2005-now serving	United Communities

PAST FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Robert W. Jacobs	1997-2002	Citizens Truck
*Paul Fabiszak	2002-2003	Hereford EMS
George A. "Fred" Cross Jr.	2003-2012	Chestnut Ridge
W. Mitchell "Mitch" Vocke	2012- (Now Serv.)	Jarrettsville

PAST CHAPLAINS

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

2000 the Office of Chief Chaplain was approved by the Membership

PAST CHIEF CHAPLAINS

Rev. J. Harvey Dixon	2000-2004	Salisbury VFD
Rev. John F. Long Jr.	2004-(Now serving)	Lake Shore VFC

PAST TRUSTEES

*W. H. A. Hamilton, PP	1906-1925	Hagerstown
*J. H. Cunningham, PP	1906-1913	Westminster
*Philip E. Porter, PP	1906-1918	Annapolis
*John J. Stump, PP	1906-1933	Cumberland
*John dep Douw, PP	1906-1909	Annapolis
*Palmer Tennant, PP	1907-1911	Hagerstown
*Lloyd T. MacGill, PP	1907-1908	Frederick
*Glenn H. Worthington	1907-1910	Frederick
*Peter C. McFarland, PP	1911-1925	Lonaconing
*John B. Baker, PP	1912-1917	Manchester
*F. G. Kelch, PP	1917-1919	Raspeburg

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*Roy L. Morgan	1918-1942	Annapolis
*S. J. Kelly	1919-1922	Hyattsville
*William H. Collier, PP	1922-1932	Salisbury
*Robert Strobel	1925-1929	Hagerstown
*Harry L. Smith	1925-1943	Cumberland
*A. Shepard Bayly	1926-1934	Cambridge
*Leo M. Moore, PP	1929-1946	Have de Grace
*B. Horace Ford, PP	1933-1937	Crisfield
*Marc Bryant	1934-1936	Denton
*Eugene J. C. Raney, PP	1936-1948	Kensington
*Curtis C. Larrimore	1937-1952	Easton
*John S. Prichard	1943-1968	Grantsville
*John O. Cockey	1942-1954	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 Bouden, 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	2005-2014	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
Ben Kurtz	2014	Jarrettsville

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 Jeffe	Bowie
50	1942-43	*Noah Jeffe	Bowie
51	1943-44	*William G. Kerbin	Snow Hill
52	1944-45	*William G. Kerbin	Snow Hill
53	1945-46	*W. Bartgis Storm, PP	Frederick
54	1946-47	*Landon Walston	Preston
55	1947-48	*Bradley Riggs	Kensington
56	1948-49	*G. Mitchell Boulden, PP	Elkton
57	1949-50	*A. Leroy Willey	Cambridge
58	1950-51	*William A. Chenoweth, PP	Pikesville
59	1951-52	*Dr. James Swing	Cambridge
60	1952-53	*Philip Beard, PP	Walkersville
61	1953-54	*Philip Beard, PP	Walkersville
62	1954-55	*Howard Keller, PP	Pikesville
63	1955-56	Joseph Mayhew	Landover Hills
64	1956-57	*Walter Bennett	Sykesville
65	1957-58	*Walter Bennett	Sykesville
66	1958-59	*Marbery F. Gates	Rockville
67	1959-60	*C. Earl Wyville Sr.	Marlboro
68	1960-61	*John Meech	Avalon Shores
69	1961-62	*John Meech	Avalon Shores
70	1962-63	*Gordon Tuohey	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	Leonardtwn
95	1987-88	Eugene Curfman	Union Bridge
96	1988-89	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
97	1989-90	Craig A. Moe	Laurel
98	1990-91	C. Daniel Davis Jr., PP	Hollywood
99	1991-92	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
100	1992-93	*Roy L. Wood, PP	Beltsville
101	1993-94	Francis D. Jester	Church Hill
102	1994-95	Hartwood Cornell Jr.	Woodsboro
103	1995-96	*J. Donald Mooney	Lansdowne
104	1996-97	Richard K. Brooks III	Norrisville
105	1997-98	C. Dan Carpenter III	Potomac Heights
106	1998-99	*George Blanco	Midland
107	1999-00	Paul H. Sterling Jr., 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
122	2014-15	Charles Abrecht	Junior

*Deceased

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	
	1992	Special Centennial Convention					
Frostburg	1895	1908	1922	1932	1942	1947	
Hagerstown	1894	1905	1912	1918	1936	1945	1962
Havre de Grace	1916	1924					
Lonaconing	1902	1911	1915	1929	1940		
Oakland	1935						
Ocean City	1925	1931	1939	1948	1949	1950	1952
	1953	1954	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1968	1969	1970
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
	1992*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	2013	2014	2015	2016			
Salisbury	1898	1919					
Westernport	1913	1920					
Westminster	1899	1901	1906	1914	1926	1933	

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"LEARNING FROM THE PAST, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE"

Saturday, June 18, 2016

- 1200 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Lvl
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Mezzanine Lvl
1330 **Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission** – Convention Center
1800 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** - Clarion Hotel (*By Invitation Only*)

Sunday, June 19, 2016

- 0800 **Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level**
0900-1130 **Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center**
0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor's Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Lvl
1000 **Executive Committee Meeting** – Performing Arts Center
1000-1200 MSFA Early Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1000-1200 LAMSFA Early Registration – Convention Center – Performing Arts Center East
Foyer
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor
1000-1400 **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** – Main Foyer of Performing Arts Center
1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Performing Arts Center
1400 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Performing Arts Center
1700 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
1900 Maryland Memorial Fire Service Event – Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way
2130-2230 **Ocean City Beach Lights** - North Division Street

Monday, June 20, 2016

- 0700 Registration - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
0800-1700 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center
0800 Convention Events Ticket Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor

0830 **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
OPENING CEREMONIES

0900 Exhibits Open

0910 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
0930 **Keynote Presentation - "Turning Tragedy Into Advocacy"**
Sher Grogg - Common Voices - Dobbs Ferry, New York
Vickie Pritchett, Executive Director - Common Voices - Dickson, Tennessee

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This presentation that will bring you the first-person story of the Annapolis Mansion Fire that occurred on January 19, 2015, claiming six lives. Sher Grogg, the newest Common Voices advocate, will bring this Maryland tragedy to life, along with sharing the way she partnered with fire service leaders to make the fire a teachable moment for legislators, citizens, and fire service members alike.

Vickie Pritchett will add advocate stories that highlight the reality of fire, along with the resources that exist through organizations like Common Voices, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, NFPA's Residential Fire Sprinkler Initiative, and others. You'll be inspired, informed, and leave with ideas of how to join the outreach efforts and make a difference! Fire sprinklers buy time. Time buys life. Join us to learn more!

- 0950 **MSFA 125th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off**
- 1000 **Ladies dismissal**
- 1005 Reading and acceptance of 2015 Convention and Conference Minutes
 Report of the Credentials Committee
 Report of Association Officers
 Report of Standing and Special Committees
 Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
 Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee
 National Volunteer Fire Council Update
- 1015-1045 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center - Stage
- 1045 Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
 Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
- 1100 **MEETING - LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA** – Performing Arts Center
- 1230 **CALL TO ORDER - SECOND SESSION**
 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission
 Maryland Instructor's Certification Board
 Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board
 Maryland Emergency Management Agency
 Maryland Department of Homeland Security
 Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
- 1300 **Main Program Presentation - "It is time to STOP Firefighter DEATHS in Maryland!"**
 Paula Rose, M.D. - Peninsula Regional Medical Center - Your Doc's In, Salisbury, Maryland
 MSFA Safety Committee

The MSFA Safety Committee, with the help of our safety professionals, including our medical adviser, has determined that the number one cause of firefighter deaths in Maryland is heart attack! Are we proactive in our efforts to combat what is killing our firefighters? Being honest with ourselves, positive and coordinated departmental support will only make this work. It is time for all of us to learn what Maryland First Responders are missing! Are medical examinations and wellness programs the answer to our number one cause of firefighter deaths?

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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
- 1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into Exhibit areas after 1615 Hours
- 1800 **PURSE and BAG BINGO** – Bayfront Ballroom, Doors open at 1700 Hours
(Ticket Needed)
- 1830 **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK** –
30th Street & Coastal Highway *(Ticket Needed)*
- 2030 **Movie on the Beach** - 27th Street Oceanfront

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

- 0800 **VOTING** – Convention Center (Open for Two Hours)
- 0800-0845 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center - Stage
- 0800-1500 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center
- 0830 **CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
- 0830 **AWARDS CEREMONY**
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award
- 0900 **MEETING – LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA** – Performing Arts Center
- 0900 Exhibits Open
- 0920 **Main Program Presentation - “The Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial”**
Gary Rains, Past President and Life Member
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
MSFA Fire and Rescue Services Memorial Committee, Sykesville, Maryland
This presentation will feature the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial which was designed and built to honor and remember the volunteer and career men and women from Maryland's Fire, EMS, Rescue, and Aviation Services whose lives were lost while serving the citizens of Maryland.

The program will include an informative discussion of the Memorial Foundation's history, mission, annual memorial service, and fund-raising efforts.
- 0940 **AWARDS CEREMONY (Continued)**
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Smith N. Statham, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
John E. “Sunny” Rose Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award

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1145 **Main Program Presentation - "Flash Max – Fire Safety Comic Superhero"**
Michael Furman - LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., LaPlata, Maryland
This program will introduce to you a new fire safety comic superhero that has been created to help spread the fire prevention message to children and their families. The Flash Max slogan is, "Stay Safe, and Stay Low". As with many comic superheroes, Flash Max also has a sidekick partner to assist him in his fire prevention 'mission'. Carried on Flash Max's arm, his name is 'Al'; it's Mr. 'Al-Arm', the smoke alarm! Together, Flash Max and Al-arm team up to not only teach children how they can play a part in preventing home fires, but also how to know what to do in case a fire actually occurs.

Flash Max's mission doesn't stop with just fire prevention education, however. He also brings forth the important moral life messages of health, respect, honesty, and being a good citizen in our communities. He is also an advocate for burned, injured, bullied, or otherwise traumatized children in a world where our children are bombarded by so many bad examples being set through modern television cartoons, social media, some professional athletes, and, sadly, even some uniformed public safety officials. Flash Max will set a model example as a role model kids can look up to and trust.

1200 Fire Prevention and Life Safety Awards and Silver Spring Award
Legislative Committee Update
SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Report of the Election Judges

1200-1600 **Mack Fire Truck Rally** - Convention Center North Parking Lot next to the Sunset

Room

1300-1700 **Cornhole Tournament** - Convention Center (***On-Line Registration***)

1630 Exhibits Close

1730 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Performing Arts Center

1830 **Ocean City FOOLS Block Party at Cowboy Coast** - Philadelphia Avenue at 17th
Featuring the Franklin Square Band

1830-2030 **Family Beach Olympics** - 27th Street Oceanfront

2000 **Ocean City Ghost Walk – "The Haunted Trifecta"** –
Shenanigans, Boardwalk & 4th Street (***Ticket Needed***)

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

0700 **5K Run/Walk, OC FOOLS** - North Division Street on the Boardwalk

0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom (***Ticket Needed***)

0830-0900 LAMSFA Registration – Performing Arts Center - Stage

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

0900 Exhibits Open

Reading of Communications and Announcements

Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary

0915 **MEETING – LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA** – Performing Arts Center

0915 **Main Program Presentation –**

"Civil Unrest: A Real Threat to Public Safety (Baltimore Riots Lessons Learned)"

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Jeffrey Segal, Assistant Fire Chief and Mark Wagner, Assistant Fire Chief

Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore, Maryland

The last week of April into early May saw a period of civil unrest in the City of Baltimore that had been unexperienced since the civil riots of the 1960's. Before it was brought to a conclusion, more than 250 persons had been arrested, more than 300 businesses damaged including more than 60 of them by fire, and millions of dollars in property loss. The civil unrest caused the closure of public schools, cancellation of a Baltimore Orioles baseball game, and setting of mandatory curfews.

Most would say man-made or natural disasters and terrorism are the greatest threats to public safety. Training and exercises focused on disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, hazardous materials, and terrorism. It is time to prepare for the modern and frequently overlooked threat to public safety "Civil Unrest". This presentation will discuss the preparations and actions taken by the Baltimore City Fire Department for large scale incidents and what additional actions need to be taken for the future.

- 1000 Remarks by Past President
 Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
 Introduction and Installation of Executive Committee
 Installation of Assistant Officers
 Final Report of Convention Committee
- 1045 Unfinished Business and New Business
 \$10,000 Raffle Drawing
- 1200 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1145 Hours
- 1300 **MSFA PARADE** – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue, Line-up at Inlet Parking Lot
 Special Note – **Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue**
- 1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center Bayfront Exhibit Hall
- 2000 **Ocean City Ghost Walk** – “**The Haunted Trifecta**” – Boardwalk at the Inlet
 (Ticket Needed)
- 2030 Movie on the Beach, 118th Street at Carousel Hotel

Thursday, June 23, 2016

- 0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Performing Arts Center
- 1300-1800 **FAMILY DAY at FRONTIER TOWN WATER PARK** – Berlin **(Ticket Needed)**
- 1400-1600 **Tickled Paint ARTworks** – Convention Center - Room 208, LAMSFA
 Fundraiser **(Ticket Needed)**
- 1900-2300 **MSFA FAMILY NIGHT at BOARDWALK PIER – Unlimited Rides**

Friday, June 24, 2016

- 0800 **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course**
- 2000 **Ocean City Ghost Walk** – “**The Haunted Trifecta**” – Boardwalk at the Inlet
 (Ticket Needed)
- 2030 **Movie on the Beach** - 27th Street Oceanfront

Memorial Tribute

Line-of-Duty Deaths Tribute



Lt. John Ulmscheider
Prince George's Fire/EMS Department

Memorial Tribute

Past Presidents



Dorothy Eloise Healy

LAMSFA Past President

1994-1995

Potomac Heights VFD and Rescue Squad



CLARENCE D. CARPENTER JR.

MSFA Past President

1986-1987

Potomac Heights VFD and Rescue Squad

Memorial Tribute

Maryland State Firemen's Association Special Recognition



PATRICIA A. BOWSER
MSFA VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND, SECRETARY
Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department



GUELDA K. FARRALL
LAMSFA COUNTY ORGANIZER
Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS
Dentsville Volunteer EMS and Auxiliary

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President's Memorial Tribute

2016

As we open this 124th Annual Convention and Conference Memorial Service, we pause to recognize our family, friends and mentors who passed away since the last Convention. Tonight, we will honor and celebrate the contributions that your loved ones have given to our Association. They all define what a volunteer is through their dedication and time away from their families in order to make a difference in their communities. May this dedication live on in the years to come.

On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it is an honor and privilege to dedicate the 124th Annual Convention and Conference Memorial Service and Memorial Book to those who have gone before us. The effects of their loss are being felt already by those of us who had the pleasure of working with them. While no words can ease your loss, we hope that tonight's service will be of comfort to you.

LAMSFA Past President Eloise Healy (1994-95); MSFA Past President Clarence D. Carpenter Jr.; LAMSFA Charles County Organizer Guelda K. Farrall; Patricia Bowser Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Secretary; All have made contributions to our organization and the State of Maryland. 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 2016 Memorial Program and Book.

So, to our family members and friends who have gone before us we say, Go Rest High on the Mountain, until we meet again! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Johnie Roth Jr.
President, MSFA

Darby A. Byrd
President, LAMSFA

Chaplain's Memorial Tribute 2016

Today as we gather to celebrate the lives of those who by their freewill gave so much of their lives to their company, county and state; we will remember their dedication, their gifts, their talents and their love for their community. Let us, the children of God celebrate even though we mourn our loss.

Today people more than ever before are seeking for peace, in something or someone. There is an unprecedented desire in mankind to obtain some quality in their lives that would give them rest, peace, comfort. Our brothers and sisters are suffering like never before. More and more our brothers and sisters are being diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Yes, it is true. More firefighters and EMTs have died this past year from suicide, than from all of the other causes of death. Have we gotten to this point because of the call volume of today? Or, have we gotten here because more and more of our personnel do not know God?

People desire to obtain some quality in their lives that would give them rest, peace and comfort. More than ever, then, it is important to seek peace by looking to the author of peace – God, the author of peace speaks to us today through His Son, Jesus Christ and the revelation of Jesus through His timeless flawless word, the Bible.

The Bible tells us that the person who seeks, will find God, Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you". This is an individualized and personal message to us today. The word of God is full of invitations to seek and find – but we cannot do it in our own way. We must diligently seek God, His way. His way is as in John 14:6, "Jesus saith...I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." God may be found as King David said to his son Solomon, in first Chronicles 28:9, "And thou Solomon, Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found by thee." There once again the invitation to seek and find.

If you believe that God is the one who gifted you, serve, and understand that he wants to have a relationship with you. You will be better equipped to survive the traumas of this service. We pray for you every day that you will have physical protection as you serve, and that God will keep you safe. We also pray that you may know and love God so that your mental health will survive to keep you in the service that he has destined for you.

*John F. Long Jr.
Chief Chaplain, MSFA*

*Rebecca Wathen
Chaplain, LAMSFA*

**124th Annual Convention and Conference of the
Maryland State Firemen's Association
Ocean City, Maryland – June 18-24, 2016**

**Joint Memorial Service
Sunday, June 19, 2016**

(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: Thank you, thank you Tom Musgrove, Chaplain of the Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department. Very good. I'm Harvey Dixon, Chief Chaplain Emeritus of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and we have assembled today for the State Firemen's Association Annual Memorial Service.

I want to say thanks to you for your support for these families who have lost their loved ones this past year. In preparation for this service tonight, please silent your phones, pagers and radios. We would like for everyone to stand when the Bagpipers begin to play and the honor guards present their colors for us. Thank you.

The Greater Baltimore Pipes and Drums enters followed by the Honor Guard, Chaplains and Presidents and the "Sea of Blue" makes their entrance.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Ladies and gentlemen would you please fill in the seats behind the Sea of Blue. Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters, we welcome your presence here this evening as we honor and reflect on the lives of our brothers and sisters who have departed our company here on earth. Though our hearts are void of their love and the joy of their company, let us rejoice in knowing that one day we will be rejoined with them again.

Tonight we have five special tributes. One of those is a Line-of-Duty Death, two Past Presidents and two Past Officers. We are honored to have their families with us tonight as we pay tribute to their loved ones.

Tonight we honor a new tradition. We will also pay tribute to our brothers in blue, four law enforcement officers who were killed this past year in Maryland. At the end of the tributes four slides will be shown we will have a moment to honor their sacrifices. 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

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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 Ecclesiastic 7:2, "It is better to go to a house of mourning than a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man, the living should take heart". Father we rely on your loving heart to comfort the broken at heart. Let us rejoice with pride as we acknowledge those that we dedicate tonight with pride. Let this be a celebration of their dedication to the emergency services. We take comfort in knowing that these servants now reside in your presence. Amen.

We'll now have the National Anthem sung by Mr. Rickie Hauser.

"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 State Firemen's Association President, Johnie Roth.

President Johnie Roth: Good evening. As you entered the ballroom this evening, you may have noticed our special table set for two. Please allow me to explain the meaning of this table. Our fallen volunteer fire, rescue, EMS and auxiliary table is square, showing the many facets of our first responders – father or mother, brother or sister, son or daughter, citizen, hero. The white table cloth symbolizes the purity of their motives when they answer the alarm. The red rose represents our love for our fallen comrades. The slice of lemon reminds us of the bitter taste that we have after losing a comrade or loved one. The blue ribbon represents our trust and loyalty to our comrades present today. The pinch of salt represents the tears we have shed for our fallen comrades. The glasses are inverted to represent the inability to share this evening's toast. The chairs are empty – they are missing. Join me for a moment of silence to honor America's first responders and the success of their efforts to minimize line of duty deaths.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have a welcome by the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Darby Byrd.

President Darby Byrd: Good evening family and friends of the fire service. As you arrive this evening, you received a battery-operated candle. This evening when your county's name is announced, you are asked to arise and light your candle. You will see a larger candle as it is escorted up the aisle by a member of your county and placed on the display stand to the left of the stage. Once the names of your county have been completed, please

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be seated and leave your candle lit for the remainder of the ceremony. At the end of the evening we will have 24 lit candles on the display along with the flags representing the state of Maryland and the entire room will be lit with candlelight. Our goal is to send a solid beam of light to heaven to let our friends and family know that we will always carry them close to our heart and they will never be forgotten.

Chief Chaplain John Long: The Presidents will unveil the crosses.

We'll now have scripture reading by Chaplain Charles Barnhart.

Chaplain Charles Barnhart: A reading from the prophet Ecclesiastes 3rd Chapter: "For there is a time for everything and a season for everything 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; A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance; A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them; A time to embrace and a time to refrain; A time to search and a time to give up; 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". The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

Chaplain Long and LAMSFA Chaplain Wathen placed a rose in the vase in remembrance of each of the special tributes.

Lt. John Ulmschneider, Prince George's Fire/EMS Department, LODD;

Clarence D. Carpenter Jr., Past President MSFA 1986-1987, Potomac Heights VFD and Rescue Squad;

Dorothy Eloise Healy, Past President LAMSFA 1994-1995, Potomac Heights VFD and Rescue Squad;

Guelda K. Farrall, LAMSFA County Organizer, Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit, Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, and Dentsville Volunteer EMS and Auxiliary;

Patricia A. Bowser, MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Secretary, Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad.

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have Tim Konig sing the *Lord's Prayer*.

We will now have a scripture reading by LAMSFA Vice Chaplain Malea Daughton.

LAMSFA Vice Chaplain Malea Daughton: "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

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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: Mr. Rickie Hauser will come back to the stage and sing "How Great Thou Art."

Rickie Hauser: I want to say I want to sing this song and I hope it comforts and blesses all of you who have lost somebody very dear to you. I also want to say that I dedicate it especially, as I knew her personally – Ms. Patricia Bowser and her family. I hope this comforts and blesses you in this time of mourning.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Thank you very much Rickie. That was a great job. The next thing on our program, is hard to follow that, is a poem written by Stacey Faust after the passing of her Chief from Sudlersville (LODD). We are honored this year that on the back page of this year's program is her latest rendition of a poem she has written. At this time I would like to introduce Stacey Faust from Sudlersville.

Stacey Faust: "Last Call on Earth, First Call in Heaven" (Not to be reprinted without permission)

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

But life has its twists,
Its bumps and its turns
Life isn't simple
As everyone learns.
No one is better
Each equals the other
Everyone here
Is a sister or brother.

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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: Next we have reading of the scripture Lamentations Chapter 3: 17 - 26 by Chaplain Harry Hetz.

Chaplain Hetz: Listen to the words of Prophet Jeremiah; in his struggles he finds hope. "I have been deprived of peace. I have forgotten what prosperity is. So I say my splendor is gone and all that I have hoped for in the Lord. I remember my affliction, my wandering and the gall. I well remember them and my soul is downcast within me. It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving kindness that we are not consumed because his compassion never fails, I have hope. 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: Tim Konig returns to the mike to sing "Ava Maria."

Tim Konig: Sings "Ava Maria." God bless.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Thank you Tim. We will now have our recognition of our deceased brothers and sisters. Just a reminder, when your County's name is called, please stand and light your candle for your county.

Allegany County

Baltimore Pike Volunteer Fire Company – Gerald E. "Zeke" Michaels
Barton Hose Company No. 1 - Francis T. Mowbray

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Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph J. Hoban
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – William H. O'Neal
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department – Larry B. Thompson
Bowman's Addition Volunteer Fire Company – LaMar Minnick
Clarysville Fire Company – Thomas F. Gracie
Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company – John A. Whitehead
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Barry J. Barton
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Walter V. Duton
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Elmer J. Habersack
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Thomas L. Pratt
Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department – Viola M. Winters
District Sixteen Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Margaret L. Bible
District Sixteen Volunteer Fire Department – Donald R. Irons
District Sixteen Volunteer Fire Department – Charlotte J. Shoemaker
District Sixteen Volunteer Fire Department – LeRoy J. Shoemaker
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Mary Logue
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Florence N. Printy
Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Lana E. Bible
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service – Paul D. Hostetler
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Harold M. Bittner
Frostburg Fire Department #1 – Robert W. Race
George's Creek Ambulance Service – Gary R. Llewellyn
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 – Dale R. Lewis Sr.
Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary – Nikki L Nicol
LaVale Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Linda L. Border
Luke Volunteer Fire Company – Robert E. Bryan Jr.
Midland Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary – Phyllis A. Cullen
Midland Fire Company No. 1 - J. Neil Jones
Midland Fire Company No. 1 – Robert M. Turner
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company #1 – Richard J. Dunn
Orleans Volunteer Fire Department – **Edward O. Winfield**
Potomac Fire Company No. 2 – Robert M. Trenum Sr.
Tri-Towns Ambulance and Rescue Service – Francis T. Mowbray

Anne Arundel County

Arnold Volunteer Fire Department – Franklin H. Dull
Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Norman G. Taylor
Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad – Robert G. Wilkerson
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Daniel L. Monch
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Edgar N. "Wimpy" Jones Sr.
Eastport Volunteer Fire Company – Kenneth E. Wilkerson
Herald Harbor Volunteer Fire Department – Lawrence R. Barber
Maryland City Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad – Elizabeth M. Eastham

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Ladies Auxiliary to Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – Sylvia R. Hammond
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – Ramon E. Hodgson Jr.
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – John E. "Sonny" Rose Jr.
Rescue Hose Company #1 – Edgar N. "Wimpy" Jones Sr.
Rivera Beach Volunteer Fire Company – Ron Robinson
West Annapolis Vol. Fire & Improvement Co. Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra K. "Sandy" Beall

Baltimore County

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – William G. Frawley
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department – William Harvey Sr.
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company – Irvin E. "Bud" Boose Jr.
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company – Roland L. Davidson
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company – William R. "Roland" Hale Sr.
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company – Eileen M. Shamer
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Bernard R. Bosley
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company – Clarence E. Tracey
English Consul Volunteer Firemen's Association – Helene C. Nalley
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Elva C. Cook
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Charles R. "Mike" Garrett
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Thomas C. O'Connor
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – William K. Rice Jr.
Hereford Volunteer Fire Company – Thomas C. Simpson
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Elizabeth M. List
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Earl G. "Bud" Pumphrey
Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company – Ruth M. Vanik
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – John H. Gouchnauer
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – Charles R. "Mike" Mooney
Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association #1 – Lawrence Silcox
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – Frederick F. Pahl Jr.
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company – Ellis T. Tinkler
Middle River Volunteer Fire Company – Jack F. Yard
North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Company – Mary A. Riegel
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – William D. Cosden Jr.
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – C. Richard "Dick" Fox
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – Monica "Mabel" Kaufman
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company – Paul E. Trager
Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company – Frank W. Dorer
Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Courtney Lynn McElwee

Calvert County

Prince Frederick Volunteer Rescue Squad – Thomas E. Tettimer
St. Leonard Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Co. #7 &
St. Leonard Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Co. #7 Auxiliary – Bonnie D. Arnold

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St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co. #7 – William T. Bowen

St. Leonard Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Co. #7 &

St. Leonard Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Co. #7 Auxiliary – Doris W. Tettimer

St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co. #7 – Leon L. Van Heusen Jr.

Caroline County

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – William L. Andrews

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – Janet L. Blades

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – William T. Collins

Ladies Auxiliary Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – Jean C. Detweiler

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – Bruce N. Meredith

Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company – William R. Reed

Ridgely Volunteer Fire Company – David W. Ross

Carroll County

Gamber and Community Fire Company – Robin F. Chenoweth

Gamber and Community Fire Company &

Gamber and Community Fire Company Auxiliary – Belle E. Stickle

Auxiliary to the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Eng. & Hose Co. #1 – Juanita M. Grimm

Auxiliary to the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Eng. & Hose Co. #1 – Albert J. Johnson

Auxiliary to the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Eng. & Hose Co. #1 – Margaret P. Lang

Auxiliary to the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Eng. & Hose Co. #1 – Janice E. Wheeler

Auxiliary to the Harney Volunteer Fire Company – Audrey V. Hess

Ladies Auxiliary to Manchester Eng. & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Hilda Hann

Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – David Day

Auxiliary to Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company – Mary E. Fogle

New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – Neal Bankert

New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – Thelma Ecker

New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – Charles Ecker

New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – C. Richard "Dick" Fox

New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 – Roland Strawsburg

New Windsor Fire & Hose Company #1 Auxiliary – Ruth E. Franklin

Auxiliary of the Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company – Dorothy Dreschsler

Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company #1 Auxiliary – Jean Harman

Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company &

Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Glenda Ann Etzler

Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Isabelle R. Graham

Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Naomi Sinnott

Westminster Fire Eng. & Hose Co. #1 – Floyd L. Neudecker

Ladies Auxiliary Westminster Fire Eng. & Hose Co. #1 – Joanne Ruth Neudecker

Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Charles Burrier

Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department – Melvin Leppo

Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Ethel L. Farver

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Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Emma M. Foltz
Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – June S. Gosnell

Cecil County

Charlestown Fire Company – Edgar A. McMullen
Charlestown Fire Company – Alfred S. Tamargo Jr.
Community Fire Company of Perryville – Marshall T. Biddle
Community Fire Company of Perryville – James T. Fayer
Hack's Point Fire Company – Gary F. Simmons
North East Fire Company – Richard W. Aro
North East Fire Company – H. Terry Deamond
North East Fire Company – Harry M. "Babe" Jones
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – David H. Taylor
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Mildred Tamargo Letts
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Marjorie L. Taylor
Ladies Auxiliary to Water Witch Fire Company – Carlene Poist
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – John S. Bradley Jr.
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Eugene T. Meekins
Ladies Auxiliary of Singerly Fire Company – Saverio Pulice

Charles County

Benedict Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad – Robert E. Buck
Benedict Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad – Charles N. Henderson
Charles County MICU & Cobb Island Vol. Fire Dept. & EMS
Dentsville Volunteer EMS & Auxiliary
LAMSFA County Organizer - Guelda K. Farrall
Charles County MICU & Ironsides Volunteer Rescue Squad – Margaret E. Wedding
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Ingrid E. Nylander
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – James R. Pilkerton
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Albert Thomas Jr.
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Ernest K. Tunney
Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – James H. Herbert
LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department – Rev. Samuel F. Gouldthorpe Jr.
Nanjemoy Volunteer Fire Department – Autumn M. Jenkins
Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad
MSFA P.P. 1986-1987 – Clarence D. Carpenter Jr.
Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad
LAMSFA P.P. 1994-1995 – Dorothy Eloise Healy
Tenth District Volunteer Fire Department – Kenneth "Diz" Dean
Tenth District Volunteer Fire Department – Clifton J. Thomas
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Assoc. Auxiliary – Edith Bealle
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Thomas R. Gardner
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Earl D. Gould

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Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – John C. Heilmeyer Sr.
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS - Vernon C. Monday Jr.
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department & EMS – Raymond Ellwood Wilson

Dorchester County

Hoopers Island Volunteer Fire Company – Stephen T. Lewis
Rescue Fire Company – William D. "Dave" Bromwell
Rescue Fire Company – Edward B. Jarrett
Rescue Fire Company – Jessica Montgomery
Rescue Fire Company – James P. Raymond
Rescue Fire Company – Walter W. Tanner Sr.
Rescue Fire Company – J. Howard Twilley
Rescue Fire Company – Howard L. "Dude" Willoughby
Rescue Fire Company – William M. "Babe" Wroten

Frederick County

Independent Hose Company #1 – Wayne D. Abrecht
Independent Hose Company #1 – Paul W. Anders Jr.
Independent Hose Company #1 – Richard D. Morgan
Independent Hose Company #1 – William H. Norwood Sr.
Independent Hose Company #1 – John M. Tregoning Sr.
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Richard N. Grove Sr.
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Donald E. Holloway
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Richard L. Huffer
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Joseph B. Long
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company – Eugene F. Magaha
Junior Fire Company #2 - Thomas M. Fox Sr.
New Market District Volunteer Fire & Rescue – Donald E. McClain
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Sam Belcher
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Helen DeGrange
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Chuck Stephens
Urbana Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary – Doris C. Sines
Vigilant Hose Company – Gerald P. "Jerry" Orndorff

Garrett County

Accident Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Janet C. Bachas
Bittering Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Doris L. Cooper
Bloomington Fire Company – Charles E. Riley
Bloomington Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Elna C. Koo Ken
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company – Bennett D. Paugh
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company – Phillip G. Workman Sr.
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Donna M. Embel
Eastern Garrett Company Volunteer Fire Department – Robert B. Grumer

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Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department &
MSFA Vol. Co. Assistance Trust Fund Secretary – Patricia A. Bowser
Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department – Keith E. Fisher
Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department – Wayne A. Friend
Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department – Marie L. Reel
Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Donna Marie Umbel
Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Phillip G. Workman Sr.
Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad – Ray O. Hinkle Jr.

Harford County

Aberdeen Fire Department – William “Butch” Benjamin
Aberdeen Fire Department – William “Bill” Frank
Aberdeen Fire Department – Donald R. Pyle
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Carroll G. Barnes
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – David H. Case Jr.
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Charles H. Head
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Edward H. Kelly Jr.
Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company – Roy S. Matthews
Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – E. Cole Nelson
Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company – John C. Behrmann
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Ruth Anderson
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company – William “Bill” Frank
Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company &
Joppa-Magnolia Vol. Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Georgette G. Swartele
Level Volunteer Fire Company – Edward E. Steinger Sr.
Susquehanna Hose Company – Nolan W. Gallion III

Howard County

Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company – Howard E. Musgrove
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Deborah A. Bowman
Savage Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Mary Lee Luber

Kent County

Community Volunteer Fire Company of Millington – Bunnie Smoot
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – Raymond W. Brilz II
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – Gary W. Jones
Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company – George F. Kendall

Montgomery County

Bethesda Fire Department – Donald M. Weinroth
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – Phillip N. Davison Jr.
Bethesda – Chevy Chase Rescue Squad – Robert A. Lee Sr.
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department – Tyler Albertson

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Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – Robert Hook
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – George Baker Sr.
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – Charles M. “Pat” Richards Sr.
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – Edward D. Smith
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department – Rev. Richard D. Thompson
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Lois Snyder
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – John W. Berry
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department – Raymond J. Enright
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Darlene Williams
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Margaret Williams
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Calvin E. Musgrove
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Patricia Sandrus
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Gregory Suthard
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Philip Aravanas
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Reid Medlin
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department – Peter A. Menedis
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – John Donaldson
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department – Joseph R. Mills

Prince George's County

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department – Audrey Ritter
Baden Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Anna Virginia Stallings
Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department – Charles E. Wood Sr.
Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – John R. Walker
Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad &
 Berwyn Heights Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Lucinda H. Frend
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Nick Hemingway
Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Auxiliary – Agnes McGaha
Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Chief Victor E. Talbert
Branchville Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Squad &
 Branchville Vol. Fire Co. & Rescue Squad Ladies Aux. – Grace M. Gardiner
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – David Johnson
Chapel Oaks Volunteer Fire Department – Sandy J. Vaughns
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – Barry A. Beaucamp
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – Robert G. Jacobs
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – William E. Radisch
Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department – George Wholfharth
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Herbert A. Leeman Sr.
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department – Francis N. “Skip” Ward Jr.
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Charles R. “Sonny” Thorne
Forestville Volunteer Fire Department #1 – John E. Morris
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – Walter V. “Vince” Dutton
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department – George Hild

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Kentland Volunteer Fire Department – Donald I. "Patch" Aker
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Robert L. Bolton
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Charles B. Donaldson
Laurel Volunteer Fire Department #1 – Cindy A. Gray
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department – Louis E. Felton Sr.
Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department – James P. Collins Sr.
Prince George's Fire/EMS Department (LODD) – John Ulmschneider
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad – **Arthur V. Warfield**
Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine – Thomas D. Sheriff

Queen Anne's County

Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company – Bernard R. "Col." Rhodes Sr.
Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company – Darren M. Rhodes
Crompton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Jean Parson
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company – Henry Niehaus
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Ronald Seaman
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Monte Webb
United Communities Volunteer Fire Department – John R. Bossert III

Somerset County

Marion Volunteer Fire Department – Tommy Robertson

St. Mary's County

Bay District Volunteer Fire Department – Robert E. Braddock Sr.
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary Ann Johnson
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department – Thomas F. Connelly
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Rose Marie Harris Tena
Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad &
 Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad Auxiliary – William Lindsley
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – James M. "Buddy" Adams Jr.
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Benjamin H. "Ben" Burroughs
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Luther K. "Kenny" Burroughs
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – John H. Parlett
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Charles B. Wenk
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Edgar L. "Eddie" Wood
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Robert H. "Harold" Younger
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department &
 Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary – Agnes L. Stasch
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department – Howard B. Forrest
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Mary Beatrice "Bea" Hefner
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Patricia A. Raley
Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad – Patricia L. Webb
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary – Patricia A. Cullison

Talbot County

Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary – Alice J. Wade
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Calvin E. Butler
Easton Volunteer Fire Department – Frederic E. Ireland Sr.
Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Company – Dorothy G. Tyler
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company – Ira E. Henery

Washington County

Clear Spring Ambulance Club – Chester M. Reiff
Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Department – James C. Blevins
Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Stoyan L. Russell
Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Department – Jack G. Vincent
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Raymond G. Ambrose
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Hayden D. Hoffman
First Hagerstown Hose Company – Harry E. Daveler
Independent Junior Fire Engine Co. #3 – Jane E. Bond
Independent Junior Fire Engine Co. #3 – Michael V. Boward Jr.
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – Melvin E. Cowan
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company – Walter R. Hollingsworth
Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Connie Zeigler
Sharpsburg Area Emergency Medical Services – Lester L. Bussard
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Lorraine R. "Kitty" Hawk-Baker
Smithburg Community Volunteer Fire Company – Barbara A. Keister
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. #4 – Harry E. Daveler
Western Enterprise Fire Company No. #4 – James "Jimmy" Winters
Williamsport Volunteer Fire & EMS Company – Michael V. Boward Jr.
Williamsport Volunteer Fire & EMS Company – Luther E. "Jay" Grimes

Wicomico County

Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary – Annabel R. Johnson
Parsonsbury Volunteer Fire Department – Steve E. White
Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department – William R. Wilkins Sr.
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – John Edward Goslee
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – Earl S. Harrington Jr.
Sharptown Volunteer Fire Department – Herman D. Wheatley
West Side Volunteer Fire Department – Arthur John Little

Worcester County

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Albert Berger
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Milton H. "Tim" Comley Jr.
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Robert H. Boyles
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Neil "Buck" Brown
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – George M. Hurley

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Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Curtis B. "Curt" Jacobs

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company – Larry L. Lewis

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary – Janet Greenway

The slides from our Brothers in Blue (LODD)

Prince George's Police Dept. - Detective Jacai D. Colson, March 13, 2016

Harford County Sheriff's Office – Senior Deputy Patrick B. Dailey, February 10, 2016

Harford County Sheriff's Office – Deputy First Class Mark F. Logsdon, February 10, 2016

Montgomery County Police Dept. – **Police Officer III Noah A. Leotta**, December 10, 2015

Chief Chaplain John Long: We will now have a special flag folding ceremony in honor of our LODDs by the Harford County Honor Guard with the narration by Past President Jackie Olson.

Past 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.

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 harms way each and every day to afford safety to both friends and strangers.

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

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

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

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

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

The ninth fold is Dedication. In our profession, be it career or volunteer, we are all herald as professionals. We all love this profession, especially those of us who volunteer. Guess the percentage of those of us here tonight, that serve our citizens as both a career and volunteer firefighter. Find this love of duty in any other profession.

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

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

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

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

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

Chief Chaplain John Long: Ladies and gentlemen please stand for the playing of Amazing

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Grace followed by Taps and the Benediction by Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Becky Wathen. The Fire Brigade Piper plays Amazing Grace. Taps follows.

LAMSFA Chaplain Becky Wathen: Heavenly Father, as we have honored our deceased family members here tonight, our brothers and sisters in the fire and EMS family; we remember that they are our mothers, our fathers, our grandmothers and grandfathers, our daughters and sons, aunts, uncles, our friends and our comrades. They are all loved by us and will live forever in our hearts. We will not forget the sacrifice that each one of them has made. They were all dedicated members of the fire and EMS service. Before we depart this evening, please join me in the Lord's Pray. 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.

Chief Chaplain John Long: You may be seated. Please remain seated until you are dismissed. Honor Guard please escort the honored families out. This concludes our Memorial Service. Thank you for your presence and support of this Memorial Service.

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**Opening Ceremonies
Monday, June 20, 2016**

President Johnie Roth: Good morning. I would like to welcome you to the First Session of the Maryland State Firemen's Association 124th Anniversary Convention. Mike LeCompte, Chairman of the MSFA Safety Committee is next.

Mike LeCompte, Safety Chairman: Presented a film presentation from the Safety Committee on Firefighter Heart Safety. It covered a program with the DDP Program started after one firefighter from Snow Hill Volunteer suffered several health issues and he had taken a desk job. His dietary program was a mess and he was pre-hypertensive. He was on four different types of medicines for blood pressure, acid reflux and cholesterol. An important point - six million Marylanders have pre-diabetes and most do not know it.

The National Diabetes Program was offered to them at work through our employer. The program is good about balancing everything from your life style and activities to eating the proper nutrients, reading labels – just about a little bit of everything. You can't beat it. It is extremely simple.

As far as what I do here at the firehouse, I am much more active and am able to keep up with the younger guys that we have in the company. It just makes my job all-around easier to do. Our purpose in bringing the program to the firehouse is not only to improve their performance on the fire ground but also in their individual lives. Over 75% of firefighters either are overweight or obese. We had six firefighters who completed the program and lost a total of 220 pounds throughout the entire year.

Currently we are working with the Maryland State Firemen's Association to actually put this program in every firehouse in the state. It is a great program and it really changed my life. I have lost a total of 45 pounds and currently all my blood work is great. I would highly recommend the National Diabetes Program to EVERYBODY. Ask your doctor about the National Diabetes Program. Everyone has the power to prevent diabetes. For more information visit "POWER ToPreventDiabetes.org." (Applause)

Mike LeCompte: Thank you, thank you. I am really honored to say thank you on behalf of the Ocean City Fire Department and Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company. Thank you everybody for being here and for coming to our town and I am delighted to say that. I want to give applause to Captain Eddie Carman of Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department and he is behind this program 100% and will do whatever he can to

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help all of us in the state of Maryland. We all have a heart and hopefully preventing a heart attack.

57.5% of all Maryland Firefighters who will die, currently statistically, will die from a heart attack. We have classes throughout the seminars and throughout the conference today, you will hear about it later. One of the Keynote Speakers at 1:00 p.m. today is going to address it. She is an exceptional speaker. I am delighted to be here with you guys and hopefully you guys will be here for that.

I want to share something with you real quick. That highway out there, as we all know, consider it like bullets going up and down the highway. Those of you who have been attending the convention for years realized you technically have 8 lanes of traffic with vehicles going up and down the highway. I use to instruct police officers and I told them the same thing. When you walk out there consider those cars a projectile going up and down that road. So consider that when you look at cars. You cannot look at those cars and tell how fast they are going. Typically you can a bus because they are bigger and are slower. Just stay in your crosswalks. Use your crosswalks. And think before you cross that highway.

Thank you all for being here. Without you all being here this would not be the conference that it is, the magnitude it is. On behalf of all the firefighters in Ocean City thank you very much. (Applause)

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning! Let's start the day like we should start every day, go to the Lord. Let's pray.

Almighty God we praise you for this day. Father we thank you for the freedom to be here and gather in Ocean City in fellowship with one another. We thank you for the dedication of those who serve and answer your call to serve. We thank you for those working to put on this 124th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference of the 85th Annual Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We thank you for the leadership of President Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd. We thank you for those who serve in the communities that make these organizations function for the betterment of the Maryland State Fire Service. Father God, as we kick off this 124th Annual Convention, we pray that we do everything we do honors and glorify you. Let us celebrate as brothers and sisters and enjoy renewed friendships. Let us rejoice as we honor the service of the award recipients. Let us receive with open minds the presenters' information so we can pass along to our companies some lifesaving information. Father as we gather here, watch over the responders at home who are answering the calls for help, protect them and keep them safe. And Father watch over our Armed Forces as they protect us and guarantee us our freedom that allows us to be here. In Your most holy name we pray. Amen.

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Will the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary please take your positions.

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association President Darby Byrd escorted by Maryland State Firemen's Association President Johnie Roth. (Past Presidents Tommy Mattingly and Roger Steger present the trumpets with flowers to Presidents Roth and Byrd.) (Applause) *Slide* presentation of their year in review with the music of Frank Sinatra singing "I Did It My Way."

The City of Westminster Band enters the hall playing a musical selection as the following flags are posted on stage:

The Volunteer Flag carried by John Hughes
The MSFA Flag
The Fallen Fire Fighter Flag carried by Paul Freelandier
The NFFF Flag and
The Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation Flag.

Richard Brooks, MC: Please thank the official band of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the City of Westminster Band. (Applause) Please be seated.

The Maryland Fire Rescue Services Pipes & Drums enters the hall playing "Scotland the Brave."

Richard Brooks, MC: Introduces the Maryland Fire Rescue Services Pipes & Drum consisting of members from the Fire Brigade Pipe & Drums of Greater Baltimore, Montgomery County Fire Fighters Pipes & Drums, Ocean City Pipes & Drums and the Delmarva Emerald Society Pipes & Drums. Please acknowledge their outstanding performance. (Applause) They then play an additional song.

Pres. Johnie Roth: Please rise for the Presentation of Colors by the Combined Maryland Fire Service Honor Guard.

The City of Westminster Band play "National Emblem March" as the Honor Guard enters the hall.

A film presentation by Charlie Daniels and his Band "My Beautiful America." (Applause. As the colors are Presented Charlie Daniels recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ricky Howsare says he is not going to sing "The Devil Goes Down to Georgia." And then sings our National Anthem. (Applause)

The Colors are retired.

Pres. Johnie Roth: Good morning again. As President of the MSFA, it has been a great honor to serve the membership of this great Association for the past twelve months. It has been an extremely rewarding experience for me and I hope that I have contributed to the success of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, just as the 123 presidents who preceded me.

With us today are some of those men and women who stepped forward to lead this organization. At this time, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Past Presidents of the MSFA.

C. Oscar Baker, Senior Past President; Thomas L. Tharp; Leonard T. King, Sr.; Robert P. Cumberland, Jr.; Joseph A. Robison; Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.; Bernard J. Smith; Philip M. Hurlock; Richard L. Yinger; George A. Cross; Stephan D. Cox; Charles Daniel Davis, Jr.; Robert E. Knippenburg; Carl B. Edelin, Jr.; Roger A. Steger, Sr.; Gene Worthington; Terry E. Thompson; Robert W. Jacobs; Paul R. Balta, Jr.; Paul H. Sterling, Jr.; Frank J. Underwood; Roger N. Powell, Esq.; Doyle E. Cox; David W. Lewis; John Denver; Jacqueline Olson; and, David Keller III. Please give them a round of applause. (Applause)

The Ladies Auxiliary is a vital part of our organization and we certainly want to recognize their past presidents as well.

Mary Jane Tegler; Marian Shirkey; Kathie Lohman; Elaine Huttenloch; Leone Gatton; Peggy Zembower; Mary Fran Crisman; Janet Pfeiffer; Gayle Jester; Sharon Worthington; Joyce Thorne; Joan Cumberland; Betty Grabenstein; Peggy Webb; Nora Ryan; Rosa Maher; Clara Mae Buckmaster; Robin Sheldon Hahn; Patricia Deamond; Rose Pandolfini; Lois Hetz; Kathy Knipple; Sandi Lutz; Teresa Ann Crisman; Carol Hayden and Ann Price Davis. Please give them a round of applause also. (Applause)

I think back on what it must have been like on June 7, 1893, when the MSFA gathered for the very first convention in Frederick, Maryland, with opening comments by the Association's Fire President, J. Roger McSherry, as he laid out the purpose and reasoning for having such as event. And I quote:

"This meeting should be a cause of self-congratulation to the firemen of Maryland, Because it emphases the fact and announces to the world, that the volunteer firemen of our state have at least awakened to the necessity of a more thorough and complete organization and, understanding this necessity, have realized that to promote and increase their efficiency as firemen, to encourage a fraternal feeling amongst one another and to secure sufficient protection for them as a class, such as an organization is essential."

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Twelve volunteer fire departments took that first step to charter this organization in 1892 and incorporated the MSFA in 1893, setting into motion 124 years of continued growth, progress and representation of the volunteer fire service here in our great state.

At this time I would like to recognize those twelve founding or trailblazing organization that made all of this possible.

Veteran's Volunteer Firemen's Association, Baltimore (1763)

First Hagerstown Hose Company, Hagerstown (1815)

Frostburg Fire Department, No. 1 (1878)

Independent Junior Fire Company, Hagerstown (1842 mc 1843)

Next they were followed by:

Western Enterprise of Hagerstown (1872)

Independent Hose Company No.1, Frederick (1818)

Followed by:

Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company, Hagerstown (1852)

Next would be:

Junior S.F.E. Company No. 2, Frederick (1838)

They were followed by:

United S.F.E. Company No. 3, Frederick (1845)

Next would be the:

Union Bridge Fire Company (1877)

Next would be the:

Water Witch Fire Company No. 1, Port Deposit (1844)

And last, but certainly not least,

The Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company, No. 1 (1823)

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the twelve charter members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Flag Bearers please post your organizational banners.

For the next twelve months, we will be commemorating and celebrating our 125th Anniversary. We have planned a series of events across the state to recognize all that we as a fire service organization have accomplished and what the Maryland Volunteer Fire Service is all about. (A save the Date Card is shown on the screen.)

I hope you will join me and the entire MSFA leadership as we celebrate and mark this significant milestone.

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(Note: 5 Logos of each of the coins is shown on screen.)

A commemorative challenge coin has been designed for each of the five anniversary celebration sites and the entire collector set is available for purchase in the MSFA Store in "D" Hall or on the MSFA Website.

I would like to thank the 125th Anniversary Committee for all of the work they have put into this year-long celebration that will culminate right here in Ocean City next year. (Note: Picture of the 125th Anniversary Committee is shown on screen.)

Under the leadership of Past President Tom Mattingly and Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, the team has done an outstanding job and they deserve to be recognized.

Past President Tom Mattingly; Past President Robert Jacobs; Past President Richard Yinger; Past President Danny Davis; LAMSFA Past President Elaine Huttenloch; LAMSFA Past President Teresa Crisman; Treasurer Ron Siarnicki; Bill Barnard; Chip Jewel; Wayne Powell; Ken Bush; Susan Proels; Jenni McClelland; Donna Clark; Lynn Hawkins; and Ginny Whilite.

Oh behalf of the committee, the leadership of the MSFA we would like to present all of you with a small token of celebration as we kick off this year of "Learning from the Past, Building for the Future." Please give them a round of applause. (Applause)

An anniversary flag will be given to each of you when you leave the ballroom today. Please display it proudly and bring it with you as you attend each of the events. Thank you very much.

The Pipes and Drums exit the hall playing "America the Beautiful and Marine Corps Hymn," followed by the Westminster Band.

A special video presentation called "Everyday Heroes" by David Carroll was then presented. (Applause at conclusion of video)

Richard Brooks, MC: Every year since 1976, and at the request of the late Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Assistant Chief Paul Friedlander, Wheaton VRS, has presented the Fallen Firefighters Flag at the Opening Ceremonies of the MSFA Convention. This year's convention will mark his 40th year of presenting the Fallen FF Flag. Please welcome President Johnie Roth, Past President Paul Sterling and Assistant Chief Friedlander for a special presentation. He is presented with plaque.

Paul, on behalf of the entire Maryland State Firemen's Association, congratulations on this spectacular anniversary. We know you are going into retirement and we wish the best. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Ladies and gentlemen it is a great pleasure to introduce one of our many hosts in Ocean City, the Mayor of Ocean City, Rick Meehan.

Mayor Meehan: Good morning everybody. Did he just forget my name? Well on behalf of the Mayor and city council I want to welcome everyone to 124th annual convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. What a magnificent event and its congratulations to you on 124 years. In particular as you enter into celebrating your 125 anniversary next year we look forward to that celebration as well.

I want to welcome you. I know you have a great convention planned. Your convention planners have visited Ocean City a number of times during the past year to put together a good program for you. I know they have expanded this program to include so many family events. That gives you the opportunity to bring your family here with you while you are vacationing. I know you have your night at the Jolly Roger and now there's a day out at the Frontier Town. They have corn-hole tournaments and are just trying to put together a package of events that everybody can enjoy.

Before I say anything else I want to thank you for what you do in your communities. I know how important our volunteer fire company is to the town of Ocean City and I know how important you are to your community. Thank you for your service and thank your families for supporting you in what you do.

I hope you arrived a little early and had an opportunity to see the air show that took place in Ocean City yesterday. How many arrived early, can I hear it? What a wonderful day and what a patriotic event. I know the hair stands up on my arms every time the Thunderbirds appear from out of the west and later on when they start to play God Bless America. I think it's terrific to see the flag on the board walk and for the town of Ocean City to display some patriotism which I think sometimes gets lost in the year 2016. I think it's a great event. We hope that while you are here you get to enjoy a little bit of Ocean City. Go out and about, I know you have a lot of things going on with the convention itself but I hope you get to go to the boardwalk and the beach and enjoy everything Ocean City has to offer.

So again on behalf of the town of Ocean City and all of our citizens, you know today is the first day of summer and it's ironic that it's the opening of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention because you always know that the summer is officially here in Ocean City when you all come to the beach town. I want to thank you again for being here, enjoy the time while you are here and have a great convention. Thank you. (Applause)

And I do have a presentation I'd like to make. You know these conventions don't just happen. There is an awful lot of work that goes into planning everything you do throughout the year. You rely on your leadership and your leadership has always

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risen to the occasion. This year is no exception. Johnie Roth has been to Ocean City a number of times during the course of the year. I have met with him on numerous occasions and he has dedicated his year as well as the other officers on behalf of the association. Because of that I would like to present Johnie a key to the town of Ocean City. This is not just from the Mayor but all the citizens and it's a show of our appreciation of what you have done and for what everyone in this room does for you. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Darby if you could start making your way up front. Mayor as Darby is coming up we have some resolutions for you as well and to the city council, several copies so there is a copy for you as well as the council. We have a goodie bag for you, and of course this year's convention mug, which can be purchased down stairs, it's in your bag. We want to thank you for everything you've done. You always make us feel at home.

Mayor Meehan: The interesting thing for those of you that have been in my office, along the windows in my office, are the mugs from the various conventions from the past years displayed very proudly down at city hall.

Darby, Just as I said for Johnie, I know how hard you have worked as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Probably more work than you ever imagined, but you did it the way it was supposed to be done and you continue to represent your organization very well. We recognize that and I also have a key to present to you from the Mayor and council presented to you as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Darby congratulations, great to see you again and well done. (Applause) Thank you all. Enjoy your week in Ocean City.

President Johnie Roth: Our next guest, this is our official weather forecaster, if you will for our welcome to, certainly no stranger Senator Jimmy Mathias.

Senator Mathias: Good morning MSFA, let me hear you, come on now. Where's the Ladies Auxiliary, come on. Are we ready to do some fun and partying and conventioning? Alright here we go. Welcome to another beautiful day in Ocean City. What do you say, isn't it great? God bless you. I just want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you. Where's Western Maryland in the room? Oh yea. You're looking good. Where's Southern Maryland in the room? Let me hear you over here, come on Southern Maryland, let me hear you. Oh yea that's what I'm talking about. Where's that big central piece of Maryland. Let me hear you out there all those counties. Yea, yea, yea. How about that Eastern Shore? Let me hear you. Now let me hear you, who's proud to be a Marylander, let me hear you. All righty, this is the greatest place and it's great because of you and regardless of where you go, you look at that beach, you helped build it. If you look around this building, you helped build it.

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There was a day not to long ago, if somebody got sick or we had a PI on the highway, or out on the beach, it took us 45 minutes to get to the hospital. Now we make that trip in 12. You helped make that happen.

I just want to take, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for us. The 124th annual convention of the MSFA and the Ladies Auxiliary. Are we ready to have a good time? Absolutely, I really do appreciate all you do and most importantly, I want to thank you for what you do in your home towns. On my way up here today I was behind cars and I see these fabulous engines, aerial trucks and all, but I got behind some cars that had volunteer fire company tags and fire tags and IAFF tags from all over this great state and other states that are here today. I realized again that God only gives us one thing in this life and that's time and we don't know how long that will be, but you and the colleagues that are here with us today have made that decision to invest that time for your fellow man. To keep those communities from where you come from across this great state safe and you never know when you are having dinner or 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning when that pager goes off or when that next bell rings, what we are going to encounter in this world we live in today. But I know one thing, every night when I go to bed and every morning when I wake up I know regardless of the call you will be there to answer it. I thank you for your service but more importantly I thank you for your inspiration because those of us that have been here and have served and continue to serve, many of us have served for that inspiration for that next generation. So that mayor 20 years from now at the 144th or then senator or the delegate that I'm going to bring out here in a moment. When they are here thanking this group, you will have been the foundation for that inspiration. I am forever grateful. Thank you again. Enjoy the 124, enjoy every bit that this convention has to offer, oh yea, by the way, I just got a bulletin; the sun will shine on parade day. Come on now, I don't think you heard me. The sun will shine on parade day and we will see you out there. God bless and have a great week. (Applause)

I want to say to you, Mr. President. Where's Mr. President? You have heard of the hook? That message was paid for, that message was authorized by, where's Mr. President? Come on out here Johnnie. Is Richard Brooks still back there? How about your other partner? Where's Darby? Come out here Darby. Come on out here Richard. He asked me not to do this but you know how well I listen. He's coming, you know we go to work every day and Madam President we go to work every day and I want to thank you for all that you do and for 90 days we go to work in Annapolis in the oldest continuing working state house in America. George Washington rode in on a horse on December 23, 1783. Imagine what that was like. We think some of those engines we have are old? We think it is tough. Think about how they had it in that revolution, what they provided us in this great country and we still carry it on. When we go to work every day, in particular January to April, I want to tell you honestly almost the first person I see every day and if I don't see him I hear from him, is your leadership of MSFA, of the LAMSFA, come on out here Richard. They call him the bull dog, the little

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Mack. We're going to have a competition out here, but when I get into the office, these are the folks that are sitting there. They are not just there to say how do you do, they are there talking about the most important work we have to do to keep our citizens safe in our great state. Whether it's carbon monoxide detectors, trying to figure out how to navigate the sprinkler mandate in single family dwellings, tax credits for us, LOSAP, whatever it takes, this is your group regardless of how many chairs I have in my office, they are reserved for you, always and first because you are what makes Maryland great. You are what keeps us safe and you are what will take this legacy fire service into the future. Ladies and gentlemen how about it for the leadership of the MSFA, the ladies auxiliary, our legislative team and the great work that they do. God Bless you.

Now I got one more thing to say. Where's my colleague, Delegate Shree Sample-Hughes? I was listening to Ted talk, it's a great thing, and it's about 13 or 18 minutes about insights in this life. I was listening to the interpretation of David and Goliath and sometimes when Delegate Sample-Hughes, my partner and I go to work, sometimes we feel like we are looking up at Goliath for the issues for Maryland and our citizens and that includes all the great work that you do. This session we had the carbon monoxide bill where a family of eight lost their life in one fell swoop in Princess Anne, Md. We were up against Goliath and we're not going to sit here and name Goliath today, but we were up against it. My colleague in and House, who is from the Eastern Shore by the way, took that bill in that committee and today our great Governor Hogan has signed it into law requiring carbon monoxide detectors to be in rental properties. What we can't do is get rid of every bad decision that's going to be made on the road on in life but what we can do is to try to mitigate those decisions. That's what my colleague does with me every day. Then we turned around and in 2012 as you know us, I voted for and I am proud to do so, requiring sprinklers in single family homes. That bill had until July 1, 2015 to become law. Those who didn't and I abide by that rushed their plans forward and they were able to get their homes permitted without those sprinklers and some of the elected officials in these counties in the rural areas have said how that bill has slowed forward motion of the building industry. That is something that I did not ever intend to do, so we went back to the drawing board and we worked on getting a tax credit under certain conditions for the folks that abide by that law to keep them safer, to keep us safer and you are going to hear from our dear friend here in a few minutes about how important sprinklers can be. But we got that bill through the senate and my dear colleague here got it out on the floor of the house with about 30 seconds to go on the night that we adjourned, the clock expired. I want you to be kind to all of us but to be kind to my friend Delegate Sample-Hughes. When you are in Annapolis, please come see us. Shree will speak for herself, but our doors are open for you every day. Make sure your friends on the Eastern Shore and your friends and colleagues throughout Maryland, Southern Maryland and the DC suburbs know that Ms. Shree Sample-Hughes works for us in the fire service every day. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome Delegate Shree Sample-Hughes. Please join me in thanking her for her dedication. (Applause)

Delegate Sample-Hughes: Good morning. I bring you greetings from the Maryland General Assembly, Maryland House of Delegates and I must say I am very much honored to be in your presence. I say that for many reasons because each and every day I'm sitting on the house floor I think about the men and women who are serving. I just want to highlight that my son is in the fire service. As you can imagine my heart each and every day thinks about everyone in the fire service but certainly most importantly, my son. He has a passion to serve like each and every one of you has identified that in your life. So I just want to say thank you for what you are doing. The bills that Senator Mathias referenced let me tell you we worked tooth and nail. We were extremely hard but we did it to make sure the lives of the citizens in Maryland are safe, so we wanted to do that and we will continue to fight. All we need is your prayers and support. Come to Annapolis to see us our doors are always open and we are ready to fight that good fight. I'll just leave you with a quote from the late Mohamed Ali said the service to others in my time on earth, the rent that I pay while on earth is service to others. Thank you for the rent that you are paying. Thank you for the service that you are giving each and every day. I cannot say enough how much I am thankful and I will continue to work my best. God bless each and every one of you and here's another one of our colleagues to show you we are tough and we get things done, Delegate Marvin Holmes.

Senator Mathias: Welcome to the stage our dear friend Delegate Marvin Holmes. How about it now, let me hear you and I'll tell you why here in a moment, just because Marvin is the subcommittee chair that addresses the things we talked about here this morning and he is fully dedicated to the fire service and public safety, ladies and gentlemen, Delegate Holmes.

Delegate Holmes: Good morning to you all. You know I am a little out of breath. I used to think my special license plate would give me some place to park. Not the case. I am so very proud to be here with you all. There have been so many pieces of legislation that have come through the subcommittee that I chair. I am very happy to let you know that any time you need something from my subcommittee, stamp it approved. I've got your back. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: We just do it on the fly here. On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I want to thank you all for coming. We have one of our convention bags with one of our mugs and we can't thank you enough for what you do for the Maryland State Firemen's Association and for the citizens of Maryland. You know when the session starts bull dog # 1 will be there beating on your door. He'll probably meet you for breakfast if you want. We certainly want to thank you for everything you have done for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We want to recognize there is still a lot of work ahead, we will be there for you and we know you are there for us. Thank you very much. (Applause)

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Thank you all very much. It certainly gives me great pleasure now to introduce the Brigadier General Sean Casey, Director of the Joint Staff.

General Casey: Good morning. Before I start my prepared remarks there are a couple of things I must mention. That was one of the most wonderful and inspirational opening ceremonies I've ever seen. If that doesn't make you love your country more, I don't know what would. Thank you for that. (Applause)

Even when you reach the level of a General Officer it's the little things in life that make you happy. Right now I'm standing behind the "coolest" podium I've ever seen, so that makes me happy.

Ladies and gentlemen I bring you greetings from our Commander in Chief, Governor Larry Hogan and our military leader the Adjunct General of Maryland, Major General Linda Singh. Thank you so much on this day for the opportunity to speak to this great association and all who serve and have served this great state and nation, and a thank you to Johnie Roth, for leading this great organization and to President Darby Byrd, for leading the auxiliary.

Your association mission to serve promote, advocate and represent the interest of all the volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical services companies or departments of Maryland and the individuals who serve, is quite an admirable one.

I'd like to start off by recognizing the two that we lost since your last convention. Captain Erik Steciak, from the West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department and John Ulmschneider. They died as they had lived; caring for the welfare of our citizens. We owe them our unending debt of gratitude and our promise to do what we can to support firefighters, rescuers, and emergency medical services personnel.

In researching your field for this speech, I scanned the internet for what it means to be a volunteer such as you. I'll paraphrase my favorite one: "A volunteer firefighter, rescuer or emergency medical service member is defined by courage, honor, respect, strength, endurance, brotherhood/sisterhood, commitment, and putting family life aside to help others in need."

I'm often dismayed in these days at the inappropriate use of the term "hero". We hear the label attached to professional athletes, musicians, and actors. Merriam-Webster defines a hero as, "a person who is admired for great or brave acts of fine qualities". I will also add that a hero will risk their own safety for the safety of others. In my opinion, professional athletes, musicians, and actors do not meet the standards "hero", you do! Every day you commit to risk your personal safety for the safety of others.

I've also recently learned that cancer concerns your group, dealing with mesothelioma

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and other areas and I'd like to add to that we say in the military uniform we will never leave a soldier behind on the battle ground or at home and we should never leave you behind at the incident site or at home. So I will help spread that word so the public starts to understand the challenges you have.

Those of us in military uniform, particularly the National Guard, share common bonds with you as volunteers and local responders. Yes, we the Maryland Military Department are key to some of the grants that you receive, but more importantly, we share the desire to serve, share the willingness to sacrifice for others, and share that ours is a profession. We have committed to be a part of something that is bigger than us. We have committed to achieve and maintain certain standards. Most of all, we have committed to hold ourselves to a higher standard of performance, behavior and ethics than the average citizen.

Celebrate every day the sacrifices of those who went before us and continue to keep us all safe everyday and we will continue to secure our place as citizens of the greatest nation that this earth has ever known. I wish you success in your convention and a great time in Ocean City. May God bless the great firefighters, rescuers, and emergency medical volunteers that continue to serve, continue to make us safe. May God bless you, and continue to bless our great state and nation. Thank you. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Thank you General Casey. It's certainly a pleasure to have you this morning and in behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we can't thank you enough for coming. You are certainly welcome to stay as long as you like. We also have a gift bag for you as well. It has a trailer pass that you hook on the tongue of your trailer. That's an inside joke. Thank you very much. (Applause)

We have numerous out of state representatives that we would like to, if they are in the audience stand up and give a little wave.

Representing the Virginia State Fire Fighters Association, Joe Filipo; from Delaware, Joseph M. Zurols, President, Ted Wallace the 1st Vice President, Elmer Steele, Secretary, Allen Methaney Treasurer, Warren Jones, Executive Manager, (a good friend of ours of course) Steve Austin the Out of State Coordinator; and from Cumberland Valley Steve Hoffner; and from Pennsylvania a good friend as well Allen Steel. Please give them a hand as well. (Applause)

Our next presentation; Turning Tragedy into Advocacy will be presented by a good friend of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, who we have been working with this year, Sher Grogg who is a member of Common Voices from Dobbs Ferry New York as well as Vickie Pritchett, Director of Common Voices, Dickson, Tenn.

This presentation will bring you the first person story of the Annapolis mansion fire that

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occurred on January 19, 2015 claiming six lives. Sher Grogg, the newest Common Voices advocate will bring this Maryland Tragedy to life, along with sharing the way she partnered with the fire service leaders to make the fire a teachable moment for legislators, citizens, and fire service members alike.

Vickie Pritchett will add advocate stories that highlight the reality of fire, along with the resources that exist through organizations like Common Voices, the National Fallen Fire Fighter's Foundation, the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, NFPA's Residential Fire Sprinkler Initiative, and others. You'll be inspired, informed, and leave with ideas of how to join the outreach efforts and make a difference! Fire sprinklers buy time. Time buys life. Join us and learn more!

Please join us in welcoming our two great speakers. (Applause)

Sher Grogg: (Began the presentation showing a video describing the mansion, the family, and ATF study about the fire and Christmas tree fires)

Good morning friends, I am so happy to have been invited to share my experience with you today. You see, I owe you all my life. I couldn't have survived the last year and a half without you. You have taken me in and supported me, as family, since the tragic day lost so much of my own family — so many that were a part of me. You are one very special group of people, so dedicated to others, and so close knit together in your efforts to help people, and make the world a safer place. My brother and sister-in-law would join me in thanking you for your hard work and devotion to this cause. They would thank you for your efforts to save them, and when that was impossible, to recover them with dignity and compassion.

What I have had to endure is incomprehensible. My guilt, at being with you here today, solely because my brother, and his family, is not, is overwhelming in and of itself. My wait, while their home was too hot to enter for two days, and then as their bodies were discovered one by one over the next week was living Hell. But I am the lucky one, I did not have to endure an inescapable flashover first hand, and due to you I have been given a voice, a cause, a reason to be alive. You have reached out your hands and brought me out of that chasm of despair.

The support from your community has been overwhelming from the day I was turned away at my brother's gate on arrival from New York. I was met with compassion and love on that day, from a stranger, who was a fire chief, telling me that I could not help in there, my work was outside where I could provide information, and so it has been, since that day.

On that day, and in the weeks following, my brother's sons and our families were supported by the first responders, who met with us and helped us through that tragic period hour by hour, day by day. The Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Fire Departments, Captain Bob Howarth and his support group from the Anne Arundel

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County Fire Marshal's office, along with Jen Corbin, Director of Anne Arundel County Crisis Response, and Lisa Herb & David Cheplak from the ATF, made the unthinkable bearable.

I'm here to tell you about my journey into advocacy, and how my life has changed since that fateful call in the wee hours of the morning on January 19th of last year, and to ask for your continued support.

When you get woken from sleep, with a call, you always have a feeling of dread, you know something terrible has happened. When I took this call, I was uninformed about fire, and how fast it works. My niece was on the phone crying, and she said my brother's house had burned down. I was shocked and didn't believe it, but I just asked her "How are they?" I knew my brother and sister and law had been entertaining their grandchildren the day before and they were having a sleepover together. I wasn't worried about the house, but was afraid possibly someone had gotten hurt escaping. POSSIBLY. The thought that they didn't get out NEVER occurred to me. NEVER. It was the furthest thing from my mind. She wouldn't answer my question, she just kept saying the house had burned down and finally she cried out, "Sher, the house burned down and they are all dead!"

That was too much for me. They were all larger than life; my brother invincible, my sister-in-law resourceful, and all of them ingenious and tenacious. If there was a way out, they would have found it. Don and Sandy would have stopped at nothing to save their precious grandchildren's lives, yet they didn't.

My brother died in the middle of the blaze, trying to fight the fire just 3 yards from doors in 3 directions. My sister in law and the children died in bedrooms 2 yards or less from balcony doors. They lived in a house surrounded by water, but no one could get water to them in time.

If this could happen to them, it could happen to anyone. It has become my mission to prevent that; to do my best to educate people that FIRE IS FAST, do my utmost to promote home fire sprinklers which might have saved my family's lives, and to campaign for Holiday safety and education on Christmas tree care.

For months, following the accident, I would wake at about 3AM every morning, just before the tragedy would have occurred, and search the internet for information. I needed to do something constructive, to channel my loss, depression, guilt at being alive when they weren't. You see, I could have easily been there. My family and I spent every Christmas in their home from Christmas Eve until just before New Year's. I had also spent the night there just 10 days before, and knew the Christmas tree was still up. I had even asked why it was still there, but it had still looked beautiful and didn't realize the imminent danger. I knew Sandy planned to take down soon.

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Regardless, it will always haunt me that I was too ignorant to know what could happen, so I searched for some reason, information, something I could do. I still do this. As I write this speech it is 4:00 AM. It is during these hours I have found I have become closest to them. I feel most connected to them — everyone else sleeps — I am not distracted. Lucky for me, in my searches, I found Common Voices. Common Voices, is a group made up of others who have lost loved ones to fire and turned to advocacy to change laws or build awareness about the dangers of fire. Vickie Pritchett, Secretary/Treasurer for Common Voices, and my dear new friend, has unwittingly become my mentor.

She has helped direct me, and introduced me to people who can empower me and teach me. They helped me to produce a Public Service Announcement, which you will soon find on line, and have introduced me to people who can help me impact legislation.

I have had the good fortune to work closely with Chief Ron Siarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Fire Fighter's Foundation, on the video he produced for the state, which you will soon see, Steve Cox and Richard Smith, of the legislative committee of the MSFA, who have been so instrumental in defeating Maryland House Bill 19, which would have drastically changed sprinkler regulations, along with a host of other wonderful and passionate fire service professionals, among them Tim Travers, Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, Deputy Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch, President Johnie Roth, all of the Maryland Fire Chiefs plus the entire legislative team including the ladies, Careen, Marion, Jane, Teresa, and Elaine, as well as President Darby Byrd, Jim Malone, Delegate Marvin Holmes and Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes.

Although we have defeated the Bill this year, it already looks like we are in a fight for the next. I am surprised because Richard Smith was kind enough to arrange a meeting for me, with Delegate Adams who, although introducing the Bill, and standing up for the builder: told me he would not send his kids to an un-sprinklered school, when I asked him, and also expressed concern for his children who play instruments and hang out on the top floor of his un-sprinklered home.

It makes no sense. It just shows me how little I understand politics, and must work, with you, to keep up the fight. How can the policy makers understand the value and yet continue to contest sprinklers?

I haven't really told you a lot about myself. Before all of this came about I was an entrepreneur. I have run my own business for over 30 years in the cosmetic and fragrance industry. I decided to have children once my business was flourishing, but at that point my parents had already given up on grandchildren — it was a late decision, I was 35. I once told my mother that if I watched the news I would never have had children, and brought them into this world So, you see, current events and world news is not my strong suit.

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Given recent events you might even understand that. I have always spent more time on relationships and community involvement. Needless to say I have no knowledge of politics, and yet, due to the brilliant connections I have made through you, and Common Voices, I was able to help you affect legislation, and defeat House Bill #19. My voice, along with the rest of your impassioned voices, was heard, and made a difference. I say this so you understand that no matter how little you know, that with passion and conviction you can make a difference. Just one person, along with more single committed people can effect change. Every single one of us has power, with the support of others.

It is important to me that it is mandatory for new homes to require sprinklers because I think people, like my successful and well educated brother and sister-in-law, myself, and the general public, do not understand how fast fire can engulf a home, and how necessary fire sprinklers are to give people the precious time to escape. I am afraid, given the choice, people will "opt out" due to ignorance, mis-information on sprinklers, and expense. I know this is why my brother did not invest in them. Unfortunately, unless you are exposed to the firefighting community, or you experience personal tragedy of this magnitude, you do not realize that 90% of fire deaths occur in the home, and a majority of them could be avoided with the installation of home fire sprinklers.

Don and Sandy had a lot of misguided information. They felt, once activated, several sprinkler heads would activate, and the water would destroy their belongings. Don once joked with me that if I were to come to visit them and burn toast in the kitchen, I'd set things off and destroy all of their belongings. He was exaggerating of course, but not about my cooking. He didn't have the real information on home fire sprinklers. They had been told water could be pumped from the pool, or the river, if they ever had a fire. They thought they would have time for that.

They were very impressed with the local fire departments, which in winter dispatched a fire truck immediately when their elderly dog, Dexter, fell down the hillside, to the river. Sandy had maneuvered down to try to retrieve him and she, herself, then got trapped at the bottom of the incline, at the base of the river. Don called the fire department, as he was incapacitated and laid up recovering from knee surgery, and had no idea what to do. Both Sandy and Dexter were impeccably, yet hilariously retrieved, much to their embarrassment. Don texted me pictures, with the words. "You just can't make this shit up!" which I wish I had saved to show to you today. Don and Sandy felt assured that they would be safe in an actual fire emergency. They knew they were in the best of care. In the months since the tragedy we have discovered the cause of the fire was a faulty electrical power strip which supplied the power to Christmas tree lights. The Christmas tree was still in their home in mid-January, and should have been removed at the first of the New Year.

Don and Sandy loved Christmas and decorations. Our whole family cherished that time

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of year. They had a 15 foot Christmas tree which they kept lit most of the time. It was a family tradition for us all to go pick it out the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Sandy almost always got the largest tree on the lot. It was a family joke, she said she was competing with the tree for the governor's mansion... and they always beat her.

I now realize the extreme danger of keeping a tree in your home longer than 30 days. It is a fuel package, and like inviting a forest fire into your home. It was the cause of the rapid spread of the fire which caught the tree and immediately roared to life as if an accelerant were used. We loved Christmas to the extreme, and it is due to our beloved tree's flammability that we lost our cherished family.

I pledged to my brother, on his grave, that I would do whatever I could to alert others about the dangers of Christmas trees, and to educate people on Holiday safety. If my family didn't know some of the basic facts I am sure there are many others in the same position. I don't want others to suffer as we have.

I feel a tree should come with care instructions, and also be labeled with the date that it was cut down, so people know how fresh their tree is. Many trees are cut in October & early November and dry out waiting for purchase. When you buy an inexpensive plant anywhere it comes with care instructions, yet costly trees are sold without warnings posted, or care instructions.

I am working, with Common Voices, to try to effect legislation to require care instructions, and dating, however that will be a time consuming and lengthy process. In the meantime, I hope you will support the programs I describe in my opening video.

I am asking today for the support of the MSFA and LA-MSFA in spreading and distributing the message in each of your communities, this year and every year into the future.

I am humbled by the honor of speaking to you this morning and appreciate your support and friendship. I look forward to succeeding, with your help, to save lives by spreading the Holiday and Sprinkler message.

Vicki Pritchett: Thank you so much Sher. Come back out here. They want to give you a standing ovation. I can see it happening. I predicted this. You're making a difference, and Sher I know as we work together and I would love to say in front of your Maryland fire service family, thank you for reaching out, thank you for finding the strength to be the one with the voice.

I'll never forget that first phone call when you introduced yourself to me and you explained who you had already talked to and that they all said call Vicki. I appreciate that reference every day. You have been a blessing to me in my life and certainly as

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our newest Common Voices advocate you are bringing a message that is going to save many lives. You have already made a difference to the state of Maryland. You are poised to be back in the trenches if that bill comes back and I have no doubt, that with you and this entire Maryland family, you will insure that Maryland will maintain its sprinkler requirements. That is going to save many lives. So my hats off to you, great work. You took a tragedy and you turned it into advocacy. We took an event that meant something to the state of Maryland and used it as that teachable moment.

Sher you were the unexpected messenger that showed up ironically one year to the day of the fire here at the state house championing the cause that killed house bill, house resolution # 19. Great work Sher. Thank you Great work. (Applause)

So Sher has given us a glimpse into the reality of fire. As she stated so well, fire is fast. As we study the latest research UL (Underwriters Laboratory) and NIST, we see over and over and over again, test after test after test that tells you as a fire service that this is not your grandfather's fire. Fires burn hotter, they burn faster and we need all the resources that we can have on deck on standby ready. To me that is what fire sprinklers serve as. They are your 24/7, 365 days a year firefighter on duty.

But back to Sher's story, and the difference that you all helped to make in her quest to make a difference for Maryland. And as she stated to go beyond that, I want you all to know that we are using Maryland as a success story and championing you and how you mobilized in such a quick manner to respond to the challenge presented by the Legislators who thought it was appropriate to repeal the fire sprinkler requirement in those Eastern Shore Counties. You were ready and you mobilized and you made a difference.

The National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation, under the Director of your own Chief Siarnicki, was right there leading that charge. And they created the video that captured Sher, the message, the news story, all of the pieces that were needed to create this teachable moment. And I would like to share it with you. You may have already seen this before but I would like to think it is worth another time because it is our way of saying "thank you" to each and every member of the fire service who played a part in this awesome production. (Video presentation of Sher on the loss of her brother and sister and their grandchildren and the possible repeal of the sprinkler bill) (Applause)

Great job! And absolutely, you deserved a standing ovation for mobilizing and making that difference. And I absolutely encourage you to keep up the fight because there will be another engagement and another battle. I have full confidence that you, as a fire service family, will lead that charge and help to educate those policy makers who will be making those decisions.

Now I would like to before we leave, give you a little bit of background information about

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"Common Voices." Common Voices was formed in 2010. We incorporated following an informal formation in 2007. National Fire Sprinkler Association is responsible for the vision of this awesome non-profit. Those who are engaged in the life safety business, which is what I like to tell them all the time, that they should be so proud of, the fact that they are either the manufacturers, suppliers or the installers/contractors of a product that is the product that and sometimes I refer to it as the "widget" that saves lives. It is such a simple compelling argument to make and yet we find ourselves time and time and time again, having to defend sprinklers and engage in that as much as my mentor and long time ally, J.D. Dalton told me, "it's the politics of life safety that creates the largest barrier for us." So I encourage you to join us. Here is a photo that we made in Washington, D.C. We travel there at least once a year, speaking to our national leaders about the importance of fire sprinklers. There is legislation that is filed called the "Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act," that would give a tax incentive to businesses, high risk occupancies, residential high-rises, night clubs that would provide that incentive for them to install those fire sprinklers. We are hopeful that with tax reform, that bill will pass. And I have jokingly told J.D. when it does, we are going to have a big party because Jim Dalton has championed that legislation for years. And as he served, just last month, his final chairmanship of the National Advisory Council with the Congressional Fire Service Institute, I told him I thought it would be a fitting way. So hopefully this year we will see that legislation pass.

The other thing I wanted to make sure you were aware of is that within the National Fire Sprinkler Association, and incidentally we are moving to Maryland, so within the next two weeks we will be packing up our office in Patterson, New York and transferring all of resources to the Linthicum Heights, Maryland address. We are at the corner of Progress and Digital. So if you are flying out of BWI and you have some time to kill, make sure you give Chief Shane Ray or myself a shout. We would love for you to stop in and visit.

But the one thing we want you to recognize is that we are here to help. If your fire department needs resources to help educate about fire sprinklers, that's what we do. That is who we are. To be able to provide support to Common Voices so that if you need a speaker, we are we are able to off-set their travel costs. That is what we do, that is who we are.

But you know what? It takes you. You are the leader. You are the one who has to make the local decision that you recognize that fire is fast and as this ad that runs in Firehouse Magazine says "Fires Have Consequences." We tied the advertisement to the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation Initiatives. Initiative #15 says it very well, and I always tell Chief Siarnicki that it is my favorite one, "that we should champion and support code enforcement and the installation of residential fire sprinklers in one and two family dwellings." We can do this working together, championing the cause. NEVER miss an opportunity.

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For those of you who may have participated in a Fire Team USA, we are bringing it back. We are creating more opportunities for people to learn. All we ask of you is to be involved. Be fully engaged and to help us with this cause.

Now I am going to go back to Sher's closing and ask you, as you leave this hall today, as you go about learning more all week long at this wonderful convention and annual conference, ask yourself, "Are you ready to answer her request?" Will you join the team? Will you share the holiday safety message? Will you and your community share the message that fire sprinklers save lives? I've think that you all are ready to show Sher that yes indeed you will engage. You will, you can and as a result lives will be saved in Maryland and across this great nation.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be with you. If you need us, reach out. We have our contact information with your leadership here. We applaud you, we appreciate you and we know that working together, we are going to make the biggest difference yet. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

I think there is a surprise. Two?

President Johnnie Roth: Is also join by LAMSFA President Darby Byrd.

Vicki and Sher we certainly are very proud that you were able to give your messages to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. We have a couple of little things for you besides our convention handout that includes our mug. Vicki for you we have a proclamation from the MSFA. We also have for Sher Grogg a special recognition from the MSFA for your support that you provided to our Legislative Committee this year. (Applause)

LAMSFA President Darby Byrd: Sher, on behalf of myself, and the officers and the members of the LAMSFA, I would like to extend my gratitude for you coming to my Conference and speaking directly to the women so that they could understand your cause and purpose of why we support the bills we support when we put letters out asking them to contact their legislators with emails, phone calls. It was wonderful having you with us. On Friday night I gave you a scenario of the day we were going to have and they all laughed at me. Promise me you will come back later this summer and I will take you to the National Harbor and we will sit down at a café and have a little breakfast, we'll do a little shopping and we will go to D.C. and do a little sightseeing and then we will have dinner at a small café there too. That is what I told her our conference was all about. (Laughter) She found out I was a little wrong. I have two cutting boards to present to you today. Getting to know you I have found out you have a home in New York and then you and your family have a home here in Ocean City through Don. And that you have decided to keep the home in Ocean City so you and your family can continue to have fun and fond memories of them. So I got two cutting

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boards, one for each home so that when your family gathers it will remind them of what you have done for the citizens of Maryland. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: I would like to introduce the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Steve Cox.

Stephan Cox, Chair Legislative Committee: Thank you. President Roth and President Byrd, would you please join me on stage. I'd also like my good friend Senator Jim Mathias to join us on stage.

Would the legislative steering group, Richard Smith, Bernie Smith, Chuck Walker and John Spiker, along with the ladies whom are our backbone, Carene Housenfluck, Marian Nichols, Teresa Crisman, Elaine Huttenlock and Jane Hoffman, join me on stage.

Also representatives from Harford Cecil Association Past President Robyn Sheldon Hahn and President Joe Tolliver, sponsors of the award please come on stage.

Before we go into the award I want to do a couple other presentations. One is a special presentation to a very special lady. Sher Grogg assisted us and actually became a member of the Legislative Committee and we have a special award for her. President Hahn would you like to make the presentation.

President Robyn Hahn: Sher, thank you for all your sacrifice and dedicated efforts in protecting the residential sprinkler law in Maryland. You are a great friend and asset to the Maryland Fire service. Presented by the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause)

Chair Stephan Cox: Each year the Maryland State Firemen's Association recognizes individuals that help us during the legislative process. Please understand success can be in successfully getting legislation passed, or even more importantly, making sure legislation does not pass. This year we accomplished both. The Carbon Monoxide bill for rental units was successfully passed. On the other hand, an initiative to opt out of Residential Sprinklers was defeated by a committee vote. Everyone on stage as well as others that can't be here today were instrumental in making our legislative efforts successful.

The first recipient of the Senator Amos Legislator of the year award is Delegate Marvin Holmes (Applause)

President Robyn Hahn: Along with the award we have created an outline of the state of Maryland. With the Harford Cecil patch and their names which we would like them to display in their offices.

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Chair Stephan Cox: The second award goes to Delegate Shree Sample-Hughes. Also we have a picture of the state house for the Delegates. Richard stay right where you are, don't move. Joe don't let him move. The third William Amos Legislator of the Year Award goes to Richard Smith. (Applause & Cheers)

President Robyn Hahn: Richard on behalf of the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association it's an honor to have you win this award, here's your state of Maryland plaque to go with that one. (Applause) I know you worked extremely hard in Annapolis. Come here honey. This is a little gift from me to help Richard relax. Please open that. (Crown Royal) (Applause)

Chair Stephan Cox: Mr. Smith you need to stand next to the Senator. Senator, would you join me in making this presentation to Richard Smith. (Helmet presented)

Senator Jim Mathias: I don't know if you can hear me. I'm honored that I was asked to stand with you today. Briefly I've always looked at the fire service to be my family and Roger Steger is out here somewhere. His dad, pop signed my application to the Ocean City volunteer fire company as well as the late Mike Saca who was our fire marshal. The point is Richard, the picture is that I've always honored is of Fish Powell Fire Chief of the Ocean City Fire Company. The picture is him with this white helmet, the Chief and he is champing down on a cigar, I don't know about a bottle, but he was champing down on a cigar and he told me, Jimmy when it gets as tough as it's going to get, the fire service is going to be standing right there beside you every step of the way. Every person on this stage lives that. You live it. You bring it to work with you every day in the legislature. I'm proud to stand here with your colleagues and your peers. That's the highest honor that we can be given. I present you with this award Chief. God bless you. (Applause)

Chair Stephan Cox: As we began the legislative session I got with Richard and told him his sole assignment was residential sprinklers and he carried that duty out with the utmost dignity and did an outstanding job. We were successful in defeating the legislation. Congratulations Richard. (Applause)

We have a former Delegate Jimmy Malone in the audience would you come up please. Senator if you would do the honors again, please? Jimmy was very instrumental, even though he is no longer a Delegate, for the past two years he has been our sounding voice. He's been available to give us guidance and open doors. Senator, please?

Senator Jim Mathias: How about a round of applause for our good friend Jimmy Malone. Come on now. (Applause) I knew I was in the right place, all the meetings I would go to and Jimmy was there and he would say "You are never alone with Malone" and that is true. Life is full of friends you meet and make along the way. One of my first was his dad Ned. Although Ned is not here, he's on this stage with us Jimmy

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has carried public safety with him, for us and with us in the legislature, the chair of the fire caucus, a tremendous lobbyist to save lives and I'm honored to be standing here today with your peers and present you with this great award. God bless you Chief. (Applause)

Chair Stephan Cox: We have another partner that worked hand and hand with us with the residential sprinkler legislation and we made a phone call to Mr. Tim Travers of NFPA. He came down from Boston, provided testimony, and continuously supplied us with information so that we could be successful. Tim Travers would you come up, please. He may not be here yet but we will make that presentation later.

President Hahn: President Roth would you come forward please? It is not cotton candy, however; we know you spent many days in Annapolis and you did great work for this association and behalf of me, Harford Cecil and the Eastern Shore Association I have a little gift for you. You can open it. It's cotton candy vodka. Johnie I'm sure some of the ladies would want to share with you.

I have one more. It takes a great leader to do this committee and to do the work. Steve you have done an outstanding job. Harford Cecil is proud of you and we have one gift for you to relax this evening. (Crown Royal) Again, thank you all for the work you have done for our Association.

Chair Cox: Thank you very much. I have one more, a very quick one. Katherine Kelly would you come up? Please?

Katherine when we are attending functions you admire our Fire Prevention Ambassador's wearing their Tiara. Normally you comment how much you would like to have one.

Now you have your very own Tiara.

I'd ask the audience to join with me one more time showing our appreciation to the men and women that work countless hours in Annapolis to make sure that Maryland Fire Service is 100% correct. Would you join me in giving them one more round of applause? (Applause) Thank you

Mr. President, I'm sorry there is one more.

President Hahn: Darby and Johnie don't leave please. On my last trip to Annapolis we were informed that the permanent plaque there had been filled with the names of our Legislators of the Year. On behalf of the Harford Cecil Firemen's Association we present you with a new permanent plaque, The Senator William H. Amoss Award and it has the names of the recipients for this year. Would the Presidents please accept this?

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President Roth: And now Madam President, please excuse the ladies for their meeting and thank you ladies for your time and bearing with us today.

We have assembled a committee for Resolutions for 2016. The chairman is Michael Fowler, esquire, Lew Harvey, Richard Snader, and Barry Johnson.

Anyone that has a car parked in front of the Ocean City senior center, please move it as quickly as you can. They are talking about towing it away. Anyone parked in front of the senior center.

As far as caucus rooms for assignments: Eastern Shore room 201, Carroll County will caucus in room 202, Harford Cecil will caucus in room 203, Howard County will caucus in room 204, Southern Maryland will caucus in room 211, Baltimore County will caucus in Room 201 Messene, Prince George's will caucus in room 204 Messene. Let me go through it one more time. Eastern Shore room 201, Carroll County will caucus in room 202, Harford Cecil will caucus in room 203, Howard County will caucus in room 204, Southern Maryland will caucus in room 211, Baltimore County will caucus in Room 201 Messene, and Prince George's will caucus in room 204 Messene.

I'd like to ask someone to make a motion to accept the minutes from the 2015 convention. I have a motion on the floor, second, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed say no, motion carries.

I'd like to present Rick Hemphill forward for the credentials report. Rick.

Rick Hemphill: Thank you Mr. President. The registration of companies and individuals that have registered for this convention as of 10:00 today, 22 Past Presidents and 232 companies in good standing. Each Past President is eligible to cast one vote. Each registered company is eligible to cast five votes, therefore 232 registered companies can exercise their privilege to vote for a total of 1,160 eligible company votes. The total of votes eligible to be cast is 1,182. Thank you Mr. President.

President Roth: Thank you Rick. Now we'll go through the association reports. First off we'll start with the Presidents report.

Good morning. My final report can be found on page 35 of the convention book. I certainly want to as I did earlier welcome you to the 124th Maryland State Firemen's convention. Instead of going through the report in total, I'd like to just go through some of the high lights. I travelled almost 40,000 miles across this great state to attend association meetings and alike and when I use some of these terms as far as what we did this year or what we accomplished, it's not me, it's we.

So, going through the list, we strengthened our relationship/partnership with the

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surrounding out of state associations as well as our Maryland partners and the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association. We made every attempt to help those students that got caught up in the Maryland or National Registry EMT testing. Progress has been made. The failure rate; to assist future students, those numbers are going down. They are not going down as we would like to but every effort is being made to address that. We succeeded in defeating the efforts in Annapolis as you heard earlier by some legislators to overturn the law regarding residential sprinkler systems in new construction. We were also recognized nationally by the National Protection agency for those legislative efforts. In Annapolis we also succeeded in the passage of Noah's Law for drunk drivers and carbon monoxide detectors in rental properties. We successfully requested and this has been over several years, but Governor Hogan increased our widows and orphans fund by \$50,000.00. We approved and disbursed more loans and grants from the VCAF funds than ever before to help member companies. We certainly succeeded this year in disbursing the funds from the SAFR grant between the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association for recruitment efforts and leadership training and for entry level physicals where they currently have not been funded within the state.

And this one is a very important one and very dear to my heart. We had a strategic planning summit this year to stage for the Maryland State Firemen's Association concentrating on supporting and enhancing the organization's mission. Our theme this year for the convention and conference has been "learning from the past, building for the future". The MSFA has been a premier fire/rescue association that continues to look at improvements and strategies to make this organization better. That includes best practices in our industry. One of our examples out there is the South Carolina Fire Association on how they have strived to deliver quality programs and services to the membership. At this time I'd like to introduce a good friend of ours, the Executive Director Joe Palmer who assisted with our strategic planning this year and I'd like for him to give a few words, Joe.

Joe Palmer: Thank you Mr. President and thank you to the members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. On behalf of the members of the South Carolina State Firefighters Association, I bring you welcomes and greetings and congratulations on your 124th convention and conference and entering into your 125th year.

As a junior/sister organization, junior in the fact that we celebrated our 111th year two weeks ago I can say that it has been an honor to meet with your Executive Committee and the members on stage behind me in a process that we hold near and dear to our heart. For us from South Carolina it was as much an opportunity to listen and learn as it was an opportunity to share our experience and talk. One of the things we found as we completed this process is there are a number of similarities; a number of things that we had experiences that I think this organization had the same. Our association experienced a good bit of turmoil and tragedy in the years of 2007 and 2009 which

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created a need from our members to stress continuity, direction, and certainly financial stability. All of that came by us imparting and enacting a planning process, a strategic planning process. That process began like we did with your executive committee with the focus on the mission of this organization. Then we talked about values. What does this organization stand for and all of those things led up to then and only then action items? Because there was a lot of things we need to talk about when it came to strategic planning that broke down myths and firmed up what we are about and to accomplish. Mainly that strategic planning is about transparency, not agendas. It's as your President just said, not about me, but about we. It's about creating not gate keepers, but story tellers. It's about action, more than just talk. For our members as it will be for you, it's about accountability and forecasting.

In South Carolina some hard lessons were learned and without planning we fell into a number of traps. I was honored to be part of what was done here in Maryland and frankly learned a great deal from what was done in the process and brought it back to our state. You know Mike Tyson once said; everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth. Well we got punched in the mouth in 2007 and again in 2009. Our 2009 experience was a very different outcome from the presentation that you heard earlier from Common Voices and in recognizing the legislative group and committee. Our outcome was very different. We were punched in the mouth and we were committed that we had to institute a planning process that insured that our association would not go down that same road again. Instead we would begin to plan, organize, and think about our organization to be able to address our advisories. That's what that teamwork and planning did for us.

Although you had a very successful outcome this past spring, I challenge the group of individuals standing to my right that your opportunity to be punched is coming. You have had those and you will have them again. The necessity of this strategic planning and all the things I just named is to insure that you are ready as an association for when those things come and that you as members can look at these three individuals and share and know what the direction will be.

I've had a chance to see and as you may have on your program manual an enlargement on page 101 a detailed outline of what was accomplished in the strategic planning session. I can verify that it was some great comments; some great interaction and I think this association is on the verge with an excellent team to be able to take this group as a team into the next 125 years with great positive outlook, projection and forecasting.

I told these elected officials that one of the things that was key in making this a success is that they stand together here on this stage and you are able to see them and see and hear in their comments now as the President just offered and as Mike and Mark as they offer their comments that the slogan that is on that back wall is key. That we

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have learned from our past and we are building for our future. The strategic plan as these three individuals work together will insure that the slogan and the strategic plan is a success. So gentlemen I applaud you for your commitment to this because there is a lot of time, energy and work to insure that you the members and your elected officials are doing what you want them to do and as leaders of the organization they are forecasting and looking to the future, building the future as you would need to be a secure organization and prevent those punches in the mouth.

It's been said that without a strategic plan you'll probably reach your destination. Without a plan or vision you will probably get somewhere. The key question is that without that plan and is that the somewhere you want to be. From our perspective in South Carolina and I charge you now in Maryland that with this plan you can become directors of that future.

Once again from South Carolina thank you for allowing me to be part of this and to the Presidents, thank you very much and our pledge to continue to support each other as sister organizations continues as we both learn our way through this process. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roth: Joe on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we want to thank you and your team if you will in helping us and getting us on what we feel is the right track. I would be remiss if I didn't thank you as well for your time. As your president I pledge to continue my support to this effort and to the betterment of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Joe we have one of our convention bags for you as well as a convention mug and thank you very much for coming.

And just continuing, a couple more quick things as far as my report is concerned. This is a year that we took on a new project this year and I certainly want to recognize one of the Past Presidents that planted the seed in my brain as far as an event that we thought would be very beneficial to the Maryland State Firemen's Association we had our very first cancer support walk. You will be hearing more about that but I certainly want to recognize Bernie Smith for bringing that idea to me and we certainly took the idea, took it to the committee and we ran with it. You will be hearing the fruits from that and I think you will be very happy to hear that information.

We also listened to the membership as far as the planning of the convention for those of you that turned critiques in. For those of you that came to the memorial service last night it looked like a packed house to us, everybody has been giving us positive comments, so if you have something good or bad please let us know along those lines. We have planned an outstanding 125th anniversary program as you heard earlier for both you and your family and we look forward to you attending those events.

Finally, I would like to certainly thank my two home companies of both the Bethesda

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Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and the Sandy Springs Volunteer Fire Department that has stood fast by me, if you will, four years and supported me to go through the chairs and up to this point where I am the Maryland State Firemen's Association President for this year. I certainly want to thank you all. I want to thank the Past Presidents for their advice over the years. I'm not going anywhere. I certainly will be here to help each and every person and I wish the officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Ladies Auxiliary all the best, thank you very much.

I'd like to call on First Vice President Mike Davis for his report.

First Vice Pres. Mike Davis: Thank you Johnnie. It has been a pleasure to work under you as well as Joe Baulmer. I recently took the opportunity to go down and spend a good part of the week at their Convention. They have a very similar convention to ours – a beach a couple of blocks away. They are changing their venue in two years but it was good to see how they do it. We are all trying to learn from each other and that is why I wanted to go and see how they do things so we can help each other. So it was a good thing, an eye-opening experience and made some great friends. Joe has been a friend to many of us in the fire service for a number of years and we do appreciate that.

Thank you Johnnie for the past year. It has been a good year. I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to be here this morning. As you know the fire service is about team work and we have been preaching that and you are the team we have been working for. We are here for you, the volunteer fire service. And as always if there is anything you need or anything we can help you with, that is what we are here for.

You might have notice my slogan and banner, I have been pushing this through the year, much like Johnnie, "we have learned from our folks in the past so that we better in the future." So I always encourage you to do all that you can no matter how old or young in the fire service, we have this huge age gap. So if you ride in the back seat or work in administration, I want you to get involved. Volunteer and get involved. The only way we are going to get any better is that everybody that functions in the fire house functions all the way up through the state level. Because your ideas don't get heard on the fire ground and we can't help you out if we don't work together as a team, a team on your local level all the way up to the state level to nationwide. We work for you to make things safer for the fire service.

In essence to keeping things short because we are running behind schedule, my report is on page 39 of the Convention Book. Along with speaking of the Convention Book, I also want you to note, the reason we put two copies in there along with the Proceedings Book. I get asked a lot of questions that you can find the answers to in this book. This book is the previous years' Convention, pretty much word for word what I am saying now. And in the back is all the information for the awards and everything front to back that occurs here at Convention. Your questions can be answered right here. I keep a

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copy in every vehicle and with me all the time. So I encourage you to do the same – keep it with you, not just at the firehouse. This is like our Bible essentially. Anything you need, I am always referencing for over the past ten years to see what people have done. Please remember it as a valuable reference. It will help you a lot.

While you are down here, please be safe. Always use the crosswalks, don't hop across the medians. Pay attention to the signals, don't text and drive, don't drink and drive, don't use your phone, put it down. We need you guys, you know you are the ones who are going to help the other folks when they need help. Without you we can't help them and keep everyone else safe too. And again, I cannot reiterate how much I appreciate your support and going forward, I always look for that support. If you need anything you are what we are here for, let us know and we will help you. Thank you and have a good convention and enjoy your week. Thank you.

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Mike. I will move right along and introduce the Second Vice President Mark Bilger.

Second Vice Pres. Mark Bilger: Good morning everyone. President Roth, Officers, members, auxiliary, clergy, honored guests, partners, delegates and alternates to the 124th Annual Convention and Conference my report can be found on page 43.

I want to thank President Roth for his leadership over this past year, Vice President Davis for his dedication and guidance. I look forward to carrying on our work that we started this past year. I am confident that it will allow the MSFA to continue its leadership role for all the emergency first responders in Maryland. Thank you very much and enjoy your conference.

Now I would like to introduce Secretary Doyle Cox for some short comments.

Secretary Doyle Cox: VERY short comments. Good morning. You will find a copy of my report on page 45. Read it, enjoy and have a good day.

And at this time Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

Treasurer Ron Siarnicki: Well good morning to everybody and welcome to Ocean City. I would just like to say my report is on page 45 and I am very pleased to report that the Association remains in solid financial state and that is because of the efforts of the Finance Team. I want to thank each and every one of those team members who work hard all year to make sure that there is transparency and accurate finance accounting for all of your funds in the Association's financial needs. I want to thank President Roth, First Vice President Davis and Second Vice President Bilger for their support and their efforts to lead this Association.

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I do want to report on one thing. There was an audit done by the Attorney General's Office for the State of Maryland/Legislative Affairs which is required for our state funds. I am happy to report that there were no findings from that report at all. And that is always a good thing to have. Thanks very much for your support. Enjoy the Convention. (Applause)

Now Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke.

Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke: Good morning everyone. The Financial Team Report can be found on page 45. Usually on Mondays I stand up here and read you a long list of companies that have not paid their dues, I got the last check in on Friday and I don't have a list this year and that is a good thing!

The only other thing I have is PLEASE use the address that is on top of the invoice. We still have 6 to 8 companies that are mailing to the closed P.O. Box and then they get lost in never never land of the postal service. Have a great week in Ocean City and stay safe. Next is Chief Chaplain Long.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning. My report can be found on page 47 of the Convention Book. Last night, those of you who attended the Memorial Service, saw a lot of additions. I hope we did well for you and your loved ones and friends. I want to thank President Johnie Roth and President Darby Byrd for meeting with me and making your thoughts known in helping me put together the Memorial Program together. I would also like to thank Jim Brown, Brian Slack and Chris May for their audio and visual support in putting the Memorial Service and Book together.

Finally, if your company has a chaplain and they are not getting emails from me, get them in contact with me. My email is very accessible, no matter where you look, you'll find it. We are starting a Maryland State Firemen's Chaplain Association and want to get them involved. Have a great convention.

I'd like to introduce Danny Carpenter for the Trustees Report.

Trustees Chair Danny Carpenter: President Roth, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 124th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, this past year the Trustees have paid benefits to twenty nine widows/widowers, one dependent child, two dependent child college educations, five Line of Duty Injury cases. This year we had no Line of Duty Death claims. This year the Trustees increased widows/widowers benefits from \$650 to \$700, dependent child benefits from \$550 to \$600 and Line of Duty Injury benefits from \$650 to \$700 (effective 1/16).

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Trustees for the updated manual with all the forms and procedures you will need to file a claim. Lastly, I would like to thank your very dedicated Trustees for their service: Vice Chair Doug Alexander, Secretary Jeff Thompson, Trustee Ben Kurtz and Trustee Terry Thompson, P.P.

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

President Johnnie Roth: Now I would like to introduce the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Steven Scheinin.

Chair Steven Scheinin: Thank you very much Mr. President. My name is Steven Scheinin, Fallston Volunteer Fire Company, Harford County. I am Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. All our meetings this year took place electronically, saving the committee members expense of traveling from county to county. There are two constitution and by-laws amendments that are on the ballot for tomorrow. I assume your delegates have discussed them thoroughly with you.

I was appointed to this committee 20 years ago by President Steve Cox. My wife and I purchased an RV in January after we both retired and we are now around the country for the next five years. This precludes me from accepting responsibilities from my fire company as well as the MSFA.

I would like to thank the MSFA for allowing me to serve on both the Constitution and By-Laws and other committees during the past 5 years. Remember: Chocolate cures everything.

President Johnnie Roth: I would like to introduce our team from the National Volunteer Fire Council, Chairman Jim Seavey and Past President Dave Lewis.

Chair James Seavey & David Lewis, P.P.: Your delegates to the National Volunteer Fire Council are honored to present this annual summary of our representation on your behalf and have a number of items to highlight to the MSFA Membership.

A new Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council was elected. Deputy Chief Kevin Quinn, of Union Fire District in Warrick, Rhode Island was elected without opposition and Chairman Phil Stittleburg finished out a full ten years as our Chair.

A major change occurred to the representation to and organizational make-up of the NVFC Board of Directors. Each State will now have two full Directors of equal representation on the Board. The Alternate position has been converted to a second full Director on the Board.

PP Dave Lewis attended the National Professional Development Symposium at the

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National Fire Academy and represented the NVFC at meetings to discuss the Council's involvement in the High School Pathways program.

Chief Jimmy Seavey, Sr. continues to represent the NVFC Board on the National Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, where work continues at a feverish pace! There were two more meetings of the Alliance this past year and many goals and objectives to benefit all firefighters and certainly the members of the fire and EMS Service in Maryland. Due to the tremendous need to address the issue of cancer in our volunteer fire service community, Chairman Quinn appointed a Volunteer Fire Service Task Force on Cancer. Jimmy Seavey is now the Co-Chair of the Task Force with Chief Brian McQueen of Whitesboro, New York.

The NVFC has fully embraced and is moving to spread the word about the volunteer fire service on the "Share the Load" Program, which will help members in our Departments recognize and assist other colleagues with mental health issues and also provide guidance for members in mental health distress as to resources available to them through the Program.

Your "All State Member" Team of MSFA Assistant Secretary Diana Gunther, Dave and Jimmy continue to work on getting the word out and have Departments actually "take the plunge" in affording their members the great opportunity to join the NVFC and receive the many benefits afforded to members. Our roster, now more than 300 members strong! As many of you are aware, Departments across the State are now able to enroll each of your members as members of the National Volunteer Fire Council for the low cost of \$7.50 per year, with the MSFA contributing the other \$7.50 per member to provide a greater level of benefits, protection and communication with each of our first responders!

Jimmy was promoted by Chairman Quinn to be the Vice Chair of the Volunteer Advocacy Committee. The Committee has worked most recently on two-hatter issues that now are plaguing the Great Lakes States!

A new award known as the NVFC's "Firefighter of the Year" Award. This award, presented at the Spring Meeting in Alexandria each year, shall recognize acts of great significance made by volunteer firefighters across this great nation. All NVFC awards can be viewed by visiting www.nvfc.org.

Dave represented the NVFC at the AFG Criteria Development meetings in November at the National Fire Academy. The NVFC is just one of nine stakeholder Organizations that will define priorities for all of the Grant Programs, including AFG, SAFER and the FPS. Jimmy Seavey, in his role as MSFA Executive Committee Chairman, used our relationship through the NVFC with the 47 other States to identify the leadership of the

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South Carolina Firefighters Association as the perfect Facilitators for this process for the MSFA Strategic Planning Summit in March of 2016 (report under separate cover.

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, Dave Lewis was very active in supporting the NVFC actions in support of the reauthorization of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The current legislation includes a sunset clause in 2017 for the grant programs and NVFC is cooperating with the other major national fire service organizations to continue this vital grant program.

Dave Lewis participated as a reviewer for the Globe Gear Giveaway campaign. Each year, Globe donates up to 52 sets of turnout gear to be awarded to volunteer departments across the U.S. In 2015, more than 550 departments applied for consideration for this grant program. We would like to congratulate the Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department to have been selected as one of the 13 departments awarded turnout gear. The 2016 campaign will launch in April. Look for information on the NVFC web site.

As a member of the Health, Safety, and Training Committee, Dave Lewis participated in the development of a new publication, "Making the Culture Shift" to address trends in the volunteer fire service culture and how departments must adapt to these changes.

In just ten short years following the return of the MSFA with representation to the National Volunteer Fire Council, our State is extremely involved with an Organization that has its headquarters in our State.

Each of your MSFA Directors to the NVFC are active in the following NVFC committees:

Jim Seavey

Conference and Education

Cancer Initiative Task Force (Co- Chair)

Foundation Volunteer Advocacy (Vice Chair)

Dave Lewis

Homeland Security (Vice Chair)

Health, Safety and Training

Recruitment and Retention Standards

We would like to thank President Johnie Roth for allowing us to work together in supporting your interests and those of the entire volunteer provider network in the Nation to this great Council and the work that it does!

President Johnie Roth: Thank you very much Jimmy and Dave. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the group that is coming on stage which is our Cancer Support Network Committee, Chaired by Jay Tucker and I think he has some exciting news. So Jay would you please bring your committee out and introductions.

Cancer Chair Jay Tucker: The Mission of the Maryland State Fireman's Association

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Cancer Support Network is to assist Fire and 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.

We have had a very productive year. Through the leadership of President Roth we have established the first annual 5k walk fund raiser through Historic Annapolis. Two ladies Marcia Roth and Susan Hilton offered to Chair and Co-chair the event and have done an outstanding job in getting the job done. This is our number one fundraiser and should provide the majority of the support to our committee. Good job Ladies!

The last information that I received was that we have distributed over twenty bags of hope to various folks from all over the state this year. And with the strong commitment from the more than fifteen folks from around the state we hope to continue our mission to bring a smile and support to folks at a very trying time.

We are all aware when anywhere in the State and nation there is a LODD. Did you know that by far Cancer takes more firemen's lives than what we refer to as LODD. We must not only support the individuals and families as they heal but we must continue to bring awareness to what I call the disease of the job. The passing from Cancer hasn't been recognized overall as a LODD. I have actually heard folks say he or she didn't actually pass from a LODD he or she had Cancer. They didn't save a life or rescue someone they died from Cancer. We must educate and advocate for our people.

Folks if you would like to join us in our adventure please don't hesitate to contact myself jrtucker@co.pg.md.us or Lucy Helwig at lucyhelwigfightforlife@yahoo.com. you can also follow us on Facebook.

Last but not least a huge Thank You to Vice Chair Flo Collins for a job well done always covering for me and always getting the job done as well as Lucy Helwig Ladies Liaison and to all of our Committee members for their commitment to the Men and Women of the Fire Service of The State of Maryland.

Flo Collins: Good morning everyone. I'm in charge on this great committee of the hope bags that we make up and give to the, all our firemen, ladies auxiliary and the family members. I'm sure there are more people out there with cancer than what we are told about. If anyone in your department has cancer, their wife, husband, children please notify someone on the committee and we can bring them a little gift bag of hope to let them know we are standing behind them. I am listed in the book; I'm listed in the phone book so there is no problem with tracking me down as well as other people on the committee. So please we ask you as one big family that we can all work together. Thank you.

Jay Tucker: Also on stage with us are other committee members; Jim Seavey, Tom

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Collins and another committee member I will introduce in a moment. Are there any other committee members in the audience? If so please stand. A lot of them are from the ladies and I'm sure they are busy in their meeting at the current time.

As you heard President Roth mention we did do our 1st annual walk this year and doing so we were challenged with a lot of work. Two people stepped up to co chair that walk. One was Ms. Marcia Roth as well as the co chair Susan Hilton. Susan would you like to come forward and say some words. (Applause)

Susan Hilton: Good morning, I just want to thank everybody who came out and supported our walk and also those who donated to our walk. If anybody needs anything within the coming year please let us know and we also look forward to seeing everybody at our second annual cancer walk this year. Thank you. (Applause)

Jay Tucker: Ok, when we started this whole process of the walk as well as the cancer support network as a whole a group stepped up immediately and offered assistance and that's a big reason we asked for the time today. When we originally started the process this group had not been formed yet but we had the President of the Southern Maryland Insurance Group, Mr. Ken Wible, at that time as well as Ron Block from Southern Maryland Insurance stepped up substantial support They purchased our hope bags for us and various other items. Through their involvement through the fire service as well as their involvement through the Masonic Lodge they have now formed the St. Floridians 911 Masonic Lodge. It's a firemen only Masonic lodge and we certainly appreciate their hard work and everything they have done for us. They worked the walk, they provided benefits to the walkers and they are here today to make a presentation to MSFA. With that being said I would like to introduce Mr. Ken Wible. He is currently the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the state of Maryland. Ken.

Ken Wible: Would all who are masons please rise and make your way to the podium. While they are making their way up here let me just make you aware that masonry is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. We unite men in friendship and good will and enable them the opportunity to form bonds that last a life time. We practice universal benevolence to all. As a matter of fact George Washington is the most famous mason of all times and he was a volunteer fire fighter. Fire fighting fraternity equally as well and able to form bonds that last a lifetime and we recognize that in masonry.

So last year as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland I had the opportunity to charter the first Masonic Lodge in the United States of America with membership composed entirely of those from the fire service. Bill Killen who is a Past President of the International Fire Chiefs Association served as the first Master of that lodge last year. Ron Block now serves as the Master this year. On behalf of St Floridian Lodge 911 it is my pleasure and honor to present to you two checks totaling \$1,250.00 from the

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Grand Lodge of Maryland and also from St Florian Lodge of Maryland. Use them in the best purpose for cancer research. (Applause)

President Roth: We want to thank you on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This money will go toward a great cause for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This is if you will kind of a kick off for the committee and we are looking forward to our second annual cancer support walk. Hopefully it will be a little better weather and we certainly want to thank the sponsors as well as all the walkers that day. It was a great day and we put on great strides to help our members as well as their families. Thank you.

Jay Tucker: With that being said and you've heard all the positive things that have been done to assist the fire fighters in Prince George's County. I don't have the exact number but I'm going to be as close as I can will all the hard work from the people from this association we have raised over \$16,000.00 for cancer support in the state of Maryland for our members. God bless you all and thank you.

Jim Seavey: Just one quick note as a cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with stage 3 three years ago last March, 2013. Almost everyone on this committee, just by chance or probably out of passion has a cancer issue and is a survivor to date. That is where you see the passion come from. It's similar to if you own a fleet of all Seagraves then you will be out there when you go to your socials and when you network, pushing for Seagrave. It's the same thing. We all have cancer and damn it, we're going to beat it and we're going to work for you all, those of you with families in a similar situation to beat this crap. President Roth followed up on Past President Lewis and we are moving forward and it's growing expediently and once again here with the strategic plan, please join us for the ride. We have to kill this disease. I represent you and the I Chiefs on a national cancer alliance that was formed by the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation and this alliance is only one year old and the amount of work done to date is absolutely incredible. I beg you all, keep in touch, and keep involved and as Ms. Collins said, if you have somebody in your family whose suffering or a family member at the station, please reach out to the committee. Thank you.

President Roth: I'd like to present Ron Siarnicki for the convention report, Ron.

Chair Siarnicki: Good morning again everyone. On behalf of the convention committee I hope you are enjoying yourself here in Ocean City. There are a lot of things that are going on for your benefit and for the benefit of this association. Hopefully you have looked through some of the materials and saw some of the new events. Several years ago we made a commitment to make our visit to Ocean City family oriented so that you could come here and vacation and take part in the association activities and enjoy your time here. If you haven't noticed there are some new events. There's a cornhole

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competition tomorrow afternoon. A Mack fire truck rally, ghost walk on the boardwalk, special discounts for Ocean Downs Casino and Planet Maze Laser tag because the Ocean City community is reaching to us and saying thanks for coming, we appreciate you being in Ocean City. They want to make your visit very special.

Of course there's the normal things we have going on here in Ocean City and that's going to be the family night at the pier, the golf tournament, of course the Jolly Roger event, Monday night, tomorrow night, and of course the Ocean City block party and 5K run. Thank you, the curtain has spoken. Today is Monday. I've been here since Friday so Jolly Roger is tonight. The events are there for you and your families.

On an educational side you see we added hot training last year and this year it's grown pronominally. We had over 300 preregistrations for hot training. You're getting high caliber hands on training for free provided by this association. There are many seminars going on in the convention center and for the first time we are offering an EMT refresher and we had 30 students sign up for that. It's a great way to get those continuing ed credits you need.

We are looking for ideas on how to make your convention better so please fill out the survey forms that are floating around or send us an email, let us know what you are thinking. I need to thank the entire convention committee and the steering committee who work all year to pull together this event. They truly work hard and are committed to making sure your convention is a memorable experience. So we hope we brought that to you and most of all we hope we have improved the mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you for all you do.

President Roth: Thank you Ron, we're trying to expedite. I know we are a little behind. Now we'll have the nominations for the offices of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Nominations for the Office for the Maryland State Firemen's Association President are now open. I'd like to recognize Glen Resnick, Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Glen.

Glen Resnick: First of all a couple things I want to get straight. This is a kilt, not a skirt and the million dollar question, what's worn under it, shoes and socks, obviously.

Good morning everyone. First I'd like to recognize President Johnie Roth. He is a true champion of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. It's been a pleasure to work with Johnie this year, he's been there for us and advocated, and every time you made that phone call to Johnie he was there and he answered the call, so again on behalf of the Baltimore County delegation, thank you President Roth.

As President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association, it is my pleasure

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to nominate Michael A. Davis for President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The past 2 years, Michael has been learning the roles of the MSFA Presidency with the direction and guidance of President Johnnie Roth while assisting 2nd Vice President Mark Bilger. He is an active riding member of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company as a Firefighter, EMT doing what he can for his community, still actively riding apparatus.

Michael shares the same interests and goals of the MSFA. He has made a commitment to reach these strategic goals that the association has been working on to make it even better. He has over 22 years as a volunteer Firefighter, having trained in not only fire and EMS, but most ATR disciplines as well. Michael's work experience has often been tied to Public Safety working in the wireless communications industry for over 18 years performing work on everything from emergency vehicles to dispatch centers, communications centers, towers, emergency power generation, disaster recovery, and more. It goes without saying, that to make something better, you need to know how it works from the inside, out.

Michael is committed to making the MSFA better through new strategic planning initiatives and more importantly, by looking in the past, where we've been, to see where we are going and pointing us in the direction of where we need to be.

For these reasons, and many more, I nominate Michael A. Davis, as your next President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. (Applause)
Now I'd like to call on Past President Danny Davis.

Past President Davis: Thank you Glen. It's my pleasure to second the nomination of Michael Davis for the office of President. I would like to invite the following individuals to join me.

Past Presidents: Bobby Balta, Jr., Doyle E Cox, Fred Cross, Jr., Daniel Davis, Jr., Richard Yinger, Carl Edelin, Jr., Philip M. Hurlock, Stephan Cox, Leonard King, Sr., Robert E. Knippenburg, David Lewis, Thomas Mattingly, Sr., Roger N. Powell, Joseph R. Robison, Bernard Smith, Gene Worthington, Roger Steger, Sr., Paul Sterling, Jr., Frank J. Underwood, Roger Powell, John Denver, . MSFA Assistant Secretary-PP Southern MD Vol. Fire Association Shirley Copado, Assistant Secretaries MSFA Diana, Nancy and Thomas Scott, Treasurer Ronald Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer Fred Cross, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long, MSFA Deacon Charles E. Barnhart Jr., Reverend Harry Hetz. MSFA Executive Board Members: Chairman James Seavey, Vice Chair Doug Simpkins, Timothy Dayton, Michael Faust, Benjamin Kurtz, Richard Smith, Justin Towles, Daniel Stevens, Skip Mehan, and Charles Walker. Board of Trustees Members, Chairman Dan Carpenter, Vice Chairman Douglas Alexander, Secretary Jeffery Thompson, and Benjamin Kurtz. It would also be an honor for any members of the Baltimore County Vol. Fire Assoc and Members of the Cockeysville VFC to join us now as we present to you, Michael A. Davis for the office of President, of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you.

President Roth: Thank you Danny. Strike up the band.

Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Motion has been made and seconded to close the nominations. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

We now have an opening for the Office of First Vice President. I'd like to introduce Charlie Simpson for a nomination, Charlie.

Charlie Simpson: Thank you Mr. President. President Roth, 1st V.P. Davis, Officers and members of this great Association, my fellow delegates and alternates, clergy and distinguished guests. First I will say I am a member of the Westminster band which was formed in 1893. It has kept track with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, great job guys. I am Charles J. Simpson, Jr. a member of the Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company, member of the MSFA Executive Committee, MSFA Training Committee, MSFA Advanced Life Support Sub-committee and the immediate Past President of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association. I come before today to enter the name Mark A. Bilger into nomination for the Office of First Vice President.

Mark is an active member of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Co, No. 1, Inc. Mark he has served in various elected and appointed positions, including delegate to the county and state associations. Mark is a Past President of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association and he continues to work with the association as a delegate for his company.

Since 1992 Mark has served on various committees associated with the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Training Committee, the legislative committee and he has chaired the MSFA Fire Laws of Maryland Book Committee and the Statistical Committee. In 2000 Mark was recognized for all of his work with the association by being inducted into the Hall of Fame. In 2009 Mark was appointed to the MSFA Executive Committee as the representative for Carroll and Howard Counties until 2015, when he was elected to the office of Second Vice President of this association.

In 2013 Mark retired from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Mark joined the agency in 1993, as a sworn Deputy State Fire Marshal. In 2000 he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief. In his role as Deputy Chief, Mark supervised both sworn and civilian personnel in a multi county region. While serving as a Deputy Chief, Mark was assigned to the Maryland Emergency Operation Center at MEMA. It was Mark's job to assume the lead role in managing agency resources in the State 911 center in a time of disaster. Mark currently works with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute as the Coordinator for the Upper Eastern Shore Regional Training Center.

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In 2015 Mark was elected to the position of Second Vice President of this association and he has spent this past year traveling the state meeting with our State Partners, Elected Officials, Committee Chairs, along with attending meetings Mark has made it a priority to listen to the concerns of the men and women who give of their time to volunteer as Emergency First Responders In Maryland.

One last thing I want to mention about Mark. For the past 26 years he's been a loving partner and devoted husband to Nancy, the pretty young lady who stands on stage with him. Ladies and gentlemen I respectfully request that you use your vote to elect Mark A. Bilger as your next 1st Vice President.

I would like to ask Leon Flemming to come forward to second the nomination. Thank you.

Leon Flemming: Thank you. President Roth, delegates, clergy, and honored guests. As 1st Vice President of the Hampstead Volunteer Hose Co #1 the following is a list of those seconding Mark's nomination along with President Simpson of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association and the delegates of that Association.

Past Presidents of the MSFA C. Oscar Baker, Robert Cumberland, Jr., Joseph R. Robinson, Thomas Mattingly, Sr., Bernard J. Smith, Phillip M. Hurlock, Richard L. Yinger, George A. "Fred" Cross, Doyle Cox, C. Daniel Davis, Jr., Robert E. Knippenberg, Carl B. Edelin, Jr. Roger A. Steger, Sr., Gene Worthington, Terry E. Thompson, Robert W. Jacobs, Paul R. 'Bobby' Balta Paul H. Sterling, Jr., Frank J. Underwood, Roger N. Powell, Stephen D. Cox, David W. Lewis, John Denver, and Jackie Olson.

County Associations: Allegany & Garrett, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Talbot, Worchester.

MSFA Officers: Treasurer Ron J. Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Chief Chaplain Rev John F. Long, Jr., Assistant Chaplin, Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr., Harry Hetz.

Trustees: Chairman Dan Carpenter III, Vice Chair Doug Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Thompson.

MSFA Executive Committee: Chairman Charles Abrecht, Vice Chairman James P. Seavey, Sr., Timothy Dayton, Michael Faust, John Fisher, Benjamin Kurtz, Doug Simpkins, Jr., Richard Smith, Daniel J. Stevens, Justin Towles, Charles Walker, Office of the Attorney Michael W. Farlow, Esquire, Office of the Parliamentarian Richard K. Brooks.

MSFA Committee Chairs: Jay Tucker Cancer Support Network, Steven J. Scheinin,

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Esquire Constitution & By-laws, Richard Snader Data Systems, Chris May Public Address, Laura Woods Sergeant of Arms, William Hildebrand Diversity in the Volunteer Fire Service, William Dousa Emergency Medical Services, Richard Udell Vice Chairman, Teresa Crisman Fire Prevention & Life Safety, Steven Barry Grants, John Spiker Historical & Archives, Ed Woods Surplus Property, Stuart Carter Incentives, Joel McCrea MEMA Fire Service Personnel Group, Ron Watkins Public Relations, Joseph Chornock Recruitment & Retention, Richard Green, Sr. Residential Sprinklers, Clarence "Chip" Jewell Risk Management, Dave Meaders Safety Committee, Dale Fishack, Jr.

Scholarship: Todd Johnson Search & Rescue, Ken Bush Standards, Barry Johnson Statistical Kingsley Poole Training, Thomas Flint Transportation, Craig Harman Volunteer Company Assistance Louis Jonske Ways & Means.

Others: Steve Wantz (Past President CCVESA & Carroll Co. Commissioner), David Kyle (Past President Allegany & Garrett Association), Julie Casey (President Howard County Association), Robyn Hahn (Eastern Shore Association), Tom Collins (Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company).

President Roth: Strike up the band.

Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President?

Motion has been made and seconded to close the nominations. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

We now have an opening for the Office of Second Vice President. I'd like to introduce Dale Hill from Washington Co., Dale.

Dale Hill: Thank you President Roth.

Mr. President, Officers, Fellow Delegates and Alternates, member of the companies of our association, and distinguished guests: My name is Dale Hill, a delegate of the Funkstown Volunteer Fire Company where I have served as Secretary, Treasure, and President. I am the immediate Past President of the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and now serve as it's 1st Vice President.

I am honored and privileged to be able to stand before you today to nominate a person who is exceptionally qualified to serve as the next 2nd Vice President of this great association. Someone I know who has committed a lifetime as a member, responder, administrator, and a leader in the fire, rescue, and EMS service not only in Washington County, but also for Emergency Services in the rest of the state.

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At this time I would like to nominate Rick Blair for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Rick and his lovely wife Roslyn are here with us today and I would like to introduce them to you at this time.

I am confident that with Rick's experience, ability, and enthusiasm he is the right person for this very important position. Rick started his volunteer firefighting, rescue and EMS career in 1974 with the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company. While a member with the company he served in several officer positions such as the Executive Board Vice President. He also served on many key committees and as a delegate to this association over the course of many years. Also in December 1974 Rick joined the Clear Spring Ambulance Service. Within that company he served as the Chief, President, and CEO of the Board of Directors for a number of years. During his tenure with the ambulance service Rick had to make some tough and necessary decisions to maintain the quality and level of service for the organization, difficult decisions that had to be made by a true leader.

Currently Rick serves as the station Captain with the Western Enterprise Fire Company located in Hagerstown. He is also the current Treasurer for the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and has been in that elected position since 2003. He has been a very important part of the day to day operations of the association and serves on several key committees. Rick has been an invaluable asset to the association, its operations, and to me the four years I served as President and currently as Vice President.

Rick has also recently served two years as the President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, which is another prominent and very important organization that fights for and represents fire, rescue, and EMS organizations and responders in our great state. During his tenure in that capacity three years ago, he initiated and lobbied extensively to have the amounts increased in our income tax subtraction program for members. A bill was passed and signed into law increasing those amounts, which was a benefit to all of our members in the state. Also during the same time period Rick worked very hard to ensure volunteer companies received their fair share of the Senator Amoss 508 funding and there was not a decrease in funding already appropriated to other companies in the state. Rick was on the front line fighting in Annapolis for every company of our association.

Several months ago Rick received and was this year's recipient of the Leslie B. Thompson Memorial Award of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association. This award is given for an outstanding contribution by an individual toward the future welfare of the fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, to the entire state of Maryland. Throughout his volunteer career Rick has served and continues to serve on many committees of the MSFA, several being that of the training committee, sprinkler committee, and past sergeant-at-arms, in the registration of delegates at our conventions, just to name a

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few. He also regularly attends the MSFA Executive Committee and other key committee meetings of our association.

Last year Rick received the honor of being inducted into and received the MSFA "Hall of Fame Award".

There is another very important factor that must be taken into consideration for an individual to make the decision and commitment to become a candidate for the position of 2nd Vice President. That is the total support of a wife or husband of a candidate, for the long haul over the next 3 years. I personally know that Ricks lovely wife Roslyn has always (well 99% of the time) supported Rick in his many leadership positions of all the organization he has been involved with in the past. I know he will only have that same support as he goes forward in the future.

I have witnessed Rick in countless hours of service, do whatever it takes to get the job done, and be a true leader in all aspects of performance. I know he has the knowledge, experience, integrity, and ability to be the next 2nd Vice President of the MSFA. I would ask you also to support and vote for Rick Blair as our next 2nd Vice President.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

At this time I'd like to introduce Mr. Kingsley Poole also from Washington County.

Kingsley Poole: Thank your Dale. Good afternoon everyone. It has turned afternoon. It is my honor and privilege to second the nomination of Richard C. Blair for 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I have quite a list of individuals who join me in seconding the nomination. If you are in the room I will ask that you please come up.

Past Presidents: Robert Cumberland Jr. PP, Daniel C. Davis Jr. PP, John Denver PP, David W. Lewis PP, Paul H. Sterling Jr. PP, Frank J. Underwood PP, Gene Worthington PP, Roger Steger PP, Robert Knippenburg PP, Joseph R Robison PP, Philip M. Hurlock PP, Roger Powell PP, Terry E. Thompson PP, Gene Worthington PP, Jacqueline M. Olson PP, David Keller III PP, Robert W. Jacobs PP, Steven Cox PP, Leonard King PP, and Bernard J. Smith PP.

Counties Associations: Allegany/Garrett Counties, Washington County Fire and Rescue Assoc, Eastern Shore Association, Howard County Fireman's, Association, Southern Maryland Firemen's Association, Western Enterprise VFC, Clear Spring VFC, Glendale Fire Association.

C. Carpenter, Ron Watkins, Harry Gossard, Harve Woods, Laura Woods, Bob Phillips, Hugh Owens, John Hoglund, Calvin Stack, Rodney W. Bowser, Glenn D. Fishack Sr.,

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G. Dale Fishack Jr., Jeffery Thompson, Tim Ganley, Thomas L. Flint II, Robyn S. Hahn, William Hildebrand, Dale L. Hill, (Chip) Clarence Jewell, Gene Kidwell, Brian L Lowman, Robert McHenry, Chaplain John Long, Rev. Harry Hetz, Mike Boward, Melissa Williams, Richard Smith, (Bill) William Smith, Eric Smothers, Richard A. Snader, (Doug) Graham Snow, James J. Snyder Jr., Justin Towles, Charles Abrecht, Steven T. Barry, Calvin Stack Jr., Douglas Alexander, Rick Hemphill, Charles Barr, Charles Munday, Bryan Altman, Heather M. Miller, Jason T. Miller, David Skip Menzies, Bob McHenry, Richard Bower, Mario Melfa, Harry Ingram, Kevin Demmons, Joel C. McCrea, Oley Griffith, Chuck Austin, Darron S. Long, Jay Rowland, Kim Anderson, Brian L Lowman, Jerry Cunningham, Todd Smith, Karen Lowman, Steve Jacobs, Clarence Webber, JJ Gerald Lynott Jr., Rodney L. McCoy, Jay Williams, Gene Kidwell, James Burdett, Kitty Boward, Barry Johnson, Frances Marshall, Tomas Watkins, Rev. Harry Hetz., Rita McCoy, Hoby Howell Jr., Daryl Benner, Harvey Lewis, Chris Mullendore, Marcine D. Goodloe, Jay Morgan, Richard A. Green Sr., William Ball, III, John Dulina, Donald Bingaman, Tim Dayton, Robert O. Fraley, Teresa Crisman, Gary Mariotti, Theresa Collins, Michael Reid, Stuart W. Carter, Zachary Reid, Joseph Chornock, Robert Downs, Jim Brown, Greg Yost, Ken Bush, Rick Row, Rodney W. Bowser, Thomas Leach, Jason L Baer, Courtney R Hirsh, Dave Irvin Sr., Yet Wachter, Lynn Hunsburger, Oley Griffith, Robert Moncrief, Charles Buddy Blake, Anna Dobbins, Glenn Fishack Sr., Jim Snyder, Dale Fishack, J C Altman, Danny Gibson, Dylan L Altman, and Milton A. Bloom III., Jay Williams, Joseph Ralls, Cherry Hiser, Twylla Grove, Devin Mills, Danny Grove, Rhonda Dayoff, Kirk Mongan, Chandler R. Fishack, Robert Myerly, Clinton Stouffer, Michael LeCompte, Dale Martin, John Fisher, Joan Kotanko, Harry Gossard, Eric Gray, Heather Gossard, Stephanie Stellard, Kathy Bartles, Daryl L Hunsberger, David Stevens, Grace Irvin, Ron Horn, Robert Scott, James Sprecher Jr., Brittany Mariotti, Charles E. Elgin, Stephen Barnhart, Woody Morris, Ernie Truax, Terry Smith, Ward Fleger, Sherry Smith

President Roth: Strike up the band.

Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Motion has been made by Ron Watkins and seconded by Bobby Balta to close the nominations. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

I'd like to open the nominations for the Office of Secretary. Coming before us this afternoon is Danny Davis, Danny.

Danny Davis: President Roth, Officers, Delegates, Alternates, and Honored Guests. It is an honor to stand before you to nominate Doyle E. Cox for the office of secretary to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Doyle had served this association over the years as President, twice Chair of the Executive Committee, as a member of various committees and currently serves as Secretary. Doyle is a member of the MSFA and

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SMVFA Hall of Fame. Doyle has served the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association as President. Doyle is a friend and I am asking your support in electing Doyle E. Cox as Secretary to the MSFA.

Seconding Doyle's nomination will be Past President Steve Cox.

Steve Cox: Thank you Danny. It is definitely a privilege and an honor to stand before you today and second the nomination of Doyle Cox for Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I do want to make one thing clear, that's Doyle Cox, I'm Steve Cox, I'm the better looking, and he has hair. Thank you. (Applause)

President Roth: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Motion has been made by Richard Yinger and seconded by Ron Watkins to close the nominations. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

We would like to open nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary. I'd like to recognize Ron Siarnicki to the podium, Ron.

Ron Siarnicki: Good Morning, Officers, Past Presidents, delegates and alternates of the 124th Annual Convention and Conference. It is an honor to stand before you this morning 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 four 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 to stay in office.

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 an 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 association. Having said all this, I ask that you lend your support to Mitch and re-elect him to the position of Financial Secretary for the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you.

I'd like to bring forth Past President Steve Cox for the second.

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Steve Cox: Thank you Ron. It's certainly a privilege for me to stand before you and second the nomination of Mitch Vocke for Financial Secretary. Mitch and I have been friends for over 40 years. We serve in departments next to each other. We have worked together on the fire ground and also in the MSFA. Mitch is an outstanding leader. He does an excellent job as Financial Secretary and it is my privilege to second his nomination two times before and I ask that you join us in supporting Mitch for Financial Secretary. Thank you.

President Roth: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Financial Secretary? Motion has been made by and seconded by to close the nominations. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

I'd like to open nominations for the Office of Chief Chaplain. I'd like to recognize Chief Jay Olson.

Chief Olson: The Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company takes great pride in submitting the name of Reverend John F. Long, Jr. for the Office of Chief Chaplain to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. John has held this office since being elected in 2005, and has performed the duties associated with the 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 as a Board of Directors member for the Maryland LAST Team and is very active in educating companies and their memberships on the importance of preparing for a Line of Duty Death. He has been a great asset to those companies that the LAST Team has assisted when they have experienced a LODD.

He serves as the Chaplain for the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association, and is a member of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Chaplain Corps and Crisis Intervention Team.

Last October he was elected Secretary for the Federation of Fire Chaplains. He also teaches courses to Chaplains insuring that they have the tools they need to help their departments.

As a certified pump operator, John is dedicated to staffing our station every Thursday night and Friday daytime. He also makes himself available when special circumstances require us to up-staff our station. He has been recognized as one of the top 10 responders for the past three years. He presently holds a position on our Board of Directors and is our L.O.S.A.P. coordinator.

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He has achieved certification up to Fire Officer 3, Fire Instructor 3, Advanced Chaplain, and ICISF Pastoral Care.

He has 41 years of fire service experience and has held every line officer rank.

It is with great pride that the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company nominates Reverend John F. Long, Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain.

Pres. Johnie Roth: I'd like recognize Danny Davis and to open nominations for the Office of Trustee.

Danny Davis: President Roth, Delegates, Alternates, and Honored Guests. I stand before you today to second the nomination of C. Daniel Carpenter 111 for the office of Trustee to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Danny has served in this position for the last ten years.

He is an integral member of the Trustees and now serves as Chairman. He developed and maintained a pamphlet on Line-of-duty death benefits, needed forms, and who to contact.

Danny has served this Association over the years as a member various committees such as: the low interest Loan program, Transportation, Special Activities Committee, Standards and as Chair of the Executive Committee. Danny is a member of the MSFA and SMVFA Hall of Fame Danny has served the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association as President. He has served his Department as Chief. Danny has been an active member since 1974. Danny is a friend and I am asking your support in electing C. Daniel Carpenter III as Trustee to the MSFA. Joining me in seconding Danny's nomination are the MSFA Past Presidents, MSFA Trustees, and Officers of the MSFA. Thank you

President Roth: Are there any other nominations for the office of Trustee. I recognize Steve Cox for a second, Steve.

Steve Cox: Mr. President I second the nomination of Danny Carpenter.

President Roth: Now we are official. Are there any other nominations for the office of Trustee? Motion has been made by Richard Yinger, is there a second? Second by Joe Robison. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

Since all the offices are uncontested, you will not see any ballot for those. Motion has been made by Fred Cross to cast a unanimous ballot for all the offices. The Secretary can cast a unanimous ballot, except for the Secretary. Is there a second? Second by Ron Watkins. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

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Ok we are looking for a nomination for the location for the 2021 MSFA convention. I recognize Roger Steger.

Roger Steger: I would say good morning but it's good afternoon now. On behalf of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and the town of Ocean City we would like to extend an invitation for the MSFA convention for the year 2021 for Ocean City, Thank you.

President Roth: Is there a second to the motion. Second by Gene Worthington. Are there any other nominations for location? Any other location nominations? Any other location nominations?

Is there a motion to close nominations. Roger Powell second by Bernie Smith. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

Roger Steger has an announcement.

Roger Steger: I'd like to make a motion that the President cast the vote for the Secretary since he is unopposed. Thank you.

President Roth: Motion made, seconded by Roger Powell. Any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay.

Due to the lateness of the hour we were supposed to, before the benediction we'll give you a heads up since we are so late we'll give you an hour later. We'll start the second session at 1:30.

I'd like to welcome the haplain, for the benediction, John Long.

Rev. Bahr: Please stand if you are able for the benediction. Let us pray. Lord of all creation we come today to honor you and to remind ourselves of your loving faith in our lives. We ask for your blessing on this day and we ask that your wisdom will guide us as we seek to accomplish the goals on today's events. Thank you for the opportunity you give us to serve you and to others. Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and to whom all secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the wholly spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name in Christ our Lord, amen.

President Roth: Ok we will close the first session and we will start again at 1:30.

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President Johnnie F. Roth, Jr.: At this time I'd like to call to order the second session. First order of business is the report of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission by Lynn D. Gilroy, Vice Chairman.

Lynn Gilroy, Vice Chairman MFRE&TC: Thank you Mr. President. Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. President Roth, Vice Presidents Davis and Bilger, honored guests and delegates, on behalf of Secretary of Higher Education, Dr. James D. Fielder, Jr. and Chairman Michael Clemens, I bring you greetings. Over the last year the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education & Training Commission has met numerous times to discuss issues that have affected the fire service training needs for this great state.

The Commission continues to monitor the rules and the funding to implement the changes to the Charles W. Riley Scholarship Program. We encourage you to advise members to go on the Maryland Higher Education website for the application rules and for the Riley Scholarship Program.

We are planning meetings now with the Secretary Fielder to develop a more meaningful dialogue of the roles and responsibilities of the Commission.

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, as we did in the past. This year is no different. You can find that report on the Maryland Higher Education website. In closing we look forward to working with President Davis and the other officers of the MSFA in the coming year. We wish President Roth well as he finishes his term of office and we wish all of you success the balance of your convention. Thank you.

President Johnnie F. Roth, Jr.: Before we get to the next report I call Mike LeCompte, Chairman of the Safety Committee. Mike.

Mike LeCompte, Chair of Safety Committee: Hey guys, I just want to relate something to you. Dr. Adkins, who was our traumatologist for the Eastern Shore, they name part of a medical center for him in Salisbury, taught me something many, many years ago. That ocean is beautiful to look at but it is really not your friend with cervical injuries – we just had a full cardiac arrest at 139th Street. And I would venture to say that

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somebody did something stupid in the ocean. So just remember that, that ocean is beautiful to look at but it is not always your friend. It is very cold right now, you can thermally compress in that water that is not very warm so far. Just be respectful of that bay and ocean. Don't ever dive in if you can avoid it. Remember if there is nobody there to get you, like a lifeguard or a parent, don't go out there. Only go when you are guarded. Thank you for being here in Ocean City.

President Johnnie F. Roth, Jr.: Thank you Mike. I would now like to call to the podium Director Steven Edwards for the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualification Board and will also do the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Report. Steve.

Director Steven Edwards, MFRI & MFSPQB: Thank you and I appreciate the opportunity to be here today. I will start as the Chair of the Maryland Instructor's Certification Board and give you a quick up-date.

Throughout this past year the Board has worked to up-date the statewide standards for the instructors. Nothing was a substantial change. There were some housekeeping and some clarifications being made in existing legislative language that was passed by the Maryland Fire Service Certification Review Board, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Training Commission and the State Board of Higher Education. That has been approved and is out. If you go to our website, the new standards are there. They will continue to guide the instructor's certification over the next several years.

Currently there are 754 state emergency instructors and there are 269 instructor evaluators. And this is really good news, the numbers are up from previous years, there are 24 instructor trainers. So that system continues to work well and continues to provide very professional, very competent instructors.

With regard to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, another busy year last year. We conducted 1,680 separate training programs. We trained 34,300 students. My sincerest thanks to the MFRI faculty, staff, the field instructors; the people who do this work day in and day out. With the system, presenting the classes, making sure the students are successful as they can be; as well as, the number of students who attend our courses that put their time and effort into it too.

I would like to thank the Maryland State Firemen's Association leadership and President Johnnie Roth, Vice Presidents Mike Davis and Mark Bilger. We have worked extensively with them throughout the year. There is direct communications between myself and others within the Institute regarding training opportunities and ways we can do business a little bit different in making our courses more available and in a different format. So we continue to work with that.

We did last year finish the MFRI 20-25 Strategic Plan. That planning document took

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a year to create. There was a lot of input a lot of people had a part in that. A lot of people provided information and suggestions on things in that process. And now is the time to get their work done. We are working on that this year, we have adjusted student minimums for class starts, we have adjusted examination requirements for retests, and we created a MFRI Student Council in each region of the state. We are using a PAR system that when an individual takes a test, after every examination they are given a report back to them letting them know what their strengths were, what their weaknesses were and what they may need to study going forward in the future. We are bringing soon a new learning management system that we hope will provide a number of major improvements on a statewide basis. One of the most prominent being the students will be able to register for any of the MFRI classes 24-hours a day, seven days a week. It will be a new system for that and there will be a new website, there will be a lot more capabilities we will have with interactive training programs, distance educational training programs and things of that nature. So be looking for that.

We also put electronic tablets in each of the regions. Obviously we are moving forward with technology. Some students have trouble obtaining information, so we have these tablets that can be checked out if the students need for a class.

Two weeks ago, we received very good news. We received word from the Homeland Security that Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute received for a third year in a row, a \$500,000 grant for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. We are the only state fire training academy in the United States to receive this grant, the maximum amount for three years in a row. This has been extremely important. That is 1.5 million over three years. It has allowed us to purchase new PPE for instructors, new breathing apparatus, and car props with training materials for personal entry props. We are putting a propane care prop at the Upper Eastern Shore Regional Training Center and Lower Eastern Shore Regional Training Center. It has been extremely helpful to receive these federal monies that we can put into our system to be directed toward safety, directly related toward student and instructor safety and directly related to, I think, having our equipment inventory in the best condition it has been in quite a while, probably decades actually. It still needs some work but I think we have made some major strides there and we appreciate that.

With regard to emergency medical training, I know that has been everyone's favorite subject all year, just some quick things on that. We are taking a new approach with the EMT Training Programs that I think will be very positive with regards to instructors and students. Our basic premise is more teaching and less testing. Currently right now of the 165 hours of our course, we spend 30 hours testing our students through nine module exams. The improvements will be, I'm going to go through this very quickly, would be moving to my Brady Lab 2.0, when each student completes a module they complete three separate tests in the My Brady lab system. That system has been

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upgraded; it has interactive capability now more so than before for interactive texts, compressed videos and the students are tested through that. The organization and content, before we used nine modules, we're still going to use modules, but the modules are going to follow the text book as the chapters are laid out one through thirty-nine, so we won't be jumping around. Before the book tended to confuse the students so we are going to follow the book.

With regard to testing, as I said right now we're using module tests, taking thirty hours of 165 hours testing. In the future we'll have three exams. They will be cumulative exams; there will be one that tests chapters 1 – 15, another one that tests chapters 16 – 31, and another one that tests chapters 1 – 39. This will allow the students to stay in class longer, if they are having difficulty and the facts are we are losing a tremendous amount of students in module 1. I think it will give them a comprehensive test, not a module exam and what it will do is let us teach 21 more hours without adding a single hour to the course. So we used to spend thirty hours testing, we're going to spend nine hours testing, we pick up 21 hours of classroom instruction, both didactic and practical. Instructors have told us that in many cases they have difficulty getting lessons completed as they need to be completed in the time frame that is there so we think that will be well received.

Probably the most important thing we will have going forward, we will have any student that finishes the EMT program we are going to purchase a seat for them through Platinum Education to go on line and take a computer adapted examination. The same type examination, the same type testing process that is used in the National Registry. So if they have only taken a pen and paper test before and haven't had a computer adapted experience before, it's different because of test anxiety, or because of the material, it's just a more difficult test environment, so the students will be offered this system for one year and they will be able to take practice exams. It will be the same method as the National Registry. We are recommending they take one exam or two or three exams to determine their weakness, then take more specific chapter exams then end up with one or two cumulative exams.

Platinum Education, and they do this on a National basis, said if the students complete these exams their chance of success on the National Registry exam is very high. It is even very high if they get in and take the test right after the course, which is something we are working on. So we are continuing to work with EMT, we are continuing to make improvements; we are trying to revise it and make the course as successful for the students. We've taken a lot of feedback from students and instructors in that process.

The last thing I have is the MFRI booth is down on the first level, if you need a transcript, you can get a transcript there. If you need certification through the Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board you can get certifications on site. If you just want to stop by and say hi that would be nice too. Let me just end by saying, we

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appreciate your assistance, this is a large system, a lot of things go on each day and a lot of things may not get addressed, but let me assure you we do the best we can. If you look back at the end of the year and you see what's accomplished here, you see what's available throughout the state through our regional centers, you see what's available as far as equipment, you see what's available through every fire and EMS program we conduct, I'm proud of it and I hope you are too. Thank you. (Applause)

President Johnie F. Roth, Jr.: Director Edwards, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, I'm going to give you one of our convention bags as well as one of our convention mugs. We thank you and thank you for all your hard work. It's been a pleasure working with you.

Thank you very much Steve. Next on our schedule of partners, who is certainly no stranger to us and a good friend from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Director Russ Strickland, Russ:

Director Russell Strickland, MEMA: Thank you. Director Edwards said he warmed you up before I get the opportunity to speak. I know several things; 1. They are running behind; and, 2. One of the main jobs for us at Emergency Management is the problem solve. So I will problem solve by taking the 35 slides I've got and narrow them down to one. (Applause) Thank you. Thank you.

On behalf the Governor and the Adjutant General of Maryland, we are really pleased to be here today and give you a report. It has been an exciting year and it was a great opportunity to work through the year with President Roth and Vice Presidents as we started some initiatives and thoughts that we really wanted to hone in on. But I congratulate President Roth with what he has been involved in this past year and some of the seeds he has planted actually with us.

So, with that let me move right forward to the slide we are going to talk about. And most of the things that are specifically related to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and your member companies. Some of the initiatives that we have done this past year and are continuing with is re-engineering is ESF 4 (Fire Fighting) and probably one of the other things we are going to do is get rid of these numbers. We are going to actually re-engineer the group we call Fire Fighting. It would be responsible for firefighting. So that is actually meeting now and has several members of the Firemen's Association involved with it to see what we have and where we can go in the future; but specifically, again, to have your involvement in it.

At the same time the ESF 9 (Search and Rescue), and as all of you are aware, as we have become much more complex in our area of rescue through the years and having been with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the Fire Service Certification Training System and the Certification System in the State, we have seen how rescue

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has grown. And it is more than just land search and rescue and urban search and rescue; it has lots of specialty areas. So we need to look at that and see what it is we can do to be more efficient and what kind of coordination/facilitation there can be with that. So again, there is membership from your organization that is involved with that as we move forward. That project will be submitting a report to me sometime in the July time period. ESF 4 will probably be presenting their report sometime into the fall, probably December timeframe.

Some other things we are focused on, and this is what President Roth brought to us, and I couldn't agree anymore with him, it was absolutely perfect timing that he raise this point. But that is a fact the volunteers in Emergency Management. Emergency Management has changed tremendously through the years. Most of us who will remember (mostly my age bracket) as the old Civil Defense Days and where we have grown to today. And it has grown and evolved and has turned into a true profession. You know 20 or 30 years ago you had said to me that there would be a Doctorate Program offered in Emergency Management, I would have simply rolled over and rubbed my belly and made me laugh because it just was not going to happen. But today it is true. And today at MEMA, the staff we have there, particularly in leading our planning, training and exercise, not one of them has less than a Master's Degree. And the majority of those Master Degrees are in Emergency Management and/or Homeland Security. So that is a tremendous growth. But with that comes the need to facilitate and coordinate even more and what is happening is that we need people who can help us during activations, we need people who can help us with some of our planning processes, some of our training processes and some of our exercise processes.

So we are looking at a couple of different avenues, either through the Maryland Defense Force or directly under MEMA, that we can accept those who want to volunteer. You will come in we will train you, we will qualify you, we will have position we will put you into in the State Emergency Operations Center when we activate. And then we have duties that go on when we are not activated that we would be very interested in training volunteers to help us. So look for that in the future.

The other area we are concentrating on very heavily is resource management. I said to you that there are two things that emergency management does and one of those was problem solving. So one of those things was we would pick up the one slide to solve the time problem. Problem solving area number two is that of resource management. We are the folks that you come to when you have run out of all your resources and assets. So we have got to know where those additional resources and asset are. How we can get them. How we can get them quickly and efficiently to you, so that's one of the areas we are looking at in general resources, typing and that sort of thing. But then also the whole concept of assistance, we talked about mutual aid through the years, but mutual aid and some of the compacts we have set up require "Declaration of Emergency" or 'State of Emergency". We want to expand that and look at how we

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can take the concept of the fire service has had for years with mutual aid and use that type of assistance almost on a daily basis from jurisdiction and state to state.

The third area that I want to discuss with you today is Fairness and Equity with Federal Disaster Assistance. We had a snow storm this past year, a historical snow storm for the state of Maryland and with that we got a Presidential Declaration. At the same time we were one of the first states, in fact we were the first state to have our declaration in for that snow storm but we were one of the states to go through the FEMA Public Assistance since re-engineering, so they kind of a change of the rules in the way things have gone and they kind of interpreted things differently than they have in the past. And one of those from our observation is that they have actually shortened to change the volunteer organizations and how you can utilize your volunteer hours to be a part of your 25% match. That battle is not over, I'm here to tell you today that we are going to fight that, we are going to work with that to get it so you get the maximum benefit from a declaration the same as any county government organization would, any state organization would so that you are not short changed in any way and you have that promise all the way up to the Governor's office that we are going to look at that.

So with that I'm going to close very similar to what Director Edwards did and remind you we have a booth in on the main floor A and if you take a few minutes stop by we have some neat little trinkets to give away, but there's a lot of neat information on preparedness to give away and our folks would be very happy to talk with you. We also do drawings for some special prizes so slip by and see us and as usual if you have anything that I can do to assist you or MEMA can do to assist you please don't hesitate to give us a call and we'll get right back to you. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Johnie F. Roth, Jr.: Thank you Russ, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we have one of our convention bags for you as well as one of our mugs. This will start your new collection, if you will, at MEMA. I know you didn't have one before so now you have one.

Moving right along, next we have from the Maryland Fire Service Qualifications Board another good friend of ours, Mike Robinson, Mike.

Mike Robinson: Thank you Mr. President and it's an honor and a privilege to be here today representing the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board. This year is a mile stone for the certification board; we are celebrating our 30th anniversary as the "Voluntary Certification System" for the State of Maryland. A proud accomplishment just to give you a quick historical perspective, 30 years ago the Maryland Fire Rescue Training Commission under the chairmanship of former MSFA PP Charlie Riley created a subcommittee and that subcommittee made a recommendation that the state of Maryland move forward and develop some sort of fire service certification system. The purpose of that system was to recognize the training and the credentials of the

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Maryland Service as a whole, both career and volunteer. As a result of that in April of 1986 representatives of all the jurisdictions in Maryland and the major fire service organizations got together in Annapolis and formed a nonprofit corporation, because we determined that if we were going to do certification that it would be independent of state control and state government. The next thirty years is a part of our history with the Maryland Fire Service.

As of today we have certified over 142,000 Maryland Fire Service Personnel, 142,000 is a pretty significant undertaking. We had a lot of nay Sayers on all sides that said: Certification will never work in Maryland; you are not going to force us, meaning the volunteer fire service into anything. Today I challenge you to go back and look at your bylaws. It probably says: must be a certified something, whether a fire fighter I & II for fire fighter levels. Most of our Chief Officers are Fire Officer III and above. Most of our officers are required to be a minimal of Fire Officer I. Beyond that we have some 30 areas of NFPA Professional Qualifications that we are certifying people into.

Go to a career department in the State of Maryland, you come out of the academy with certification. Go and become an officer through the promotional process the prerequisite is probably certification so we have accomplished many of our goals as an organization over these past 30 years and we are a part of you and you are a part of us.

I want to thank President Roth for his continuing support this year and the MSFA which has representation on our Executive Board for their continued support of our organization. I invite you to stop by our certification booth, it's held in concert with MFRI. We have one stop shopping. You can get certified, we have your transcript and for as little as \$10 you will get state and national certification in any one of a number of areas. We are also doing our credentialing to past standards, so if you have taken courses back many years ago but you never bothered to get certified, stop by, talk to our people in the booth and we will probably look at a number of things that can get you certified. You may ask the question; why be certified? Professional recognition, it levels the playing field. It's no longer about career and volunteer. It's what your credential is and our goal is always moving forward in the fire service and maintaining professionalism.

Again, I thank the MSFA for their support and I have a brief commemorative and honorarium that I want to present to your President, President Roth if you will come forward, just to recognize our 30th anniversary and your continued support of the Association. President Roth on behalf of the Maryland Fire Service Profession Qualifications Board I want to recognize the MSFA for their continued support. I'll give you one of our challenge coins and our official annual report. Thank you for your continued support.

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President Johnie F. Roth, Jr.: Thank you Mike on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we also want to give you one of our commemorative mugs as well as our convention bag.

And next we have from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division, someone who took advantage of our services within the fire and rescue services of Maryland a good friend of ours, Monte Mitchell, Monte.

Monte Mitchell: Thank you President Roth. Good afternoon.

President Roth, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guest. I am glad to be with you this afternoon to give an update on the activities of the Maryland Forest Service.

During 2015 the Maryland Forest Service responded to 158 wildfires that burned 1,078 acres. The leading wildfire causes continued to be debris burning and arson. Also in 2015, the agency and partners conducted 46 prescribed burns for hazardous fuel reduction on 1,185 acres. So far for 2015, the agency has responded to 74 wildfires burning 115 acres to date.

Maryland continued to support the national need for Wildland firefighters and dispatched eleven individual single resources, three 20-person fire crews, one Type 4 Wildland engine with 2 crews of 4 firefighters each, and one Type 6 Wildland fire engine with 2 crews of three firefighters each. This is a total of 85 firefighter assignments assisting on wildfire incidents in Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington states. The agency has recertified over 150 Wildland firefighters in spring 2016 that can be made available for assignments this summer.

The 2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were awarded to 37 volunteer fire departments in fifteen counties for \$88,512. Of the awarded grants, 35 departments completed their grants and received \$79,908 in grant funding that allowed departments to complete over \$218,367 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection in their local communities. Projects included equipping of brush units, Wildland nomex gear, portable radios, and other small equipment purchases such as fire hose. The 2016 grant application period is currently open with \$84,000 in funding available for 50/50 match grants this year. Maximum grant award is \$3,000 with \$6,000 in qualifying expenses. Applications are available online or by contacting the Fire Staff. Application deadline is July 15. Grant awards will be announced by the end of September. All eligible volunteer companies are encouraged to apply!

In 2015, the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) completed 37 Transfer Orders acquiring forty nine pieces of equipment with an original federal acquisition cost of \$655,128. The excess federal property is acquired at no cost and then either utilized by

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the agency or loaned to volunteer fire departments through a cooperative agreement for use in fire suppression. In early 2016, the Maryland Forest Service completed a MOU with the USDA Forest Service to also participate in the Federal Firefighter Property Program (FFP). The FFP program gives access to a higher level of screening for DOD Property. The biggest difference is this program will eventually allow transfer of title of most property to the fire department once all program requirements are met. Maryland has a current total FEPP & FFP inventory of 262 items of property with an original acquisition value of nearly \$6.4 million.

The Maryland Forest Service has been awarded an FYI 6 Hazard Mitigation grant "Making Maryland Fire Adapted" of \$300,000 from the USDA Forest Service. This grant will continue to fund the Firewise Maryland program west of the bay as well as grant funds received last year for the program on the Eastern Shore. Both grants will allow the agency to continue to work with fire departments that are interested in participating and development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) for their fire district. Currently there are 62 CWPP's in Maryland that covers 1,015 communities. Work continues in these communities for Firewise education, fuels reduction projects, and wildfire prevention activities.

Finally I would like to say Thank you to all of the volunteer fire department members and companies. Without this partnership it would not be possible for our agency to carry out our mission of wildfire suppression and prevention. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive 124th MSFA. (Applause)

President Johnie F. Roth, Jr.: Thank you Monte on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we also want to give you one of our commemorative mugs as well as our convention bag.

Thank you very much and I'd like to introduce the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Michael LaCompte for our afternoon session main presentation, Michael.

Mike LaCompte: Thank you President Roth. The Safety Committee realized after spending a lot of time with safety professionals and looking at the previous Line-of-Duty deaths in Maryland, that is was not from the old things we remember like going into a building and getting caught in the building and trapped and all like that. The main cause, and you heard me say it this morning at 8:30, is heart attacks. And you are going to hear this in the keynote presentation. But it is over and over again every time you read LODDs anywhere in the United States, we are not immune from it, 57% are falling over from heart attacks.

The Safety Committee said we were going to go after three things. One was going to be what we can do to reduce heart attacks in this state – the firefighters specifically. The second was, believe it or not, being struck by vehicles. We have gone after MFRI

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and the Accident Incident Management System which is being offered in every part of the state for free. And the third way is falling through and falling from elevation. Those of you who remember the Captain in Baltimore City and it has happened over and over again. We have become kind of blasé to it. So they are the three things we after this year.

When we started, and none of us being doctors, a lot of us being safety professional in our careers, we realized that we needed help. So the lady that has been giving me a physical exam for many years, I called her on the phone and I said Dr. Rose I need some help with this because a lot of us are EMTs but we don't know anatomy and physiology, we think what's causing it but we need help with occupational medicine. So she immediately stepped up to the plate. She and Elaine Custus and many other people in the Maryland State Firemen's Association have been a huge help and supportive, along with grants by the way that are for your benefit, for proactive physical exams and whatever else you need basically. We can try to get it for you. This all came about in the past year and the person that has been our best advisor is Dr. Paula G. Rose, who I'd like to introduce to you. Let's give her a, by the way she lives down the road. Dr. Rose was an emergency physician in New York and North Carolina and here in Maryland for several years and then she transitioned Occupational working with FAA physicals, DOT physicals, Fire Fighter physicals and whatever else their bureaucracy allows her to do. So, Dr. Rose has been very supportive of the fire community here in Ocean City, the Eastern Shore and now we have her statewide. So without further to do I'd like to introduce, trying to stop Fire Fighter Deaths in Maryland, Dr. Paula G. Rose.

Dr. Rose: Good afternoon. I'm going to be as brief as I possibly can on such a big topic but I want to start by saying thank you to all of you guys for what you do in keeping us civilians safe. I personally really appreciate that.

I just want to do a quick overview. In 2014 there was an estimate that there were approximately 1.1 million fire fighters in the United States. Of those about 346,000 were career fire fighters and volunteers made up almost 800,000 of those men and women. There were approximately 30,000 fire departments and the volunteers made up about 2/3 of those, almost 20,000. So there is quite a number out there.

You may know some of this but on average, you guys across the country respond to a fire every 25 seconds, so that's at least 2 a minute. There is a structure fire or an outside fire about every minute and a vehicle fire about 1 every 167 seconds. Every day fires claim the lives of about 9 people that are not 9 fire fighters that are 9 people.

In 2013 they estimate there were about 1.2 million fires that had about 3,200 civilian deaths and about 16,000 civilian injuries. During that same year 97 of you guys, you fire fighters lost your lives and almost 70,000 of you were injured.

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Let's look at what really causes deaths across the country. If we look these are the leading causes of death, and you are probably not surprised by the first one, we preach it all the time. The leading cause of death in this country is heart disease. Every day 16,682 people lose their lives to heart disease. Another 1,620 lose their lives to cancer which is the second leading cause of death and then you drop way down. So respiratory disease 400, accidents 372, strokes 364, Alzheimer's which some of you may be surprised 256, diabetes alone 209, and then things like flu and pneumonia about 151 people die every day.

Now for you guys in 2014 you had about 63,000 injuries and of those almost half, not quite but almost half were related to working on the fire ground. Those numbers of fire ground injuries per 1000 fires has not changed in the last 20 years. So there's a lot of work to do. Most of those injuries as you can imagine involve sprains, strains and musculoskeletal injuries. But you also suffer from the possibility of an exposure. This is not the number of people that get the disease. This is the number of people that are exposed to these diseases. So 7,700 exposures were to things like hepatitis, HIV and meningitis occurred that year. Over 18,000 of you were exposed to that lovely stuff like asbestos, chemicals, fumes and radioactive materials. That just shows it in a bit of a pie chart, very colorful. I found it interesting that extreme weather causes 2.7 injures.

This is from the Bureau of Labor statistics and basically says some of the same things we've said before that over exertion causes most of the injuries and you can see that up to 45% were caused by that and then it goes way down. If you look at the number of injuries that occur because of fires and explosions, it's less than 5%. In just a quick over view over the past five years you can see that those non fatal injuries have been about the same.

These are the fatal injuries that have occurred over the same, last nine years, sometimes trending up and sometimes trending down. These statistics came straight off the website and indicate how many fire fighters die each year. In 2014, 91 fire-fighters died and of those 59 died of a heart attack. Forty two fire fighters died as a result of something related to the emergency incident. Twenty five died from being struck by vehicles and then smaller numbers, 9 fire fighters died while participating in training activities alone.

I thought it might be interesting to find out what's going on this year. So as of Friday we've had 28 deaths of fire fighters across this country. Of those 28 deaths, 16 were from cardiovascular causes. Three died in a vehicle crash. Three died from burns and falls. Two people were killed by someone including one person here in Maryland who was killed responding to an incident at a house and were actually shot. One died from exposure from fumes. One died by drowning during a rescue effort and two weren't sure of the cause of those accidents. So you can see this year so far it's

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trending pretty close to the same as in the past, hopefully a little shorter numbers this year. This is across the whole country.

So I wanted to look at a couple people, or a few of the fire fighters that died because of mainly cardiovascular accidents, which is what kills the majority of the fire fighters. These are not HIPA restraints because I found them on the internet. Don't think I'm giving you people that I've seen. These are all over the country.

This young man in Michigan, 47 years old, he was participating in search and rescue training at the fire academy, became ill, lost consciousness and died of a coronary. The next one 56 years old finished his shift at 0730 in the morning, had responded to multiple calls, went home and that evening at 2030 hours, and you know anything that occurs within that 24 hour period, we relate back to the incident. He ended up having a cardiac arrest, was transported and could not be resuscitated.

This gentleman suffered a heart attack while he was restraining an uncooperative patient. Subsequently he was found to have heart disease and also a disorder known as sarcoid and he ended up dying in January this year from his cardiac issues at the ripe old age of 45.

This is a Lieutenant who fell ill from a heart attack while on duty at the station. It does not say what he was doing. He was treated there by the first responders, but he did not recover and died at 48.

This was an older gentleman; he was an Assistant Fire Chief. He had responded to an incident earlier in the day and then he was in a training meeting in the afternoon and collapsed from a heart attack and died.

This gentleman was a little older as well. He was responding to a house fire and he was operating the mobile air unit. He ran off the road and the vehicle came to a stop. When they got there he had collapsed. He died also from a coronary.

This gentleman; 58 years old was at a brush fire and collapsed and succumbed to a heart attack.

This fire fighter participated in a training exercise. He was only 43 and succumbed to a heart attack.

So as you can see those are the things that we worry about mostly, is that heart attacks are taking you out before your time. Part of that has to do with a lot of things that we are going to talk about later this afternoon, and my cohorts who are going to come out shortly are going to just speak with you about what is happening to our fire fighters.

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I reviewed with you a number of sad things. I wanted to give you a little upbeat thing. I hope you will enjoy it. You may have seen it. It's a little video that's done to music, it's not my particular style, that's ok, but the two artists that did it are Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars back in 2014 and this little fire station in Orting Valley, south of Seattle is where this was done. It appears they have 3 little stations, station 40, station 42 and station 43. I hope this will encourage you to move a little bit more and not stay so still when you are in the fire house. So let me see if we can get it rolling.

(Shows Orting Valley video)

Alright, I think you get the point. Get out get moving. I'm going to introduce to you now Captain John Fisher from the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department and he's going to give you a personal story. Thank you so very much. (Applause)

Captain John Fisher: Good afternoon. This physical heart attack is very close to my heart. Ten years ago here on the fire ground here in Ocean City I was transported from the scene. Let me back up a second. It was because of our training, I was on my toes realizing that on this extended fire operation that I was not recovering, that I was tired and it just didn't seem like I was popping back into my normal routine. As I went to the curb, Assistant Chief, he was Assistant Chief now he's Fire Chief approached me and said what's going on. I said, Chief I'm just not feeling well. I'm not coming back like I normally do. He said get in the back of the ambulance now. With that, it actually saved my life. Initially in the ambulance, when they put the cables on me there was no problem. They started an IV and started transporting me to AGH. I arrived at AGH and in the parking lot at AGH I had what felt like a-steel I beam come down across my shoulders and it was at that time I had a heart attack. A complete blockage in the artery and if it hadn't been that I was on my toes realizing that my physical condition was deteriorating, they say that I would not have made it.

From that point on, I had a rude awakening, a hard awakening that we need to watch our fellow fire fighters. One of the biggest things that Dr. Hearn, the cardiologist that put the stints in said was do hydration. It was the dehydration that actually caused the heart attack, the blockage in my artery. In fact, the first needle he put in actually bent. He said he hadn't had a needle bend, but it was so tight he backed out and he tried it again. So I'm living proof that if you maintain your physical status, work out and keep yourself physical you can have a problem and still maintain active firemen.

I am a very active Captain in Ocean City at this time and I give the credit to our physical programs. I hear a lot as I travel through the state the only reason we are pushing the physicals is to do away with the volunteers. People, that is far from the truth. Like Mike said earlier we are pushing very hard to get grants to give everyone their physicals. Their physicals are our hope and our chance so I encourage every department that are not offering physicals and need assistance to get a hold of Mike or myself through the

safety program and we'll see what we can do to get you on the right track. Thank you very much for having me here. (Applause)

Mike LaCompte: I got a movie star next. Captain, he's not a Captain anymore. He just got promoted because of the movie he made, seriously. Assistant Chief Eddie Carmen. He is from the Stillwell Fire Department. He has worked very pro actively with the state health departments and put together a video that is being incorporated in every news network in the state of Maryland all because of Eddie's efforts. Let's give Eddie Carmen a warm Ocean City welcome. (Applause)

Shows a video about Ed Carmen

Assistant Chief Carmen: Good afternoon. How's everyone today. You guys are way too quiet. The reason we are here, you guys have heard some really great statistics from Dr. Rose and from Captain Fisher about the importance of heart attacks and the awareness level. One of the things that we want to cover today and through organizations and putting groups together is how we prevent this. How we can lower these numbers. Right now you are looking at over 50% on average for these fatalities.

In Snow Hill I had the opportunity to take a program through my employer, Worcester County government, after that I took it to my own station, Snow Hill Fire Department and since then we've combined with the Worcester County Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association to try to put this program statewide.

Just to give you a few details and not to spill too many of the beans for the upcoming class in Worcester County alone we now have this program going in six out of ten fire stations. The other four fire stations are looking to follow suit as soon as the resources are free.

I went along after my journey and decided we needed more help so I became certified myself with two coworkers so we could actually go around and help teach this class. So the class is very simple. We found it through our local health department. They are tied into the Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene and they are also affiliated with the CDC. This program goes very deep but it's not just diabetes. When you start looking at diabetes and related health issues you start talking about heart disease and stroke. They all share the same common risk factors.

Today in the class we are going to identify those risk factors and talk about how we prevent them and see how you can do a lot of this stuff in your own stations for free. So far we've got it in six out of ten stations and it hasn't cost us a dime. It's very important. We're not getting any younger. We'll talk about that as a risk factor as well. I want to invite everybody to attend the class at 2:30. It should be starting momentarily

and thank you for coming today. (Applause)

President Roth: Thank you Dr. Rose. We certainly want to thank you for your timely report and the gentleman behind the screen would kindly. Dr. we would like to present you with our convention bag. Thank you for everything. Is the Chief coming back out?

Mike LaCompte: What I want to tell you is that we put together a really nice program. Dr. Rose and several of the safety professionals are in room 205 starting right now. We are going to go into what we are doing in the State of Maryland and the grants that are available for free and those of you that don't have physicals in your department we would love for you to come to the class which is now until 1600. Then we have the one where we put together an excellent video and that will be from 1600 to 1700. It's all put together through the Safety Committee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Thank you.

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Mike. Moving along with our program I'd like to present the Fire Marshal for the Maryland State, Brian S. Geraci, State Fire Marshal.

Brian S. Geraci, State Fire Marshal: I bring you greetings from Governor Larry Hogan, Lieutenant Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, and Colonel William Pallozzi, 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, Johnie Roth, Jr. and Darby Byrd. Your terms of office have been extremely productive and your service to your members is one your entire Association should be very proud of. In 1947 President Harry Truman in opening the Conference on Fire Prevention stated "Safety from fire should not be a topic for discussion during only one or two weeks of the year. It is definitely a year-round public responsibility." He also went on to say that the "impetus must come from the States and from every community and from every individual in the land."

It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The Maryland Fire Incident Reporting System is an extremely valuable resource to collect data as an evaluation tool. Reporting is once again at 100% due to all departments stepping up and providing information in a timely manner. An example of some of the compiled information is as follows: In 2015, Maryland experienced 14,469 total fires which represented a 7.4% increase over the reported fires in 2014. 2015 saw 193 reported civilian injuries, 62 civilian fire fatalities, and 275 firefighter injuries which is concerning as the injuries experienced by firefighters increased in 2015 by 9.1%. The total estimated fire property loss reported for Maryland was 15,208,606.

In 2015, the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths decrease by 3% when

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compared to 2014. The total number of fire deaths for 2015 was 62. Twenty-one fatal residential structure fires occurred where smoke alarms were known to have functioned at the time of the incident; however, 28 lives were still lost.

As in previous years, no lives have been lost in homes protected with residential fire sprinklers. Last year 26 lives were saved by residential fire sprinklers in Montgomery County. Baltimore City reported 18 fire deaths in 2015 which tied the 18 fire deaths reported in 2014. Anne Arundel County reported in 2015, four fatal fires resulting in 12 deaths representing a staggering increase compared to two deaths in 2014, and four deaths in 2013. Two of the fires resulted in multiple-deaths with one fire claiming the lives of six victims. The first multi-fatal fire occurred in a 16,386 square foot home which did not have a residential sprinkler system. The ATF National Response Team, OSFM and multiple outside jurisdictions assisted with the investigation resulting in the determination that an electrical failure ignited ordinary combustibles, including the 15' aged cut Christmas tree, rapidly spreading fire throughout the structure trapping the victims inside. Combustibles too close to a heating source was the culprit of the second multi-fatal residential fire which claimed the lives of a 39 year old mother, her 17 year old son, and a 45 year old male who was attempting to rescue the victims, but became trapped while doing so. Smoke alarms were only present in the newly renovated area of this residence. Careless smoking while using home oxygen may have been the cause of an undetermined single family dwelling fire which resulted in the demise of a 73 year old female. Smoke alarms were in the residence, but it is unknown if they activated. One adult female age 44 and one 11 year old boy perished in an undetermined dwelling fire that started in the living room. It was unknown whether the home was equipped with working smoke alarms. Six fires each claimed the lives of six people in Prince George's County during the entire year of 2015. This was a small increase compared to the twelve months of 2014 where there were five reported deaths in five fires, but a decrease for the same time in 2013 with 15 deaths and 11 reported fires.

Additionally, Baltimore County experienced 5 fire deaths and Charles County had 4 fire deaths; Calvert, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery and Worcester had two fire deaths each; and Allegany, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Washington and Wicomico Counties had one fire death each. Sadly, the five-year average for fire deaths in Maryland is 63 per year. Although better than 1975 — 1988 when fire deaths remained over 100 each year, we still have a lot of work in our efforts to continue to reduce these numbers.

In recent years, the numbers of fire fatalities reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office have continued to decline with fire deaths averaging 65 a year from 2008 through 2015. Fire deaths have remained below 100 each year for the past 21 years. This downward trend does not occur on its own; it is a direct result of your fire prevention efforts each day within your communities. Through your efforts, this downward trend

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will continue by remaining active in developing and presenting successful fire and injury prevention programs throughout the year.

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 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. proved to be the deadliest eight-hour period in 2015. The 26 fatal fires that started during those eight hours resulted in 38 deaths accounting for 61 percent of the 62 fire deaths for the year, compared to 2014 when 34 fatal fires lead to 40 deaths accounting for almost 73 percent of the 69 fire deaths that year. Seven of the nine multiple-death fires occurred during those hours in 2015.

In 2015, as in other years, most fire deaths occurred in residential structures, including 45 deaths in one and two family dwellings, six victims of apartment fires, and no victims of mobile home fires. Residential fires accounted for 82 percent of the fire deaths in 2015, compared to 89 percent of the fire deaths in 2014, and 83 percent in 2013.

Nine vehicle-related fire deaths included males aged 19, 20, 21, 44, 59 and 70 years old; and females aged 2, 11 and 27 years old who died in separate fires. One fire fatality in the Outside category included the death of a 75-year-old male caused by self-immolization. A 59-year-old male perished in a shed fire that was intentionally set by the victim.

Twelve victims died in eight fires that originated in the bedroom during 2015, compared to 12 such victims in 2014, and 17 victims in 2013.

Two of the bedroom fires were related to combustibles too close, with one fire claiming the lives of three victims. The remaining bedroom fire causes were as follows: three electrical related, with two fires resulting in double-fatal fires, two undetermined, and one fire was suicide related.

Twenty deaths resulted from 12 fires that started in the living room or family room area of the home in 2015, compared to 13 such deaths in ten fires in 2014, and 13 deaths in 11 fires in 2013. Victims of these fires ranged in age from 6 to 80 years. Four of the living room fires were multiple-fatal incidents claiming the lives of 12 victim's total.

The multi-fatal fires included the loss of the following: An Electrical fire - two adults and four children, an Electrical fire - two adults, an Undetermined fire - one adult and one child, and an Unattended candle fire - one adult and one child.

During 2015, four fires that originated in the kitchen area resulted in five deaths, compared to 13 deaths in 11 fires in 2014, and 12 deaths in seven fires in 2013. Three of the four kitchen fires were caused by an unattended candle. One fire claimed the lives of two adult male victims, age 27 and 29, and the other two fires resulted in

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the deaths two girls aged 3 and 4. An undetermined kitchen fire claimed the life of a 61-year-old man.

Hoarding conditions present hazards which can result in catastrophic fire related events that jeopardize the safety of all concerned. This includes, but is not limited to occupant(s) and emergency responders. The Office of the State Fire Marshal continues to educate the public regarding the dangers of hoarding. The following is a report summarization of fire related death incidents that were complicated by conditions of hoarding in the reporting years of 2011 through 2015.

Two victims lost their lives in two separate undetermined dwelling fires in 2015. One victim was a 74-year-old female and the other victim was a 66-year-old male. In 2014, a dwelling fire caused by an electrical malfunction claimed the life of a 50-year-old female. During 2013, one undetermined double-fatal kitchen fire resulted in the loss of one 55-year-old male occupant, and a 35-year-old male firefighter. There were no conditions of hoarding reported during the 2012 reporting year. However, there were three fires resulting in four deaths in 2011, whereby conditions of hoarding were found.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that suffered no fire deaths or experienced decreases in the number of fire deaths last year. Seven counties experienced no fire fatalities, these include: Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, St. Mary's and Talbot.

Dr. Burton Clark retired from the National Fire Academy states in his book "I Can't Save You but I'll Die Trying", Society needs to change how it thinks and feels about fire death. When a civilian is killed by fire it is not an act of God and when a firefighter is killed it is not part of the job. When there is a fire death something went wrong. The public as well as the fire service can all do better to prevent and survive "fire".

The Maryland Fire Service Legislative Working Group held weekly meetings in Annapolis to discuss numerous legislative issues. Each year brings different challenges from various areas around this great State. As always, the OSFM followed the 2016 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and continued support in working with the OSFM and other members of the Maryland Fire Service. The MSFA Legislative Committee Chairman Stephan Cox, Vice Chair Richard Smith and the entire committee continued to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics, and communicate with key legislators. The defeat of House Bill 19 was a tremendous effort by many and a success for Marylanders in retaining the requirement for the installation of residential fire sprinklers in all new homes.

The MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee led by Jeff Thompson is also to be commended for their efforts in performing live side by side burn demonstrations before elected

officials, the public and members of the fire service.

Congratulations are extended to the MSFA Legislative Committee on receiving the NFPA Bringing Safety Home Award for its efforts during this past Legislative Session. The NFPA recognized the efforts of the MSFA that drew National attention to the use of residential fire sprinklers. The award is presented in recognition of MSFA's leadership in the promotion of life safety and residential fire sprinklers. Past Fire Marshal Bill Barnard received this award in 2012 for his efforts in getting the original legislation passed. As State Fire Marshal, I wholeheartedly appreciate the partnerships our agency shares with local and State governments, as well as private industry. These partnerships help us secure resources, disseminate information and allow us to be more effective at accomplishing tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety.

By working with partners like Delmarva Power, PEPCO and others, we are able to increase resources and extend our reach into your communities to those people who need the most help. The public private thirteen-year partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of over 20,850 smoke alarms, special needs alarming devices and 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 their fire deaths and injuries.

The next Statewide Community Risk Reduction Weekend is scheduled for October 23 & 24. 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.

The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 56th year Anniversary on September 27, 2015 with the theme "Reducing Emerging Risks". Originally, billed as the Governor's Fire Prevention Conference in August of 1959 when Governor Tawes saw the need for a Statewide Conference on Fire Prevention. Over Fifty years later the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference remains one of the foremost conferences of its kind in the nation. The conference was well attended by over 200 participants. Sherry Soper of the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department received the Public Fire Safety Educator of the Year Award. She has shown a true dedication to public fire safety education and is an asset to both her department and the citizens of Maryland. This year's theme for the MALSC is, "Campaign for Prevention". Please make every effort to attend this outstanding one-day conference this September 27th.

During the past year, the OSFM experienced a few staffing changes, the retirements of Chief Fire Protection Engineer Larry Iseminger, Deputy Chief Allen Gosnell, Deputy State Fire Marshal Paul Schlotterbeck, and Fire Safety Inspectors Steve Blevins and Richard Hall created some big shoes to fill. Their service and experience will be greatly

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missed and we wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirement. Kenneth Bush was assigned as the Acting Chief Fire Protection Engineer and has since assumed the CFPE position. Deputy Chief Caryn McMahon has taken over as the Administrative Services Chief at headquarters. Deputy Chief Matthew Stevens transferred to the Upper Eastern Region and DCFM Chapman has assumed the Acting Deputy Chief position of the Northeast Regional Office. Six Deputy State Fire Marshals and one Fire Safety Inspector were hired in 2015 and have quickly become great additions to the agency.

Accelerant K-9 Kachina graduated with her newly trained handler, DCFM Oliver Alkire and currently works out of the Northeast regional Office. Please join us in supporting their success as they serve the citizens of Maryland.

As usual, OSFM staff members performed at a very high level. In 2015, the OSFM conducted in excess of 676 fire investigations and 214 explosives investigations. The criminal case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 33% which was well above the national average. OSFM staff members completed over 13,000 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training requirements and the lack in our current staffing complement.

OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed over 1,746 construction and fire protection system plans. The dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property from fires and explosions.

Deputy State Fire Marshals assisted the Baltimore City Fire Investigations Unit, Baltimore City Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Response Team with numerous fire investigations both during and after the civil unrest in April of 2015. As a result of these investigations several arrests have been made.

In light of the increase in injuries to our firefighters across the state I would ask that you continue to embrace all of the firefighter 16 Life Safety Initiatives that were developed several years ago. I also ask you to place more emphasis on Public Education, Code Enforcement and Fire Sprinklers. We need to continue to take every opportunity to prevent the 911 call and get safety messages out into our communities. Take the time now and when you go back home from the convention to network with departments that have a proven and effective fire prevention program and get those fire and injury prevention messages out into your community each and every day.

Take any and 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. Make

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sure your personnel are checking to see if smoke alarms are present on each and every response to homes with in your community. Promote the 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms, escape plans, and to get out and stay out. Also make plans to work with neighboring departments and the American Red Cross to establish teams to install smoke alarms in homes located in your community and conduct fire safety reviews.

Focus on those populations that continue be impacted by fire, the very young, our elderly and those who have disabilities are all factors that prevent a timely escape from a fire. Go to schools, day care facilities, senior centers, county fairs, Christmas tree lots and other locations where folks from your community 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 and injuries. It takes very little time, but the information you will share goes a long way in the end.

Please make fire and injury prevention the most important service that your department provides and reinforce that message with your members each and every day. (Applause)

Ladies and gentleman, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our Regional Deputy State Fire Marshals of the Year for 2015, Deputy State Fire Marshals:

Oliver Alkire — Northeast Region
Melissa Decker - Southern Region
Cory Hurst — Lower Eastern Shore Region
Kristen Nieberlein — Western Region
Bill Potts — Bomb Squad

Each of these individuals represents their peers with great devotion and distinction. Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work every day, looking forward to the challenge of making Maryland a safer place to live, work, play and raise a family.

It is important to note, that 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. I want to thank Chief Svites for chairing this committee for the last 15 years and to all of the Deputy State Fire Marshals that have served on this committee.

The letters of nomination were filled with examples of exemplary duty and service deserving of much more than this award provides.

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

I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2015, James C. Robertson Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year.

During 2015, this DSFM 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 2015, such as; conducting 64 initial fire and explosive investigations and maintaining an 88% criminal case closure rate by closing 16 of 18 criminal investigations by arrest. All these cases were completed while performing as an assistant Public Information Officer and attending and graduating the ATF National Canine Division Accelerant Detection Canine program. Although his K-9 "Kachina" received an injury during training, delaying her graduation by a couple months, they are now an active team and working throughout the State.

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 James C. Robertson Award recognizing the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2015, Deputy State Fire Marshal Oliver Alkire. (Applause)

The staff of the OSFM looks forward to working closely with incoming Presidents, Michael Davis and Barbara Sue Nelson. We wish them great success during their term in office.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has continued to support our efforts for a safer State. It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve as the 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.

Thank you for all your support, dedication and devotion to keeping Maryland fire safe. Enjoy the rest of the convention and please have a safe trip back home.

President Roth: Brian on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, we want to thank you. It's certainly been a privilege. I guess we're breaking up the Montgomery County mafia now. Brian and I of course started our volunteer and career relations in Montgomery County and it's truly been a pleasure. We've really worked hand and hand. It really showed this year especially because everybody's been saying about the residential sprinkler bill with all the parties, the Maryland Fire Chief's Association,

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the Fire Marshal's Office as well; we really have been a team. We know that our work is still cut out for next year but I think we are very much up for the challenge. I thank you. We have a convention bag for you and I don't know if you've started your mug collection yet but we are going to continue it and we look forward to working with you. Thanks very much.

It's a pleasure now to introduce, we're getting close to the end of the session if you would, but we certainly want to have a good Maryland welcome for another one of our partners from Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems Dr. Kevin Seaman. Dr. Seaman.

Dr. Seaman: Good afternoon everyone. While they get the slides up I was very impressed with the cardio vascular prevention message and certainly anything I can do to help I think it's a great program and direction to head.

In terms of our presentation here I will try to be efficient. If I could get the next slide please, so certainly we want to thank and appreciate the partnership and collaboration with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, Johnnie Roth as President and the LAMSFA and Darby Byrd. If you look at what we've accomplished over the past year think we've been able to move the system forward together in partnership and we certainly appreciate all of you as President Roth's leadership.

So I'm just going to go over very briefly our major agency initiatives, accomplishments and some future directions.

This is from our awards ceremony but one of the themes is as important as we are going forward is mobile integrated health. I think there will be more on this and this is where the system is going.

Communications upgrade; our EMRC/Syscom upgrade was completed in May 2015. We are in the new space and things are going well. So our next phase is a state wide communications upgrade. This will be analog to digital with an IP based system that will have increased capability and redundancy for all providers.

This is a graphic that shows all of the different partners in the communications and I think it's fair to say that this new communication system will represent a more reliable better backed up program to support EMS providers and patients in terms of communicating with the partners you need.

I am happy to report that in terms of eMEDS in Maryland that all counties are reporting on eMEDS. This is a graphic with a lot of green which is good because each county that is green is reporting on eMEDS. That is important because that is our ability to gather data and use it in terms of sharing it with our partners and planning for the future.

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I am going to talk for a few minutes about CARES and CARES is an example of benchmarking and will be using the data from eMEDS to pair that with the hospital outcome with benefit to all of you. So here's a lot of benchmarking and we're going to use that through the state. This is a map of those states that participate in CARES. It is a little hard to see but Maryland is green so we are participating in CARES. What we've done to make it easy for providers is to have a tab in eMEDS so they enter the information one time and with that the data can be used to upload to CARES which is a data base, a network data base, the hospital contact is emailed, they give patient outcome information that then allows us to give outcome information to jurisdictions.

This is the chain of survival you are familiar with. I'll make a couple points one is our EMT's can do the first three to four links to survival. Certainly you'll notice it helps to have bystanders, the community to help with CPR and the AED if they are available. This is our progress with CARES and I will just say again green is good so green are those jurisdictions reporting to CARES now. Realize that all of Maryland is reporting and this is where the hospitals are reporting and providing outcome information. But through the rest of the year we have an ambitious plan and the goal is to get through all the rest of the counties throughout the remainder of the year.

One of the most exciting things here is data from CARES and obviously this is a report that each jurisdiction would get in terms of how they are doing with cardiac arrest in their community. Again this is the result I'd say for the month of February, actually February 2015 when we look at witnessed arrests, shockable rhythms we've got 50% survival which is on par with any other state in the nation. If we look at the second criteria where the by-stander either did CPR or used an AED that's also 50% so we are looking very good. It's a great system and we are leading the nation because of our performance. So with that CPR and AED training are important and for providers the Maryland Resuscitation Academy is a no cost conference you can register for in June or in the fall and be trained in high performance CPR techniques to take back to your particular company. You can see with the Orioles bird that everyone gets into doing CPR.

So just briefly over the last year we've made tremendous progress on the National Registry. I want to thank our partners on the EMS Board committee, including the EMS Board, the MSFA President Johnie Roth, MFRI and Director Steve Edwards, MIEMSS, Educational programs, and other stake holders. I will just report for those students in process we had good progress with them. To date we have spent over \$130,000 to get them test prep, My Brady and get them a second test. We are continuing to work with them. We negotiated an extension with the National Registry so those students that need to take a test prep course or My Brady will be able to get an extension from that in order to complete those things and be able to take the National Registry test. We have surveyed SIPS to find out what are their current needs to help support them and we are exploring strategies to increase success for entry level students. Are there other certifications that may be less hours or a little easier to start the process.

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Ambulance safety is critically important and we've convened an ambulance safety task force. I'm sure MSFA has membership. We want to make sure everyone goes home is going to be very important.

In terms of policy there are a couple quick updates; Mobile integrated healthcare is an opportunity for EMS to participate with hospitals to improve the health of the community. Queen Anne's has had a successful pilot. We have a report from the phase I group and we are starting phase II. We will look at the feasibility of using Mobile Integrated Healthcare in the state of Maryland.

Another important topic is our freestanding medical facilities. This particular bill, we were not aware of it and we did not initially support it but once we became certain it was going to pass we felt it was important to represent EMS providers and so we were successfully able to get it so the EMS Board would have to have input if any hospital wanted to build a free standing medical facility. So more to come on that but it was very important that we look at that, it will have impact on ambulances that deliver to that particular facility, if more people have to be transported out, so it's going to be important to partner together to see how this plays out and what impact we can have in terms of providing input to the hospitals.

Our EMS ceremony in May was very well attended and very well done and I think this is the staff from the land fill in Hagerstown. They did CPR and used an AED, EMS responded and continued care and the patient survived. I think a wonderful story.

We said good bye to a couple people, Chief F.X. O'Connell who retired and to Dr. Roy Myers who retired. We thank them for all their contributions to the system and we wish them the best in their path forward.

Thank all of you. I think the volunteers are the back bone of our system. We look forward to working with you for this coming year and certainly we believe the partnership together continues to make the system strong. Thank you very much. (Applause)

President Roth: Thank you Dr. Seaman, it's always a pleasure to be with you. We have of course another one of our convention bags and I know you have a very large collection that goes back to Dr. Bass and probably beyond that as far as our mugs are concerned so please hang the new one proudly and we certainly look to working with you even more on the National Registry problem. Thank you very much for coming.

Thank you Dr. Seaman. Our next speaker is, I don't want to say the best for last, but I'm going to tell her she's the best and is certainly a good friend of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, representing the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Miss Tara Carlson, Tara.

Tara Carlson: Thank you President Roth. I'd like to give a brief report of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center for 2016. Last year we saw 7,620 patients and we have the report for this year. As of the first three quarters of this year you'll see and I won't go through all these graphs but you'll see our volume. The volume of our patients is continuing to rise at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. As Dr. Seaman said earlier the links of that survival begins with the 911 dispatcher to the first responder to the EMS provider that brings the patient to R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center to give the residents of Maryland the best chance of survival. So thank you for that.

This graph shows our inter-hospital transfers. We track any admissions that we were unable to take evaluate what was the reason we were not able to take that patient. We look to see what is happening and we actually track that by the minute of how long we go that we are not able to take patients. We also have on there our inter hospital transfers where they are from a private or other trauma centers and our air transport whether they are other transports or are they Maryland State Police transports.

This is showing the deployment of our Go Team. We have a Go Team for when there is a delay for extricating an individual from the vehicle or the scene and we will send an orthopedic surgeon as well as the nurse anesthetist to the scene. This slide shows the times that the Go Team was called and the five times they responded and the times they were utilized. So they were called more than they were actually needed. We are ready and available whenever the Go Team is requested.

Some of the other things I wanted to point out to you are our organ donation program. We have an organ donation program at Shock Trauma and this is some of the activities. We encourage conversations with patients and their families on whether they want to be part of the organ donation program. It can occur as young as 16 years old. People are beginning to put that on their driver's license if they want to be in the organ donation program.

This next slide shows our global outreach. I just wanted to share with you what our global footprint is. We have had observers from all over the world. You can see from the countries involved but people come from all over the world, physicians, nurses, medical professionals because they want to see how we do it here in Maryland. Not just how we do it at Shock Trauma but they want to see how the Maryland system works. We take that opportunity to really highlight what we do at Shock Trauma, what the EMS system in the State of Maryland does and what it looks like so they can take that back to their counties and share the best practices. So we really do have a global footprint. This is some data from the Center for Injury Prevention and Policy and this is the outreach we have done. We outreach to high schools and we talk to high school students about texting and driving and we talk about drinking and driving and prom promise. One of our goals at Shock Trauma is not only to treat and manage critically injured patients but to prevent them from coming in the first place. Nurses go to

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high schools all the time and they really talk about this. This is a violence prevention program and we have a social worker that goes to the bed side of any patient that comes into Shock Trauma and talk to them about setting goals and options they have. We try to get them the services they need.

The next slide is about our EMS out reach. We have observers come from the EMS communities who would like to spend time in our trauma unit. They spend so much time in the field getting the patient to us but never see the rest of the care that's provided to the patient once they arrive at our door. We have a process if anyone is interested.

So this last slide is a few pictures and you might recognize some of these folks but this was from the 2016 Shock Trauma Gala that was held. We take that time once a year to really highlight every person that had an impact on the two patient stories. Starting from the 911 dispatcher to the first responder to the EMS to the nurses to the physicians and the therapists until the patient is discharged into the rehab facility. We really try to honor all those providers on the stage for that patient or those two patients. Again it was a beautiful event this year and we have started to plan for next year.

And that is it. Thank you and I'll give it back to President Roth. (Applause)

President Roth: On behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association we want to thank you as well. I'm sure we will see you tomorrow as well. We want to present a resolution from the Maryland State Firemen's Association. There is one for Shock Trauma and for Karen Doyle if you will take that back to her. We also have of course our convention bag and a mug which I'm sure you can add to your collection. Thank you.

Some housekeeping notes: Voting will take place tomorrow for the bylaw changes. Voting will take place from 0800 to 1000. A reminder tonight the Jolly Roger event will take place at 1830. Of course the Jolly Roger at 30th St, purse and bag bingo tonight at 1800 hours tonight, Movie on the beach at 27th St. at 2030 tonight. Please visit our vendors; unfortunately they are closed at 1630 today. They will open tomorrow morning. Workshop sessions will continue tomorrow afternoon and also, tomorrow afternoon and into the next day. Also just reminders please visit our vendors, that's what pays for the convention, and alike. We'd like to close down the second session with the benediction from Reverend Harry Hetz.

Harry Hetz: Let us stand as we are able. I've been asked to do a benediction and not a sermon so let us pray. Oh Lord, our God dismiss us from thy presence and thy peace. Watch over our going out, watch over our coming in. Be with us this evening as we fellowship and bring us back tomorrow. Amen. Go in peace.

President Roth: I declare the second session of the MSFA Convention closed until 0830 tomorrow morning.

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**Session 3
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President Johnnie Roth: Good morning I would like to go ahead and call the 3rd Session of the 124th Annual Convention to order. Please rise for the prayer by Marvin Jackson.

Chaplain Rev. Marvin Jackson: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen it is a pleasure to stand here before you today. Welcome to Ocean City. Shall we pray.

Merciful God we come before you today this great day. And heavenly Father I ask that you keep your hand upon our leadership, gracious God our Presidents, past and present. Our heavenly Father we ask that you bless those coming into office. And merciful God I ask that you keep your hand on each fireman this year. Lead and guide them. And we will give you the honor and glory for everything that we accomplish in His name. Amen.

President Johnnie Roth: Please be seated. Next will be a message from MSFA Safety Committee Chairman, Michael LeCompte. Mike.

Mike LeCompte, Safety Chair: At this time a video from Opening Ceremonies was presented again. It discussed health issues with many firefighters. The program is called "Power to Prevent Diabetes.Org."

Thanks you guys for coming back to Ocean City and staying with us and having fun. Think about safety when you are doing things. The ocean and highway out there are not your friend. Those of you who have been coming for many years know how unsafe it is.

Regarding this program, just remember it is available in ALL 23 counties and Baltimore City for FREE. Those departments out there that cannot afford a physical examination for their new firefighters coming in, what we call a baseline physical is FREE. We got a FEMA grant through the SAFER, and I know you guys have heard of SAFER, and we are making it available in every county for free. So please go to your Executive Committee members or a Safety Person and ask about this. We will bring it to your departments. We will come out and talk about what Eddie (speaker on video) is talking about and hopefully you can help us help your own fellow brother and sister firefighters. Thank you and have a nice time in Ocean City.

President Johnnie Roth: Thank you Michael. We have several quick announcements this morning.

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If you haven't voted already, you have until 10:00 a.m. to vote in the back. Please pickup your ballot and do so.

For Committee Chairmen, please be advised that the Registration Table has numerous badges to be picked up by Chairmen of MSFA Committees.

Remember today Exhibits are open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please visit our vendors. Those are the people who fund and make sure we have a good Convention.

Education and training session will continue from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

In your program we have Flash Max, a special program presentation scheduled for today and that will take place instead on tomorrow. We had a conflict with that.

Also today is the Mack Firetruck Rally will take place today from noon until 4:00 p.m. next to the Sunset Room?

The Corn hole Tournament today will take place at the Convention Center from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Joint Installation of Officers will be held today in the Performing Arts Center at 5:30 p.m.

Don't forget tomorrow morning Prayer Breakfast will take place at 7:30 a.m.

And of course we have the Parade – rain or shine – tomorrow on Baltimore Avenue, 16th to 30th Street. If you have companies that are participating in the parade, they go all the way down to the Inlet to register. It is first come, first serve as far as the order in the parade. I know some people start lining up at 7:00 a.m.

Also a reminder that Chick Fil-A of Ocean City is generously giving sandwiches and kettle chips to the people down there. So your people will not starve, we'll make sure that they are well taken care of.

The parade trophy awards will take place tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Bay Front Exhibit Hall.

That is all the announcements we have this morning. We are going to start off with our Award Ceremonies. The very first award this morning will be presented by Chief Darren Long from Damascus Volunteer Fire Department with the Gladhill/Thompson Award. Chief Long.

Chief Darren Long: Good morning. It is an extreme honor for the members of

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Damascus Volunteer Fire Department to be here this morning to assist in the Gladhill Thompson Award.

The Gladhill Thompson Award was very special to Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson. They took a great deal of pride in having their name attached to the highest award given each year at the Convention.

I would first like to call Mr. Richard K. Brooks III to the stage to receive his trophy as the 2015 award winner.

Chief Long presented the permanent award that the previous year's winner, Richard K. Brooks III. (Applause) Well deserved.

And now I would like to call President Johnie Roth to the stage. And he has the honor of naming this year's award recipient. President Roth.

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Chief. It is with great honor that the Gladhill Thompson Award will be presented to Past President David Lewis. (Applause)

Congratulations Dave. The next Award this morning will be the Colburn Cup Award. Presenting that will be Doug Alexander. Doug.

Doug Alexander, Trustee: The Colburn Cup Award is named in honor of Past President, Dr. George W. Colburn, Jr. Dr. Colburn served the MSFA as President in 1931-32. He had also served on many committees of the Association and as Chairman of the Executive Committee from 1930-31.

At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June of 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn, Jr. The award is to be presented in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for an outstanding act of heroism or for some act for the good of the Association. The qualifications and awards are to be made by the Trustees who shall also act as the judges. This Cup is to be presented at the Annual MSFA Convention with appropriate ceremonies.

The Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company houses the original Colburn Cup since it's retirement in 1958 and they provided the Colburn Cup each year which the recipient now keeps. So Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company our sponsor for this particular award.

We have two nominees this year for the award. If you are in the house, would you please come join us on stage quickly.

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One is Greg Albrecht from the Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Company in Montgomery County. The other is Jason Steimus from the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Company, Wicomico County.

With us today we have representatives from the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to present the trophy. We also have a certificate for each one of the nominees to present at this time. (Certificate presented to each one.)

And at the time we would like to announce that the winner of the Colburn Cup this year is Jason Steimus from the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

Thank you.

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Doug. Our new award this morning will be the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award. Presenting that award will be Past President Bobby Jacobs. Bobby.

Bobby Jacobs, Past Pres.: Thank you Mr. President and good morning everyone. The nominees this year for the Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award are Shirley Copado, Timothy F. Dayton, Paulette Mathias and James Penhollow. The individuals who were presented were nominated by Thomas A. Mattingly, P.P.; Doyle E. Cox, P.P.; Philip M. Hurlock, P.P.; L. Northrup, Board Chair, Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company; and, Sean Day, President, North East Fire Company. At this time I would like to introduce Philip M. Hurlock to give you a bio of Mr. Shimer.

Philip M. Hurlock, P.P.: Thank you Past President Jacobs. Good morning. The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award at the request of the Shimer Family and with the endorsement of the Maryland State Firemen's Association was established 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 in the State of Maryland.

This prestigious award will recognize an individual for their achievements, activities and administrative positions that they have held within their own community, county and state. The time requirement for this award was not restricted to this past year but could have included accomplishments of prior years as well. The intention 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 deserved recognition that 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 sorely missed.

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Today, it is our honor to have Bob's son, Chris, to announce and present this year's recipient for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award.

Chris Shimer: Thanks Phil. It is a pleasure for me to present this year's recipient who is from Dad's home company, and where I started my career many years ago, Tim Dayton from Potomac Fire Company in Westernport. (Applause)

As Tim makes his way up here, I would like to say that since we have been presenting this award, several of Dad's close friends have received it. Phil Hurlock, I think you saw how close he was to my father and Leonard King are just two I recall. But I don't think Dad would have been any prouder than he would have see Tim get this award. I know he talked to me about him in his conversations with me and he saw him as a rising star in his department. And I know it would have made him very happy to see him presented with this award. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Congratulations Tim. The next awards this morning will be the Maryland Hall of Fame Awards presented by Danny Carpenter. Danny.

Danny Carpenter, Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning. Officers, past presidents, delegates and guests, the Hall of Fame Committee Report is printed in the Convention Program Book.

I would like at this time for the Hall of Fame Committee members to come out on stage and be recognized: Vice Chairman: Ben Kurtz; Member Emeritus C. Oscar Baker, P.P. MSFA; Charlie Abrecht; George A. "Fred" Cross, P.P. MSFA; John T. "Jack" Ferguson III; David R. Keller III, P.P. MSFA; Timothy C. Jones; William B. Lay, Sr.; Richard Smith, and Richard Yinger, P.P. MSFA.

This year the committee received 26 nominations for the Hall of Fame. We can only induct 10 nominations each year. If your nominee did not get selected, please resubmit them again next year BEFORE April the 15th, 2017. At this time it gives me great pride to announce the new inductees into the MSFA Hall of Fame for 2016.

Rev. Frederick B. Bahr – Tilghman Island VFC – Talbot County. (Applause)

Dale A. Budnick, Sr. - Aberdeen VFD – Harford County. (Applause)

If the nominee is not present, would someone from their department come forth to accept the nomination for them.

Joseph H. Cooper – Ridge VFD – St. Mary's County. (Applause)

Oley G. Griffith – First Hose Company – Boonsboro – Washington County. (Applause)

Rev. Marvin C. Jackson – Community VFC of Rising Sun – Cecil County. (Applause)

Dale E. Kline, Sr. – Rocky Ridge VFC – Frederick County. (Applause)

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Thomas W. Scott III – Prince Frederick VFD – Calvert County. (Applause)
James P. Seavey, Sr. – Cabin John Park VFD – Montgomery County. (Applause)
Ralph E. Starkey – Goodwill VFD Centreville – Queen Anne's County. (Applause)
Donald L. Strine - Marlboro VFD – Marlboro – Prince George's County. (Applause)

If all of the Inductees proceed down the steps and go to the first room on the left for a group picture.

Each year we can induct up to 3 special inductees into the MSFA Hall of Fame. These individual are non fire or EMS company-related. This year the committee has selected 3 individuals that have supported the MSFA. At this time I would like President Johnnie Roth to help with the presentation of the special inductees.

Tara Reed Carlson, MS, RN – R Adams Cowley, Shock Trauma Center. (Applause)
Karen E. Doyle, MBA, MS, RN – R Adams Cowley, Shock Trauma Center. (Applause)
Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. – Maryland House of Delegates, District 23B. (Applause)

If they are not here today, the President will make sure they receive them. Thank you.

The Hall of Fame Committee is also in charge of the MSFA Marbery F. Gates Award. This award is to be awarded to an individual with at least 50 years of continuous and faithful years of service to organizations within the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the committee received 24 nominees for a total of 1,299 years of service.

Each individual nominee will receive a Governor's Citation, an MSFA Plaque the first year nominated and any sequel years nominated they will receive an MSFA Certificate. Please come up in front of the stage to receive your award when I announce your name or if the individual is not in the audience, somebody from their company please accept it for them. I will read the names off in the order of which I received them.

Gene Worthington	Level VFC	56 years
William Newton Carey, Jr.	Ocean City VFC	50 years
Charles Arnold	Gamber & Community FC	51 years
Wesley Lindsay	Gamber & Community FC	51 years
Kenneth Linton	Gamber & Community FC	51 years
William "Bill" Lay, Sr.	Joppa Magnolia VFC	50 years
James W. Linton, Jr.	Mt. Airy VFC	50 years
Joseph H. Cooper	Ridge VFD	50 years
Leonard Hamilton	North East VFD	51 years
George W. Robertson, Jr.	Bel Alton VFD & EMS	50 years
Robert L. Dofflemyer	Waldorf VFD	50 years
James E. Jarboe	Takoma Park VFD	59 years

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Ralph E. Dull	Manchester Fire Engine/Hook/Ladder Co. #1	53 years
Frederick R. Seibel III	Cape Saint Claire VFC	60 years
Ronald L. Evans	Cobb Island VFD & EMS	52 years
Philip M. Hurlock	Church Hill VFC	53 years
Harold Anderson	Mechanicsville VFD	51 years
James W. Burroughs	Mechanicsville VFD	60 years
John C. Guy, Sr.	Mechanicsville VFD	64 years
Joseph R. Guyther	Mechanicsville VFD	54 years
Andrew J. McWilliams	Mechanicsville VFD	54 years
Hugh Owens	Glenn Dale Fire Association	53 years
Herbert Harmon	Willards VFC	60 years
John W. Hartley	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad	66 years

If you would proceed from here after your photos here, outside the hall to the left, there will be a group picture taken there.

At this time I would like to introduce Rockville Volunteer Fire Department President Eric Bernard to present the winner.

Eric Bernard, Pres. RVFD: Good morning and thank you. On behalf of the officers and members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department we are very honored to present this trophy. With me I have Fire Chief Scott Emmons, and some members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department including our immediate Past President Tim Jones. Every member nominated started their service in at least 1965, Fifty years of service. This country was very different 50 years ago. My mother will tell you that was the first time I was ever smacked. That was the year I was born and the doctor smacked me.

Baltimore fans will remember that Baltimore won the World Series that year. The cost of living in 1966 had an inflation rate of 3% and the Dow Jones average closed with an average of 765. Today we have several outstanding members from throughout the State of Maryland who were nominated for this award with over 1200 years of volunteer fire and rescue service and that is amazing. All were presented greetings from the Governor and the Chief will read the Governor's Citation and we will announce the winner of this year's award.

Chief Emmons: Greetings, Be it known because of your demonstration of high integrity and ability meriting our great trust and respect we are most pleased to award you the Governor's Citation and the Marbery Gates Award; In appreciation for your outstanding services to the citizens of this State, Gene Worthington, 56 years of outstanding service. (Applause) Gene when you get a second come on up.

Gene Worthington: I just want to say thank you, it's an outstanding honor, thank you very much. (Applause)

Danny Carpenter: I got a couple people that didn't come up. I think they are in the audience at this time, if they would come forward for the Hall of Fame. Reverend Fredrick B. Barr, Tilghman Island Fire Co., and Ralph E. Starkey from Goodwill Fire Co., if he's in the audience, if not if someone from Goodwill Fire Co. come up and accept this for him? He's here now, ok. (Applause) If Delegate Marvin E. Holmes from the Maryland House of Delegates, District 23B, if he's in the audience, there he is, thank you Delegate.

Thank you, this concludes the Hall of Fame and the Marbery F. Gates Awards, thank you.

President Roth: Congratulations to all our recipients.

The next order of business, our main program presentation, from the Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Memorial is Gary Rains is a Past President and life member of the Winfield Volunteer Fire Co. will be giving the MSFA and Memorial Committee's report from Sykesville, Md. His presentation is going to feature the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial which was designed and built to honor and remember the volunteer and career men and women from Maryland's Fire, Rescue, EMS, and Aviation Services whose lives were lost while serving the citizens of Maryland. The program will include an informative discussion of the Memorial Foundation's history, mission, and annual memorial service, and fund raising efforts. Please welcome our host this morning, Gary Rains, Past President and Life member of the Winfield Volunteer Fire Co.

Gary Rains: Good morning, about two years ago when I first when I first had the privilege to become a part of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial Foundation, I was curious got started and what it was all about. I learned the answer to that question and so much more.

This short video is a condensed documentary/biography through my eyes from what I learned. (Video)

So that's the Maryland Fire-Rescue Emergency Services Memorial Foundation in a nut shell, kind a, so please come by and join us in room 208 this afternoon to learn more about the replicated wall of honor. If you can't tell by that, I can assure you the Foundation continues to drive under the leadership of President Worthington and a bunch of dedicated individuals that you wouldn't believe. Thank you. (Applause)

First Vice President Davis: Mr. Rains, on behalf of the MSFA here's a gift for you and thank you. Now I have Bill Dousa with the Josiah Hunt Award.

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Bill Dousa: Mr. almost President. The Josiah Hunt Award is considered to be the outstanding award for EMS in the State of Maryland each year. It is named after Dr. Josiah Hunt of the Delta Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company. He was responsible for the development of the early EMS in Harford County. One of our emcee's here at the convention, Richard Brooks spent a lot of time riding with Dr. Hunt. I'm sure he can tell you about stories for that.

The primary rules for the award are; the nominee has to be a Maryland EMT or above and they have to have a minimum of five years of service. This is an individual award, not a group award. Our first order of business is to present the plaque to Joan F. Raley who was last year's winner. Joan if you are here would you come forward please or a representative of her company. (Applause) Joan congratulations, thank you for bringing our trophy back and we're getting ready for our next winner. Thank you very much.

This year we had a seven member committee as part of the EMS committee that selected the winner. We had six well qualified applicants for the award and I'd like to call those six people up to the stage at this time. The first nominee is Barbara J. Wible of the Hollywood Rescue Service. (Applause) The second nominee is Claudia Taylor of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Co. (Applause) The third nominee is David L. Kyle of the Flintstone; sorry is Dale A. Budnick Sr. of the Aberdeen Fire Dept. (Applause) The fourth nominee is David L. Kyle of the Flintstone Vol. Fire Co. (Applause) The fifth nominee is Jorge Alfaro of the Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. (Applause) And our sixth nominee is Mary Ann Baublitz of the Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps. (Applause) To give you an idea these people were very well qualified. Of our seven member committee who selected the winner, four of these people got a first place vote from at least one of those people. So it was a difficult decision.

I'd like to read a couple of selections from the letter of our winner. The winner has been one of the top ten responders since joining the department. They have always been willing to assist in orienting new members which is critical to our service and she is also busy devising ways to raise money for her company. Her company feels she has been an outstanding member. The winner this year is Barbara J. Wible. (Applause) Barbara that trophy is yours to keep for one year. Next year you have to come back to the convention to get your plaque and return the trophy. Thank you very much and congratulations. (Applause) Thank you to our committee who selected our winner this year.

First Vice President Davis: We'll have Past President Powell present the Emkey Award now.

Past President Powell: Good morning. I have the honor of presenting the Emkey Award for the best junior or Cadet Company in the state. We talk in the fire service about

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our past, this is our 124th convention and one of the reasons we are here is because of people who volunteer selfishly as you all know because you all are volunteers. One of the ways we continue to survive and prosper is because of our juniors throughout the state. It's our life blood. It's our future and they deserve recognition.

Ed Emkey founded and supervised the Junior Fire Company in English Counsel Volunteer Fire Co. in Baltimore County. When he died we felt we needed to continue to recognize Juniors and Cadets throughout the state of Maryland who as I indicated are our life blood and our future.

This year the winner for the best Volunteer Junior Company or Cadet Company in the State of Maryland is the Williamsport Juniors from Western Maryland. If they would come forward. (Applause)

First Vice President Davis: That was their third year by the way folks. We need more like that, that's our future. Dr. Bruce Walz from Mt. Airy for the Oscar C. Baker Award, thank you.

Dr. Bruce Walz, Pres.: Good morning. The Officers and members of the Mt. Airy Volunteer fire Company are pleased to sponsor the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. This award recognizes exemplary performance by an individual just starting in the emergency services. The award honors the many contributions made by C. Oscar Baker, a 75 year member of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the senior living Past President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Oscar, who will be celebrating his 94th birthday on Friday, is here today to assist with the presentation. Oscar. (Applause) Oscar still drives around town but a little too much to Ocean City. He is still very active in our company.

The award consists of both recognition of the winner and a runner-up. The runner-up for Rookie of the Year is Andrew Broussard of the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department. Andrew please come forward to receive your plaque. (Applause)

Now it is my pleasure to announce 2016 Rookie of the Year to Nicholas Aldridge of the Maryland City Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. (Applause) If Nick will come forward and while he is coming up on stage, I would like to read from the nomination letter.

"Volunteer EMT Aldridge is currently serving in his ninth year of Active Duty with the United States Air Force as an All Source Analyst assisted to the 44th Intelligence Squadron at Fort Meade, MD. He currently holds the rank of Staff Sergeant. In addition to his regular duties, Nick teaches the Air Force "*Self Aid and Buddy Care*" course required for all Air Force members. The course teaches Basic Life Support

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care for non-medical field service members. He also serves as the Squadron's Anti-Terrorism Officer Representative. The unit representative is charged advising the Unit Commander on issues related to anti-terrorism, coordinating implementation and managing the anti-terrorism programs.

Since joining MCVFD, Nick quickly became a very active member of the company participating in training, fundraisers and community events. In the summer of 2015 Nick excelled during an accelerated five-week EMT class. The accelerate pace made it challenging not only in the classroom work but also the need to acquire the required 10 ride alongs in that short period of time. At the conclusion of the course, his classmates selected him as the spokesman for the class during the graduation ceremony. Nick also completed the MFRI Protective Envelope and Foam (PEAF) and Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Operations courses required to be added to the active riding database.

Nick is also a mentor for the MCVFD Cadet Program. He serves as the primary Field Training Officer for EMS teaching First Aid and EMS skills for the 10 to 15 year-old age group. Nick plays a vital role in the motivation and development of our young members who are the future of the Fire Service.

Nick is currently pursuing his goal of becoming a MFRI EMT instructor. He is currently attending the MFRI Instructor I course scheduled to be completed at the end of April. He plans on continuing on to Instructor II and fulfilling all other requirements to achieve this goal.

I would ask that the Officers of Maryland City and the Air Force who are here to join us on stage. (Applause)

First Vice President Davis: I would like to thank you gentlemen and ladies for your service. I have military that come from my family too. (Applause) Thank you to Mr. Baker and Happy Birthday in a few days.

Now we have Rusty Leftwich for the Firefighter of the Year Award.

Rusty Leftwich, Chair: Good morning. I have behind me the members of the committee. If there is any of member of the Firefighter of the Year Committee in the audience, if you would please join us on stage.

This year we had 10 applicants which is down from last year. It usually averages about that much. Our only request is if you pick a Firefighter of the Year at your banquet, take a few minutes and fill out the paper work and send them in. You have to honor your people to try and keep your people. And it is not for their lifetime achievement, it is just for the past year. Think about it and honor your people.

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I am going to read off the name of the people who were nominated and have them come up on stage.

Eddie Saylor – Hamstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company No. 1 (Applause)

Chief Ryan Reichert – LaVale Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

Richard Keyser – Middletown Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

Chief Bruce Raley – Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

Chief Timothy Dayton – Potomac Fire Company #2 (Applause)

Chris Broussard – Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

William Joseph Reamy – Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department (Applause)

Gary Tagmyer – North East Fire Company (Applause)

Joshua Gill – Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. of Baltimore County (Applause)

Richard Holden – Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company (Applause)

I will read a couple of things here which read like a book because this gentleman – I just don't think there is any more training out there that this gentleman could take. But he is very active in his county, very active in the MSFA, in his church, teaches fire prevention to the citizens in his community. He just kind of sort of does it all. His company is very proud of him and wanted to nominate him. I have an individual here in the back who is going to make the presentation and then I will announce it. Jonathan Dayton announces his father – Timothy Dayton – is the Firefighter of the Year. (Applause)

Chief we have a few other awards for you, gentlemen if you would come out and make the presentations. Again, let's hear it again for this year's winner, Tim Dayton. (Applause)

First Vice President Davis: I now present Mr. Michael LeCompte for the Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P., Memorial Safety Award. Or Vice Chair Mario Melfa

Mario Melfa, Vice Chair: Next is the Smith N. Stathem Safety Award. We would like to present this to Mr. Phillip R. Cooper of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, St. Mary's County. (Applause)

Mike LeCompte, Safety Chair: Mr. Cooper is the only one in the state to receive this award twice. Since 1994 he has continued to safety in Southern Maryland. It was an unanimous decision for him to be the recipient again this year. (Applause)

First Vice President Davis: Thank you gentlemen. Next we call on Dan Stevens for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award.

Dan Stevens: Good morning everyone. I am Kingsley Poole, Chair of the Training Committee. My Co-Chair, Dan Stevens is coming up the stairs backstage now. You will see him in a moment.

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It is an honor and a privilege, first of all is Mrs. Zembower in the audience? It is an honor and a privilege to present the Zembower Award named after Cromwell Zembower, a long time advocate for the fire service and very involved in the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

If the members of these companies are in the room, please come forward.

The second runner-up for the Zembower Training Award for 2015 is the Independent Hose Company No. 1 – Frederick. They had 89.83 hours per student in training. They are sponsored by 2nd Vice President Mark Bilger. (Applause) No one here? Okay we will see that they get their award.

The first runner-up for the Zembower Training Award for 2015 is the Emmitsburg Ambulance – Frederick County. They had 96.65 hours per student in training. This is sponsored by Co-Chair Dan Stevens and lovely wife Bobbi in memory of Robert A. Stevens of the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause)

Okay, I had to make sure our plaque was in order here. The winner of the Zembower Training Award for 2015 is New Market District Volunteer Fire Company in Frederick County. They had 127.51 training hours per member. (Applause)

Pres. Johnie Roth: Is there a representative from New Market who can come forward and accept the Trophy? Wave your hand so we know someone is coming up to accept.

Kingsley Poole: This is the grandma of the Chief!

Pres. Johnie Roth: Thank you very much and congratulations to New Market. (Applause) The next award we have this morning is something new this year. It is the John E. "Sonny" Rose Training Award and presenting it this morning will be members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company lead by Past President Dave Lewis.

Bob Rose, Pres. OVFD: Thank you Johnie, I'll take it from here. Good morning I am Bob Rose, President of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and Sonny's brother.

John E. "Sonny" Rose Memorial Training Award sponsored by the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company will be presented each year to an individual who has dedicated the most hours in the Maryland Emergency Services Training during the previous year. John E. "Sonny" Rose dedicated his life, his fire service career, to training others to perform skillfully and safely. All that follow in his footsteps are encouraged to uphold the honor and traditions that Sonny expected from each of his students. I would like to read a quote from Sonny that he shared me in his last days in the hospital and this quote is inscribed on the trophy, "I hope that something I taught enabled someone to save a life." Of all the students he taught through the years I am sure that is true many

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times over. Assisting me with the presentation today from Odenton is Past Chief Wylie Donaldson, Awards Committee Chairman Dave Lewis and in the audience are many other members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – if they would stand please. Thank you.

This inaugural presentation of this award is presented to Sonny in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the emergency services training. With us to accept the award today is his immediate family: wife, Carla; sons, Brian and John; John's wife, Tara and their children, Carlie and Jacob, who will come up to receive the award please. (Applause)

John and his grandchildren, who are Sonny's grandchildren – Jacob and Carlie escorted by Chief Gunshol. As this is the first presentation of this award, and it was presented to Sonny, we will take the main trophy back to Odenton for the ensuing year and be back next year. The trophy will be on display downstairs at the MFRI Booth in the lobby for anyone who wants to stop by to see it. Thank you for helping us celebrate Sonny's Legacy. Thank you and good morning. (Applause)

Pres. Johnnie Roth: Next awards we will have this morning are the Scholarship Awards. The presenter this morning will be Dale Fishack, Jr.

Dale Fishack, Jr., Chair: Good morning. It gives me great pleasure to come before this group again to award the scholarships for the School Year 2016-2017. But before I do that I need to recognize those supporting partners who made the funding possible.

From the R Adams Shock Trauma Center, Tara Carlson; Maryland Committee on Trauma, Jim Brown; Delmarva Power, Vince (didn't provide last name); and the Jim Deskins Memorial Scholarship, his wife Judy, daughter, Ginny, and grandson; we are also supported by the LAMSFA; the dues money you paid to the MSFA, a portion of that goes to support the scholarships and the MSFA Foundation.

Can we give this group a round of applause because without their support there would not be funding. (Applause)

For this school year we are supporting five students, giving a total of \$16,750 away this year.

The first recipient comes from the New Windsor Fire and Hose Company #1: Brandon Berry is going to be attending University of Maryland, College Park. He is supported by money from the MSFA Foundation, MSFA members and Delmarva Power. Brandon would you please come up. (Applause)

Our next recipient is Tyler Insley: Tyler comes from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire

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Department. He is attending the College of Southern Maryland and he is being supported by the MSFA Foundation, MSFA members, Delmarva Power and the Jim Deskins Memorial Scholarship. Tyler couldn't be with us today due to a work commitment. So we give him a round of applause. (Applause)

The next recipient comes from the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad: Hannah Putt is going to be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. She is receiving a scholarship that is supported by the MSFA Foundation, Shock Trauma, MSFA member and the Maryland Committee on Trauma. Hannah would you please come forward. (Applause)

The next recipient comes from the Cape Saint Claire Volunteer Fire Department and is attending UMBC: Mitchell Swain is being supported by the MSFA Foundation, Shock Trauma, MSFA members and the Maryland Committee on Trauma. Mitchell. (Applause)

And the final recipient of scholarships this year comes from the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad. This individual is going to be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. The recipient is Antonio Yanker. He is being supported by the MSFA Foundation, MSFA members and Delmarva Power. Antonio could not be with us today due to a lot of school commitments. (Applause)

Thank you to all our supporting partners. Congratulations to all those who received scholarships this year. Good luck in your school year.

Pres. Johnie Roth: Thank you very much. Let's have another round of applause for our recipients. (Applause)

While they are stepping off, we heard a report yesterday that Jay Tucker on the Cancer Walk that we had this year, the final numbers, although we are still getting money in almost daily and the walk was little over a month ago, is now up to \$17,400 clear. (Applause) So congratulations again to the Cancer Support Committee.

The next award will be the Family Appreciation Awards and will be presented by the Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Committee, Joe Chornock.

Chairman Chornock: Thank you President Roth, along with me I have a couple of the members of the Recruitment and Retention committee to assist with the awards. Maryland State Firemen's Association, before I begin I would like, the Family Appreciation Award, I would like to present a special certificate of appreciation. The Maryland State Firemen's Association second state wide volunteer recruitment initiative was held on Sunday April 10, 2016. Statewide fire/rescue and EMS departments opened their doors to area wide residents so they could learn about what it takes to

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be a volunteer emergency responder in their community. Over the last several years it has been very difficult for many volunteer fire and rescue departments throughout the state of Maryland to recruit and retain their volunteers for a variety of reasons. Maryland's volunteer departments need to bolster their numbers of emergency responders so we can continue to provide the optimum level of protection to the citizens. By joining a local fire/rescue/EMS department individuals are afforded a chance to make a difference in their community. It is an opportunity to get involved in something in the community. Area residents feel the honor of helping neighbors in a way that on one can. It is the ultimate service to your community. As part of the Maryland State wide recruitment day for the last two years one local fire department, volunteer department has demonstrated an amazing effort to get out and recruit new members. To recognize the energy of this department in the first two recruitment days the MSFA recruitment and retention committee would like to present this certificate of appreciation acknowledging the efforts of the Baden Fire Department. I'd like to have someone from the Baden Fire Department to please come forward. (Applause)

The Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association offers our sincerest congratulations to the Baden Volunteer Fire Department for their outstanding efforts during the recruitment day. (Applause)

The Recruitment and Retention Family Appreciation Program is to recognize the family of a volunteer Fire/EMS member whose family must sacrifice time from the family for the good of the community that they serve. This year we received three nominations for this award.

The following were nominated by their department and I would appreciate if they would come forward at this time. From the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County, and Gary Hilton with Barbara Hilton and our MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Susan Hilton. (Applause)

From the North East Fire Company, Cecil County Otis Isaacs Jr. along with his daughter Robyn, Lisa, Otis III, and Jeffrey. (Applause) And from the Winfield Community Fire Department; the Logue Ruckman family. This is a long one folks. Russell Ruckman, Betty Logue Ruckman, Leonard, Lane Logue Ruckman, Lori Logue Ruckman, Bonnie Logue Stevens, Cody Stevens, Betsy Logue Crown, Doug Logue, Lora Logue, and Clorisa Sykes Logue and we'd like to congratulate all the families that were nominated. Thank you. (Applause)

Do we have a representative from North East or Winfield?

President Johnie Roth: Thank you Joe and the Recruitment and Retention committee. Next we are going to, just a correction in your run down for today, the main program of "Flash Max" he was supposed to be here today, and he'll be here tomorrow. We want to present next the Silver Spring Award and Burton Brennan from the Silver Spring Fire Department will be giving that award.

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Burton Brennan: Good morning, aye you can do better than that. That's better. Presidents, Officers, Delegates, distinguished guests, fire fighters, emergency medical personnel, auxiliaries, and everyone from their respective fire companies and rescue squads across this great state of Maryland.

The President and Board of Trustees of the 101 year old Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and its membership welcome you to this 124th annual firemen's convention and the 85th convention of the auxiliary to the Maryland State Association. Again I have the honor of addressing this convention recognizing the men and women as fire fighters, EMTs, Paramedics, IV Techs, and auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of our great State of Maryland.

The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence was born from the efforts of those who have come before. Some are still here to guide us, and those who have gone from our physical midst, and yet are remembered here today for their contribution 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 of our state. It also singles out an outstanding member of a fire department or rescue squad who deserves individual recognition for efforts in the year 2015 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 the state association.

For excellence in the field of fire prevention in the year 2015 it gives me great pleasure to present to this convention the winner of the Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence, from Carroll County, Debbie Gartrell Kemp, from the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Company. (Applause)

I want to give a 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.

President Johnnie Roth: Congratulations, I hope you have a big car. (Applause) Thank you Burton, we certainly appreciate the award. The next award we have this morning will be a representative from the Fire Prevention Life Safety Awards Committee, the chairman of that, Teresa Crisman, Teresa.

Chairman Teresa Crisman: Morning everybody. I would like to say that our report appears on page 63 of the convention book. We've had a really long year of trying to help you all establish programs to support fire prevention and life safety in the state. On the main page of the fire prevention committee on the MSFA web site you'll see several different tip sheets that we're actively trying to configure and work on.

Yesterday you were all able to greet and meet Sher Grogg. It was very hard at first

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meeting her because it was very emotional because knowing what she lost is what something we could have prevented. The committee is fully backing her support. The Ladies Auxiliary at the spring conference gave her \$300 to help start that foundation. Just a small amount of money that maybe, might make a change. We will be helping her produce and support and getting you any information the Christmas tree fire information. It is really, really important that we embrace this message, that we take this message further and that we help and get it to our communities. If you are a department that actually sells the Christmas trees, we would really like to know so that we can get you all the needed resources to have that. Sad it that before this fire occurred, I had created a Christmas tree tip sheet and I was not able to get it vetted yet through the Fire Marshal's Office and to make sure that we had all the needed information. And then several days later that occurred and it just took my stomach a little because I knew we had something we could have helped people and I couldn't get it done fast enough and I know that wasn't going to be the cause to us changing things, but one simple display, message on a board, talking to your community, just reminding them. I've asked for the videos from the ATF to be released to us, so we can give them to you all, so that you can show case them at various events.

If you've never seen a Christmas tree demonstration before the sap does go instantaneously, it's like a fire torch, it's very hot and it spreads fast and that's what happened on that night. So we as a fire service really need to do the next level and that is to educate as much as possible. So today we look forward to what we can do to support that. We have increased our support to whatever we can help you with and anytime you need something, a resource please call upon us. We are here for you. It's our committee that works very hard during the course of the year to support every one of you and through our grants and the possibilities of the foundation, we hope that we can make a better change. You know, I always say, that one simple talk, that one simple act will lead to a safer place.

So today we're going to be presenting the fire, smoke alarm grant program. We tried different things in different ways. We've given you supplies, we've made things for you all, we've tried to figure out the best way, but our next step is smoke alarms. If Neal here? The zips are here. We've partnered with Kida and Neal Zip, he is the communications director for them. We worked with them and through the \$50,000.000 that was afforded to us by the budget committee we were able to give and issue 64 smoke alarm grants this year. That means each department will receive 48 smoke alarms. That's 48 homes that you have a chance to make a difference in. That's 48 homes that we will know will have a working smoke alarm for the next 10 years. So, I greatly appreciate everyone that applied, we will announce those and we will help you guys out. We do have extras. We know we did not get the full 70 grants, alarms awarded, but what we are going to do is we are going to work with the Executive Committee, we're going to find pockets/regions throughout the state that desperately need support and we're going to go and do a smoke alarm canvas and campaign in

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those areas. So if you feel that you need to support more and you know that you need it, please reach out to us and we'll help you get that part of it.

So today I'd like to thank President Roth for the appointment, Fire Marshal Geraci for all that your office does, sir if I could give you a Million dollars, I would right now. I know that you have struggles and I'm sorry, but we as a fire service need to support you more. So I thank you very much for your support, Bruce.

Ok for our fire prevention book entrants; we are going to do the following. The year around category, remember these are different classifications. The year around category for Class I is Cobb Island and Newburg. They are the two entrants. (Applause)

Class II is Benedict, Class III is Seventh District, Jefferson, and Letersburg. Class IV is Ridge. Class V is Mechanicsville, La Plata, and Bay District. We had no entrants in Class VI or Class VII.

For Single Project Category for Class I is Orleans and Newburg. Class II no entrants. Class III is Potomac and Leitersburg. Class IV is St. Leonard. Class V is La Plata, Bay District and Mechanicsville. Class VI and Class VII again had no entrants.

There were a total of 17 qualifying entrants. Three additional books were disqualified for contest rules regarding cover letter or entry classifications. The Fire Marshal's Office reviews all these books. They make the determinations, so if you have an issue with the book and the books will be out soon, please see them. See Bruce, put him on the table.

So the winners for each classification are; For **Year Round Category:**

Class I – Cobb Island, (Applause)

Class II – Benedict, (Applause)

Class III – Seventh District, (Applause)

Class IV – Ridge, (Applause)

Class V – Bay District, (Applause)

Single Project Category:

Class I – Orleans, (Applause)

Class III – Potomac, (Applause)

Class IV – St Leonard, (Applause)

Class V – Bay District, (Applause)

The overall winners for 2016:

First Place - La Plata, (Applause)

Second Place – Potomac, (Applause)

Third Place – Orleans, (Applause)

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Fourth Place – Bay District, (Applause)

Fifth Place – Ridge, (Applause)

Sixth Place – Seventh District, (Applause)

Seventh Place – Bay District, for single and fourth place yearly projects, (Applause)

Eighth Place – Benedict, (Applause)

Ninth Place – Leitersburg, (Applause)

Tenth Place – Mechanicsville, (Applause)

Each of these will receive a check, La Plata will receive a check in the amount of \$250.00. Potomac will receive \$100.00, Orleans will receive \$75.00, Bay District will receive \$75.00, Ridge will receive \$50.00, Seventh District will receive \$50.00, Bay District again will receive \$50.00, Benedict \$50.00, Leitersburg \$50.00, and Mechanicsville \$50.00. The checks are being made right now. Once we get them we will get them out to you guys. I wish everybody congratulations. (Applause)

Next we are going to be giving out the fire prevention grants. There are 64 and Bruce is doing that.

Bruce Bouch: We are still looking for Neal Zip, so if you are here, please step up here. Great day to all of our outstanding members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. For those of you that do not know me I am Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal, there's Neal, Senior Deputy Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch. I serve as the Director of Public Education and Media Affairs for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. One of my outstanding MSFA activities I am involved with allows me to share lifesaving products through an MSFA funded grants program.

As the chairman of the Public Fire and Life Safety Program I get to work with MDFA's best leaders in determining who will receive support from this highly valued program. I would like to recognize two people I count on the most, that's Teresa, Big Shirley Crisman (Applause) and my current Maryland Life Safety intern, Britney Hill (Applause) Without them this program would still be in planning stages, believe me. This year the committee is proud to announce that 64 MSFA departments are receiving 48 Kida, 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms for community risk reduction activities. These activities are designed to be used in your communities. We've done everything we possibly can to help you get to this point and anything, efforts, ideas you may have, please reach out to us and we'll try to make those occur.

It is well recognized that effective fire and life safety programs are one of the most effective ways to protect the lives of the citizens and first responders. Injuries and deaths are greatly reduced with the implementation with community risk activities. Joining us on stage to help us present these awards is none other than our Regional Representative from Kida, Neal Zip. Thank you, Neal. (Applause) Thank you for being a great part of our success with saving lives in Maryland.

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Today we get to share the opportunity to present 3,072 smoke alarms in bundles of 48 individual devices that will come directly from Kida to member departments that put forth a little bit of 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 companies to apply for this valued grants program announced each spring on the MSFA website. I will now call upon the departments receiving their grant awards today. I ask that one representative come up and remain on stage for a group photo. Once the photo opt is completed we'll adjourn to the hallway to disburse the certificates and associated paperwork so as not to disrupt the remainder of the program. It's a trade for trade program here, we need a \$100.00 check from your department made out to MSFA, and then your certificate will be turned over to you. Those companies that are not able to do that today just mail it directly to me and we'll get the certificate mailed back to you. So I will roll through this rather quickly to keep us on schedule, actually way ahead of schedule.

Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
Jessup Volunteer Fire Department
Goodwill Fire Co Auxiliary Lonocoing
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department
Mt Airy Volunteer Fire Department
Singerely Fire Company
Orleans Volunteer Fire Company
Midland Fire Company
United Communities Volunteer Fire Company
Level Volunteer Fire Company
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company, Yes C. J. get up here
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
St. Leonard Volunteer Fire & Rescue
West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department
Gamber & Community Fire Department
Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department
Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company
Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company
Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company
Funkstown Volunteer Fire Company
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Company
Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue
Western Enterprise Volunteer Fire Company #4
Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad
Glyndon Volunteer Fire Company
Community Volunteer Fire Department of Rising Sun

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La Plata Volunteer Fire Department
Potomac Fire Company #2
Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association
Solomon's Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department
Betterton Volunteer Fire Company
Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company #1
Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue
Harford County Fire & EMS Association
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Company
Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company
Potomac Valley Fire Company
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department
Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS
New Market District Volunteer Fire Department
St. Michaels Fire Department
Long Meadow Volunteer Fire Company
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Department
Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company
Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company
Arundel Volunteer Fire Department
Abingdon Fire Company
Branchville Volunteer Fire Company
Harford Cecil Firemen's Association
Barton Hose Company
New Midway Volunteer Fire Company
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department
Winfield Volunteer Fire Department
Benedict Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad
Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department
Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department
Kitzmilller Volunteer Fire Department
Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company
Linkwood Salem Volunteer Fire Company and
New Windsor Fire and Hose Company #1

As everyone is lining up, please remember the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference, Campaign for Prevention is scheduled for September 27, 2016 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Also for your planning books is the public and Life Safety Educators Spring seminar scheduled for March 25, 2017 at MFRI in College Park. The committee members thank each of you for participating in the grants awards program and encourage all member companies to apply next year. Thank you. (Applause)

President Johnie Roth: Thank you very much. We now have a very special presentation on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association, I'd like to present, give a warm Maryland welcome to Timothy P. Travers, CFO, & EFO, NFPA Regional Fire Sprinkler Specialist, Tim.

Tim Travers: Thank you Mr. President, good morning everyone. NFPA's fire sprinkler initiative and the home fire sprinkler coalition established the "Bringing Safety Home Award" in 2011 to recognize fire service members and other safety advocates who use HFCE Home Fire Safety Education Materials and Fire Sprinkler Initiative Resources to ensure that decision makers have accurate information as new or updated home fire sprinkler codes are considered. I am pleased to announce the winner of the 2016 award is the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Accepting the award on behalf of the Association is Johnie Roth, President, Stephan Cox, chair of the Association's Legislative Committee and vice chairman Richard Smith. (Applause) Congratulations.

The Maryland, guys stay out there please, The Maryland State Firemen's Association is an integral partner with the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal on numerous matters that positively affect the daily lives of the citizens of the State of Maryland and the volunteer fire service. One facet of this partnership is the strong relationship with the MSFA Legislative Committee. Committee members serve tirelessly working numerous hours in Annapolis prior to and during the General Assembly Session. They are the well-respected face of the Maryland Fire Service. The committee members understand the role that their relationships play with each of the Delegates and Senators they encounter every day and the need for the fire service to come together as a whole. Starting in June of last year, under the leadership of Richard Smith, Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee they took on the task to defeat House Bill 19 which would have allowed local Maryland jurisdictions to opt out of the home fire sprinkler requirement for new home construction. As fire sprinkler advocates all across the country watched with trepidation, Vice Chairman Richard Smith brought together all the Maryland Fire Service and interested parties to defeat this legislation. His unwillingness to compromise on this issue and work both sides of the isle with the committee while educating each member of the importance of home fire sprinklers should not go unrecognized. Additional efforts were made to bring together numerous panels at the hearing on this bill. Through his efforts and the efforts of all those involved the bill received an unfavorable committee report, thus stopping further progress of the bill. The Legislative Committee and their efforts are to be commended for keeping the citizens of Maryland safe from the tragic events of fire and protecting the lives of fire fighters across the great state of Maryland. Congratulations. (Applause)

But there is more, the NFPA's fire sprinkler initiative awarded its 2016 *Bringing Safety Home* Grant to fifteen recipients across North America. The funding assists state coalitions and other safety advocates with up to \$10,000.00 each to support activities that show case the importance of home fire sprinklers. This is a very competitive

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grant process and we receive hundreds of grant applications. These devices, home fire sprinklers are critical in saving lives where fire rakes the most havoc. In 2014 home fires caused more than 2,700 deaths or 80% of all U S fire deaths and injured more than 12,000 people. The lifesaving capabilities of home fire sprinklers is the reason why all model codes require sprinklers in all one and two family dwellings. Home fire sprinklers can reduce fire deaths by up to 80% and direct property damage by about 70% according to recent NFPA research. It's my pleasure to present the Maryland State Firemen's Association a \$10,000.00 Bringing Safety Home Grant to help you support activities that show case the importance of home fire sprinklers, congratulations. (Applause)

Steve Cox: Tim as you mentioned, and yesterday we attempted to recognize you as we were doing legislative awards and I told the audience at that time, when we undertook this battle, we knew that we needed all the partners that we could. NFPA partnered with us. A phone call to you and you supplied us with countless information to arm us with the proper information to educate our legislators, in turn you personally made the trip down to Maryland to testify and we have a plaque in the outline of the state of Maryland and it's presented to you for your efforts in helping Maryland stay safe. Mr. President would you please present? (Applause)

President Roth: And Tim thank you for your great partnership. As all of our recipients that come up we certainly want to give you besides praise and thanks one of our convention bags as well as our convention mug. We certainly appreciate everything you have done for us. Thank you. (Applause)

Ok we are going to be winding down fairly early this morning which is the good news. I would like to present Rick Hemphill for the results from the elections this morning, Rick.

Rick Hemphill: Mr. President, the report of the election judges for 2016. There are a total of 361 companies in good standing as recorded by the Secretary. Credential committee reports 284 of those companies in good standing registered at convention and a total of 23 Past Presidents.

The following officers were unopposed and elected by a single ballot cast by the Office of the Secretary with the exception of the election for the Office of the Secretary and that ballot was cast by the President. President Michael A. Davis, First Vice President Mark A. Bilger, Second Vice President Richard Blair, Secretary Doyle Cox, Chief Chaplain John Long, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, and Trustee Daniel Carpenter.

This year we also had two proposed by law changes. The results to the amendments to the bylaws are: Question # 1 – 268 votes for, 442 votes against, the amendment failed. Question # 2 – 232 votes for, 456 votes against, this amendment also failed.

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

President Roth: Is there a motion from the floor to destroy the ballots? Motion made and seconded any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, no. Just a rundown of the announcements from earlier; the exhibits are open today until 1630, please visit our vendors they are certainly the people that support our efforts here. Education & training today up until 1500 hours. The Mack truck rally today will be taking place from 1200 – 1600 North Convention Center next to the Sunset Room. The corn hole tournament contest will take place from 1300 until 1900. The exhibits will close today at 1630 hours. The joint installation of Officers will take place in the Performing Arts Center at 1730 this evening. Ocean City Fools block party at Cowboy Coast at Philadelphia and 17th Street featuring the Franklin Square Band. Reminder that the family beach Olympics at 27th Street and Ocean front tonight and at 2000 hours the Ocean City ghost walk, the haunted trifecta will be held at Shenagans boardwalk and the fourth street. Tickets will be needed for that. Again, a reminder that the prayer breakfast tomorrow will take place at 0730. It will take place over here. Please, if you haven't gotten your tickets, please come and get them. The parade will take place tomorrow morning, rain or shine at 1300 on Baltimore Ave. If you bring apparatus make sure they go to the inlet parking lot to register. Please remind them they will be getting lunch from Chick fil a. That is gratis; it's free to them so please make sure they take advantage of that. And after the parade is over, giving the judges some time to of course get the awards taken care of is necessary. That will take place down stairs at 1730 at the bay front exhibit hall.

That's all we have for now except for the benediction and I'd like to welcome Chief, the man behind the curtain is telling me to hold on, ok for the benediction, Chaplain Barr will be giving the benediction so please rise for the benediction.

Chaplain Barr: If you will kindly uncover? Let us pray. Almighty God we thank you for this day and this convention. We thank you for those who are minding the store at home so to speak. They are taking care of lives and property as we are here to meet and learn and to share fellowship. We ask your blessing upon us as we leave here today and keep us constantly in your loving care and protection. We ask this in your precious name, Amen.

President Roth: At this point we will recess until 0900 tomorrow morning. (Gavel)

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JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

President Darby Byrd: On behalf of the LAMSFA

President Johnie Roth: and the MSFA, we would like to call to order the Installation of Officers. Thank you very much for attending.

MC Richard Brooks: Greetings and good evening. How is everyone? I would like everyone to please silence or mute you cell phones.

Ladies and gentlemen my name is Richard Brooks and I will be your Master of Ceremonies tonight. It is a pleasure and if you will join me, I am going to ask for our outgoing Presidents to please open this Procession and to move forward. Thank you!

MC Richard Brooks: I would like to invite the Honor Guards from Baltimore County and Southern Maryland to take their places.

MC Richard Brooks: I would like to introduce **LAMSFA President Darby Byrd** of the Dentsville Volunteer EMS and Auxiliary, **escorted** by her husband Kevin Byrd; and **MSFA President Johnie F. Roth, Jr.**, of the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department to take their final walk as Presidents. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: welcome all of the Past Presidents of the MSFA and LAMSFA in attendance. LAMSFA Past Presidents: Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985), Leone Gatton (1985-1986), Peggy Zembower (1986 - 1987), Sharon Worthington (1995-1996), Joyce Thorne (1996-1997), Joan Cumberland (1998 - 1999), Betty Grabenstein (1999 - 2000), Nora Ryan (2001-2002), Rosa Maher (2002 - 2003), Robyn Sheldon-Hahn (2004-2005), Patricia Deamond (2006-2007), Rose Pandolfini (2007-2008), Lois Hetz (2008 - 2009), Sandi Lutz (2010-2011), Carol Hayden (2013-2014), and Ann Price-Davis (2014-2015). (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: introduced the appointed and elected officers of the LAMSFA:

Ladies Auxiliary Conference Co-Chairman Bonnie Quade from the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary's County, **escorted** by Anthony Hammett. (Applause)

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Ladies Auxiliary Conference Co-Chairman Millie Huseman from the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary's County **escorted** by her husband Mike Huseman. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Bessie Marshall Fund Co-Chairman Kitty Garner from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Prince George's County **escorted** by her son Scott M. Taylor, Jr. Her **Page** is her daughter Ashlyn Taylor and **Past President** Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985) (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Bessie Marshall Fund Co-Chairman Marti Neal from the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of Prince George's County **escorted** by her husband, Jim Neal. Her **Page** is Candy Mitchell and **Past President** Patricia Deamond (2006-2007). (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer Jennifer King from the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of Prince George's County **escorted** by her father, Kevin Johnson. Her **Pages** are mother, JoAnn Johnson and her daughter, Marissa Stallings and **Past President** Sandi Lutz (2010-2011). (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member Justin Towels from the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Department of Anne Arundel County **escorted** by Gloria Lewis. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer Holly Trego from the Singerly Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Cecil County **escorted** by her father, Walter Trego. Her **Page** is her sister, Kay Trego and **Past President** Robyn Sheldon-Hahn (2004-2005). (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Guard Joan Kramer from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of Montgomery County **escorted** by her son, Brian Andrews. Her **Page** is Susan Hilton and **Past President** Carol Hayden (2013-2014). (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Historian Shari Steffen from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Prince George's County **escorted** by Bill Bucco. Her **Page** is her daughter, Kristi Grinder and **Past President** Elaine Huttenloch (1984-1985). (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member - Daniel Stevens from the Waldorf Volunteer Fire/EMS Department of Charles County **escorted** by his wife, Bobbi Stevens. (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Chairman James P. Seavey, Sr. from the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department of Montgomery County **escorted** by his mother, Mary Morgal. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Jean L. Main from the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire

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Company Ladies Auxiliary of Frederick County escorted by Chief Gary Keller. Her **Page** is Ruth Martin and **Past President** Nora Ryan (2001 -2002). (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member John Fisher from the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company of Worcester County. (Not Present) (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member Michael Faust from the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company of Queen Anne's County **escorted** by his wife, Stacey Faust. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Malea Daughton from the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Harford County **escorted** by Navy Lieutenant Brittany Mann. Her **Page** is Donita Dietz and **Past President** Rosa Maher (2002 - 2003). (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member Timothy F. Dayton from the Potomac Fire Company #1 of Alleghany County **escorted** by his wife Diana Dayton. (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member Wayne L. Tome, Sr., from the Water Witch Fire Company of Cecil County **escorted** by his wife, Sheila Tome. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary Rebecca "Becky" Wathen from the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary's County **escorted** by her husband, Johnny Wathen. Her **Page** is her friend, Debbie Fairfax and **Past President** Leone Gatton (1985-1986). (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member Charles Abrecht from the Junior Volunteer Fire Company Number 2 of Frederick and Washington Counties. (Not Present – this slot was filled by Rick Hemphill from Independent Junior Volunteer Fire Company, at the Thursday Executive Committee Meeting at the request of Second Vice President Elect – Rick Blair.) (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Member Richard Smith from the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department of Talbot County **escorted** by his wife, Cindy Smith. (Applause)

MSFA Executive Committee Vice Chairman Charles J. Simpson, Jr. from the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company of Carroll County **escorted** by his wife, Bonnie Simpson. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary Donna Lee Struntz from the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of Allegany and Garrett Counties **escorted** by Lee Lutz. Her **Page** is Mary Carr and **Past President** Sandi Lutz (2010 - 2011). (Applause)

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MSFA Executive Committee Chairman Douglas Simpkins, Jr. from the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department of Baltimore County **escorted** by his wife, Christine Simpkins, daughter, Melissa and grandson, Sullivan Douglas Yates. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Kristi Grinder from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Prince George's County **escorted** by her father, John Gardiner. Her **Page** is her daughter, Alyssa Grinder and **Past President** Rosa Maher (2002-2003). (Applause)

MSFA Trustee C. Dan Carpenter from the Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department of Charles County. (Applause)

MSFA Chief Chaplain Reverend John F. Long, Jr. from the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company of Anne Arundel County. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Recording Secretary Lori Denbow from the Level Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary of Harford County **escorted** by her husband, Jeff Denbow. Her **Pages** are her sister, Christine Deckard and her daughter, Charlotte and **Past President** Sharon Worthington (1995 - 1996). (Applause)

MSFA Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke from the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company of Harford County **escorted** by his wife, Darlene Vocke. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice President Marcia Roth from the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of Montgomery County **escorted** by her husband, MSFA President Johnie Roth, Jr. Her **Page** is her son, Eric Roth and **Past President** Patricia Deamond (2006 - 2007). (Applause)

MSFA Secretary Doyle Cox from the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department of Calvert County **escorted** by his wife, Cathy Cox. (Applause)

MSFA 2nd Vice President Richard C. Blair from the Western Enterprise Fire Company of Washington County **escorted** by his wife, Roslyn Levine Blair. (Applause)

Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President Vivian Boyd from the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary of Prince George's County **escorted** by her husband Ron Boyd. Her **Page** is Candy Mitchell and **Past President** Sharon Worthington (1995 - 1996). (Applause)

MSFA 1st Vice President Mark Bilger from the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company of Carroll County **escorted** by his wife, Nancy Bilger. (Applause)

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MC Richard Brooks asked everyone to stand to welcome while both Presidents enter with their groups.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association President for 2016-2017 Barbara Sue Nelson from the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary's County **escorted** by her husband, John "Speedy" Nelson and her granddaughter, Makenna Nelson. Her **Past President** is Joyce Thorne (1996 - 1997). (Applause)

MC Brooks: Asks the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Greater Baltimore to take their place.

Maryland State Firemen's Association President for 2016-2017 Michael Davis from the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company of Baltimore County **escorted** his wife LAMSFA Past President Ann Price-Davis (2015-2016). (Applause)

Presentation of Colors: By the combination Color Guard from Baltimore County and Southern Maryland.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: Almighty God we praise you for this day. Father we thank you for the freedom to be able to gather here in Ocean City, fellowshiping with one another. We thank you for the dedication of those who have answered the call to serve.

We thank you for those who are and have worked to put this put on this 124th Annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference and the 85th annual LAMSFA Convention and Conference. We thank you for the leadership of President Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd.

We thank you for those who serve on committees that make these organizations function for the betterment of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Services. Father watch over the responders at home who are answering the calls for help. Protect them and keep them safe.

Father watch over the Armed Forces as they protect us and our freedom to allow us to be here, in your name we pray.

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you LAMSFA President Darby Byrd.

LAMSFA President Darby Byrd: Led the Pledge of Allegiance. (Pledge to the Flag)

Ricky Howsare: Sang the National Anthem. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Asked to retire the Pipes and Drums and the Colors by the Color Guard. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced LAMSFA President Darby Byrd for her final remarks.

President Darby Byrd: Good Evening Officers, Past Presidents, Friends and family, tonight, we come together to spend the evening to look back over the past 12 months and to install our new officers. There have been highs and lows, a lot of tears, a lot of laughs, the building of new friendships and the reminiscing of old ones.

I have enjoyed every step on the path through my journey. I have learned a great deal about our associations and sometimes too much for my own good.

President Roth, you have been an extraordinary President to work with over the past years. You have treated me and the LAMSFA with respect and you acknowledged us as a peer. We have spent time together traveling this great state and many hours on the phone. I cherish the friendships that are families have made and I am looking forward to some down time together just being friends. I will always be just a phone call away.

To my fellow officers...I appreciate your hard work and dedication over the past year as we have tried to move our association forward and am sure you will continue the same hard work and dedication this year. Always remember that we are here for the service to our members.

As my final days of this 11-year journey comes to an end I am forever grateful to the two women you saw the ability to succeed in this association in me. To my Past President Eloise "Wheezy" Healy there are no words. You never sat in judgment of me but always gave me sincere and loving advice. I was beyond ecstatic when you came back to Maryland and moved into my home. The late-night conversations just listening to me are greatly missed!

My mother is the primary reason for this journey she encouraged me every step of the way and was determined to be with me last year when I was installed. She accomplished that goal and I treasure those moments. I know she is still with me as every evening when I am home you can guarantee a chill will overcome me around 8pm she used to complain about that time each evening she was cold...now she makes sure I know she is there.

Katie aka "Tater Tot", you impress me every day with your strength as a grown woman. You have succeeded at every goal you have put in front of you. Don't ever forget...You are my sunshine; my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray, you will never know dear how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away!

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To my husband Kevin, you gave me strength when I thought I had none left you stood behind me and pushed when I felt going forward was not an option and most of all you have loved me for 26 years unconditionally you are my heart and soul!

To the new officers I wish you great success and happiness as you serve the LAMSFA in your new office this year. Have fun but most of all be safe.

Thank you and have a great year! (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced MSFA President Johnie Roth for his final remarks.

President Johnie Roth: Good evening, I certainly want to thank everybody for coming. This if you will is my swan song, I certainly want to thank everybody for the four years of the association meetings, the convention meetings, and the banquets and that sort of thing that you have invited me to. We have done an awful lot this year; there is still a lot of work to be done. I want to thank all the committees as well as the chairmen that have taken it upon themselves to help the Maryland State Firemen's Association this year. I think we just made it a better association. We have a long way to go but with the leadership of Mike Davis, Mark Bilger, and Rick Blair think we are certainly on the right track. So, I certainly thank you and wish you all the best, uh, in the coming year. It's going to be a long year and as I encourage you, just do your best and just have a lot of fun. We did have, we were very fortunate that Governor Hogan did come in for a brief time this evening, spoke with us, took a whole bunch of pictures, we presented him with a helmet on behalf of the association and that sort of thing. He is going to be participating in the parade tomorrow so if you get a chance, he loves fire fighters, so go on down and see the Governor. So thank you very much, it's certainly been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming years, thank you. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Asked Presidents Roth and Byrd to stand together at center stage and introduced them for the final time as the 2015 - 2016 Presidents. The audience gave the two a standing ovation. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Stated that now it is the time for the changing of the guard!!!

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced the LAMSFA Installing Officer Past President Ann Price-Davis to install the LAMSFA Officers.

LAMSFA Past President Ann Davis: Administered the oath of office to the new officers of the LAMSFA. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced the LAMSFA Past President Darby Byrd for a presentation to President Nelson.

LAMSFA Past President Darby Byrd: Presented President Barbara Sue Nelson with the LAMSFA Seal, Shadow Box of Officers Pins, and Gavel. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced MSFA Installing Officer Past President Dave Keller to install the MSFA Officers

Past President Dave Keller: Administered the oath of office to the new MSFA officers. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Would Past President Tom Mattingly please come forward for a presentation.

PP Mattingly: Past President Roth would you come forward. At that time he presented Past President Roth with his Past President's Ring, Badge, and T-shirt. (Applause)

President Davis would you please come forward to receive a presentation. Some twenty five years ago, in fact twenty six years ago this year a good friend of ours, Noah Callis from Southern Maryland painted a hand painted logo of the MSFA and he asked when he presented it if we would continue to pass it on each year to the incoming President to hang in their station. It is my pleasure on behalf of all of Southern Maryland and Noah Callis and his family to present this and ask you to hang it with pride in your station. We'll exchange it next year with a permanent seal as this move on. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Called anyone who has presentations for Past President Byrd to come forward to make their presentations.

LAMSFA Past President Ann Price-Davis: Presented LAMSFA Past President Darby Byrd with her Past President Pin and welcomed her to the Past President's Club. (Applause)

LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson: Presented LAMSFA Past President Darby Byrd with her gift from the LAMSFA Officers; it is a black-eyed Susan quilt, LAMSFA afghan, and a clock with geese photo. (Applause)

Jessica Gryskwicz: Presented LAMSFA Past President Byrd with Past President Eloise Healy's Past President's Ring. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Presented LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson and MSFA President Michael Davis to the audience for the very first time. They responded with a standing ovation. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson for her remarks.

LAMSFA President Barbara Sue Nelson: Good Evening and welcome to the 2016 Installation. Thank you all for coming tonight.

Wow! I finally made to the top of the ladder I've been climbing for quite a few years and was involved before that with the Fire Prevention committee and serving as conference chair. If someone had told me about 40 years ago when I came to my first convention as a teen with Mary Jane Scully that I would be standing here in front of all of you as president of the LAMSFA now I would have said oh no not me I'm heading to the beach and now I never see the beach.

As I started my journey I had three people by my side that were going to be with me all the way but someone above had other plans for them. But I know I have three Angels, my mom, my Mother in law and Past President Bobbie McWilliams here with me tonight and will watch over me thru the year.

It is an honor and a privilege to start my role as President of the LAMSFA as we will soon be starting the 85th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary was formed on July 9th, 1931 here in Ocean City and has come a long way since then. There has been 84 Great Presidents serve before me and with that being said, I would like all those that are present tonight to please stand. Thank you, ladies, for being great Presidents and bringing this auxiliary where it is today.

And my own past president Joyce Thorne stood on stage in Ocean City 20 years ago in June 1996 and took her oath of office as President of the LAMSFA so Happy 20th Anniversary Joyce.

I would like to congratulate Darby Byrd and Johnnie Roth on an excellent job they have done this past year and congratulations on joining the elite club as Past Presidents. It has been a fun year working with you two and thanks for all you've done for everyone. I hope the both of you will take time to kick back and relax.

My sincere gratitude to the 7th District VFD Auxiliary for all their support, and what they do for me, and to the 7th District Volunteer Fire Department, for their support and all their help. They are my second family and I greatly appreciate all their support and great friendships. They are a devoted group of people. It's great to have a lot of them here tonight.

Thanks very much to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Southern MD Firemen's Association for all your support and friendships. Thanks also to the Association. I hope I represent all of you well as I travel around Maryland.

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A special thanks to my husband Speedy, you have been behind me all the way up the ladder, you've been my biggest supporter, my listener when I had to blow off steam, my IT person when the computer thought it could whip me and my go to person for whatever I needed. Thanks for all your love and support. To my son JA, my daughter in law Candi, granddaughter Makenna and my grandson Brayden thanks for all you do. Makenna and Brayden keep me entertained all the time and being their Grammy is the best thing in the world. I also couldn't go without saying congratulations to my 4-legged furry grandson Charlie JA's partner who will be retiring in a couple months. Thanks also to all my other Family and Friends that are here tonight. It's great having all of you here.

To all my fellow Officers I'm looking forward to our upcoming year working together. I know we will have a great working relationship and a successful year and I hope we have a lot of laughs. I'm also looking forward to working with all of my committee chairs.

President Mike Davis, I'm looking forward to our year ahead working together I know it will be a great one and we will make the most of it. To all the MSFA Officers and Committee chairs I look forward working with you and I know we will have a great year. You all know the Auxiliary is here for you and if you need something please ask.

Thanks again to everyone for coming tonight and I hope all of you stay safe while you are in Ocean City and safe travels on your journey home. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Called anyone who has presentations for President Nelson to come forward at this time to make their presentations.

Speedy Nelson: Presented LAMSFA President Nelson with flowers. Her son JA and granddaughter Makenna presented her with a Pandora bracelet and a picture frame and box made by her grandchildren. (Applause)

President Bonnie Quade: Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary presented President Nelson with a \$2,000 check for expenses and President's pin/coin. The Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Vice President Mike Huseman offered the Department's support and congratulations. (Applause)

President Darlene Wood: Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association presented President Nelson with a \$1,500 check. (Applause)

John O'Connor: St. Mary's County Commissioner presented President Nelson with a Commendation from the St. Mary's County Executive and County Commissioners. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced LAMSFA Senior Vice President Vivian Boyd to speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary Officers.

Senior Vice President Boyd: Offered congratulations to President Nelson and pledged support and assistance to the MSFA to President Davis and looks forward working with them. Senior Vice President Boyd also thanked everyone for joining us tonight. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Introduced MSFA President Michael Davis for his remarks.

President Michael Davis: We're learning from the past building for the future and I'm all about that, using our past to make sure we don't do what we did before and that's one of the things we are doing through our strategic planning. We are looking to the future from our past and we're going to do what we can to make sure that we get everybody involved. That's been my theme, you may have noticed it, volunteer, get involved and that's part of our whole goal. You know we've looked at our mottos and we're going to follow out mottos, this is a business structure that we're going to keep going that way, you know otherwise if we fail to stay in business we fail to support you. And as I said everybody is across the same level from the fire engine, riding the back of the fire engine all the way up through the administration of the fire company. Everybody matters and if we don't hear from you we don't know what to do or what we need to do for you. And so it's imperative you get involved as much as possible and I hope coming up we have some great events planned, keep an eye on it and actually the first convention, the first part of the celebration is going to be the Executive Associate Meeting starting at Arbutus, in Baltimore County, which we had the pleasure of doing, we are very proud of that. That will be on August 27th, that weekend; we have a lot of great events planned. Some things do require registration ahead of time because it's such a large event. We need you to look on line and keep an eye on that.

I look forward to kicking that off, we have four locations throughout the year in very key spots where the fire companies that originally formed the association, charter companies were in. and I can't say enough about the support I have had and the support we are getting in going into the future has been tremendous. Past President Roth, I can't thank him enough where he got us started because of him and his leadership and Chairman Jim Seavey that we've gotten to where we are and keep pushing through and my Chairman Doug Simpkins is right there in line with the rest of us pushing us along making sure we are doing the right thing for the right people, the right cause, we're here for you as the state association of Maryland, to be one of the best, if not the best there is to be fire association for the volunteers I should say for the State of Maryland. So thank you. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Called anyone who has presentations for President Davis to come forward at this time to make their presentations.

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President Brenda Locklear: Ladies Auxiliary of Baltimore County presented President Davis with a check for expenses. (Applause)

President Linda Scheide: Ladies Auxiliary of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company presented President Davis with a \$500 check for expenses. (Applause)

President Kathy Walker: Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company presented President Davis with a gift. (Applause)

Ann Price-Davis: Presented President Davis with a gift from his family — a pocket watch. (Applause)

Chief John Hohman: Baltimore County Fire Department representing the County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and the County Council presented President Davis with a Proclamation. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Would Transportation Committee Chairman Tom Flint please come forward for a presentation.

Tom Flint: Transportation Committee Chair presented President Davis and President Nelson with their State of Maryland Vehicle Tags. (Applause)

MC Richard Brooks: Thank you gentlemen. Ladies and gentlemen that brings us about to the end of a wonderful evening and it begs the question; where do we go from here? The fact is we do exactly what this association has done for over 100 years and that is follow good leadership. This is a leadership of organizations. It's a group of people that come together with a common goal to protect the public of Maryland both in our small communities, in our regions in our counties. Across this state volunteer fire fighters are known. They are known because of their actions. They are known because of their fire stations. They are known because of the support they receive from their ladies auxiliary. And that makes us a unit. All of us stand together behind these two presidents. We give you the confidence of each and every man and woman here to lead us forward and continue the greatness of this association made up of these two organizations. Ladies and gentlemen would you please join me as we wish them well in the future. (Applause)

At this time I'll ask Chaplain Charlie Barnhart to please come forward for a special blessing. It will be followed by the benediction by Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Jean Main and I will remind everyone there will be a receiving line of the Presidents and Officers in the lobby of the Performing Arts. Please make sure to attend. Chaplain Barnhart.

Chaplain Charlie Barnhart: Almighty God, tonight we change the guard of the MSFA

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and the LAMSFA. We thank you for the wisdom and knowledge you gave Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd this past year. We thank you for their servant hearts as they served as Presidents. We ask for your blessings for them as they now move on to their next chapter in life that you have prepared for them. May they continue to seek your wisdom and knowledge in all they do. Father we thank you for Johnie and Darby's families as they stood by them and supported them through the year. May you bless them now as they return to a new life with their loved ones. Father we seek your blessings on tonight's changing of the guard. We ask that you give the new officers of the MSFA and the LAMSFA the wisdom and knowledge to lead and serve the MSFA and the LAMSFA. We ask that you bestow good health and strength throughout the year on Mike and Barbara Sue.

Father we acknowledge that by your will you have put these men and women in these leadership positions. Let them seek your guidance throughout their term of office. Father may everything we do honor and glorify you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

LAMSFA Vice Chaplain Jean Main: God our Father, we thank you for the success of our convention. Please continue your blessings on these associations. We ask for your protection upon all who have participated and prepare themselves for a new year of service to their community. May the God our Father bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May he look upon you with kindness and give you His peace. Amen

MC Richard Brooks: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen thank you for your attendance this evening and your support of these fine officers. Mr. President if you could escort Madam President out the side, down the aisle into the lobby. The receiving line is yours. (Applause)

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President Michael Davis: Good morning. I'm going to call to order the 125th, excuse me, that's next year, the 124th Convention and Conference. And now I'm going to introduce Chaplain Mike Bowen who will open us up with prayer.

Chaplain Michael Bowen: Please stand if you are able for the Invocation. Let us pray. Almighty God unto you who all hearts are open, 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 Jesus name we pray. Amen.

President Michael Davis: Ok, now I'll introduce Mike LeCompte for a message from safety.

Mike LeCompte: (Started off with a video by Ed Carman, Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department.) Again I can't say more than what Eddie said. We are really focused in on heart attack. I heard it on the balcony from an older fire fighter from Garrett County this morning. He said if I asked one of my Chiefs, for instance, Oakland, if I asked them to drive to Ocean City this morning with a couple plugs in the tires or an unbalanced tire, do you think they would do it? I said, wow, I hadn't thought about that. Would I ask a fire fighter to drive a fire truck from Ocean City to Oakland, heck no, I would not do that. So that analogy is pretty powerful. We are one of the safest states in the country as far as safety goes, because of what's happened proactively with the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, their continual training that we are doing, because we are a small close knit state, we kind of work off each other, so safety, and we see that in our trends. However; Dr. Rose explained to us in the class on Monday we are the most, one of the unhealthiest states in the country. Colorado and California are the first and we are at the bottom of the list. So it's scary. We love each other. We are here for a reason. Transition over from what we've engineered out which is safety, the mechanics of safety; let's go back to personal health. And if we do that we're going to be one of the healthiest, if not the healthiest on the east coast. And I challenge you that. You're probably going to hear a new challenge that's going to come up in the next year to the Safety Committee and the Executive Committee and this is something we

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are really focused on because the bottom line is, it really sucks to go to the death of a fire fighter. It's the worst thing I've ever done in my 36 years. And I've done it not once, I've been to 11 of them and they are not fun, so let's challenge ourselves to be healthier. God bless you. Be safe at the parade. Be safe tomorrow at Frontier Town, I'll try to be anyway. Let's have a good time and thank you for coming to our town. We really appreciate it. The firemen last night at the meeting clapped because they realize that you are a substance, you bring value back to us and we hope we do the same to you, so thank you very much. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Thank you Mike. And now for Wednesday announcements: Exhibits open until 1200 today. Please visit our vendor booths and also our MSFA store is down located in there. And there are some new displays out there that would be nice for you to see. The parade starts today at 1300 hours. It starts on Baltimore Ave. between 16th street and 30th street where it ends up running to, of course apparatus stages at the inlet and they will precede you and let you up to the starting point in between there. Parade and trophy awards will be at 1730 hours here at the convention center, bay front exhibit hall. Family day at Frontier Water Park, that's tomorrow at 1300. From 1300 to 1800 I believe. Tickets are available for that, you can either see us or you can go on line and purchase them and I believe you can get them at the door.

Tomorrow morning our Executive Committee, our first Executive Committee will start off, basically for budget purposes is at 0900 hours and that's going to be in the performing arts center. And then Friday we have the MSFA golf tournament, starts at, that's actually and 0800 shotgun start. You got to be there before then, check the time on that, I think it's incorrect here but its 0800 shotgun start. If you haven't done so already you can still sign up for that. That's a really good time and Eagles Landing is a tough course. You can do like I do, just take a ball or two and throw it in the water. Start your day that way, it's easier. Are there any other announcements or communications from the floor? Ok I see the ladies back there. Yep, hold on ladies we have to recognize Roger Powell for resolutions, and then you're next.

Roger Powell: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning everyone, as you know part of the, work of the, part of the work of the MSFA convention is that we present resolutions to recognize and thank those persons who have been instrumental in helping us reach our goals during the previous year. Um, President Roth's, Past President Roth's year, he has requested actually more resolutions than we've ever done in the past, so rather than reading about 65 resolutions would call for a motion to; name please, Johnie wants to do away with the reading of the resolutions, is there a second, any opposed, um, I will just read the list of those resolutions that we have written, um, but without reading the resolutions:

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Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Auxiliary
Montgomery County Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums
City Council of the Town of Ocean City
Mayor Rick Meehan
Ocean City Fire Department
Ocean City Police Department
Town of Ocean City, its employees and Citizens
Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Jr.
Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford
Maryland Comptroller Peter V.R. Franchot
Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh
Chairman and Chief Ronald Siarnicki and Convention Committee
President Thomas V. Miller, Jr. Speaker
Michael E. Busch
Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes
Delegate Diana M. Fennell
Delegate Benjamin F. Kramer
Delegate Dr. Jay Jalisi
Senator Roger Mano
Senator Craig Zucker
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan
Adjutant General of Maryland Major General Linda L. Singh
MEMA Director Russell Strickland
MSP Superintendent William M. Pallozzi
MSP Aviation Command Major Frank Lioi
Maryland Fire Marshall Brian Geraci
MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Kevin Seaman
MFRI Director Steven T. Edwards
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R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Karen E. Doyle, MBA, MS, RN
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Tara Carlson
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
Supervisor of State Fire Management Monte Mitchell
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services Chief Scott Goldstein
Prince George's County Fire Department Chief Mark Bashoor
James Brown, MIEMSS
Barbara Goff, MIEMSS
Montgomery County Captain Ty Dement
Dennis Beard, MSFA

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Catherine Kelly, Maryland Military Department
Terry Thompson, MEMA Chief of Staff
Pat Gainer, Assistant Director MIEMSS
Dr. Richard L. Alcorta, State Medical Director
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Past President Jacqueline M. Olson
Barbara Milkuski
Senator Ben Cardin
Congressman Chris Van Hollen
Sher Grogg
Bruce Bouch - Deputy Maryland Fire Marshall

Can I have a motion to adopt all the resolutions? Moved and seconded. All in favor, opposed, thank you Mr. President.

President Michael Davis: Thank you Roger. Now we call the ladies. President Barbara Sue Nelson will come forward and we'll have her introduce her new officers.

Pres. Barbara Sue Nelson, LAMSFA: Well I was getting ready to fall for you all (after tripping on stool.) Good morning everyone for having us over here early this morning. I would like to introduce my officers:

First I have Vivian Boyd, who is Senior Vice President;
Marcia Roth, Junior Vice President;
Lori Denbow, Recording Secretary;
Kristi Grinder, Treasurer;
Financial Secretary, Donna Struntz;
Corresponding Secretary, Becky Wathen;
Chaplain, Malea Daughton;
Vice Chaplain, Jean Main;
Historian, Shari Steffen;
Guard, Joan Kramer;
Color Bearer, Holly Trego;

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Color Bearer, Jennifer King
Bessie Marshall Co-Chair, Martha Neal;
Bessie Marshall Co-Chair, Kitty Garner
Conference Co-Chairman, Millie Huseman;
Conference Co-Chairman, Bonnie Quade;
And myself, Barbara Sue Nelson, as President. Thank you all very much. (Applause.)

President Michael Davis: Thank you ladies, we look forward to working with you. Once again thank you to the new ladies. Their meeting is suppose to start at 9:15 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center if you are looking for them. And now we are going to present you our main presentation: "Civil Unrest: A Real Threat to Public Safety (Baltimore Riots Lessons Learned.)" It is being brought to you by **Jeffrey Segal, Assistant Fire Chief and Mark Wagner, Assistant Fire Chief**, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore, Maryland. Gentlemen.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Good morning everyone, my name is Jeffrey Segal and the day of the civil unrest in Baltimore, that week I was in the capacity of Acting Chief of the Fire Department. I have a background of about 29 years in the Baltimore City Fire Department and no doubt Chief Wagner will agree that night, that week there were challenges that we had never seen in our entire career.

Chief Mark Wagner: Good morning, my name is Mark Wagner, I'm the Assistant Chief of Operations of the Fire Department. I have, this July 6, I'll have 35 years in and I've gone through the ranks. We're going to skip a lot of the introductions because we only have 40 some minutes to do this presentation.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So our whole goal right now would be try to make sure in addition to explaining to you what happened, how the events occurred, we also want to make sure you understand, for example some of the objectives. How did we get there? How quickly did things materialize, then in addition to that how ICS, strong ICS will really help you in a crisis like we experienced in Baltimore City.

Chief Mark Wagner: Ok, I'm also going to explain how the EOC, the Police Watch Center, and our Operations Center helped us out. We all worked in uniform and we used a three prong approach. During later in the presentation we're also going to show you how social media, how big it is today, how it helped us, but it also hurt us.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Now when it comes to other objectives, for example stake holders, we're going to explain that also. So, but we what to make sure we acknowledge the stakeholders, those other jurisdictions, Chief Wagner.

Chief Mark Wagner: We had a ton of help. We could not have done this by ourselves. I have to give kudos to everyone you are seeing on the screen behind us and in

particular we would like to thank Anne Arundel County. Anne Arundel County sent us four engines and two trucks and a Chief every day of this unrest. But every one of these regional partners helped us out.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So to understand what we got, where we were, what we experienced it was a civil unrest. There was a lot of hand writing on the wall and these next two slides will really explain to you how did we get there, the city, and in your jurisdictions throughout the Maryland area now, actually throughout the entire country there were certain key names and events that happened that really primed the community.

I'll give you an example; in Baltimore City a gentleman by the name of Tyrone West he died in July 2013. Now Tyrone West according to the family, they allege that when he died in police custody, it was a result of a struggle with the police department. However the autopsy reports say differently. But, what was in the minds of a lot of the community was in certain parts of Baltimore was Tyrone West. And actually we could see certain demonstrations, family, and others at city hall protesting about Tyrone West's death.

Then if you look on the country, on the national scale, throughout the country, for example you recall, July 17, 2014 you recall Eric Gardner in the New York City area, the phrase, "I can't breathe", well that was also in our community as well as your community. We had various protestors in Baltimore City who was expressing their displeasure with that event.

Chief Mark Wagner: Remember that name, Tyrone West. That's going to come up later in the presentation on a video clip that we have.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Exactly; so then on the National scale and this is where the media really comes into play, what happens after that, you can recall, within months, Michael Brown who was shot in Ferguson, in Missouri on August 9, 2014. Well in Baltimore City not only did we have the Tyrone West family still protesting and other community activists, we also had those who were protesting and demonstrating in behalf of Michael Brown.

Then shortly after that on December 20, 2014 you remember two New York police officers that were shot and killed, and then in Charleston, SC, April 2015, Walter Scott was fatally shot. So all these events in the country, for example really affected what was going on in the community in Baltimore City. And that really primed the community and that was the atmosphere that we were experiencing prior to the large, outbreak or civil out rest that you saw on the news.

So pertinent dates and events, if you go ahead and take a look at that slide, what are

we saying to you? How did it affect us? Well what happened in Baltimore City not only was the family of Tyrone West protesting, but what happened as a result there were other sporadic protests. What we saw in Baltimore City, our Fire Department Headquarters is right outside the city hall. Within a nine month period, about, we saw over 50 protests at city hall, right outside our window. So there were a lot of protests, but we'd like to make sure you understand the protest we saw, there is nothing wrong with protesting, demonstrating or acting for help or assistance in various things. That's one of our rights that we have. In all those protests that we had been experiencing early on, they were all peaceful demonstrations.

Chief Mark Wagner: Remember, God Bless America because we allow peaceful protests. And the fire department, we assisted the police with these over 50 peaceful protests. They tried to interrupt downtown Baltimore by blocking streets and all but it was still peaceful. And we positioned our apparatus around the city so that protestors wouldn't go up I 83, or across Pratt Street.

Important dates you need to remember are the 12th, April 12th, 19th, 25th, & 27th. April 12th is the day that Freddie Gray was arrested at the housing project in Baltimore, Gilmore homes. On the 19th Freddie Gray passed away at University of Maryland Shock Trauma. On the 25th we thought we weren't going to have any protestors and that's the day they protested on Pratt Street in front of Camden Yards, and on the 27th is when everything broke loose.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So it's good to understand when we say protesting, for example, research shows that there are different types of protesting and it's very good to understand the atmosphere we had in Baltimore City. We had a very strong Mayor, one, we had a strong Police Commissioner that was very serious about protecting the rights of individuals. Peaceful protestors and on the next two slides what you will see is that there is basically three types of protests that we had. One is peaceful/nondestructive protesting. The next one is peaceful and disruptive and we experienced that in Baltimore City and lastly are violent and disruptive. And we experienced that also. But the key here is that in Baltimore City what you saw in the media, you saw the minority of protests.

For the most part the protests and demonstrations in Baltimore were very peaceful. And that is what the Mayor and the Police Department wanted to do is protect the rights of individuals and that was the case for the most part. You had children, you had parents, and you had grandparents out there demonstrating and protesting and it was very peaceful.

Chief Mark Wagner: Ok on April 12th, that was the day Freddie Gray was arrested. On the 18th we had some protesting at our Western District Police Station, so what DPW did, they set up Jersey walls around the police station to keep everyone back and try

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to create a perimeter around the Western District. Like I said, Western District is right near the Gilmore homes where Freddie Gray was arrested and where he lived.

It just so happened that that week, during that summer of 15, Baltimore City Fire Department, we had four public safety initiatives, and what we did with the public safety initiatives is Police, Fire, Health, we go out and install smoke alarms with them in a partnership. You know we have interventions and it just so happens that the week of April 18th, that was the day of the public safety initiatives was at the Gilmore homes and you talk about feel tension in the air, Baltimore City is proud of our uniform, we make our members wear our uniform. That week I went over there, and I told our people with the public safety initiatives we don't, we want to make sure we look like fire fighters. We don't want to get involved because there was Intel that gangs were targeting the police officers and maybe public safety employees all together. So we even thought about letting them wear golf shirts that weekend. But they went through the public safety initiatives installing smoke alarms in the Gilmore homes and there really were no issues. But you could feel the tension in the air.

On the 23rd the protest intensified so Governor Hogan, he sent in his police. Our Baltimore Police Department cancelled their liberal leave; they cancelled leave for the entire week. The business community, city government let liberal leave, they applied liberal leave to all employees. They were allowed to take off and the businesses let their employees take leave during that week.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So just to help you understand, that week we had good Intel, it was Thursday, you could see what was going on in the city on Thursday, then; all of a sudden we got to Friday, April, 24th, well we had good Intel from the police department and we knew things were really ramping up so out of good planning the Chief of the Fire Department gave the order to convene an Incident Management Team. We convened an Incident Management Team, communicated with the region, various departments throughout the region that we had a possibility of civil unrest.

As a result of that we started to communicate with key stakeholders and that is one of the things we are going to highlight as we go on about the communications that you have to have with your Regional Partners when you are facing something like we faced in Baltimore.

Chief Mark Wagner: On the 25th the Mayor had a 0900 conference call with the Chief of the Fire Department, Police Commissioner, Emergency Management and other key city officials because they knew something was going to go on so they got their act together early.

Demonstrators that afternoon, they damaged vehicles on Pratt Street and as you know the Inner Harbor is the jewel of Baltimore and they damaged police vehicles

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right outside of Camden Yards, they threatened to go into Camden Yards. But just as crazy as the 25th was and we have video of that, the 26th nothing happened and your are going to see that. These are photos from the 25th, you can see it's right outside Camden Yards, and the Orioles were playing Boston that day. So it was a lot of tension in the air. You are going to see on the next slide what it looked like.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Chris we are going to ask you if you can play this video. (Plays video of unrest activities)

Chief Mark Wagner: There is some strong language here so excuse us up front.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Chris as we play that in about a minute and 30 seconds we will ask you to stop. Chris, stop it there.

Chief Mark Wagner: So on the 26th the family, it was the wake for Freddie Gray. The family asked that no one protest. And it was, there was no protesting on the 26th but you could feel the tension. The Orioles played a game at Camden Yards, as a matter of fact, I have season tickets and my wife who is in the audience today, we went there, and you could feel the tension because just the day before what you saw on the last slide occurred.

On the 27th Freddie Gray had his funeral at the New Shiloh Baptist Church. The Mayor and many dignitaries from Baltimore were there. Along with the family, everyone asked that there be no protesting. However; BPD had incredible Intel from social media that things were starting to ramp up. What you see here, there's a movie from 2013 called the Purge, and this was on social media and this is how social media hurt us that day. The Purge is about lawlessness and on the day of the Purge, it was a preselected day anyone could go out and commit any crime they wanted, murder, rape, anything they wanted and that's, this kind of prompted everyone, all the children that were sent or were on the social media to go out and protest.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So this slide here, if you notice the time frame and this is one of the things that is really important for you to understand what we were facing in Baltimore. At 1600 hours you can see that up in the North West side of Baltimore there's a mall that's called Mondawin Mall. So at about 1600 hours that's when a lot of things started to happen. As we go along in this presentation you will see that within 20 minutes, within 40 minutes, even within an hour how things materialized because of the media and how fast things can really go downhill as a result of the media. So here on that side of the city is the high school and there were students that gathered around the high school and once that large crowd of youths started gathering around that mall things started to go south. At 1615 hours the next slide you'll see what you witnessed on national news. We had youths as young as 12 or 13 years old that started to clash violently with the police department right around that Mondawin area.

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Our problem was that the media was right there and every step of the way the media was broadcasting certain things that you wouldn't want broadcast. You don't want other people to see and get excited. And as you see in this next slide, Chris I'm going to ask you to play that slide.

Chief Mark Wagner: What we had was 32 vans around city hall and what this did, the media coverage just fed the frenzy. (Plays video)

Chief Jeffrey Segal: And mind you this is just a small group of students and what they did, they had the idea, they saw what happened Saturday before that down around the stadium and as a result of what Chief Wagner said with the social media, that's the ideas that they had.

Chief Mark Wagner: What you are seeing is the police. They are trying to form a line and push the students out of the area across from Mondowin Mall and you are going to see how affective they are. One officer during this engagement was critically injured and you see the police officers carry the critically injured police officer back towards Mondowin Mall and they load him into a Bearcat, an armored car.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: And again as we discuss this you are going to see that the media is basically everywhere. Right now even the media is up there inside the hot zone where they really shouldn't be. The police had them restricted to certain areas, but even then they would still go around the corner, go down the street and sneak right in. You are going to see that they put themselves in harm's way. That is one of the challenges you will have as well as you provide EMS service and protection even for the media.

Chief Mark Wagner: A lot of the gear that the police is using, the shields the helmets and everything else is from the riots in the mid 60's and you can see how affective that was, when they were hit with bricks and rocks, they completely snapped in half, the shields.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So the media, Chris you can play this video. We will jump into it in about 20 seconds. You will notice that even with the nonlethal weapons that the police department was using the media was not exempling the non lethal weapons and they would say why didn't the police do more? Why didn't the police do less and this is one of the things we made sure we communicated with our personnel. It is not our decision as to what is right or wrong. Our responsibility is to make sure we had safe havens, an area where we can give EMS service and fire service that was our responsibility.

So this is at the south side of Mondowin, what you saw earlier where the police officer got injured, that was on the north side. This is what everyone else is seeing in the city,

the state and in the country. So this is really the spark that got it all started and the next thing you know this started to go into another area as Chief Wagner will explain, very close to the Mondwin area and the next thing we knew it started to spread very rapidly throughout the city.

And as you look at that you'll see the non lethal rubber bullets and rifle rounds that the police officers are using to try to disburse the juveniles and you'll see that it is starting to become really bad because not only are juveniles involved, 12, 13, 14 years old, you'll start seeing adults start getting involved in the violent, disruptive protesting.

Chief Mark Wagner: Now what you need to remember and what's great about having a fire audience you understand NIMS, ICS, and what a JIC is a Joint Information Center, we set up, the police set up Joint Information Center for all these reporters and what they did is feed this frenzy. This gentleman was shot with a rubber bullet.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So I'm going to stop it there because you hear the conversation and profanity which we do not want to use. The reporter was shot in the head with a rubber bullet. That was the problem we were faced in Baltimore early on and throughout the entire crisis.

Chief Mark Wagner: What you see here is the gentleman that was shot in the head with a rubber bullet up there in Mondwin. Like I said we tried to corral the media and put them in one place but they would constantly go out into the crowd and just feed the frenzy of the protest.

At 1627 hours at Pennsylvania and North which is really the epicenter of this protest. What started at Mondwin but took off at Pennsylvania and North, there were two Mass Transit Administration vehicles set on fire. They were a car and a van they were trying to break in. we had two of our units E 13 and T 16 responded and what happened and we aren't used to this because the fire department enjoys a terrific relationship with the citizens of Baltimore, when E 13 led off the supply line and began to attack the fire they were pelted with rocks and bricks and we immediately evacuated the area and left the hose and everything in the street.

We're going to skip this slide; it is a video of the cars burning.

Ok on the 27th at 1644 hours, we had the cars burning at Pennsylvania and North, adjacent to that was a CVS. The CVS, they broke into the CVS, they broke into a metro subway station, they were chased out of there, the protestors, they went to the adjacent building which was the CVS, they broke into that, and then they looted it and set it on fire. So just to give you a kind of analogy, it was the Mall scene, the metro break in, the MTA car and van fire, the CVS break in, the CVS looting and then the CVS fire.

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So on the 27th at about 1658, so the prior timeline was somewhere around 1630. At 1657 we issued a MEMAC, Baltimore City issued a MEMAC they were in touch with MEMAC for support. At 1700 the MEMA agency activated the State SEOC. And at 1715 hours we had groups of youths just all over the city looting and that's what the police were trying to control.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So within that short time frame things have materialized to the point where at 1730, within an hour and a half the Mayor actually had to declare an Executive order as a State of Emergency. That's when we staffed up and even prior to that we staffed up the EOC, the Fire Department also participated in the police watch center.

Then once we staffed that all up and made it a State of Emergency, within that short time frame, within 90 minutes or so there was different social media outlets that the city used to urge parents to come and get their kids because over in that area of northwest Baltimore, the subway was shut down, the mass transit busses for example were shut down so now what we had was the youths, we had some angry citizens all in the same area and they had no way out. So that's why the social media went out to the parents to come and get their children.

Chief Mark Wagner: Ok I said at the beginning of the presentation that social media hurt us that you have already seen but it also helped us. Chris if you could play this, you'll see what we are talking about. What you are seeing here and this was on TV, I was in the police watch center and the Mayor just happened to be in front of me and she goes, how's it going and I said I didn't know my mother was reincarnated as a black woman, cause if that had been me I would have had the same results.

This next slide, what you are going to see, listen to what this guy said. Listen to the name at the end of this. And you have to remember we are fighting the CVS fire and we've already gotten pelted with rocks. So you could hear him say Tyrone West. This gentlemen here he knew what he was talking about. He was still frustrated from 2013.

So we're going to jump into the BCFD operations and what we did during this timeframe.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: And right away since things was materializing and our resources were being really challenged we went right through the system of making sure we go through mutual aid. We were reaching out to our mutual aid partners the same thing that you would do and as you well know that's our direction there, you go local, you go through MEMAC the state, and you reach out from there, and that was happening all at once and our resources was being drained all over the city.

Chief Mark Wagner: So what this slide shows this is our typical foreground. You are going to see that we had actual 33, 33 actual fires that day, but this is what it

looked like. Is anyone from the audience from Howard County? You raise your hand. Thank you for the use of your apparatus. They were driving through an intersection and somebody threw a forty through the window of your apparatus. But we do really appreciate your help, as a matter of fact, we're gearing up for tomorrow and you are supplying us with equipment then. One of my Deputy Chiefs had stopped at a red light and they threw a forty through his window and they started to run over with the little Orioles bats, the little one foot bats, whatever they are, I guess they were going to give him a wood shampoo but he sped off and he's alright.

So what you see here, between on the 27th between 1500 hours on the 27th and 0600 the next morning we responded to an actual 33 fires. Now when I say that we had a lot more calls for fires but there were an actual 33 fires. As everyone in this room knows that's a ton of fires.

We actually had two three alarm fires, one was the CVS and the other was a senior citizen home that was under construction. The senior citizen home could have been a six or eight alarm fire but we just ran out of apparatus. We had 31, that day on the 27th we had 31 pieces of equipment in the city.

These are just the notable fires. As you notice there's a bunch of pharmacies. The Sun paper reported that 20 pharmacies were systematically hit and the drugs were stolen. So whether that was coordinated or not we still don't know that, it's still under investigation. However; the gentleman with the mask on, the gas mask that stabbed the hose, through facial recognition software at the police watch center, he was arrested about two weeks later and they pegged him for the crime of stabbing the hose and putting our men's lives in jeopardy.

What you see here is the aftermath or when it's going on, the CVS fire. Once again this is what it looked like. The guy with the shot gun was standing on the street protecting us so this is what we were dealing with on the 27th.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So the notable other fire and we're going to go to the next slide to help you understand, Chris go ahead and play this video and as we play this video you going to see that the fires was just jumping off all over the city. And um, that time, it didn't even get dark yet and we realized, ok, our resource is really being drained. One advantage we have in the city is that we have a lot of resources, but also we realize that after 911 it doesn't make a difference what jurisdiction you are from, you are going to need help and in this case, Chris if you can play the video on this one. You'll see why it doesn't make a difference what jurisdiction and how many resources you have after 911 and we learned we needed help.

Chief Mark Wagner: What this was is a senior citizen home. Chief Segal was in the EOC. I was in the watch office. We're watching all these cameras and all these fires. I

looked up and said thank God that's not Baltimore. One of the police officers said that is east Baltimore, Great.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Even the Mayor, in front of the Mayor at that time giving a briefing and basically feeling good about what we had in the city as far as resources. We actual told and I told the Mayor, hey we have this amount of fires. We have this amount of resources and we have mutual aid coming in from other jurisdictions and before we turned around she asked, where is that fire? I said Mayor we don't have any apparatus on that. It can't be here and the next thing you know within 30 seconds we realized that it was here, right there in Baltimore.

And on this here you can just see the mentality what was going on in the city and like what Chief Wagner said he had multiple fires out there but some of the fires he just could not send resources to because it was too dangerous and there wasn't any threat example like this one here. You can just see here the main artery in Baltimore City we just let the car burn. We couldn't do anything about it because we had other dwellings and structures on fire. And we can stop the video there.

Chief Mark Wagner: Ok when you look at that last video what you saw was North Avenue. There was about ten blocks of North Avenue that looked like Beirut after a bombing. And we'll get to that a little bit later also. During the 15 hours that I discussed on the 27th we actually had 134 reports of car fires. We actually extinguished 22 of those car fires because they were impinging on dwellings. The remainder, there were 55 that we knew about that were actual car fires and we let 33 of them burn because, what we did we had that three prong approach of the EOC, the Fire Operations Center and I was in the watch center. The watch center is where I was able to put eyes on almost every car fire so what we did was, if it wasn't flame impingement on a building or dwelling we let the car burn. The ones in the middle of the street we let, it wasn't worth having our members injured for car fires.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So what we had is a lot of resources and again we thank you as mutual aid partners. In the city and at one time as you can see on here we had over 80 some pieces of equipment from other jurisdictions.

Here's one thing noteworthy, if you see the red dots, we also had to keep in mind that we had to establish good traffic plans for the region because we have several hospitals, eleven hospitals in Baltimore City so the question that was coming to Chief Wagner and at the EOC from other jurisdictions was how in the world do we get to the hospitals? Because you are transporting sick and injured throughout the region so we had to make sure that we had traffic plans as well and make sure that we are communicating with you the region how to get to these hospitals and that was the task also because any given moment North Avenue may have been clear or this part of 95 may have been clear but the next thing you know within an hour or so, it wasn't safe to go that route. So we had that challenge as well.

Chief Mark Wagner: On this slide what that Baltimore has 620,000 to 622,000 citizens and it is 92 square miles, 82 which are land and the other are water. I had friends and so did Chief Segal think all of Baltimore is what you just saw, and that's not true, the hot zone, we kind of contained it like a Haz Mat. The hot zone was actually 22 blocks wide and that's what you see here by 16 blocks north to south. Now we did have incidents outside of the hot zone such as the Senior Citizen home and some other one alarm fires on the east side of town but the majority of our fires were inside this hot zone.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So the communications plan just to give you an idea and brief in minutes we really expanded and we had to expand our communications plan. We used basically every talk group we had and basically you can see and we had to expand our communications plan. We used basically every talk group we had and basically you can see even call taking we had to modify our call taking.

Chief Mark Wagner: We modified our call taking, go to the next slide, we have EMD and EFD, emergency medical dispatch and emergency fire dispatch that's how we prioritize our calls. We had to suspend that, we suspended that at 2100 hours. We suspended it because we usually send five engines, two trucks, two chiefs, and a medic unit on every box assignment. We had to quickly reduce it to two engines and a truck and then after midnight we reduced it to a single unit. We had single units on the air saying strike out the box. And communications, my wife works at communications would say you are the box. If you can't contain it, let us know and we'll try to find you some help and this just goes to the fact of mutual aid. Usually we dispatch our units and have mutual aid bump up and fill in our stations. That didn't happen that night. We were dispatching their units in route to our city to fires.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So we also used the strategy of prepositioning apparatus. For example there may be a protest on this one block and what we tried to do was make sure we stayed out of sight, out of mind, and we actually staged units about a block or two away and follow the peaceful demonstrators as they demonstrated and sometimes the disruptive demonstrators we actually shadowed them as they moved down the city streets. And that proved to be very effective because you were able to get resources in there right away. And at that time the police commissioner stated that if it's safe, we need you to get in there right away and put out this small trash fire because if you allow this small fire to burn and you have demonstrators there it's going to add to the atmosphere so it's safe, if we can do that, we tried to do that as we shadowed these, some of the disruptive demonstrators.

Chief Mark Wagner: What this slide shows, even, I keep talking about a three prong approach, of the EOC, the fire operations center, and watch center. We were not all in the same location. We were probably a mile apart in a triangle type configuration. What you see here is the BPD watch center. The watch center is the eyes and ears of,

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it's up to 7,000 cameras in Baltimore City, so what I did, I sat next to Lt. Sam Hood and I had my aid with me and we had two radios. We monitored the fire ground channel and the dispatch channel and we had the CAD in front of us. Every run that came up on the CAD before it was dispatched, we tried to lay eyes on that and we held that run in queue if it was in the Hot zone until we had people to go it with us or we were able to put our eyes on the scene to make sure our members were safe. This was a privilege to me to be in their watch center.

The watch center is like a 100 X 30 foot room and it's just full of computers and cameras and houses a system called Vixus, which is a video camera system. They do facial recognition, they have all kinds of fancy stuff and we're going to be brief because we are running out of time.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Then over at the Emergency Operations Center, you can see there that's where we had the Mayor, the Governor, the Fire Chief, and Police Chief and here's one of the things that is very important that you can take away from our experience and that is, my responsibility at that time as the Chief of the Fire Department, and there was a lot of operational things that I wanted to get involved in but I could not get involved in that. That's why Chief Wagner was there making operational decisions, even as the Chief of the Fire Department or if you are in the EOC and you have rank or responsibility that really means nothing. You have to stay there and get the mile high view and allow your operations Chief to take care of what's going on and what you find out later is the decisions that they make, nine times out of ten is probably better than you make. Therefore what you have to do is restrain yourself and allow the ICS system, what you have in place work and don't get in the way of it and muddy the water.

Chief Mark Wagner: What you see here is the watch office which is at Oldtowne Station and the guy behind the desk, and we have four of them that work four shifts, A, B, C, & D. They are charged with providing fire and EMS protection to the entire city. So what we did in the back of the building we have another room that is set up with a type IV IMP team and an operations section chief. They worked in unison to keep the city safe and the Operations Section Chief was in charge of the Hot Zone. That along with myself at the watch center putting eyes on everything that was going on, Chief Segal at the EOC, and the Captain of fire communications, we were all on the radio system together, and we systematically dispatched runs and made decisions. This is just our type IV team in the back, next slide.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: So in a point of showing you about the IMP, that IMP is very important because what happens with that IMP it allows you to put a plan together. We were able to put a plan together and have our IMP so that we could communicate with you, the region. For example when Howard County was there in our city, when Baltimore County was there in our city, and Annapolis and everyone else and BWI, you have a right to know where your apparatus is. You need to know as a chief when

you send something to a jurisdiction, what's going on. And that's how we were able to communicate with the region and others and even in side with our IMP through the IMP; a very valuable asset during this time.

Chief Mark Wagner: This is just a situation report and that's what we give all our partners. Now we email the IAP and the situation report to everyone on the fire ground, all the situational officers and to our regional partners.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: And also keep this in mind too with that IAP and the Incident Action Plan you can put out all the fires in the world, you can save lives and do a very good job during the crisis but the day after everything goes what's going to happen is the bean counters, accountants, city hall and etc is going to ask one big question and they going to ask, well how much? What did we spend and if you don't put things in place with that IMP and you don't have documentation, well this is what we spent and this is what we did and it's almost like an insurance police because when you go back and try to calculate and see what happened it's almost impossible to do that without IAP's.

Chief Mark Wagner: We have our IMT, our type IV IMT and the EOC is coming on line tomorrow at 0800 for the verdict and our IMT is there today making an IMP so we can send out to all of you so just in case we need assistance tomorrow.

Years ago I went to a symposium in DC and it was a gentleman, a General from the Israeli Army and he was talking how he protected his airport. He said the biggest thing you can do is after something like this, this protest, they have a bombing, is clean up. Clean up everything, get back to normal as soon as possible, and that's what you are going to see in these next slides.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: One of the lessons we learned, it's a positive lesson but it also a lesson on communications. Um, when everything was really jumping off in the city, we needed resources, for example within an hour or so we were starting to become drained in Baltimore City. We knew that we needed more, it was still day light and we couldn't get the resources we needed right away, so of course our system is that you go through the MEMA desk. We had the MEMA desk right there with us and when I went over to the MEMA desk after talking to Chief Wagner and Chief Wagner says to me, hey, look, I need three strike teams of engines, I need two strike teams of trucks, I need this amount of BLS units, this amount of ALS units and when we relayed that information to the MEMA desk, which is good and that's how you do that, the response was at that time, well it may be about two to three hours. And of course, you know my reaction; well the city is going to burn down by that time. We can't wait. So therefore what we did at that moment, we communicated well with the region and we are very thankful with the Chiefs in the region and the Operations Chief because we were able to go directly to them and go right back to the MEMA desk and work along with MEMA

and the MEMA desk was really good, and say hey, look this is what we have coming and communicate with them and not skip that step because that step is very important. But communicate that and work with the MEMA desk to get those resources there to you right away because we could not wait three hours.

Chief Mark Wagner: The second lesson was having enough trained personnel to man all these centers we keep talking about. We didn't have enough and you can see the bottom half how many hours we worked plus our day jobs. We were working during the day. Since then we do have an A and a B team for our IMT and a back fill for all of us in these centers that we will use should anything like this happen again.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: The other lesson that we learned was the IMT, the check in and checkout, to make sure we have a strong check in and check out and that's very difficult in a crisis, in the middle of a crisis.

Chief Mark Wagner: And tomorrow at 0800, at 0700 we're having check in and checkout for our Level 1 response at our fire academy, it's a secure area and we have learned since then that we have to hand out, we're not all on the same 800mhz radio system. We don't all use the same threads, we had units from DC, that's all part of the check in and check out.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: Yes and during the heat of the moment what happens is sometimes some of the units get diverted to an incident when they are coming in for mutual aid, but the importance is you got to check them in and use the strong ICS system because it helps you out later down the roadway. And our last lesson learned was that writing a report, you got to document things and just because you are in a crisis does not mean that your personnel does not write reports. We went to a short form but still you got to go ahead and record it and write it because if you don't write it then your providers don't take care of it then it doesn't happen normally. That was a lesson learned to make sure that they are still recording and documenting. So last we just want to make sure that everybody knows that this can happen anywhere.

Chief Mark Wagner: And what you will see in these next slides is LA, you can see Baltimore is everywhere, you can see that in the top left side, justice for Freddie Gray, it happened in Boston.

Chief Jeffrey Segal: New York, Seattle, and here in Baltimore. And one thing that is interesting to note, I looked at other cities, they were ok, these were big cities, but here's the thing to remember, when I looked at Ferguson, Missouri and if you Google it and you look at what's the population, the population is only of Ferguson is only 20 some thousand. So the point we are making is that it can happen in a small jurisdiction of 20 some thousand like Ferguson. It can happen in a big city like LA. It can happen in Baltimore, in other words, it can happen anywhere especially with the crisis we have in this country right now.

Chief Mark Wagner: And we are all hoping and praying that we are not invited back next year to talk about tomorrow, so thank you very much. We'd ask questions, we'll be here for a little while if anyone has questions, we kind of flew through this, this is actually an hour and half presentation that we tried to do in 40 minutes. So thank you very much. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: On behalf of the MSFA, Chief Wagner and Chief Segal we present you these to express our thanks, these certificates, and we would like to present you two bags, convention bags. Each of these bags is our convention bag, it has information of what's going on, along with that, President Roth's convention mug, there is one in each bag for you to use for water, thank you very much.

Chief Mark Wagner: My favorite thing is the 8X10 thing of Chief Richard Brooks, thank you very much. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Now I'll introduce outgoing President Johnie Roth for his remarks.

Past President Johnie Roth: Good morning, I certainly want to thank everybody for coming, uh, my report is on page 35 as I mentioned before. This if you will is my swan song, I certainly want to thank everybody for the four years of the association meetings, the convention meetings, and the banquets and that sort of thing that you have invited me to. We have done an awful lot this year; there is still a lot of work to be done. I want to thank all the committees as well as the chairmen that have taken it upon themselves to help the Maryland State Firemen's Association this year. I think we just made it a better association. We have a long way to go but with the leadership of Mike Davis, Mark Bilger, and Rick Blair think we are certainly on the right track. So, Mr. President I certainly thank you and wish you all the best, uh, in the coming year. It's going to be a long year and as I mentioned to you last night, just do your best and just have a lot of fun. We did have, we were very fortunate last night that Governor Hogan did come in for a brief time, spoke with us, took a whole bunch of pictures and that sort of thing. He is going to be participating in the parade this afternoon so if you get a chance, he loves fire fighters, so come on down and see the Governor as well as we presented him with a helmet on behalf of the association. So thank you very much, it's certainly been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming years, thank you. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Well we know Johnie's not going anywhere because he's going on the Executive Committee and serve for me as a liaison and also in his role as a Past President. But for you Johnie, I wanted to give you, this really, I'm giving you the first coin that Barbara Sue Nelson and I had made, it's a joint coin, on one side, on the ladies side it has the Ladies Auxiliary state seal, the company where she's from and her county seal along with the state flag and their years of service because they are

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going into 85 years of service. And also on our side it's our state seal, my county seal, and my company seal which is almost as old and our years of service and our names are engraved around the edge. I thought we would do something neat and different. So this is for you, thank you. (Applause)

Past President Johnie Roth: Thank you Mike and Mike has graciously given me the pleasure of introducing our next speaker. This gentleman was supposed to be here yesterday, but the good news is that his program is so good he was recognized yesterday in Virginia for his program and I want to make sure everyone is aware when he is coming on he's coming with his presentation as although you are school children out there. He'll be coming out in costume, he'll certainly be giving you the program from his perspective, but I want to make sure you are all in the right frame of mind so all of you that are young at heart go back a few years as though you are back in school.

I certainly want to give you a brief overview of this program. This program will introduce to you a new fire safety comic superhero that has been created to help spread the fire prevention message to children and their families. The Flash Max slogan is, "Stay Safe, and Stay Low". As with many comic superheroes, Flash Max also has a sidekick partner to assist him in his fire prevention 'mission'. Carried on Flash Max's arm, his name is 'Al'; it's Mr. 'Al-Arm', the smoke alarm! Together, Flash Max and Al-Arm team up to not only teach children how they can play a part in preventing home fires, but also how to know what to do in case a fire actually occurs. Flash Max's mission doesn't stop with just fire prevention education, however. He also brings forth the important moral life messages of health, respect, honesty, and being a good citizen in our communities. He is also an advocate for burned, injured, bullied, or otherwise traumatized children in a world where our children are bombarded by so many bad examples being set through modern television cartoons, social media, some professional athletes, and, sadly, even some uniformed public safety officials. Flash Max will set a model example as a role model kids can look up to and trust. (Applause)

Flash Max: Good morning boys and girls how's everybody doing today? That was a little weak guys, come on, how's everybody doing today? That's more like it, well good morning, my name is Flash Max and I am your fire safety super hero for children. And this is my partner, Mr. Al Arm the smoke alarm. Together our mission is to spread the important message of fire safety to children and families across Maryland and the United States of America.

Now boys and girls, home fire safety is a very important job, but it's everybody's job. I need your help so that I can help you be safe in your home. Everybody should have a smoke alarm in their home, in fact Al Arm and I like to have, everybody to have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home. Raise your hand if you have a smoke alarm in your home. Aw there's a few of you I see in the back, ok. Ok, that's good. Boys and girls there are a couple of things we can do to be safe in our homes and know what to do in case a fire happens.

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One of them is not only to install working smoke alarms in our homes and maintain them by checking the smoke alarm batteries but also to have a home fire escape plan that we practice with our families. Ok, so it's a two part thing. How many of you play sports? Raise your hand if you play sports, ok. Nobody plays sports? Guys this is an interactive program, you can raise your hand if you want too. None of you play sports, ok a few of you do, and ok that's good. So boys and girls what do you do before a game? You practice, that's exactly right, so that's the same with home fire safety, you practice your exit drills in the home. But before that we have to make sure our smoke alarms are working, right? Ok, we have to actually make sure these smoke alarms work by pressing the button and testing the battery. Where's my two helpers out there that want to come up here and help me, there they come, a young lady and a young gentleman. Hello sir, what is your name: Nathan, Nathan why don't you turn around and face all the other boys and girls. What is your name: Joshlyn, Joshlyn well good morning? Today you guys are going to help me test this smoke alarm by pressing the test button. Do you want to try it first Nathan by just pressing the button, there you go, very good. (Alarm sounds) Alright, how about you Joshlyn, you want to try? (Alarm sounds) Very good, now boys and girls when you hear that noise in the middle of the night, you will know what to do because you practice your home fire escape plan, that's why it is so important. Everybody give Nathan and Joshlyn a big hand, good job guys. (Applause)

Ok, very good, now boys and girls, sadly as safe as we are in our homes and as much as we practice our home fire escape plans, we can still have an accidental home fire. We can't keep all the fires from happening in your homes but what we can do is to make sure we know what to do when one does happen. Because we have a common enemy, we do, I call him Blaze and Blaze is a very sneaky, sly little fellow and he can get into your home without you knowing. But with Al Arm and smoke alarms like him you can know when a fire is happening, like Blaze. Ok, everybody think they can help me with that, ok. Something happening, (Al Arm sounds alarm), Al Arm, is something happening do you smell smoke. Al Arm is telling me something guys, what's going on? When you hear this noise there may be smoke or fire in your home boys and girls. Let me look over here, no fire over there, no fire over there, Blaze! We have a fire in our home boys and girls, what are we going to do?

Well fortunately you practiced your home fire escape plan so you know what to do, you stay low and go, and get out and stay out, every time boys and girls, even if you left your favorite pet or your favorite toy in your home. You go out and stay out and meet at your family's meeting place and stay there.

Now boys and girls we have one important job to do together, we must get the fire department here because it is not your job to fight the fire, that's for the fire department. Who can tell me the special number we call to get the fire fighters to come. Who can tell me on the count of three, let's see if we can make Blaze go away. On the count of

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three we are going to say 9-1-1. We ready, one, two, three (Audience replies 9-1-1) guys, did you guys have your coffee this morning. Let's try it again, let's make Blaze go away, ok, let's get the fire fighters here so they can do their job, ok on the count of three, ready, one, two, three (Audience replies 9-1-1) alright boys and girls. Give yourselves a big hand. (Applause)

Excellent job boys and girls, well you have been very good. There's one more thing I need to talk to you about and that's what happens if your clothes catch on fire. Let me have my special helpers up here again. Come on, is your name still the same. What is it? Your names yes, no. What's your name, Nathan, and your name is, Joshlyn, you guys can laugh at my jokes. Ok, Nathan and Joshlyn, what do you do if your clothes catch on fire? Stop, drop and roll, there you go so ok, on the count of three we are going to stop, drop to the ground and roll over to make the fire go out, ok. Ready, on the count of three, one, two, and three. Stop, drop to the ground, and cover your face, and roll over. Very good, ok you can get up now. Ok you guys can have a seat now thanks a lot. (Applause)

Boys and girls you have been great listeners today, I appreciate it. Flash Max the fire safety book for children is due out sometime this fall, please stay tuned, there are some flyers in the back. You can pick them up for the information on that. I appreciate your attention, take care, if you need any other information there is an 800 number on the card. Take care, God bless and have a good time at Ocean City. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Got the bags, go ahead and go out into the center. First off I'd like to thank you on behalf of the MSFA, a little resolution of thanks for you, for your safety lesson today. I've seen it before; it's only getting better every time actually, so thank you very much. (Applause) Along with that we present each of you a convention bag, I know you have fire in your hands; we don't want to set that on fire. In each one of those, we want to present you President Roth's convention mug for the 124th convention. There is one for both of you, thank you very much.

Now I present you Teresa Crisman for a presentation.

Teresa Crisman: Like yesterday we talked about departments doing something special in their neighborhood to educate children to make sure they are doing the right thing.

On January 11, 2016, this precious girl saved our home and our lives. As her mom was in the kitchen making an after school snack and starting dinner, she heard Terese shout "Momma! There's a fire under my horse table!" she ran through the dining room and into the family room finding that the surge protector was on fire and sparking. She was able to unplug the protector and cut off the light switch. Terese had her wits about her because she had just learned valuable lessons on Fire Safety from the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad of Valley Lee.

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The department had just recently been to Little Flower School where she attends. During their visit they conducted a fire and life safety presentation.

When the fire started Terese quickly remembered everything she had been taught by the department and its members. She remembered that she needed to get out and have her family get out because fire was bad. As she had already gathered up her little brother and her dog she headed out the door and shouted "we all meet at the mailbox where there is healthy air".

Due to the efforts of the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad of Valley Lee, Terese acted heroically and did what was important when an emergency came out.

So today we commend the department and wish to bestow on the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad of Valley Lee and Terese these resolutions from the State.

Congratulations and Job Well Done.(Applause)

President Michael Davis: Handed microphone to an officer of the Second District Volunteer Fire Department.

Officer: Second District Fire Department: The Second District Volunteer Fire Department presents this plaque to you in recognition of what you have done. Thank you. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Thank you, that's a very good job. Now it's my turn, we'll go a little out of order this morning, just trying to get that presentation in, and get everybody for you today. Now it's my turn.

So as I said yesterday, you know and like Johnie's been saying we're learning from the past building for the future and I'm all about along with that, using our past to make sure we don't do what we did before and that's one of the things we are doing through our strategic planning. We are looking to the future from our past and we're going to do what we can to make sure that we get everybody involved. That's been my theme, you may have noticed it, volunteer, get involved and that's part of our whole goal. You know we've looked at our mottos and we're going to follow our mottos, this is a business structure that we're going to keep going that way, you know otherwise if we fail to stay in business we fail to support you. And as I said everybody is across the same level from the fire engine, riding the back of the fire engine all the way up through the administration of the fire company. Everybody matters and if we don't hear from you we don't know what to do or what we need to do for you. And so it's imperative you get involved as much as possible and I hope coming up we have some great events planned, keep an eye on it and actually the first convention, excuse me the

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first part of the celebration is going to be the Executive Associative Meeting starting at Arbutus, in Baltimore County, which we had the pleasure of doing, we are very proud of that. That will be on August 27th, that weekend; we have a lot of great events planned. Some things do require registration ahead of time because it's such a large event. We need you to look on line and keep an eye on that.

I look forward to kicking that off, we have four locations throughout the year in very key spots where the fire companies that originally formed the association, charter companies were in. and I can't say enough about the support I have had and the support we are getting in going into the future has been tremendous. Past President Roth, I can't thank him enough where he got us started because of him and his leadership and Chairman Jim Seavey that we've gotten to where we are and keep pushing through and my Chairman Doug Simpkins is right there in line with the rest of us pushing us along making sure we are doing the right thing for the right people, the right cause, we're here for you as the state association of Maryland, to be one of the best, if not the best there is to be fire association for the volunteers I should say for the State of Maryland. So thank you.

Now, yes First Vice President Mark Bilger.

First Vice President Mark Bilger: Good morning. President Davis, 2nd V.P. President Blair, Officers and members of this great Association, my fellow delegates and alternates, clergy and distinguished guests. I want start by thanking the officers and members of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine and Hose Co. No. 1 and the officers and members of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association for their continued support. I also want to congratulate President Davis and 2nd Vice President Blair on their new positions with this great organization. Finally, I want to thank everyone in Maryland who serves as a volunteer emergency first responders. Your dedication and professionalism is what makes Maryland a safer place for all of us and our families.

Thank you for coming, enjoy the rest of the time at the beach. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Thank you Mark, I appreciate your remarks. Now we're going to Second Vice President Rick Blair.

Second Vice President Rick Blair: Thank You Mr. President. I want to thank the members of the Western Enterprise Fire Company in Hagerstown, the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company and the Clear Spring Ambulance Company for their support and assistance. In addition, I would like to thank all my friends and family, particularly my wife Roslyn without whose support I could not have gotten this far.

I would like to also thank and congratulate the officers of the MSFA and all of the

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people who have devoted their time, expertise and energy to make the MSFA and this convention the great organization and event that this has become. I look forward to working with all of you and it is by working together that we can accomplish great things and improve the education and public safety of the fire service and serve the people of the great state of Maryland.

I hope that I can add my experience and skills to further the MSFA and make the next 125 years even more productive and memorable than the preceding 124. Looking back on all the previous presidents of the MSFA, those are tough shoes to fill to insure the continued harmony, political efforts and continued operations of the organization. It was the past presidents who laid the framework for us to build upon and we owe them a debt and a responsibility to continue and enhance their and your organization.

I want to thank all of you as the newest 2nd Vice President of the MSFA. You are the MSFA and I ask for your help in guiding me through my first term and helping the MSFA in the future.

Thank you Mr. President (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Thank you Rick, I appreciate your comments and look forward to working with you over the next year, now Secretary Doyle Cox., Past President.

Secretary Doyle Cox: Good morning, uh, as the secretary I am here to serve you in any capacity we can do, get correspondence going and so if you need any help in the Secretary's department, please contact me, thank you. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Thank you sir, now I'll introduce Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

Treasurer Ron Siarnicki: Well good morning; it's a pleasure to see you all here. The finance team has been working through the expenses of the convention. If anybody has any reimbursements that need to be done, please see Bobby Jacobs down in the finance room.

I did not have to be elected because I am on a two year cycle so there is no new officer commitment but there is a statement that the finance team is going to continue to move forward insuring the fiscal responsibilities of the association are met. So I appreciate your support for the finance team and what everybody's been doing to make sure that our financial status is solid, I just want to say thanks for all your help and support.

Also I would take a moment to do the convention report while I am here since there are a lot of little things going on behind the scenes. All of the activities have shown

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to be pretty good. I must say that Jolly Roger hit the 2,000 mark for attendance, our largest ever so I hope you guys had a great time there. Prayer breakfast was over 200 people today. It looks like our numbers are up as far as attendance. Our exhibitors are really happy because of the amount of floor traffic both Monday afternoon and Tuesday which are our toughest days seem to be pretty positive. The corn hole competition went off. We have winners, we had several teams involved. We had six Mack fire trucks for the rally. And of course the ghost walk went pretty well too.

So we got the parade today. We have a few more activities and again I will stress if there is anything you think will help improve your convention and conference, please contact me or anyone on the steering committee or the convention committee because we want to make sure we meet your expectations. It's great to be at the beach. I want to thank my entire committee for all they do all year to make sure everything comes together and I appreciate your support, thank you. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Ron thank you very much, you can't say, like he says behind the scenes you just can't imagine there's literally like several fire departments that work back behind there to keep this going and then some and it keeps going beyond that. I do sincerely thank you and um, next we have Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke.

Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke: Thank you Mr. President. I want to thank everyone for their support for the last two years. I look forward to serving the association as your Financial Secretary for the next two. Thank you. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Thank you Mitch, short and sweet. Chief Chaplain John Long.

Chief Chaplain Long: Thank you Mr. President, we're here to help you with anything you need. If you have a Chaplain and they don't get email from me send me an email, I'll keep them informed, thanks.

President Michael Davis: Thank you John, now Board of Trustees Chairman Dan Carpenter.

Trustee Dan Carpenter: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guest. I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in electing me to another term of Office on the Board of Trustees. It is a tremendous privilege for me to serve this great Association on the MSFA Board of Trustees. I would like to thank my company, Potomac Heights VFD & RS, the Southern Maryland Vol. Firemen's Assoc., and everyone who supported me and helped me to be elected to the Office of Trustee. I have the experience, will, dedication and commitment to serve the Office of the MSFA Board of Trustees.

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One of the biggest challenges we have is to get the forms and paper work submitted to us.

If you have someone injured or died in the Line of Duty, PLEASE get hold of one of the Trustees. Look up Trustees on the MSFA web site (msfa.org). Again, I thank you all. (Applause)

President Michael Davis: Is Commander for the VFW Bob Shiflner in the building. If he is could you report back stage, we have a presentation for you.

At this time I'd like to call Past President David Keller to install the officers. And please would the following officers please come, Assistant Secretary Shirley Copado, Nancy Cox, Diana Gunther, Nancy Scott, Thomas W. Scott, Assistant Treasurer George Fred Cross, Wylie Donaldson, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbie Aaron, Assistant Chaplains Rev. Frederick Bahr, Deacon Charles Barnhart, Rabbi Kenneth Block, Michael Bowen, Rev. Harry Hetz, Rev. Marvin Jackson, Pete Walbert, Office of the Attorney Michael Farlow, Esquire, Assistant Attorney Ashley Daughbaugh, Office of the Parliamentarian Richard Brooks III, Ken Bush, Tyler Patton, and William Wagner, and John Fisher from the Executive Committee.

Past President Keller: (Administered the oath of office without a microphone)

President Michael Davis: Thank you Dave, It was a pleasure. I appreciate all the officers this year. And what I wanted to do for Mr. Shiftner as Commander of the VFW Post 8296 here in town, some of you may have noticed or don't know but the main house in Ocean City has been under construction and that's been where our behind the scenes crews, Ron's sister and everybody, a lot of these guys walking around, that's how we get fed and you know anything else we need it's kind of like we always used that as a command post and a feeding post location and since that was under construction and wasn't quite ready yet, so actually with the help of Mike LeCompte the Safety guy and everybody pulled together they literally just gave us the keys to the place and let us do whatever we needed to do. Many of you were there last night with me and I appreciate that and they have just been a big help so I'm going to present a certificate of recognition for them and also I give them one of our challenge coins. I'll make sure to catch up with him to do that, but I just wanted to say a big thank you to them, you know its all part of the team work and we appreciate it.

Now is there any unfinished business. Any unfinished business, no unfinished business we'll move on. Is there any new business, any new business, last call for any new business?

Alright; no new business, is there anything for the good of the association. Is this for the good of the association?

Tim Ganley: Good morning everyone, my name is Tim Ganley and I want to

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congratulate the incoming officers of our association and to take this time to announce that I seek the office of Second Vice President at next year's convention. I would appreciate the support of all of you and I hope to do a good job for you should I be elected. Mr. President, thank you for your time.

President Michael Davis: Thank you Mr. Ganley. Anything further for the good of the organization, last call for good of the organization, ok.

Now if we could have all the members of the Executive Committee to come up for introduction. If you are present, please come up, that will be Chairman Doug Simpkins, James Seavey, Richard Smith, Charlie Simpson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Davis, hold on a second, Chief Tome, is that all of you, Mike Faust, and Justin Towles. This is our new Executive Board, thank you. (Applause) Thank you Mr. Seavey and I missed Tim Dayton, thank you.

And here the moment we've all been waiting for the mouth of the south, from the center island down there, Mr. Lou Jonske and followed along with the Maryland Fire Prevention Queens to pick the winning tickets for the \$10,000 raffle.

Lou Jonske: Good morning everybody this is what everybody's been waiting for all week. I've got some money to give away but first I'd like to thank the officers and the MSFA for all the help we got with this raffle. The \$10,000 raffle committee has been busy selling chances since Ocean City convention last year. We usually attend the Harford County Fair, the Darlington Apple fest, the Ocean City Sunfest, Bel Air Bar B Q bash, and the Ocean City Springfest. But this year Mother Nature wasn't very good to us and the Darlington Apple Festival was cancelled due to weather, bad weather. We lost probably \$2,500 to \$3,500 bucks because of that. Ocean City Spring Fest was also rained out three of the four days and we made \$2,800 instead of anywhere from \$9,000 to \$10,000. The best thing that we had going for us this year is that the Ocean City Sun Fest produced a record of almost \$11,000 in sales.

We distributed 130,000 tickets to the MSFA and the MSFALA and as of today we have collected back about \$49,000. We have sales on the counter downstairs so far and that's not counting today of almost \$6,000. Like I said I would like to thank all my committee and all the people that worked all year long to make this the success that it was. Thank you very much and now I'm going to, these three lovely young ladies are going to help me, four, Anna is here too, four lovely young ladies are going to help me with these chances.

Ok let's have the first winner. Dig deep they told me, dig deep. I just heard a word up here it better not be Linda or Bill Dousa this year. This year the \$10,000 winner is Maryland City Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause) Does that go to show you that an extra \$100 can win you an extra \$10,000, maybe next year all the fire departments

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will turn in their tickets in instead of just a couple that do.

Alright let's have the second one. The next winner is: Wayne Van Tassel, 301-579-6165, Wayne are you here. By the way that's what he won was \$2,500.

And we are going to draw the third prize of \$1,500. Third prize goes to Rose Eaton, 410-491-5963. Oh my God I got to hold all that money.

Forth prize \$1,000, goes to Joyce Kiel, 443-683-2044; oh my God I got to carry all that money.

Fifth prize coming up, I got to carry this money around all year now I got to carry it around to find these people, the winner of the \$750 prize is Bobby McDonald, 301-442-4136; still another one not here.

Sixth prize coming up, ok the sixth prize is Marty Salisbury, 717-881-4909; not here either.

Seventh prize, ok seventh prize, Vince Culina, 410-446-0539, Vince are you here.

Ok we have three \$100 prizes coming up, eighth, ninth, and tenth.

Eighth prize is Chris Winkler, 301-471-7014, is number eight.

Ninth prize, number nine is Rockville Volunteer Fire Company, Rockville, Maryland.

And the tenth prize, last but not least, and the last prize is A. Hawkins, 443-455-2322, Mr. A. Hawkins are you here or Mrs. Hawkins, whatever.

Ok guys' thank you very much and we are looking forward to next year. We already have tickets ready. If anybody wants tickets for next year come down to my raffle stand and I will let you have them. They are not discounted now; they won't be discounted until convention of next year, thank you.

President Michael Davis: Would you like a minute. I'll give the Miss Fire Prevention Queens a minute to give you a quick impromptu speech.

Sierra Smallwood: High, my name is Sierra Smallwood and I'm from Washington County and I just want to say that I am so excited to work with all of you and get to travel our wonderful state, if you need anything feel free to contact me, thank you.

Emily Reaver: Good morning or good afternoon or is it still morning. My name is Emily Reaver, I'm from the New Windsor Fire Department in Carroll County as well as

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Sierra , just feel free to contact me and reach out, I'm so excited for the following year, thank you.

President Michael Davis: Thank you ladies, I really appreciate it. Thank you Lou Jonske for you and your team for raising that money, that money goes back into the general fund and it actually supports us, the vehicles, and the general fund, it's much needed. Congratulations to Maryland City on the big win. That's why everybody needs to buy all those tickets; you never know you can win.

With that a real quick announcement for the judges and officers the busses leave at 1200 hours. We do not wait past 1200 hours so if you need to be one of those people on that bus you need to be there at 1145 hours to make sure you are on it, please.

And with no further to do, I'd like to thank you for attending this great convention that we have every year in this great city of Ocean City, Maryland. Our next convention will reconvene the week of June 17th to the 23rd, 2017. And I need a motion to close, excuse me, rescind that motion. We are going to call for Chaplain Barnhart for closing. Make it a prayer, not a sermon.

Chaplain Barnhart: Please rise if able for prayer. Let us pray, gracious Father we give you thanks for this successful convention and conference for this year. Bless our new officers now as they lead us into the future. Father we ask you to be with this great body as we celebrate today during the parade, we ask for safe travel for those who will be returning home and go back to their respective departments to do the work that we have been trained to do. And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all until we meet again, Amen.

President Michael Davis: Thank you Charlie, God bless, now once again, I need a motion to adjourn. So moved, motion by Doug Simpkins, second by Mitch Vocke, all in favor, opposed; we will reconvene June 17th through the 23rd, 2017 in the great city of Ocean City, Maryland. Thank you and be safe. (Gavel closes convention)

Report of the President

First Vice President Davis, Second Vice President Bilger, Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, Delegates, and Guests to the 124th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, it's hard to believe that my three-year journey through the leadership of the MSFA has come to an end. It has truly been a privilege and an honor to serve this great association as your President. This year has been filled with many challenges, true adventures, and has established life long friendships and memories for me. As your President I traveled almost 40,000 miles this year representing this association from one end of the Great State of Maryland to the other attending county association meetings, fundraisers, special events, and banquets. Marcia and I would like to thank you all for your hospitality and friendship shown us wherever we traveled.

My special thanks go out to the Officers, Members, and Auxiliaries of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, the Berlin Fire Company, the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, and the Level Volunteer Fire Company that hosted my Executive Committee Meetings. I would also like to thank the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Alumni Association and the Maryland City Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for hosting our joint MSFA-LAMSFA Officer Reception and Christmas Party. I would also extend a special thank you to both the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department and the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company that allowed MSFA Committee meetings and training sessions that were held throughout the year. A profound "thank you" to both the Southern Maryland and Harford-Cecil County Associations for your hospitalities during my year. To my home companies of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Alumni Association, Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association thank you for your undying financial support.

To Chief James Seavey and Mary Seavey, words will never express my love, support, and appreciations for all that you've shown my family and me. To Past President Paul Sterling and Joseph Chornock thank you for always being there for me from the beginning and being my life support system. I would also like to thank both First Vice President Mike Davis, Second Vice President Mark Bilger, members of the Executive Committee and all MSFA Committees that provided their time and energy in making this a successful year for this association. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Past Presidents of the MSFA and the LAMSFA for their friendship and guidance these past three years on navigating and resolving the many issues that face each and every President.

I would like to thank both MSFA Fire Prevention Ambassadors Miss Fire Prevention Susan Hilton and First Runner-up Gabrielle "Gabby" Kerby. You ladies are great representatives and have spread the messages of Fire Prevention to both the young

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and the young at heart all over this great state. I totally enjoyed our travels, experiences, and adventures that we shared traveling the state this year together. Thank you.

I would like to thank MFRI Director Edwards, MIEMSS Chairman DeVries and Executive Director Dr. Seaman, Adjutant General of Maryland Singh, MEMA Director Strickland, MSP Superintendent Pallozzi and MSP Aviation Commander Major Lioi, Maryland Fire Marshall Geraci, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Vice President Doyle, DNR Supervisor Mitchell, NFF Executive Director Chief Siarnicki, and MFCA President Thompson for their partnership and work with the Maryland State Firemen's Association on very important and timely issues for all Volunteers.

The MSFA-MFCA SAFER Grant Oversight Committee has been moving forward this year in the spirit of unity and harmony and has successfully hired an overall Grant Manager and Project Coordinators for both the MSFA and MFCA, all paid for under the grant guidelines. This group headed this year by Tim Ganley of the MSFA, has established policies and guidelines that MUST be followed in order of the smooth distribution of these federal funds.

This year new and old challenges faced the Maryland State Firemen's Association from transitioning to the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician program for NEW providers to whether or not counties within Maryland would have the opportunity to "Opt Out" of current Maryland law that requires New Single Family Homes constructed to have a residential sprinkler system installed.

During this year's administration NEW Candidates wishing to acquire Emergency Medical Technician status got caught up in the transition of Maryland EMT to the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician program. Students who completed an EMT course between October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, who had failed the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) exam or had not yet taken the NREMT Exam, were placed into a "SIPS" (students in process category) in an effort to buy time for the students to take a "PREP Class" or to resolve the current situation. The MSFA has from the start asked for MIEMSS and the Maryland EMS Board to grant a Maryland EMT card to those students in the "SIPS" category since they had already successfully passed the MFRI course and had tested out with the difficulties that have transpired. The Maryland EMS Board was unable to fulfill the MSFA request but on December 1, 2015 issued a Maryland Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) card to those almost 700 students. The process continues to be resolved with a search to find a suitable exam sanctioned by MIEMSS that could be given on a one time only basis for those "SIPS" students. The advanced material taught, the hours required, and the testing process has greatly handicapped the volunteers in acquiring their EMT. The MSFA has been working as hard as possible with MFRI and MIEMSS to bring this to a cohesive resolution but the two-year window for these students is closing quickly. A six-month extension has recently been granted for those students only. Please don't delay take the test as soon as possible. Students that were identified in the "SIPS-

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LIMBO" category were granted a Maryland EMR Card in December from MIEMSS but there remains many jurisdictions throughout the state that don't recognize the card for minimum staffing or transporting a patient to the closest medical facility. The Chairman of the EMS Board last year assembled a task force group to work on resolution to the transition problems and is also working on creating a bridge from EMR to NREMT but this is in its infancy stages and the committee is working to expedite the process.

The Maryland State Firemen's Association's Legislative Committee, led by Chairman and PP Stephan Cox and Vice Chairman Richard Smith and his committee members of Chuck Walker, John Spiker, and PP Bernie Smith and the Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee Chairman Jeff Thompson and his committee members worked hand-in-hand all year long with the State Fire Marshalls Office, the NFFF, NFPA, and the National Fire Sprinkler Association that defeated House Bill # 19 in committee 16-6-2. This small group worked tirelessly all year long speaking to legislators and providing side-by-side burn demonstrations all over the state. The MSFA received a grant this year to assemble two trailers available for side-by-side burn demonstrations. Each are strategically placed within the state and are available upon request to Chairman Jeff Thompson. We must not let down our guard in future years on this important legislative issue, as we're sure that future attempts will be made to change or water down this important law that protects not only Marylanders but also our Volunteer and Career Firefighters.

Other bills of interest that affected the MSFA included the Hate Crimes-Prohibitions and Protected Classes-Expansion to Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders which never bolstered support and never left the committee, Aggressive Drunk Driving bills (Noah's Law) which was passed, the Arson Burning, Malicious Destruction and Theft failed to be passed, Income Tax Credit – New Dwellings – Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems which just ran out of time to be voted on in the final session, the and Rental Dwelling Units - Carbon Monoxide Alarms which passed. This year the MSFA requested our annual operating budget to Governor Hogan with an additional request of \$75,000 to the MSFA Widows and Orphans Fund. I'm happy to report the budget passed and the MSFA Widows and Orphans Fund was granted a \$50,000 increase thanks to Governor Hogan and his staff. The afore mentioned bills are just a small sample of those bills that were proposed or submitted by the Maryland Legislature and there were numerous other bills that were either monitored, supported, or not supported during the legislative session by the MSFA Legislative Team.

This was the year mandated by the MSFA that required the President to hold a planning retreat. After a few delays on location, funding, as well as topics for this event it was decided by Chairman James Seavey and myself to hold a Leadership-Planning Summit with the goal of inclusion and participation of the members. The summit was scheduled in March 2016 with the three MSFA Presidents, all MSFA Executive Committee members, select leaders of key Committees with this organization, the

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President of the LAMSFA and was facilitated by members of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association. The summit took place March 4, 5, and 6, 2016 at the William F. Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland and was attended by 23 members of the MSFA and one from the LAMSFA (the LAMSFA President was unable to attend but the Senior Vice President Barbara Sue Nelson attended) with the three facilitators. The leadership of the MSFA has vowed to move the organization forward and is in harmony with the topics discussed and will make every effort to move the recommended solutions to move this organization forward and to encourage future participation of our younger leaders. Since the weekend leadership/summit occurred the leaders of the MSFA as well as the Executive Committee are actively moving forward to implement the recommendations agreed upon that are both long and short term and more information will be disseminated in the very near future.

This year the MSFA and LAMSFA partnered together to hold the 1st Annual Cancer Support 5K Hope Walk in historic Annapolis, Maryland. The profits of the walk will go towards the Maryland State Firemen's Association Cancer Support Committee to assist with funding to purchase items that are given free of charge to any Volunteer or Career Firefighter, Rescuer and their families that are suffering from any form of Cancer. It is the intent of this committee to educate our membership on dealing with cancer and any possible prevention lessons learned. It is my hope that this will be an annual fundraising event for both the MSFA and LAMSFA until a cure for Cancer can be a reality.

In an effort to continue the tradition of raising money for the Bessie Marshall Fund I chose to reinstitute the coat and tie policy for the Sunday Executive Committee Meetings or pay a modest \$5.00 fine. LAMSFA President Byrd and I had raffle baskets filled with goodies at each of those meetings as well to raise money. And finally I challenged MSFA Past President Dave Keller to a "shave off" challenge of his full beard that he recently sported in an effort to raise even more monies. Thank you to Dave for being such a good support for a great cause. I'm happy to report that these efforts have raised enough money to fund one entire case for the Bessie Marshall fund.

To my family and the loves of my life, Marcia, Eric, Rachel, Crissy, and my son in law Toby, thank you for your love, your encouragement, and your understanding these last several years and for sharing me with the MSFA. Marcia, I could never have done this without you as my best friend, my advisor, and my counselor. I love you very much.

I have been blessed with other exceptional extended friends and family from the LAMSFA. Kevin Byrd and Kelly Otta, I can't thank you enough for being the life support system and my go to partners for both Darby and me these last three years. And Darby Byrd my partner in crime within the LAMSFA what can I say. I look at the all planning that we did for the last three years and reflect on everything we accomplished this year as a team. Right from the installation we participated in the Pajama Parade, walked the entire MSFA Parade route, acquired and donated a ceremonial bell to the

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Maryland Memorial Fire and Rescue Foundation, attended all three years shared the experiences of the NFFF weekend, plunged into the Chesapeake Bay for Maryland Special Olympics in the Polar Bear Plunge, the too many Cotton Candy Events, and all the others. We are really sooooo much alike. I personally can't think of a better partner to have shared this ride with and to have made all those memories with. Our families have truly bonded into one for life. Much thanks and love to you and your family.

And so in closing, I would like to wish the incoming officers of the MSFA and LAMSFA all the best in the coming years and offer and pledge my support in the future, and if I'm allowed to give some friendly advice, make it a Great Year, give it your all, but most important have fun.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK EACH AND EVERY VOLUNTEER in the Fire and Rescue Service whether your active, administrative, or ladies auxiliary for your dedication to your communities, your state, and your country and on a personal note a thank you for your friendship and support to me and for giving me the greatest honor and opportunity in serving you as your President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for 2015-2016. This has been the "Experience of a Lifetime".

Respectfully submitted,
Johnie F. Roth, Jr., President

Report of the First Vice President

President Roth, 2nd Vice President Bilger, Chairman James Seavey, Sr., Members of the Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, Members and Guests. The past year had been a busy yet very productive one for the MSFA. President Roth has given this association great leadership and direction despite having to deal with several unforeseen issues that surfaced under his tenure. The biggest issue was that of the Nation Registry EMT program transition. It was unfortunate that over 800 students were caught between former Maryland EMT training and testing processes who were unable, usually through no fault of their own, to successfully pass the new NREMT testing that was recently enacted by MIEMSS. The passing rate on average was only about 35% on the first try! President Roth along with his special taskforce and the membership of the MSFA, have been working tirelessly on resolving this issue. President Roth has spent countless hours attending meetings, along with the presidents and committee members, meeting with the MIEMSS and MFRI staff and the Governor's Staff members as well to fix this issue. I am happy to report these students have been making their way through the transition and re-testing process but we still have several that need help. In order to keep the new NREMT process flowing with greater success, President Roth has agreed to stay on as the NREMT/MIEMSS and MFRI Liaison. This will ensure we are doing the best we can for our member students. I look forward to working through this issue together as we both feel no one student

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that has been affected by the past transition or any future issues, should go it alone.

As we traveled throughout the state attending executive meetings and neighboring state's conventions, we were taking notes along the way. We have been constantly looking at ways to bring in new and younger membership to the MSFA and the Fire, Rescue, EMS services of our membership as well. More and more, we find departments and our association working with less help, and limited resources that seem to dwindle more every year. Funding usually stays the same but the cost of equipment, insurance, and day to day operations go up and that becomes a problem. Not only does it take money to make money, it takes money and personnel to stay safe and efficient in the fire service. With the lack of volunteers and available members to be able to help fundraise and support their companies, the Fire, Rescue, and EMS companies become more reliant on their community or county for financial support. Many times, the municipalities are in the same boat and we're caught in a tough place trying to provide a service for our community with limited resources. In listening to the reports given at these various state and association meetings, we keep hearing the same common theme as I just described. We need more members. We need them to stay longer. We need the capitol, equipment, and facilities to be able to provide these services to our communities. We have been listening and we recently have made a commitment to help the MSFA grow and follow a strategic plan to guide us on that journey. If we can grow our involvement and organization, that will help empower us to grow our member's companies too.

This past year, MSFA Executive Members, Officers, Past Presidents and select Committee Chairs, all met for a weekend long retreat, as stated in our by-laws. The purpose was to discuss our mission, past, present, and future goals, accomplishments, weaknesses, strengths, and what we need to do to keep us heading in the right direction. This event was graciously run by members of the South Carolina State Firefighter's Association. The retreat was quickly re-termed a Strategic Planning meeting. During the sessions, we were all collectively assigned tasks to highlight our greatest areas of interest. The strengths and weaknesses of those areas were then worked on. This has given us a foundation of where to go forward to make this association even better. Funding, communication, and reaching the next generation were just some of the many topics we are committing to working on going forward. I am more than excited to find new ways for us to reach out to the younger generation both in the volunteer fire service as well as those who think they might be interested and need recruited. I also can't say "Thank You" enough, to the fine folks of the South Carolina State Firefighter's Association for guiding us through this event. I look forward to being able to share more from their convention this year.

I am committing to reaching out to our current and future members through better social media, advertising, recruitment events, and enhancing our own communications infrastructure. I want to convey the message of "get involved" in everything we do.

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We seem to have a large gap in generations lately in the fire service. I see many younger members that need to be involved in the administration of the fire services and associations throughout the state. The future of the volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS service depends on you. I realize there are many times the older and younger generations "butt heads" on issues. We all need to find a mutual ground to work on just like at a fire scene. We need to realize we are here for the common good. Times have changed and are still evolving at a rapid pace. We need to teach our younger energetic members patience and our older generations need to help guide these folks with their knowledge. The younger generations today typically have both spouses that work full time, have more personal responsibilities, and seem to have less time to dedicate to the volunteer services. Couple that with growing training requirements and longer class hours, it can take over a year to be fully qualified to be able to ride apparatus in a station in some areas.

Being able to retain a person this long, or even after a year or two, seems to be the real challenge. A new recruit is always eager to get going but not being able to ride the apparatus after a while and they start to lose the interest. The simple fact that a new recruit will need to put more than 200 hours of training and study time into either Firefighter I or EMT to begin to be active at a station is a growing issue. We need to find ways to keep from adding more requirements onto classes because before long, we will not be able to fill the voids fast enough. I look to everyone to help with these issues and to help keep the volunteer Fire/EMS service in Maryland the very best, as it always has been.

Congratulation to LAMSFA President Darby Byrd, her Officers and the Members of the LAMSFA! My wife and I have both enjoyed traveling to your events and supporting each other along the way. The great friendships that both the LAMSFA and the MSFA members have go without saying. It is always a pleasure to join together during events such as the NFFF Memorial, the Maryland Memorial, Galas and many banquets and meeting. I look forward to continuing my partnership with LAMSFA President Elect Barbara Sue Nelson and the proven leadership of her supporters of the Southern Maryland Association.

Thank you to Past President John McDowell, President Glen Resnick, officers, and members of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Your help and support has allowed me to travel around this state and our neighboring states, to keep our purpose of the MSFA going strong. I particularly would like to thank all the members who are both active in the BCVFA and the MSFA as I know this is a large commitment.

Thank you to President Jean Roberts, Chief Kevin Roberts, and fellow fire service brothers and sisters of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company. Your support and guidance has been much welcomed and very needed!

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I look forward to everyone's continued support. I am thankful for having such a supportive and loving family! My wife, Ann Price-Davis LAMSFA Past President 2015-2016, has always supported me and often is the one encouraging me to do more! She has been amazing these past three years helping with our two wonderful and fun loving children, Asa and Ezra. To say it's a challenge to handle a 1 and 3 year old while we both attend various company, county, and state meetings would be an understatement. "Mom Mom" aka Cathie Price has been a lifesaver with babysitting services. I also should thank the many "babysitters" we've found along the way. You all are truly an extension of our family, as is everyone in the fire service and I can't thank you enough!

Let us not forget those who have gone before us as they have helped set the path we are on today. Many members gave their last call this past year and they have been sorely missed as they are irreplaceable.

Always take time to share a story or learn something from our tenured members. Have a good time but be responsible as you provide much needed services to your community. These memories will be the ones you get to pass on one day and you'll always have something entertaining to remember!

There is never a dull moment in the volunteer fire service. God Speed, be safe, and GET INVOLVED!

Respectfully,
Michael A. Davis, First Vice President

Report of the Second Vice President

President Roth, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Clergy, Auxiliary, Honored Guest, State Partners, Delegates and Alternates to the 124th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

It's been an honor and a privilege to represent this great organization and all of the volunteer emergency first responders in the great state of Maryland. Attending committee meetings, banquets, and conventions has offered me an opportunity to meet and discuss the concerns and issues facing volunteers in Maryland.

I want to thank my wife, Nancy and the Officers and Members of Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Co. No. 1, along with the Officers and Members of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association for their support.

I want to close my report by offering my thanks to President Roth, Vice President Davis, the Past Presidents of the MSFA, and the members of the Executive Committee for their leadership, and guidance this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Bilger, Second Vice President

Report of the Secretary

President Roth, Vice Presidents Davis and Bilger, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guest. It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your Secretary this past year, working with President Roth and Vice President Davis and Bilger, Treasurer Siarnicki and Financial Secretary Vocke. Their continuous support, cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationship that exist between the Secretary's Office, the President's, Treasurer, Financial Secretary's Office and the Executive Committee are a vital part of the overall administration of our Association.

The members of the Secretary's Office have attended all Executive Committee meetings that were scheduled by the President. The meetings were held the following days and at the following locations:

June 25, 2015	- Ocean City, Convention Center
September 19- 20, 2015	- Sandy Spring VFD, Montgomery Cty.
December 5 – 6, 2015	- Berlin FC, Worcester County
February 6 – 7, 2016	- Hollywood VFD, St Mary's County
April 16 – 17, 2016	- Level VFC, Harford County
June 19, 2016	- Ocean City, Convention Center

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

Throughout the year, Chairman Seavey called several Conference Calls for the Executive Committee to take immediate action on matters, or to receive information that was of importance to the Association.

Chairman Seavey has conducted the Executive Committees in an efficient and very professional manner and I would like to thank him for his cooperation and good working relationship. Many of the meetings were lengthy and involved some in-depth discussions and debates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Assistant Secretary Shirley Copado for her tireless efforts in recording and transcribing the minutes of our Executive Committee. Assistance Diana Gunther in her efforts in assisting with the NVFA and stepping in as Secretary of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee. Assistant Secretaries Tom and Nancy Scott for their efforts in the area of distribution, copying and preparing all of the invitations for mailing. Assistant Secretary Rick Hemphill for taking on the responsibility of video recording all of the Executive Committee Meetings. 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 throughout the year, without your assistance, the office would not have been able to provide the service that was requested.

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The Secretary's Office will continue to work with the Convention Committee in preparing and distribution of the Convention Program. This year the first mail out was completed in November 2014 and the last one was completed the middle part of April 2016. An additional mail out of the proposed By-Laws amendment was completed the first of May 2016.

As your Secretary, I will continue to travel around the state representing the Association and the Office of the Secretary at meetings and other related functions.

I would like to thank my wife, Cathy for her support and assistance in preparing the mail outs this year. Thanks to all for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Secretary

Report of the Finance Team

President Roth, 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 124th Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience here in Ocean City. As we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, let us not forget the long hours and many miles our officers have expended all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our deepest expressions of gratitude go out to all of them.

Over this past year, the Finance Team has worked very hard to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of managing the finances of this association. As elected and appointed officers, we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve the organization and assist in its growth. While growth is critical to our survivability as an organization, the challenge of ensuring the financial stability of the MSFA must be on the forefront of our efforts and work products. Having gone through some tough times in the past, we have progressed well with the revamping of our organizational financial matters helping to build a stronger financial plan for all of us.

Fortunately, we have made great progress in a variety of areas involving our finances and have seen a more business-like approach to managing the funds of this association. The Appropriations Fund, Widows and Orphans Relief Fund and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Program (VCAF) are moving along quite well, and the recent audit by the State of Maryland of the Appropriations and Relief Funds had no findings reported.

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We continue to work on the policies and procedures associated with these funds and through regular team meetings, continue to move our association forward. You can be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that the best interests of the MSFA are represented in every decision that is made.

As work related to the awarding of the Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant to the MSFA moves forward, it continues to be very critical that we remain diligent in compliance with all federal guidelines and financial concerns associated with these funds. This has required the Finance Team to take on more responsibilities and with the help of our contractor team – we are convinced that new members will be brought to every department that is a member of this association.

Over the past couple of years, you have heard mention of the MSFA Financial Team on numerous occasions and it is imperative that you know that, as a direct result of our team efforts, the MSFA is in a much more solid financial status than we were just a couple of years ago. The Financial Team will continue to work on addressing every fiscal issue we, as an organization, face and that each of you are kept informed of the financial status and opportunities we have available to us. The future will continue to bring new challenges and we must be prepared to think critically when considering every action we take. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful.

Each of us on the team, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Assistant Financial Secretary Bobbi Aaron, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurer's; Past President Robert Jacobs, Past President Fred Cross and Wylie Donaldson along with Budget Chair and Past President Steve Cox, his Vice-Chair Richard Smith, and his committee members; Eugene Curfman, Past President C. Daniel Davis, Past President Carl Edlin, Past President Bobby Balta and Trustee Ben Kurtz are all committed to maintaining a high professional level of performance and fiscal responsibility in this office. Each has helped make a real difference to the end result and for that, we can all be grateful.

Additionally, it has been a pleasure working with the Board of Trustees whose charge is to support the families of our lost and injured brothers and sisters. The Trustees have worked hard to bring additional resources to the forefront for our families, and assisting them is both rewarding and the right thing to do. As a team, we would be remiss if we did not extend thanks to the Executive Committee who, under the leadership of Chairman Jim Seavey, always supported our efforts and helped to manage the financial affairs of our organization. We would not be where we are today without their help, guidance and support.

We look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great association. Your support and understanding will be needed in order for all of us to be successful. Thanks again and remember to "Be Safe" in all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
The MSFA Finance Team

Report of the Chief Chaplain

Wow what a year. It is hard to believe that we are once again in Ocean City for the annual convention. A lot has happened this past year, some good, but also some bad.

In October at the Federation of Fire Chaplains Conference, I was elected Secretary for the Federation. What an honor to be asked to serve this international organization of fire Chaplains. But what a shock it was coming home from the conference and having to deal with one of our firefighters deaths due to PTSD.

This event was a real shock for everyone. At the Chaplains conference the whole week was spent on lectures about firefighter behavioral health because suicide has become the number one killer of firefighters. More firefighters are dying by suicide than all of the other causes combined.

Since learning about the issues at the conference and dealing with the death of one of our own. I have spent many hours researching, reading, and becoming an expert in PTSD, what it is, how it can be treated, but most importantly how we can "PREVENT" it. I have searched out where treatment can be gotten and have found a very good facility to help those who have PTSD. I have found many online courses that are free to firefighters and EMTs to help educate them on how they can prevent PTSD and how they can help recognize when someone is suffering and help them. I encourage everyone in the fire service to take the time to go to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Everyone Goes Home training site and complete the classes (www.everyonegoeshome.com/training). There are also courses on the National Volunteer Fire Councils training site Virtual Classroom.

The leaders in the fire service particularly must be educated in the signs and symptoms of PTSD and how and what they can do to prevent this.

Departments need trained Chaplains who are available to assist the members and help keep a pulse of the memberships so that personnel can get intervention. The Chaplain's job is more than invocation and benediction and they need to be trained.

Ever since I took on the position of Mid-Atlantic Director for the Federation of Fire Chaplains, it has been my goal to form a state fire chaplains association. Many states across the country have associations but in the Mid-Atlantic region only New York has an association. With the help of Chaplain John Hوجلund and Chaplain Richard Bower, forty fire chaplains from across the state of Maryland meet on March 19, 2016 in Baltimore for our first meeting. It was more of an information sharing meeting with time to get to introduce ourselves to each other. However, the next meeting that will be held this fall we will start the process of forming an association. This will give the

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chaplains in the state an opportunity to network, and hold training classes. Over the past seven years I have trained over eighty-five chaplains in Basic Chaplaincy. These chaplains are now looking for more advanced classes and having a state association will allow us to sponsor that training, plus provide training for those that have none. If your department has a chaplain and he is not plugged in, have him e-mail me and I will get him connected. I hope everyone enjoys their time in Ocean City and stay safe.

God Bless

John F. Long, Jr. Chief Chaplain

Report of the Trustees

President Roth, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 124th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

This past year the Trustees have paid benefits to twenty nine (29) widows/widowers, one (1) dependent child, two (2) dependent child college educations, five (5) Line-of-Duty-Injury. This year we had no Line-of-Duty-Death claims. This year the Trustees increase widows/widowers benefits from \$650 to \$700, Dependent child benefit from \$550 to \$600 and Line-of-Duty-Injury benefits from \$650 to \$700 (effective 1/16).

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 your very dedicated Trustees for their service:

Vice Chair, Doug Alexander

Secretary, Jeff Thompson

Trustee, Ben Kurtz

Trustee, Terry Thompson, PP.

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

Report of the Executive Committee

It is an honor and a privilege to provide a synopsis of the activities of your Executive Committee during 2015-2016. To say that this Committee has been extremely busy would prove an understatement. The Executive Committee held required meetings at:

June 25th - Ocean City @ Convention Center

Sept. 19th and 20th - Sandy Spring VFD – Montgomery Co.

Dec. 5th and 6th Berlin VFC – Worcester County

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Feb. 6th and 7th - Hollywood VFD – Saint Mary's County

April 16th and 17th - Level VFC – Harford County

June 19th - Ocean City @ Convention Center

Additionally, a total of five Teleconferences were held during the year.

The Committee welcomed a new member aboard, as President Roth appointed Daniel Mahan to serve and we had Past President Dave Keller join us as the Immediate Past President. The following persons served during the year as representatives for the listed jurisdiction(s):

James Seavey, Sr., Chairman - Montgomery

Douglas Simpkins, Vice Chair - Baltimore

Charles Abrecht, Member - Frederick and Washington

Timothy Dayton, Member - Alleghany and Garrett

Michael Faust, Member - Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's

John Fisher, III, Member - Wicomico and Worcester

David Keller, III, Member - Immediate Past President

Daniel "Skip" Mahan, Member - Cecil and Harford

Charles Simpson, Member - Carroll and Howard

Richard Smith, Jr., Member - Dorchester and Talbot

Daniel Stevens, Member - Calvert, Charles & St. Mary's

Justin Towles, Member - Anne Arundel

Charles Walker, Jr., Member - Prince Georges

The first meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) took place on June 25th, while still in Ocean City with the distribution of the draft Committee Appointments and assignments. Once again, there were a few changes, mostly due to retirement or resignation. The assignments were met with an overall atmosphere of approval. Additionally motions passed to have the limit set for VCAF Construction Loans at a maximum of \$2.5M and Grants for apparatus at a maximum of \$500K. Also, the interest rate for the year was approved to remain at 1% for VCAF loans. The budget was passed with several caveats that were passed in separate motions.

A Teleconference was held July 2nd, to ratify Mr. Drew Carroll as the new Part Time Grants Manager of the MSFA Safer Grant. This action passed unanimously. Additionally during this call, VCAF Grant/Loan combinations were approved for Kentland VFD, Leitersburg VFD. VCAF Loans were approved for Arundel VFD, Branchville VFD, Thurmont Community Ambulance & Smithsburg Community FC.

In August, President Roth began working to find a solution to the 700+ EMT Students, who were lost in the process. This would be a major issue in the months to come.

In September, the EC met at the home station of President Roth, at the Sandy Spring VFD in Montgomery County. Very well attended, the final directories were handed out

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at this meeting and On October 1st, a teleconference of the EC was held to take action on replacing Mr. Drew Carroll as the Part-time Grants Manager. This was passed and Mr. Tyler Patton was hired as the new Manager.

In December, the EC met at the Berlin VFC and had a concurrent demonstration of the Residential Sprinkler Trailer while at the meeting. Further, the issue involving EMTs in Maryland and NREMT Testing took a much more serious tone at this meeting with a number of comments provided to the Chair of the Maryland EMS Board, Donald DeVries, Jr. Esq., who was in attendance. Several other motions were passed, including: To rent out a safe deposit box for valuable MSFA Documents, to continue the MSFA Store at the Convention and NOT online, that the President appoint a Task Force to look into the issues regarding Workers Compensation Presumptive Legislation as it relates to the volunteer responders, to encumber \$25,000 for the "All State Membership" Program of the NVFC and \$25,000 to the Fire Prevention Committee and finally, to move the Strategic Planning cycle from every three years to every five years. Also, at this meeting, President Roth and Chairman Seavey of the EC provided tram tickets to all who desired them to attend the Winter Festival of Lights.

Additionally, during December, VCAF Loans were approved for the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company, Abingdon Fire Company, Odenton Volunteer Fire Company and the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department. At the same meeting, following Executive Session, a motion was passed to communicate to MIEMSS a request that all 700+ Students in Process that are affected by the NREMT issue be certified as EMTs immediately.

In February, the issue of NREMT took up most of the EC Meeting at Hollywood VFC, with very little satisfaction. There was a lengthy discussion between the Drs. from MIEMSS and the leadership of the MSFA. There were two motions to approve VCAF Loans to the Orchard Beach VFC and the Ridgely VFD which passed. Also, the EC approved admitting the Harford County Department of Emergency Services as an Associate Member.

On March 16th, there was a Conference Call to afford the EC the opportunity to discuss the 13 recommendations from the Strategic Planning Summit; however there was not a quorum present on the call, so only action was informational.

At the April Meeting in Level, the recommendations from the Strategic Planning Summit, held on March 4th, 5th and 6th, were presented. All of the points from the Summit were passed. Additionally, the EC voted 12 to 1 in favor of moving forward with contracting of an individual to address the items listed in the Strategic Planning Summit recommendations. The EC also approved a VCAF Loan/Grant for the Vienna VFC and a Grant for the Hancock Rescue Squad and a VCAF Loan for the Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company.

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Throughout the year, all members of the Executive Committee were extremely engaged. There were always sidebar fund raisers for many purposes, initiated either by President Roth or the Chaplains.

I would like to thank the folks behind the scenes at each Executive Committee meeting, who make everything seem to function just fine. I am especially indebted to Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Laura Woods and Tim May.

I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity provided me in serving the Association as your Chair by President Roth and thank him for his support!

Respectfully,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., Chairman

Report of the Budget and Revenue Committee

President Roth, Vice President's Davis and Bilger, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; it has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year. Our committee along with the financial team continues to make positive changes in the financial management of this organization. The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the association. The budget committee would like to thank the Executive Committee for providing latitude to the budget committee to monitor expenditures and move funds from one budget item to another as long as the bottom line of the approved budget remains the same. These actions have permitted the budget committee and the financial team flexibility to better serve the association. The budget committee as part of the "Financial Team" strives to improve communications and operations which make us a stronger organization and more responsive to those we serve.

The continued use of the Budget Request Forms by all committees continues to provide beneficial information and has been very helpful. After the Budget and Revenue Committee reviews the requests and approves the submitted budget, a copy of the request form is returned to the committee verifying the approved budget amounts in which the committee must operate. Budget requests received after the budget has been established continues to diminish. Committees have been extremely prudent with spending and have monitored their approved budgeted and stay within the established amounts. The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. All officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

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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 Constitution & By-Laws Committee

The Constitution and By-Law Committee met numerous times throughout the year electronically. This saved committee members the time and expense of traveling around the State.

A requested change to the By-Laws was submitted by Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company directly to the Executive Committee for a vote by the Association at the annual convention.

Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the updated MSFA web site under Committees, Constitution and Bylaws. Also posted through that site are the MSFA SOPs.

After being Chairman of this Committee a number of years, I am retiring. My wife and I have bought a 5th wheel RV in which we are now living full time. We will be traveling around the Country for the next five years. This will make it impossible to remain active in the MSFA and my fire company, Fallston.

I would like to thank my Committee members, and especially my vice-chair, H. Edward Woods, for their diligent work on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Scheinin, Chairman

Report of the Cancer Support Committee

The Mission of the Maryland State Fireman's Associations Cancer Support Network is to assist Fire and 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.

We have had a very productive year. Through the leadership of President Roth we have established the first annual 5k walk fund raiser through Historic Annapolis. Two ladies Marcia Roth and Susan Hilton offered to Chair and Co-chair the event and have done an

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outstanding job in getting the job done. This is our number one fundraiser and should provide the majority of the support to our committee. Good job Ladies!

The last information that I received was that we have distributed over twenty bags of hope to various folks from all over the state this year. And with the strong commitment from the more than fifteen folks from around the state we hope to continue our mission to bring a smile and support to folks at a very trying time.

We are all aware when anywhere in the State and nation there is a LODD. Did you know that by far Cancer takes more firemen's lives than what we refer to as LODD. We must not only support the individuals and families as they heal but we must continue to bring awareness to what I call the disease of the job. The passing from Cancer hasn't been recognized overall as a LODD. I have actually heard folks say he or she didn't actually pass from a LODD he or she had Cancer. They didn't save a life or rescue someone they died from Cancer. We must educate and advocate for our people.

Folks if you would like to join us in our adventure please don't hesitate to contact myself jrtucker@co.pg.md.us or Lucy Helwig at lucyhelwigfightforlife@yahoo.com You can also follow us on Facebook.

Last but not least a huge Thank You to Vice Chair Flo Collins for a job well done always covering for me and always getting the job done as well as Lucy Helwig Ladies Liaison and to all of our Committee members for their commitment to the Men and Women of the Fire Service of The State of Maryland

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Tucker, Chairman

Report of the Convention Committee

MSFA President Roth and LAMSFA President Byrd, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Emergency Services Organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen's Association; I bring you greetings from the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Convention Committee.

With the efforts of many dedicated individuals the 124th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering of the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services community and their families.

This past year has seen many dedicated individuals putting in a great deal of hours planning and developing the week-long events and activities that will be a part of our annual gathering. The Roland E. Powell Convention and Conference Center is a tremendous facility in which to hold our convention and conference. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book,

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Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security and many more feel confident that you will most surely enjoy, learn, and take something back to your communities from this year's convention and conference.

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

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

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

This year's Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be more spectacular than ever with new additions to the program and a keynote presentation that will hit home with every single member of the Maryland fire service community. Included will be some kick-off activities of our yearlong 125th Anniversary Celebration which will culminate at the 2017 convention and conference next year. We look forward to jointly celebrating our rich history, numerous association milestones and, most of all, benefits to our member organizations. Thanks to the entire opening ceremonies work group and the 125th Anniversary Subcommittee for all they do.

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

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

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There will again be many family oriented social events peppered throughout the week to include:

Sunday Morning Worship Service, Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market, Miss Fire Prevention Contest, Ocean City Dine and Fun Discount Coupon Books, A Night at Jolly Roger Amusement Park, Prayer Breakfast, Purse and Bag Bingo, Ocean City Ghost Walk, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, Special Events at Splash Mountain Park, MSFA Night at the Boardwalk Pier Amusement Park, Frontier Town Day, Planet Maze Discounts, Mack Fire Truck Rally, Corn Hole Competition, Ocean City Fools Block Party, Tickled Paint Artworks, Eagles Landing Golf Tournament, and much more. These events require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to the entire team who helped to bring these special events to our association attendees and their families.

The parade on Wednesday requires many hours of preparation and work. The Parade Committee will be in place to make sure that it fulfills everyone's expectations as we again travel up Baltimore Avenue starting at 15th Street. Lineup will again be at the inlet parking lot and, this year, Chick-fil-A will be there to show their appreciation to our fire service family. A special thanks to the Ocean City Fire Service, Transportation Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for their long hours and hard work in producing the parade.

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

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

The Convention Committee would also like to thank the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Maryland Military Department, MEMA, MFRI, MIEMSS, State Fire Marshal's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Governor's Office for all of the assistance, cooperation, and work in planning and producing our convention and conference.

My personal thanks to the steering committee special liaisons: Susan Proels, Tom and Flo Collins, William Hawkins, Doyle Cox, John Denver, Elaine Huttenloch, Frank Underwood, Roger Powell, Richard Yinger and Paul Sterling along with each of the committee management sector leaders: Administration (Co-Chair Past President Danny

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Davis, Vice-Chair Past President Jackie Olson); Exhibits (Co-Chair Wylie Donaldson, Vice-Chair Past President Rodger Steger); Finance (Co-Chair Past President Robert Jacobs, Vice-Chair Past President Fred Cross); Production (Co-Chair Past President Tommy Mattingly, Vice-Chair Bill Hildebrand); and Program (Co-Chair Ken Bush, Vice-Chair Ben Kurtz) and Chairman Emeritus and MSFA Past President Leonard King. This convention would not occur without their leadership and dedication to the MSFA.

So many additional individuals work tirelessly to pull everything together and I thank each and every one of them: Bobbi Aaron, Robert Rose, Jason Bloom, Trevor Stedman, Chris May, Jeff Thompson, Tyler Patton, Past President Steve Cox, Nancy Cox, Jim Hall, Ed Thurston, Audrey Thurston, Jim Smith, John Spiker, Ed Bilger, Bill Barnard, Kevin Reilly, Laura and Harve Woods, Richard Snader, Bruce Bouch, Victor Stagnaro, Cathy Hedrick, Less Hedrick, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Wood, Charlie Phillips, Chris and Lisa Tona, Rose and Tom Clark, Kevin Henderson, John Proels, Billy and Joy Hinton, Mike and Terri Leveseur, Brad and Jenna Childress, Kent and Donna Whalen, Doug Guare, J. Franklin Harvey, Ron Watkins, Steven Scheinin, Past President's Worthington and Cumberland and Ladies Past President Teresa Crisman, Ladies Past President Fran Crisman, Dennie Mattingly, Danny Carpenter, Ginny Wilhite, Shirley Copado, Tony Clark, Pat Neil, Skip and Rory Stokes, Kim and Pat Dempsey, and Tim Clark, Richard Brooks, Richard Udell, Bob Ryan, Chaplain Long, Chaplain Hetz, the Chaplain's Office, Rick Hemphill and Skip Menzies and the entire Registration Team, Joe Ward, and Director Steven Edwards at MFRI, State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci along with Jim Brown and Dr. Seaman, Dennis Beard, Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Pipes & Drums and all the Honor Guard members, Past President Dave and Gloria Lewis, Sandy Jacobs, Rose Davis, Chris Yinger, Lou and Anna Jonske, along with Mitch and Darlene Vocke and their entire raffle crew. They 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 along with the UCVFD Team. Also, my personal appreciation to Susan Proels, formally with the PGFD and now with the NFFF, for all she does all year long and especially keeping the command center back stage well organized and well managed.

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

It has been a pleasure serving as your Chairman and working with a great team of individuals on the Convention Committee. We are already talking about things we would like to do next year to make the convention even better. Be safe and enjoy the beach!

Respectfully Submitted;
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Chairman

Report of the Diverse Resource Needs MD Emergency Services Committee

The committees has been slow getting started but finally have developed some direction. We have not had a meeting were there has been full representation of the committee members, but are developing a mission forward. The direction that President Roth gave the committee was to develop a listing of those diverse and unique resources throughout the state. These are assets that individual departments throughout the state have developed to meet a certain need they have. Once the assets are identified and the uniqueness of their purpose has been described, find out if it is available to be used anywhere in the state and if so develop a list and make it available to the fire service as a whole.

In looking at how best to do this we are teaming up with MEMA and the Resource Management Planner to and will be heading up an initiative in 2016, a Specialized Resource Pilot Project which will identify those specialized resources throughout the state as well as developing "Mission Ready Packages" with a few jurisdictions. We are a subcommittee of the newly formed ESF 4-Fire and Emergency Services Working Group at MEMA that is focusing on revitalizing what was historically called the "Fire Desk" in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) with an expanded focus on all types of firefighting and emergency services (including specialized resources).

The committee felt that the present name did not reflect the current mission of the committee. We felt that the word "Diverse" needed to go and also "Needs". We are not identifying the needs; we are identifying the current assets throughout the state. Thus we recommended to the Executive Committee that the name be changed to "Maryland Emergency Services Resource Committee". At their meeting on April 16 the Executive Committee approved the recommendation. So going forward we are the **Maryland Emergency Services Resource Committee**. We hope to be listed on the MSFA website.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hildebrand, Chairman

Report of the EMS Committee

President Roth, 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 124th Annual Convention.

As the Committee Chair, I would like to thank President Roth for his deep commitment to EMS in Maryland and to the volunteer EMS providers in the state. President Roth, along with MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Kevin Seaman, EMS Board Chair Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq and Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Director Steve Edwards spent

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many hours developing solutions to the problems created when Maryland transitioned to National Registry testing for EMT's. While the problems have not been totally solved, this group made great strides in assisting the initial EMT classes in passing the National Registry test as well as revamping the Maryland EMT training program to allow future students to have a much higher success rate in becoming EMT's.

I would also like to thank Charlie Simpson for his outstanding job representing the MSFA and our volunteers on the Minimum Ambulance Standards Committee. Through Charlie's efforts we were able to maintain the current Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) for our volunteers while creating a state-wide minimum standard that meets the needs of the larger jurisdictions and insuring that mutual aid ambulances can provide the level of care defined by the Maryland EMS protocols.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee held five full committee meetings last year, attended 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. Other than assisting in solutions for the National Registry EMT issues, major efforts for the past year included participation in:

- State EMS Committee Advisory Council (SEMSAC)
- SEMSAC BLS Committee
- MIEMSS Cardiac Arrest Subcommittee
- MIEMSS Ambulance Safety Committee
- Minimum Ambulance Standards Committee
- eMEDS Steering Committee
- Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) implementation group

Committee members provided input at these meetings that covered a broad range of EMS issues including updating protocols, enhancing reciprocity, improving ambulance safety, insuring adequate documentation and providing data on cardiac arrest survival rates.

As we reported at the April MSFA Executive committee meeting we are currently on the cusp of some of the most significant changes to EMS since the inception of EMT and ALS programs. Many of the changes are being driven by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 often referred to as "Obamacare". Changes include:

Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Workgroup

A unique partnering program to improve health outcomes among medically vulnerable populations through multi-agency integrated and intervention-based health care has been initiated. This integral partnership between emergency services and public health

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promotes a broader range of expertise to help those in need. Clients look at paramedics and public health nurses as helpers in the community, and are more willing to allow them into their homes.

Clients can be helped to link with community resources thus improving health outcomes, reducing repeated trips to the emergency room and reducing calls to 911. In this joint venture, home visits are made to referred clients who have been contacted by phone and who have agreed to participate.

The paramedic and the nurse visit participants to educate them on how they can advocate for their own health, to provide them with information on services that may be of help to them and to provide a safety assessment of the home. This program is free to those it serves.

Alternative Destinations

With the passage of Senate Bill 707 acute care hospitals in Maryland may convert to a free-standing medical center without a Certificate of Need provided that the MHCC consider the potential impact of a proposed conversion on a number of factors. One factor to be considered is whether the conversion will maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the statewide emergency medical services system as determined by the state Emergency Medical Services Board. Obviously this may have significant impact on our volunteer EMS services.

Evidence Based Medicine

While documentation of calls has always been important, evidence based medicine requires a detailed audit trail of treatment from initial medical contact through release of patient from medical care. The eMEDS Elite platform is a major step forward in providing detailed EMS documentation that can be integrated with hospital documentation to define the impact of treatment to outcome. CARES further supports this effort for cardiac arrest victims, both efforts will require additional training and effort on the part of EMS personnel.

Summary

Protocols for Mobile Integrated Health and Alternative Destinations are being developed, CARES is already being used and eMEDS Elite will be introduced on December 1, 2016. These and other changes to the overall healthcare system emphasize the need for the leadership of the MSFA to re-evaluate how our volunteers contribute to the safety and well-being of Maryland's citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chairman William "Bill" Dousa

Report of the Events and Marketing Committee

President Roth, Vice Presidents Davis and Bilger, officers, members, and guests, since the last convention, the Events and Marketing Committee has been working hard to promote the MSFA, advocate for our members, and assist other MSFA committees in their efforts. The committee hosted a booth at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference, and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Summer and Winter Conferences. At these conferences, we not only advocated for our members, but worked with Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to support residential fire sprinklers.

We attended both the MSFA Legislative Reception, and the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association (MCFA) Legislative Reception, We hosted a booth at Ocean City Hotel Motel and Restaurant Association (OCHMRA) Spring Trade Expo. In addition to distributing MSFA promotional materials at our booth, we also we visited many of the exhibitors and gave them the convention information brochures and encouraged them to become sponsors or exhibitors at our convention. Committee members assisted with the MSFA booth at the Firehouse Expo, and also hosted a booth at EMS Care.

The Events and Marketing Committee continues to reach out and work with other MSFA Committees. Most importantly, the Marketing and Recruitment and Retention Committee met with the Safer Grant Committee to pursue hiring an outside agency to assist our efforts with acquiring and retaining members. The project was approved and we are waiting for the final budget and will be working with the remaining two agencies to finalize this project and hire one of them. We intend to start with working on the best methods to track new members as well as develop and shoot 3-5 videos talking about the benefits of being a volunteer.

Thanks to all of the committee members who worked so hard this year and a special thanks to a number of MSFA personnel who assisted us.

Respectfully submitted,
John Denver & Michael Faust, Co-Chairs

Report of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee

We would first like to thank President Johnie Roth for his support and appointment of this committee. The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee have 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 Davis and President Bilger in support of their respective years.

TO my Vice Chairs Dave Reid and Holley Trego and Secretary Daria Brown thank you for dedicated work in the world of Fire Prevention and Life Safety for this state.

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Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci I would like to thank you for all of the support that you have given towards the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee of the state this past year. I cannot say thank you enough for the support that your office and staff extends towards the committee in our efforts towards FPLS. The committee has always held a great pledge to support the State Fire Marshal Office .

The committee would like to thank the members of the SFMO for all of their hard work and dedication towards the member companies to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee. We have worked very hard to ensure that Community Risk Reduction is an important part of the member departments and that we know by going out and knocking on doors and educating our residents on the importance of having a working smoke alarm is very important.

Our next CRR event for statewide efforts will be October 22-23, 2016. The MSFA Grant program focuses on the efforts of CRR and the grant this year enabled the member departments the opportunity to receive 48 smoke alarms for their community's initiatives.

To the sub-committee members, I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the programs we work on. To Bruce, Cyndy, Lori, Bridgett, Debbie and Robin thank you for leading the charge in your respective programs for the committee. This group could not function without your efforts and time to getting valuable information to the MSFA membership. Each program is unique to the issue and it is a great resource and tool that can be used to help support the messages we work so tiredly on. Your work is very important and I cannot say thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to the committee.

Susan and Gabby, 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.

To President Darby Byrd and Chairman Rose Pandolfini and to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association thank you for your continued support and efforts also in spreading the word of prevention to the state. The committee thanks you all for attending our meetings and taking a vested interest in the spreading of Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

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

Report of Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador

MSFA President Roth, 1st Vice President Davis, 2nd Vice President Bilger, Chairman Seavey, Executive Committee, Officers, Past Presidents, and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA, and Honored Guests of the 125th Annual Convention and Conference.

On June 21, 2015, I was crowned the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador for 2015 and 2016. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I have been truly blessed to have had the opportunities that were given to me. I have had the pleasure of meeting people and going places that I will remember for the rest of my life. I would like to thank everyone that welcomed me to their events and for the friendships I have made.

First of all I would like to thank the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and Auxiliary for their endorsement and support. A very special thank you to the family of Buck Gladhill, Tessie and Morris Gladhill who own and manage Gladhill Brothers where I am employed and my Manager Gary "Dad" Hilton, for allowing me to make this Journey possible and allowing me to take off for events.

MSFA President Roth and LAMSFA President Darby Byrd, Past Presidents of the MSFA and LAMSFA, the Fire Prevention Committee, and Executive Committee members, thank you for your leadership, words of wisdom and friendship. I cannot forget to thank everyone in the state of Maryland that welcomed me to their stations for events and meetings that I attended.

As of April 23, 2016, my journey has included 143 events and traveling over 10,000 miles throughout Maryland. Let me spell out some of my JOURNEY for you.

J Joined the MSFA family with Johnie Roth, Jr., President of the MSFA and attended events with Jr. Miss Fire Prevention Ambassadors.

O Ocean City, where I was crowned MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador 2015-2016, The Officers of the MSFA and the LAMSFA welcomed me with Open arms. I attended Open Houses, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean City and I saw President Obama at the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Weekend.

U Every county and every fire station is Unique in their own way. The tunnels in Baltimore are Under water.

R It's been a pleasure to work with my Runner-Up Gabby Kerby. I have attended Legislative Receptions. Rum balls at the round table for the Executive meeting. My favorite speakers Richard Brooks and Ron Siarnicki. Road trips with Johnie, Marsha and Eric Roth, Mark Bilger, Chip Jewel, Dave Keller, Bobby Jacobs, Sherry Soper, Joan Kramer, Dave Lewis, Ronnie Watkins, Patty Crisman, Big Shirley, Kelly Otta,

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Darby Byrd, Mom (aka Uber Barb), and Dad.

N New friends on Facebook, Governor Larry Hogan, and Sher Grogg. The National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation and The National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg.

E Some of the Events I have attended are the Prince Georges County Tribute, National Night Out in New Windsor, MD, Beyond Hose and Helmets, Maryland Fallen Firefighters Gala, Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference, National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial, Harford/Cecil County Association 75th Anniversary, Chestertown Truck or Treat, MSP Polar Plunge, Maryland Weekend in Emmitsburg, X-Box to Box Alarm, Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Public Life Safety Education, Annapolis for the sprinkler hearings, fire caucus meetings, 17 State Circle, Maryland General Assembly, and The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Gala - Answering The Call. I have attended meetings at my home, county associations, both men and women. LAMSFA Fall and Spring Conferences, 4 Executive meetings, MSFA Cancer Support Committee meetings, MSFA Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee Meetings, and the MSFA Safety Committee Meeting.

Y The most important part of this journey is I have had the time of my life and I owe it all to **YOU!**

To the next MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador and Runner-Up, I wish you the best of luck; I know you will work hard to spread the word about fire prevention and life safety. Please use all resources available to you, like your MSFA President and LAMSFA President and the Officers, Past Presidents, The Fire Prevention Committee, the Maryland State Fire Marshall's Office, The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), U. S. Fire Administration, a division of FEMA and the Internet. Another good resource is the MSFA website, where announcements and documents are available to you. Make sure you sign up to receive these e-mails. This will give you an idea what activities go on in this beautiful state of Maryland. But most of all, you can ask any of the past MSFA Ambassadors and Queens for help.

If one child remembers where their meeting place is and knows who E. D. I. T. H. is and has 2 ways out of their home, or their family replaces their old smoke alarm with the new 10-Year Lithium Ion Battery operated smoke alarm, my reign as your MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador for 2015-2016 has been worth it.

This is not good bye, I'm not going to leave this organization or stop promoting fire prevention just because I'm giving up my title, tiara and sash. There will always be a little child that needs to learn what to do or an elderly person needing to be reminded about what to do and I plan to do this in the future.

Thank you MOM and DAD for ALL that you do and for your love and Support. And God Bless each and every one of You.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hilton, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Ambassador 2015-2016

Report from the State Fire Marshal

I bring you greetings from Governor Larry Hogan, Lieutenant Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, and Colonel William M. Pallozzi, Secretary of the Maryland State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I extend my sincere congratulations to MSFA President Johnie Roth, Jr. and LAMSFA President Darby Byrd. Your respective terms in office have been extremely productive and your service is one the entire Maryland State Firemen's Association can be quite proud of. It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

In 2015, the State of Maryland saw the number of fire deaths decrease by three percent when compared to 2014. The total number of fire deaths for 2015 was 62 which, as indicated above, represented a slight decrease under the 64 fire deaths suffered in 2014. Twenty-one fatal residential structure fires occurred where smoke alarms were known to have functioned at the time of the incident; however, 28 lives were still lost. As in previous years, no lives have been lost in homes protected with residential fire sprinklers.

During 2015, residential fire fatalities accounted for eighty-two percent of all fire fatalities. Twenty-one percent of the victims in residential fatal fires (13), involved adults age 70 and older. This is a thirty-two percent decrease when compared to 2014 when (19) victims perished. No fatal fires occurred with victims aged 90 or older in 2015. Thirteen victims under the age of (18) died in six fires in 2015, accounting for twenty-one percent of fire deaths.

Hoarding conditions present hazards which can result in catastrophic fire related events that jeopardize the safety of all concerned. This includes but is not limited to the occupant(s) and emergency responders. The Office of the State Fire Marshal under the direction State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci, continues to educate the public regarding the dangers of hoarding. The following is a report summarization of fire related death incidents that were complicated by conditions of hoarding in the reporting years of 2011 through 2015. Two victims lost their lives in two separate undetermined dwelling fires in 2015. One victim was a 74-year-old female and the other victim was a 66-year-old male. In 2014, a dwelling fire caused by an electrical malfunction claimed the life of a 50-year-old female. During 2013, one undetermined double-fatal kitchen fire resulted in the loss of one 55-year-old male occupant, and a 35-year-old male firefighter. There were no conditions of hoarding reported during the 2012 reporting year. However, there were three fires resulting in four deaths in 2011, whereby conditions of hoarding were found.

The OSFM extends congratulations to each fire department and local jurisdiction that

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suffered no fire deaths or experienced decreases in the number of fire deaths last year. Seven counties experienced no fire fatalities, these include: Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, St. Mary's and Talbot.

Baltimore City reported 18 fire deaths in 2015 which is tied with the 18 fire deaths reported in 2014. Anne Arundel County experienced 12 fire deaths compared to two in 2014. Two of the fires resulted in multiple-deaths with one fire claiming the lives of six victims. The first multi-fatal fire occurred in a 16,386 square foot home which did not have an installed sprinkler system. The ATF National Response Team, OSFM and multiple outside jurisdictions assisted with the investigation resulting in the determination that an electrical failure ignited ordinary combustibles, including the 15' aged cut Christmas tree, rapidly spreading fire throughout the structure and trapping the victims inside. Combustibles too close to a heating source was the culprit of the second multi-fatal residential fire which claimed the lives of a 39-year-old mother, her 17-year-old son, and a 45-year-old male who was attempting to rescue the victims, but became trapped. Smoke alarms were only present in the newly renovated area of the residence. Prince Georges County reported 6 fire deaths in 2015 as compared to 5 fire deaths in 2014. Additionally, Baltimore County experienced 5 fire deaths and Charles County had 4 fire deaths; Calvert, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery and Worcester had two fire deaths each; and Allegany, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Washington and Worcester Counties had one fire death each. Sadly, the five-year average for fire deaths in Maryland is 63 per year. Although better than 1975 – 1988 when fire deaths remained over 100 each year, we still have a lot of work in our efforts to reach zero fire deaths.

Deputy State Fire Marshals assisted the Baltimore City Fire Investigations Unit, Baltimore City Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives National Response Team with numerous fire investigations both during and after the civil unrest in April of 2015. As a result of these investigations several arrests have been made.

A team of investigators determined the three alarm blaze that heavily damaged one third of the structure at the old Artmor Plastics manufacturing plant located at 10500 Wills Mountain Road in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland was the result of multiple set fires inside the structure. An 18-year-old male suspect was located and confessed to igniting ordinary combustibles with a lighter. A loss value estimate to the structure and contents is nearly \$750,000. He was charged with Arson 1st Degree, Malicious Burning 1st Degree, Malicious Burning 2nd Degree, Burglary 2nd Degree, Burglary 4th Degree and MDOP.

On Saturday, March 19th the Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar, titled "Practical Tips for Fire & Life Safety Programs", was held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park. Nearly 80 persons attended the outstanding event and were provided timely and topical information.

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The Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference celebrated its 56th year Anniversary on September 29, 2015 with the theme "Reducing Emerging Risks." Originally, billed as the Governor's Fire Prevention Conference began in August of 1959 when then Governor Tawes saw the need for a Statewide Conference on Fire Prevention. Fifty-six years later the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference remains one of the foremost conferences of its kind in the nation. The conference was well attended by over 200 participants. Sherry Soper of the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department received the Public Fire Safety Educator of the Year Award. She has shown a true dedication to public fire safety education and is an asset to both her department and the citizens of Maryland. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 for yet another well prepared conference.

As always, the OSFM followed the 2016 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The MSFA is to be commended for their leadership, diligence and continued support in working with the OSFM and other members of the Maryland Fire Service. The MSFA Legislative Committee Chairman Stephan Cox and his entire committee continue to be vigilant on key issues, share information on important topics, and communicate with key legislators. The defeat of House Bill 19 was a tremendous effort alluding to success for Marylanders in retaining the requirement for the installation of residential fire sprinklers in all new homes. The MSFA Fire Sprinkler Committee is also to be commended for their efforts in performing live side by side burn demonstrations before elected officials, the public and members of the fire service.

As State Fire Marshal, I wholeheartedly appreciate the partnerships our agencies share with local and State governments, as well as private industry. These partnerships help us secure resources, disseminate information and allow us to be more effective at accomplishing tasks in the pursuit of fire and life safety. Over the past 14 years the public-private partnership with PEPCO and Delmarva Power has enabled the distribution of well over 21,850 smoke alarms. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans continue to help communities reduce fire deaths and injuries. As a reminder, please take part in the Community Risk Reduction Weekends offered each year for fire departments to enter their respective communities and offer installations of smoke alarms and provide fire and life safety information. The next scheduled CRR weekend is October 15-16, 2016.

During the past year the OSFM experienced a few staffing changes, the retirements of Chief Fire Protection Engineer Larry Iseminger, Administrative Services Chief, Deputy Chief Allen Gosnell, Deputy State Fire Marshal Paul Schlotterbeck, and Fire Safety Inspectors Steve Blevins and Richard Hall created some big shoes to fill. Their service and experience will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

Kenneth Bush was assigned as the Acting Chief Fire Protection Engineer and has

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since assumed the CFPE position. Deputy Chief Caryn McMahon has taken over the Administrative Services Chief position at headquarters. Deputy Chief Matthew Stevens transferred to the Upper Eastern Region and DSFM Chapman has assumed the Acting Deputy Chief position of the Northeast Regional Office. Six Deputy State Fire Marshals and one Fire Safety Inspector were hired in 2015 and have quickly become great additions to the agency. Accelerant K-9 Kachina graduated with her newly trained handler, DSFM Oliver Alkire and currently works out of the Northeast regional Office. Please join us in supporting their success as they serve the citizens of Maryland.

On October 15, 2015, Deputy State Fire Marshal Carl Witmer observed Senior Trooper James Bowers administering CPR to a victim in the parking lot of the Washington County MVA. DSFM Witmer assisted with providing CPR until the arrival of emergency services personnel. The attending physician stated that without question, the actions of Senior Trooper Bowers and Deputy State Fire Marshal Witmer saved the victims life.

As usual, OSFM staff members performed at a very high level. In 2015, the OSFM conducted in excess of 676 fire investigations and 214 explosives investigations. The felony case closure rate for Deputy State Fire Marshals was 33% which is more than 51% higher than the national average. OSFM staff members completed over 13,030 fire and life safety inspections. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. OSFM Fire Protection Engineers reviewed over 1,746 construction and fire protection system plans. The dedication of our personnel is evident by these numbers. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we work for the citizens and with the Maryland Fire Service, to accomplish the mission of protecting life and property.

Continuing economic challenges have become part of our daily lives. OSFM staff members continue to perform their public safety mission with pride. With challenges come more opportunities. These tight economic times have required us to justify our resources and forced us to rethink current practices in order to position the OSFM for the future. We are always seeking potential opportunities to better perform our mission and, with your continued support, move both the Agency and more importantly the fire service forward. As an organization, the entire staff of the OSFM has a crystal clear picture of its mission. OSFM staff members look forward to working closely with MSFA President Michael Davis and LAMFSA President Barbara Sue Nelson and their leadership teams. We wish them great success and know they will achieve a tremendous amount during their terms in office.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian S. Geraci, State Fire Marshal

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

President Roth, Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 124th Annual

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Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. This year the Hall of Fame Committee received twenty six (26) nominations for the Hall of Fame Award, and twenty four (24) nominations for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award.

A complete set of rules for the Hall of Fame and Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award were mailed or delivered to each member company as well as being placed on the Maryland State Firemen's Association web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for fifty years (50) or longer. These individuals should be nominated for the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award in recognition of their years of service. There are many members in the departments/companies that have reached this stage of service. They need to be recognized for their service to the department/company, community, county and the state. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame or be selected to receive the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award, these are among the highest awards presented by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Remember that nominations are not held over from year to year. If your nominee does not get selected, please submit the individuals name again next year before April 15.

The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee Report will be given during the presentation of awards on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 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.

C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

Ben Kurtz, Vice Chair

C. Oscar Baker, Member Emeritus

Charlie Abrecht

Fred Cross, PP

John Ferguson, III

Timothy Jones

David Keller, III, PP

Bill Lay

Richard Smith

Richard Yinger, PP.

The committee and I would also like to thank President Roth for his commitment to the committee and for the opportunity to serve this great Association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chair

Report of the Incentive Programs Committee

President Roth, Vice-President Davis, Vice President Bilger, 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 points 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 is 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 2015 is \$4,000.00. The amount they can deduct for 2016 is increased by \$250.00 to \$4,250.00. The amount will continue by \$250.00 each year until it reaches \$5,000.00. Qualified members may take this deduction by submitting form MSFA-P.2.2 with their Maryland Tax Return. (Be sure to use the form with the current deductible amount and revision date.) The revised form for 2016 will be placed on the website during August this year.

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 2015). 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 2015 a members must have a date of membership on or before January 1, 2013. For the year 2014, 12844 members qualified for the tax incentive. Reports are still

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being gathered for 2015 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 members' 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 members' 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-P.2.3 (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 would also like to thank President Roth for his support this past year. Many thanks to Rick Hemphill for maintaining the secure website for gathering the Points Coordinator's 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

Joan Robison, Chairman Emeritus

C. Douglas Bostonian

Ken Bush

Rick Hemphill

Michael A LeCompte

Craig A. Moe

Patricia A. Bowser

Gary Crampton

Donald Lee Howard

David W. Lewis (PP)

County Points Coordinators

Allegany – Cheri Lewellen

Anne Arundel – Dave Lewis

Baltimore – Stu Carter

Calvert – Courtney Woodward

Caroline – William C Cooper

Carroll – Linda Bostian

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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
MSFA Ladies Auxiliary – Ann McGill

Report of the Legislative Committee

President Roth, Vice Presidents Davis and Bilger, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates and Guests. The 2016 Legislative session started on January 13 and ended on April 11. Again a great deal of time was spent continuing to build relationships with members of the General Assembly as well as to explain Maryland's Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.

During the session volunteer personnel worked a total of 1,771 hours, consisting of 380 visits to the office at 17 State Circle for a total of 27,618 miles. There were 1644 House Bills and 1173 Senate Bills introduced by Legislators. We estimated paid personnel performing the functions of our committee would have cost \$77,545.00. The legislative committee monitored 46 of these bills for impact on the Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services of the great state of Maryland. This year's primary goals were to support MSFA's Budget request for appropriations, provide additional funds for the Trustees which included an increase of \$50,000.00 for the widows and orphans, and to support or Oppose Public Safety Legislation. (9 total) which included extensive efforts to oppose legislation where counties could opt out of Residential Sprinklers or extend the code adoption time period.

Our legislative reception was held on January 19th and was well attended by legislators and members of the Emergency Services as well as our partner agencies. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association under the direction of their Chair Carene Housenfluck did an OUTSTANDING job putting the reception together and

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fixing the food. As usual the ladies did a GREAT job and this committee would not be successful without their dedication and support. Thank you ladies for all your hard work and I can say it is certainly a pleasure to work with them. Thanks again this year to Jim Towers and Ed Mulikin from the Easton Volunteer Fire Company for serving the refreshments.

The committee would like to say a special thanks to Senator Mathias and Delegates Holmes and Sample-Hughes for their support throughout the session. Thanks also goes to the Fire Caucus for their help and support. A special thank you goes to Jim Malone and Bill Bernard for their guidance and support.

The committee also would like to thank our partner agencies MFRI, MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, MSP and MSP aviation, IAFF, and Maryland Fire Chiefs as well as METRO Counties for their help and support. Together as one team we were able to accomplish our goals.

To Governor Hogan and Lieutenant Governor Rutherford and their staff we thank you for all the support during the session. We look forward to working with you next year.

A copy of our legislative report is attached outlining the progress of the legislation supported, monitored or opposed.

I would like to say thank you to PP Bernard Smith, Laura Wood, Ed Wood, Charles Walker, John Spiker and most importantly Richard Smith for all their support and hard work during the session. Richard Smith and Chuck Walker did an outstanding job monitoring and working issues regarding residential sprinklers and were successful in defeating those bills. Richard congratulations to you and Chuck on a job well done.

Lastly, I would like to thank you to Presidents Roth, Davis, and Bilger for their support and attendance during the session. It has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

MSFA Bills of Interest

There have been **1173 Senate Bills** and **1644 House Bills** introduced to date. (May 24, 2016) We are currently tracking the following **46** bills. The MSFA stance on these bills will be determined later. A breakdown of these bills are as follows:

OPPOSING THE FOLLOWING: Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 3	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0019	Public Safety - Building Performance Standards - Local Amendments to Fire Sprinkler Systems Provisions	Delegate Adams	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation 2/16/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0845 (SB0519)	Washington County - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Modifications - Local Enforcement	Washington County Delegation	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation 3/8/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0519 (HB0845)	Washington County - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Modifications - Local Enforcement	Washington County Senators	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/23/16 - 1:00 p.m.	

SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING: Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 10	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0050	Hate Crimes - Prohibitions and Protected Classes - Expansion to Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Delegate Arentz	Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 1/19/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0849 (SB0182)	Public Safety - Rental Dwelling Units - Carbon Monoxide Alarms	Delegate Sample-Hughes	Passed Enrolled	Environment and Transportation 2/23/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

HB0864 (SB0302)	Aggressive Drunk Driving - Punitive Damages	Delegate <u>Smith</u>	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/24/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1143 (SB0728)	Income Tax Credit - New Dwellings - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems	Delegate <u>Sample-Hughes</u>	Favorable with Amendments Report by Ways and Means	Ways and Means 3/8/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1342 (SB0945)	Drunk Driving Reduction Act of 2016 (Noah's Law)	Delegate <u>Kramer</u>	Third Reading Passed with Amendments (46-0)	Judiciary 2/24/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
SB0158	Criminal Law - Arson, Burning, Malicious Destruction, and Theft - Property of Another - Definition	Senator <u>Cassilly</u>	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings	Judicial Proceedings 1/28/16 - 1:30 p.m.	
SB0192 (HB0949)	Public Safety - Rental Dwelling Units - Carbon Monoxide Alarms	Senator <u>Mathias</u>	Passed Enrolled	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/2/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/22/2016 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0302 (HB0864)	Aggressive Drunk Driving - Punitive Damages	Senator <u>Raskin</u>	Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/9/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/31/2016 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0728 (HB1143)	Income Tax Credit - New Dwellings - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems	Senator <u>Mathias</u>	Favorable with Amendments Report by Ways and Means	Budget and Taxation 3/9/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 4/11/2016 - 9:00 a.m.
SB0945 (HB1342)	Drunk Driving Reduction Act of 2016 (Noah's Law)	Senator <u>Raskin</u>	Passed Enrolled	Judicial Proceedings 3/10/2016 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 4/5/2016 - 1:00 p.m.

MONITORING THE FOLLOWING: Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 20	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0057 / CH0083	Public Safety - Maryland Building Performance Standards - Adoption, Implementation, and Enforcement of Modifications	Delegate <u>Cassilly</u>	Approved by the Governor-Chapter 83	Environment and Transportation 1/26/16 - 1:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/22/16 - 1:00 p.m.

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<u>HB0078 / CH0092</u>	State Fire Marshal - Reporting Requirements - Repeal	Chair, Judiciary Committee	Approved by the Governor-Chapter 92	Judiciary 1/26/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/29/16 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>HB0121 (SB0287)</u>	Criminal Law - False Statement Concerning Destructive Device or Toxic Material - Venue	Delegate Carozza	Returned Passed	Judiciary 2/2/2016 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
<u>HB0227 (SB1166)</u>	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Law Enforcement; Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	Delegate Hixson	Referred to Budget and Taxation	Ways and Means 2/16/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation
<u>HB0281</u>	Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program - Eligibility	Delegate Smith	Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/11/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB0380 (SB0344)</u>	State Retirement and Pension System - Local Fire and Police System - Commingling of Assets	Delegate Barnes, B.	Returned Passed	Appropriations 2/2/16 - 12:30 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/24/2016 - 9:00 a.m.
<u>HB0559</u>	Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exception	Delegate Bromwell	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation 2/18/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB0581 (SB0477)</u>	State Retirement and Pension System - Reemployment of Ordinary Disability Retirees - Earnings Limitation	Delegate Barnes, B.	Returned Passed	Appropriations 2/16/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/24/2016 - 9:00 a.m.
<u>HB1245</u>	Income Tax Credit - Single-Family Dwellings - Smoke Detection Systems	Delegate Adams	Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/11/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB1384</u>	Baltimore City - Registration of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Delegate Rosenberg	Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn	Health and Government Operations 3/8/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB1472</u>	Fire Safety Construction Act of 2016	Delegate Branch	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/8/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB1481 (SB0723)</u>	Civil Actions - Immunity From Liability - Entering a Property to Provide Emergency Assistance or Medical Care	Delegate Young, K.	Unfavorable Report by Judiciary	Judiciary 3/2/16 - 1:00 p.m.	

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<u>HB1541</u>	Higher Education - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Personnel - Partial Tuition Waiver	<u>Allegany County Delegation</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
<u>SB0160</u>	Death or Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel - Subsequent Offenders - Penalties	<u>Senator Cassilly</u>	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 2/2/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/31/16 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0216</u>	Crimes - Solicitation to Commit Murder or Arson - Statute of Limitations	<u>Senator Lee</u>	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings	Judicial Proceedings 2/4/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>SB0287</u> (HB0121)	Criminal Law - False Statement Concerning Destructive Device or Toxic Material - Venue	<u>Senator Hough</u>	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 2/11/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/31/16 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0344</u> (HB0380)	State Retirement and Pension System - Local Fire and Police System - Commingling of Assets	<u>Senator Peters</u>	Returned Passed	Budget and Taxation 2/11/16 - 9:00 a.m.	Appropriations 3/15/16 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0477</u> (HB0581)	State Retirement and Pension System - Reemployment of Ordinary Disability Retirees - Earnings Limitation	<u>Senator Peters</u>	Returned Passed	Budget and Taxation 2/25/16 - 8:30 a.m.	Appropriations 3/22/16 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0686</u>	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System - Information Sharing (Carl Henn's Law)	<u>Senator Kagan</u>	Unfavorable Report by Finance	Finance 3/1/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>SB0723</u> (HB1481)	Civil Actions - Immunity From Liability - Entering a Property to Provide Emergency Assistance or Medical Care	<u>Senator Young</u>	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn	Judicial Proceedings 3/3/16 - 1:00 p.m.	

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LOCAL BILLS BEING MONITORED: Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

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HB0246 (SB0716)	Public Safety - Fire Police - Cecil County	<u>Cecil County Delegation</u>	Returned Passed	Judiciary 2/9/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0480 (SB0180)	Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Community Center	<u>Delegate Saab</u>	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/12/16 - 9:00 a.m.	
HB0868 / CH0071 (SB0516 / CH0070)	Washington County - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Service - Local Authority	<u>Delegate McKay</u>	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 71	Health and Government Operations 3/3/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
HB0894 (SB0952)	Creation of a State Debt - Carroll County - Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department	<u>Carroll County Delegation</u>	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations 3/12/16 - 10:00 a.m.	
HB1199	Prince George's County - Emergency Medical Services - Motorcycle Unit PG 312-16	<u>Prince George's County Delegation</u>	Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/3/16 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0180 (HB0480)	Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Community Center	<u>Senator Reilly</u>	Hearing 3/12 at 12:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/12/16 - 12:00 p.m.	
SB0251 (HB1609)	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department	<u>Senator Kasemeyer</u>	Hearing 3/14 at 10:30 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/14/16 - 10:30 a.m.	
SB0516 / CH0070 (HB0968 / CH0071)	Washington County - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Service - Local Authority	<u>Washington County Senators</u>	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 70	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/23/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/24/16 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0683 (HB1057)	Creation of a State Debt - Garrett County - Emergency Operations Center	<u>Senator Edwards</u>	Hearing 3/12 at 11:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/12/16 - 11:00 a.m.	
SB0716 (HB0246)	Public Safety - Fire Police - Cecil County	<u>Cecil County Senators</u>	Returned Passed	Judicial Proceedings 3/20/16 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/29/16 - 1:00 p.m.

SB0952 (HB0994)	Creation of a State Debt - Carroll County - Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department	Carroll County Senators	Hearing 3/12 at 2:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/12/16 - 2:00 p.m.
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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 2	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0150 (SB0190 / CH0143)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2017)	Speaker	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	Appropriations	
SB0190 / CH0143 (HB0150)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2017)	President	Enacted under Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution Assigned a chapter number - Chapter 143	Budget and Taxation	Appropriations

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Report of the Memorial Foundation

Nearly 20 years ago, the Foundation held its first organizational meeting, we have come a long way. Unfortunately we have over 400 names added to the memorial wall. Sadly, we will be adding another this year FF John Ulmschneider tragically lost his life. Our prayers are with his family and department. We will be holding our annual ceremony on June 5 to honor all those who have given the ultimate over the years. Retired Chief Rod and his committee have been working diligently to make this a memorable event for all. Please join us in honoring our brave.

The Foundation successfully held another GALA. A crowd of about 250 attended the event and enjoyed the evening. We want to especially thank our committee under the leadership of Dennis Beard. This year's event will be held on September 24 at the Hollywood VFC. Please sponsor a table and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dancing and recognition. We need your support and don't forget the auction.

Again, this year we will have our booth at convention, stop by and visit. We will be having several fundraisers throughout Ocean City during convention week. Please participate with your patronage, additional info will be available at the booth.

We have contracted with Walnut Hill Landscaping for another year to do the lawn maintenance at the memorial. Basically the contract is much the same as last year. In fact the site is simply beautiful right now.

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 bricks, pictures, coins and shirts. We have an annual budget that we must meet. In closing, we want to thank the MSFA and specifically the convention committee for allowing us to be a major part of the convention. Stop by our booth for a firsthand look at our items. And yes, we want to thank those that regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings and chair the various committees. Without you there is no Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation. See you at the beach.

Respectfully,
Gene Worthington

Report of the National Volunteer Fire Council

Your delegates to the National Volunteer Fire Council are honored to present this annual summary of our representation on your behalf and have a number of items to highlight to the MSFA Membership.

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A new Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council was elected. Deputy Chief Kevin Quinn, of Union Fire District in Warrick, Rhode Island was elected without opposition and Chairman Phil Stittleburg finished out a full ten years as our Chair.

A major change occurred to the representation to and organizational make-up of the NVFC Board of Directors. Each State will now have two full Directors of equal representation on the Board. The Alternate position has been converted to a second full Director on the Board.

PP Dave Lewis attended the National Professional Development Symposium at the National Fire Academy and represented the NVFC at meetings to discuss the Council's involvement in the High School Pathways program.

Chief Jimmy Seavey, Sr. continues to represent the NVFC Board on the National Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, where work continues at a feverish pace! There were two more meetings of the Alliance this past year and many goals and objectives to benefit all firefighters and certainly the members of the fire and EMS Service in Maryland. Due to the tremendous need to address the issue of cancer in our volunteer fire service community, Chairman Quinn appointed a Volunteer Fire Service Task Force on Cancer. Jimmy Seavey is now the Co-Chair of the Task Force with Chief Brian McQueen of Whitesboro, New York.

The NVFC has fully embraced and is moving to spread the word about the volunteer fire service on the "*Share the Load*" Program, which will help members in our Departments recognize and assist other colleagues with mental health issues and also provide guidance for members in mental health distress as to resources available to them through the Program.

Your "*All State Member*" Team of MSFA Assistant Secretary Diana Gunther, Dave and Jimmy continue to work on getting the word out and have Departments actually "take the plunge" in affording their members the great opportunity to join the NVFC and receive the many benefits afforded to members. Our roster, now more than 300 members strong! As many of you are aware, Departments across the State are now able to enroll each of your members as members of the National Volunteer Fire Council for the low cost of \$7.50 per year, with the MSFA contributing the other \$7.50 per member to provide a greater level of benefits, protection and communication with each of our first responders!

Jimmy was promoted by Chairman Quinn to be the Vice Chair of the Volunteer Advocacy Committee. The Committee has worked most recently on two-hatter issues that now are plaguing the Great Lakes States!

A new award known as the NVFC's "Firefighter of the Year" Award. This award, presented at the Spring Meeting in Alexandria each year, shall recognize acts of great

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significance made by volunteer firefighters across this great nation. All NVFC awards can be viewed by visiting www.nvfc.org.

Dave represented the NVFC at the AFG Criteria Development meetings in November at the National Fire Academy. The NVFC is just one of nine stakeholder Organizations that will define priorities for all of the Grant Programs, including AFG, SAFER and the FPS.

Jimmy Seavey, in his role as MSFA Executive Committee Chairman, used our relationship through the NVFC with the 47 other States to identify the leadership of the South Carolina Firefighters Association as the perfect Facilitators for this process for the MSFA Strategic Planning Summit in March of 2016 (report under separate cover).

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, Dave Lewis was very active in supporting the NVFC actions in support of the reauthorization of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The current legislation includes a sunset clause in 2017 for the grant programs and NVFC is cooperating with the other major national fire service organizations to continue this vital grant program.

Dave Lewis participated as a reviewer for the Globe Gear Giveaway campaign. Each year, Globe donates up to 52 sets of turnout gear to be awarded to volunteer departments across the U.S. In 2015, more than 550 departments applied for consideration for this grant program. We would like to congratulate the Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department to have been selected as one of the 13 departments awarded turnout gear. The 2016 campaign will launch in April. Look for information on the NVFC web site.

As a member of the Health, Safety, and Training Committee, Dave Lewis participated in the development of a new publication, "Making the Culture Shift" to address trends in the volunteer fire service culture and how departments must adapt to these changes.

In just ten short years following the return of the MSFA with representation to the National Volunteer Fire Council, our State is extremely involved with an Organization that has its headquarters in our State.

Each of your MSFA Directors to the NVFC are active in the following NVFC committees:

Jim Seavey

Conference and Education
Cancer Initiative Task Force (Co- Chair)
Foundation Volunteer Advocacy (Vice Chair)

Dave Lewis

Homeland Security (Vice Chair)
Health, Safety and Training
Recruitment and Retention
Standards

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We would like to thank President Johnie Roth for allowing us to work together in supporting your interests and those of the entire volunteer provider network in the Nation to this great Council and the work that it does!

Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., Director
Past President David Lewis, Director

Report of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

President Roth, Vice President's Davis and Bilger, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen's Association: It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2015 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 124th annual 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 2014, 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."

Hal Bruno Camps for Children of Fallen Firefighters - Thirty-two children between the ages of 7 and 17 attended the camp in Connecticut from June 12-14. Each camper was matched with a fire service volunteer who was specially trained to provide support and served as their "Big Buddy." The camp for ages 4-6 was held in Florida on July 31-August 2, with 10 children attending.

Outward Bound - A partnership was established with the Colorado Outward Bound School (COBS) to provide a 7-day camp for young adults. It combined backpacking, hiking, and camping in the majestic mountains of Colorado with activities designed to encourage expression in a safe environment to help them find healing. Five children of fallen firefighters aged 18-25 participated in the COBS during the week of August 8-14.

Scholarships - 70 Awarded. Scholarship recipients were from 26 different states. New York had the greatest number of recipients with 23. Of those, 14 recipients are survivors of firefighters killed on 9/11. The scholarship recipients include 29 survivors

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of volunteer firefighters and 41 survivors of career firefighters. The Foundation and its partners combined awarded \$210,950.

Congressional Flag Ceremony, September 30, 2015 - Leaders of the Congressional fire Services Caucus presented 87 folded American flags that were given to the families at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 4, 2015.

2015 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend honored 84 firefighters who died in 2014 and 3 from previous years. With the threat of a Federal Government shutdown, inclement weather and increased security due to a presidential visit, we overcame challenges to ensure that the Nation's tribute to fallen firefighters was fitting and to let families know that their loved ones will never be forgotten. Those attending were able to express their grief, learn techniques to deal with grief, and network with others who have experienced a similar loss. The Fallen Firefighter Survivors Flag was displayed at the family hotel. The Saturday Candlelight Service was held in the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine. On Sunday, Mount Saint Mary's University hosted the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. President Barack Obama addressed the families and greeted them personally.

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting was held in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel on December 10. Survivor families and students, who were on campus for classes, attended the event that was held inside the Chapel with the addition of more trees in the sanctuary.

Project Roll Call - Families and departments can submit a profile, photo and additional information about a loved one or colleague who made the ultimate sacrifice prior to 1981, when the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial was built. The Foundation has added a pre-1981 holiday tree and dedicating a special section in the Walk of Honor® this month.

The Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP) continues to enroll departments and currently has approximately 1,700 organizations who have submitted profiles. We have conducted surveys and research the past year to determine that our most frequent users are ambitious fire chiefs from moderate-sized departments, and chiefs from under-resourced departments seeking advice and strategies for doing "more with less." Those who complete the assessment tell us they have done so to enhance budget justification documents, build programs targeting solutions for injuries, and to help prepare for accreditation.

Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program - The Twisp River Fire (Twisp) in the State of Washington tragically cost the lives of U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service firefighters Rick Wheeler, Andrew Zajac, and Tom Zbyszewski. The fire also severely injured another Forest Service firefighter and resulted in the injury of three other firefighters working for the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

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LODD Chiefs Documentary - In June of 2015, the NFFF invited over a dozen fire chiefs who shared one thing in common—they had all overseen the aftermath of at least one line-of-duty death in their departments. The documentary will be extremely helpful in showing that a chief's job is to constantly monitor risks to firefighters.

The behavioral health programs and projects continue to garner interest from departments who understand the nature of stress injuries and how they can be prevented. Training continues and is delivered by an excellent core staff of behavioral health experts, fire service leaders and NFFF consultants. Over 60 fire service organizations obtained a train-the-trainer for the Stress First Aid for Fire & EMS Personnel program. State Training agencies from across the United States and several metro fire departments received the train-the-trainer program. Dr. Thomas Joiner and his team from Florida State University conducted a research project on suicide ideation and attempts by firefighters, as well as a project to evaluate the suicide problem in the fire service. This will ultimately inform all future NFFF suicide-prevention outreach programs.

The Occupational Medicine in the Fire Service Conference was held to build and foster professional exchange about firefighter health concerns. A significant number of fire departments retain a physician to manage their occupational health programs to meet the NFPA 1582 guidelines (Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments). The outcome of this conference included consensus finding for proposed modification or enhancement of standards, priority recommendations for future research and actions, and recommendations to advance professional interaction and exchange.

Fire Service Heart Health - Half of the United States firefighters who died in the line of duty had an underlying cardiac disease. Evidence is emerging that these deaths can be prevented if firefighters have the information they need to make lifestyle changes and if their physicians know how firefighting impacts the development of cardiac problems. Factors such as age, diet, exercise, stress, exposure to toxins and the increased workload associated with suppression activities all impact the body differently.

Cardiac Researchers Planning Meeting - For the first time ever, in recognition of the centrality cardiac disease and death play in the national line-of-duty death statistics, the NFFF brought together the leading U.S. cardiac researchers with a fire service focus. Although these colleagues had known and worked together in small research groups and met at conferences, they had never been together in the same room to discuss the state of their science. For two days, this group of 10 researchers and 13 fire service organizational representatives discussed the physiological, institutional and sociocultural influences on firefighter heart disease.

Heart-to-Heart - Researchers were eager to share what they had learned and fire service representatives asked for practical and attainable interventions for their members.

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The aims of this summit were: to present the knowledge regarding cardiac diseases in the fire service in a manner which was easily understood by the fire service; to develop strategies for introducing and supporting evidence-based knowledge into the fire service community; and to suggest specific protocols for the emerging field of firefighting and occupational medicine. The researchers worked together to lay the groundwork for a future white paper to stress practical and attainable protocols.

Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance - In January of 2015, the NFFF coordinated a meeting with all the fire service organizations to discuss the problem of occupational cancer in the fire service and to develop a strategy to address the issue. The Alliance met in October 2015, to develop a plan to address the cancer issue with a common voice among the fire service organizations. The Alliance will continue to be guided by its members, a steering committee, and has asked the NFFF to continue to facilitate meetings. Two cancer awareness and prevention documentaries were developed in 2015.

The Foundation convened the third Fire Service Research Agenda Symposium. The reports from the symposiums identify the issues that the fire service recognizes as priorities for new study. This year, the NFFF established a two-tier process for evaluating the relative merit of the recommendations. Each group's facilitator presented their recommendations to a jury, comprised of subject matter experts and generalists from the fire service, who questioned the groups and asked members to qualify their positions. Based on these presentations, a jury made final recommendations.

Since assuming leadership and management of the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge program in 2012, the NFFF has seen the program stabilize as an important marker in any department's quest for greater safety for its members. To date, the seatbelt program certification has been a time-consuming review process.

Seven students from the University of New Haven's Fire Science/Fire Administration Program performed an in-depth search of fire service literature for each of the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. Their job was to look for and create citations for articles, media, conference papers, etc., which will help researchers using the initiatives in the fire service determine the level of published activity for their projects. For students in fire science/administration programs, this material can help them compose the majority of their research. The 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives research is the largest of its kind focusing on firefighter line-of-duty injury and death reduction.

Fire Hero Learning Network – Training and education continues to be the cornerstone for the Everyone Goes Home® program. Some highlights include: 17,044 courses completed in 2015, 37,137 overall courses completed. Train-the-trainer courses were delivered across the country in 11 states (VA, ND, CT, AK, NH, ID, SC, IN, MO, DE, TX) and two metro symposiums with FDNY and the Philadelphia Fire Department.

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The Everyone Goes Home® Advocate program continues to be a hallmark component of the program. As a result of the advocates working to embed and instill firefighter safety programs at the local level, Florida is now requiring Courage to be Safe® completion in order to certify as a fire officer I, II, III or IV. Florida is among several states that have embedded Everyone Goes Home® training at the state level.

In conjunction with our partner, the Center for Public Safety Excellence, the NFFF integrated the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives with the next edition of the Center for Public Safety's Fire and Emergency Services Self-Assessment Manual. The manual is used by departments to begin their accreditation process. Proposals were submitted to add the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives in the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Pro-Qual standards currently under review or re-write. The accreditation and certification system will include language that training programs shall be in compliance with the principles and concepts outlined in the 16 Firefighter Life Safety initiatives.

To help sustain the Memorial Park, bricks can be purchased and placed in the Walk of Honor®. There were 629 bricks placed on the Walk of Honor® in 2015, bringing the total of engraved bricks to more than 12,500. The last node in the Walk, located near the "To Lift a Nation" sculpture was procured by the Firemen's Association State of New York.

Raising Awareness - During the 2015 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, our Communications and Marketing team was once again joined by an ever-growing group of volunteers. President Barack Obama's participation in the Memorial Service required even greater collaboration with the White House Press Office, security and media outlets to deliver news and images of the weekend to a vast audience.

The Firehero.org and EveryoneGoesHome.com websites remain the main point of entry for learning more about all NFFF has to offer. By self-publishing more articles about our programs and services on our sites, we positioned the NFFF as a primary resource of firefighter health and safety and for those interested in supporting our mission. Both sites are now more user-friendly for those using smart phones and tablets. The Foundation focused on consistently branding all our materials and communication platforms to further increase recognition with a broader audience. We continued building on our relationships with traditional media outlets, and expanded our social media presence through Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Pinterest. 404,945 firehero.org visitors, 379,019 NFFF facebook page likes, 119,477 everyonehome.com visitors, 7,543 Everyone Goes Home® Facebook page likes and 2,383,857 emails delivered in 2015.

Regional stair climbs are held across the country to support the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. 41 stair climb events in 24 States 9,290 participants raised \$729,102.

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Regional golf tournaments are held across the country to support the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. 24 Tournaments in 21 States, 3,080 participants raised \$558,918.

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 we hope to see you in Emmitsburg on October 7, 8, and 9, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director

Report of the President Vehicle Committee

President Roth, Vice President's Davis and Bilger, 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.

The Presidential Vehicle Committee has worked closely with the Presidents to ensure that our fleet provides reliable and safe transportation for our officers. Each vehicle receives routine maintenance as well as repair in a timely manner of an unexpected occurrence.

A 2015 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor, AWD, was placed in service and delivered to President Roth at last year's convention. The 2012 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package Sedan was sold and delivered to Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company for \$6,500.

An order was placed in December, 2015 for a 2016 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor, AWD. The dealer honored the price of the previous Ford Police Interceptors. The vehicle should be delivered to the Presidential Car Committee in May and will be equipped to be delivered to Vice President Davis.

The committee has received and placed into service three additional trailers. One trailer is used to transport the pit box and the other two are used by the Residential Sprinkler Committee for side by side burns.

The 2012 Ford Crown Victoria, Police package is being offered for sale to the highest bidder. Bids will be opened at the Executive Committee meeting on Sunday preceding the convention. The car committee expects to exchange vehicles with the Presidents at convention and the Ford Crown Victoria will be delivered to the successful bidder after convention upon bid acceptance of the Executive Committee. The MSFA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephan D. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Recruitment and Retention Committee

President Roth Jr., Officer's, Delegate's, Past President's, Members and Guests of the 124th Annual State Firemen's Association Convention, it is with great pleasure that I submit the annual report of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. In August of 2011, the Recruitment and Retention Chair participated in a retreat with the leadership of the MSFA and the chairmen of the Marketing and Training Committee's and we set some lofty goals for this final year, as well as developing a roadmap for the future Recruitment & Retention Committees. I am proud to say that we have met those long-term goals and are continuing to enhance the statewide recruitment efforts. We are looking forward to the goals that were set from this years retreat.

This year we held the 2nd Annual Statewide Recruitment Day event with participation from over 30% of the departments in the state. With requirements of our Safer Grant goal not yet met, we have joined forces with the Marketing and Training Committees to work towards these goals. Jointly we will hire a marketing firm to help create the environment conducive to forward progress. The R & R website will be the launching pad to take us into the future.

The MDVolunteer.org recruitment and retention website is still a work in progress, and the committee is working with the Marketing Committee to make the website interactive. The MSFA Safer Grant Project coordinator, Elaine Custead is assisting with a RFP to find the right company that will meet all of our needs to include the branding of our web page with a new landing page, a universal application and the creation of five videos to be used as TV PSA's and introduction to classes at MIEMSS and MFRI, a YouTube page and the website.

This past year we held many successful recruitment and retention workshops throughout the state. We started with another two day session of "Beyond Hoses and Helmets" in September in Hagerstown, and then to "From Xbox to the Box Alarm" in Frederick and Kent Island in March. Xbox was a very unique class as the room was divided up into two groups, those born before 1980 and those born after. A very lively and interactive discussion took place across the isle. Both groups asked that we consider holding this workshop again, as they all saw the benefits of the discussion and thought that other members of their departments needed to be able to attend. So we have brought the class to the convention this year.

We are pleased to announce that we are holding two seminars lead by Chief Tiger Schmittendorf:

The 1st workshop "**From Xbox™ to Box Alarm**" will be held on Sunday June 19, 2016 from 12 PM to 4 PM. We asked Tiger Schmittendorf to join us at the beach since we had such a successful event in March and we are hopeful that we will have a much larger audience. The seminar From Xbox™ to Box Alarm is an interactive

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discussion open to all. In this game-changing facilitated conversation we’ll transition from the perspective that today’s Xbox™ generation of firefighters are all “unmotivated slackers” – to the reality that most of them are simply staved for **strong, effective leadership!**

The second workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. By utilizing conversation and power points on “Recruitment & Retention: Rescue or Recovery?” the session addresses the challenges of today’s fire service leaders in attracting and retaining the appropriate quantity and quality of firefighters they need to support the delivery of emergency services in their communities. This presentation will benefit emergency response personnel of all ranks and experience levels, specifically those currently responsible for recruiting, motivating and retaining responders and those who may be responsible in the future. The future of the fire service requires that everyone be involved in the process in some form, especially in retaining our peers and recruiting our replacements.

The Committee will be manning a booth in the convention hall to promote the MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee’s programs and the NVFC’s All State Membership.

The committee participated in the MD State Fair for the 1st time last September, and will be setting up and participating in the Maryland State Fair again this year from August 25th to September 5th, 2016.

Sincerely,
Joseph S. Chornock, Chair
Julie Casey, Vice Chair

MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee

David Lewis, PP.	Robert Hahn
Frank Stubbs	Robert C. McHenry, Jr.
Ricardo Tappan	John McDowell
R. Wayne Powell	Brenda Sarmiento
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Robyn Shelton Hahn	Christina Mage
Clifton Odendhal	Theresa Collins
Dale Bowen	
Jim Brown - MIEMSS	Joel McCrea - Planning

Report of the Residential Sprinkler Initiative Committee

President Roth and Vice President's Davis and Bilger, I would like to report that Residential Sprinklers are Alive and Well in the State of Maryland. First, I would like to Thank, Vice Chair John Spiker and all of the committee members for the work and all that has been accomplished this past year.

Since the MSFA Convention in June of 2015 the committee has worked diligently to keep the current sprinkler legislation intact. Knowing that we were facing a challenge in the next legislative session, the Sprinkler Committee and the Legislative Committee joined as one to combat whatever came our way. We were able to obtain a \$10,000 grant from the National Sprinkler Coalition. This enabled us to buy two trailers and have side by side burn buildings built to be used for training and education of elected officials, the public and our own fire service personnel. Since September 2015 we have done 11 side by side burn demonstration throughout the State. At this time I would personally like to Thank, SFM Geraci and SFM Bruce Bouch and everyone at the State Fire Marshalls Office for all of their hard work and dedication toward making all of the demonstrations a success.

Earlier this year, a new piece of legislation was drafted which would reverse the current sprinkler legislation that is now in place. This legislation came to be known as "HB 19". This is when the Sprinkler Committee, the Legislative Committee, the State Fire Marshalls Office and the fire service as a whole came together as one. After a lot of hard work and dedication by everyone this legislation never made it out of the Environment and Transportation Committee and was defeated.

In closing, we will not let our guard down. We will continue to train and educate those throughout the State by using the side by side burn trailers and keep our eyes and ears open to anything that may jeopardize our current sprinkler laws. Anyone interested in holding a demonstration or willing to help with the logistics (rebuilding and transportation) feel free to contact one of our committee members.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey H. Thompson, Chairman

Report of the SAFER Oversight Committee

The SAFER Grant Oversight Committee reorganized in September 2015 at the request of President Roth. The committee members for MSFA are Tim Ganley, Chairperson, Phillip Hurlock, Michael Kelley, and Justin Towles, Alternate. The committee members representing the MFCA are Rick Hemphill, Rick Blair, William Smith, and Jeffery Thompson, Alternate.

During the past year, the Oversight Committee has reviewed and approved multiple

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projects to attract new volunteers to the Maryland fire service. Projects included sports television ads during the Orioles home games, seminars about recruitment and retention, statewide volunteer recruitment days and others. Individual MSFA Committees will report on their projects.

Additionally, a physicals program for new volunteers is underway and a tuition reimbursement program will begin soon after the annual convention. A marketing project is in the works and will begin development during the summer of 2016.

For additional program and committee information, please go to the MSFA Website at www.msfa.org.

Report respectively submitted
Tim Ganley, Chairperson

Report of the Safety Committee

"The Safety Committee of the MSFA has been active this year with numerous meetings. After evaluation of the current national causes of firefighter deaths; we have focused our research of the top three for firefighter education and prevention. Heart Attacks are still the first national cause of firefighter deaths! We are presently offering in all 23 counties of Maryland, through our county health departments; the new "Lifestyle Balance - Fit for Duty" program for better health and weight reduction and improving fitness. Also, currently offered to any fire department in Maryland, is reimbursement through FEMA-SAFER, entry-level full Occupational Medical Examinations that meets the NFPA-1582.

The current second cause of our firefighter's deaths is Motor Vehicle Accidents involving being struck by a vehicle. We determined and implemented the new national-Traffic Incident Management (TIM) 4-hour training with certification and is offered to every Maryland first responder. The committee is attempting to have EVERY Maryland Firefighter/EMT trained in this new safety program, by January of 2018. The national TIM safety train the trainer program is also offered to all regions for departmental implementation.

The number three cause of firefighter death is falling through or from elevation. The Safety Committee has researched and developed a new firefighter fall protection program for this convention and can also be used in any department, to enhance the awareness and prevention of falling deaths. Your MSFA Safety Committee will be offering safety awareness and training at our convention and to every department in Maryland, as requested, to address the three main causes of Maryland Firefighter Fatalities. RESPECT LIFE and BE SAFE !"

Submitted by
Michael LeCompte, Chairman

Report of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Committee

President Roth, Vice Presidents Davis and Bilger, Chairman Seavey, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 124th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

- **SAR Committee plan and goals:**

- Primary purpose/mission will be to promote the role of, and support, MSFA member companies that provide technical search and/or rescue.
 - Provide technical assistance to member companies and coordinate with other MSFA committees concerning SAR issues.
 - Development of training plans for open water searches and water rescue scene management by first in officers.
 - I would encourage departments with any questions related to search and rescue to contact a member of the SAR Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts.
- Will liaison with state/regional/national organizations involved in SAR to advocate for MSFA member companies and gather information to disseminate to the MSFA and...
- Monitor the field of technical SAR and work on positioning the MSFA and member companies to respond to any changes in a way that promotes the work of the MSFA.
 - MSFA organizational representative to the ASTM F-32 Committee on Search and Rescue.
 - MSFA organizational representative to the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR).
 - 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.
- Serve as the MSFA liaison to MEMA on ESF#9 matters.
 - Participated in MEMA ESF#9 planning meeting in August 2015 followed by recommendation that the Maryland ESF#9 plan follow a CISAR model to allow the organization with the most appropriate SME and resource knowledge to be in the lead but still be able to draw on the resources of other ESF#9 partners is suggested by Chairman Johnson.

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- Provided the following talking points to President Roth for discussions with MEMA Director Strickland
 - The most appropriate resource should be used regardless of affiliation. In the case of flood events this would be fire rescue assets that have the greatest experience and keeps law enforcement assets free for law enforcement missions. MSFA has vetted several water rescue assets against NIMS typing criteria and can reasonably assure that those we have listed are valid operators.
 - A robust list of typed and credentialed SAR resources, including development of mission ready packages, is needed in support of #1.
 - MEMA should adopt the CISAR model for ESF#9 operations.
 - The SAR Committee met on April 5th with MEMA staff concerning ESF#9 planning. This was followed by a meeting of the Maryland Search and Rescue Coordination Workgroup attended by Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Berna.
 - Vice-Chair Berna provided revised draft documents for operations of water rescue SAR operations including revision of the Swiftwater/Flood Whitepaper, Mission Ready Packages and related load plans, and resource typing/credentialing guidance.
 - MEMA staff noted their main goals are a) be able to rapidly identify assets; b) pick up where the previous meetings under the Droneburg MEMA administration left off with credentialing process, c) place all typed/credentialed assets in Osprey, d) look into MOU/MOA needs.
 - By July 1, 2016 MEMA wants a mechanism identified to proceed with identification of probable assets for SAR. Chair Johnson recommended that the already identified MSFA SAR assets be used as the starting point and provided the MSFA SAR Resource List to MEMA staff.

MEMA SEOC/ESF#9 Requests:

Joaquin: Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Berna participated in several conference calls with MEMA staff during the weather event associated with Tropical Storm Joaquin late September and early October. At the request of MEMA staff copies of the MSFA SAR Committee ESF#9 Resource Directory was provided to MEMA staff. Chair Johnson monitored WebEOC daily, especially during anticipated high tide events. ESF#9 was activated at the SEOC but MSFA did not receive any request to assist with staffing at the SEOC. Chair Johnson also provided a briefing to the MSFA Executive Committee on October 1st concerning the coordination with MEMA.

Jonas: Chair Johnson monitored WebEOC daily during Winter Storm Jonas in late January. ESF#9 was activated by MEMA; however no requests for

assistance were received by Chair Johnson.

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.

I would personally urge each department providing technical search and/or rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable) certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Structural Collapse Technical Rescuer, Rope Technical Rescuer, Surface Water Technical Rescuer, Vehicle and Machinery Technical Rescuer, Confined Space Technical Rescuer, Trench Technical Rescuer, Fire/Rescue Boat Crew Mate I, II, and Motor Vessel Operator. By having these in place you will be on your way to demonstrating required competencies in the field of SAR response. Information on all of these programs is available thru MFRI.

The Committee would like to thank President Roth 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 changes made Article D of the MSFA Bylaws in 2015, as originally proposed by this Committee, served to clarify and update some of the emergency operation procedures for fire departments in Maryland. Following a review of the Standard Operating Procedures, this Committee decided that no further changes to these guidelines were needed at this time. In addition, following consultation with the MSFA EMS Committee, it was decided that no further revisions to the EMS Standards were warranted as well. The Standards Committee will continue to review the implementation of these requirements, and propose modifications to these new and existing bylaws as necessary.

The Standards Committee also continues to monitor the promulgation and passage of new and revised Codes and Standards of the National Fire Protection Association

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in order to determine possible effects on fire service operations in Maryland, and will stand ready to report any such effects to the Executive Committee and MSFA membership. The 2014 edition of revised NFPA Codes and Standards were approved for issuance by the NFPA Standards Council at the August meeting of that Council and reviewed by this Committee to determine no direct impact on fire service operations in Maryland. In addition, a review of the membership floor actions on new and updated NFPA Codes and Standards taken at the Technical Session of the National Fire Protection Association held in Chicago on June 24-25, 2015 revealed no need to modify MSFA standards or guidelines currently in effect to address these changes to NFPA Standards.

Another important responsibility of this Committee is to provide guidance and advice to the governing bodies of this Association and to its member companies. During the past year, this Committee provided guidance regarding the use of existing apparatus and equipment to the MSFA Office of the Secretary for action on the acceptance of an application for MSFA Membership, and on the need for a Standards inspection for admittance as a member fire company. It should also be noted that this Committee provided a member company with clarification on the requirements for registration of retired fire apparatus for operation on public streets and highways.

During the past calendar year, there were no applications for new member companies that required inspections to determine compliance with MSFA Standards. In addition, there were no complaints or request for Standards inspections of current member companies.

The activities of the Standards Committee were accomplished through much diligent work by its members. The goal of this Committee is to continue to review and monitor current MSFA Bylaws to coordinate these requirements with current NFPA Standards and generally recognized practices. While this coordination with current NFPA Standards will continue, it is understood that many local conditions will require modification to the national standards in order to provide an adequate level of cost effective services. All of these issues will be considered as a part of the MSFA Standards Committee review and recommendation of proposed regulations, with the prime consideration for the safety of the emergency responders of this State and the citizens that they are committed to protect.

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 Strategic Planning Summit

As required in the Bylaws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), a representative group from many components of the MSFA leadership were in attendance and a representative from the LAMSFA was invited to participate!

The group, 23 of 37 invited, met for almost the entire weekend of March 4th to 6th at the William Bolger Postal Executive Leadership Complex in Potomac, Maryland. The campus was an ideal setting to get the creative energy flowing amongst the participants.

For the first time in the history of leadership summits held by the MSFA, the President and Executive Committee Chair opted to bring in external experts to assist in as the Facilitators for the strategic planning process. In reviewing the many great folks in our service across the Nation, it was felt that a representative group from the



South Carolina Firefighters Association would be a perfect fit for what we need to accomplish with this process. We were assisted by three great leaders! Mr. Joseph Palmer, Executive Director; Zorrina Harmon, Member Benefits Director and Tres Atkinson, 3rd Vice President came to lend their talents to the process. This is a tremendous asset as it relates to validation of the methodology used in preparing or mapping the future of the Association. To

have an external sounding board or review team truly makes for a much more objective process and does ultimately, not only validate, but even more so places great emphasis on an external view of the future direction of our Association.

One of the initial discussions on Friday evening centered around the Mission Statement of the Organization. The Facilitators were able to locate three different Mission Statements for our Association! How can we properly move forward without beginning with a consistent message as the overall statement for the MSFA? So, over the course of several meetings since the Strategic Planning Summit (SPS), a group of your leaders have already corrected this inaccuracy and the stated Mission Statement for the Maryland State Firemen's Association is

The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is to Serve, Promote, Advocate and Represent the Interests of the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services of Maryland"

With that one crucial flaw of multiple Mission Statements laid out before the group on the very first evening, it became clear that there was much work to be done! Also, on the first evening, the group decided, through an accepted strategic planning process, the priority list of items that need to be addressed moving forth as an Association.

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The items that the group identified through a rather intense session, are as follows:

- Communication: Promotion, Awareness, Marketing, Website, Branding
- Budget/Funding: Ample and Continuous
- Membership Structure
- Legislation: Political Involvement, "One Voice" locally and statewide
- Reach Next Generation
- Staff for the Association
- Full Involvement/Engaging Membership locally and statewide
- Benefits: LOSAP, Insurance Package, Discounts for Members
- Human Resources: Background Checks for Applicants
- Bylaws and Organizational Issues
- Technology/Methodology to Reach Every Member
- Recruitment and Retention: Statewide Vo-Tech, Volunteer to Career Assistance
- Physicals for all First Responders/Cancer Prevention

Then on Saturday, the group got down to business in the prioritization of various items within each of these categories. There were three breakout groups then concentrated on a subset of the thirteen (13) areas of focus/objectives.

On Sunday, the group began work of how best to move forward on the list of items. It was decided that the objectives that have been stated and agreed upon unanimously will require a tremendous amount of effort and time. The group also feels that the items are of such great importance that we can ill afford to move forward on each slowly.

With the aforementioned accepted, the group has contracted with an individual to work for the MSFA, specifically to address the objectives as set forth coming out of the Summit. Attached with this report is a listing of those that participated in the Strategic Planning Summit.

Respectfully,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., Chairman
Executive Committee

Report of the Training Committee

The Training Committee met bi-monthly during the fiscal year. Meetings were held at various locations in central Maryland including the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Headquarters in College Park (Prince Georges) - twice, and at its Southern Maryland Regional Training Center in LaPlata (Charles). Meetings were also held at the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company (Carroll), Ellicott City VFC (Howard), Wheaton Rescue Squad (Montgomery), and at the Carroll County Training Center. We are grateful to the host companies and agencies for their fine hospitality.

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Meeting attendance improved during this reporting period, perhaps as a result of holding the meetings in the more centrally located areas in Maryland. Meeting attendance ranged from 29 participants to a meeting with eleven in attendance. It should be noted that the meeting with the lowest attendance was held at a later start time than normal because it was preempted by the final day of the MSFA Summit which was held the weekend of March 4 - 6 (several of our committee members attended that function).

Liaison agencies (officers of the MSFA – 2nd VP Mark Bilger is a member of the committee, MFRI, MD Fire Chiefs Association – Past President Rick Blair is a committee member, MD Council of Fire and Rescue Academies – Past Chairman Leon Fleming is a committee member) had representatives at our meetings regularly, MIEMSS – Ombudsman Mike Deckard was present at most meetings. The MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee frequently had representation. Chairs of other committees sometimes attended Training Committee meetings.

During the year, a subcommittee was established and decided to make no changes to the guidelines for applying for the Zembower Award.

The program for fire and rescue training at the high school level was discussed several times. Vice Chairman Stevens and I attended a meeting at MFRI Headquarters. The meeting included two representatives of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), MFRI Director Edwards, Assistant Director Preston, a member of the Washington County Career Technology Education Program, and a past president of the MFC Association. It was decided that MSDE will permit *Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)* to be the minimum certification program presented to the students; however, *EMT* will continue to be recognized in the Memorandum of Understanding between MSDE, MFRI, and the public school systems.

There was discussion at the meeting with MSDE about removing *Incident Command for the Fire Service* as a requirement for the program (program is no longer available) and replacing it with another program. After researching the issue, MFRI has recommended that *Truck Company Fireground Operations (TCFO)* be used in its stead. Between *Firefighter I* and TCFO, incident command will be fully covered.

After a suggestion by a committee member, MFRI was asked if the Training Committee could have involvement in the course selection for Maryland Weekend at the National Fire Academy for 2017. MFRI graciously consented and hosted a conference call on the topic with members of the committee. The committee recommended and MFRI approved the following classes for Maryland Weekend 2017:

Maryland Weekend at NFA Course Listing February 11-12, 2017

- (1) W0376 - Incident Command System and Resource Management for the Fire Service**

Curriculum: Incident Management

This is a significantly revised two-day program providing students with an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and resource management for the fire service and their application in both emergency and nonemergency situations. This course addresses the need for an ICS, an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure, and the need to effectively manage your resources. This course meets the requirements of ICS-100 and ICS-200.

Selection criteria:

All first responders with responsibilities to use, deploy, implement and/or function within ICS and resource management.

Prerequisite: None

(2) W0379 - Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders

Curriculum: Arson

This course is designed specifically to provide a clear definition of the role of first responders in arson detection and provide essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of intentionally set fires, preservation and protection of evidence, and proper reporting of information to appropriate officials. By strengthening the partnership between first responders and investigators, the chances for successfully solving arson-related crimes will increase. The course includes topics such as fire behavior, critical observations of the first responder, fire causes, scene security and evidence preservation, legal considerations, and documentation of findings.

This course is designed for all fire and emergency services personnel who might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.

Interested students are encouraged to complete "Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders" (Q0379) available through NFA Online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/online.html>, prior to participating in the classroom-based course.

Selection criteria:

Fire and emergency services personnel who respond to fires or might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.

Prerequisite: 1. Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online at www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/nfaonline. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training. 2. Interested students are encouraged to complete

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"Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders" (Q0379), available through NFA Online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/online.html>, prior to participating in this classroom-based course.

(3) W0457 - Decision Making for Initial Company Operations

Curriculum: Incident Management:

This two-day course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. With the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that COs be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander, the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the Incident Command System organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position that they are assigned to, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

Selection criteria: This course is specifically designed for newly appointed COs and for firefighters who may have acting CO responsibilities or who want to become a CO. This course is an excellent review for experienced COs.

Prerequisite: None

(4) W0635 - Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction

Curriculum: Fire Prevention: Management

This two-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction.

At the end of the course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70. There is a pre-course assignment that should take about one hour to complete.

Selection criteria:

The target audience for this course may include the following:

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- Fire and emergency services personnel who help develop and deliver fire prevention and community risk-reduction programs.
- Fire and emergency services staff with an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community.
- Allied health and community service personnel who help develop and deliver risk-reduction programs.

Prerequisite: None

(5) W0636 - Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction

Curriculum: Fire Prevention: Management

This two-day course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

This course includes three units of instruction:

- Unit 1: Components of Community Risk Reduction.
- Unit 2: Community Risk Reduction as a Service Priority.
- Unit 3: Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction.

At the end of this course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70.

There is a pre-course assignment to complete before class that should take about one hour to complete.

Selection criteria:

The target audience for this course may include the following:

- Fire and emergency services personnel who want to learn about community risk reduction.
- Fire and emergency services personnel who are currently involved with fire prevention and have an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community.

Prerequisite: None

(6) W0761 - New Fire Chief 2: Administrative Issues

Curriculum: Leadership and Executive Development

This two-day course is to provide students with the managerial, administrative and leadership skills and awareness necessary for new or recently appointed or elected chiefs to effectively meet their obligations of the position.

Selection criteria:

The primary audience is newly appointed fire chiefs in volunteer, combination or career departments, as well as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chiefs.

The secondary audience is department leaders and current officers who may become fire chiefs, as well as local government administrators and elected officials who are involved in the administration of a fire department or EMS.

Prerequisite: **None** – this is a stand-alone course and New Fire Chief 1 is NOT a prerequisite.

The topic that involved a lot discussion at most all of our meeting was the new EMT National Registry program and its high failure rate. MIEMSS Ombudsman Deckert and the MSFA officers fielded our members' questions.

The Training Committee continues to be active and we are available to assist any individual or committee.

Respectfully submitted
C. Kingsley Poole, Chair

Report of the Transportation Committee

During the past year we have been working with MVA to obtain current information on all MSFA tag holders. Having updated information helps the committee to research tags that may have been flagged for non-renewal due to non-compliance with the 2013 recertification. MVA has been very helpful in flagging the tags of these individuals. However, we can only submit a certain number of names each time.

We continue to receive request from stations wishing to recertify and members in need of assistance. We also have had a few that are in need of all the information on their stations as a result of finding letters regarding compliance and who are willing to help get this done.

Based on the MSFA by-laws the companies are not qualified to obtain MSFA tags or to retain them and are considered not to be in good standing. Having MSFA tags is a privilege and paying \$5.00 every 5 years is required to retain that privilege.

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The names of the outstanding companies are listed on the MSFA website in a Transportation Newsletter that has been established and will be on going with updates to help provide information to member companies.

The committee continues to meet on a regular basis to input information into the database.

We are currently in need of County Coordinators for Caroline, Queen Anne and Frederick counties. If you know of someone who is willing to help in these counties, please let the committee know. It is not a difficult job to do and the committee is willing to meet and explain what is required.

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 Roth, for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee

The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) committee set a goal of simplifying the loan and grant application process and increasing member company participation during fiscal year 2016. The committee developed a roadmap for change and went to work. Focusing on the goals and the benefits provided by the Fund, the committee received, reviewed, approved and processed twelve (12) loan application totaling **\$9,776,571.02** and two (2) grant applications totaling **\$201,780.00** between July 2015 and May of 2016. The committee obtained MSFA Executive Committee and Maryland Board of Public Works (Governor Larry Hogan, Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp and Comptroller Peter Franchot) approval for these loans and grants, which guaranteed funding for the company projects.

The approved loans and grants provided the following companies the most affordable way to purchase, replace, or improve equipment and/or facilities:

1. Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Company – Ambulance Loan for \$137,630.25
2. Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Engine Loan for \$364,102.00
3. Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department – Facility Loan for \$2,500,000.00
4. Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department – Ladder-Tower Loan for \$675,000.00

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5. Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company – Fire Engine Loan for \$392,743.00
6. Abingdon Fire Company – Ladder Truck Loan for \$872,000.00.
7. Odenton Volunteer Fire Company – Facility Improvement Loan for \$374,500.00
8. Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department – New Facility Loan for \$2,500,000.00
9. Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department – Engine Rehab Loan for \$34,886.77
10. Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department – Facility Loan for \$1,755,709.00
11. Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Company – Light Rescue Truck Loan for \$90,000.00
12. Hancock Rescue Squad – Ambulance Grant for \$118,300.00
13. Vienna Volunteer Fire Company – Ambulance Grant for \$83,480.00
14. Vienna Volunteer Fire Company – Ambulance Loan for \$80,000.00

In closing, the VCAF committee had a very successful year, but a trying year with a tremendous loss. On August 10, 2015 the VCAF committee lost a dear friend and one of its most devoted members; we lost Pat Bowser. It wasn't until we lost Pat that we realize how much she truly did for the committee and applying companies. She had all of us on autopilot! The VCAF committee and the MSFA owes Rodney Bowser, Pat's husband, a huge THANK YOU for the many hours he spent on the road with Pat attending meetings and giving her a helping hand at home with all of the administrative work she did as the Allegany and Garrett counties regional representative and Secretary of the VCAF committee.

I also want to thank the VCAF committee members for all of the work they did this past year to approve 14 applications with a total value of \$9.78M, and to keep the committee functioning and productive during the months following the loss of Pat. This is a special group of individuals who embraced change and worked selflessly to serve each other and their customers – the member companies of the MSFA. Thank you!

Lastly, thank you to the member companies who decided to obtain a VCAF loan and/or grant. It is wonderful to see companies take advantage of Maryland's most affordable way for volunteer emergency services companies to purchase, replace, or improve equipment and/or facilities. Working with company leaders is always a privilege for the VCAF committee and extremely gratifying to see the good that comes from helping companies achieve their project goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig B. Harman, Chairman

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

President Roth, officers and members of the MSFA and LAMSFA. The 2015 raffle, which was conducted from June 2014 through June 2015, yielded a total of \$57,645.00. The expenses totaled \$23,970.02 which left a profit of \$33,674.98.

Counter sales at the 2015 convention produced \$6,888.00 and the remaining \$50,757.00 was realized by the special events that the committee attended, by the sales returned by the member companies, and by the LAMSFA who sold \$12,569 worth of chances. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with \$18,577.00.

Although every county returned money, 182 out of 369 (49%) MSFA member companies did not! The following list by county represents the percentage of companies that did return money:

Allegany	55%	Howard	83%
Anne Arundel	64%	Kent	57%
Baltimore	45%	Montgomery	74%
Calvert	75%	Prince Georges	26%
Caroline	43%	Queen Anne's	78%
Carroll	53%	Somerset	11%
Cecil	55%	St Mary's	64%
Charles	63%	Talbot	71%
Dorchester	47%	Washington	50%
Frederick	39%	Wicomico	7%
Garrett	46%	Worcester	36%
Harford	92%		

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	\$ 1,903.00	Howard	\$ 800.00
Anne Arundel	\$ 2,189.00	Kent	\$ 897.00
Baltimore	\$ 2,171.00	Montgomery	\$ 3,577.00
Calvert	\$ 941.00	Prince Georges	\$ 1,340.00
Caroline	\$ 220.00	Queen Anne's	\$ 890.00
Carroll	\$ 1,289.00	Somerset	\$ 100.00
Cecil	\$ 2,521.00	St Mary's	\$ 1,245.00
Charles	\$ 1,300.00	Talbot	\$ 567.00
Dorchester	\$ 5,865.00	Washington	\$ 1,338.00
Frederick	\$ 1,928.00	Wicomico	\$ 165.00
Garrett	\$ 534.00	Worcester	\$ 400.00
Harford	\$18,577.00		

Expenses for 2014-2015 Raffle

\$ 16,800.00	Prize Money
\$ 3,494.00	Printing
\$ 1,000.00	OC Springfest fees
\$ 1,000.00	OC Sunfest fees
\$ 75.00	Darlington Apple Fest fee
\$ 70.00	Leitersburg Festival fee
\$ 350.00	Maryland BBQ Bash fee
\$ 25.00	Raffle license (Worcester Co)
<u>\$ 1,156.02</u>	Tent Rentals
\$ 23,970.02	Total Expenses
\$ 57,645.00	Total Sales
<u>\$ 23,970.02</u>	Total Expenses
\$ 33,674.98	Total Profit

Prize Winners for 2014-2015 Raffle

1 st	\$10,000 - Linda Dousa - Edgewood, MD
2 nd	\$2,500 - Diane Clifford – Philadelphia, PA
3 rd	\$1,500 - J P Snyder - Manchester, MD
4 th	\$1,000 - Don Oleyar – Springfield, VA
5 th	\$750 - Josh Utz - Pittsville, MD
6 th	\$500 - Robert Trossbach – Leonardtown, MD
7 th	\$250 - Lucille Wood - Elkton, MD
8 th	\$100 - Kevin Reilly – Lothian, MD
9 th	\$100 - Diane Friel - Baltimore, MD
10 th	\$100 - Tom Vongchan - Pocomoke, 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 2015-2016 raffle. We have attended the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland BBQ Bash, and Ocean City's Sunfest and Springfest.

The committee would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, informative, and safe conference and convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Jonske, Chairman
Anna Jonske, MSFALA Co-Chairman
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman

Report of the Wills for Heroes Committee

The Wills for Heroes Committee was created to offer a benefit, amongst many others, to members of member companies to enable such individuals to have a free will written.

To begin the process, the member should go to the MSFA website (msfa.org), click on Committees, click on Wills for Heroes Committee, and download the paperwork. Then the member should complete the paperwork and send the paperwork to a committee member who will then write the individual's will and return the will together with the paperwork to the individual requesting the service.

This service is something that should be taken advantage of because, while writing a will is usually the furthest thing from anyone's mind, the cost per individual to go to a lawyer to have a will written should, in and of itself, justify the time to take advantage of this service.

During the past year, every individual who requested a will had that will written for him/her. The Wills for Heroes Committee is pleased to have been appointed to provide this valuable service to members of member companies. The Wills for Heroes Committee looks forward to continuing to serve.

Roger N. Powell, Esquire, *PP, Chairman*
Michael W. Farlow, Esquire
Steven J. Scheinin, Esquire
Gail Moreland
Franklin D. Roth, Jr.

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PROGRAM
LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE
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SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016

8:00 am **Exhibitor Registration** - Convention Center Lower Level
9:00-17:00 pm **Education and Training Seminars** - Convention Center
9:00-11:30 am **Miss Fire Prevention Interviews** - Governor's and Board Room Mezzanine Lvl
9:00am **Executive Committee Meeting** - Performing Arts Center
10:00-12:00 **Convention Events Ticket Sales** - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
10:00-12:00 **Ladies Auxiliary Early Registration** - Performing Arts Center
10:30 am **Sunday Morning Worship Service** - Performing Arts Center
11:00-2:00 pm **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** - Convention Center PAC Foyer
2:00 pm **Miss Fire Prevention Contest** - Performing Arts Center
5:00 pm **Joint Memorial Service** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016

8:00 am **Convention Events Ticket Sales** - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
8:30 am **Call to Order** - Convention Center Bayfront Ballroom
9:00 am **Opening Ceremonies**
Exhibits Open
9:10 am **Keynote Speaker** - After the speaker has presented his program the LAMSFA will be excused to go to the Auxiliary meeting in the Performing Arts Center

FIRST SESSION

10:30-11:15am **Registration in the Performing Arts Center**
11:15 am **Call to Order** - President Darby A. Byrd
Presentation of Colors - Colorbearers Joan Kramer and Stephanie Dalton
Invocation - Chaplain Becky Wathen
Pledge to the Flag - President Darby A. Byrd
Conference Song - Music chair Susan Derlunas
Welcome By Convention Chair - Flo Collins
Greetings - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Nomination of Officers - Corresponding Secretary Donna Struntz
Reading of Election Rules - Corresponding Secretary Donna Struntz
Recognition of LAMSFA Past Presidents

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Recognition of MSFA President - Johnie Roth
Report of the Credentials Report - Fran Fusco
Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary Marcia Roth
Report of the Treasurer - Kristi Grinder
Report of the Financial Secretary - Lori Denbow

AWARDS CEREMONY

Jane Todd Award - Perryville Ladies Auxiliary
Hall of Fame Inductions - Chairman Leone Gatton
Honey Award - Past President Leonard King and Treasurer Ron Starnicki
Report of the Officers
Report of the Committee Chairmen
Communication and Bills - Corresponding Secretary Donna Struntz
Unfinished Business
Door Prize Drawing - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Benediction - Vice Chaplain Malea Daughton

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

SECOND SESSION

8:00-8:45 am Registration and Balloting -
Only the person with Chairman of Delegates Badge will be allowed to cast the vote. No auxiliary will be allowed to share the Chairman's*Badge The Chairman must be present if a second ballot is needed.

9:00 am **Exhibits Open**

9:00 am **Call to Order** - President Darby A. Byrd
Invocation - Chaplain Becky Wathen
Recognition of Guests
Report of the Fire Prevention Chair - Rose Pandolfini
Report of the Election Committee - Chair Leone Gatton
Report of the Credentials - Chair Fran Fusco
FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bessie Marshall Fund - Chair Marti Neal/Kitty Garner
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
Benediction - Vice Chaplain-Malea Daughton
Recess
After the Ladies Auxiliary meeting closes there will a meeting of the 2016-2017

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- Officers, Past Presidents, and Pages to the front of the Ladies Meeting room with
Installing Officer Past President Ann Price- Davis
5:30 pm **Joint Installation of Officers** - Performing Arts Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

THIRD SESSION

- 7:30 am **Prayer Breakfast** - Convention Center
8:30-9:00 am **Registration**
9:15 am **Call to Order** - President Barbara Sue Nelson
Invocation - Chaplain
Dismissal 2015-2016 Committees - Except Ads/Patrons -
Past President Darby Byrd
Officers Reports
Committee Appointments - President Barbara Sue Nelson
New Business
Good of the Order
Door Prizes - Ocean City Ladies Auxiliary
Adjourn Convention Meeting
Benediction - Vice Chaplain
Retirement of Colors

Past President's Luncheon - By Invitation Only

12:00 pm **Exhibits Close** - No Entry after 11:45

1:00 pm **Firemen's Parade** - Downtown Ocean City - Rain or Shine
Parade Route is between 16th. and 30th. Street on Baltimore Avenue

5:30 pm **Awarding of Parade Prizes/Trophies** - Convention Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

- 9:00 am **MSFA Executive Committee Meeting** - Convention Center-PAC

10:30 am **Meeting of the LAMSFA Financial Officers and Presidents**
to close out the books. (Convention Center)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

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



Darby Byrd
2015-2016



Barbara Sue Nelson
2016-2017



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Report of the President

As we head into celebrating the 85th Anniversary Convention of the LAMSFA, I take time to pause and reflect on the past eleven years of my journey. I have been honored to serve as your President this past year. It has been a pleasure to represent our Association as I have traveled from boarder to boarder of the great state of Maryland. I have enjoyed visiting with old friends and building bridges with new ones.

I have attended several events this past year, some of which were banquets, funeral services, and all four MSFA Executive meetings, MD Fire/Rescue Gala, the NFFF Weekend in Emmitsburg, the joint Christmas Party, St. Patrick's Day Weekend, Shock Trauma Gala, CFSI dinner and the Delaware State convention.

In September at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Memorial Foundation Gala, President Roth and I presented a mounted memorial bell to the foundation. It was designed to be able to sit on the perch of the brick pillar at the memorial site and ring each year on the first Sunday in June in honor of our fallen heroes. It is a privilege each year for us all to come together as one and pay our respects and show are gratitude to the ones that have gone before us.

I have experienced great sadness in my personal life this past year. The loss of my mother Guelda K. Farrall on November 1, 2015 was something that shook me to the core of my soul. She had served as the Charles County Organizer for the LAMSFA for over 35 consecutive years.

Then on February 24, 2016 again my core was shook by the untimely death of my Past President and dear friend Eloise Healy.

These are the two women whom had supported me in every step of this journey. I will be forever grateful that they were both able to be with me in Ocean City when I was installed as President. Now they sit on each side of my shoulders and continue to guide me.

To LAMSFA Past President Clara Mae Buckmaster, you have given me great memories since I was a child attending convention. You would sit behind me and pluck my ear to see me squirm in the chair, and then my mother's hand would make contact with my leg telling me to stop moving. I would like to thank you for all your silent support over the years. Then there is LAMSFA Past President Leone Gatton. You have always been just a phone call away. If I just had a question or needed to have someone listen, you always lent your ear and time. You usually then followed up with a card just to let me know you were thinking of me. I have every card you have ever sent me. I am forever grateful. To all the other Past Presidents of the LAMSFA, thank you for your support and guidance over the past years.

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President Johnnie Roth, there are no words to express how I feel about our friendship. You always say that we are joined at the hip. I would like to congratulate you and your leadership team on an extraordinary year. The accomplishments by the legislative committee are well deserved. I appreciate you respecting me and my Association by allowing up to function as a united membership. We all accomplish more when we work together. Thank you for sharing both laughs and tears with me over the past year. You have made my experience awesome! I will cherish our friendship well into the future and look forward to our families sharing time together. Now kick back and relax!!

Senior Vice President Barbara Sue Nelson, where do I start... You have made the past years together in the chairs an exciting roller coaster ride. We have seen hobo's in Baltimore the dirt roads in the county. Always laughing and filled with entertainment. You stepped in and supported me during my darkest hours this past year allowing me to focus on my family when I needed it most. I am going to miss our daily text or phone calls just to check in with each other. I cherish your friendship and pray that you have an awesome year!

To all the officers that I have served with over this 11 year journey, both past and present, thank you for all your support. We have all had our ups and downs but in the end we were a team. I am grateful for each one of you and your friendships.

To my family of the Dentsville EMS and Auxiliary, Inc. and the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, I cannot thank you enough for your support over the past 11 years. You have supported me every step of the way.

To the two people who have made the greatest sacrifice. My daughter Kate "Tater Tot" and my husband Kevin. You both keep me grounded, you stand beside me and behind me with every endeavor I have undertaken. I can never repay you other than to say, you are my sunshine and I love you both to the moon and back with all my heart and soul!

I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you for the past 11 years. I wish each one of you the very best as you continue your journey! Enjoy the ride and the memories.....

Sincerely,
Darby Byrd
LAMSFA President

Report of the Senior Vice President

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Senior Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the year 2015 – 2016 and an honor to represent the LAMSFA at the many banquets, installations, meetings and other events I have attended this year. It's great to travel over the beautiful state of Maryland, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Where ever my travels have taken me the hospitality has been great. My sincere thanks to all the Auxiliaries, Fire Departments and Rescue Squads for all your invitations to your events.

As I serve the office of Senior Vice President of the LAMSFA I also serve as Bylaw Chairman. It has been a pleasure working with my committee and we will have a few submitted bylaw changes or revision going on the LAMSFA ballot.

I would like to congratulate LAMSFA President Darby Byrd and MSFA President Johnie Roth on an excellent job they have done this year. It has been a pleasure to work with both of them. Darby and I have traveled many places together and have had fun times in our travels.

To all my fellow Officers it has been great working with all of you. We've shared a lot of laughs and a few tears but most of all we've share a great friendship. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year; I know we will have a successful and productive one. It's also been a pleasure working with 1st Vice President Mike Davis, 2nd Vice President Mark Bilger and all the other Officers and Committee chairs of the MSFA. Thank you for including the LAMSFA in your events and keeping us informed on what's going on.

A big thank you to all the Past President of the LAMSFA for sharing their knowledge. They are the ones to go to when you have a question and are always willing to help.

Thank You to the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department. They are all my second family and I greatly appreciate all their support and great friendships. They are a devoted group of people and I know they are always there for me. Thanks to the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad and Auxiliary for all their support.

To my Past President Joyce Thorne and my Page Bobbie Lacey, thank you very much for all your support and being there for me.

To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association, thank you for your confidence, support and friendship. I hope I represent you well as I travel around the State of Maryland. Thanks also to the southern Maryland Firemen's Association for their support.

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A special thanks to my husband Speedy, thanks for being my biggest supporter and always being there for me. To my son J.A., Daughter-in-law Candi, Granddaughter Makenna and Grandson Brayden, thank you for all you do.

Once again I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Auxiliaries of the LAMSFA for your support and confidence. I hope everyone stays safe while in Ocean City and on your travels home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Sue Nelson
LAMSFA Senior Vice President

Report of the Junior Vice President

To the members and officers of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and its Ladies Auxiliary, it has been my pleasure to serve as LAMSFA Junior Vice President, 2015-2016. I have been honored and privileged to attend many of your meetings, fire department events, banquets, and installations. I've seen the State of Maryland from border to border and continue to discover many wonderful, beautiful things about this great State and its welcoming people. I feel at home everywhere I stop.

While serving as Junior Vice President, I also served as Membership Chair and Standard Procedures Chair. I was excited to announce that Bittinger Auxiliary joined and Bowman's Addition Auxiliary rejoined the LAMSFA this year. We welcome them into the fold. We are making great strides on the Standard Procedures committee to produce a set of standard operating procedures, so everyone will better understand the organization and be comfortable handling the affairs of an LAMSFA committee or office.

Congratulations to LAMSFA President Darby Byrd and MSFA President Johnie Roth – you've done an excellent job this year, and it has been my pleasure to work with both of you. And best of luck to incoming Presidents Barbara Sue Nelson and Michael Davis. I'm looking forward to working with them.

I also would like to congratulate all the incoming officers of the LAMSFA and MSFA.

Thank you to the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department. I feel as though I spend more time with you than at home. You are truly family to me.

To my Past President Sharon Worthington and Page Candy Mitchell, thank you for always being there to support me. To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County

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Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, thank you for the support and friendships as I travel around Maryland and other states.

To my husband Ron and my family, you've always been supportive of my efforts as I climb the chairs and you're there for me know matter what goes on.

To Presidents Johnie Roth and Darby Byrd, I am very proud of the accomplishments you have made on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and its Ladies Auxiliary in Annapolis – well done.

It has been a busy but fun year working with all of the Officers and Past Presidents of the LAMSFA and MSFA. We've seen good times and sad times, but we have become stronger through them.

I'm looking forward to the future and the anniversary year for Barbara Sue – I know it will be wonderful!

Respectfully Submitted,
Vivian Morgan Boyd
LAMSFA Jr. Vice President

Report of the Chaplain

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Chaplain this year!

The support that I have received from everyone has been wonderful and phenomenal. The Officer's and the membership has been very supportive of me over the years. I want to thank each and every one of you for your friendship. I have enjoyed the many invitations that I have received to banquets and events throughout this wonderful State.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with MSFA Chaplain John Long and the Rev. Harry Hetz this year. Thank you gentlemen for all of your support and kindness.

I would like to thank my Past President Leone Gatton for her continued support. A special thank you goes to my family for supporting me as well. I'm half way there! I would also like to thank my home Auxiliary, the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association and their members for their continued support.

We lost two very special ladies this year, Ms. Eloise Healy and Ms. Guelda Farrall. These two ladies will be sorely missed by everyone especially our President this year,

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Ms. Darby Byrd. These two ladies were recognized as Special Tributes in the Memorial Service this year.

Dorothy Eloise Healy, *LAMSFA Past President 1988-1989*

Potomac Heights V. F. D. and Rescue Squad

Guelda K. Farrall, *LAMSFA Charles County Organizer*

Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit

Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS

Dentsville Volunteer EMS and Auxiliary

The other auxiliary members that have left us between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Wathen

LAMSFA Chaplain

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Viola M. Winters, Cresaptown Vol. Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary

Margaret L. Bible, District 16 Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary

Mary Logue, Ellerslie Vol. Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Florence N. Printy, Ellerslie Vol. Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

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Anne Arundel

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Sylvia R. Hammond, Ladies Auxiliary to the Odenton Vol. Fire Co.

Sandra K. "Sandy" Bealle, West Annapolis Vol. Fire & Improvement Co.

Ladies Auxiliary

Baltimore

Courtney Lynn McElwee, Wise Avenue Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

Calvert

Bonnie D. Arnold, St. Leonard Vol. Fire & Rescue Co. 7 Alarmers

Doris W. Tettimer, St. Leonard Vol. Fire & Rescue Co. 7 Alarmers

Caroline

Jean C. Detweiler, Ladies Auxiliary Federalsburg Vol. Fire Company

Carroll

Belle Stickles, Gamber and Community Fire Company Auxiliary

Juanita M. Grimm, Hampstead Aux. to Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine and Hose Co. Number One

Albert J. Johnson, Hampstead Aux. to Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine and Hose Company Number One

Margaret P. Lang, Hampstead Aux. to Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine and Hose Company Number One

Janice E. Wheeler, Hampstead Aux. to Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine and Hose Company Number One

Audrey V. Hess, Auxiliary of the Harney Vol. Fire Company

Hilda Hann, Aux. to the Manchester Fire Engine and Hook & Ladder Company Number One

Thelma Eaker, New Windsor Fire and Hose Co. Number One Auxiliary

Ruth E. Franklin, New Windsor Fire and Hose Co. Number One Auxiliary

Dorothy Drechsler, Reese Auxiliary of the Reese and Community Vol. Fire Co.

Jean Harmon, Taneytown Vol. Fire Co. Number One Auxiliary

Glenda A. Etzler, Union Bridge Vol. Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Isabelle R. Graham, Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

Naomi Sinnott, Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Joanne Ruth Neudecker, Ladies Aux. to the Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company Number One

Ethel L. Farver, Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary

Emma M. Foltz, Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary

June S. Gosnell, Winfield Community Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary

Cecil

Mildred Tamargo Letts, North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Marjorie L. Taylor, North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Carlene Poist, Ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company

Saverio Pulice, Ladies Aux. William M. Singerly Steam Fire Engine and Hook & Ladder Company Number One of Elkton

Charles

Edith Bealle, Waldorf Vol. Fire Dept. and EMS Association Auxiliary

Frederick

Mary E. Fogle, - The Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Company

Doris C Sines, - Urbana V. F Dept. and Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary

Garrett

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William Lindsley, Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad Auxiliary
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Mary Beatrice "Bea" Hefner, Ridge VFD. Auxiliary
Patricia A Raley, Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary

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Washington

Connie Zeigler, Leitersburg Vol. Fire Company Auxiliary

Wicomico

Annabel R. Johnson, Fruitland Vol. Fire Company Auxiliary

Worcester

Janet Greenway, Ocean City Vol. Fire Company Ladies Aux.

Report of the Bessie Marshall Committee

Thank you to President Byrd for her confidence in us to chair this very important committee. We have strived to have an open process that maintains the privacy of the applicants.

Meeting of the Committee were held at Branchville in July 2015 and at Joppa Magnolia in January 2016. The application was re-designed. All applications are reviewed by three members. A medical check of the doctor's license was added. One notary requirement was eliminated. All of these actions were made to improve the integrity of the process.

We are very appreciative of the continued support for the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. A very special thank you to past president, Dave Keller, for the money raised through his shave-off at the December Executive Meeting. We are grateful to all who promoted it and participated.

The Red Knights No.1 held a bingo fundraiser for the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund and plan to sponsor another event. We are grateful for their interest and continuing support.

A special recognition to the Auxiliaries throughout the state of Maryland that hold special fund raisers for this committee. There are many and they make this effort annually. They are the backbone and make this committee the success that it is.

Special recognition to Mr. Steele for his contributions through the years of his wooden art. Each one surpasses the last in it's fine workmanship.

As of March 31, 2016, we have paid a total of forty cases at \$900.00 each for a total of \$36,000.00. The distribution of the cases paid is:

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Anne Arundel County	1
Baltimore County	1
Caroline County	2
Carroll County	2
Cecil County	2
Charles County	1
Frederick County	2
Garrett County	1
Harford County	6
Kent County	1
Prince George's County	4
St. Mary's County	1
Washington County	8
Wicomico County	1

Through February 29, 2016, we have receipts of \$15,544

Our fund raising strategy includes the traditional lottery, the handcrafted "Woody" donated by Mr. Steele, a Spring Money raffle and a handmade blanket with the LAMSFA seal. These 4 raffles will be concluded at convention in June 2016. A gift card raffle is also planned for convention.

A very special thank you to Presidents Roth and Byrd for sponsoring raffles at each of the Executive meetings this year in support of the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. Again, we sincerely appreciate all of the support you give to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Neal, Co-chair
Kitty Garner, Co-chair

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee

It has been my pleasure to serve as the LAMSFA Fire Prevention Co-Chair for the past year. Thank you President Darby Byrd for my appointment. This Committee continues to support auxiliaries by supplying free flyers and brochures for use in their communities.

The Committee annually holds a fire prevention contest. There are also two prestige awards given, the *Silver Spring Trophy* and the *Jane Todd Firewoman of the Year Award*. Requests for entries and nominations for these awards are made to all auxiliaries.

We encourage auxiliary members to attend programs, such as the free Public and Fire Life Safety Educator Seminar held in March and The Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference held in September.

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We inform members when grants are available and have others talk about their fire prevention projects. Though fire deaths have diminished compared to last year we must continue our efforts to promote fire prevention to reduce the death number even further. This is not just for one week but a continuous never-ending job.

Our first course of action starts with our own fire companies. Fire Prevention is the first line item to be cut from many company budgets. We need to change this mentality and stress the importance of *prevention* and *safety* to our own fire families. Deputy Fire Marshal Bouch said "More lives have been saved by prevention than by rescue". Yes the fire death count has gone down but it needs to be reduced even further.

That is where our Fire Prevention efforts begin. Don't be afraid to help anyone learn the importance of Prevention. Every visitor who enters a firehouse should leave with prevention information. Yes, hold your open houses but also go out to other community functions. Maybe the local church is having a dinner or there's a big sale at a local business. Ask the management if you can set up a table. Let them know you're not selling anything just providing free fire and life safety information. Ask the Fire Prevention Committee for flyers or where and how to obtain these free handouts. There are so many ways any one of us can help save lives in our communities. Think about it then go out and promote.

Respectfully,
Rose Pandolfini, Co-Chair
LAMSFA Fire Prevention

Report of the Legislative/Seventeen State Circle Committee

I would like to thank President Darby Byrd for my appointment as Chairman of 17 State Circle Committee. We have the same TEAM members again this year. We worked well together last year and look forward to the New Year.

Even though we don't start until January we will be having a training session on the new system that the State House is using this year. No date has been set as yet. We have enjoyed working with the new officers of the MSFA, Richard Smith and Stephan Cox. There will be a lot of new faces on the State Senate and House sides after the election in November and we look forward to getting to know them.

Have a great summer!
Carene Housenfluck, LAMSFA Chairman

Report of the Income Tax Subtraction Modification Committee

We are compiling all the counties into the spreadsheet to submit the LAMSFA Income Tax Subtraction Summary Report by May 1.

Income Tax Subtraction Modification continues to be a great benefit to the LAMSFA since 2001. We hope it's an incentive and recruitment tool that you're using locally to encourage others to join an auxiliary and volunteer time to their fire service and community.

The modification amount is increasing each year by \$250 until it reaches \$5,000 in 2019. These are the subtraction modification amounts for the next four years:

Tax Year	Amount
2016	\$4,250
2017	\$4,500
2018	\$4,750
2019	\$5,000

As you can see, this is such a valuable incentive to our volunteer organization that gets better every year! Make sure you stay active throughout the year to earn your 50 points so you can claim this economic benefit.

Respectfully,
Ann McGill
LAMSFA Chair and State Points Coordinator

**ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF 2016 DELEGATES & ALTERNATES
ACTIVE MEMBERS**

(Code: ** Registered at 2016 Convention)

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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; Organized: 1932. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3676 S. Upper Ferry Road, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County. Telephone: 410-546-3515 Fax 410-546-5053. President: Sarah Townsend, Vice President: Bert Widdowson, Secretary: Sam Brannock, Treasurer: Buddy Malone, Chaplain: Matt Radcliff, Chief: David Barry. Delegates: David Barry, Sarah Townsend, Cory Townsend, Bert Widdowson. Alternates: None Listed.

****ALLENTOWN ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 8709 Allentown Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744; Prince George's County. Telephone: 301-248-7434 Fax: 301-265-1164; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: Ronald Austin, Vice President: Darrell Frances, Secretary: Shannell Austin, Treasurer: Shannon Austin, Chaplain: Ronald Austin, Chief: Nicholas C. Filamore. Delegates: Darrell Frances, N.C. Filamore, Ronald Austin, Shannell Austin, Shannon Austin. Alternates: Richard Scott, Nathan Moore, April Edward, Jessica Erinu.

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****ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 790 Potomac Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County. Telephone: 301-733-3334; Website: www.antietafirecompany.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1818. President: Ron Horn, Vice President: Secretary: James Barkdoll, Treasurer: Robert Davelor, Chaplain: Chief: James Sprecher Jr. Delegates: Ron Horn, James Forberger, James Sprecher Jr.

****ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Arbutus, MD 21227; Baltimore County. Telephone: 410-242-6601 Fax: 410-242-6962; E-mail: cao350@bcvfa.org; Website: www.arbutusvfd.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: John McDowell, Vice President: Steven Gorwer, Secretary: Gina K. Birsner, Treasurer: Jessie Tacka, Chaplain: Steven Owens, Chief: Captain Norm Simpkins Jr. Delegates: John McDowell, Joseph Antoszewski, Donald Gutberlet, Lewis Harvey IV, Douglas Simpkins Jr. 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; Website: www.arcadiavfc.org; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1950. President: Scott Boose, Vice President: Michele Crumbacker, Secretary: Melissa Pollock, Treasurer: Jerry Wayne, Chaplain: Michael Adam, Chief: Jeff Wickline. Delegates: Scott Boose, Jeff Wickline, Michael Crumbacker, Tammy Boose, Jerry Wayne. Alternates: Michael Robinson Sr., Shannon Robinson, Ethan Sigman, Mike Dennis, Michael Robinson Jr.

****ARNOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1, 1505 Ritchie Highway, Arnold, MD 21012; Anne Arundel County. Telephone: 410-757-5942 Fax: 410-757-5942; Website: www.arnoldvfd.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1951. President: William Erlich, Vice President: Kevin Knussman, Secretary: Wayne Handschur, Treasurer: Jeannine Allen, Chaplain: Chief: Randy Hopkins. Delegates: Charles Chrystal, Kevin Knussman, Melissa Erlich, Alicia Blake. Alternates: William Ehrlich, Randy Hopkins, Jean Allen.

****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: 1956. President: Kathleen D. Gross, Vice President: Sam Sumpter, Secretary: Sara Hilt, Treasurer: Dave Loyd, Chaplain: Laura Woods, Chief: J. David Ayers. Delegates: Carene Housenfluck, Marian Nicholson, Peter Ferrigno, Jen Benevicy, Kathleen Gross. Alternates: J. David Ayres, Steve Race, Bob Cochenour, Dave Loyd, Sam Sumpter.

****BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-888-1888 Fax: 301-888-1526; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955; Joined MSFA: 1957. President: Roy "Tony" Hall, Vice President: Robert E. Boswell, Secretary: Mary Summers, Treasurer: Cora Goldsmith, Chaplain: Etienne Roussan Jr., Chief: J. Robert Breen. Delegates: Paul Harris, Doris Harris, Jack Summers, Tony Hall Jr. Robert Breen. Alternate: None Listed.

BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 359, 15010 Baltimore Pike, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-4170; E-mail: co4@allconet.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. Joined MSFA: 1943. President: Gary Carpenter, Vice President: Robert Demoss, Secretary: Lisa Hout, Treasurer: Barbara Demoss, Chaplain: Jim and Debbie Kasecamp, Chief: Sam Wilson. Delegates: Gary Carpenter, Colvin Athey, Sam Wilson, Steven Hout, Brandon Kelly. Alternates: John Harr, Lisa Hout, Rita Hout, Robert Demoss, Barbara Demoss.

****BARTON HOSE CO. NO.1, INC.** – PO Box 277, 19200 Legislation Road, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2138; Organized: 1919; Chartered: 1947. President: Kevin Bowman, Vice President: Joseph Langham, Secretary: John Shuhart, Treasurer: John Shuhart, Chaplain: Stanley Broadwater, Chief: Kevin Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Robert Rounds, Kevin Rounds, Kevin Bowman, Brysen Rounds. Alternates: Gene Foutz, Joe Kyle, Wayne Broadwater.

****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: Tom Eno, Treasurer: Bruce Theden, Chaplain: Keith Fairfax, Chief: Joe Gould. Delegates: Wayne Johnson, Richard Sullivan, Joe Gould, Joe Zienda, Joe Cooper. Alternates: Keith Fairfax, Pat Stanley, Melvin Tennyson, Bruce Theden, Doug Medley.

****BEDFORD ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 13200 Bedford Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-724-3670; E-mail: stevestrappercoop@yahoo.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Tim Growden, Vice President: Bob Grabenstein, Secretary: Diane Schade, Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter, Chief: Derek Crippen. Delegates: Tim Growden, Mike Helmstetter Sr., Derek Crippen, Seth Miller, Steve Shuhayda. Alternates: None Listed.

****BEL AIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 109 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4400; Website: www.bavfc.org. Organized: 1890; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Joe Price, Vice President: Tom Fry, Secretary: Nick McGowan, Treasurer: Charlie Walls, Chaplain: Tim Kick, Chief: Ricky Davis. Delegates: Rusty Eyre, Mike Lochary, Gary Kadolph, Joe Price. Alternates: Will Price.

****BEL ALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 9765 Bel Alton-Newtown Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611; Charles County; Telephone: 301-932-0894; Fax: 301-932-1115; Website: www.bavfd.org; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1962; Joined MSFA: 1963. President: John H. Hackley, Jr., Vice President: Billy Robertson, Jr., Secretary: Kimberly Hayden, Treasurer: James Hoover Thompson, Chaplain: Julian Hayden, Chief: David Williams. Delegates: John H. Hackley, Jr., Billy Robertson, Jr., James Hoover Thompson, David Williams, Laren Cusic. Alternates: Larry Fisher, Butch Hayden, Charlie Hayden, Chris Strybing, Josh Gagan..

****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: 1947. President: Margie Dickey, Vice President: Michael Schaffer, Secretary: Samantha Schwartz, Treasurer: Michal Butler, Chaplain: Rev. Harry Hetz, Chief: Matt Tomlins. Delegates: Rev. Harry Hetz, Margie Dickey, Billy McNeel, Tony McCall, Steve Flora. Alternates: Janice Gardiner, Kenny Reising, Brian Hart, Mike Adams, Matt Tomlinst.

BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD 20612; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-3890 Website: www.bvfdrs.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950. Joined MSFA: 1952; President: rancis "Buzzy" Griffin IV, Vice President: Francis Cusick, Secretary: Destiny Cusick, Treasurer: Katie Wells, Chaplain: Chief: Brian Cusick. Delegates: Francis "Buzzy" Griffin III, Brian Cusick, Francis Cusick, Arron Ruslander, Harry Brown. Alternates: Calvin Demarr, Sr., Donna Demarr, Katie Wells, Francis Griffin IV, Greg Foard.

BERLIN FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 214 North Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-1977; Fax: 410-641-2494; Website: www.berlinfire.com; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1910. Joined MSFA: 1912; President: David A. Fitzgerald, Vice President: H. David Bloxom, Secretary: Larry Hall, Treasurer: F. Gino Carozza, Chaplain: Duana Phillips, Chief: Jim Coroon. Delegates: David A. Fitzgerald, H. David Bloxom, Joe Pylypczuk, Jim Corron, Jeanne Feltes. Alternates: David Bradford, John Jolloway, Bryon Trimble, Bill Tilghman, David Lewis.

****BERWYN HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 8811 60th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-627-6905, Website: www.bhvfd14.org; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1924. Joined MSFA: 1929; President: James Hurley, Vice President: Chris Wipprecht, Secretary: Kyle Snyder, Treasurer: Eric Norris, Chaplain, Chief: Danny McCoy. Delegates: Daniel McCoy, James Kiernan, Peter Isaacson, Ryan Wagner, Paul J. Martein. Alternates: Mark Grant.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1927; President: John B. Murgolo, Vice President: Michael Kay, Secretary: Ted Rosen, Treasurer: Andrew Genova, Chaplain: Chief: Lawrence J. Gaddis. Delegates: Lawrence J., Gaddis, Charles Bartlett, Michael Kay, Nathan Finkelstein, David Paddock. Alternates: Virginia Miller.

****BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-652-0077; E-mail: ned.sherburne@bccrs.org; Website www.bccrs.org; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1945. President: Kenneth B. Holden, Vice President: David S. Dwyer, Secretary: Shane Satterlund, Treasurer: James Hamilton, Chaplain: Chief: Edward Sherburne. Delegates: Kenneth Holden, Johnie Roth, George Giebel, Kathleen Donahoe, David Dwyer. Alternates: Robert McDonald, Edward Sherburne.

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****BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5678; Fax: 410-348-5300; Website: www.bvfc5.org; Organized: 1938. Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Chip Campbell, Vice President: John Nicholson. Secretary: Carrie Nicholson. Treasurer: Amanda Clark, Chaplain: Bill Carroll. Chief: Chad Carroll. Delegates: Bud Campbell, John Nicholson, Jody Nicholson, Chad Clark, Amanda Clark. Alternates: None listed.

BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – P.O. Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD 21813; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-352-5757; Fax: 410-352-5482; Website: www.bishopville900.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1939. President: Wayne Benson, Vice President: Harry M. McCabe, Secretary: Richard Cropper, Treasurer: James Latchum, Chaplain: William Cooper, Chief: David Collins. Delegates: David Collins, Wayne Benson, James Latchum, Mace McCabel. Alternates: None Listed.

BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 176 Brennehan Road, Bittinger, MD 21522; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-245-4414; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Dennis Yoder, Vice President: Larry Nesline, Secretary: Jeff Beitzel, Treasurer: William Buckel, Chaplain: Leon Beitzel, Chief: Justin Orendorf. Delegates: Darrin Yoder, Justin Orendorf. Alternates: None Listed.

****BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 348, 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-864-4415; Website: www.by9fd.com. Organized: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1925; President: Gary Katz, Jr., Vice President: Gary Katz, Sr., Secretary: Jason Byrnes, Treasurer: Donnie Wells, Chaplain: Rodgers Reinhart, , Chief: Randy S. Kuenzli. Delegates: Gary Katz Jr., Randy Kunezli, Donald S. Wells, Jason Byrnes, Stu Hurlburt. Alternates: Gary Katz, Sr., Gerell Lockett, Dave Summer, Josh Jany, Kyle Schultz.

BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 12, 77 North Branch Avenue, (133 Meadow Drive) Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone 301-359-3729; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. Joined MSFA: 1941; President: Dave Robey, Vice President: Paul Wilson, Secretary: Melody Knisely, Treasurer: Jon Dowden, Chaplain: Donald Harvey, Chief: Daniel Bever. Delegates: Daniel Bever, Shane Bever, Kathy Bever, Greg Forney, Shari Forney. Alternates: Tristan McCrobie, Hunter McCrobie, Melody Knisley, Chris Feaster.

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; Website: www.boonsbororescue.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1954; 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. 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@

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allconet.org; Website: www.shafffire.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941. President: Jesse Jefferies, Vice President: Samantha Bennett. Secretary: Andrea Bennett. Treasurer: Patricia McGowan. Chaplain: Aaron Winters. Chief: Scott Yates. Delegates: Scott Yates, Aaron Winters, Jesses Jeffries. Alternates: None Listed.

BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 14711 Old Hanover Road, Upperco, MD 21155; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-429-5200; Fax: 410-429-5201; E-mail: ca0420@bcvco.org. Organized: 1907; Chartered: 1911; President: Henry Horner IV, Vice President: Kyle Shropshire, Secretary: Courtney Brooks, Treasurer: Samuel Wesley, Chaplain: Chief: Charles Stinchcomb. Delegates: Henry Horner IV, Kyle Shropshire, Alex Haslacker, Sam Wesley, Charles Stinchcomb III. Alternates: Kenneth Freeman, Steve Miller, Walter Devillbiss, Henry Horner III, Jason Edwards.

****BOULEVARD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4101 Alton Street, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-561-8112 Fax: 301-568-0851; Website: www.bh17vfd.com; Organized: 1920; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Marco R. Baylor, Vice President: Vanessa Surles, Secretary: Paula Warren, Treasurer: Shana Reams, Chaplain: Mark Coghill. Chief: Thomas Forrester. Delegates: Marco Baylor, Vanessa Surles, Thomas Forrester, Wade Irby, Trevor Forrester. Alternates: Paula Warren, Danita Mickens, Ronald Morris, Lloyd Brooks, Stephon Bryant..

****BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** –15454 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-262-0502; E-mail: info@bowievfd.org; Website: bowievfd.org; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: David B. Parker Jr., Vice President: Francis Gormley, Secretary: Gary Blanton, Treasurer: Ed Oblas, Chaplain: Chief: Jonathan Howard. Delegates: David B. Parker, Jr., Chris St. John, Piero Mellits, Gordon Curtis, Jonathan Howard. Alternates: David Yang, David Darbro, J.R. Bigony, Glenn Locker, Ed Oblas.

****BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12420 McMullen Highway, SW, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-729-1522; E-mail: bowlinggreen@hereintown.net; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: William Bradley, Vice President: David Thompson, Secretary: Lance Adams, Treasurer: Richard Ross, Chaplain: Joann Bradley. Chief: Shannon Adams. 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: Dennis Bonner, Vice President: Cody Mohler, Secretary: Carole O'Baker, Treasurer: Charles Jones, Chalpain: Carole O'Baker, Chief: Matthew Jones. Delegates: Dennis Bonner, Carole O'Baker, Jeff Deter, Charles Jones. Alternates: Amanda Jones, Lori Deter, Matthew Jones, Susan Blacker, Justin Blacker.

****BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 320, 6715 Jefferson Boulevard, Braddock Heights, MD 21714; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-371-6820; Organized: 1910; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: William Smith, Vice-President: William Lenhart. Secretary: Doug Miller. Treasurer: Rachel Marsteller, Chaplain: Chief: Patrick B. Mctighe. Alternates: None Listed.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1924; President: Ronald Leizear Sr., Vice President: Thomas Tanner, Secretary: Robyn Lindsey, Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood, Chaplain: Chief: Richard Leizear. Delegates: Frank Underwood, Ronald Leizear Sr., Richard Leizear, John Hughes, Ronald Leizear Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

****BRANDYWINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** – PO Box 238, 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-372-8507.
See Volunteer Fire Department of Brandywine

****BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** – P.O. Box 261, 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722, Prince George's County, Telephone: 301-927-5713 Fax: 301-927-5713; Website: www.bv55fd.com. Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1923 ; Joined MSFA: 1922; President: Steven King, Vice President: William F. Broadus, Jr., Secretary: Jennifer Hampton, Treasurer: Alica Reidy, Chalpain: Edward Mutchler, Chief: John Moats. Delegates: Steven King, Edward Mutchler, Laura Moats, Marcus Ford, Lawrence Moats. Alternates: John Moats, Curtis King, Staci Frame, Richard Melito, Tony Brooks.

****BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5100 Ritchie Highway, Brooklyn, MD 21225-3051; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-789-0242; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Charles Doegen, Vice President: Joseph Laumann, Secretary: Norman E. Ray Jr., Treasurer: Norman E. Ray Jr., Chief: Delegates: Charles Doegen, Joseph Laumann, William Ray, Joseph Angylof, John McNally. Alternates: Norman Ray, Jr., Phillip Laumann, William Gibson.

****BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – 200 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8102; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1961. President: Shane Pyes., Vice President: Eric Shaffer, Secretary: Susie Nicol, Treasurer: Stacy Myers, Chaplain: Chief: Andy Smothers. Delegates: Eric Smothers, Andy Smothers, Susie Nicol, Stacy Myers. Alternates: None Listed

****BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 286, 1500 Volunteer Drive, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-834-8300; Website: bvfd5.org; Organized: 1893; Chartered: 1894; Joined MSFA: 1910. President: Kenny Nicewarner, Vice President: Secretary: Robin Bell, Treasurer: Kevin Myers, Chaplain: Chief: George Clary Jr. Delegates: Clarence Webbert. Alternates: None Listed.

****BRYANS ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. –** PO Box 111, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road, MD 20616; Charles County; Telephone: 301-375-7055; Website: brvfd.com; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1963; Joined MSFA: 1964. President: David Hamrick, Vice President: Joseph Gronau, Secretary: Ann Damon, Treasurer: Paul McCormick, Chaplain: Christopher Ikel, Chief: Clifford Montgomery. Delegates: Mike Tackish, Dennis Tomlinson, Elvan Hedges. Alternates: None Listed

****BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY –**PO Box 264, Mt. Rainer, MD.3716 RhodelslandAvenue. Brentwood, Maryland 20712; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-985-5411; Fax: 301-985-5411; Website: www.bhvrc.com. President: John A, Mutchler, Vice President: John Hines, Secretary: Lawrence Trainum, Treasurer: Barry Miller, Chief: Jason Fisher. Delegates: Opal Benoit, Jason Fisher, John Hines, John Gage, John Mutchler. Alternates: None Listed.

****BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –** PO Box 215, 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8957 Fax 301-879-1487; E-mail: newmanlen@aol.com Website: bvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. Joined MSFA: 1948; President: Tamera G. Bulal, Vice President: Drew Dunn, Secretary: Leonard Newman, Treasurer: Christine Dunn, Chaplain: Christine Dunn, Chief: Joseph Pignataro. Delegates: Tamera Bulla, Joseph Pignataro, Drew Dunn, Christine Dunn, Leonard Newman.. Alternates: Gary Jones.

BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 75, 15019 Falls Road, Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7913; Fax: 410-771-4103; E-mail: cao490@bcvfa.org; Website: butlervfd.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1954. Joined MSFA: 1958; President: Cary Rutledge, Vice President: David Arbogast, Secretary: Milton Curtis, Treasurer: Wayne Hackley, Chaplain: Chief: Todd Rutledge. Delegates: David Arbogast, Todd Rutledge, Cary Rutledge, Matthew Underwood, 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: Michael Harting, Vice President: Robert Roller, Secretary: Robert Harrison Wilson, Treasurer: James Fones, Chaplain: Katherine Bryant, Chief: James P Seavey Sr. Delegates: James Seavey Sr., Robert Roller, Robert Harrison Wilson, Mary Morgal, Greg Bastien. Alternates: Lukas Bastien, Mary Seavey, Scott Perlmutter, Christian Mage, Robert Macdonald.

CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC –55 Security Blvd., Prince Frederick, MD20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-0411; E-mail: chief10@calvertals.net; Website: calvertals.net; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989.No Credentials were submitted for 2016.

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****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 Miller, Vice President: Tina Dembowski, Secretary: Nancy Wright, Treasurer: George Ryan, Chaplain: Chief: Drew Mutch. Delegates: Ron Block, Jim Mekins Jr., Carol Mekins, Bob Seibel. Alternates: None Listed.

****CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.**- 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7705. See Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Capitol Heights, MD.

****CARROLL MANOR VOLUNTEER 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. Joined MSFA: 1954 President: Daryl Murphy, Vice President: Rosemary Long, Secretary: Hilary Schaub, Treasurer: Ida Young, Chief: Mike Smallwood. Delegates: Joyce W. Shry.

****CECILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 565, 110 East Main Street, Cecilton, MD 21913; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-275-8686; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Lori Cichocki, Vice President: Deanna Cheyney, Secretary: Lita O'Neal, Treasurer: Christy Biggs, Chaplain: Chief: Jay Pardee. Delegates: Lori Cichocki, Anthony Leonardi, Jennie Brockell, Wilson Davis. Chris Organek. Alternates: Heather Miller, Deanna Cheyney, Bill Bailey, Butch Reed, Willie Hevelow.

CHAPEL OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 31309, 5544 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20731-0309, Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-2600; Fax: 301-925-4950; E-mail: hubert38-11@hotmail.com Website: chapeloxfire.com; Organized 1946; Chartered 1950; Joined MSFA 1967. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****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.org; Organized: 1978; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1983. President: Gary R. Gertz, Vice President: Charles Shaw, Secretary: Brian Clements, Treasurer: Janet Siviter, Chaplain: , Chief: David Siviter. Delegates: Gary R. Gertz, Charles Shaw, Brian Clements. 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. No credentials were submitted for 2016.

****CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 111, 307 Market Street, Charlestown, MD 21914; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-6451; Website: <http://cfc5.net>; Organized: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. Organized: 1909; President: George F. Stanko, Vice President: Jason Barrow, Secretary: Kenneth Schockley, Treasurer:

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Rosalyn Bott, Chaplain: Chief: Gary R. Bott. Delegates: Gary Bott, George Stanko, Mike Starling, Michael Walsh, Jason Barrow. Alternates: Ronnie Daniels, Tom Bicking, Mark Rhodes, Michael Doss, Bill Doss.

****CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-3434. President: Joseph Douglas, Vice President: Brad Russum, Secretary: Cindy Morris, Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney, Chaplain: Rev. Frison, Chief: Bruce Neal. Delegates: Jeffrey H. Thompson, Joe Douglas, Bruce Neal, Donald Hodges Sr., William Hildebrand. Alternates: Darlene Neal, John Darling.

****CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** -12020 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 22085; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7781 Fax: 410-252-6111; E-mail: larryg500@comcast.net, Web Site: www.chestnutridgefire.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA: 1962. President: Larry Getlan, Vice President: Daniel Burton, Secretary: Bryan Crystal, Treasurer: Harry Kakel, Chaplain, Chief: Daniel Uddeme. Delegates: Larry Getlan, Dan Uddeme, Fred Cross, Charles Fauer, Steve Kleemanl. Alternates: Daniel Burton, Adam Harrison, Gentry Fitzpatrick.

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. -8001 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-4707; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1930. Joined MSFA: 1929; President: John E. Bird, Vice President: Natalie Straus Wells, Secretary: Sandra Snyder, Treasurer: Ted Pochter. Delegates: None Listed Alternates: None Listed.

****CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. STATION 34**—7833 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-434-3435; Website: 34box.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1953; . President: Louise M. Davis, Vice President: Charles Larkin, Secretary: Madeline Alliger, Treasurer: John Guyton, Chaplain, Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Louis M. Davis, Charles Aldridge, Charles Larkin, Charles Walker, John Guyton. Alternates: Calvin Colwell, Barry Lohr, Ricky Rodriguez, Don Vanlueven.

****CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-330-2070; E-mail: bsteiner@fastol.com. President: Tina McWilliams, Vice President: Jamie Harding Willey, Secretary: Stephanie McWilliams, Treasurer: Russell Hurley Sr., Chief: Guy McWilliams. Delegates: Russell Hurley, Sr., Barbara Steiner. Alternates: None Listed

****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: Rosie Vansant, Treasurer: Sandra A. Reed, Chaplain: M. Shane Moran, Chief: Tyler W. Williams. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Brett Vanzant, Shawn Rideout, Tyler Meekins, Jaclyn Nuckels. Alternates: Stephen T. Hurlock, Charles D. Jester, Tyler W. Williams, Kevin M. Carson, Francis D. Jester.

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****CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4 FREDERICK MD, INC.** – PO Box 3855, 15 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21705; Frederick County; Telephone 301-600-1713 Fax 301-600-1734; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Robert Jacobs, Vice President: David Keller, Secretary: Vicky Keller, Treasurer: Timothy Ganley, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: John Elden. Delegates: Timothy Ganley, William Nichols, David Keller III, Robert Jacobs, John Elden. Alternates: Vicky Keller, S. Jeff Wisner, Bion Winpigler.

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. No credentials were submitted for 2016.

****CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB, INC.** – PO Box 61, 233 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722-0088; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-2711; Fax: 301-842-3073; Website: clearspringems.org; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. President: Robert Scott, Vice President: Vacant, Secretary: Brittany Marriotti, Treasurer: Brenda Keefer, Chaplain: Lynn Hunsberger, Chief: Stephanie Stellard. Delegates: Walter Irvin Sr., Robert Scott, W. David Irvin Jr., Grace Irvin, Lori Irvin. Alternates: Lynn Hunsberger, Stephanie Stellard, Richard Blair.

****CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone: 301-842-3775; Email: chief4reid@myactv.net; Website: clearspringfire.net; Organized; 1935; Chartered: 1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Robert Downs, Vice President: Bryan Altman, Secretary: Tammy S. Mariotti, Treasurer: Charles Munday, Chaplain: Theodore Hovermale, Chief: Michael Reid. Delegates: Charles Munday, Zach Reid, J.T. Altman, Dylan Altman, Jeff Preston. Alternates: Terssa Preston, Mike Reid, Robert Downs, Bryan Altman, Gary Marritto.

****CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 9025 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-868-1333 Fax: 301-868-0330; E-mail: rmason3275@gmail.com, Website: clintonvfd.org; Organized: 1936; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1937. President: Jerry Spence, Vice President: Michelle Desperes, Secretary: Sally Brown, Treasurer: Robert McGhee Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Renaldo Mason. Delegates: Jerry Spence, Renaldo Mason, Bob McGhee, Sally Brown, Lisa Faunce. Alternates: Michaelle Desperes, Scott Kaiser, Theresa Kaiser, Chad Hasselberger, Kathleen Maresch.

****COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS, INC.** – PO Box 156, 17069 Cobb Island Road, Cobb Island, MD 20625; Charles County; Telephone: 301-259-4258 Fax: 301-259-0527; Website: civfd.com; Organized: 1949. Joined MSFA: 1952; President: William A. Lawman, Sr., Vice President: Chris Mattingly, Secretary: Kathy Kilinski, Treasurer: Crystal Jackson, Chaplain: Chief: William A. Lawman, Jr. Delegates: William A. Lawman Sr., William A. Lawman, Jr. Katherine Kilinski, Kenny Staley, Renea Godwin. Alternates: Mary J. Lawman, Michael Lawman, Crystal Jackson, Ronnie Evans.

****COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 344. 11210 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1851 Fax: 410-527-3739; Email: treasure@cvfa.org Website: cvfc.org; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896. Joined MSFA: 1952 President: Jean Roberts, Vice President: Kenny West, Secretary: Andrew Rosenblum, Treasurer: John Dixon, Chaplain: Helen Banister, Chief: Kevin Roberts. Delegates: Kathy Walker, Lawrence Gribble, Tom Jeffers, Kenneth Cole, Jack Roberts. Alternates: None Listed.

****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: 1927. President: Pete Piringer, Vice President: Vacant, Secretary: Matt Chibbaro, Treasurer: Zvi Gruenspecht, Chaplain: Chris Harris. Chief: William Corrigan. Delegates: Pete Piringer, Kenneth Bush, Robert Ryan, Keith Lippincott, John Crisman. Alternates: William Corrigan, Troy Dannenfelser, Ari Schloss, Anthony Russo, Mike Wilbur.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 248, 309 S. Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-859-4208; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1928. President: Joseph T. Delisle, Vice President: Jean Reese, Secretary: Jason P. Pippen, Treasurer: Joseph T. Delisle, Chief: Vacant. 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 & VICINITY, INC.** - 900 Bowley's Quarters Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5771; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1946; Email: jmheinz210@gmail.com Website: bqvolunteers.org; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: John E. Hammen, Vice President: Louis Hartmann, Secretary: Bernie Eckert, Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic Jr., Chaplain: Roy Elder, Chief: John Heinz. Delegates: Jerry Cusic, Paul J. Cusic, John Hammen, John Heinz. Alternates: None Listed.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC. – P.O. Box 255, 185 Sassafras Street, Millington, MD 21651; Kent County; Telephone: 410-928-3171; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1923. Joined MSFA: 1926; President: Wayne Starkey, Vice President: Todd McGinnis, Secretary: Jessica Morales, Treasurer: Paige Hickman, Chaplain: , Chief: Richard Mcintyre. Delegates: CJ Morales. Alternates: None Listed.

****COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC.** –P.O. Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-642-2647 Fax: 410-642-0266; E-mail: ajonesey@yahoo.com; Website: pvfd616.com; Organized: 1923; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: John A. Jones, Vice President: Karen Reinhart, Secretary: Kristie Claman, Treasurer: Dale K. Deweese, Chaplain: Sue Hornbarger, Chief: Ray Ryan. Delegates: Terry Grove, Daniel Mahan, Samuel Anderson, Charles Thomas, Karen Jones. Alternates: John A. Jones, James R. Hall, Mark Fayer, Charles Gardner, Phillip Thomas.

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****COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC.** – PO Box 699, 300 Joseph Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-658-5115 Fax: 410-658-9899; E-mail: risingsunpresident8@gmail.com. Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921; President: Walter Funk, Vice President: Eric Simpkins, Secretary: Kristin Batz, Treasurer: Suzanne Wehry, Chaplain: Adam Haines, Chief: Donald Wehry. Delegates: Stacy Zachry, Walter Funk, Karl Reichenbach, Donald Wehry, Ken Morris. Alternates: Suzanne Wehry, Kristin Batz.

****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: James Sprecher III, Vice President: Donna Long, Secretary: Charlie Shindle, Treasurer: Terry Trovinger, Chaplain: Melvin Smith, Chief: James Sprecher III. Delegates: James Sprecher III, Stephen Mitchell, Chris Amos, Scott Leeny, Gerald Cook. Alternates: Donna Long, Jeremy Mackrell, Robert Buck, Lynn Brumelow, Gerry Kendlel.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. DISTRICT No. 12 – PO Box 97, 18002 Tilgman Road, Fairplay, MD 21733; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-0099; Email: fairplay12@earthlink.net; Organized: 1947. Joined MSFA: 1949 President: , Vice President: , Secretary: , Treasurer: , Chaplain: Chief: . Delegates: None Listed. 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: 1932. SEE GLEN ECHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

****CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 102, 11864 Kittys Corner Road, Cordova, MD 21625; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-364-5400 Fax 410-364-5119; Website: www.cordovavfa.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. Joined MSFA: 1952; President: Jason Lindorm, Vice President: James Eason Sr., Secretary: Kathryn Dulin, Treasurer: William Behrens, Chaplain: William Cheezum, Chief: Robert Messix. Delegates: Vernon Dulin, Aaron Saulsbury, Renee Pearson. Alternates: None Listed.

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 187, 12502 Corrigan Drive, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-7418; Organized: 1939. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 13109 Warrior Drive, SW, 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: Patrick Reid, Vice President: William McElvie, Secretary: Katrina Wolf, Treasurer: Susan Clark-Cecil, Chaplain: Pete Walbert, Chief: Christopher Cage. Delegates: Patrick Reid, Christopher Cage, Calvin "Pete" Walbert, Don Reid, Andy Thomas. Alternates: Tony Rotruck, Sarah Stosick.

CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 591, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-968-1262 Fax: 410-651-9361; Organized: 1874; Chartered: 1921; Joined MSFA: 1939. President: Louis A. Hickman, Vice President: Ronnie Hinman, Secretary: John Dize, Treasurer: Jay Paro, Chaplain: Russell Ward, Chief: Frankie Pruitt. Delegates: Russell Ward, Ronnie Hinman, Louis Hickman, Doug Curtis, Randy Holland. Alternates: Eric Emely, Coery Holland, Jay Paro, Jay Walston, Charles Cavanaugh..

****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: Thomas Pennington, Vice President: Norman Husfelt, Secretary: Linda Hamann, Treasurer: Eric Meredith, Chaplain: Chief: James A. Hurlock, Delegates: Missy Orff. Alternates: None Listed

****CUMBERLAND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.** – 11400 Ppg Road, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-876-9155 Fax: 301-876-9160. President: Richard DeVore. Vice President: Timothy Dayton. Secretary: Kenneth May. Treasurer: Chaplain: Chief: Delegates: Timonthy Dayton, Richard Devore, Robert Pattison, Tim Growden. Alternates: None Listed..

****DAMASCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-253-3988 Fax: 301-253-3862; E-mail: wwwsw71@verizon.net Website: damascusvfd.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: M. Wayne Warfield, Vice President: Steven Burns, Secretary: Theresa Long, Treasurer: Tiffany Newman, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Braden, Chief: S. Darron Long. Delegates: Ron Watkins, Darron Long, Roger Runkles, Gary Hilton, heresa Long. Alternates: Thomas Watking, Cathy Dunn, Monte Crown, Bruce Surette, Ronald German.

****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: 1950. President: Michael A. Vincent, Vice President: R. Donald Thomas, Secretary: Ralph Borden, Treasurer: Carolyn Phillips, Chaplain: Ralph Borden, Chief: Samuel Sauerst. Delegates: Samuel Sauers, Willard Evans, J. Alan Thompson, 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: dealislandchancevfc.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954; Joined MSFA: 1956. President: Charles Jacobson, Vice President: George Mister, Secretary: Shaun Roth, Treasurer: Danny Webster, Chaplain: David Webster, Chief: DonaldL. Ford. Delegates: Donald Ford, George Mister, Dave Webster, Junior Walters. 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-

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867-1350; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Dale Browning, Vice President: Ray Mudd, Secretary: Becky Lancaster, Treasurer: Becky Lare, Chaplain: Robert Howard, Chief: Russell Lancaster III. Delegates: Dale Browning, Ray Mudd, Russell Lancaster III, Gayle Moreland, Bernard Phipps. Alternates: Becky Lancaster, Karen George, Robin Howard, Vicki Browning, Eddie Lumpkin.

DEEP CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 419, 1906 Deep Creek Drive, McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-387-5252; Organized: 1965; Chartered: 1966. Joined MSFA: 1970; President: Joshua Hook, Vice President: Brian Chaney, Secretary: Brian Schlossnagle, Treasurer: Russell Sines, Chaplain: Larry Schlossnagle, Chief: Jason King. Delegates: Jason Hook. Alternates: Jason King.

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; Email: co20@gc911.org; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1950. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, 301 Grove Street, Delmar, DE 19940; Wicomico County; Telephone: 302-846-2530; Website: delmar74.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Robert Thompson, Vice President: Joseph Morris Jr., Secretary: Brian Hearn, Treasurer: Marty Skarson, Chaplain: Robert Jones, Chief: Manson Jones. Delegates: Robert F. Jones, Jack Morris, Sr., Marty Skarson, Joe Morris, Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314-0015; (near)Harford County; Telephone: 717-456-7133 Fax: 717-456-7958; Website: deltacardiffvc.com; Organized: 1898; Chartered: 1910; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Dennis Emmel, Vice President: Richard Fantom, Secretary: Maxine Moul, Treasurer: Lori Robbins, Chaplain: Gale Parthree, Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. Delegates: James Williams, Dan Blake. Alternates: None Listed.

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. Joined MSFA: 1924; No Credentials were submitted for 2016

DENTSVILLE VOLUNTEER EMS & AUXILIARY INC – PO Box 109, 12135 Charles Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: 301-392-0050; Website: dvems.org. Organized: 1998; President: Robin Windsor, Vice President: Joann Hoffmaster, Secretary: Madison Brady, Treasurer: Darby Byrd, Chaplain: Darlene Kaufmann, Chief: Mark Kaufmann. Delegates: Darby Byrd. Alternates: None Listed.

****DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12100 North Branch Road, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-722-4444; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. Joined MSFA: 1945; President: Chris Collins, Vice President: Phillip Miller, Secretary: Megan Hetrick, Treasurer: Jeff Grabenstein, Chaplain: Chris Collins, Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein Sr. Alternates: None Listed.

****DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** -5900 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-887-7726; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. Joined MSFA: 1943; President: Kirk V. Ingram, Vice President: Tim Titcomb, Secretary: Olivia Turpin, Treasurer: Charles A. Norris, Chaplain, Chief: Thomas C. Stommel. Delegates: Kirk V. Ingram, Thomas C. Stommel, Charles A Norris, Jamaal Brooks, Tim Titcomb. Alternates: Bruce Beall, Dan Gorman, Cliff Moody, Mark Jackson.

****DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3170 West Ward Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone: 301-855-8895; Email: billrector@dunkirk5.com, Website: dunkirk5.com; Organized: 1974. Chartered: 1975; President: Charles A. Hanko, Vice President: Craig Reynolds, Secretary: Jaime Longfellow, Treasurer: Tommy Smith, Chaplain: Fr. James Stack, Chief: William Rector III. Delegates: Randy Smith, Howard Kelly, Charles Hanko, William Rector, Craig Reynolds. Alternates: Chris McNalley, Richard Meador, Tomas Smith, Danielle Dillon.

****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.ehvc.org; Organized: 1918; Chartered: 1918; Joined MSFA: 1923. President: Andrew Condor, Vice President: Michael Sohn, Secretary: Paul Demasky, Treasurer: Victor Henderson, Chaplain: Keith Zucco, Chief: Ed Detwiler. Delegates: Chuck Austin, Jow Angelof, Dave Crawford, Rob Reed. Alternates: None Listed.

****EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-689-8388 Fax: 301-689-0554; E-mail: kitisd1@yahoo.com; Organized: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1974; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1967. President: James Raley, Vice President: Pete Smith, Secretary: Mark Medlin, Treasurer: Charon Overstreet, Chaplain: David Kitis, Chief: Timothy Clark. Delegates: Dwayne Kitis, David Kitis, James Raley, Timothy Clark, Charon Overstreet. Alternates: Nicholas Wiland, David Wiland.

EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 280, 4020 East New Market Bypass, East New Market, MD 21631; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3663; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1939; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Adam Tolley, Vice President: Tammy Welgosz, Secretary: Ladd Heisler, Treasurer: Tracey Whiteley, Chaplain: Chief: Eric Blake. Delegates: Adam Tolley, Eric Blake. Alternates: None Listed.

****EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-822-4848; E-mail: eastonvfd@goeaston.net Website: eastonvfd.org; Organized: 1808; Chartered: 1917; Joined MSFA: 1914. President: J. Edward Lynch, Vice President: Don Abbatiello, Secretary: Rebecca A. Caldwell, Treasurer: Kenneth E. Bush, Chaplain: Andrew Jensen, Chief: Charles R. Chance, Jr. Delegates: William E. Mullikin, Lyle Fuller, Rose Miles, Barry Slaughter, Chris Hash. Alternates: None Listed.

EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403-0332; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 301-509-1005; Organized: 1886; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Albert G. Kirchner, Jr., Vice President: Scott Bierman, Secretary: Mat Silverman, Treasurer: G. Danny Clark, Chaplain: Richard Hurlock, Chief: vacant. Delegates: Albert G. Kirchner, Jr., Scott Bierman, G. Daniel Clark, Tim Shaeffer, Rod Tomlinson. Alternates: John Wardell, Betty Lou Pilkerton, Tobias Sullivan, Richard Hurlock.

ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5752 Rhodesdale-Eldorado Road, Eldorado, MD 21659; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-4004; Email: kma6070@yahoo.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****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: 1943. President: Julianna Casey, Vice President: Keith Summers, Secretary: John Christoffel, Treasurer: Gene Poligardo, Chaplain, Chief: Russell Pryor. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Vince Glorioso, Keith Summers, Medor Macie, Liz Sidwell.. Alternates: Joseph Macie, Troy Sidwell, Dan Casey.

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – PO Box 390, 2400 Firefighters Lane, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Organized: 1980; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Richard Jamison. Vice President: Vivian Jamison. Secretary: Denoma Stallings. Treasurer: Rick Mallow. Chaplain: Richard DeVore. Chief: Luke Merkel. Delegates: Richard DeVore, Luke Merkel, Cameron Pressman, Robert Johnson. Alternates: None Listed.

ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 237, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0959; Website: www.evfc.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Dick Devore, Vice President: Scott Williams, Secretary: Denoma Stallings, Treasurer: Rob Johnson, Chaplain: Jennifer Christner, Chief: Scott Williams. Delegates: Dick DeVore, Dave Christner, Austin Christner, Jennifer Christner, Wayne Shriner. Alternates: None Submitted.. Alternates: None Listed.

****ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-2602 Fax: 410-313-2671; Website: ellicottcityvfa.com; Organized: 1888; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1924. President: Dario Broccolino, Vice President: Jeff Germain, Secretary: Mary Jo Lombardo, Treasurer: John Lombardo, Chaplain: Kathleen Ralston, Chief: Scott Wood. Delegates: Craig Ralston, Katheen Ralston, Erik Deklau, Tim Deklau. Alternates: None Listed.

****ELLIOTT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2317 Elliott Island Road, Elliott Island, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-376-3026, Fax: 410-

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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 Creamery 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 Latine. Delegates: Eric Stackhouse, Linda Miller, Amber Zimmerman, Chad Zimmerman. Alternates: Robert Dinterman, Sr., Mary Lou Little.

****ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**, 2827 Michigan Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-636-4433; Website: englishconsulvfd.org; Organized, 1944; Joined MSFA. 1960; President: Donald L. Condon, Vice President: Cindy Bury, Secretary: Elizabeth Burns, Treasurer: Gerald Mathison, Chaplain: Ronald Ware, Chief: Robert Burty, Sr.. Delegates: Frank P. March III, Donald Condon, Robert Bury Jr., Robert Bury, Sr, Samuel Suter. Alternates: Mary Condon, James Miller, Cynthia Bury, Matthew Bury, Noah Condon.

EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD 21824; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-425-5521; Organized: 1957; Chartered: 1957. President: Edward Dize, Vice President: Daren Jones, Secretary: Mark Kitching, Treasurer: Donnie Marsh, Chaplain: Rick Edmund, Chief: Eddie Evans Jr. Delegates: Eddie Evans Jr., Lisa Evans, Edward Dize, Janet Tyler, Rick Edmund. Alternates: Mark Kitching, Donnie Marsh, Michelle Bradshaw.

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –27407 Fairmount Road, Westover, MD 21871; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2888; E-mail: taylorwirt@gmail.com; Organized: 1999; Chartered: 1999; Joined MSFA: 1999. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE CO.,** - P O Box 141, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone: 410-638-4890 Fax: 410-638-4889; E-mail: chief@fvfac.org, Website: fvfac.org; Organized: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Christopher Gibbons, Vice President: Harry Pafel III., Secretary: Whitney Nigrin, Treasurer: Kim Weber, Chaplain: Mike Hayden, Chief: Will Rosenberg. Delegates: Steven J. Scheinin, Christopher Gibbons, Ed Benesch, Cathy Pilachowski, Mark Pilachowski. Alternates: None Listed.

****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: 1921. President: L. Michael Robinson, Sr, Vice President: Thomas Blades, Secretary: Denise Haschern, Treasurer:

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Craig Ruf, Chaplain: George Clark, Chief: Joseph Holland. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Kevin Mowbray, Deneise Haschen, Wendell Merrick, L. Michael Robinson, Sr. Alternates: Todd Garvey.

****FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 4 Broadview Boulevard South, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-766-2131; Website: www.fvfc34.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1943. Joined MSFA: 1946; President: Joseph M. Wojtowycz, Vice President: Gerard A. Varner, Secretary: Stephanie McGee., Treasurer: Craig A. Bidingler, Chaplain: John Long, Chief: Jay Olson. Delegates: Jay Olson, Jackie Olson, John Long, Cliff Odendhal, Garard Varner. Alternates: Joseph Wojtowycz, Timmy Doegen, Stephanie McGee, Richard Medie, Jacob Slusher.

****FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-7215 Fax: ; E-mail: fpmarlett@mfri.org; Website: fdvfd.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947. Joined MSFA: 1948; President: Miji Kim, Vice President: Carol Ann Stevens, Secretary: Edward Zepp, Treasurer: Roy Ferguson, Chaplain, Chief: Patrick Marlatt. Delegates: Wendy Norwitz, Pat Paulist, Ron Price. Alternates: None Listed.

****FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 4958, 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3339 Fax: 301-791-3154; Website: engineone.org. Organized: 1815; Chartered: 1823; Joined MSFA: 1893; President: Dave Stevens, Vice President: Lisa Poole, Secretary: Raymond Lushbaugh, Treasurer: Kathy Bartles, Chaplain: Chief: Capt. Warren Royce. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, David Stevens, Warren Royce, Ernest Girardin, Charles Reger. Alternates: Pamela Stevens, Neika Downer, Robert Wolfe, Lisa Poole, Kami Cronk.

****FIRST HOSE COMPANY OF BOONSBORO, INC.** - 5 St. Paul Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2348 Fax: ; Website: boonsborofire.org; Organized: 1832. Joined MSFA: 1930; President: Courtney Hirsh, Vice President: Ed Williams, Secretary: Jacqueline Bussard, Treasurer: Vern Wachter, Chaplain, Chief: Oley Griffith. Delegates: Oley Griffith. Alternates: None Listed.

****FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 105, 21707 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD 21530; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-478-2311 Fax: 301-478-3324; Website: fvfd12.webs.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Steve Moyer. Vice President: Bryan Adams, Secretary: Jason Bennett, Treasurer: Dorothy Ruby, Chaplain: David Kyle, Chief: Steve Bowman. Delegates: David L. Kyle, Pamela Kyle, Steve Corioni, Allen Ruby, Dotty Ruby. Alternates: Bryan Adams, Steve Bowman, Vicki Bowman.

****FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc.** - 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-736-7170; E-mail: chief5876@gmail.com; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Jennifer King, Vice President: Joseph Gray, Secretary: Kim Latham, Treasurer: Paul Thorne Jr., Chaplain: Alic O'Daniel, Chief: Robert Wilhite. Delegates:

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Robert Wilhite, Jennifer King, Joseph Gray, Mark Worth, Ed Thurston. Alternates: Jeff Thorne, Paul Thorne, Jr., Jennifer Breen, Allison Worth, Dottie Talbot-Burket.

****FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-746-5577; Chartered: 1909. Joined MSFA: 1932 President: Rodney W. Bowser, Vice President: Edward B. Kelley, Secretary: Melissa Meyers, Treasurer: Craig P. Umbel, Chaplain: Robert L. Sisler, Chief: Terry E. Spear. Delegates: Rodney W. Bowser, Wayne A. Anderson, Edward Kelly. Alternates: None Listed.

FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE –PO Box 75, 86 West Main Street, Frostburg MD 21532-0075; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3356; E-mail: faas53@yahoo.com; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005. President: James Koon. Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: Shelley B. Drees, Chaplain: Chief: Matthew Krause. Delegates: James Koon Alternates: Matthew Krause.

****FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC.** – PO Box 461, 75S. Water Street, Frostburg, MD 21532-0461; Allegany County; Telephone 301-689-8444; FAX: 301-689-2938. E-mail: ebladen@frostburgfd.com; Organized: 1878; Chartered: 1878; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Todd Logsdon, Vice President: William Price, Secretary: Emily A. Bladen, Treasurer: Gary Tummino, Chaplain: Harry W. Foor, Chief: Ronald Dugan. Delegates: Ronald Dugan, Emily Bladen, J. Matthew McMorran. Alternates: None Listed

FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 104 East Main Street, Fruitland, MD 21826; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-9421; Organized & Chartered: 1909. President: Gregory Twigg. Vice President: Troy Scott. Secretary: Ed Leether, Treasurer: Dave Twilley, Chaplain: Mike White. Chief: Robin Townsend. Delegates: Burton Gordy, Gregory Twigg, Robin Townsend, Dave Twilley, Jeff Shirieves. Alternates: None Listed.

****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: dfraley@funkstownfireco.org; Website: funkstownfireco.org; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1931. President: Gary Farrell, Vice President: Nick Keller, Secretary: Judith Ann Bowers, Treasurer: Joan Kotanko, Chaplain: Dan L. Fraley, Chief: Casey Snoke. Delegates: Edward Clopper, Jean Clopper, Dale Hill, Dave Fraley, Kyd Dieterick. Alternates: Dave Harman, Gary Farrell, Steve Piper.

****GAITHERSBURG - WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-6209; Fax: 301-987-0360; 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: Gary Timmons., Treasurer: Garry Walker, Chaplain, Chief: Ken Knopp. Delegates: Garry Walker, Chris Carlson, Younkins, Austin Nelson, Gary Timmons. Alternates: Steve Hayes, Sunyoung Kim, Sheila Colihan, Angela Blom, Andre Labitzky.

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****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: Jeffrey Haley, Vice President: John W. Duhamell, Secretary: Kathy Bartholomew, Treasurer: Ethel K. Duhamell, Chaplain: Larry Hanifee, Chief: Scott Duhamell. Delegates: Richard Powell, Joyce Powell, Chris Powell, Robin Powell, Ashley Argoel. Alternates: Jeffrey Haley, Alan Haley.

GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 174, 954 Main Street, Galesville, MD 20765-0174; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-867-1521. President: Nathaniel C. Scotten IV, Vice President: Raymond Hardesty, Secretary: Gladys Sears, Treasurer: Albert Bembe, Chief: Terry McAllister. Delegates: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Raymond Hardesty, Terry McAllister, Ronald Wood. Alternates: Mathew Zang, Carol Sherbert.

****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: 1967. President: Michael Franklin, Vice President: Dale Bollinger, Secretary: Jeannie Green, Treasurer: Clay Myers, Chaplain: Rose Pandolfini, Chief: Tim Brown. Delegates: Michael Franklin, C. Daniel Green, Dennis Brothers.. Alternates: None Listed.

****GEORGE'S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.** – PO Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD 21539-0155; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6122; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977. President: Robert D. Knox, Vice President: Harold Nicol, Secretary: Jennifer Knox. Treasurer: James W. Dawson, Sr., Chaplain: . Chief: Jennifer Knox. Delegates: Barbara Knippenburg. Alternates: None Listed.

****GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1163, 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20875; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-773-8989; E-mail: president@gvfd29.org Website: www.gvfd29.org; Organized: 1989; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA: 1989. President: Matthew Hermanson, Vice President: Nathan Hauser, Secretary: Cindy Brown, Treasurer: Mary Melkerson, Chaplain: Scott Mercado, Chief: Matthew C. Kenworthy. Delegates: Scott Colvin, Alternates: Brenda Tappan.

GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 25, 2839 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-2128 Fax: 410-632-5664; E-mail: info@girdletree.org Website: www.girdletree.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: John Merritt, Vice President: Daniel Age, Secretary: Raye Ellen Thomas, Treasurer: Jeff McMahan, Chaplain: Ralph Carman, Chief: Brad Hauck. Delegates: Vigil Duke, Kenny Dukes, Jimmy Johnson, John Merritt, Joe Truitt. Alternates: None Listed.

****GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 1268, 15 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 443-336-9378;

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E-mail: gdicus@verizon.net Website: gbvfd.org; Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA: 1923; .President: Gilbert A. Dicus, Jr., Vice President: Cynthia E. Dicus, Secretary: , Treasurer: Paul Cogswell, Chaplain, Chief: Robert Galante. Delegates: Thomas Nevin, Gilbert A. Dicus, Jr., Paul Cogswell, Paul McGinnis, Jeff Filer. Alternates: Donald Graham, Robert Galante, Kevin Vaught, Gary Jennings, Patrick Reilly.

****GLENN DALE FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – 11900 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale, MD 20769; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-805-2400; E-mail: lal18@firehousemail.com Website: www.gdvfd18.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Lee Lutz, Vice President: Laura Woods, Secretary: Katie Owens, Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Postell. Delegates: Lee A. Lutz, Laura Woods, Harve Woods Sr., Sandi T. Lutz, Hugh Owens. Alternates: Mary K. Owens, Ardy Peters.

****GLEN ECHO FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816; Montgomery County; Telephone 301-229-3200; Website: www.gefd.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: John Witherspoon, Vice President: Jane Callen, Secretary: Adele Seifried, Treasurer: Paul Meehan, Chaplain: ane Callen, Chief: Herb Leusch. Delegates: Herb Leusch, John Witherspoon. Alternates: None I Submitted. See Conduit Road Fire Board/Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department

****GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-833-1262; Website: GVFD40.org; Organized: 1904; Chartered: 1904. President: Randy Brown, Vice President: Jake Larkins, Secretary: Richard Cole, Treasurer: Dan Wilson, Chaplain: Joan Wolfenden, Chief: Scott Warner. Delegates: Scott Waner, Kathy Reitz, Jamie Lloyd, Frank J. Corasaniti II, Paul Wilhelm. Alternates: None Listed

GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 35, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-6196; E-mail goldsborofirecompany@yahoo.com; Website: goldsboro700.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1948. President: Joel T. McGinnes, Vice President: James Moyer, Secretary: Shelly Gray, Treasurer: Edna Talley, Chaplain: Paster Doug Morley, Chief: Julius Bartz. Delegates: Joel T. McGinnes III, J T Bartz, Shelly Gray, Ron Dixon, David Wothers. Alternates: Jody Lockett, Christina Bartz, Jack Reed, Jonathan Roeshsner, Jamie Lynn Yeager.

GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 212 Broadway Street, Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-758-1422; E-mail: aaronslabs@verizon.net; Organized 1889, Chartered 1889. President: Raymond C. Aaron, Sr., Vice President: Lester D. Downes III, Secretary: Cliff Green, Treasurer: Donald Dawkins, Chaplain: Chief: Ken Bloodsworth. Delegates: Dan Tabler, Floyd Kauffman. Alternates: None Listed.

****GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF LONA CONING, INC.** – 6 Douglas Avenue, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-2555; Website: co20@alleganygov.org; Organized: 1882; Chartered: 1882; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Clarence Broadwater, Vice President: Gary T. Hadley, Secretary: Gerald J. Cook, Treasurer: Bonnie Holshey, Chaplain: Thomas Morgan, Chief: Robert G. Ritchie. Delegates: John J. Shockey Sr., Gary L. Holshey, Gerald J. Cook, Alex B. Mcalpine, Greg P. Nicol. Alternates: Gary T. Hadley, Tara Holshey, James McKenzie, Les Broadwater, Doug Wilson.

GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-1600 Fax: 301-334-1600; E-mail: co120@gc911.org. Joined MSFA: 1953; President: Dan Tichnell, Vice President: Brian Landis, Secretary: Jennifer Landis, Treasurer: Sue Steyer, Chaplain: Ray O'Haver, Chief: Mike Steyer. Delegates: Mike Steyer, Johnny Mayne. Alternates: None Listed.

****GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-2000; E-mail: electronicaddictions@msn.com Website: gvfc18.com; Joined MSFA: 1963; President: Louise Powell, Jr., Vice President: William Morgan, Secretary: Hilary Blake, Treasurer: Sterling Seiss, Chaplain, Chief: James Kilby. Delegates: Brian Boller, Hilary Blake, William Morgan, Louis Powell, Jr., Valaria Kirby. Alternates: None Listed.

GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 248, 178 Springs Road, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-895-5200 Fax: 301-895-3720; E-mail: steve.smith.em2@gmail.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1930. President: Stephen Smith, Vice President: Keith Durst, Secretary: Menno Yoder, Treasurer: Herman Yoder, Chaplain: Raymond D. Yoder, Chief: Duane Stein. Delegates: Duane Stein, Anthony Bittinger, Keith Durst, Duane Stein, Shaun Broadwater. Alternates: Stephen Smith, Cecil Stein, Doug Wilburn, Michael Glotfelty, Bill Kelley.

GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. –4128 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-827-8100; Website: www.gvfd2.com E-mail: tsheahan02@aol.com. Organized: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1960; No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 125 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: John R. Wynkoop, Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis, Treasurer: Lawrence E. Hughes, Chaplain, Chief: Thomas Ray. Delegates: Wayne Lewis, Adam Anthony-Pyndell, Lawrence E. Hughes, Ashley R. Kozlowski, Matthew Kulle. Alternates: None Listed.

GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 307, 116 N. Main, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-482-8420; Fax: 410-

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482-2599; E-mail: rcovert67@comcast.net; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927.No Credentials were submitted for 2016

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.No Credentials were submitted for 2016

****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: Richard Rand, Chaplain, Chief: Christopher Brown. Delegates: Robyn Sheldon Hahn, Bobbie Ann Sheldon, Robert Hahn, Mary Wassamerl. Alternates: None Listed.

****HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, INC.** – P.O. Box 231, 1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-4280; Organized: 1899; Chartered: 1900. President: Kenny Ruby, Vice President: Leon Fleming, Secretary: Gary Wheeler, Treasurer: Andrew Smith, Chaplain: Susan Fleming, Chief: Nick Thompson. Delegates: Leon Fleming, Mike Smith, Mark A. Bilger, Brenda Perry, Gary Wheeler. Alternates: Gerald Lynott, Susan Fleming, Charles Fusco, Edward Bilger, Wesley Martin.

****HANCOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3 Fulton Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-7739 Fax: 301-678-6072; Website: www.hancockfire5.com; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1928. President: Rick Rowe, Vice President: Thomas Leach, Secretary: Graham Snow, Treasurer: Mike Stewart, Chaplain: Graham Snow, Chief: Robert Hoopengardner. Delegates: Greg Yost, Robert Hoopengardner, Ben Hoopengardner, Rick Rowe, Graham Snow. Alternates: Michael Stewart.

****HANCOCK RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 6 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750; Washington County; Telephone: 301-678-6774; Fax: 301-678-5399, E-mail: washcofp53@gmail.com; Chartered: 1969; Joined MSFA: 1998. President: Ernest Truax, Vice President: Tim Ward, Secretary: Beth Buskirk, Treasurer: Debbie Cohill, Chaplain, Chief: Stephen Barnhart. Delegates: Ernie Truax, Stephen Barnhart, Mollie Dressel, Josh Unger. Alternates: None Listed.

****HARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 5130 Harney Road, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-756-6464; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1958. President: James Waybright, Vice President: Charlie Blocher, Secretary: Richard Yingling, Treasurer: Leonard Bowers, Chaplain: Jennings Martin, Chief: Donald Yingling Sr. Delegates: Eugene Curfman. Alternates: None Listed.

****HAVRE DE GRACE AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.** – PO Box 465, 1601 Level Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-6658 Fax: 410-939-6665; Website: hdgac.org; Organized: 1984; Chartered: 1984; Joined MSFA: 1984.

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President: Zachary A. Coyle, Vice President: Herman Schweers, Secretary: Zryan Nilsen, Treasurer: Cheryl Walsh, Chaplain: Frank McFadden, Chief: Joseph Gamatoria. Delegates: Luanne Schweers, Zachary Coyle, Herman Schweers, Peter Quackenbush, Stephanie Coyle. Alternates: John Corrieri, Loren Kelley, Amber Voelker, Angie Gates, Sharon Zachry.

HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 300, 200 South Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-3037 Fax: 410-749-0511; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1937. President: Johnathon Blake, Vice President: Peter Hanson, Secretary: Kyle Cole, Treasurer: Greg Howard, Chaplain: Chief: David Beach. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

****HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, Inc.** – 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-923-3990; Website: hhvfd.org; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. Joined MSFA: 1926; President: Robert Jones, Vice President: John Storm, Secretary: Rose Conrad, Treasurer: Alex Graham, Chaplain: Billie Armstrong, Chief: Dennis McDonald. Delegates: John Storm, Mary Bell, Michael Bell, Marty Orndorff, Kathy Gies. Alternates: Shermeen Collins, Ruth Orndorff, Lynn Storm, Dennis McDonald, Alex Graham.

****HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1935; E-mail: info@herefordemsrescue.org Website: hvaa.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1955. President: Stephen L. Wilcoxson, Vice President: Yankee Bracken, Secretary: Jenn Welsh, Treasurer: Nancy Aiken, Chaplain: Dave Crow, Chief: Robert Chance. Delegates: Hope Bilger, Richard Bilger, Stephen Wilcoxson, Robert Chance, Daniel Burke. Alternates: None Listed.

****HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1934; Website: herefordfire.org; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1924; Joined MSFA: 1926. President: Steven Gore, Vice President: Ronald Campion, Secretary: Deborah Campion, Treasurer: Nancy Marsiglia, Chaplain: Keith Peters, Chief: Chuck Bollinger. Delegates: Chuck Bollinger, Steven Gore, Herbert Taylor, Justin Kinsey. Alternates: None Listed.

****HILLDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-434-2400 Fax: ; 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. Phierfer, Treasurer: Earl Clime, Chaplain, Chief: Mike McAdams. Delegates: Russell S. Hartung, Mark Lamb, Mike McAdams, Bryon Honeywell, Frank Gaegler. Alternates: Steve Dubik.

****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. Joined

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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: Stanley Williams Jr., Vice President: April Johnson, Secretary: April Mister, Treasurer: Barbara Wible, Chaplain: Richard Williams, Chief: William Johnson. Delegates: Joan Williams, April Johnson, William Johnson, Brandy Shymansky, Ashley McWilliams. Alternates: Stanley Williams Jr., Barbara Wible, Dawn Moore, William Yost, 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; Email: hivfc@safe.quik.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953. Joined MSFA: 1956; President: Marcus Flowers, Vice President: Rick Yinger, Secretary: Teresa Flowers, Treasurer: Rosemary Dean, Chaplain, Chief: Marcus Flowers. Delegates: Richard L. Yinger, Rick Yinger, Tina Yinger. Alternates: Marcus Flowers, Teesa Flowers.

HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637; Charles County; Telephone: 301-274-4488 Fax: 301-274-9729; E-mail jrose@hvfdems.org Website: www.hvfdems.org Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: Michael Roberts, Vice President: Buster Canter, Secretary: William Saunders Treasurer: Patty Therres, Chief: Henry Faunce. Delegates: Mike Roberts, Buster Canter, Jimmy Rose, James Harris, Caryn Momahon. Alternates: Matt Weschler, William Saunders.

****HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 482, 4030 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-3331 Fax: ; E-mail president@hvfd6.org Website: www.hvfd6.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972. President: Dale Bowen, Vice President: Eugene Farrell, Secretary: Gina Trelfall, Treasurer: Sheila Mann., Chaplain, Chief: Michael Clark. Delegates: Dale Bowen, Monty Parks, Michael Hardesty, Ron Nahas, Katie Blake. Alternates: None Listed.

****HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 178, 300 Charles Street, Hurlock, MD 21643; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-943-3110 Fax 410-943-4355; Website: Hurlock.firedept@comcast.net; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: John Stichberry, Vice President: Brian Tolley, Secretary: Jane Coulbourne, Treasurer: Ward Higgins II, Chaplain, Chief: Jason Trego. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, Jerry Rhue, Marlon Parker. Alternates: None Listed.

****HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 25801 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871; Montgomery County; Telephone: 240-372-6735 Fax:

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301-831-8901; E-mail: hyattstownfire@yahoo.com Website: hyattstownvfd.org; Organized: 1929. Joined MSFA: 1930; President: Douglas Edwards, Vice President: Scotty Testerman, Secretary: Kenneth Day, Treasurer: Ray Hartzell, Chaplain, Chief: Jeffrey Gross. Delegates: Scotty Testerman, Larue Moxley. Alternates: None Listed.

****HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-5770 Fax: ; E-mail: hyattsvillesq1@yahoo.com Website: www.hvfd.com; Organized: 1888. President: Thomas Falcone, Vice President: David Iannone, Secretary: Kevin King, Treasurer: Patricia Thomas, Chaplain, Chief: Dave Hang. Delegates: Thomas Falcone, John Carey, Dave Iannone, Kevin King, Patricia Thomas. Alternates: Ryan Pidgeon, Nova Johns, Vanessa Lugo, Bill Moran, Dave Hang.

HYDE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1449 Sussex Road, Essex, MD 21221. Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0329 President: Matthew Wooden, Vice President: Ryan Cruickshank, Secretary: James Francis, Treasurer: William Stump, Chaplain: Frank Pollock, Chief: John Alvan III, Delegates: Anthony Schield, John Alban III, Matthew Wooden, William Stump, Chester Sturgill. Alternates: John Alban, Jr., Jason Dimeler, Josh Horin, Ryan Cruickshank, James Francis.

INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY No. 2, INC. – PO Box 1884, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD 21404; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-757-1494; E-mail: rchambers@chamberscontracting.com; Organized: 1838; Chartered: 1838. President: Reginald B. Chambers III, Vice President: Thomas M. Newquist Sr., Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio, Treasurer: George D. Clark III, Chaplain: George D. Clark Jr., Chief. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

****INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. No. 1, INC.** - 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9010; E-mail: crhandley@verizon.net; Website: ihc#1.org; Organized: 1818; Chartered: 1839; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Charles Handley, Vice President: Greg Fulmer, Secretary: Virginia Rinehart, Treasurer: Susan Smith, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Rodney Masser. Delegates: Virginia Rinehart, Smokey Rinehart, Walt Cramer, Tim Gandle, Chuck Handley. Alternates: None Listed.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1893; President: Charles E. Elgin, Vice President: Woodrow Morris, Secretary: Marsina Taulton, Treasurer: Terry L. Smith, Chaplain: Henry Ingram, Chief: . Delegates: Charles E. Elgin, Woodrow Morris, Terry L. Smith, Marsina Taulton, Henry Ingram. Alternates: Brian Elgin, Robert Chaney, Donna Delauter-Smith, Sherry Smithl.

****INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 4095 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone: 301-753-

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9400; Fax: 301-753-6130; Website: ihvfd@aol.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1975. Joined MSFA: 1951; 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, Alternates: Wayne Higdon, Mike Oneil.

****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: Theodore R. Davis, Vice President: L. Janyce Vande Weert, Secretary: Sandra Willett, Treasurer: Roberta L. Spalding, Chaplain: David H. Summers Sr., Chief: Roberta L. Spalding. Delegates: Theodore Davis, Roberta L. Spalding, David Spalding, Alternates: Becky Sundberg, Janyce Van De Weert.

****JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - PO Box 471, 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: Steve Stelmack, Chaplain: Kim Sanders, Chief: Andrew Laird. Delegates: Curtis Dean Wiggins Sr. Alternates: None Listed.

****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: Stephen Lancaster, Vice President: Charles Schulz, Secretary: Nancy Dorn, Treasurer: Laura Barwick, Chaplain: Terrence Murphy, Chief: Benjamin Kurtz, Delegates: Benjamin W. Kurtz, W. Mitchell Vocke, James Bair, Ernie Tracey, Thomas Fruhling, 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: aclakin20@comcast.net; Website: jvfc20.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1970. President: David Remsburg, Vice President: Ronald Ahalt, Secretary: Ashley Corun, Treasurer: Susan Corun, Chaplain: Bernard Remsburg, Chief: Thomas Lakin. Delegates: Thomas Lakin, Jessica Lapole, Michael Ambrose. 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; E-mail: smaceiko@mfri.org Website: jessupvfd.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Mark Hartz, Vice President: Stephen M. Maceiko, Secretary: Delta Priest-Maceiko, Treasurer: Kathryn Morgan; Chaplain, Chief: Stephen M. Maceiko. Delegates: Mark Hartz, Stephen Maceiko Sr., Delta Priest-Maceiko, Kathryn Morgan, Michelle R. Carter. Alternates: None Listed.

****JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1403 Old Mountain Road South, Joppa, MD 21085; Harford County; Telephone: 410-679-0888; Website: jmvfc.com.

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org; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951. Joined MSFA: 1953; President: James B. Lyons III, Vice President: Ben Lay, Secretary: Ron Sollod, Treasurer: Gary Skillman, Chaplain: Margaret Bullock, Chief: Bill Vanarsdale, Jr. Delegates: William Lay, Ron Sollod, Don Hare, Jr., Ben Lay, Bill Vanarsdale, Sr. Alternates: Jim Younger, Johnny Byrne, Lou Jonske.

****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, Keith Brown, Rusty Hahn, Ben Lowry, Grayson Abrecht. Alternates: Keisha Brown, Edward Marroquin, Bertha Abrecht, John Hahn, Charlotte Beach.

****KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** -11993 Kennedyville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone: 410-348-5340 Fax: 410-348-5150; Email: cchazmatchick@gmail.com; Website: kennedyvillevfc.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. Joined MSFA: 1961; President: John Krastel, Vice President: Danny Quinn, Secretary: Patti Scott, Treasurer: Albert Clayton, Chaplain: Vonnie Paxton, Chief: James Price. Delegates: M. Heather Miller, Danny Quinn. Alternates: None Listed.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1923; President: Norman T. Jones, Vice President: John Connell IV, Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini, Treasurer: Robert F. King, Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton, Chief: Jayme M. Heflin. Delegates: Norman T. Jones, Jayme M. Heflin, Andrew M. Hawkins, John J. Connell. Alternates: Josephine Phillips, Donald Phillips.

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. Joined MSFA: 1949; President: Jody Schulz, Vice President: Joe Cvach, Secretary: Annie Gardner, Treasurer: John Cahill, Chaplain: , Chief: Buddy Thomas. Delegates: None Listed.

****KENT-QUEEN ANNE'S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - PO Box 126, 140 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone: 410-778-4495 Fax 410-810-0346; E-Mail: mdecocoy12@hotmail.com; Website: kentrescuesquad.com; Organized: 1961; Chartered: 1961. President: Robert Coleman, Vice President: Allan Schaubert, Secretary: Mary Grussing, Treasurer: Raye Jones, Chaplain: Leonard Miller, Chief: Robert Coleman. Delegates: Allan W. Schaubert, Robert Coleman, Kevin Kerr, Larry Hastings, William Lobley. Alternates: Jason Lobley, Maurice King, Bruce Owens, Alex Dolgos, John Machen.

****KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 7701 Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-773-6033; E-Mail: tkelleher33@gmail.com Website: www.kentland33.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered:

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1950; Joined MSFA: 1953; President: John Burns., Vice President: Oleg Pelekhaty, Secretary: Joseph Neville, Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch, Chaplain, Cameron McKay, Chief: Anthony Kelleher. Delegates: John Burns, Kenny Holderness, Mark Trader, Loretta Shaw, Tyrone Bodrick. Alternates: Anthony Kelleher, Matt Loiacono, Roger Gteger, Jr., Ray McRae, Olge Pelekhaty.

****KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 65, 11804 Bellvue Avenue, Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-5773; Website: kvfc.com; E-mail: swfth2o48@aol.com; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. Joined MSFA: 1957; President: Robert Chaney, Vice President: Stephen Belkoff, Secretary: Ashley L. Adams Ayco, Treasurer: Victoria Clayton, Chaplain: Ronald Cassett Sr., Chief: Donald Coster. Delegates: Dennis Eyre, Gary Weeb, Robert Chaney Donald Coster, Terry Berkeridge. Alternates: Bruce King, John Cooke, Edward Griffiths, Joshua List, Ashley Adams Ayock.

KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 438, 249 East Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-616-3007; E-mail: paugh@ymail.com Website: kvfd70.org; 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, Missi Nesselrodt, Justin Nesselrodt, Jim Browning, Jr. Alternates: None Listed

****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: president@laplatafiredepartment.com Website: laplatafiredepartment.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1930; President: William Frazier, Vice President: Stephen Shahan, Secretary: Mary E. Gilroy, Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy, Chaplain: Joseph Gardiner Jr., Chief: Robert D. Hutchins. Delegates: William A. Frazier, Lynn D. Gilroy, Alternates: Thomas Swann Sr.

****LAVALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 421 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-777-0871; E-mail: reichert2@yahoo.com; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933. President: Kimberly Pryor, Vice President: Edward Kidwell, Secretary: Kimberly C. Reichert, Treasurer, Chaplain: Earl T. Pryor III, Chief: Ryan N. Reichert. Delegates: Christopher Pryor, Kimberly Pryor, James 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: Pamela DeVore, Treasurer: Scott C. Whetsell, Chaplain, Dale M. Miller, Chief: Adam M. Miller. Delegates: Kenneth L. May, Dianne G. Shoemaker, Pamela R. Devore, Scott P. Whitsell, Adam M. Miller. Alternates: Dale E. Evans, Timothy B. Thomas, Crystal J. Miller, Richard L. DeVore III, Walter K. May.

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****LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-2401; E-mail: achall20@aol.com Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1941. Joined MSFA: 1944; President: John E. Thursby, Vice President: Melvin Clark, Secretary: Tina Wright, Treasurer: Ellen Thursby, Chaplain: Howard Belford, Chief: Timothy Hall, Sr. Delegates: Jane Huffman. Alternates: None Listed.

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 2016.

****LANDOVER HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 2357, 6801 Webster Street, Hyattsville, 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: 1947; President: Dawn M. Rowe, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy L. Roberts, Chaplain, Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: John R. Roberts, Dawn M. Rowe, Nancy L. Roberts. Alternates: Christopher M. Saputo, Keith A. Mitchell.

****LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1, INC.** – PO Box 7374, 140 Lauern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1472; E-mail: cao360@bcvfa.org Website: www.lansdownevfd.com; Organized: 1902. President: Bradford A. Thomas, Vice President: , Secretary: Nicole Bush, Treasurer: William Kern, Chaplain: Kristi Kunkel, Chief: .Delegates: Bradford A. Thomas, Doug Brinkley, Michael Kratochvil, Donald Riley III, Michael Sparks. Alternates: None Listed.

****LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20725; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-776-3600 Fax: 301-776-2026; E-mail: chief@laurelvfd.org; Website: www.laurelvfd.org; Organized: 1902; Chartered: 1902. Joined MSFA: 1952 President: Victor Whipple, Vice President: Robert Grant, Secretary: Rose Maher, Treasurer: Ken Wilson, Chaplain: Hubert Litchfield, Chief: DJ Hull. Delegates: Victor Whipple, Robert Grant, Joseph Robison, Craig Moe, D J Hull Alternates: None Listed.

****LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 1278, 14910 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20708; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7749 Fax: 301-725-0654; E-mail: barry.johnson@laurelrescue.org Website: laurelrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952. Joined MSFA: 1978; President: Richard Sein, Vice President: Michael Skidmore, Secretary: Dawn Nakroshis, Treasurer: Pam Docarmo, Chaplain, Rajah Rose, Chief: Michael Haggerty. Delegates: Michael Haggerty, Barry Johnson, Michael Skidmore. Alternates: None Listed.

****LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-948-0794; FAX: 301-948-9337 E-mail: b.sutton@ldvfd.org Website: ldvfd.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952. Joined MSFA: 1958; President: Gregory Abrecht, Vice President: Michael Evans, Secretary: Mike Russ, Treasurer: Murphy Richards,

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Chaplain: Clark Beall, Chief: Geoffery Burns Delegates: Clark Beall, Gregory Abrecht, Linda Abrecht. Alternates: None listed.

****LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 21431 Leiter Street, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-9155 Fax: 301-739-9352; Website leitersburgfire.org; Organized: 1956; Chartered: 1956. Joined MSFA: 1962; President: Milton A. Bloom III, Vice President: Joe Ralls, Secretary: Twylla Grove, Treasurer: Wlater Kipe, Chaplain: Vickie Stouffer, Chief: Kirk Mongan. Delegates: Milton Bloom III, Daniel Grove Jr., David Gaver, Joe Ralls, Kent Niedzieiski. Alternates: Sydney Weller, Bill Hastings, James Ulrich, Clyde Tressler, Clint Stouffer.

****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; Organized: 1928; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr., Vice President: Warren I. Trossbach, Secretary: John K. Mattingly, Treasurer: George Kalnasy Jr., Chaplain, Chief: Mark J. Bell. Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly Sr., Thomas A. Trossbach, Carl B. Scully, John K. Mattingly, Alternates: E. Gerald Gardiner, Jr., Thomas A. Mattingly, Jr.

****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: David Wright, Secretary: Mary Cox, Treasurer: Jaime Weber, Chaplain: Robert Borland, Chief: Mary Ellen Borland. Delegates: Mary Della Trossbach, David Wright, Amy Smith, Jaime Weber, Billy Yost. Alternates: Shirley Copado, Mary Ellen Borland, Mary Cox, Marvin Jones, Joe Wilkinson.

****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: levelvfc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1954. President: Sandra M Gallion, Vice President: Charles D. Burkins, Secretary: Karen E. Lopes, Treasurer: Sharon Worthington, Chaplain: Diana Caudill, Chief: Nolan Gallion, Jr. Delegates: Sandra Gallion, Charles Burkins, Nolan Gallion, Jr., Ronald Thomas, Alan Caudill, Alternates: Russell Gallion.

****LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**–11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9988; Website: lewistownfire.org; Organized: 1970. President: Donald R. Stull Sr.; Vice President: Charles Jenkins; Secretary: Karen Stull; Treasurer: Lena Stull; Chaplain: Scott Martin, Chief: Mike Fogle. Delegates: Donald Martin, Vicky Martin, Mike Stull, Doug Wallick, Jr., Steve Stull. Alternates: Wayne Stull, Wayne Wachter.

****LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 339, 21685 FDR Boulevard, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-862-3331;

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Email: president@lpvrs.org Website: lpvrs.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Kenneth J. Hicks, Vice President: Anthony Guzman, Secretary: Patricia Davidson, Treasurer: James Dension, Chaplain, Chief: Shawn Davidson. Delegates: Linda S. Miedzinski, Cody M. Dare. Alternates: Ken Hicks, Sandie Hicks.

****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: Mirla Martin, Secretary: Terrie Bixler, Treasurer: Lee Stern, Chaplain, Chief: Bernard Habersham. Delegates: Lee Stern, Stephen Miller, Krista Remmers, Eric Remmers, Bernard Habersham. Alternates: Karen Meyers, James Fulton, Terrie Bixler, Kenneth McLaughlin, Mirla Martin.

****LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-9193; E-mail: daniel.p.more@gmail.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1964. Joined MSFA: 1967; President: Michael Naill, Vice President: Richard Hemp, Secretary: Brittany Lowman, Treasurer: Richard Hemp, Chaplain, Chief: Chip Stevens. Delegates: Chip Jewell, Mike Naill, Marty Fuller, Doug Welsh, John Lowman. Alternates: George Norris, Larrie Welsh, Nick Rippeon, Tim Slane, Matt Ritter.

****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: Patricia Alexander, Treasurer: Bette Sheperd, Chaplain: Dave Dickmyer, Chief: Kevin Kidd. Delegates: Donald Fair II, E. Tim Warehime, Marianne Warehime, Charles Myers, Kevin Kidd. 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: 1963; .President: Tracy Whitby Fairall, Vice President: Michael Hickman, Secretary: Vicky Wheatley, Treasurer: Jackie Molisani, Chaplain: Gene Tolley, Chief: Sonny Willy. Delegates: Robert C. Willey, Danny Cox. Alternates: None Listed.

****LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21765; Howard County; Telephone: 410-489-4646; E-mail: dws8364@gmail.com; Website: lisbonvfc.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1944. President: Curtis Lowrey, Vice President: Donald Bowmant, Secretary: Christopher Bowman, Treasurer: Simone Rochstroh, Chaplain: Lisa Bandel, Chief: David Stull. Delegates: Ivan Betancourt, Tommy Esworthy, Carey McIntosh, Dean Smith, Paul Atwill. Alternates: Nicholas Larson, Eric McIntosh, Kyle Stull, Casey Smith, Jon Lockhoff.

LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1499, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-6235; E-mail mpepper@pepupinc.com; Organized: 1958; Chartered: 1958; Joined MSFA: 1963. President: Randy Travers, Vice President: Rick Travers Jr., Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Melissa Meredith, Chaplain, Chief: Martin Pepper. Delegates: Linda Horsman, Rick Travers, Jr. Randy Travers. Alternates: Adam Pritchett, Tim McCarter.

****LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 4009, 4506 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-592-8337; Website: lgvfc.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930. Joined MSFA: 1932; President: Skip Hayes, Vice President: Richard Eyre, Secretary: Brad West, Treasurer: Amber Butcher, Chaplain, Chief: Justin Ragaini. Delegates: Richard Eyre, Joel McCrea, Greg Stolins, Justin Ragaini, Amy Eyre. Alternates: Sharon Eyre, Bill Delcher, Katie Eyre, Ronald Harrison, Joe Gagliano.

****LONGMEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** – 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Telephone: 301-797-5504 Fax: 301-797-7585; Email: fireco27@aol.com Website: www.longmeadowfire.com. Organized: 1970. President: Eddie Woods, Vice President: John Latimer IV, Secretary: Terry Martin, Treasurer: Sam Murray, Chaplain: Don Talbert, Chief: Jason Eckstine. Delegates: Jason Eckstine, Joe Kroboth, John Latimer, Lucinda Eckstine, Ed Woods. Alternates: Jack Latimer, Brandon Higgins.

LOWER SOMERSET COUNTY AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 406, 2 Mill Lane, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-968-2000 Fax: 410-968-9588; Organized: 1970; Chartered: 1980; Joined MSFA: 1980. President: George Nelson. Vice President: Ronnie Hinman, Secretary: Eric Emely, Treasurer: Scott Eard, Chaplain: Jerry McCreedy, Chief: Doug Lewis. Delegates: George Nelson, Doug Lewis, Ronnie Hinman, Frankie Pruitt, Stephanie Sterling. Alternates: Leon Cullen, Fern Griffith.

****LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 236, Westernport, MD 21562; 300 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 Bever, Secretary: Jim Jenkins, Treasurer: Ron Files Sr., Chaplain: Philip Whetstone, Chief: Timothy Dayton. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Dan Bever, Kathy Bever, Jim Jenkins, Ron Files. 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; E-mail: jbkakil@comcast.net; Website: lvfc.com; Organized: 1909; Chartered: 1909. President: Michael L. Huber, Vice President: James Cahn, Secretary: Janet M. O'Rourke, Treasurer: Josh Kakel; Chaplain, Chief: Capt. Mark Goodwin. Delegates: Michael L. Huber, Mark Goodwin, James Cahn, James Doran, Josh Kakel.

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Alternates: Janet O'Rourke, Steven Weatherby, James Kenney, Robert Schott, Brett Walker.

****MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 23, 1154 Taylor's Island Road, Madison, MD 21648; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-8703; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1952. Joined MSFA: 1961; President: Samuel M Horseman, Vice President: Ronnie Reynolds, Secretary: Rebecca Fischer, Treasurer: Peggy Horseman, Chaplain: Donald Knauer; Chief: Matthew Werner. Delegates: Donald Knauer, William Stevens Sr. Alternates: William Stevens Jr., Ronnie Reynolds, Ralph Stevens.

****MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-239-2286; Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885. President: Richard Dell, Vice President: Elwin Wagner, Secretary: Ralph Dull, Treasurer: Corrie Sanders, Chaplain: Terri Lankford; Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Elwin Wagner, Ralph Dull, Gary Eppley, Malcom Helwig, Eric Veach. Alternates: None Listed.

MARDELA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 299, 101 Station Street, Mardela Springs, MD 21837; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-749-5997 Fax: 443-944-0549; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1927. President: Ronald White Lock, Vice President: John Flaig, Secretary: Bryan Hooper, Sr., Treasurer: David Whitelock, Chaplain: Isaac White, Chief: Harold Lee McFarlane. Delegates: None Listed Alternates: None Listed.

****MARION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 143, 28390 Chrisfield Marion Station Road, Marion Station, MD 21838; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-623-3791 FAX: 410-968-1869 Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1937. Joined MSFA: 1932; President: Robert Purnell III, Vice President: Mark Wigglesworth, Secretary: Gary J. Powell, Treasurer: Alfred Bradford, Chaplain: Henry Ward, Jr., Chief: David Evans, Sr. Delegates: Donald L. Howard, Robert Purnell III, Mark Wigglesworth. Alternates: None Listed.

****MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-952-0938; Fax: 301-952-8942; E-mail: mvfdc20@aol.com Website: marlborofire.com; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1928; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Donald Strine, Vice President: Jay Tucker, Secretary: Donna Clark, Treasurer: Eric Vantassel, Chaplain: Roberta Strine, Chief: Robert Beavers. Delegates: Donald Strine, Jay Tucker, Robert Beavers, Jeff Wyvill, Eric Vantassel. Alternates: James Atchison, Chris Hunter, Edward Bivens, James Busi, Kevin Hodges.

****MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 400, 110 Firehouse Lane, Marydel, DE 19964, Caroline County; Telephone: 302-492-9917; Fax: 302-492-8908; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940; Joined MSFA: 1940. President: Joe Collins, Vice President: Denise Fox Madden, Secretary: Leslie Kesler, Treasurer: Randy Barr, Chaplain, Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Gary Madden, Jason Mills, Justin Madden,

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Randy Barr, Joe Collins. Alternates: Denise Fox Madden, Amanda Justice.

****MARYLAND CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. -** 3498 Laurel Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD 20724; Anne Arundel County; Telephone 301-498-6161; Website: mcvfd.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered: 1970. President: Kimberly Larsen, Vice President: Brian Strickland, Secretary: Amanda Bruns, Treasurer: Stefano Terricola, Chaplain, Chief: Rayburn Smallwood. Delegates: Kimberly Larsen, Joseph Larsen Sr., Dawn Berry, Amanda Bruns, Andrew Fortner. Alternates: Joe Larsen Jr., Hannah Berry, Joshua Strenger, Heather Bossom, Stephanie Stroler.

****MARYLAND LINE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –** PO Box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-1932; Fax: 410-343-0906. E-mail: co450@bcvfa.org; Website: marylandlinefire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. Joined MSFA: 1945; President: Tina Spurlock, Vice President: Edward Pearce, Secretary: Carolyn Rosier, Treasurer: Tony Spurlock, Chaplain: Gladys Pearce, Chief: Steve Pearce. Delegates: Tina Spurlock, Tony Spurlock, Carolyn Rosier, John Rosier, Edward Pearce. Alternates: Gladys Pearce.

MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767-0716; Washington County; Telephone: 301-739-8515; Fax: 301-739-8516; E-mail: mgvfc@myactiv.net Website: mgvfc.com. Organized: 1928, Joined MSFA: 1930; President: Phil Ridenour, Vice President: Brian Pile, Secretary: Jill Webb, Treasurer: Heather Ridenour, Chaplain: Leonard Horst, Chief: Brandon Grinder. Delegates: Ian Swisher, Dave Bear, Phil Ridenour. Alternates: Charlie Shindle, L. Jason Bear, Steve Eby.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1937; President: William Smith Jr., Vice President: Dennis Bellevou, Secretary: Darene Kleinsorgen, Treasurer: Tommy Kidwell, Chaplain, Theresa Palmer, Chief: Mark Trowbridge. Delegates: William Smith Jr., John Montgomery, William Wilkerson, J. Paul Colonna, Mark Trowbridge. Alternates: David Sampson, Ryan Raley, Andy McWilliams, Wayne Copey.

MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 15, 28120 Old Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-884-2900; Website: www.co29.org; Organized: 1959; Chartered: 1959; Joined MSFA 1990. NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED FOR 2016

****MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE RESCUE COMPANY, INC. –** PO Box 5021, 2000 Leland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0330 Fax: 410-687-6350 Website: mrvar.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948. President: Paul E. Sullivan, Jr., Vice President: Arthur Kohne, Secretary: Robin Coulbourne, Treasurer: Neal Miller, Chaplain, Chief: Dennis Dembeck. Delegates: Jack Amrhein, Thomas Gilbert. Alternates: None Listed .

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****MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 18001, 1100 Wilson Point Road, Middle River, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-687-3160; Fax: 410-687-4507, E-mail: cao220@bcvfa.org Website: mrvfc.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1943. President: James Akehurst, Vice President: Eric Filipowicz, Secretary: Joe Litwin, Treasurer: James Sollenberger, Chaplain: , Chief: John E. Dulina. Delegates: Jophn E. Dulina, James Akehurst, Beth Stone, Ron Brewer. Alternates: None Listed.

****MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 16634, 1913 Middleborough Road, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0327; E-mail: cao230@bcvf0326a.org; Website: www.23fire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943. Joined MSFA: 1946; President: Mark Dranbauer, Sr., Vice President: William Hill, Secretary: Amanda Von Bank, Treasurer: Robert Smith, Chaplain, Chief: . Delegates: Debbie Peyton, Jeff Coburn Alternates: None Listed.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1930; President: Richard Keyser, Vice President: Christopher Ayers, Secretary: Kimberly Kefauver, Treasurer: Paul Fink, Chaplain: Alan Caho, Chief: Brenton Harne. Delegates: SteveNalborczyk Jr., Janie E. Nalborczyk, Wayne Smith, Debbie Smith, Brenda Cobletz. Alternates: NoneListed.

****MIDLAND FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.** – 14823 Broadway Avenue, Midland, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-463-6631 Fax: 301-463-2511; Organized: 1900. President: James Reno, Vice President: Paul Fair, Secretary: Nicole O'Rourke, Treasurer: Craig Alexander, Chaplain: Dan Montague, Chief: Michael McGowan. Delegates: Robert Knippenburg, Barbara Knippenburg, Jesse James, Michaele McGowan, J R Monahan. Alternates: Robbie Crawford, Jeff Cutter, Paul Fair, Dan Montague, Todd Thrasher.

MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-736-4343; E-mail: mvfd27@digizen.net Website: morningsidevfd27.com. Organized: 1944, Joined MSFA: 1947; President: David Hansen, Vice President: Thomas A. Groom, Secretary: Lisa McKlveen, Treasurer: Jamie Hansen, Chaplain, Les Hedrick, Chief: Michael Poekter. Delegates: David Hansen, Thomas A. Groom, Mike Porter, Mike Stout, Mike White.. Alternates: Les Hedrick, Mark Hendley.

MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 10305 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-797-5555; E-mail: tfoot@mtaetnafire.com; Website: www.mtaetnafire.com; Organized: 1967; Chartered: 1969Joined MSFA: 1978; .President: Tom Wootton, Vice President: Ned Householder, Secretary: Bethany Ridenour, Treasurer: Bob Spence, Chaplain: Dale Martin, Chief: Terry Stouffer. Delegates: Scott Smith, Dale Martin, Ned Householder, Dave Swan. Alternates: None Listed.

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****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. Organized: 1925, Joined MSFA: 1927; President: Bruce Walz, Vice President: Dan Caiola, Secretary: Janet Woodfield, Treasurer: James Linton Jr., Chaplain: Phil Ayers, Chief: Kenneth Stull. Delegates: Bruce Walz, Kenneth Stull, Dale Lowman, Daniel Caiola, Doug Alexander. Alternates: Jeff Lowman, Steven Stull, Terry Baker, Ivan Browning, Richard Baker, Jr.

****MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 533, 15701 Iron Rail Street, Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-264-3333, Fax: 301-264-3145; E-mail: co15@gmail.com; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925. President: Chad Robison, Vice President: Patti Carter, Secretary: Kay Tharpe, Treasurer: Paula Winebrenner, Chaplain: Lloyd Wade, Chief: Rick Robison. Delegates: Gerard McGann, Lloyd Wade, Gunter Corrado, Kay Wade, Mary Kay Leighty. Alternates: Lacey Robison, Janet Robison, Chad Robison, Patti Carter.

****MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 27440 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: 410-651-2100; Website: mtvernonvfc@live.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982; Joined MSFA: 1982. President: Dallas Tatum, Vice President: Joe Webster, Secretary: Ami Rentschler, Treasurer: Cindi Pietroski, Chaplain, Chief: Bryan Barnette. Delegates: Emmons K. Horner, Kevin Jones, Bryan Barnette, John Barnette, Cindi Pietroski. Alternates: David Pietroski, Dallas Tatum.

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. Joined MSFA: 1939; No Credentials were submitted for 2016

NANJEMOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662; Charles County; Telephone: 301-246-4322; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1951. No Credentials were submitted for 2016

NECK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 954 Cooks Point Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: 410-228-2434; E-mail: neckdistrictvfc@gmail.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1953. President: Michael McKinley, Vice President: Lisa Howard, Secretary: Sonya Parham, Treasurer: Sandy Russum, Chaplain, Chief: Dennis Russum. Delegates: Dennis Russum, Mike McKinley, Bernie Dryden, Alan Wright. Alternates: None Listed.

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. Joined MSFA: 1957; President: Paul Hackey. Vice President: Gary Fossett, Secretary: Aileen Hudspeth. Treasurer: Matthew Thews, Chaplain: Gary White, Chief: Benjamin Nalborczyk. Delegates: Paul Hickey, Gary Fossett, Aileen Hudspeth, Matthew Thews,

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Benjamin Nalborczyk. Alternates: Gary White, Christopher Moe, James Betts, William Kennedy, Jr., Kelly Nalborczyk.

****NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-898-0543; E-mail: emtb01nmvfc9@aol.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926. President: Matthew Moser, Vice President: George Nicholson, Secretary: Jusy Smith, Treasurer: Joseph C. Lenhart, Chaplain: Monroe Main, Chief: Gary W. Keller. Delegates: Dennis Derry, Gary Keller, Nancy Keller. Alternates: Bill Andrews, Charlotte Beach.

****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, Richard Warrenfeltz, Felix Hill, Dianne Gunderson, Tom Coe. Alternates: Dave Coe, Brad Kreimer, Byron Welker.

NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 82, 8338 Newark Road, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3981 Fax: 410-632-0915; E-mail: jbarbely@aol.com; Organized: 1929. President: James C. Barbely, Vice President: Mike Donaway, Secretary: Jackie Carey, Treasurer: James Scott, Chaplain: , Chief: Steve Orth. Delegates: James Barbely, Chris Seymour. Alternates: None Listed.

****NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 9, 12265 Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone: 301-259-2105; Website: nvrsfd.org; Organized: 1988; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA. President: Mike Abell, Vice President: Stephan Johnson, Secretary, Phyllis Viars, Treasurer: Terry Langley, Chaplain: Pastor Royster James, Chief: George Edelen. Delegates: Mike Abell, Andrew Spalding, George Edelen, George Hayden, Ronnie Wright. Alternates: Terry Langley, Stephan Johnson, Cathy Murphy, Phyllis Viars.

****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: norrisvillevfc.org; Organized: 1994; Chartered: 1994; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Holly Testerman, Vice President: Lee Mundle, Secretary: Samantha K. Sheehan, Treasurer: Kris Miller, Chaplain: Melissa McDade, Chief: Brandon Watkins. Delegates: Ed Watkins, Brandon Watkins, Rusty Leftwich. Alternates: None Listed.

****NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 86, 8536 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-257-6564 Fax: 301-855-2271; E-mail: nbvfdpresident@gmail.com; Website: northbeachfire.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1947. Joined MSFA: 1927; President: Robert E. Allen, Vice President: Wayne Gordy, Secretary: Justin Kivett, Treasurer: Eric Brumley, Chaplain: I, Chief: Dave Devere. Delegates: Robert E. Allen, Joey Keller, Matt Weber, Jimmy Dickerson, Wally Gooding. Alternates: Justin Kivett.

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****NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-287-8222 Fax: 410-287-6913; Email: admin@necf4.com Website: necf4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922. President: Shawn Day, Vice President: Howard Flower, Secretary: Kathy Scott, Treasurer: Joseph Strimel, Chaplain: Phil Meekins, Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Charles Stewart, George Hollenbaugh, Howard Flower, Shawn Day, Clifford Guy. Alternates: Patricia Deamond, Monica Penhollow.

****NORTH POINT EDMERE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 7500 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-7554; E-mail: palcher687@aol.com; Website: npevfd26.org; Organized: 1936; Chartered: 1936. Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Albert L. Palcher, Jr., Vice President: Timothy Pace, Secretary: Patricia Pace, Treasurer: Albert L. Palcher, Jr., Chaplain: James Caris, Chief: Matthew Paul. Delegates: Jim Riegel Sr., James Harvey, David Merritt. Alternates: Albert Palcher, Matthew Paul, Timothy Pace..

****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: Terry Spear, Vice President: William Beavers III, Secretary: Nancy Savage, Treasurer: Harold Fike, Chaplain: , Chief: Barry Beal. Delegates: Michael Simmons, Gary Teats, Terry Spear, Pauline Faucett. Alternates: None Listed.

OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 43, 31 South Third Street, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3535 Fax: 301-334-2347; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1894. Joined MSFA: 1927; No Credentials were submitted for 2016.

****OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – P.O. Box 27, 1409 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City; MD 21842; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-289-4346 Fax: 410-289-8421; E-mail: robertboduke@hotmail.com; Website: www.ocvfc.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1926. President: James Jester, Vice President: Michael LeCompte, Secretary: Sean Donovan, Treasurer: Sean Goggin, Chaplain: Phillip Turk, Chief: David Cropper. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr., Reggie Bell, J. Paul Adkins, Charles Bunting, Jim Smith. Alternates: Angelo Floria, David Coleman, Leoy Lessman, Michael LeCompte, Skip Carey.

****OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 911 Ocean Parkway, Berlin, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-641-8272, Fax: 410-641-5686; Website: opvfd.com. Joined MSFA: 1974; President: Daniel Healy, Vice President: Ray Richardst, Secretary, Treasurer: Ray Richards, Chaplain: Neal Gottesman, Chief: Steve Grunewald. Delegates: Dan Healy, Ron Thorwart, Steve Grunewald, Bob Gilbert, Ray Richards. 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;

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Joined MSFA: 1934. President: Robert L. Rose, Vice President: Wylie L. Donaldson, Secretary: Bryce Beuerlen, Treasurer: David M. Svadeba, Chaplain, Chief: Paul A. Gunshol. Delegates: David W. Lewis, Wylie L. Donaldson, Charles Rogers, Robert Rose, Wilbert Lewis. Alternates: Michael C. Davis, Paul Gubnshol, Craig Harman, Mark Telfer, Tracey Berry.

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, Kevin Bender, Ken Wolford Jr. Alternates: Cindy Crabtree, Royce Crabtree, Randon Crabtree, Mark Crabtree, Issac Haines.

ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 7549 Solley Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1505 Fax: 410-437-3496; E-Mail: orchardbeach11@yahoo.com Website: orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1932. President: Walter Snyder, Vice President: Donna Bushong, Secretary: Michael Maurer, Treasurer: Wayne Snyder, Chaplain: I, Chief: James Evans. Delegates: Walter Snyder, Donna Bushong, James Evans, Will Morningstar, Wayne Snyder. Alternates: Rick Cummings, Mike Maurer, Bryan Chilcoate, John Wenzel, Randy Parsons.

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: orleans43@hotmail.com. President: Janet M. Elbin, Vice President: Robert Littleton, Secretary: Pamela Pyles, Treasurer: Judith Sowers, Chaplain: Robert Littleton, Chief: John Clingerman. Delegates: Janet Elbin, Michael Yonker, Randy Pyles, Donna Littleton. Alternates: Danny Pyles, Jason Reed, Shannon Elbin, Derick Fisher.

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. Joined MSFA: 1926; President: Dale Bollinger, Vice President: Marci Catlett, Secretary: Jenny Nilsen, Treasurer: Paul Schapiro, Chaplain, Chief: Ed Schwartz Jr. Delegates: Mike Fold, Dale Bollinger, Craig Nelson Jr., Eddie Schwartz Jr. Alternates: None Listed.

****OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-226-5110; E-mail: henryshale@gmail.com. Website: www.oxfordfireco.org; Chartered: 1926. President: John Hanes, Vice President: Tim Kearns, Secretary: David Baker, Treasurer: Cionnie Greenhawk, Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Cross, Chief: Jon Fox. Delegates: Richard Schmitt, Richard Smith, Steve Mroczek, Michael Bell. Alternates: Jon Fox.

OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 259, 7600 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20750; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-369-2112, Fax:

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301-839-0925; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1930; Joined: MSFA: 1932. President: Mark Adkins Sr., Vice President: Vincent Washington, Secretary: Napoleon Epps Sr., Treasurer: David D. Jones, Chaplain, Chief: Darryl E. Lowery. Delegates: Mark Adkins Sr., Darryl Lowery, Napoleon Epps Sr., David Jones Jr., Vincent A. Washington. Alternates: James Bright, Mark Parks, Patrick Wise, Linwood Armstrong, Dan Smith.

PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 208, 33030 Old Ocean City Road, Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-742-2408; E-mail: sewmedic@yahoo.com Website: parsonsburgfire.com. Joined MSFA: 1925; President: Jeff Willis, Vice President: Michael Parsons, Secretary: Chelsea Massey, Treasurer: Carol Fisher, Chaplain: Josh Engle, Chief: Eric Tyler. Delegates: Justin Shockley, Eric Tyler, Jeff Willis, Michael Parsons, Leigh Tyler. Alternates: Morris Arvey, Bryan Chandler, Ryan Whittington, Steve Jones, Vance Webster, Jr..

****PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-486-9834; E-mail: cao320@bcvfa.org Website: pvfd32.org; Organized: 1897. President: John W. Berryman, Jr., Vice President: Samuel Dansicker, Secretary: John Pelton, Treasurer: Phil Goldsmith, Chaplain: Kathleen M. Resnick, Chief: Scott Golestein. Delegates: Stuart W. Carter, Glenn Resnick, John Pelton, Aaron Robinson, Richard Udell. Alternates: Kathleen Resnick, Roger N. Powell, Alan Roody, Mathew Whitehead, Dennis Genzel.

****PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY TRUCK 1, INC.** – PO Box 2799, 21 West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21741; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-3338 Fax: 301-733-3368. Organized: 1872, Joined MSFA: 1893; President: Rodney McCoy, Vice President: James Burdett, Secretary: Frances Marshal, Treasurer: Rita McCoy, Chaplain: Jack Emery, Chief: Rodney McCoy. Delegates: Rodney McCoy, James Burdett, Frances Marshal, Steve Ashby, Edward Piphan. Alternates: None Listed.

****PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 387, 7442 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-2323; E-mail: wknapp2@aol.com; Website: pvfd.4t.com; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929. Joined MSFA: 1930; President: Anthony Webster, Vice President: Ronald Adkins, Secretary: Gene Peavley, Treasurer: Jennifer Hammond, Chaplain, Chief: George Whited III. Delegates: Essel Ted Farlow, Jr., Essel Tad. Farlow III, George Whited III, Roland Adkins, Mark Bratten. Alternates: Michael W. Farlow, George Whited Jr, Shawn Townsend, Joshua Farlow, Steve Records.

****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: mgist@pleasantvalleyfire.org Website: pleasantvalleyfire.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931. Joined MSFA: 1934; President: Michael Stewart, Vice President: James Mora Sr., Secretary: Susan Mott, Treasurer: John Wagner, Chaplain: Donna Geiman, Chief: Michael Gist. Delegates: Richard Smith, John Wagner, James Mora, Sr., Charlie Simpson, Jeffrey Geiman. Alternates: None Listed.

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****POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1410 Market Street, Pocomoke City, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-957-2310; Fax: 410-957-0895, Website: pocomokefire.com; Organized: 1888. President: Stan Finch, Vice President: Chip Choquette, Secretary: Merrill Lockfaw, Treasurer: Choppy Layton, Chaplain: Mike Dean, Chief: Dicky Gladding. Delegates: Stan Finch, Chris Larmore, Tyler Fairman, Devin Fairman, Bill Sparrow. Alternates: Chip Choquette.

****POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY NO. 2, INC.** –P.O. Box 326, 61 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-359-3701 Fax: 301-359-3377; Email: tddayton@pennswoods.net; 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, Dennis Steiding, Amber McKiddy. Alternates: Schelotta Kight Mark Karalewitz, Mark Alesander, Andy Edwards, Darrell Wildesen.

****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: John T. Lundstrom, Secretary: Lisa Berry, Treasurer: Steve Rison, Chaplain: Charles W. Wills, Chief: Matthew Rogers. Delegates: Robert E. Collins Sr., C. Dan Carpenter III, Charles W. Wills, Kevin Grinder, Steve Winkler. Alternates: Jeff Clements, Matthew Rogers, Stephen L. Rison, Molly Johnson, Clarence Carpenter, Jr.

****POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: 301-432-2130; E-mail: ac11@myactv.net; Website: potomacvalleyfire.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1967; Joined MSFA: 1975. President: Adam McMillen, Vice President: Amber Hewett, Secretary: Lacrysta Payne, Treasurer: Terry Rohrer, Chaplain: Henry Ingram, Chief: Eric L. Gray. Delegates: Adam McMillen, Clarence Webber, Henry Ingram, Ronnie Gray. Alternates: None Listed.

POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. –5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-835-8181; Fax: 410-835-2059; E-mail: cward@powellvillefire.com Website: www.powellvillefire.com; Organized: 1962; Chartered: 1962; Joined MSFA: 1965. President: Chuck Ward, Vice President: John Hilton, Secretary: Tyler Disharoon, Treasurer: Kevin White, Chaplain, Chief: Willis Disharoon. Delegates: Chuck Ward, Kevin White. Alternates: John Hilton.

****PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3680 Choptank Road, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: 410-673-7874; Fax: 410-673-1138; Website: pvfc200.com; Organized: 1927. President: Richard Childers, Vice President: Russell Dukes, Secretary: Jennifer Kenton, Treasurer: Lori Jesters Childers, Chaplain: I, Chief: Roy Bradley. Delegates: Richie Childers. Alternates: None Listed.

****PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 976, 450 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-

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535-2207 Fax: 410-535-3655; Email: pfvfdjwo@verizon.net; Website: pfvfd.org; Organized: 1940.Joined MSFA: 1942; President: Patrick F. Hassler, Vice President: James Cox, Secretary: Linda F. Reamy, Treasurer: Alan Billings, Chaplain: Michael Bowen, Chief: Fred Holzberger IV. Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Michael Bowen, James Cox, Thomas Scott III, Nancy Scott. Alternates: Linda Reamy, Theresa Bowen, William J. Reamy, Patrick F. Hassler, Fred W. Holzberger, IV.

****PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 346, 755 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD. 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: 410-535-9836; Email: jwelpf@hotmail.com; Website: pfvrs.org; Organized: 1965; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: Clarke Rawlings, Vice President: Roland "Sonny" Brady, Secretary: Colton Pounsberry, Treasurer: Robert Francis, Chaplain: , Chief: Stanis Inscoe. Delegates: Clarke Rawlings, Stanis Inscoe, Marquis Smith, Brenda Agamber, Robert Francis.Alternates: None Listed.

****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VOLUNTEER MARINE FIRE RESCUE, Inc.** – 13600 King Charles Terrace, Ft. Washington, MD 20744; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-203-2045. President: Janet Demeritt, Vice President: James Roberts, Secretary: , Treasurer: Amanda Verb, Chaplain, Chief: Jimmy Edelen.Delegates: Janet Demeritt, Marty Goodier, Ryan Hancock, Rajah Rose. Alternates: Vivian Cooper, Ryan Hancock.

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.Joined MSFA: 1921; President: Christopher Keene, Vice President: Morgan Pisey, Secretary: Jenny Cottman, Treasurer: Robert Murphy, Chaplain: James Devaughn, Chief: Rondell Redding..Delegates: Christopher Keene, Rondell Redding, Jenny Cottman, Jerry Holbrook, Marion Mister, Jr. Alternates: Robert L. Kelly, Lemuel White, Lorenzo Cropper, Morgan Pusey, Ryan Bozman.

PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-828-9029; E-mail: joseph.henham@gmail.com Website: 222pvfc29.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950.President: Bryan Wolbert, Vice President: Joe Conrad, Secretary: Susan Denning, Treasurer: Bennett Carroll, Chaplain, Chief: Geoffrey Donahue.Delegates: Bryan Wolbert, Jeff Mims, Joe Conrad, Bennett Carroll, Susan Denning. Alternates: Geoffrey Donahue, Jack McClean, Phil Darr, Colin Campbell.

****QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 257, 13500 First Street, Queen Anne, MD 21657; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-364-5612; Website: qahvfc.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945.Joined MSFA: 1945; President: Philip Starkey Jr., Vice President: Scott Roie, Secretary: Dolly Starkey, Treasurer: Tom Difatta, Chaplain, Chief: Danny Lester. Delegates: Philip Starkey, Jr., Danny McNeal, Dolly Starkey, David Chaires.Alternates: None Listed.

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. Joined MSFA: 1936; No Credentials were submitted 2016.

RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 229, 18900 Volunteer Drive, Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone 301-729-8229; Email ronniecarr@hotmail.com; Organized: 1985; Chartered: 1985; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: David T. Wilson, Vice President: R. Garth Nasser, Secretary: Cynthia Bray, Treasurer: Jeremy Athey, Chaplain: Wesley Foor, Chief: Ronald Carr III. Delegates: D.T. Wilson, Mike McKenzie, Ron Carr, Wess Foor. Alternates: None Listed.

****REESE AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-848-7172; E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org Website: reesefvc.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1949. President: Kenneth Hyde, Vice President: Norman Schaeffer, Secretary: Barbara McComas, Treasurer: Marion Davidson Jr., Chaplain: Robert Alexanderl, Chief: Jimmy Love. Delegates: Norman Schaeffer, Kenneth Hyde, Michael Knightt, 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; Organized: 1913, Joined MSFA: 1916; President: James Snyder, Vice Ppresident: William Franklin, Sr., Secretary: Mike Snyder, Treasurer: Wayne Hipsley, Chaplain: Timothy Feeser, Chief: Craig Hewitt. Delegates: Jeff Hale, Ted Schultz, John Wwright, Craig Coleman. Alternates: None Listed.

****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: C. Wayne Cook, Vice President: Robert Travers, Secretary: Linda Horsman, Treasurer: Timothy McCarter, Chaplain: Gary Hickman, Chief: Brian Willey. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Don Kinnamon, Robert Phillips. Alternates: Frank Horsman, Kevin Carr, W. Marty Logan.

****RESCUE HOSE COMPANY #1, INC.** – 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401-1406; 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: Mark Higgins, Treasurer: Denna E. Britton, Chaplain, Chief: Charles W. Cadle Jr. Delegates: Charles W. Cadle Jr., Timothy L. Clough, Mark Higgins, Denna Britton, Maureen C. Higgins. Alternates: William Clark, Charles Clark, Leonard 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: Francis J. Raley, Vice President: James I. Raley, Secretary: Carley Dodge. Treasurer: John E. Wathen Jr.,

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Chaplain: Monsignor Karl Chimiak, Chief: Ray Mercure. Delegates: Francis Raley, Ray Mercure, Bruce Raley, Robert, John E. Wathen Jr., Alternates: Paull Balta, Jr., Joseph H. cooper. Phillip R. Cooper, Philip Ridgell, Robert Lee Owens.

****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. Organized: 1949, Joined MSFA 1978; President: David Morris, Vice President: Amanda Purdy, Secretary: Marie Carroll, Treasurer: Christy Bright, Chaplain: Jack Cullison, Chief: Christy Ridgell. Delegates: David Morris, Christy Ridgell, Amanda Purdy, Debra Drury, Debra Drury. Alternates: Frances Ann Cullison, Jack Cullison.

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; tjgunderson10@comcast.net Website: rvfd400.com; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1928. President: Timothy J. Gunderson, Vice President: Rick Baker, Secretary: Tammy Taylor, Treasurer: Bryan Ebling, Chaplain, Chief: Louis Hayes. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

****RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-336-3731; E-mail: info@ritchie37.com Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 179670. President: Steve Wilson, Vice President: Nick Ragucci, Secretary: Jerome Tabron, Treasurer: Steve Bernard, Chaplain, Chief: Chris Wilson. Delegates: Steve Wilson, Chris Wilson, Lary Lee, William Cunnungham, Sr., William Cunnungham, Jr. Alternates: Gerald Hayden, Steve Bernard, Nick Ragucci, Greig Bernard, Terry Hill.

****RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - PO Box 602, 3123 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-2910; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940. Joined MSFA 1947; President: John H. Fluharty, Vice President, Secretary: David E Carr, Treasurer: Maurice E. Carr, Chaplain, Chief. Delegates: Maurice E. Carr, John Fluharty, David E. Carr. Alternates: Edgar Yost, Joel Greenwell.

****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. Joined MSFA 1926; President: Robert Goninan, Vice President, Secretary: Shawntel Collins, Treasurer: Sarah Dofflemyer, Chaplain, Chief: Aldo Zambrana. Delegates: Robert Goninan, Aldo Zambrana, Shawntel Collins, Timothy Donohue, Sarah Dofflemyer. Alternates: Todd Reedy, Shariff Thomas, Antonio Zambrana.

RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-927-0356; E-mail: chief7b@gmail.com Website: www.riverdalevfd.org. Organized 1923, Chartered: 1927, Joined MSFA 1923; Delegates: Steve Lamphier, James Johns, Brian Carpio, Kevin Nash, Nova Johns. Alternates: No Credentials were submitted for 2016

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****RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 301, 8506 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-255-1314; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932. President: Jason Gallo, Vice President: Todd Sink, Secretary: Kimberly Smith, Treasurer: Amy Kiser, Chaplain: Chief: Jay Shipley. Delegates: John Spiker Sr., Dave Ritchie, Russel Schlick, Jay Shipley. Alternates: None Listed.

****ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 577, 21500 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661; Kent County; Telephone: 410-639-7636 Fax: 410-639-7637; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927. President: Richard Jacquette, Vice President: Carolyn Jones, Secretary: Glenda Dierker, Treasurer: Madelyn Reni, Chaplain, Chief: Michael Pinder. Delegates: Richard Jacquette, R. J. Dowling, Matt Dowling, John Toulson, Mike Pinder. Alternates: None Listed.

ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. -2212 Seneca Road, Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0328 Fax: 410-780-1759; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1947. Joined MSFA 1947; President: Kevin Nida, Vice President: Mike Stinson, Secretary: Danielle Day, Treasurer: Frank Spangler, Chaplain, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Howard French, Jimmy Ogle, Steve Kerby, Steve Bromwell, Mike Ledley, Sr. Alternates: David Klein, Tammy Medinger, John Medinger, Sr., Martha Spangler, Chris Martin.

****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: Eric N. Bernard, Vice President: Mathew Frank, Secretary: Russell W. Dawson, Treasurer: Andrea Lazar, Chaplain: Father Valentine Keavney, Chief: Scott E. Emmons. Delegates: Eric N. Bernard, Scott E. Emmons, Christopher Hinde, Tom Kavanagh, Mathew Frank. Alternates: Tim Jones, James Seavey, Jr., Scott Cushing, Jack Ferguson III, Chris Vincent.

****ROCKY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21778; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-693-3799; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Dale E. Kline Sr., Vice President: Dennis Mathias, Secretary: Paulette Mathias, Treasurer: Bernard Wivell, Chaplain, Pastor James Russell, Chief: Alan Hurley. Delegates: Dale E. Kline Sr., Jim Rice, Luke Humrick, Bonny Hurley, Dennis Mathias. Alternates: Kay Ensor, Alan Hurley, Kevin Albaugh, Ronnie Eyer, Donald Kaas.

****ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.** – P.O. Box 9661, 8037 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0519; Email: charles.leiss@capitalone.com; Website: rosedalevfd.com; Organized: 1930. Joined MSFA 1930; President: Eileen Endryas, Vice President: Kate Shawler, Secretary: Michelle Harding, Treasurer: Chuck McJilton, Chaplain, Chief: Chuck Leiss. Delegates: Bill Pearson, Charles Leiss, Eric Endrayas, Andrew Vernon, Eileen Endryas. Alternates: Tim Decoursey, Richard Gross, Patrick Belton, Thomas Gagliano.

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****SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – Headquarters Company, 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3122; Website: salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1872. Joined MSFA 1930; President: Walter Townsend III, Vice President: Jon Black, Secretary: Alexis Witzke, Treasurer: Mark Cotter, Chaplain: Tyrone Cooper, Chief: Rick Hoopes. Delegates: Jon Black, Tyrone Cooper, Joel McCroy, Billy Lewes, Tony Waller. Alternates: Moses Edwards, Mark Cotter, Alexis Witzke.

****SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1** -1100 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3127; E-mail: folskeychuck@yahoo.com Website www.salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1986; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Charles Foskey, Vice President: Robert Johnson, Secretary: Justin Elliott, Treasurer: Eric Foskey, Chaplain: Terry Jones, Chief: Cory Polidore. Delegates: Justin L. Elliott, David Elliott, Charles Foskey, Eric Foskey, Ken Vickers. Alternates: None Listed.

****SALISBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2** – PO Box 3381, 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD 21802; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-548-3125; Website: salisburyfd.com; Organized: 1930. President: Justin Byrd, Vice President: Brad Sparrow, Secretary: Bill Nutter, Sr., Treasurer: Ryan Lecates, Chaplain: Roger Koundrop, Chief: Richard Hoppes. Delegates: Brad Sparrow, Bill Nutter, Sr., Bill Higgins, Dale Albert, Corey Allensworth. Alternates: John Dimare, Bert Wagner, David Bowling.

****SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 295, 17921 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-774-7400 Fax: 301-774-4821; E-mail: info@ssvfd.com Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1925. Joined MSFA 1925; President: Louis Kaufman, Vice President: Brandan Bonita, Secretary: Michael Valente, Treasurer: Stephen C. Lamphier, Chaplain: Deacon Rory Crawford, Chief: A. Michael Kelley. Delegates: George Brown, A Michael Kelley, John Lindner, Michael McTighe, Michal Valente. Alternates: Linda Albrecht, Brendan Bolita, Mitchell Dinowitz, Lou Karfman, Philip Smith.

****SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 905, 8521 Corridor Road, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-8754; Fax: 410-313-8768; E-mail: goofman2320@yahoo.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937. Jpined MSFA 1938; President: Michael Hitt, Vice President: Norman Wines, Secretary: Charisa Carkhuff, Treasurer: Alan Conway, Chaplain: Paul Epstein, Chief: Ronald Hunley. Delegates: Terry Thompson, Norman Wines, Ronald Hunley, David Hunley, George Clayton. Alternates: Jon Day, Doug Williams, Dan Hunt, Martin Lepore, , Kevin Larkins Sr.

SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 6305 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-336-2331; Organized 1915, Chartered: 1915; President: Marcus A. Jones, Vice President: Keviette V. Potts, Secretary: Cassandra C. Alexander, Treasurer: Cassandra C. Alexander, Chaplain: Kendal S. Wade, Chief: Joseph A. Johnson. Delegates: Marcus A. Jones, Kevin Brenner, Keviette Potts, Cassandra Alexander, Joseph Johnson. Alternates: Nicole

Bennett, Phillip Martin, Antoine Williams, Daniel Varroney, Nikolai Ferreira.

****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: www.sdvfdrs.org; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1958. President: Robert Grant, Vice President: Daniel Browne, Secretary: JP Caulder, Treasurer: Lisa Callicott, Chaplain: Father Paul Nguyen, Chief: Gary Joy. Delegates: Aaron Canter, Heather Bean, Jason Bean, Gregory Adams, Joseph E. Knott. Alternates: Gary Joy, Robbie I. Springer.

****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: pfefferlenny@gmail.com; Website: www.secretaryvfc.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined: MSFA: 1938. President: George Pfeffer Jr., Vice President: Sam Yockey, Secretary: Deanna Deshiell, Treasurer: Amanda Gullion, Chaplain, Father Stephen Lonek, Chief: William Gullion III. Delegates: Samuel B. Yockey, Michael W. Larrimore Sr., Michael W. Larrimore, Jr., William Gullion III, George Pfeffert. Alternates: Deanna Dashiell, Joseph Dashiell, Brian Kimmey, David Cox, Susan Kirwan.

****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: Mark Pettit, Chaplain: Chief: John A. Nelson. Delegates: John D. Nelson, Michael R. Huseman, Anthony Hammett, John A. Nelson, 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: Amy Farr, Treasurer: Steve Lawrence, Chaplain: George Kennett, Chief: Hattie Norris. Delegates: Melissa Friess-Bailey, George Kennett, Joan Raley, Jennifer Huntington, Donald Phetteplace. Alternates: Richard Colliflower, Francis Gibson.

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: 1939. See BORDEN SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.

****SHARPSBURG AREA RESCUE SERVICES, INC. –**110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone 301-432-5348 Fax 301-432-6456; E-mail: lester.bussard@saems19.org Website: sharpsburgems.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968. President: Diane Reid, Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer:, Chaplain:, Chief: Pricilla Myers. Delegates Robert Moncrief. Alternates: None Listed.

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****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: brandenb@comcast.net Website: sharpsburgfire.com; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1944. Joined MSFA 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, Daryl Benner, Bob Moncrief, Dolly Jones. Alternates: Henri Jones, Jay Morgan, Chris Mullendore, Jay Brandenburg, Ron Delauney.

SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 307, 315 Main Street, Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-883-3131; Fax: 410-883-3043; E-mail: president@sharptown.net Website: www.sharptown.net; Organized: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1927; President: Jack Bennett, Vice President: Darryl K. English, Secretary: Brenda L. Marvil, Treasurer: Linda Lambrose, Chaplain, Chief: William R. White; Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed.

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 2016.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1949 President: Charles A. Diana, Vice President: Tyrone Harrington, Secretary: Jheri Gregory, Treasurer: Matthew Fowler, Chaplain, Chief: Steffen Santos. Delegates: Charles A Diana, Steffen Santos, Brenda Sarmiento, Dale Sellers, Michael Alfieri. Alternates: Diana M. Diana, Jeffery Kramer, George Thompson, Christopher Gregory, Jheri Gregory,

****SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** -1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-587-3400 Fax: 301-588-3548; Email: deana.o@montgomerycountymd.com; Website: www.silverspringvfd.org; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1918. Joined MSFA: 1917; President: Deana Cairo, Vice President: Margaret Fowke, Secretary: Susan Myatt, Treasurer: Gerald Leener, Chaplain, Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Margaret Fowke, Harold Traver, Burton Brenner, Barry Contee, Susan Myatt. Alternates: George Peet, Adam Friedman.

****SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY** – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922-0444; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-2078 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; E-mail: president@smithsburgvfc.org Website: www.

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smithburgvfc.org; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1933. President: Charlse Blake Sr., Vice President: Glenn Fishack Sr., Secretary: Barb Miller, Treasurer: Susam Blake, Chaplain, Paster Julie Bigaman Chief: G. Dale Fishack Jr. Delegates: Dale Fishack, Glenn Fishack, Margaret Fishack, Chandler Fishack, Charles Blake.. Alternates: Rebecca Fishack, Sam Keister, Phil Roher, Raymond Slick, Paige Fishack.

SMITHBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – 8 Maple Avenue, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: 301-824-3314 Fax: 888-557-5158; E-mail: sems@erols.com; Organized: 1981; Chartered: 1981; Joined MSFA: 1986. President: Jon Witmer, Vice President: Melvin Smith, Secretary: Joanie Gerber, Treasurer: Emily Demmons. Chaplain: Melvin Smith. Chief: Vacant. Delegates: Jon Witmer, Kevin Demmons, Warner Fleger. Alternates: None Listed.

****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 Larson, Vice President: Billy Layfield, Secretary: Howard Stephens, Treasurer: Howard Stephens, Chaplain: Jim Phillips, Chief: Trey Heiser. Delegates: Richard Mills Jr., Bobby Davis, Mike Farlow, Billy Layfield. 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; Website: www.svrsfd.org; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1954. Joined MSFA: 1965; President: John Pardoe, Vice President: Crystal Bowen, Secretary: Kiersten Shea, Treasurer: , Chaplain: , Chief: Joe Ford. Delegates: John Pardoe, Thomas Yowell, Fred Sheckels, Joe Ford, Aubrey Henson. Alternates: Karen Pardoe, Kathy Sheckells, Bill Jones.

****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: Alan Gladhill, Secretary: Todd Cochrane, Treasurer: Jerry L. Cummingham, Chaplain: James Baurdette, Chief: Steve Jacobs. Delegates: William Hastings, Jerry Cunningham, Alternates: None Listed.

SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC - PO Box 378, 200 Baltimore Avenue, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: 301-334-3000; E-mail: emtmayne@gmail.com; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 2000. President: Ann Smith, Vice President: Sam Moon, Secretary: Karen Royer, Treasurer: Naomi Swartzentruber, Chaplain, Chief: Pat Piper. Delegates: None Listed. Alternates: None Listed

****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: Raleigh F. Midkiff, Jr. Vice President: Jane McClanahan. Secretary: Ginger Weasenforth, Treasurer: James McClanahan. Chaplain: Chief:

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Richard D. Weems II. Delegates: Raleigh F. Midkiff, Jr., Ricky Weems II, Mark Carrico, Richard D. Weems, Cora Stockhausen. Alternates: Jane McClanahan, George Anderson, Sterling Myers, Michelle Weems, Joseph Anderson.

****ST. MARY'S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT** -PO Box 2421, 41550 Doctor's Crossing Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary's County; Telephone: 301-690-2044; E-mail: dscooley@erols.com; Website: smcals.org; Organized: 1983; Chartered: 1983; Joined MSFA: 1994. President: Scott Cooley, Vice President: Secretary: Hattie Norris, Treasurer: Debbie Kenney, Chaplain: , Chief: Paul Koch. Delegates: Eva Jones, 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. Joined MSFA: 1926; President: John Douglas Haddaway, Vice President: JessicaB. Kastel, Secretary: Donna Cheezum, Treasurer: Frank Hopkinson, Chaplain: Rev. Emmanuel Johnson, Chief: Sean Guschke. Delegates: Daniel Mautz. Alternates: Holley Guschke, Jessica B. Kastel.

****STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD 21864; Worcester County; Telephone: 410-632-3030, Fax: 410-632-3075; E-mail: tom@bbcs.net; Organized: 1924. Joined MSFA: 1924; President: Thomas C. Beauchamp, Vice President: Bob Zelechowski, Secretary: Chris Riddleberger, Treasurer: Tim Wynne, Chaplain: David Selby, Chief: Neil A. Payne. Delegates: Tim Wynne, Tim Jerscheid, Tim Payne, Lisa Jerscheid, George Ward. Alternates: Tom Beauchamp, Bob Zelechowski, Chris Riddleberger, James Lampe, William Mariner.

****SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 61, 203 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne's County; Telephone: 410-438-3155. President: Robbie Blackiston, Vice President: Francis Kinnamon, Secretary: Pam Wise, Treasurer: Nicole Brown, Chaplain, Gary Priddy, Chief: Ira Russell. Delegates: Eric Crossley, Robert Nicholson Jr., Michael Faust. Alternates: None Listed.

****SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 9107 Revolution Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: 410-939-1920; Organized: 1902. President: Charles Packard, Vice President: J. Frank Hawely, Secretary: Gail Reeder, Treasurer: Joe Westherstien, Chaplain: Frank Roth, Chief: Scott Hurst. Delegates: Scott Pentz, Frank Roth, J. Frank Hawley, Ronald Cardwell, Bill Reeder. Alternates: Chad Myers, Brian Mintouli, Gail Reeder.

****SYKESVILLE FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-8021; E-mail: sfdfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us Website: www.sykesvillefire.org; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933; Joined MSFA: 1935. President: David Kreimer, Vice President: Dennis Beard, Secretary: Elizabeth Leubberman, Treasurer: Susan Tarrant, Chaplain: Deacon Charles Barnhart, Chief: EdRuch, Jr. Delegates: Dennis Beard, Gary McGinnis, Lynn Gabler, William Wagner III. Alternates: None Listed.

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****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: elmer.hamm@montgomerycountymd.gov Website: tpvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1922. Joined MSFA: 1924; 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, Richard Willey, Jorge Alfaro. Alternates: Enrique Alfaro, Pamela Vega, Zenia Ramirez, Stephen Novik, Bruce Allen.

****TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-751-0506; Website: tvfc5.org. Organized: 1897; President: James Haines, Vice President: Thomas Hogg, Jr., Secretary: Daniel Haines, Treasurer: James Parker, Chaplain: Gordon Brauning, Chief: Craig Austin. Delegates: Thomas Hogg, Jr., Craig Austin, Phil Petry, Steve Aberts, Jim Parker. Alternates: None Listed.

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; E-mail: myislandlady@gmail.com. Joined MSFA: 1962 President: Patti C. Tieder; Vice President: Anna Grossnickle, Secretary: Ed Bacon, Treasurer: Paul Mace, Chaplain: Rev. Robert Kirkley, Chief: JB Tieder. Delegates: Patti C. Tieder, JB Tieder, Anna Grossnickle, Paul Mace, Ed Bacon. Alternates: Josh Tieder, Griff Livingston, Jack Smakow, John Cutter, David Carrier.

TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 522, 7035 Poorhouse Road, Marbury, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: 301-743-2080; Fax: 301-743-6096; E-mail: dhhudson@comcast.net Website: tdvfd8.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1951 No Credentials were submitted for 2016

THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – 27 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-271-7550 Fax: 301-271-0167; E-mail: lke2807732@aol.com Website: www.thurmontambulance.com; Organized: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1985. President: Lowman Keeney, Vice President: Dave Riffle, Secretary: Joyce Stitely, Treasurer: Judy White, Chaplain: James Hamrick, Chief: Dennis Ott. Delegates: None listed. 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 Fax: 410-886-2677; E-mail: tvfc@verizon.net; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1938. Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Timothy Fluharty, Vice President: Eleene Reiss, Secretary: Linda Gottlieb, Treasurer: Charlotte Fluharty, Chaplain: Rev. Landon, Chief: Billy Lednum. Delegates: David McQuay, Neal Lednum, Alternates: Chris Hood.

****TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 4001 Powell Avenue, Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: 410-476-3535; E-mail: trappevfd@verizon.net; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935. Joined MSFA: 1930; President: Ben Diefenderfer,

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Vice President: Lou Diefenderfer, Secretary: Kayleigh Davis, Treasurer: Mike Marshall, Chaplain: Gary Moore, Chief: Nick Newman. Delegates: George McCracken. 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: Robert Patterson, Vice President: Secretary: , Treasurer: , Chaplain: , Chief: . Delegates: Thomas Comert. Alternates: None Listed.

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 2016

****UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1050, 8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-775-7402 Fax: 410-857-8775; E-mail: tomgarber@aol.net Website: www.ubfc8.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1889; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: Thomas M. Garber, Vice President: Eugene C. Curfman, Secretary: Linda Bostian, Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer, Chaplain: Rev. Richard Michael, Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Jerry Harris, Perry Jones, Thomas M. Garber, Chad Green, Brenda Burdette. Alternates: George Wentz, Erle Arnold.

****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. Joined MSFA: 1974; President: Ronald J. Siarnicki, Vice President: Kent Whalen, Secretary: Pat Neil, Treasurer: Buck Ferrin, Chaplain: Andy Cole, Chief: Chris Tona. Delegates: Doug Guare, Ron Howlin, Tim Thomas, Terri Levasseur, Brad Childress. Alternates: Jane Howlin, Tom Clark, Donna Whalen, Lisa Tona, Kevin Henderson.

****UNITED STEAM ENGINE FIRECOMPANY NO.3, INC.** – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-1711; E-mail: ufcgraham@comcast.net Website: ufc3.org; Organized: 1845; Chartered: 1905; Joined MSFA: 1893. President: James Graham, Vice President: Dave Smith, Secretary: Angie Hummer, Treasurer: Chris Apperson, Chaplain: Tim May, Chief: Marc McNeal. Delegates: James Graham, Derek Graham, Jeanna Panarella, Keith Duvall, Heather Duvall. Alternates: Jerry Dorsey, Tammy Dorsey.

****UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-972-8719 Fax: 301-407-0453; E-mail: umcvfd@hotmail.com Website: umcvfd.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946. President: Ross L. Meem, Vice President: Earl L. Moore, Secretary: Penny Jones, Treasurer: Michael K. Burns, Chaplain: Fr. Kevin

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O'Reilly, Chief: Michael White. Delegates: Ross Meem, Mike White, Robby Bliss, Bob Settelmaier, Jeffrey Eck. Alternates: ick Bauer, Teresa Meem.

****URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-831-1155 Fax: 301-662-7935; Website: <http://www.urbanavfd.org>; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 1974. President: Ron Wells, Vice President: Ron Wilt, Secretary: Trevon Darris, Treasurer: Susan O'Brien, Chaplain, Chief: James May. Delegates: Doug Smith, Christy Smith, Blaine Smith, Jim May, Martin Norwood. 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. Joined MSFA: 1936; President: Robert Horsman, Jr., Vice President: Edward Kukta, Secretary: Jennifer Bradley, Treasurer: Debbie Horsman, Chaplain: Mary Ann Farnell, Chief: Jamie McFarlane. Delegates: Robert Horsman, Jr., Jamie McFarlane, Alfred Travers, Jr., Reggie Sellers III, Pamela Travers. Alternates: Edward Kukta, Robert Horsman, Sr., Debbie Horsman, Vicky Wheatley, William Wheatley.

****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.vhc6.com; Organized: 1884. Joined MSFA: 1930; President: A. Frank Davis, Vice President: David Wilt, Secretary: Steve Valentine, Treasurer: Steve Hollinger, Chaplain: Father Charles Krieg Charles Krieg, Chief: Chad Umbel. Delegates: Frank Davis, James Click, Wayne Powell, Guy Baker III, Elysa Cool. Alternates: None Listed.

****VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-242-3131 Fax: 410-877-1470; E-mail: williamswann410@gmail.com Website: violetvillevfd.com; Organized: 1906; Chartered: 1945. President: Albert Wingrove, Vice President: Douglas Odensos, Secretary: Robert Rauschl, Treasurer: Steve Redcliffe, Chaplain: , Captain: John Emkey. Delegates: Albert Wingrove, Doug Odensos, Steve Redcliffe, Robert Rausch, John Emkey. Alternates: None Listed.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BRANDYWINE, INC.** – PO Box 238, 13809 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George's County; Telephone 301-782-7258; Website: bvfd40.net; Organized: 1955, Joined MSFA: 1957; President: Kenneth S. Rose Sr., Vice President: Michael Lantz, Secretary: H. Diane Daniels, Treasurer: Kenneth S. Rose Jr., Chaplain: Kenneth S. Rose Sr., Chief: Ernie Daniels Jr. Delegates: Ronald Wilkinson Sr., Michael Lantz, Kenneth S. Rose Sr., Larry Wilkinson, Ken Rose, Jr. Alternates: Carolyn Lantz, Ernie Daniels, Jr., Glenn Johnson.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS, INC.** - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George's County; Telephone: 301-883-7705 E-Mail: jemcclelland1@co.pg.md.us Website: chvfd.org; Organized: 1913;

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Chartered: 1914. Joined MSFA: 1916; 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, Kimberly F. Leei, Albert Adams, John H. Weaver. Alternates: Jennifer A. McClelland, David S. Breeden, Jr., Charles E. Miller.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CHESAPEAKE CITY, INC.** – 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-885-5951; E-mail: terryferguson31@yahoo.com 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: Thomas Morris. Delegates: Thomas Morris, Terry Ferguson, Donnie Briscoe, John Toulson, Frankie Stubbs. Alternates: Theresa Sweetman, Jimmy Wadkins, Heather Lovless, Robin Harvey, Ed Long.

****VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF HALFWAY, MD, INC.** – 11114 Lincoln Avenue, 20445 Jefferson Boulevard, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-582-2223 Fax: 301-582-1075; Website: halfwayvfc.org; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: Robert Rinkinen, Vice President: Melanie Beckley, Secretary, Curtis Hull, Treasurer: Andrew Ernst, Chaplain: Robert Fraley, Chief: Edward Ernst. Delegates: Steve Heefner, Ed Ernst, Rob Rinkinen, Jamie Drawbaugh, Kim Anderson. Alternates: Melanie Beckley.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK, INC. –1449 Sussex Road, Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-887-0329 Fax: 410-391-4718; E-mail: bfastboats@hotmail.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946. President: John J. Alban III, Vice President: Ryan Cruickshank, Secretary: James Francis, Treasurer: William Stump, Chaplain: Fran Pollock Sr., Chief: John J. Alban III Delegates: Anthony Schield, John Alban III, Matthew Wooden, William Stump, Chester Sturgill. Alternates: John Alban, Jr., Jason Dimeler, Josh Horton, Ryan Cruickshank, James Francis.

****WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20601; Charles County; Telephone: 301-645-3000 Fax: 301-870-0136; Email: jrhayden12awvfd@yahoo.com Website: waldorfvfd.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950. President: David C. VanGasbeck, Vice President: Ron Marth, Secretary: Karen Brandt, Treasurer: Mike Strain, Chaplain, Chief: Benjamin Jenkins. Delegates: Bobbie Stevens, William Cooke, David VanGasbeck, Thomas Edwards, Dan Stevens. Alternates: Bill Bauer, J. R. Hayden, Jerry Hardy, Ron Marth, Michael Strain.

WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 425, 79 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-600-9110; E-mail: jtzimmerman@verizon.net Website: www.walkersvillefire.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1940 Joined MSFA: 1940; No Credentials were submitted for 2016

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****WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** –73 W. Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-845-8875 Fax: 301-845-6058; E-mail: smaxey2@aol.com Website: www.wrc24.com; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977; Joined MSFA: 1978. President: Sandra Maxey, Vice President: Cindy Cramer, Secretary: Lindsey Kelly, Treasurer: Chuck Hanfman, Chaplain: Ellie Gilbert, Chief: Topper Cramer. Delegates: Topper Cramer, Craig Moore, 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: circled@zoominternet.net Website: wwfco.com; Organized: 1844. Chartered: 1880, Joined MSFA: 1893; President: William Dill, Vice President: Donald Poist, Secretary: Ashley Hennemuth, Treasurer: Brad Snyder, Chaplain: Rev. George Hipkins, Chief: Gregory Miller. Delegates: Wayne Tome Sr., Donald Poist, Karen Mott, Tony Dimauro Sr., Richard Brooks. Alternates: None Listed.

****WEST ANNAPOLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INC.** – 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-266-0866; E-mail: pwbeal19@aacounty.org Website: wavfd.org; Organized: 1911. Joined MSFA: 1945; President: Douglas M. Beall, Vice President: Lindy Burkhart, Secretary: Andrew Clemenko, Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell, Chaplain: Andrew Caufield, Chief: Robert E. Vice Jr. Delegates: Gayle C. Bender, Wayne Bender, Sharon Owen, Robert Vice Jr. Alternates: Sarah O'Malley, James Caufield III, Lindy Burkhart, Ken Blackwell.

****WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.** – PO Box 439, 12535 Old Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794-0439; Howard County; Telephone: 410-313-5403; E-mail: ciroles58@comcast.net Website: wfvfd.org; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944. President: Gary W. Unverzagt, Vice President: Peter Konold, Secretary: Jennie Reed, Treasurer: Steven Fleming, Chaplain: Ryan Eglseder, Chief: H. Mitchell Day. Delegates: Carroll Buell, Norma Spicer, Will Spicer, Theresa Collins, Scott Christiansen. Alternates: Tyler Redman, Howard "Mickey" Day, Peter Konold, Gary Unverzagt, Mark Miller.

WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC – P.O. Box 1348, 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784, Prince George's County; Telephone 301-577-0777 Fax: 301-731-5163; Organized: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945. President: Scott Vazquez, Vice President: Secretary: Ryan Emmons, Treasurer: Amy Soloman, Chaplain: , Chief: John Alter. Delegates: John Alter, Scott Vazquez, Amy Soloman, Richard Clemens, Ryan Emmons. Alternates: None Listed.

WEST SIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 85, 21045 Nanticoke Rd, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: 410-873-2140 Fax: 410-873-2170; E-mail: Donald_sue@comcast.net Website: westsidevfd@verizon.com; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938. Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Donald Messick, Vice President: Jerry Nelson, Secretary: Lisa Hart-White, Treasurer: Paul Dennis, Chaplain: Willard Pusey, Chief: John Wilson. Delegates: Grady Romblad, Joe Dickerson, Brian Catlin Crystal Hayes, John Catlin. Alternates: Riley Scott, Don Messick, Pat Tobat, Carol Dickerson.

****WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY #4, INC.** – 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: 301-733-8615 Fax: 301-739-9124; E-mail: wefc@myactv.net; Organized: 1872. Chartered: 1872, Joined MSFA: 1893; President: Cherry Hiser, Vice President: Charles Barr, Secretary: Tania Leather, Treasurer: Devin Mills, Chaplain: Richard Bower, Chief: Rick Blair. Delegates: Rick Blair, Cherry Hiser, Richard Bower, Devin Mills, Adam Semler. Alternates: Amber sandy, Jonathan.

****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: president@westminstervfd.org Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized: 1823. Chartered: 1823, Joined MSFA: 1893; President: James E. Bangerd III, Vice President: Robert Cumberland, Secretary: Jamie Petry, Treasurer: Brian Quick, Chaplain: Kevin Dayhoff, Chief: JamesStarry. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Robert Cumberland, Jr., Daniel Plunkert. Alternates: None Listed.

****WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – P.O. Box 1577, 2400 Arcola Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902; Montgomery County; Telephone: 301-949-9673; E-mail: gam@wvrs.org Website: wvrs.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955. President: Gamunu Wijetunge, Vice President: Brian McGinness, Secretary: Rhonda Cohen, Treasurer: William Dunlap, Chaplain: Rory Crawford, Chief: Mark Dempsey. Delegates: Paul Sterling, Jr., Robert Lawson, Ben Mull, Charles Cox, Roger Marks. Alternates: None Listed.

WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY –P.O. Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, WhiteMarsh, Maryland21162. Telephone: 410-335-5112; E-mail: president@wmvfc.org Website: wmvfc.org. President: Kevin Palmer Jr., Vice President: Michael Connelly, Secretary: Kelly Murphy, Treasurer: Vicky Davidson, Chaplain, Chief: Rick Blubaugh. Delegate: Rick Breach, Frank Ward, Joe Kempске, Barry Betts, Zachary Adams. Alternates: None Listed.

****WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160; Harford County; Telephone: 410-452-8425; E-mail: 6063@wvfc.com Website: whitefordvfc.com. President: Larry Holbrook, Vice President: Josh Schueler, Secretary: Kathy Monath, Treasurer: Charles Mohr, Chaplain: , Chief: Frank Krick. Delegates: James R. Williams, John Monath, David C. "Rusty" Leftwich, Donald Galbreath. Alternates: None Listed.

****WILLARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE Company, 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: Ruth Ann Twilley, Vice President: Brandon White, Secretary: Samatha Gray, Treasurer: Joan Calloway, Chaplain: , Chief: C. K. Twilley. Delegates: J. Michael March, James Panker, Keith Twilley, Herb Harner. Alternates: None Listed.

****THE WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.** – PO Box 444,

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300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922-0444; Cecil County; Telephone: 410-398-2078; E-mail: president@singerly.com Website: www.singerly.com; Organized: 1892; Joined MSFA: 1896. President: Phillip B. Scott, VicePresident: Joseph Zurolo, Secretary: Steven G. Horah, Treasurer: Henry Metz, Chaplain: Karen Bunnell, Chief: Timothy Poore. Delegates: William R. Caldwell, David Caldwell, John J. Denver, Donald Miller, Walter Trego. Alternates: Kay Trego.

****WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.**
– 2 Brandy Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795-1542; Washington County; Telephone: 301-223-9500 Fax: 301-223-6122; E-mail: w.ball@wvfems.org Website: www.williamsportfire.org; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined MSFA: 1929. President: Timothy Ammons, Vice President: Brandy Osborne, Secretary: Ginger Noble, Treasurer: John Raidt, Chaplain: Robert Fraley, Chief: William R. Ball. Delegates: Brian Lowman, Karen Lowman, William R. Ball, Timothy Ammons, David Keller. Alternates: Donnie Bingaman, Karen Lowman, Brandy Osborne, Mark Kopp, William Ball, IV.

****WINFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 1320 West Old Liberty Road, Winfield, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone: 410-795-1333; Website: www.winfieldvfd.org. Organized: 1964, Joined MSFA: 1967; President: Robert Farver, Vice President: Carl Broussard, Secretary: Kim Legore, Treasurer: Norman Zepp, Chaplain, Chief: Zach Schneider. Delegates: Kevin Warner, Joseph Beadenkopf, Keith Phillips, Rick Warner, Jr., Debbie Gartrell-Kemp. Alternates: None Listed.

****WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 214 Wise Avenue, Dundalk, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-877-7262; E-mail: cao270@bcvfa.org Website: www.wavfc.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1972. Joined MSFA: 1943; President: George Bruzdinski, Vice President: Thomas Cero, Secretary: Judy Krouse, Treasurer: Deanna Beam, Chaplain, Chief: Thomas Jugan. Delegates: Robert Francis, Joe Bruzdinski. Alternates: None Listed.

WOLFSSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12464 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: 301-293-1453; E-mail: dafddf21@aol.com; Organized: 1968; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968. President: David Fox, Vice President: David Doyle, Secretary: Sherrie Necessary, Treasurer: General Lewis, Chaplain, Chief: Stefan Nalborczyk. Delegates: David Fox, Debbie Fox, David Doyle, Steve Nalborczyk, Diana Lewis. Alternates: Larry Harne.

WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 236, 529 Londontown Road, Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: 410-956-3100; E-mail: jmandsaconnell@aol.com Website: woodlandbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1944. Joined MSFA: 1952; President: James Howard, Vice President: , Secretary: Candyce Hilgenberg, Treasurer: Vivki Ogilvie, Chaplain: Candyce Hilgenberg, Chief: Joseph Howlin. Delegates: Paul Mills, Melissa Bailey, Mac Connell, Jr., Laura Gray, Kim Bettis-Clawson. Alternates: Julie Faudree, Mac Connell, Sr., Joseph Howlin, John Sweeney, Scott McDonald.

****WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: 410-298-5408 Fax: 410-944-2060; Website woodlawnvfc.org; Organized: 1941. Joined MSFA: 1946; President: Sheri Luck, Vice President: Trey Gaffney, Secretary: Barbara Krug, Treasurer: Frank Al Seicke, Chaplain: Ed Marner, Chief: Thomas Richartsl. 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: rkilind@comcast.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, James Lind, Robert Lind. Alternates: Donald Beyer.

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.

BALTIMORE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION – 700 E Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21286, Baltimore County, Telephone: 410-887-4885

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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

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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.

HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 2220 Ady Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050: Telephone: 410-638-4900

HARFORD – CECIL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HOWARD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS – 2111 Baldwin Ave., Suite 203, Crofton, MD 21114: Telephone: 410-451-3473

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMIES - 25 W. Church Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740

MARYLAND FIRE & RESCUE INSTITUTE -MFRI, University of Maryland, 4500 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20742; Telephone: 1-800-275-6374

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE - 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
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is to Serve, Promote,
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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 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.

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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 Firemen and volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of Volunteer Fire,

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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

The Maryland State Firemen's Association having had notice of proposed Charter Amendments in accordance with the Constitution of the Maryland State Firemen's

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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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*****CONSTITUTION*****

ARTICLE I- NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- The name of the Association shall be "The Maryland State Firemen's Association". "MSFA" shall be considered to represent the name of the Association when used, subsequent to this Section, in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2- Regular Membership- Regular members shall be the Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies whose stations are located in the State of Maryland, having equipment, personnel and facilities which comply with the provisions of this Constitution, and who have paid the initiation fee, yearly dues, and have elected delegates and alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. Nothing in this Article shall

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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 the 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 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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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votes of the Delegates, Alternates, or others qualified, present and voting on the official ballot, at least three (3) years in advance. Each Member Company shall be entitled to cast five (5) votes and the Past Presidents one (1) vote each.

Section 2- Should there, for any cause, be a need to change the place and/or time for the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the Executive Committee shall have the power to select the place and the Secretary shall notify the Member Companies of the place chosen, three (3) months prior to the time of the meeting. In case the Annual Convention and Conference is not held for any cause at the time fixed in Section 1, then it shall be held at a subsequent date during the year. The date to be determined by the Executive Committee and notice thereof to be given to the Member Companies by the Secretary.

Section 3- After the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the President shall call the delegates to attend Special Conventions and Conferences at times and places named by him, whenever the Executive Committee shall deem Special Conventions and Conferences necessary. Counting from the Centennial, the Association shall schedule a Special Convention and Conference, to be held thereafter, on each 25th year anniversary.

Section 4- All Past Presidents shall be entitled to seats in and participate in the proceedings of the Annual Convention and Conference. (See Article B of these By-Laws).

Section 5- Parliamentary Procedure- Rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the meetings of the MSFA in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws and any special rules that the MSFA may adopt.

ARTICLE III- REPRESENTATION AND RULES

Section 1- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to the benefits of the Association in full.

Section 2- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to elect annually five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference, who shall be the representatives of their respective organizations for one (1) year and entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences during the year for which the dues of their Member Company has been paid in accordance with Article I, Section 2. No delegate may represent more than one (1) Member Company and no delegate's name shall appear on more than one (1) Credential List.

Section 3- Each Member Company electing delegates and alternates to the Annual Convention and Conference shall furnish said delegates and alternates with proper

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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 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

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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 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

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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.

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

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Officer or Committee, without first consulting said Officer or Committee Chairman in charge.

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.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to call Special Conventions and Conferences through the President. The Executive Committee shall make an annual

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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 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

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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.

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.

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 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 on Public Safety, Section 7-201, et. Seq.

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, and any changes thereto shall be presented to the Executive Committee. The manual shall be reviewed and/or updated at least annually.

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

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ARTICLE VIII- VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD

Section 1- There is herewith established pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 8, Sections 202-209, a Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

Section 2- The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board ("Board") shall be comprised of twelve (12) persons, who shall be appointed by the President as prescribed in this section, from twelve (12) regional districts, which have been determined by virtue of the number of fire companies located in each district and other geographic consideration, and which are constituted as follows:

Allegany, Garrett Counties	1 Member
Washington, Frederick Counties	1 Member
Carroll, Howard Counties	1 Member
Harford, Cecil Counties	1 Member
Baltimore County	1 Member
Anne Arundel County	1 Member
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

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scheduled by the Chairman.

- A) The Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is unable to fulfill the term of appointment. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Board, maintain all records of the Board and initiate and receive correspondence on behalf of the Board.
- B) Initially, the Board shall meet and consider, adopt and publish such rules of procedure as is necessary to carry out the functions of the Board as mandated by the aforesaid statute and shall thereafter enact or amend such other rules and regulations as it might be necessary to carry out its purpose. The Board, shall in addition to the foregoing, provide for applications for a low interest loan or grant and provide for distribution of such applications. The rules and regulations enacted by the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:
 - 1. That any volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company of the State of Maryland be entitled to apply for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the statute, to the Board, irrespective of affiliation of the applicant;
 - 2. Develop loan and grant criteria;
 - 3. Develop loan and grant terms;
 - 4. Develop criteria for the loan and grant application process;
 - 5. Develop criteria for prioritization of loan and grant requests;
 - 6. That the business of the Board be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.
- C) The Board shall meet as and when necessary to consider or otherwise act upon applications that are pending or as is otherwise necessary to transact the business of the Board. The Board Secretary shall make notification of the meetings to all appropriate parties.
- D) The applications submitted to the Board shall be complete and shall have attached thereto the following:
 - 1) Applicants audited financial statements for the most recent two (2) years. For applicants that do not have audited financial statements, each application must have attached thereto financial statements in the form requested by the Board for the applicants most recent two (2) year period along with IRS Form 990 for each year presented on the financial statements.

2) A completed Non-Discrimination Certificate.

E) The Chairman of the Board shall regularly report on the business of the Board to the Executive Committee of the MSFA. No action with respect to any applicant or application recommended by the Board shall be valid unless the Executive Committee of the MSFA approves the same. Initially, all rules and regulations proposed by the Board in reference to its operation, including application forms, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the MSFA, and thereafter, any amendments to the rules or regulations or changes in any application forms are subject to the herein approval of the Executive Committee of the MSFA.

F) The provision of an application form to an applicant, or the approval by the Board and Executive Committee of the MFSA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MFSA the rate of interest charged on the loans.

H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.

I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

K) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Association, which shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland by August 30 of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX- FOUNDATIONS, BOARDS, AND AGENCIES

Section 1- The MSFA Foundation is a corporate entity related to the Maryland State Firemen's Association. The Foundation raises funds which provide benefits to the Association. The Foundation reports on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Association.

Section 2- The President shall appoint representatives to all government boards and commissions established by Government agencies, wherein the MSFA is requested to send the name of one (1) or more individuals to the appropriate Appointment Secretary, for the Government body making the request.

Section 3- Where a board or commission has been created, wherein one (1) or more members of the voluntary emergency services would be appropriate to serve as members and where no specific request has been made of the MSFA, the following action shall be taken. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee shall direct the Secretary to send to the Chief Executive of the Governmental body creating or establishing the board or commission, one (1) or more names of persons to be considered for appointment as appropriate to represent the interest of the Maryland voluntary emergency services.

*****BY-LAWS*****

ARTICLE A- STATUS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1- By-Laws shall not be enacted contrary to the form and substance of the MSFA Constitution.

Section 2- Any of the By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendment at any Annual or Special Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE B- CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- All those entitled to seats in the Annual Convention and Conference shall be entitled to vote upon every question; but no member shall vote on any question in which they have a direct pecuniary interest. The presiding officer of a convention and conference shall not vote unless there is a tie. (Note: See Articles II and III of the Constitution).

Section 2- If any ten (10) member companies require it, the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the records of the MSFA.

Section 3- Any ten (10) member companies may call for the "previous question" and if it is ordered all debate shall cease and the pending question shall be at once put to the convention and conference.

Section 4- The President of the Convention and Conference shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Convention and Conference. In case of an appeal the point of order may be debated.

Section 5- Any person called to order shall immediately take his seat until the point of order is decided, when he shall be again entitled to the floor and while speaking shall confine himself to the question and shall not use any personalities or indecorous language.

Section 6- At least one (1) delegate or one (1) alternate from one hundred (100)

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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 COMPANIES 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 and 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 COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENT ARE:

- a) Active membership consisting of at least twenty (20) members including at least three (3) active line officers
- b) At least three (3) trained active operators to be appointed to drive and operate the 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 following SOPs defining the MSFA standard for pumpers, 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 subsection "e" of this section.
- b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of the apparatus and equipment.

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- 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, 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.

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- a) 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.
- b) 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.**
- i) 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) members must be trained in accordance with subsection (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

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communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

- e) From and after July 1, 1994, it shall be the standards of every MICU belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations Level course. One (1) of those attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher-level certification issued through MIEMSS. The attendant with the higher-level certification shall ride in the patient compartment and shall be responsible for patient care during transport. The second attendant or other person, who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver.
- f) Each MICU shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the MVA, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.
- g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates a MICU shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if a company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.
- h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections.
- i) Each MICU shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and appropriately marked. The equipment on each MICU and all records to its operation and maintenance shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA.

- a) 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 MFSA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with subsection "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.
- f) Each ALS Unit shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

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- 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

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and alerting company members.

- c) Member companies operating a rescue squad shall maintain on their roster a minimum of ten (10) members who have successfully completed the forty (40) hour basic course in rescue procedures, the intermediate course of Rescue Instruction, or the Rescue Technician course as offered by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course.
- d) 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. The Budget and Revenue Committee at the time they present the Budget to the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation of monies to be kept in Reserve for that Budget year. That Reserve can only be changed by a supplemental Budget.

Section 4- The **Constitution and By-laws Committee** shall formulate and present proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to the Executive Committee,

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providing the proposals have been submitted, in writing, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, entitled "Amendments".

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.

Section 10- The **Firefighter of the Year Committee** shall be responsible for receipt of the nominations and selection of the recipient of the annual MSFA award. The Committee shall 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, Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award, and the Roll of Honor, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Fire/EMS/Rescue service.

Section 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, 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** shall 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.

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** shall be 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 shall be 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 P^t 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 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 (Statistical Report) by the State. The Committee shall require 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 requested by the MSFA.

The failure, in any two consecutive years, of a member company of the MSFA to provide to the MSFA a Statistical Report as required by the Statistical Committee shall lead to the suspension of said company from the MSFA until such reports are filed.

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.

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

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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.

Punctuation and grammatical errors were corrected August 14, 2013.

Steven J. Scheinin, 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 5001 "Pumper Standards"

SOP 5002 "Tanker Standards"

SOP 5003 "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
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	2015	
1991	Andrew I Levy	2016	
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 and required to bring their GPA back to the accepted standard within one academic

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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 withheld 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 thereof.

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

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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:

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**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
2014	Kaitlyn Stainaker	Odenton	Anne Arundel
2015	Keith Clemente	Winfield Community VFD	Carroll
2016	Nicholas Aldridge	Maryland City	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
2015 Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS	Washington
2016 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:
Jeffery H. Thompson
MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
202 Oriole Road
Chestertown, MD 21320

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
2015	Adam St. John	Wheaton VRS	Montgomery
2016	Jason Stimis	Salisbury Fire Dept.	Wicomico

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 stationery with the official MSFA Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached. Form must be signed with title of person submitting the nomination. A photograph of the nominee shall be submitted with the form.
4. Nomination must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee no later than **May 1st of each year**. Any late entries will **NOT** be considered. The mailing address for the entries is:

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
2014	Oley G. Griffith	First Hose Company of Boonsboro	Washington
2015			
2016	Timothy Dayton	Potomac	Allegany

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
2015	S. Richard Powell	Galena VFC	Kent
2016	Gene Worthington, P.P.	Level	Harford

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
2015	Hollywood VFD	St. Mary's
2016	Mechanicsville VFD	St. Mary's

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
2015	Richard K. Brooks III	Norrisville VFC	Harford
2016	David L. Lewis, PP.	Odenton	Anne Arundel

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	Dept. 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
Earl "Dick" Baker Sr.	Winfield and Community	Carroll

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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
Stuart "Stu" Cater	Pikesville	Baltimore

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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
Robert L. "Bobby" Hall Jr.	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert

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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	

2015

Richard C. Blair	Clear Spring Ambulance	Washington
Leon A. Cullison	Ridge VFD	St. Mary's
Essel T. Farlow	Pittsville VFD	Wicomico
Barry Glassman	Level VFC	Harford
Warren D. Gott	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
Robyn Sheldon Hahn	Hacks Point VFC	Cecil
S. Darron Long	Damascus VFD	Montgomery
Robert E. McClelland, Sr.	Capital Heights VFD	Prince George's
Thomas W. Musgrove, Sr.	Takoma Park VFD	Montgomery
William "Bill" Sparrow	Pocomoke City VFC	Worcester
Barbara Goff		MIEMSS
Margaret "Peg" Mooney	MD Fire Rescue Service Memorial Foundation	
Allison Nicodemus	Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office	

2016

Dale A. Budnick, Sr.	Aberdeen VFD	Harford
Rev. Marvin C. Jackson	Rising Sun	Cecil
Dale Kline, Sr.	Rocky Ridge	Frederick
Donald L. Strine	Marlboro	Prince George's
Ralph E. Starkey	Goodwill/Centreville	Queen Anne's
Thomas W. Scott III	Prince Frederick VFD	Calvert
James P. Seavey, Sr.	Cabin John Park	Montgomery
Joseph H. Cooper	Ridge VFD	St. Mary's
Rev. Frederick B. Bahr	Tilghman Island	Talbot
Oley G. Griffith	First Hose Co. Boonsboro	Washington
Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.	MD House of Delegates, District 23B	
Karen E. Doyle	R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	
Tra Reed Carison	R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	

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 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
2015	Joan F. Raley	Seventh District VRS	St. Mary's
2016	Barbara J. Wible	Hollywood VRS	St. Mary's

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	2015	Susan Hilton

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 |

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- 2015 Senator James N. Mathias, Jr. - Dist. 38 – Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester
Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. - District 23 - Prince George's
Delegate Dana M. Stein - District 11 – Baltimore County
- 2016 Marvin E. Holmes, Jr – Delegate District 23
Sheree Sample-Hughes – Delegate District 37
Richard Smith – Oxford FC - Talbot

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>
2005	Leonard T. King Sr., PP	Damascus	Montgomery
2006	Daniel J. Stevens	Waldorf	Charles
2007	Ronald J. Siarnicki	United Community	Queen Anne's
2008	Philip M. Hurlock, PP	Church Hill	Queen Anne's
2009	Gayle P. Moreland	Deale	Anne Arundel
2010	Louis J. Jonske Sr.	Joppa-Magnolia	Harford
2011	Eugene L. Worthington, PP	Level	Harford
2012	Benjamin W. Kurtz	Jarrettsville	Harford
2013	Kenneth "Ken" May	LaVale VRS	Allegany
2014	Robert W. Jacobs, PP	Citizens Truck Co.	Frederick
2015	Gloria Lewis	Rivera Beach VFC	Anne Arundel
2016	Timothy Dayton	Potomac	Allegany

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 Gattrell-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 Gattrell	Winfield Community	Carroll
2012	Debbie Gattrell	Winfield Community	Carroll
2013	Christopher Ayers	Middletown	Frederick
2014	Robert "RJ" Gerace	Comm. Fire Co. of Rising Sun	Cecil
2015			
2016	Debbie Gattrell	Winfield Community	Carroll

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
2015	Francis J. Raley	Ridge VFD	St. Mary's
2016	Phillip R. Cooper	Ridge VFD	St. Mary's

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	Leondartown 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
2015	Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company	Frederick
2016	New Market District VFC	Frederick

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

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for at least one year.

- A narrative of 250 words or less describing community support and consistent effort towards the fire/rescue service.
- No attachments

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Other _____

Company/Department/Squad _____

NOMINATOR:

Name and Title _____

Address _____
 First Middle Last Title

State _____ Zip _____ Phone: Day _____

Evening/Mobil _____

NARRATIVE OF RECOMMENDATION:

Endorsed By: Name: _____

Title _____

Signature _____

Previous Recipients:

2012	Charles M. Kelso III	Laurel	Prince George's
2013	The Logore Family	Winfield & Community	Carroll

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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TROPHIES AND AWARDS LISTING

**Maryland Company Making Best Appearance
Chief Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Mechanicsville VFD**

**Maryland Company Making Second Best Appearance
Easton VFD**

**President's Award
Cockeysville**

**Company Coming Longest Distance
Potomac Fire Company #2**

**Company Coming Second Longest Distance
Williamsport VFC**

**Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
(10 or more personnel)
Easton VFD**

**Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
(10 or more personnel)
Hollywood VFD**

**Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit
(10 or more personnel)
Mechanicsville VFD**

**Company with Most Uniformed Emergency Service Personnel
Easton VFD**

**Fire Engines – 1500 GPM and Over Making Best Appearance
Easton VFD E-64**

**Second Best Appearance
Williamsport VFC**

Third Best Appearance

Oxford VFC

Honorable Mention

Easton VFD E-68
Branchville VFD E-113
Hereford VFC E-442
Seventh District VFD E-52
Trappe VFC E-39

Fire Engines – 1250 GPM Making Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD

Second Best Appearance

Deale VFD

Third Best Appearance

Potomac VFC E-22

Honorable Mention

Mechanicsville VFD E-21
Hollywood VFD E-73
Church Hill VFC E-51
Cordova VFA E-54
Tilghman Island VFC E-77

Fire Engines – 1000 GPM and Under Making Best Appearance

Arcadia VFC

Second Best Appearance

Rocky Ridge VFC

Third Best Appearance

Community Fire VFD

Rescue Pumper Making Best Appearance

Easton VFD

Second Best Appearance

Hereford VFC

Third Best Appearance

Girdletree VFC

Pumper Tanker Making Best Appearance

(1500 gallon capacity tank and over)

Chestnut Ridge VFC

Second Best Appearance

Potomac Fire Company #2

Third Best Appearance

Bishopville VFC

Tanker Making Best Appearance

(1500 gallon capacity tank and over)

Mechanicsville VFD

Second Best Appearance

Seventh District VFD

Third Best Appearance

Laytonsville District VFD

Brush Unit – Making Best Appearance

Marion VFC

Second Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD

Third Best Appearance

Trappe VFC

Honorable Mention

Maryland Line VFC

Benedict VFD

Maryland Forest Service

Aerial Truck Making Best Appearance

St. Michaels VFD

Second Best Appearance

Berlin VFD

Third Best Appearance

Deale VFD

Elevated Platform Making Best Appearance

Easton VFD

Second Best Appearance

District Heights VFD

Third Best Appearance

Church Hill VFC

Squad Truck Making Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD

Second Best Appearance

Easton VFD

Third Best Appearance

Wheaton Rescue Squad

Ambulance Making Best Appearance

Prince Frederick VRS

Second Best Appearance

Mardela Springs VFC

Third Best Appearance

Taneytown VFC

Honorable Mention

Dagsboro

Elkridge VFD

Grasonville VFD

Level VFC

Prince George's Fire

Command Unit Making Best Appearance

Prince Frederick VRS

Second Best Appearance

York Town, PA

Third Best Appearance

Bay District VFD

Marine Rescue Unit Making Best Appearance

Maryland State Police
Underwater Recovery Unit

Second Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD

Third Best Appearance

Maryland State Police Zodiac

**Emergency Service Special Unit Making Best Appearance
(Canteen, Forestry, Hazmat, Jeep, Gator, Etc.)**

Prince George's Fire – Rehab 800

Second Best Appearance

Delaware State Police Hummer

Third Best Appearance

Delmar Traffic Control Unit

Honorable Mention

Parsonsbury Traffic Control
Grasonville Utility
Maryland State Forestry
Worcester Motor Cycles
Mechanicsville Gator Utility

Best Appearing Company from Delaware

Laurel

Second Best Appearing

Dagsboro

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania

York Township

**Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(Over 25 Years or Older In Service)**

Church Hill VFC - 1989 Mack Aerial Scope

Second Best Appearance

Solomons VRS&FD - 1991 Truck 3

Third Best Appearance

Laurel FD, Delaware - 1998 E-813

Honorable Mention

Level VFC - 1989 Spartan Reserve Pumper
Deal Island Chance VFC - 1988 Pierce Pumper/Tanker

**Antique Emergency Apparatus Making Best Appearance
(25 Years or Older Not in Service)**

Bladensburg VFD - 1959 B-Model Mack

Second Best Appearance

Berlin VFC - 1924 Mack

Third Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD - 1950 Ford F-7

Honorable Mention

Hazberge - 1972 Mack Charles Wason
Easton VFC - 1954 Mack E-62

**Antique Automobile Making Best Appearance
(25 Years or Older)**

Delmar VFC - 1965 Chevy Impala

Second Best Appearance

Fruitland VFC

Hand Drawn Antique Making Best Appearance

N/A

Best Appearing Maryland Fire Auxiliary In Uniform

Mechanicsville VFD

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance

Mechanicsville VFD

Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance

Easton VFD

Second Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD

Third Best Appearance

Maryland Fire Service Pipes & Drums

Non Fire Service Color Guard Making Best Appearance

Westminister Marching Band

Second Best Appearance

Silver Starlets

Fire Prevention Entry Making Best Appearance

Governor's Award

Easton VFD

Fire Prevention Entry Making Second Best Appearance

Mechanicsville VFD

Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance

Hanna Spencer – Cordova VFD

Second Best Appearance

Paige Twilley – Delmar VFD

Third Best Appearance

Cari McHenry – Maryland Fire Chiefs

Fourth Best Appearance

Brittnee Ewing – Talbott Co.

Honorable Mention

Brittany Ruby – Glen Burnie

Chelsey Roberts – Glen Burnie

Chey Robinson – Federalsburg

Sabrina Wainwright – Harford Cecil Co.

Mariah Maines - Harford Co.

Krysta Brocken – Chesapeake City

Junior Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance

Katelyn Verley – Trappe

Second Best Appearance

Breanna Reardon – Cecil Co.

Third Best Appearance

Brianna Price - MSFA Northeast Region

Fourth Best Appearance

Halie Santos - MSFA Southern MD Region

Honorable Mention

Madeline Moore – Maryland Fire Chiefs

Alexis Copsey – Mechanicsville VFD

Kerrigan Spenner – MSFA North Central Region

Mikayla Keeley – Chesapeake City

Mariah Maines - Harford/Cecil

Chelsey Roberts - Glen Burnie VFD

Krysta Brockell - Vol. Fire Company of Chesapeake City

Little Miss Fire Prevention Making Best Appearance

Second Best Appearance

Third Best Appearance

Fourth Best Appearance

Honorable Mention (2)

Junior Fire Chief Making Best Appearance

Second Best Appearance

Third Best Appearance

Fourth Best Appearance

Honorable Mention (2)

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company

Second Best Appearing

Marching Band Making Best Appearance

Second Best Appearing

Best Drum and Bugle Corp

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes

**Majorettes Making Best Appearance
Second Best Appearance**

PomPom Squad Making Best Appearance

Comic Entry Making Best Appearance

Mascot Making Best Appearance

Hard Luck Award

Judges Awards (10)

