

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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All Member Organizations:

This year, the Convention and Conference Committee has been working to put together the various planning aspects needed to support the upcoming 2012 event. We are providing to you preliminary information about the Convention and Conference to make sure you know what we are planning for this June in Ocean City and what effects the Convention Center construction project will have on all of us. This mailing is to ensure that your department can make adequate plans to prepare for our annual gathering and to let you know about special arrangements that have been secured to improve your participation. Please take the time to review this entire document and pass it along to your membership, as there are changes and added benefits being provided to all attendees and member organizations. Your prompt attention to these matters is vital to a successful annual event. Please return all forms and applications to the indicated address as listed on each appropriate registration form. There are specific deadlines for each application and it is important to be aware of those dates.

Annual Dues Reminder - This will serve as a reminder that annual dues invoices have been sent to every member company as required by the MSFA by-laws. Dues for member departments are \$200.00 and associate members are \$50.00. All checks should be made payable to the Maryland State Firemen's Association and mailed to the Office of the Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 4764, Timonium, MD, 21094-4764. Email msfa500@aol.com if you have questions. All dues must be paid by April 1, 2012.

Credentials Form - Once completed, please return to the Office of the Secretary by May 30, 2012 at 22873 Dement Lane, California, MD 20619. Email bdvfd@verizon.net if you have questions. Accurate information is vital to the success of the Association. Each member organization is entitled to five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates who may represent your department at the business sessions. This form should be returned even if you do not intend to send delegates to the convention and conference. You may also go on line at www.msfa.org. and complete this form.

Preliminary Program Agenda - A draft program schedule is included. The final program will be released this spring. Please note location and event changes resulting from convention center construction.

Joint Memorial Service Form - A copy of this form should be completed for each deceased member of your department and/or auxiliary who has passed away in 2011. Make additional copies of the form as necessary for each member to be recognized this year. Attach to the form in an envelope a photo of the deceased member. If for some reason an individual was omitted in a prior year, please include a separate completed form and photo of that member as well. Clearly identify the year in which the death occurred. Memorial Service Forms must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2012 for inclusion in the Memorial Service and Commemorative Book. Memorial Service forms should be sent to Chaplain Harry Hetz, 13209 Acoustic Court, Silver Spring, MD, 20904. His email is chapy1733@verizon.net.

MSFA Convention and Conference

2012 Initial Registration Packet

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MSFA Golf Tournament - Again this year, we will be hosting a Golf Tournament as a part of the Convention and Conference. Information about the tournament, including sponsorship opportunities and team registration forms are enclosed. Applications should be sent to Past President Fred Cross at 58 Northwood Drive, Timonium, MD, 21093-4221. His email is msfa500@aol.com

Convention and Conference Exhibitor Application - Member departments can acquire exhibit space, both in Exhibit Hall "C" and outside the convention center for a discounted price. Attached is the application form to reserve this space. Exhibitor requests should be sent to Past President Lee Sachs, 1000 Painters Mill Road, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD, 21117 for consideration. His email is lee@davidbrown.com. If you know of someone or a business that may want to exhibit at the convention, please pass on this information to them and ask them to contact Lee for further information and application documents.

Convention and Conference Program Book Advertisement Application - Please show your departments support of the many opportunities we offer at the convention by placing an advertisement in this year's convention and conference program book. Ads should be sent to Past President C. Daniel Davis, Jr., P.O. Box 701, Hollywood, MD, 20636. His email is danrosedavis@verizon.net. Also enclosed in this package is the application for commercial entities to place ads in the Program Book. Please share this with any business establishment that you feel might be willing to support the MSFA. Referrals to the Committee are appreciated.

Convention and Conference Hotel Rates - The 2012 Convention and Conference Host Hotel will again be the Quality Inn Boardwalk, located at 17th Street. The hotel registration form is included and all inquiries go to **Kim Mueller** (kmueller@harrisongp.com) or call 410-723-1968. In addition, the Harrison Group Resort Hotels is offering a rebate back to the MSFA to support our programs and services for any MSFA member staying in one of their facilities. A list of the Harrison Group Resort Hotels can be found in this packet and a special web page has been created and linked to the www.msfa.org website: <http://www.ocmdhotels.com/groups/MSFA/>. We strongly encourage you to support this program by staying in a Harrison Group Resort Hotels as it provides you with a discounted hotel rate and supports the MSFA overall. Also included in this package is a listing of other hotel, motel and condominium properties in Ocean City who are offering special convention rates for the week. This list was provided through the Ocean City Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Association and the efforts of Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan. We thank them for their support. Remember, when making your reservation; ask for the MSFA special rate.

MSFA Annual Awards - A listing with the established award rules and due dates for entries are located in this document. More information is on the msfa.org website. Contact Evelyn Graf, Chair, Awards Committee, 1587 Colony Road, Pasadena, MD, 21122, 410-255-6831 with questions. Her email is egraf@mfri.org.

Finally, we ask that you do not put these items aside, but give them your earliest possible attention. The convention and conference will be here before you know it and the Committee want to make sure it is a most enjoyable experience for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

See you at the beach,

Ron

Ronald Jon Siarnicki
Convention and Conference Chair

Joe

Joseph Cooper
Secretary

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2012 CREDENTIALS FORM

To the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association:

At a regular meeting of the _____ Inc.
of _____ County, Maryland, the delegates and alternates listed below were
elected or appointed to represent the company at the next Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA:

OFFICERS

President: _____ Secretary: _____
Vice President: _____ Treasurer: _____
Chaplain: _____ Chief: _____

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

_____ Chair	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

FULL corporate name of dept./co.: _____
Post Office Address: _____
Street Address if different from Post Office: _____
Business Phone Number: _____ Fax Phone Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Web Site: _____

Membership Numbers of Each Type - Active: _____ Associate: _____ Life: _____ Retired: _____
In-Active: _____ Cadet: _____ Supportive: _____ Career: _____ Other: _____

Number of: Engines: _____ Aerials: _____ Tankers: _____ Squads: _____ Brush Units: _____
Boats: _____ Ambulances: _____ Medic Units: _____ Utilities: _____ Cars: _____ Other: _____
Year station was built: _____ Year of last remodeled: _____ Is station facility adequate? _____

Month elections are held: _____ Month new officers assume office: _____
Date department was organized: _____ Date department was chartered: _____
Date department joined M.S.F.A.: _____ Single station or multi-station: _____

Date: _____

Signature of officer completing report and title

Mail to: Joseph Cooper, 22873 Dement Lane, California, MD 20619
Revised 12/2/11

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM - 120th ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 16, 2012

0900 Convention and Conference Exhibit Office Open – Convention Center Lower Level
1200 Convention and Conference Show Office Open – Convention Center Board Room
1330 **Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission** – Convention Center
1800 **JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET** – Convention Center Ballroom's 2 & 3
By Invitation Only

Sunday, June 17, 2012

0800 Exhibitor Registration – Convention Center Lower Level
0900-1700 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center
0900-1130 Miss Fire Prevention Interviews – Governor's Room and Board Room, Mezzanine Level
0930 **Executive Committee Meeting** – Convention Center East Hall
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
1030 **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** – Convention Center Ballroom's 2 & 3
1100 **Fire and EMS Memorabilia Flea Market** – Convention Center
1400 **MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST** – Convention Center East Hall
1700 **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Convention Center Main Ballroom

Monday, June 18, 2012

0700 Registration - Convention Center Main Ball Room
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales – Convention Center Ground Floor Foyer
0830 **CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
0900 Exhibits Open
0910 Keynote Speaker Presentation
0930 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
1000 LADIES AUXILIARY to the MSFA MEETING – Convention Center East Hall
1000 Reading and acceptance of 2011 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

- 1045 National Volunteer Fire Council Update
Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention
Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
- 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-To Be Determined**
- 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
- 1400 **HONOR GUARD WORKSHOP** – Convention Center Ballroom's 2 & 3
- 1430 **Education and Training Seminars** – Convention Center
- 1630 Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours
- 1830 **MONDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT AT JOLLY ROGER AMUSEMENT PARK**
- 1930 **BASKET & BAG BINGO** – Convention Center Ballroom's 2 & 3
(Doors Open at 1830 hours)

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

- 0800 **VOTING** – Convention Center - (Open for two hours)
- 0830 **CALL TO ORDER – THIRD SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room
AWARDS CEREMONY
Gladhill-Thompson Award
Colburn Cup Award
Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award
Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award
Hall of Fame Awards
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Firefighter of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award
- 0900 Exhibits Open
Legislative Committee Update
SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Report of the Election Judges
- 1230-1530 **ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC** – Convention Center Ballroom's 2 & 3
- 1630 Exhibits Close
- 1830 **JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** – Convention Center Main Ballroom
- 2000 Bonfire and Movie on the Beach – Boardwalk at 17th Street (Proposed)

2130 **PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** – Convention Center Main Ball Room

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

0730 **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Convention Center Ballroom 2 & 3
0900 **CALL TO ORDER–FOURTH SESSION** - Convention Center Main Ball Room
0900 Exhibits Open
Reading of Communications and Announcements
Reading and Presentation of Resolutions
Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary
0930 Main Program Presentation-To be Determined
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
1300 Exhibits Close – No entry after 1245 hours
1300 **MSFA PARADE** – Downtown Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue, Line-up Inlet Parking Lot
Special Note – New Parade Route between 16th and 30th Street on Baltimore Avenue.
1730 Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Convention Center

Thursday, June 21, 2012

0900 Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center East Hall

Friday, June 22, 2012

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

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JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE APPLICATION

EACH ENTRY REQUIRES AN INDIVIDUAL FORM

To include a department member in the **2012 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE**, please complete and mail this form by **March 1, 2012**. Please list the names of all members who have passed away during the last calendar year (January-December 2011). Any listings not **postmarked by March 1st**, will have to be included in next years Joint Memorial Service due to the required preparation time for printing of the Memorial Book. It is requested that you **submit a photograph**, of good quality that is no larger than 8 x 10. If possible, slides should be converted to prints.

**All entries should be mailed to:
Chaplain Harry Hetz, 13209 Acoustic Court, Silver Spring, MD 20904**

INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING REQUEST - - -

First Name

MI

Last Name

Address - Picture Will Be Returned To This Address

Phone Number (Home)

Phone Number (Work)

E-Mail Address

Authorizing Signature

Notice: By submitting this form, the individual responsible for its submittal authorizes publication of the Memorial information in the MSFA/LAMSFA Joint Memorial Service Program

DECEASED MEMBER INFORMATION

First Name

MI

Last Name

Complete Fire Department/Rescue Squad Name

County

Did Member Hold State Office? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, Which Office? _____

Year of Death _____

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CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hole Sponsors and/or Donations

George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr
Vice-Chair
Convention and Conference Committee
58 Northwood Drive
Timonium, MD 21093-4221
Home: 410-252-3721
Cell – 410-984-5366

Dear Member Department:

As Chair of the MSFA Golf Tournament, I am asking the member companies of the MSFA for help. The profits from our golf tournament go to support the many programs and services provided by our organization. This annual event has become a standing great event for those who attend our annual conference and convention.

In order to make the tournament a success, we need support in the form of donated door prizes or hole sponsorship donations. I would like to ask you to consider doing that in order to keep the tournament at the high caliber level that it has been in the past.

Hole sponsorships on the golf course can be secured for a fee of \$100.00.

If you can help us in either way or have any other suggestions that would assist us with raising funds at the golf tournament, please fill out the form below and return it to me.

Thank you in advance for your help and for supporting the MSFA Convention and Conference.

Sincerely:

Fred

George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr.
MSFA Golf Tournament

Please fill out and return.

Hole Sponsor - \$100 per Hole

Name to be placed at hole or holes: _____

Which hole(s)? _____

Donation – to be picked up at our booth at Convention: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

MSFA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 22, 2012
Shotgun Start at 0730 hours
Eagle's Landing Golf Course
Complimentary Beer Provided on Course

Great Prizes and a Great Golf Course

BEST BALL FORMAT

Soft Spikes Required Cart Included
Green Fees Included Continental Breakfast
Lunch Awards Reception to Follow
Sorry No Coolers Allowed

\$70.00 per person

Make Checks Payable to: MSFA Convention Committee

ADVANCED REGISTRATION PREFERRED

You Do Not Need a Foursome to Play

Registration Must Be In By June 1, 2012

Mail To: George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr., P.P.

58 Northwood Drive

Timonium, MD 21093-4221

Your Department can sponsor a hole for \$100.00

**Proceeds from this tournament go to support projects of the
Maryland State Firemen's Association**

Brought To You By:
The Ocean City Mayor and Council
and your
M.S.F.A. Convention and Conference Committee

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CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Player Registration Form

Name: _____

Department or Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Golf Partners (if no preference, leave blank.)

Amount Paid.

Name: _____ \$ _____

Name: _____ \$ _____

Name: _____ \$ _____

Name: _____ \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Number of players planning to attend the Awards Luncheon: _____

\$70.00 per person

\$280.00 per foursome

Make Checks Payable to: Maryland State Firemen's Association

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Lee N. Sachs, Co-Chair
Exhibits Committee
100 Painters Mill Rd – Ste 120
Owings Mills MD 21117
410-456-0388
410-581-2525 Fax
lsachs@msfa.org

Dear Member Department:

The Maryland State Firemen's Association 2012 Annual Convention and Conference is fast approaching and your Convention Committee has been hard at work preparing for YOUR 120th annual event. This year's Convention and Conference will be another event to remember. We are looking forward to YOUR participation and support.

- **Is your department sponsoring an auto, truck, or jet-ski raffle and looking for a location to sell those important raffle tickets?**
- **Is your department celebrating an important anniversary or event and looking for a means to sell collectable fire service items?**
- **Do you have another fundraising project and looking for a large audience?**
- **Do you have a piece of apparatus for sale?**

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then YOUR DEPARTMENT should consider renting exhibit and display space during the annual convention and conference.

For your convenience we are offering space to member departments at a great savings. Attached you will find an application form for your department to take advantage of this savings and provides the opportunity to reach the many thousands of convention attendees. Space is going to be made available both inside (very limited inside for apparatus) in Exhibit Hall C and outside for apparatus and vehicles as well as fire department collectable items. We would like to point out the price savings offered only to member departments during the convention and conference. Please contact the Exhibits Committee with any questions.

For the service,

Lee

Lee N. Sachs
Exhibits Co-Chair

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

EXHIBITOR APPLICATION – 2012 FOR FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMS DEPARTMENTS ONLY

OUTSIDE FRONT PARKING LOT APPARATUS DISPLAY SPACE – \$1.25 per square foot (\$250.00 minimum) – For a commercial exhibitor this space would be \$575. Minimum block of 10' by 20' blocks of space will include all vehicles, plus other items you decide to place on display. No tables supplied except by request. A preliminary drawing of your layout must be submitted with application.

Size of desired block - _____ Total square footage __, times the per square foot rate \$ _____

EXHIBIT HALL C – \$250.00. For a commercial exhibitor this space would be \$400. Booths are 8 ft. by 10 ft. – 110V power provided – Corner booths are an additional \$30.00 per space. One table per booth provided.

Please reserve ____ aisle/corner (please circle) space(s) \$ _____

Exhibitors wishing additional services such as additional tables, table coverings, drapes, manpower, forklift, extra electrical power, carpeting, telephones, etc. – a separate application will be mailed with your confirmation. Return the Services Form directly to the Ocean City Convention Center if additional services are desired.

TOTAL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION \$ _____

Please print or type how your department name is to be listed in the on site directory and booth sign.

Address: Street or PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number: Area Code _____ Number _____ Fax _____

Name: (Print or type) _____ Signature _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please Mail To: Lee N. Sachs, Exhibits CO-Chair
100 Painters Mill Rd – Ste 120
Owings Mills MD 21117

Telephone: 410-456-0388
Fax: 410-581-2525
lsachs@msfa.org

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED

MSFA USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Confirmation Returned: _____ Changes to Request: _____
Payment Received: _____ Date Assigned _____
Location Assigned: _____ Space Number Assigned: _____

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2012 CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADS

Thomas A. Mattingly

Co-Chair

Convention and Conference Committee

41580 Yoke Ct.

P.O. Box 173

Leonardtown, Md. 20650

301-475-8200

tammsfa@bellatlantic.net

To: Member Companies

Reference: **2012 Convention and Conference Program Book**

Dear Member:

The Maryland State Firemen's Association 2012 Annual Convention and Conference is fast approaching and your convention committee has been hard at work in preparation for our 120th annual gathering. This year's convention and conference will again provide many opportunities for our fire and rescue family. We hope that you will again help support these activities by placing an advertisement in this year's **CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK**. Through your support in recent years, we have been able to make the program book self-supporting and members of your convention committee do the entire preparation of the book. This year's book will provide outstanding opportunities to recognize events of the past year, advertise local activities, recognize outstanding members and accomplishments or show off your newest piece of equipment.

We have enclosed an advertising application form, which contains all of the information and instructions. Please note that commercial advertising prices are different and if you solicit businesses in your area insure that the correct prices are quoted. This information may be obtained from members of the convention committee, officers of the association or from the msfa.org website. Last years program book, along with other past convention and conferences can be viewed on the MSFA web site as well.

The convention committee would like to thank you, the membership, for your support and cooperation and we look forward to receiving your ad for the 2012 Convention and Conference Program Book by the **MAY 1, 2012 deadline**.

Sincerely,

Tommy

Thomas A. Mattingly

MSFA Convention and Conference Committee

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2012 CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADS

ADVERTISING APPLICATION FOR
Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, Auxiliaries, County Associations
MSFA Candidates for Office and their Families

Rates for Non-Commercial

Full Page -----\$125.00

¼ Page-----\$50.00

Half Page-----\$75.00

Business Card -\$40.00

WE WOULD REQUEST NEW AD COPY AND ORIGINAL PICTURES FOR ALL ADS THIS YEAR TO
IMPROVE BOOK QUALITY. *Ads can be sent electronically to:* danrosedavis@verizon.net

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY OR LASER PRINTER QUALITY.
DO NOT USE COLOR IN ADS, THE BOOK WILL BE PRINTED BLACK AND WHITE.
LAST YEARS ADS CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEB SITE: WWW.MSFA.ORG

Payment should be made to: *MSFA CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE*

Please mail payment, completed application, and new ad copy to: **C. Daniel Davis, Jr. P.P.**
P.O. Box 701
Hollywood, Md. 20636
e-mail: danrosedavis@verizon.net

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Ad Size: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS: MAY 1, 2012

We reserve the right to return any ad, if content is deemed inappropriate.

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2012 CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK

COMMERCIAL ADS

Thomas A. Mattingly
Co-Chair Convention and Conference Committee
41580 Yoke Ct., P.O.Box 173
Leonardtwn, Md. 20650
301-475-8200

Dear Patron;

The Maryland State Firemen's Association 2012 Convention and Conference will be held in Ocean City on June 16 thru 22, 2012. The association expects a record crowd at the 120th annual convention. Once again, we will produce a **CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK**, which will highlight convention and conference activities, important reports and opportunities for your personal greetings and advertisement. This advertisement opportunity provides an excellent means of reaching the entire volunteer fire, rescue and EMS community in the State of Maryland and beyond. It will provide valuable contacts among leaders from Maryland and neighboring state fire/rescue companies. This convention is the largest fire/rescue convention in Maryland and is one of the largest conventions held in Ocean City.

We are offering advertising space, at the same low prices, until May 1, 2012. The program book will be distributed to the official delegates at the convention and conference and will be posted on our web site year round. Our membership is encouraged to support the businesses advertising with us and to encourage others to do so as well. To see previous books or view other sponsor opportunities, visit our website at: www.msfa.org. Ads may be mailed to the enclosed address or sent via e-mail to: danrosedavis@verizon.net. All proceeds are used to benefit and support the convention and the services we provide throughout the State of Maryland.

If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please complete and return the form below, enclose NEW CAMERA READY COPY, an original picture for your advertisement, and your payment. Do not use color in your advertisement, as the program book is printed in black and white only. Make checks payable to: MSFA Convention Committee. An illustration of the ad sizes is enclosed and your ad must fit within the appropriate size space. Thanks for your support and interest in Maryland's Best: Maryland's Volunteers.

Respectfully,

Tommy

Thomas A. Mattingly
MSFA Convention and Conference Committee

Please indicate ad size below

{ } \$200.00 - full page [8.5 by 11 inches] { } \$50.00 - ¼ page [4.25 by 5.5 inches]
{ } \$100.00 - ½ page [4.25 by 11 inches] { } \$40.00 - Business Card [2 by 4 inches]

Name _____ Business Name _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
City _____ E-mail _____

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2012 Ocean City Convention and Conference Primary Lodging Options

The following hotels provided through the Harrison Group Resort Hotels are being offered exclusively to the MSFA at a special discounted member rate for the 2012 Convention and Conference. In addition, the MSFA will receive a rebate for every room night booked at these facilities. More information is listed on a special website: <http://www.ocmdhotels.com/groups/MSFA/>. The MSFA Convention and Conference Host Hotel will be the Quality Inn Boardwalk at 17th Street. The MSFA Convention and Conference Committee will have a block of room in that facility for our use.

GUEST ROOM AND SUITE RATES

Weekend rates quoted are for weekend of June 15th thru 17th.

Weekday rates quoted are for weekdays from June 18th to June 22nd.

Hotel	Location	Rates from...
Quality Inn Oceanfront gioceanfront.com	54 th St. & Oceanfront	Weekday \$164 Weekend \$214 4 night package Saturday arrival \$706.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$492.00 Weekly \$1248.00 Friday to Friday
Holiday Inn Oceanfront holidayinnoceanfront.com	67 th St. & Oceanfront	Weekday \$184 Weekend \$254 4 night package Saturday arrival \$806.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$552.00 Weekly \$1428.00 Friday to Friday
Holiday Inn Suites ocsuites.com	17 th St. & Boardwalk	Weekday \$284 Weekend \$334 4 night package Saturday arrival \$1236.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$902.00 Weekly \$2138.00 Friday to Friday
Hilton Suites oceancityhilton.com	32 nd St. & Oceanfront	Weekday \$314 Weekend \$439 4 night package Saturday arrival \$1506.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$1067.00 Weekly \$2573.00 Friday to Friday
Flagship Oceanfront Hotel flagshipoceanfront.com	26 th St. & Boardwalk	Weekday \$124 Weekend \$184 4 night package Saturday arrival \$556.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$372.00 Weekly \$988.00 Friday to Friday
Plim Plaza Hotel plimplazaoc.com	2 nd St. & Boardwalk	Weekday \$104 Weekend \$114 4 night package Saturday arrival \$426.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$312.00 Weekly \$748.00 Friday to Friday
Harrison Hall Hotel ocmdhotels.com/harrisonhall	14 th St. & Boardwalk	Weekday \$99 Weekend \$109 4 night package Saturday arrival \$416.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$307.00 Weekly \$723.00 Friday to Friday
Oceanic Motel ocmdhotels.com/oceanic	On the Inlet	Weekday \$74 Weekend \$94 4 night package Saturday arrival \$336.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$242.00 Weekly \$578 Friday to Friday
Quality Inn Boardwalk www.qiboardwalk.com	17 th St and Boardwalk	Weekday \$209 Weekend \$229.00 4 night package Saturday arrival \$876.00 3 night package Sunday arrival \$647.00 Weekly \$1523.00 Friday to Friday

Maryland State Firemen's Convention 2012 Harrison Group Hotel Rates

*** Rates are subject to a 10.5% sales and occupancy tax. Length of stay restrictions apply at some properties. Availability is limited so please book early. Harrison Group Resort Hotels do not guarantee specific room type availability. Requests will be accommodated to the best of the Hotel's ability. Hotel check-in time is after 3:00PM on the day of arrival. Check-out time is before 11:00AM on the day of departure. All rates are subject to the prevailing city and state taxes. Currently, hotel taxes total 10.5% and are subject to change.

METHOD OF RESERVATION	CUT-OFF DATE
Reservations: Reservation Form Reservations must be guaranteed by a Master Account, credit card, or advance deposit received 30 days prior to arrival. Reservations will automatically be billed for one night.	Reservations received after May 6th, 2012 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates. PLEASE ADVISE ATTENDEES TO UTILIZE THE PROVIDED RESERVATION FORM AND FAX OR EMAIL AS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION.

CANCELLATION POLICY

After receiving each request a confirmation will be faxed or emailed back to the attendee. The confirmation will detail the requested hotel's cancellation policy.

Please call or email Kim Mueller (kmueller@harrisingp.com) 410-723-1968 with any questions or for assistance with reservations.

A \$10 per night contribution to the MSFA Convention fund is made when you book on this site or through Kim.

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2012 Ocean City Convention Harrison Group Reservation Request Form

Please fax this form to **410-723-1968** or email to **kmueller@harrisongp.com**. You will receive confirmation of your reservation within 3 business days.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Hotel Requested: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

of Rooms: _____

of People in Room: _____

Special Request: _____

An advance deposit of 1 night's room and tax is required. Please provide a credit card for this purpose. Please make any cancellations or changes at least 72 hours in advance to avoid forfeiture of deposit.

Credit Card Type: _____

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

If you do not receive your confirmation within 72 business hours please call our office directly at 410-520-0107

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2012 Ocean City Convention Additional Lodging Options

The MSFA Convention Committee has worked with the Ocean City Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Association along with the Chamber of Commerce to negotiate special rates at each of these facilities for use by our membership. While we are using the Harrison Group Properties as our first band of housing opportunities, we understand that a greater choice of venues must be made available to ensure that everyone who wants to attend the convention can. Please note that rates do not include tax unless noted, most rates are based on two people, and hotels may charge extra per adult or per child. Contact hotels directly at numbers listed for all details.

Lodging Name	Location	Phone	Rate
Albrights Motel Efficiencies	N. 1st. St. & Boardwalk	410-289-9205	Rates start at \$120 per night for 2 adults + tax. (6% state 4.5% county room tax)
Best Western Suites	5501 Coastal Highway	443-664-4001	Standard Rooms (2 Queen Beds and Sleepsofa) - \$129.95 Weekday, and \$179.95 Weekend, plus tax. Suites (2 Queen Beds and Sleepsofa) - \$149.95 Weekeday, and \$199.95 Weekend, plus tax.
Comfort Inn Gold Coast	112th St. & Bayside	410-524-3000	Friday and Saturday \$149 per night, plus tax - Standard Deluxe Rooms - Sleep up to 4 (quad occupancy) and Sunday thru Thursday \$99 per night, plus tax - Standard Deluxe Rooms. Call 410-524-3000 and mention MD State Fireman block
Courtyard by Marriott	15th St. and Boardwalk	410-289-5008	Rates would be \$299, plus tax per night standard room with 2 queen beds with an Ocean Facing View. All rooms have mini refrigerator, balconies, microwaves and coffee makers.
Days Inn	23rd St. & Boardwalk	410-289-9103	Rates during Firemen's Week would be \$169 oceanfront or deluxe poolside efficiency per room, per night plus tax.
Flamingo Motel	31st St. & Baltimore Ave.	800-394-7465	Our starting rates for the Firemen's Week in 2012 are \$99 Weekday, and \$149 Weekends, plus tax.

Hotel Monte Carlo & Suites	2nd. St. & N. Baltimore Ave.	877-375-6537	Rates are starting from \$134 plus tax standard room with two doubles/queens, when booking 3 nights or more.
Howard Johnson Plaza	12th St. and Boardwalk.	410-289-9103	Rates during Firemen's Week would be \$189 for "best available" per room, per night plus tax.
Howard Johnson Inn	24th St. and Boardwalk	410-289-9103	Rates during Firemen's Week would be \$149, Poolside and \$169 Oceanfront, per room, per night, plus tax.
Park Place Hotel	Btwn. 2nd & 3rd Sts. On the Boardwalk	888-212-7275	MD State Firemen's Convention Room Rates are as follows: Oceanfront, Saturday and Sunday \$235 plus tax per night, and Monday - Thursday \$199 per night, plus tax. Bayview Rooms Saturday & Sunday \$205 and Monday - Thursday \$169. We also offer a 10% weekly discount for stays of 7 nights or more. All rates are based on 4 adults, and children 12 and under are free. (Rates go up on Friday, June 22, 2012
Princess Bayside	48th St. & The Bay	800-854-9785	Rates for the Firemen are as follows: Standard rooms - \$109 weekdays (Sunday - Thursday) \$139 weekends (Friday & Saturday), plus tax, Bayfront Efficiency - \$149 weekdays (Sunday - Thursday) \$189 weekends (Friday & Saturday) Plus tax.
Princess Royale	91st. St., Oceanfront.	800-476-9253	Rates for the Firemen are as follows: \$139 Standard, Sunday thru Thursday, 6/17 - 6/21/2012, Ocean and Pool View Room, plus tax. \$189 Standard, Sunday thru Thursday, 6/17-6/21/12 Oceanfront Rooms, plus tax. Online Booking code group ID 1863 password: 37000121
Sea Bay Inn	6007 Coastal Hwy.	410-524-6100	The Firemen's Convention Rates are as follows: Stay 3 nights or less - \$99.95 weekday, \$161.95 Weekend (Plus Tax) and if staying 3 Nights or more \$93.33 weekday, \$158.18 weekend (Plus Tax)

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Awards Committee 2012 Awards Package

December 15, 2011

All Maryland State Firemen's Association Member Companies:

The Maryland State Firemen's Association Awards Committee is pleased to provide you with this year's Awards Packet. Enclosed you will find a complete list of all awards with rules that will be presented at the 120th Annual Convention and Conference in Ocean City on June 19th.

Please note that all deadlines and instructions as to when the nominations are to be submitted and who the nominations should be submitted to are different. Please refer to the MSFA Web Page at www.msfa.org for a complete list of previous award winners.

We encourage each of you to review your membership and nominate the individuals for the different awards. Each organization has individuals that are deserving of these prestigious awards.

Good luck to all and we look forward in receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,

Evelyn

Evelyn Graf
MSFA Awards Committee Chair

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2012 Awards Submission Deadlines

<u>Entry Deadline</u>	<u>Name of Award</u>
March 1	NVFC Marc Mueller Fire Prevention Award [NVFC.org]
March 1	Russell J. Strickland Award
March 1	Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
April 1	Edwin L. Emkey, Sr. Cadet Award
April 1	Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P., Memorial Safety Award
April 15	Scholarship Awards
April 15	C. Oscar Baker Rookie Of The Year Award
April 15	Hall of Fame Award
April 15	Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award
April 15	Zembower Fire Service Training Award
April 30	Accident and Injury Prevention Award
April 30	Fire Prevention Awards
April 30	Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., EMT of the Year Award
April 30	Silver Spring Fire Prevention Trophy
May 1	Family Appreciation Program Award
May 1	Colburn Trophy
May 1	Firefighter of the Year Award
May 1	Gladhill-Thompson Trophy
May 1	Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award
May 1	Miss Fire Prevention Contest
May 1	Senator Aross Memorial Legislative Award
When Known	Roll of Honor Award
Parade	Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Parade	Governor's Trophy for Fire Prevention
July 1	NVFC Firefighter of the Year Award [NVFC.org]

The guidelines, rules and regulations for each of the awards are listed in the Awards Information Manual, and the Convention and Conference Proceedings Book.

Questions should be referred to Evelyn Graf, Chair, MSFA Awards Committee, 1587 Colony Road, Pasadena, MD 21122, 410-255-6831/410-980-5171.

Email egraf@mfri.org.

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2012 ANNUAL AWARDS

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 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.

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 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 charter member and submitted in a narrative format with as much specific information as possible to: Wayne C. Colburn, MFRI, University of Maryland, 4500 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20742
4. All nominations must be received no later than **March 1st** of each year.

EDWIN L. EMKEY, SR. CADET AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Company 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 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, DVD's, 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.

Send or deliver all entries to Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

SMITH N. STATHEM, JR., P.P. MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD

Purpose of Award

Recognition of an Individual Contributions toward firefighter/EMS Safety

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a member of an organization that is a member of the Maryland State Firemen's Association
2. The submission must be on the 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 detailed.
4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety Committee Chairperson **No Later Than April 1st**.
5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-affiliated representatives from the safety industry.
6. All nominations are subject to investigation by the Safety Committee and Judges.
7. A Safety Committee Member can nominate any member of the MSFA.
8. MSFA Safety Committee Members are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

**MSFA SAFETY COMMITTEE
SMITH N. STATHEM, JR. AWARD APPLICATION**

Nominations must be received no later than April 1 of each year

This award is given to an individual who has performed some outstanding service in the previous calendar year in the field of Firefighter or Emergency Medical Service Safety

Nominee's Name _____ Rank _____

Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

This member has earned the nomination for the following reasons: (Provide a brief narrative on safety practice/procedure/policy introduced by the nominee that has proven effective. This may be an individual act or a demonstration of safety around the station or on the emergency scene. Details and documentation help in the decision making process. If more space is needed please attach a separate sheet.)

Nomination Submitted by _____ Telephone _____

Nomination Endorsed by _____

(Form must be signed by Chief or President)

Date Submitted _____

Return Form to:
Chairman Safety Committee
P.O. Box 1199
Ocean City, MD 21843

MSFA SCHOLARSHIPS

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. (Junior's 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). (Junior's 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). (Junior's 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 15** 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.

Applicant's 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 with in one academic year to remain eligible for the scholarship.

New sophomore applicants are required to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for the program.

All students that have been awarded a scholarship are required to submit their transcript with 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 Fireman'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 Fireman'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

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Scholarship Application

(Please Type or Use Dark Ink)

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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*****

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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

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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.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than **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.

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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Scholarship Renewal Application

(Please Type or Use Dark Ink)

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #'s: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Volunteer Fire Department/Auxiliary: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

President of Department: _____

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:

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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: _____ / _____ / _____

Please return the completed application with all accompanying documentation to the chairman, at the address indicated below, no later than **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.

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 Rules:

1. Nominee must be from a member company or department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA).
2. Any active member of a member company or department of the MSFA may submit the name of a nominee for this award.
3. Junior/Cadet members of a 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 member 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.
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 of the elected officers of the MSFA will judge the nominees.
10. The mailing address for entries is: Joseph A. Cooper, Secretary, 22873 Dement Lane, California, MD 20619
11. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President of Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 15th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual's name on the master trophy.

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 Rules:

1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.
2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS company, either living or deceased, and up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS company, either living or deceased.
3. Names on individuals for nomination to the Hall of Fame may be submitted by
 - a. The nominee's home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - b. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - c. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, or
 - d. An individual member(s) of the Hall of Fame Committee
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 nominees individual department/company or county may be considered.
6. All nomination letters must be received by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee by **April 15th** to be considered. Until selected, a letter of nomination for each individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year. All nomination letters must be signed.

7. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to: Mr. C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee, 1106 Cornwall Drive, La Plata, MD 20646.

MARBERY F. GATES SERVICE CUP AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Fifty (50) Years of Continuous and Faithful Service

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 suitable endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.
3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbury 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 selected will receive a MSFA Plaque the first year nominated and any sequential years a certificate recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service. Each individual will also receive a Governor's Citation.
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 trophy and the recording of the name on the Master Cup.
6. Nominations in the form of a resume must be submitted **No Later Than April 15th of Each Year** to: Mr. C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee, 1106 Cornwall Drive, La Plata, MD 20646

ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of a Department's Participation in Formal Training

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 coursed 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 seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
 - Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy, and
 - Refresher training classes in the following areas:
 - CPR
 - AED
 - CEU
 - Blood Bourne Pathogens

In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket card or certificate and verifiable by the organization providing the training. The training year will be from July 1st through June 30th of the year prior to presentation of the award.

2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number

of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report to the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.

3. To be considered for this award, complete the attached application and submit it to the following address **No Later Than April 15th** to: MSFA Training Committee
 c/o Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
 University of Maryland
 College Park, Maryland 20742

APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD
 IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. CORMWELL ZEMBOWER
 TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, ____ THROUGH JUNE 30, ____

Department Name: _____

Mailing Address: City _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

On the 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. All Formal 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:

Layout of 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	131
Emergency Medical Technician - Re-fresher	24
Emergency Medical Services Officer I	48
Emergency Medical Services Officer II	42
First Responder Basic	45
First Responder Refresher	15
Paramedic Refresher	40
Aerial Apparatus Operators	30
Aerial Apparatus Operator (Combined TCO & AAO)	24
Arson Investigation for Officers	6
Fire Command I	27
Fire Officer I	63

Fire Officer II	45
Fire Officer III	60
Fire Officer IV	60
Incident Safety Officer	16
FD Safety Officer	30
Officer Continuing Education Classes	3
Firefighter I	108
Firefighter II	60
Fireground Operations I	24
Fireground Operations II	24
Protective Envelope and Foam	9
Pumps	30
Special Fires	24
Sprinkler & Standpipe	6
Truck Company Operations	30
Emergency Vehicle Driver In Service	12
Emergency Vehicle Operator Course	30
Rescue Technician	66
Rescue Specialist I	45
Rescue Refresher	27
Instructor Training I	30
Instructor Training II	36
Hazardous Materials Operations	24
Hazardous Materials Technician	51
NIMS 100	3
NIMS 700	3
NIMS 800	3
NIMS 300	24
NIMS 400	16
EMT I	540
EMT I to P Bridge	442
ACLS	8
PALS	16
PTLS	16
Strategy & Tactics	45
WMD	6
Trench Rescue	30
Rescue Tech Rope Rescue	50
Swift Water Rescue Tech	30
Boat Operations	8
Confined Space Rescue	30
Refresher Classes - (annually)	
SCBA	1.5
Hazardous Materials	1.5
Blood Borne/Airborne Pathogens	1.5
Trench Rescue	1.5
Confined Space Rescue	1.5
CPR/AED	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 Seminars, 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.

ACCIDENT AND INJURY PREVENTION AWARD

Purpose of the Award: Recognition of a member company/department's Accident and Injury Prevention Program

Award Rules:

1. The department/company must be a member in good standing of the MSFA
2. A cover letter on department or association letterhead is required to accompany all entries.
3. Any book entered, including scrapbooks, photo albums or loose-leaf binders cannot exceed 12 x 14.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited.
4. Slides/tapes presentations are acceptable, but show the complete project.
5. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and sources indicated.
6. Entries must be in the hands of the EMS Committee or its designate no later than **April 30th** of the year submitted and must be marked with the proper entry classification (Class and year-round/single project program).
7. All materials submitted must reflect activities on the calendar year (January through December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the Chair of the EMS Committee and the decision of the judges shall be final.
9. Any evidence of material from a previous year will automatically disqualify the entry.

Department/Company entering this contest must have a representative available at the time the awards are presented during the convention.

FIRE PREVENTION AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Department Fire Prevention Efforts

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, can not exceed 12 x 15.5 inches. The thickness of the book is not limited.
4. Slide presentations, slide/tapes presentations and video tape presentations are acceptable.
5. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and 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

JOSIAH A. HUNT, M.D. EMS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding EMS Individual of the Year

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be from a member company of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
2. The nominee must be submitted by an active member company of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
3. The nominee must be submitted on an individual basis only and the nomination must be on official letterhead or company stationary and signed by at least two (2) officers of the company.
4. Only one nominee may be submitted from any one member company.
5. Nominations and letters of resume must be submitted to the Chair of the MSFA Emergency Medical Services Committee, **No Later than April 30th**.
6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT/A or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of five (5) years service of the Maryland Emergency Medical Service Community.
8. Submit nominations to: William Dousa, Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee, 600 Rivershore Court, Edgewood, MD 21040

SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Fire Prevention efforts by an Individual

Award Rules:

1. The recipient must be a volunteer
2. The individual must be nominated by the fire department/company
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the individual 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 hands of the State Fire Marshal's Office **No Later Than April 30th**.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal's Office, in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee's procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the nominees name, title, fire department/company name, and other pertinent information.
11. Nominations shall be submitted to: MSFA Annual Fire Prevention Contest, State Fire Marshal's Office

FAMILY APPRECIATION PROGRAM AWARD

Purpose of Award: To recognize families of Volunteer Fire/EMS members whose families must sacrifice time with the member for the good of the community.

Award Rules:

1. Open to any volunteer member of the Maryland Fire/EMS service who has a family (spouse, child, children)
2. Member **MUST** be active in their capacity as a member
3. Candidates will be nominated by their company, with the form signed by the chief, president, or other officer using the official nomination form.
4. The committee will divide the State into various regions using MFRI regions as models.
5. A sub-committee of the MSFA – Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee will select the winners based on the nomination form content and the following factors:
 - a. Number of entries versus numbers of packages available
 - b. Evaluation of nominations by region
 - c. Each region will have a proportionate number of awards
6. A lottery may be used to determine the final winners if more qualified applications exists than awards available.
7. Nominations must be received by **May 1st**.
8. Awards will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference
9. Awards will be redeemed in accordance with the vendors conditions
10. Members of the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee, Executive Committee and MSFA Presidents are excluded from the program.

Family Appreciation Program Award Nomination Form

Nominee must:

- Exhibit consistent positive effort toward training, response, administrative duties
- Exhibit consistent positive effort to attend meetings, help with fund raising, and work on committees
- Exhibit overall effort to support the team concept (NOTE: Not necessarily the team leader, but an active member of the team)
- Active member for at least one year
- Narrative of 250 words or less Typed or printed. This award is NOT based on a single act of heroism, but rather the consistent community volunteer effort in the fire/rescue service
- No attachments

Name of nominee: _____ Address: _____
Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____
County _____ Department or Squad _____
Name and Title of Nominator: _____
Address of Nominator: _____
Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Mail 3 copies of this page + 3 copies of narrative to: Joseph Chorock, Chair, MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee, 20001 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown, MD 20874

All nominations must be received by **May 1st**

COLBURN TROPHY AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Act of Heroism

Award Rules:

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 to or delivered to: Gene Worthington, P.P., MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary, 3663 Old Level Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Outstanding Citizenship and Exemplary Job Achievement

Award Rules:

1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association
2. Any active member of a department of the Maryland State Firemen's Association may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Nominations must be submitted on an individual basis only, on official letterhead or department stationary with the official MSFA Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached. Form must be signed with title of person submitting the nomination. A photograph of the nominee shall be submitted with the form.
4. Nomination must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee **No Later than May 1st of each year**. Any late entries will not be considered. The mailing address for the entries is: John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman, MSFA Firefighter of the Year Committee, 24429 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, MD 20636
5. Guidelines for selection of nominee:
 - A. Outstanding citizenship, i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/her department and community at large, etc.
 - B. Exemplary job achievement, i.e., lecturing at school on fire safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising, etc.
 - 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.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

www.msfa.org

Firefighter of the Year Nomination For the Calendar Year of 2011

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Nominee's Name:

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Nominee's Department Name:

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Current Position in Department:

Activities performed during 2011:

Number of responses for 2011:

Total Fire Calls	
Total EMS Calls	
Other	

Training taken during 2011:

Title of Training	# Hours

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List other Community Activities during 2011:

List other achievements or activities occurring in 2011 that should be considered:

Name and phone number of person to contact if the nominee is selected:

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You may use attachments if more space is needed to submit the required information.

NOTE:

Please submit a current photo of nominee. All nominations must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Award Committee by May 1, 2012. This award is not for heroism. All heroism nominations are to be directed to the Colburn Trophy Award Committee. Please submit nomination to: John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman Firefighter of the Year Committee, 24429 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

Signature and title of person submitting the nomination:

Signature	Title	Date

GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual for their Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Rules:

1. Eligibility - - -

A. The following are eligible:

1. Members of the “Official Family” (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, ect.).
2. Bona fide members of member fire companies or;
3. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state, or;
4. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state.

B. The following are not eligible:

1. The judges
2. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance 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 of no other award (cash or otherwise) has been granted previously in connection with the same act); or
- D. The candidate may have rendered outstanding service related to his/her activities for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association comparable with the above and relating to the following:
 1. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits of meritorious recognition for the Association or it members, or;
 2. Contributed to/or developed a valuable program for the benefit of the future of the Association and its members.

3. Time Period - - -

Although it is realized that to be fully effective an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award.

4. Preparation of Award Certification - - -

Factual information will be prepared as separate correspondence in the form of a proposal for each candidate. It shall list the candidates’ accomplishments in accordance with the above criteria (Section 2).

5. Submission of Nominations - - -

A. The name or names of prospective recipients shall be submitted to:

Joseph A. Cooper, Secretary, 22873 Dement Lane, California, MD 20619

Before **May 1st of each year** or at least 30 days before the Annual Convention

B. If no candidates are submitted to the judges, the judges shall select a qualified candidate.

6. The Judges - - -

A. The judges shall be the elected officers of the MSFA

B. A simple majority of the judges present and voting shall be necessary for a decision.

**ROBERT H. SHIMER
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Fire, Rescue or EMS Administrative Person of the Year Award

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. Name of individual 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 not less than ten (10) years of service with his/her department or company.
4. The nomination must be submitted for an individual's effort only and, therefore, submission of the nomination is to recognize the one individual and not a group, department or company.
5. The nomination must be submitted in the form of a resume/bio. Including information on his/her department or company activities, administrative positions held within the company or department, county, regional or state association. Information should also be included on job achievement, establishment or programs, fund raising, community activities, and the reason the nominee should be elected.
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

2012 M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention Application

Please type or print:

Name:	DOB:	
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	County Representing:
Escort:		
Parents:		
School you will be attending in the fall/job:		
Hobbies or activities you participate in:		
Date Chosen as Miss Fire Prevention:		

The winners of the contest MUST attend predetermined activities of the M.S.F.A. during the week of the convention. The itinerary is included in this packet.

You must also give full support to the M.S.F.A. and L.A.M.S.F.A. during your reign by attending state and county functions when requested, to the best of your ability. If 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 M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention.

If chosen, I agree to all of the above.

SIGNATURE

All applications must be returned by May 1, 2012.

Mail applications to:

**Amanda Soper, Contest Chairperson
M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention Committee
P.O. Box 1743
Frederick, MD 21702**

**M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION
PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM**

2012 M.S.F.A MISS FIRE PREVENTION AND RUNNER UP

*THE M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION AND M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION
RUNNER UP WILL GIVE HER FULL SUPPORT TO ALL STATE, COUNTY AND
LOCAL FUNCTIONS BY ATTENDING & PARTICIPATING TO THE BEST OF HER
ABILITY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE M.S.F.A. I WILL BE CHAPERONED TO
ALL EVENTS BY MY PARENTS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OR FIRE COMPANY.*

I AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE.

Print Your Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Article I. Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Contestants under the age of 18 yrs. must submit consent form with application. No exceptions.

M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION

2012 Informational Guidelines

What Will Be Provided For You

1. M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention

- **Tiara, sash, and flowers will be presented at the contest.**
- **Magnetic car door signs (which are passed on each year)**
- **A silk bouquet of flowers to carry in parades**
- **Business cards**

2. M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention Runner-up

- **Tiara, sash, and flowers will be presented at the contest.**
- **Magnetic car door signs (which are passed on each year)**
- **A silk bouquet of flowers to carry in parades**
- **Business cards**

What Will Not Be Provided For You

- 1. No financial compensation or reimbursement, no exceptions.**
- 2. All expenses incurred throughout your reign are your responsibility, however your County Firemen's Association, County Ladies Auxiliary and your home fire company may offer financial support at your request.**
- 3. No vehicle is provided**
- 4. No lodging or food**
- 5. No pagers, cellular telephones or computers however, you may use your personal equipment.**
- 6. No clothing, dry cleaning, make-up, hair or nail, etc. expenses.**

M.S.F.A. MISS FIRE PREVENTION 2012 EXPECTATIONS

DRESS CODE:

- a. Formal events or special occasions: full-length gown or tea length gown
- b. Informal events: dress or business skirt suit
- c. Presentation or educational activities: pantsuit or dress slacks and blouse

DEFINITION:

- a. Banquets or parades/ charity events
- b. Dances, fairs, open houses, carnivals, church functions
- c. Schools, lectures, seminars, meetings, senior centers, or safety villages.

Tiara And Sash Should Be Worn For All Of These Functions, As Well As The Appropriate Flowers!

NOTE: At no time are you permitted to wear jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or T-shirts while presenting yourself as M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention or Runner-up and wearing your tiara and sash. Your appearance reflects on the M.S.F.A. and all Maryland Fire and Rescue Personnel

BASIC CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:

Full-length gown, dress, business skirt suit, or pantsuit, accompanied by the appropriate accessories.

Any conduct unbecoming of M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention or the Runner-up will result in the termination of your reign. **This includes consuming alcohol and/or smoking while presenting yourself as M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention even if you are legally old enough to do so.** The M.S.F.A. President may suspend you from your position. The President will make a full report at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee will make the final decision. Remember, conduct yourself at all times in a professional manner.

You represent the M.S.F.A. and all Maryland Fire, Rescue, Emergency personnel and Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the state even when you are not wearing the sash and crown.

2012 ACTIVITY EXPLANATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

BANQUETS:

Any banquet or installations of officers of which you are invited, even if you do not participate in the giving out of awards or are asked to make a speech. Your sash and crown represents you from the M.S.F.A., always wear a gown, dress, or a skirt.

CARNIVALS:

Volunteer to help in some category such as the fire prevention booth if they have one. Again, your presence is most valuable as a reminder that fire prevention should be practiced.

CHARITIES:

Any charities would be most happy to have the M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention or Runner-up participate in their fundraiser and promote fire prevention.

DISTRIBUTING FIRE PREVENTION LITERATURE:

When distributing items such as pencils, bookmarks, notepads, buttons, etc. take the opportunity to talk about fire prevention.

MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST:

Contact fire departments about contests; send a business card and volunteer to help. You may be requested to be a judge or provide advice.

FIRE PREVENTION LECTURES:

Lectures may be presented to schools, churches, citizens associations, fraternal organizations, to fire department members and their families, nursing homes, teen clubs, scouts, etc. Send a flier with your photo, name, and telephone number where they can reach you.

JOURNALISM:

The media can reach many people through newspapers, radio, television, creating a brochure for distribution to the community stores and shopping malls.

MEETINGS:

As a representative of M.S.F.A., you are expected to attend many meetings of the M.S.F.A. Some of the important meetings are the Executive Committee, Fire Prevention Committee, the Ladies Spring and Fall Conferences, and any meetings of the Miss Fire Prevention Contest Sub-Committee. Other meetings that you may attend are County Volunteer Fire Association or out of state association conventions such as Delaware, Pennsylvania, or Virginia.

OPEN HOUSE:

Open houses are held during fire prevention week, as well as throughout the year. The fire departments would be honored if you would attend their event. This is a great chance to promote and educate the public about fire prevention.

PARADES:

When appearing in a parade, give an index card with the following information: Name-"M.S.F.A. Miss Fire Prevention" Representing all fire, rescue, emergency personnel and Ladies Auxiliaries in the state of Maryland. In addition, do not forget to include this year's NFPA slogan.

PROGRAMS:

Learn Not to Burn; Stop, Drop and Roll; EDITH Baby Sitter, etc.

SEMINARS:

The county fire safety seminar, the Mid Atlantic fire safety conference, the Maryland Fire and Rescue seminar and any educational seminars. You may be requested to participate.

STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS:

This is a great opportunity to meet the public. You should distribute literature or business cards, and be ready to answer any fire prevention questions from the public.

OTHER:

There may be OTHER activities that are not listed and it is possible you will initiate some imaginative fire safety activities. Such as: a video, song, poem, or an actor/actress in a play.

QUARTERLY REPORT:

This report is a written summary for the following monthly quarters, June thru September / October thru December
January thru March / April thru June

This report is required to be submitted at each MSFA Executive Committee Meeting to the Chairperson of the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee, and to the Miss Fire Prevention Contest Chairperson.

Date, activity, round trip miles, and a description Essay (Summary or Highlights of your quarterly activity) due by May 1st for printing in the convention booklet.

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual contributions and determination in promoting the betterment of Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services through successful legislation and the legislative process.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or stationary. A photograph of the nominee shall also be submitted.
3. All nominations must include the following
 - A. A letter of recommendation/resume
 - B. Accomplishments of the nominee
4. All nominations must be received by **May 1st** of each year.
5. The judges shall be the MSFA Legislative Committee
6. All nominations are to be submitted to: Chairman, MSFA Legislative Committee, 17 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401

Roll of Honor

Purpose of Award: Recognition of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Award Sponsor: Dr. Howard Raskin and the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame Committee

During the 1993 Convention Dr. Howard Raskin (father of Lieutenant Nathaniel Raskin), along with the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department presented a memorial plaque to hold the names of the volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial plaque was accepted by the Executive Committee and will be permanently displayed in the Volunteer Firefighter's Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

Award Rules: All volunteer fire, rescue, and EMS personnel who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for their communities will be honored. **The names of honorees should be submitted as soon as possible with as much information as possible to the Hall of Fame Committee.** The following address should be used for submission: Mr. C. Dan Carpenter, III, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee, 1106 Cornwall Drive, La Plata, MD, 0646.

Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award

Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company/Department in Line of Parade, Annual MSFA Convention Parade.

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. The awarding of this trophy each year will fall upon the responsibility of the MSFA Parade Judges.

GOVERNORS FIRE PREVENTION TROPHY

Purpose of the Award: Recognition of the best fire prevention entry in the line of parade at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Annual Convention Parade

Award Rules:

1. Clowns and commercial participants in the parade will not be eligible for the 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 pre-judged prior to the parade as 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 Alarms, 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.

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TOP VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDER RECOGNITION AWARD

Please submit your department's top fire and top EMS responders for the last complete response year.

Name of Department - _____

Total number of Department Fire Responses - _____

Total number of Department EMS Responses - _____

<u>Name of Individual</u>	<u>Indicate Fire or EMS</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
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Submitted by: _____

Date - _____

Title: _____

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MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Please list any member of your department that is currently actively serving in any branch of the United States Military.

NAME OF DEPARTMENT - _____

NAME OF MEMBER	BRANCH OF THE MILITARY
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