Dave Lewis, President of the MSFA 2011-2012

David is a Life Member of Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, and is currently chairman of the Grants and Corporate Support Committee, in which he has written several successful grant applications, bringing much-needed new equipment into his company. David is also active in the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters' Association, where he served as President in 1983-1984 and again in 2006-2007, and where he still serves on their Board of Trustees. In his professional career, David is the distance education training coordinator at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) in College Park, an extension of the University of Maryland, and had previously worked at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. David retired from the federal government at Fort Meade. David has served for the past year as MSFA First Vice President, and has worked tirelessly to support the volunteer fire services in the state, including traveling all across Maryland, learning the concerns of member fire companies. David began many years ago as a volunteer at Odenton, and has served at all levels of the company, including Assistant Chief.

David has dedicated his entire life to the volunteer fire service. Best Wishes to David as he begins this exciting and busy new year in service to Maryland.

Teresa Ann Crisman, President of the LAMSFA 2011-2012

Teresa Ann joined the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in March of 1981 as a junior member. Teresa became a Senior Member at the age of 18 and currently has 25 years of service to GVFD-LA. She has served as their Vice President, Secretary, Historian and Guard. Teresa is also a member of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary; she was awarded Life Membership in 2010. She works for the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department in the Community Outreach and Legislative Affairs Division. She currently is the coordinator for the Prince George’s County Risk Watch and Safe Kids Programs and conducts fire inspections for the foster care programs in Prince George’s County. Teresa was the recipient of the IMEES Star of Life Award to honor her dedication to the reduction of injuries among the children of Prince George’s County and the State of Maryland. She has received several awards such as the Silver Spring Trophy (2001 and 2004), Jane Todd Memorial Trophy for Excellence in Fire Prevention (2004), and the Joseph Chaney Fire Prevention Award (2006 and 2010). She has been involved in the footsteps of her mother Mary Fran Crisman who was the LAMSFA President 1990-1991. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her family and friends. Congratulations Teresa Ann and Good Luck on your upcoming year!
**John Denver, 1st Vice-President MSFA 2011-2012**

John is a 44 year member of Singerly Fire Company of Elkton, MD. He has held a number of fire line and administrative officer positions with Singerly including Deputy Chief and Vice President. He is a Past President of the Cecil County Firemen's Association and the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association. He has been inducted into both the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame, and the Maryland State Firemen's Association Hall of Fame. John retired from Delmarva Power in 2009, after a 37 year career in the utility industry. At the time of his retirement, John held the position of Senior Public Affairs Manager. John earned a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Eastern University. John and his wife Anna Marie, and their two children and their families live in Cecil County. John’s father was a past secretary of the MSFA. His goals this year are to support President Lewis and prepare for next year in hopes to take over the presidency in June 2012.

**Jackie Olson, 2nd Vice-President MSFA 2011-2012**

Jackie has been a volunteer firefighter for 21 years in Anne Arundel County; she is currently a member at the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. She is a Past President of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company. She has served for 3 years as MSFA Secretary and 8 years as Assistant Secretary. Jackie has also been a member of the Fire Prevention, Safety and Convention and Conference Committees. Jackie works for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department as the Volunteer Coordinator. Jackie is the first woman to be elected to the office of the 2nd Vice-President of the MSFA. She loves spending time with family and friends. This year she hopes to learn more about the member companies, what their needs are, and how the MSFA can help the member companies meet the needs of their communities. She looks forward to working with President Lewis and 1st Vice-President Denver and the members and officers of the MSFA. Good luck Jackie and congratulations as being elected as the 2nd Vice-President of the MSFA!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE OFFICERS THIS YEAR AND SAFE TRAVELS ACROSS OUR GREAT STATE!
### Award Winners from the 2011 Conference and Convention

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| **Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P., Memorial Safety Award** | **Douglas Alexander** - Mt Airy VFD |   |
| **Zembower Fire Service Training Award** | **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad** |   |
|                                               | 167 members - 101.29 Average hours per student - 16,916 Total Hours |   |
| **1st Runner up**                             | **St. Leonard VFD**                      |                                      |
|                                               | 56 members - 95 Average hours per student - 5,320 Total Hours |   |
| **2nd Runner up**                             | **Odenton VFC**                          |                                      |
|                                               | 90 Members - 48.13 Average hours per Student - 4,332 Total Hours |   |

| **Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., EMS Person of the Year Award** | **Richard Farrington** - Delta-Cardiff VFC |   |
| **President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award** | **Brandy C. Guy** - Seventh District VFD |   |
| **Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award** | **Mark Falkanhan** - Lutherville VFD |   |

| **Colburn Trophy Award**                       | **Kris Kene** - Princess Anne VFC         |   |
| **Gladhill-Thompson Trophy**                  | **Philip M. Hurlock** - Church Hill VFC   |   |
| **Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award** | **Senator Roy Dyson** - District 29, Southern Maryland |   |
|                                               | Delegate James Malone - District 12A, Baltimore and Howard Counties |   |
| **Honey Award**                               | **Elaine Huttenloch** - Forestville VFD   |   |
| **Silver Spring Trophy**                      | **Melissa Gould** - Bay District VFD       |   |
| **Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year**           | **John A. Nelson** - Southern Maryland Region |   |
| **Family Appreciation Award**                 | **Charles Gardner** - Community Fire Company of Perryville |   |

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARD WINNERS THIS YEAR!**
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 2011-2012, Jennifer Barciz

Jennifer is 24 and lives in Hagerstown, MD she represents Washington County and the MD Fire Chief’s Association. She is a member of the Smithsburg Emergency Medical Services, Washington County Rehab 255, and Western Enterprise Ladies Auxiliary. She currently works full-time at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. She enjoys spending time with her patients at work in my free time. She volunteers with the 11th Hour Angel program that focuses on making sure NO Veteran dies alone. She is in the clown brigade, and she clowns for the inpatients at the VA Medical Center and other events at the hospital. In 2010 she attended the Georgia Fire Academy for the Alternative Teaching Methods (ATM) class where she became a certified fire prevention clown. You may have seen her clown as “Cupcake” in the recent months. She started in the fire prevention world about 4 years ago becoming the first Miss Washington County. She held the title for 2 years and received the title of Miss MSFA 1st runner-up in 2009-2010. She then competed for the MFCA in October 2010 where she was crowned Miss MFCA 2010-2011.

Jennifer’s winning project in Ocean City focuses on working with service animals; particularly teaching service dogs EDITH, Exit Drills In The Home. Her challenge to everyone is “if a dog can do it, so can your family!” She has been working with NFPA on a project that she developed that involves smoke alarms and a wireless device that would attach to a service dogs collar. This way, the dog would be alerted for an emergency. She is currently working diligently to have Maryland adopt the PetFinder Stickers; currently Maryland does not recognize them. In accordance with this year’s NFPA slogan, “Protecting your family from fire”, she includes her furry family members in fire prevention activities. She wants everyone to know that no idea is ever too far fetched. You have to believe in it and others will too, just like her service dog alert project. Jennifer’s advice is to ask questions because there are no stupid questions!

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner-up, Megan Hiltz

Greetings! My name is Megan Hiltz. I got started with the Miss Fire Prevention program in 2007 and since then I’ve held eight titles including this one. While competing for Miss MSFA, I was representing the Carroll County VESA and Manchester VFD. Working with the Miss Fire Prevention program has definitely been more than just competitions for me. It was my foot in the door which spread the “fire department bug” not just to me, but to my family as well. After my first year as a fire prevention ambassador, I joined my local fire department, Lineboro VFD, where I am currently a member and the assistant secretary. In the fall of 2009, I decided I wanted more than just meet- ings and fundraisers so I enrolled in MFRI classes and became a firefighter. My next goal is to take EMT-B in the spring once I finish with my college classes. I’m working towards my Bachelor of Arts in English and Secondary Education. My biggest passion in life is education which is another reason I love fire prevention. I don’t care if I’m teaching someone how to change their smoke alarm batteries or how to correctly punctuate a sentence; I’m just happiest when I’m teaching. My free time is severely limited due to school and working as a Pharmacy Technician at Family Pharmacy of Hampstead, MD. But when I do have free time, I like to do simple, quiet things. I read and write a lot. I have simple pleasures such as Disney movies and brownies and I love to be around children. I’ve had the pleasure of spoiling my younger sisters, cousins and my boy- friend Darryl’s niece, Cam- eron, who would also like to be a “fire princess”. I’m very excited about this year and getting to know other mem- bers of the fire community on a more personal level. My goal this year is to make it to every county and to talk to at least one thousand people. Although a lofty goal, I’m confident that the members of the MSFA will make it a reality.
MSFA Parade Winners 2011

Maryland Company Making the Best Appearance
Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award – Easton Fire Department

Maryland Company Making the 2nd Best Appearance
Hollywood

Presidents Award
Ocean City
Odenton VFD

Judges Awards
Takoma Park Hose Reel
Combined Maryland Fire Service Pipes and Drums
Bethesda Chevy Chase Ambulance
Blue Ridge Mountain VFC

Company Coming the Longest Distance
Eastern Garrett County

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit 10 or more personnel
Easton VFD
2nd Best Appearing
Hollywood
3rd Best Appearing
Chesapeake City

Best Appearing Engine 1500 GPM
Independent Hose Company
2nd Best Appearing
Takoma Park
3rd Best Appearing
English Consul
Honorable Mention
Branchville
East New Market
Smithsburg
Hollywood
Bay District
Prince Frederick
Trappe
Best Appearing Tanker (1500 gallon capacity and over)
Easton
2nd Best Appearing
Berlin
3rd Best Appearing
Snow Hill
Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus Over 20 Years Old in Service
Easton
2nd Best Appearing
Clinton

Best Appearing Engine 1200 GPM
English Consul
2nd Best Appearing
Prince Frederick
3rd Best Appearing
Grasonville
Honorable Mention
Cordova
Goldsboro
Singerly
Church Hill
East New Market
Peach Bottom
Dunkirk

Best Appearing Engine 1000 GPM
Parsonsburg
2nd Best Appearing
Fruitland
3rd Best Appearing
Pittsville
Honorable Mention
Crisfield
Easton

Best Appearing Rescue Pumper
Rockville
2nd Best Appearing
Chesapeake City
3rd Best Appearing
Selbyville VFD

Best Appearing Pumper Tanker (1500 gallon capacity and over)
Chestnut Ridge
2nd Best Appearing
Mardela Springs
3rd Best Appearing
Ridge

Best Appearing Brush Unit Pick-Up (100 GPM and Under)
Church Hill
2nd Best Appearing
Elkridge
3rd Best Appearing
West Friendship

Best Appearing Brush Unit - Pick-Up (Over 100 GPM)
Elliotts Island
2nd Best Appearing
Prince Frederick
3rd Best Appearing
Cordova

Best Appearing Aerial Truck
Bay District
2nd Best Appearing
Providence
3rd Best Appearing
Odenton

Best Appearing Elevated Platform
Church Hill
2nd Best Appearing
Kensington
3rd Best Appearing
Joppa Magnolia

Best Appearing Squad
Pikesville
2nd Best Appearing
Easton
3rd Best Appearing
Millville, DE

Best Appearing Ambulance
Hollywood
2nd Best Appearing
Leonardtown
3rd Best Appearing
Easton
Honorable Mention
Cordova
North East
Greenbelt
Community Rescue of Hagerstown
Oxford

Congratulations to all the parade winners!!
MSFA Parade Winners, cont’d

Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit
Anne Arundel Alarmers

2nd Best Appearing
Sandy Spring Airboat

3rd Best Appearing
Royal Plus Inc.

Best Appearing Company from Delaware
Delmar

2nd Best Appearing
Selbyville VFD

Best Appearing Company from Pennsylvania
Bryan Althan

2nd Best Appearing
Peach Bottom

Best Appearing Antique Apparatus (25 Years or Older Not in Service)
Berlin 1924 Mack

2nd Best Appearing
Easton 1919
American LaFrance

3rd Best Appearing
Pocomoke City 1923
American LaFrance
Honorable Mention
Chesapeake City 1958 Ford

Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Cheyenne Collett - Goldsboro

2nd Best Appearing
Michaela Patrick
Perryville

3rd Best Appearing
Courtney Myers
MSFA Western MD

4th Best Appearing
Krystal Brockell
Cecil County
Honorable Mention
Cari McHenry
Montgomery County

Best Appearing Miss Fire Prevention
Samantha McClellan - Rising Sun

2nd Best Appearing
Lara Prettyman
St. Michaels

3rd Best Appearing
Jennifer Barciz
MSFA

4th Best Appearing
Danni Brown
Singlerly
Honorable Mention
Laura Jackson
Talbot

Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 Years or older)
Fruitland

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming the Longest Distance
Fruitland

Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform
Chesapeake City

Best Appearing Little Miss Fire Prevention
Emily Dove - Bay District

Governors Fire Prevention Award
Hollywood