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The Great Seal of Maryland was used by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association during its first two years (1893-1894.) The second logo of the M.S.F.A. was first used in 1895, and appeared on the Proceedings Book of the Association until 1904, (shown lower left.) In 1905, the logo was changed (shown lower center). In 2001 the logo (shown lower right) was slightly altered to include the wording around the outside edge, was created and continues to be used as a sign of recognition by representatives of the M.S.F.A. while conducting the official business of the Association. The description of the logo was supplied by Past President Peter Paul Lochary and Mrs. Jeannie Hare (widow of Past President Herman B. Hare.)

MEANING OF THE LOGO

The color red represents life-red blood of the human being-the gift of God. The hose expresses effort-energy put forth by individuals to his/her job as water flows through the hose. Tools of the trade - Axes - force. Ladders - steps to success for firemen helping to provide better service to the community. Nozzle - used to dispense water-result of success applied by firemen. Oak Leaves - White Oak is the tree of the State of Maryland and shows strength. Acorns symbolize deeds of firemen that grow into accomplishments just as acorns grow into great oak trees. Wreath formed by oak leaves and acorns to symbolize valor and achievement. Bow to tie it all together to make a great organization.
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1300 Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission - Convention Center – Room 214
1800 JOINT OFFICERS BANQUET – Convention Center Main Ball Room
By Invitation Only

Sunday, June 17, 2007

0800 Exhibitors Registration – Convention Center – Ground Floor
0930 Executive Committee Meeting - Convention Center - Room 208
0930 Honor Guard Contest Registration and Practice – Convention Center – Room 209
1000-1200 Convention Registration - Main Ball Room
1000-1200 Convention Events Ticket Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
1000-1200 Free Bus Passes – Lower Level
1030 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – Upper Level Rooms 215-217
1200 HONOR GUARD AND PIPE AND DRUM BANDS DEMONSTRATIONS – Convention Center Main Ball Room
1230 Education and Training Seminars – Convention Center - East Hall
1900 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Convention Center Main Ballroom - Dress Uniforms
2015 Reception – Convention Center – Upper Foyers

Monday, June 18, 2007

0700 Registration - Convention Center - Main Ball Room
0730 Musical Selections - Westminster Band - Main Ball Room
0800 Convention Events Tickets Sales - Ground Floor Foyer
0800 Free Bus Passes – Lower Level
0830 CALL TO ORDER – FIRST SESSION – President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr.
Convention Center Main Ball Room
OPENING CEREMONIES
Presentation of Colors – Honor Guards and Drum & Pipe Bands
REMARKS FROM MARTIN O’MALLEY GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND
KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Chief Gregory Cade-U.S. Fire Administrator Elect
0900 Exhibits Open
0945 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
Firefighter of the Year Award
Josiah Hunt EMS Member of the Year Award
Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award
Smith N. Stathem, Jr., P.P. Memorial Safety Award
Zembower Fire Service Training Award
Scholarship Awards
Family Appreciation Award
Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award
1130 PAST PRESIDENTS’ LUNCHEON - Room 209 – By Invitation Only
SECOND SESSION
1230 CALL TO ORDER – President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr.
1235 Recognition of MSFA Past Presidents
Recognition of Guests and Organizations
Update on the Maryland Residential Sprinkler Initiative – Douglas Alexander

SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION – “Protecting America’s Treasures-Fire at Washington’s Georgetown Library and Eastern Market” –Presented By: Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief, District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department

Reading and acceptance of 2006 Convention and Conference Minutes

Report of the Credentials Committee

Nomination of Officers and Location of Convention

Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers

Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Education and Training Seminars

MISS FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST – Main Ball Room

Exhibits Close – No entry into exhibits areas after 1615 hours

Exhibitors Reception–Convention Center–Upper Foyer Terrace Bayside - By Invitation Only

MONDAY NIGHT COUNTRY BASH – Rear of Convention Center

BASKET BINGO–Convention Center–Ballroom C (Doors Open at 1830 hours)

FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THE BAY– Rear of Convention Center

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

VOTING – Convention Center – Main Ball Room - (Voting open for two (2) hours) Should a second ballot be needed it will be announced from the convention floor.

THIRD SESSION

CALL TO ORDER -President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr.

Fire Prevention Awards and Silver Spring Award

Report of the State Fire Marshal’s Office – Fire Marshal William Barnard

SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION – “The Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting – Overview of the Incident Management Team”

Presented by: Chief Rick Kane, Eden Fire Company

Report of Association Officers

Report of Standing and Special Committees

National Volunteer Fire Council Update

Legislative Committee Update

SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund

Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute – Director Steven T. Edwards

TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. HOGLUND, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, MFRI

Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission – Chair Michael Clemens

Maryland Instructor’s Certification Board – Chair Joseph Weisgerber

Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board – Chair Michael Robinson

Maryland Emergency Management – Director John Dronburg, III

Maryland Department of Homeland Security –

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division – Monty Mitchell

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems – Dr. Robert Bass, Director

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Report – Director John Spearman

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ASHWORTH, VICE PRESIDENT UMMS

Report of the Election Judges

ALL YOU CAN EAT FAMILY PICNIC – Outside Rear of Convention Center

Education and Training Seminars

Exhibits Close

JOINT INSTALLTAION OF OFFICERS – Main Ball Room

Reception and Presentations By Newly Elected Officers – Upper Foyers

PAJAMA PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST – Main Ball Room
Wednesday, June 20, 2007

0730   PRAYER BREAKFAST – Convention Center – East Hall – Rooms 201-206
0900   CALL TO ORDER – FOURTH SESSION – Newly Elected President
0900   Exhibits Open
        Reading of Communications and Announcements
        Reading and Presentation of Resolutions

0915   SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION –
        “Taney Village – A Multistory Senior Center Challenge”
        Presented by: Chief Charles Handley, Independent Hose Company #1

0950   Introduction of the New Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary
1000   Remarks by Past President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr.
        Remarks by Newly Elected Officers
        Introduction of Executive Committee
        Installation of Assistant Officers
        Final Report of Convention Committee
        Unfinished Business and New Business
        $10,000. Raffle Drawing

1300   Exhibits Close – No entry after 1245 hours
1300   GIGANTIC FIREMEN’S PARADE – Downtown Ocean City – Rain or Shine
1730   Awarding of Parade Prizes and Trophies – Rear of Convention Center
1900   FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – DOUBLE FEATURE - FREE
        Convention Center Main Ball Room
        “In The Eyes of Glory - Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial” and
        “Into The Fire”

Thursday, June 21, 2007

0900   Executive Committee Meeting – Convention Center – Room 206
0930   Maryland Fire Prevention Commission Meeting – Room 206

Friday, June 22, 2007

0730   GOLF TOURNAMENT - Eagles Landing Golf Course
MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Thomas L. Reynolds, P.P.
*Hillsboro VFD*

William J. Fleshman, P.P.
*Beltsville VFD*

Rev. Lewis F. Cole, Jr., MSFA Chief Chaplain
*Belair VFC*
LINE OF DUTY DEATH

Allan M. Roberts
Baltimore City FD

Rachael Wilson
Baltimore City, FD

Edward Wilburn
Deep Creek VFD

Tribute to the Volunteer Firemen who lost their lives in IRAQ

US Army Specialist
Thomas J. Barbieri
Rockville VFD

US Army Sgt. David J. Davis
Lisbon VFD
President
Paul R. Balta Jr.

First Vice President
Paul H. Sterling Jr.

Second Vice President
Frank J. Underwood

Secretary
Leonard King PP

Asst. Secretary
Joseph A. Cooper

Asst. Secretary
Ronald E. Watkins

Asst. Secretary
Jacqueline Olson

Asst. Secretary
Edward J. Cross

Financial Secretary
George Fred Cross Jr. PP

Asst. Financial Secretary
Susan Schell

Asst. Financial Secretary
James T. Riegel, Sr.

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Ronald J. Siarnicki

Asst. Treasurer
Barbara P. “Bobbie” Aaron

Asst. Treasurer
Eugene Curfman

Asst. Treasurer
Robert W. Jacobs, PP

Asst. Treasurer
Chris Hyzer

Chief Chaplain

Chief Chaplain Emeritus
Rev. J. Harvey Dixon

Chaplain
Charles Barnhart, Jr.

Chaplain
Rabbi Kenneth Block
Chaplain
Rev. David L. Coblentz

Chaplain
Rev. Mary Ann Farnell

Chaplain
Rev. Harry Hetz

Chaplain
Rev. Marvin C. Jackson

Chaplain
Deacon George L’Heureux

Chaplain
Ronald Stunkard

Chaplain
Calvin “Pete” Walbert

Trustee - Chair
Steve V. Hales

Trustee - Vice Chair
John W. Means, Sr.

Trustee
Gene Worthington P.P.

Trustee
C. Dan Carpenter, III

Trustee
Terry E. Thompson, P.P.

Executive Committee
Doyle E. Cox, Chair

Executive Committee
James Seavey, Sr., Vice Chair

Executive Committee
Douglas C. Alexander, Member

Executive Committee
Wylie L. Donaldson, Member

Executive Committee
John E. Dulina, Member

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John F. Guntow, Jr., Member

Executive Committee
William L. Hildebrand, Member

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Steven J. Kesner, Member
Executive Committee
David R. Keller, III, Member

Executive Committee
Benjamin W. Kurtz, Member

Executive Committee
Judy Lau, Member

Executive Committee
Richard Smith, Member

Executive Committee
Lee N. Sachs, Esq., P.P.
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Office of the Attorney
Roger N. Powell

Office of the Parliamentarian
Richard K. Brooks, III, Chair

Office of the Parliamentarian
Pattie Gordy, Vice Chair

Awards Committee
Ronald B. Graf, Chair

Budget & Revenue Committee
Steve Kesner, Chair

Constitution and By-laws
Dennis Skinner, Chair

Convention Committee
Leonard T. King Sr PP, Chair

Convention Committee
Thomas Mattingly, Vice Chair

Convention Committee
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Vice Chair

Convention Committee
Wylie Donaldson Jr, Vice Chair

Data Systems Committee
Richard A. Snader, Chair

E M S Committee
Charles W. Wills, Chair

Emergency Apparatus License
Roger A. Steger Sr PP, Chair

Financial Review
Joseph R. Robison PP, Chair

Fire Laws Book & Fire Tech.
Mark A. Bilger, Chair
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Red Light
Roger A. Steger

Residential Sprinkler
Doug Alexandria, Chair

Risk Management
Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Chair

Rural Water Supply Committee
Douglas C. Alexander, Chair

Safety Committee
Hobart “Hoby” Howell, Chair

Scholarship Committee
Glen D. Fishback, Jr. Chair

Scholarship Committee
William Olsen, Emeritus

Sergeant at Arms Committee
Ronald McElwee, Chair

Special Activities Committee
Margaret Gouty, Chair

Standards/NFPA Committee
William Huttenloch, Chair

Statistical Committee
Joseph L. Douglas, Chair

Surplus Property/Acquisition
H. Edward Woods Sr., Chair

Training Committee
Gerald “JJ” Lynott, Chair

Transportation Committee
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

Volunteer Co. Assistance Fund Board
Joseph R. Robison, P.P. Chair

Watercraft Committee
Todd “Scuba” Johnson, Chair

Ways & Means Committee
Louis Jonske, Chair

Miss Fire Prevention
Erin Drumheller

Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up
Brandy Lapole
(Music Playing)
(Honor Guards, Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums and the Sea of Blue Enters the Hall with the Presidents and Chaplains Behind.)

MSFA Assistant Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.: Ladies and Gentleman we would ask that everyone to turn off all cell phones and pagers, and please raise for the presentation of colors by the Maryland State Combined Color Guard followed by the Montgomery County Pipes and Drums.

MSFA President Bobby Balta, Jr.: Welcome to 115th Convention and Conference Memorial Service. We do appreciate the attendance tonight it is a very extensive crowd. We are here to pay tribute to those who have gone before us this previous year. To honor them with this ceremony and enjoy each other company as we remember the time we had with them.

LAMSFA President Patricia Deamond: I too wish to welcome you to tonight’s Memorial Service. Tonight we are here to honor and remember those members of the Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and Ladies Auxiliary that have passed on this year. We give a special tribute to those that made the ultimate sacrifice, those who gave their life to protect our communities and country. I thank each of you for attending and may God Bess All of Us and God Bless Our Country.

MSFA President Bobby Balta, Jr.: Ladies and Gentleman, I would like to introduce a young lady who has been a part of us for a long time, and has a beautiful voice to sing our National Anthem, Ms. Teresa Jacobs.

Chief Chaplain John F. Long: (Posting of colors) Ladies and Gentleman, Brothers and Sisters thank you for attending this evening. Your presence means more than you know to those this evening that have lost a love one we are honoring. Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise your name for those we Memorialize this evening. We thank you for their dedication, hard work, friendships and love. Tonight, as we proceed with this Memorial Service we pray that it will bring comfort and pride to those who have lost one of these. Just as when Jacob took his father’s body to the land of Canaan, we find this in Genesis 50:10 they held a great solemn Memorial service; we pray that we follow that tradition. Just as it tells us in Ecclesistic 7:2, it is better to go to a house of morning then a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart. We pray it will comfort us. Father, we also honor two military members tonight, we pray that for those serving to protect our freedoms, you will also protect them. Bless us all in your glory, Amen. You may not be seated.

(Unveiling of the Fallen Firefighter’s Crosses by MSFA President Bobby Balta)
The first scripture reading appointed for this time is Ecclesiastes 3:1-1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. So ends the reading.

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

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: We will now have video tributes of our dearly departed members to the MSFA and the LAMSFA. MSFA Past President Video Tributes took place for the following were presented to MSFA PP, Thomas L. Reynolds – 1971-1972; MSFA PP, William J. Fleshman – 1992-1993; and MSFA Past Chaplain Reverend Lewis F. Cole, Jr. The Line of Duty Deaths Tributes for LODD Chief Edward Wilburn, Deep Creek VFD; LODD FF Allan M. Roberts, Baltimore City FD; and LODD FF Rachael Wilson, Baltimore City FD. Video Tribute took place for MSFA Members serving our country in the military. Two tributes took place: Thomas J. Barbieri, Rockville VFD and Military David J. Davis, Lisbon VFD. Each Family was presented a Flag, Plaque and flowers to each family. (One single Bagpiper played the first verse of Amazing Grace and was joined by the rest of the Pipe and Drums) Musical Video Tribute was then presented for all members that have passed away this year. They are as follows:

Allegany
Barton Hose Co. #1 Ladies Aux. Phyllis Fazenbaker
Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department Aux. Naomi M. Frost
Bowling Green Vol. Fire Dept. George P. Ross
Bowman's Addition Vol. Fire Dept. Kimberly S. Miller
Bowman's Addition Vol. Fire Dept. Ottis Miller
Corriganville Vol. Fire Co. Jerred T. Lowery
Corriganville Vol. Fire Co. Thelma M. Rhodes
Flintstone Vol. Fire Co. Eugene Kisamore
Frostburg Area Ambulance Service John H. Gunter
Frostburg Fire Department #1 Michael Miller
Goodwill Vol. Fire Co. W. Pierce Duckworth
LaVale Rescue Squad Janice E. Evans
LaVale Rescue Squad Dorrons A. Fuller
LaVale Rescue Squad Gwendolyn L. Pryor
Mount Savage Vol. Fire Co. #1 George W. Dom
Mount Savage Vol. Fire Co. #1 Aux. Mary M. Kice
Potomac Fire Co. #2 Kenneth L. Keller
Tri-Towns Ambulance And Rescue Service Mary A. Fink

**Anne Arundel**

Anne Arundel Alarmers James King
Anne Arundel Alarmers Robert L. Robey, Jr.
Earleigh Heights Vol. Fire Co. Edgar S. Freeman, III
Glen Burnie Vol. Fire Dept. James K. Franklin
Independent Fire Co. #2 William G. “Billy” Phelps
Maryland City Vol. Fire Co & Rescue Sqd Aux. Mary Anne Eley
Riva Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Kate Pilpauskis
Riviera beach Vol. Fire Co. Thomas Freeburger
Riviera Beach Vol. Fire Co. George Tom Meise
Riviera Beach Vol. Fire Co. Philip Randall
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Baltimore
Cockeysville Vol. Fire Co. Thomas G. Shepard
Middle River Vol. Fire Co. Kenneth B. Campbell
Owings Mills Vol. Fire Co. Frank Bajkowski
Owings Mills Vol. Fire Co. Morris Richardson
Owings Mills Vol. Fire Co. Peter Schaefer
Owings Mills Vol. Fire Co. Frederick Schwartz
Pikesville Vol. Fire Co. George H. Burnham, Sr.
Pikesville Vol. Fire Co. Lucille C. Colson
Pikesville Vol. Fire Co. Aux. L. Charlotte Purcell
Reisterstown Vol. Fire Co. Jerry Eline
Reisterstown Vol. Fire Co. Frank Mosner
Reisterstown Vol. Fire Co. Wilber Harry
Rockaway Beach Vol. Fire Co. David M. Kerby
Rosedale Vol. Fire Co. C. William Diehl
White Marsh Vol. Fire Co. Leroy C. “Peaches” Engle

Calvert
North Beach Vol. Fire Dept. William “Billy” Croson
St. Leonard VFD & Rescue Sqd. William J. “Josh” Fabricante
St. Leonard VFD & Rescue Sqd. Alarmers Catherine Huntzberry

Caroline
Federalsburg Vol. Fire Co. G. Thomas Andrew
Federalsburg Vol. Fire Co. Betty C. Bennett
Federalsburg Vol. Fire Co. Catherine V. “Kitty” Dorman
Marydel Vol. Fire Co. Katherine
Marydel Vol. Fire Co. Dudley Dixon
Ridgely Vol. Fire Co. Norris W. Hayman

Carroll
Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. #1 Charles Walter
Hampstead Vol. Fire Engine & Hose Co. #1 Carroll Switzer
Harney Vol. Fire Co. Aux Mary E. Haines
Linesboro Ladies Auxiliary Hattie M. Coleman
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co.#1 Herschel Wagner
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co.#1 Aux. Margaret Lutz
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co.#1 Charles Lambert, Sr.
Manchester Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Co.#1 Carl H. Welsh, Jr.
Mount Airy Vol. Fire Co. Kenneth Burdette
Mount Airy Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Eunice Holmes
Mount Airy Vol. Fire Co. Henry Runkles
Mount Airy Vol. Fire Co. Kenneth Gosnell
New Windsor Fire & Hose Co #1 Algie King
New Windsor Fire & Hose Co #1 Cassell Roop
New Windsor Fire & Hose Co #1 Charles “Tooter” Fritz
New Windsor Fire & Hose Co #1 Aux. Mary E. Smith
Pleasant Valley Comm. Fire Co. Faye Tipton
Pleasant Valley Comm. Fire Co. David F. Poling
Pleasant Valley Comm. Fire Co. Guy Lester
Reese and Community Vol. Fire Co. Holiday Blizzard
Reece and Community Vol. Fire Co. Larry Munshaur
Sykesville Freedom District Fire Dept. Harry W. Haight
Sykesville Freedom District Fire Dept. Thomas E. Ourslor
Sykesville Freedom District Fire Dept. Emil S. Ruch
Taneytown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Rosanne Dinterman
Taneytown Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Shirley Clem
Taneytown Vol. Fire Co. Cathy Jenkins
Union Bridge Vol. Fire Co. Corrie Bohn
Union Bridge Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Corrine Bohm
Union Bridge Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Francis Nusbaum
Union Bridge Vol. Fire Co. Aux. Suzanna Elizabeth Black
Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Co #1 David S. Babylou, Jr.
Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Co #1 Jospeh Manger

Cecil
Charlestown Fire Co. Aux. Ruth E. “Tunie” Wright
Charlestown Fire Co. Aux. Grace Heffener
Community Fire Co. of Perryville Wilton F. “Butch” Thomas
Community Fire Co. of Perryville Christian “Decoy” Lay
Community Fire Co. of Perryville Garnett R. “Fuzzy” Sullins
Community Fire Co. of Perryville Meade Sinclair
Northeast Fire Company Francis Lilley
Northeast Fire Company Roger Reynolds
Northeast Fire Company Aux. Elsie I. Benjamin
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Eng. & Hook & Lad. Co. #1
Robert M. Conway, Sr.
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Eng. & Hook & Lad. Co. #1 of Elkton
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Serling G. Brown
Wm. M. Singerly Steam Fire Eng. & Hook & Lad. Co. #1 of Elkton
Jay Glen Slonecker, Sr.
Ladies Auxiliary Singerly Fire Co. Rebecca Swanson
Ladies Auxiliary Singerly Fire Co. Mabel J. Cassidy

Charles
Hughesville Vol. Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad James H. Quade
Hughesville Vol. Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad David B. Welch
Indian Head Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Sqd. James M. Peterson
Indian Head Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Sqd. Aux. Julia B. Kiedaish
LaPlata Vol. Fire Dept. Jackson Peterson
LaPlata Vol. Fire Dept. Charles M. Painter

Dorchester
Elliott Island Vol. Fire Co. William F. Harrison
Hurlock Vol. Fire Co. Glen W. Wilson
Madison Vol. Fire Co. Adith M. Frazier
Rescue Fire Co. Robert Tolley
Rescue Fire Co. Howard Mitchell
Rescue Fire Co. Richard Roche, Sr.
Rescue Fire Co. Wade Roche

Frederick
Citizens Truck Co. #4, Independent Hose Co#1, Wolfsville Vol. Fire Co.
Robert T. Rincharet
Guardian Hose Company Ruth Shafer
Guardian Hose Company Edgar Crist
Independent Hose Co. #1 Richard E. Lewis
Independent Hose Co. #1 Leon L. Eyler
Independent Hose Co. #1 Melvin L. Tobery
Independent Hose Co. #1 Paul W. Anders
Independent Hose Co. #1 Thomas R. Eaves
Independent Hose Co. #1 Thomas L. Zimmerman
Lewistown Vol. Fire Co. Aux Ralph L. Martin
New Midway Vol. Fire Co. Robert Speak
New Midway Vol. Fire Co. Russell Wachter
Vigilent Hose Co. Anna M. Koontz
Vigilent Hose Co. Chief Eugene E. Myers
Walkersville Vol. Fire Co. James Baker
Walkersville Vol. Fire Co. James Rice
Walkersville Vol. Fire Co. Marion Stup
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Garrett
Bittinger Vol. Fire Dept. Donald B. Sealing
Bloomington Fire Company Richard L. Streets
Bloomington Fire Company Kenneth Kooenk
Deep Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Edward D. Wilburn
Eastern Garrett Co. Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.. Genevieve V. J. Railey
Grantsville Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. Vera E. Merrill
Oakland Vol. Fire Dept. Stanley Savage

Harford
Aberdeen Fire Dept. William Hause
Aberdeen Fire Dept. Ronald Kells
Abingdon Fire Co. Elmer C. Jarusek
Bel Air Vol. Fire Co. Dane E. Boggs
Bel Air Vol. Fire Co. Peter R. Caudill
Bel Air Vol. Fire Co. Donald B. Homes
Delta-Cardiff Vol. Fire Co. Frank K. Scotten
Jarrettsville Vol. Fire Co. Maynard A. Jackson
Level Vol. Fire Co. Mabel L. DuBree
Susquehanna Hose Company Nelson Litzinger

Howard
Elicott City Volunteer Firemen’s Assn. T. Woodrow Collette
Elicott City Volunteer Firemen’s Assn. Charles S. Hare
Elicott City Volunteer Firemen’s Assn. Frederick A. Richards
Fifth District Vol. Fire Dept. John R. Moore
Fifth District Vol. Fire Dept. Charles H. Shaw
Lisbon Vol. Fire Co. David J. “Joey” Davis
Ladies Auxiliary Lisbon Vol. Fire Co. Joyce Lowery
Savage Vol. Fire Co. Karl Wagner

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Kent
Betterton Vol. Fire Co. James L. Price
Chestertown Vol. Fire Co. James H. Gears
Chestertown Vol. Fire Co. William W. Parson
Chestertown Vol. Fire Co. Rolling B. White
Chestertown Vol. Fire Co. Emory C. Elburn
Chestertown Vol. Fire Co. Robert Fleetwood
Kent & Queen Anne's Rescue Sqd. Sharon L. Hurd
Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co. Lee Layfield
Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co. H. Wayne Gagalski

Montgomery
Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. Margaret E. King
Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Luther Burke
Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Stanley Duvall
Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Chester A. Liezeear
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Vol. Fire Dept. Donald E. Magruder
Glen Echo Vol. Fire Dept. Sandra L. “Sande” Simmons
Kensington Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Raymond A. Thompson
Kensington Vol. Fire Dept. Margaret G. Lynch
Sandy Spring Vol. Fire Dept. Alice L. Byrne
Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. Glenn L. Minton

Prince George's
Allentown Road Vol. Fire Dept. Allan K. Long
Baden Vol. Fire Dept. James L. Mudd
Beltsville Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Clinton E. Bowman
Chief William J. Fleshman
Beltsville Vol. Fire Dept. Robert W. Holmes
Bladensburg Vol. Fire Dept. and Rescue Sqd Richard D. Dietz
Boulevard Height Vol. Fire Dept. Marchia Waples
Bunker Hill Vol. Fire and Rescue Jerry Milsap
Chillum-Adelphi Vol. Fire Dept. John R. Holbrock
Clinton Vol. Fire Dept. Cecelia Ann “Slim” Grimm
Glenn Dale Fire Assoc. John R. “Ray” Woods
Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept. and Rescue Sqd Emory R. Kerr
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Dept. Barry L. Thomas
Hyattstown Vol. Fire Dept. Osca Ely
Kentland Vol. Fire Dept. Stephen N. Houch
Kentland Vol. Fire Dept. Martha Cain
Marlboro Vol. Fire Dept. Margaret E. King
Marlboro Vol. Fire Dept. Craig W. Pennoyer
Landover Hills Vol. Fire Dept. Aux Dorothy Phelps
Landover Hills Vol. Fire Dept. Richard D. McLaughlin
Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad Benjamin S. Elliott, Jr.
Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad William S. Ammann
Morningside Vol. Fire Dept. Frank L. Holmes

Queen Anne's
Goodwill Vol. Fire Co. Christopher J. Coursey
Grasonville Vol. Fire Dept Paul R. Bradley
Grasonville Vol. Fire Dept. Robert L. Griffin
Grasonville Vol. Fire Dept. Thomas G. Haddaway
Queen Anne Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co., MSFA Past President 1971-1972
Thomas L. Reynolds
Queen Anne Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co. William L. Dudley, Sr.

Somerset
Crisfield Vol. Fire Dept. Clinton W. “Kenny” Evans
Crisfield Vol. Fire Dept. Robert W. “Purkee” Parks
Mount Vernon Vol. Fire Co. Barry Ennis

St. Mary's
Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad Aux. Theresa C. Raley
Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad Fred W. Lewis, Sr.
Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. Ralph M. Messick

Talbot
Cordova Vol. Firemen’s Associaion Robert R. Cheezum, Sr.
Cordova Vol. Firemen’s Association Aux. Brena E. Morris
Cordova Vol. Firemen’s Association Aux. Nancy V. Hopkins
Oxford Fire Company Aubrey F. Goodwin, Jr.
Oxford Fire Company Chief G. Austin Smith
Trappe Vol. Fire Co. George E. Stevens

Washington
Clear Spring Ambulance Club John L. Downs
Clear Spring Ambulance Club David E. Shipley
Clear Spring Ambulance Club George K. Yeakle
Clear Spring Ambulance Club Bruce B. Blair
Clear Spring Ambulance Club John L. Downs
First Hagerstown Hose Company Robert F. Wilson, Jr.
First Hagerstown Hose Company Hoye E. Brandenburg
Independent Jr. Fire Engine Co. #3 Richard Bundy
Independent Jr. Fire Engine Co. #3 Harry House
Independent Jr. Fire Engine Co. #3 William A. Delauter
Smithsburg Vol. Fire Co. Charles H. Ross
Smithsburg Vol. Fire Co. Charles Sprecher
Smithsburg Vol. Fire Co. Richard K. Newcomer
Smithsburg Vol. Fire Co. William K. Kendall
Western Enterprise Fire Co #4 Virginia “Sis” Anderson
Western Enterprise Fire Co #4 Patsy Cosgrove
Western Enterprise Fire Co #4 William DeLauter
Western Enterprise Fire Co #4 William Shaffer
Western Enterprise Fire Co #4 Robert J. McElroy, Jr.

Wicomico
Delmar Fire Department Chief Joseph C. Morris, Jr.
Delmar Fire Department Darrell Stearns
Sharpstown Vol. Fire Dept. Aux. Dorothy B. Ellis

Worcester
Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. Robert Lee Cropper
Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. Richard A. “Dick” Riley
Ocean City Vol. Fire Co. Chief William C. “Bill” Smith

MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Sherry Soper: At this time please stand at this time and join me in reciting the Lord Prayer.

(Audience and Stage Participants all recite along with MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Sherry Soper)

MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Sherry Soper: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

MSFA Ladies Chaplain Sherry Soper: Let us pray; Lord as we have gathered here tonight to honor those who have passed keep their family in your healing hands. Lord, we also ask at this time, to keep our friend, Judy Lau in your prayers and in your healing hands she needs them more than ever tonight. We also asked that you keep in your healing hands, MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Past President Alice Lare, and we asked that you give us safe travel as we go home tonight and as we arrive in the morning, Amen. (Audience AMEN)
MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: This concludes the Memorial Service and we thank the Maryland State Combined Honor Guard and the Montgomery County Pipes and Drums for their participation tonight. (The Honor Guard retire colors and exit stage down center aisle. As bagpipers exit down center aisle, Chaplains and Presidents follow off stage and go to the left to escort families of deceased out. Uniformed Firefighters and Ladies Auxiliaries will follow.)

MSFA Chaplain Calvin “Pete” Walbert: This concludes our Memorial service. Thanks for your presence and support of these families who’ve lost a loved one in the past year. Please join us outside for refreshments and to visit with the families, firefighters, and friends. Thanks again for your support. We invite you back on Wednesday evening at 1900 hours to view the documentary “In the Eyes of Glory - Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial, honoring the 385 Line of Duty Deaths in Maryland.
Opening Ceremonies  
Monday June 18, 2007  
1st Session

(Both tape and video sound was not working during the Opening Ceremony and the 1st session using script and notes.)

(Musical Interlude by the Westminster Band)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would now like to call to order the first session of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. At this time, I will have Safety Chair Hoby Howell give the safety message for today.

MSFA Safety Chairman Hoby Howell: Good Morning, My name is Hoby Howell and I am the MSFA Safety Chairman, I would like to welcome you to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA. At this time I would like to ask that all pagers and cell phone be placed on silent mode. I would also like to point out all emergency exits in the room. Please make sure that you are fully aware of all of them. I would also request that in the case of an emergency that you precede with caution. We would also like to point out that the main escalator is not functioning at this time. Our committee is trying to make everything very safe. Please be very careful when using the stairs, we ask that only 10 people use the elevator at a time. If you need anything please see any of my committee. The MSFA Safety Committee is here to serve you. We will be having several seminars outside please come and take part. Also please stop by the safety booth for valuable information. Thank you and have a wonderful convention.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will have opening prayer by MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: Good Morning. What a wonderful day we are having in Ocean City. Let us all rejoice. Could we all stand to gather for the invocation. Father we are so grateful to be here today. Thank you Father for all that you have done for us. Let us pray. Father thank you for the wonderful day that you have given us. Please watch over all of your servants as we conduct the business of the MSFA 115th Convention and Conference. Thank you Dear lord for all that you have done for us. In God’s name we pray. Amen.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long: Ladies and Gentleman I bring you great pleasure and introducing your presidents, MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta and MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Patricia Deamond to take their place of honor.
(Applause)

(Musical Interlude plays – I am Proud to be an American)

(Parade of Flags) The parade of flags began with the presentations of the flag from the homes of Presidents Paul R. “Bobby” Balta and Patricia Deamond. The flags of all other counties were then presented.

OSFM Faron Taylor: Please enjoy this brief video representing the volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel of the member companies of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Followed by the presentation of the Maryland Volunteers Flag and the Fallen Firefighters Flag.

(Bag Pipe Music Being played by the DCFD/EMS Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Baltimore City)

(Please Be Seated)

LAMSFA President Barbara McWilliams: At this time we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Please join me in by saying: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stand, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All.”

Theresa Jacobs: Sings the United States National Anthem: Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight, O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(Applause and Singing from the crowds).

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: At this time I would like to acknowledge the Pipes and Drum Cores we have with us today. The DCFD/EMS Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Baltimore City.

(Applause and Whistles)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Ladies and Gentleman we ask that everyone please raise as the colors are presented.
Honor Guards enter the room – US Flags encircle the room.

Westminster Band Plays

A video plays in tribute to our Military Families and their Heroes.

(The DCFD/EMS Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums and the Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums of Baltimore City plays several sets.)

(Appause erupts from the whole room.)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: At this time I wish that the colors be retired and Ladies and Gentleman please have a seat.

(Westminster Band plays Honor Guards walk out of room with flags.)

(Appraise)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Ladies and Gentlemen I wish to now direct you to the screens to view a video. This year’s theme is a “Family Affair” as you all know. Please watch the video that was prepared for today’s opening ceremony. Please enjoy.

(Video Plays – Music to “It’s a Family Affair”)

(Appraise – Cheers from the crowd)

(Pipes and Drums play several sets and readies to exit the Room)

(Appraise and Cheers)

(Westminster Band Plays)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Ladies and Gentleman lets here it for the Westminster Band – Thank you also.

(Appraise and Cheers) (Band Playing)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would also like to thank Theresa Jacobs for the beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Thank you Theresa.

(Appraise and Cheering)

Ocean City EOC Director Joe Theobald welcomes us to Ocean City and gives some remarks.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: He is presented with a resolution and a convention good bag.
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Welcomes Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company President Jester and Chief Laramore. They also welcome us to their great town, Ocean City, Maryland.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta:

(DCFD Pipes and Drums play several sets and readies to exit the Room)

(Applause and Cheers)

(Westminster Band Plays)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Ladies and Gentleman lets here it for the Westminster Band – Thank you to you also.

(Applause and Cheers) (Band Playing)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would like to thank at this time everyone that took part and in the preparation of this the opening ceremonies. Thank you for all of your hard work.

(Applause and Cheers)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: At this time I would like to call up the Mayor of Ocean City were each year he touts it will be sunny. But we cannot call him Mayor anymore. At this time I wish to call up Delegate/Mayor James Mathias for his annual greetings. The new mayor has asked that Delegate Mathias speak on his behalf. He knows how much we appreciate everything he does for us.

(Applause and Cheers)

Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: Good Morning is everyone having a good time. Everybody is looking real good. Welcome to Ocean City. And for the first time in about 10 years I am speaking for the mayor. I am bringing greetings on behalf of the Mayor of Ocean City and the Town Commissions and that delegate guy Mathis. I bring you greetings. Wow everybody is looking good. We should take this thing down to the Cork Bar…

(Applause and Cheers)

Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: Welcome to the 115th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary. God Bless You All.

(Applause and Cheers)

Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: Just want to thank everyone. How about the band and the District of Columbia Firefighters are they not great. Let’s here it for them both.
Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: We salute them. Oh wait a minute I am getting a call. The mayor is on the phone and he say’s we will have sunshine while the firemen are in town. And on Wednesday we will have sunshine and that is an executive order.

Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: We also need to thank God and for all that he has done for us today. Mr. President, Madame President, Past Presidents, Members and fellow Firefighters I wish you all the very best. Thank you for giving up of yourself for you fellow man. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Delegate Mayor James Mathias: Remember Sun will always shine on Parade Day. You can always count on me for support. Have a great year. And my friend Delegate Norm Conway is helping me out in Annapolis and remember you can count on me and I will be there for you. You all are my family. You can count on me to help you all out. There are two things in my life that I can say have meant a lot to me and that is 1st marring my wife and if I would only listen to her more I would not be in trouble and.

Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: And the 2nd thing that I did in my life to mean a lot was to become a member of the Ocean City Fire Department. You all are my family.

Delegate/Mayor James Mathias: when I joined I had several people very important in my life bring me in to the fire departments family. Pop Steger and Roger signed my application and I was no prouder when he became the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and for the 10 years we have stood here and laughed. And after ground zero we cried and when the tornados came through and helped in many different ways. And with Anne Arundel County we went to Jefferson Parrish And the Maryland Fire Service was there for many different causes. Let’s have some applause for all of the hard work that you all do on a daily basis.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would know like to introduce Director John Droneburg of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.
MEMA Director John Droneburg: Good Morning, I am honored and a little bit surprised to be able to welcome you on behalf of Governor O’Malley, he is disappointed that he could not be here today, he was called back to Baltimore this morning. He sends his Congratulations along with Lt. Governor Brown and his staff, on your 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We thank you for what you do and we appreciate the opportunity to be here with you today.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would like to introduce our keynote speaker, Chief Gregory Cade, the United States Fire Administrator Elect.

Chief Gregory Cade: Addresses the audience.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Presents Chief Gregory Cade with a resolution, a mug, a hat and a goodie bag from this convention. He introduces his wife of 35 years, Debbie.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I have a few announcements, the special program presentation to be given by Chief Rubin at 1245 hours today has been changed Wednesday morning at 0830 hours. I have some room assignments for the Caucuses today and they are Southern Maryland – Room 201, Eastern Shore – Room 202, Montgomery County – Room 203, Anne Arundel County – Room 205 and Baltimore County – Room 217 after the first session. At this time I would like to introduce Richard Smith who has a special presentation for us.

Richard Smith: He presents President Balta with the Kentucky gun to him for the raffle that will start today.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would now like to call upon Chief Darren Long and Chief __________ to present the Gladhill-Thompson Award.

Chief Darren Long: Thank you Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be here to give out this outstanding honor. This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen’s Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson. I would like to call on President Balta now to present the trophy to last year’s recipient of the award.
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MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We all know that last year’s winner is not with us and if I could call out Leonard King to accept this on Margaret King’s behalf.

Leonard King: Thank you very much on behalf of my wife, Margaret and my family. The 2007 winner of the Gladhill-Thompson Award is Doyle Cox from Prince Frederick.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Congratulations to Doyle it is well deserved. I will call upon Doyle Cox for the Hall of Fame awards.

Doyle Cox: Thank you Mr. President, this morning it give me great pride to announce the new inductees to the MSFA Hall of Fame. I would like for my committee to come on out. Vice Chair William P. Lay, MSFA Past President Raymond Adkins, Herchel C. Armour, MSFA Past President C. Oscar Baker, C. Dan Carpenter III, MSFA Past President Fred Cross, John Ferguson, Donald Howard, John O. Gatton, Sr., Ben Kurtz, J. Don Mooney, James T. Reigel and Harry Stone. We had 53 nominations for the Hall of Fame and can only take 10 if your nomination did not get in please again write next year for consideration. This year’s inductees are: 1-Judy Lau – Laurel Rescue VFD, 2-Reverend Harry Hetz – Beltsville VFD, 3- Robert W. Jacobs – Citizens Truck Company, 4- John Spiker – Lake Shore VFC, 5-Richard Baker – Mt Airy VFC, 6- Jacqueline Olson – Odenton VFC, 7-Susan Schell – Norrisville VFC, 8-William Hildebrand – Chestertown VFD. 9-Marcine Goodloe – Kensington VFD, and 10-Andrew White – Kensington VFD. Each Year we give up to 3 special inductions into the Hall of Fame and they are this year: Brenda Fosler-Johnson – Shock Trauma Center, Faron Taylor – OSFM and John “Jack” Frazier. Ladies and Gentleman, your inductees into the Hall of Fame for 2007.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would like to congratulate all of you on a tremendous job.

(Applause)

Doyle Cox: The Hall of Fame committee also has the responsibility of selecting the Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award. This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over fifty (50) years of active service performed by charter member, Mr. Marbery F. Gates of Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. The initial and first award was presented to Mr. Marbery F. Gates on June 15, 1981, at the 86th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mr. Gates served on the
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MSFA Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989. This year we had thirty seven (37) nominations in all for a total number of 1,891 total years.

(Applause)

Erik Bernard, President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department: Good Morning, it is a pleasure to be here and on behalf of the Officers and members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, who is celebrating 86 years of service to the community. What is in a name, Mr. Marbery F. Gates joined the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and was a charter member. He joined our department on March 21, 1921 and he served for seventy one years until his death. And that is the definition of a volunteer fire and rescue providers, a hero. Did you know that in the United States today, the average American volunteers a total of four hours a year, an average a year. The man before you have been volunteering for fifty (50) years, they are true American Heroes. I have with me today the future, my kid’s ages 6 and 8 and I hope one day they will serve with me, beside me as a volunteer serving their community. Let’s take a look at the year 1937 because at a minimum 1957 is when these gentleman came before their membership and joined their company. We first gave out this award in 1981, today’s recipient will be the 27th recipient. He goes on to talk about dates in history. To read the letter of the nominee I would like to introduce our Chief of Rockville VFD, Chief Russell Dawson, who has served 30 years as a volunteer.

Chief Dawson, Rockville VFD: The 2007 Marbery F. Gates Service Cup Award goes to John Berryman, Sr. who has seventy (70) years of service at the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department.

(Applause)

MSFA Second Vice President Frank Underwood: I would like to now call upon MSFA Past President Robert W. Jacobs to announce the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award winner.

(Applause)

MSFA PP Bob Jacobs: Good Morning everyone, just to give you a little background on the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year award was established by the Shimer family and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee on February 22, 2004. The award was established to honor Robert H. Shimer, for the years of dedicated service he gave the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service as a President and a Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. President of the Allegany-Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, President of the Allegany County Fire-Rescue Board and President of the Potomac Fire Company. Mr. Shimer was also an active member of the State Fire Prevention Commission, Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Council and the
Emergency Numbers Service Board. This award has been established in honor of Mr. Shimer for his thirty seven (37) years of dedicated service to the community of Westernport, Allegany County and the State of Maryland. We are honored to have with us Chris Shimer to help us present this year’s award.

Chris Shimer: When my family decided to present this award, we wanted a recipient that had worked with or knew my family. The first recipient of this award was Leonard King who was a dear friend of my father’s and last year the award went to Daniel Stevens, who also worked with my father on several committees. We realized that one of these years that never knew my father, but once again this year it made me feel good and my father mentioned this individual’s name several times and worked with him on some committees. This year it is my pleasure to present the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award to Ronald Siarnicki.

(Applause)

MSFA Past President Robert Jacobs: I would like to recognize all the nominees that were nominated for this award, if they are in the audience could you please come back stage to receive your certificate. They are Marcine Goodloe, Steven Kesner, Caroline Kline, Michael Laramore, James Linton, Robert Muma, Tom Shack, Sam _____ and Thomas Becka. I would like to thank each organization that submitted a nominee.

MSFA Second Vice President Frank Underwood: At this time I would like to call John O. Gatton, Sr. for the Firefighter of the Year award.

John O. Gatton, Sr.: Thank you Mr. Vice President. Good Morning Ladies and Gentleman, I would like to call upon the rest of the committee to help present the award. Vice Chair Bill Radisch, David Brady, Eldon Budnick, Eddie Cross, Kristina Hoxha, James Jarboe, Ed Joiner, Ken King, William Lay and Rusty Leftwich. The Firefighter of the Year award report is on page 56 of the Convention and Conference Program book. We have nine nominations for this award and I would encourage you to submit names for this award. The nominees were Richard Brady – Hollywood, Christopher _____ - Cresaptown, Aimee Cenate - Mechanicsville, Jeff Dickey – Branchville, Thomas Fairfax – Ridge, Michael Laramore – Secretary, David Morgan – Laurel, Raymond Ryan – Northeast and Alice Horton – Beltsville. The winner of the 2006 Firefighter of the Year is Aimee Cenate of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department.

(Applause)

John O Gatton: Amy, we have here for you a ribbon for your uniform, a jacket with MSFA Firefighter of the Year and a plaque. Thank you.

(Applause)
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I will now call up Charlie Wills for the Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person Of The Year) Award.

EMS Chair Charlie Wills: Good Morning Ladies and Gentleman, it is my pleasure to be here today to present the Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person Of The Year) Award. I would like to take a couple meetings of the program to present a special award. I have been on the EMS committee for 16 years but BC, before Charlie there was a gentleman who is the heart and soul of this company for many years and at this time if I could I would like to call Wayne Tome to the stage. This year Wayne stepped down from the committee due to other commitments and I would on behalf of the committee honor him with the title “Member Emeritus” for all his dedication and commitment to the emergency medical services. Now back to the business on hand. This award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland emergency medical services community by the EMS committee. The Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person Of The Year) Award was established in 1991 and accepted by the Executive Committee. Doctor Hunt was a local physician in Harford County who was very instrumental in the establishment of ambulance service in that area. He often would leave his practice to ride on the local ambulances providing quality emergency medical service to the communities of Harford County. The original award was donated by the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company of Harford County to honor Dr. Josiah A. Hunt.

The award was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishments by an EMT/A, or above. At this time I would like to call last year’s recipient to the stage to present her with a plaque which was donated by MSFA Past President Steve Cox is memory of his mom to have and hang in her home or station. This year’s winner of the Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person Of The Year) for 2006 is Bernice H. Arnold of the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad.

(Appause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I will now call up Doug Alexander for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award.

Doug Alexander: Good morning everyone, it is my pleasure to announce this year’s award recipient for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award. At this time I would like to have the nominees come up on stage and receive you plaques. As I call your name. Michael Buckingham – Arundel VFD; Jennifer Chafin – Branchville VFC; Ernest Daniels – Bradywine, Steven S. Hinch – Aberdeen, Amber Hemrick – Rocky Ridge, Cody ______________ - Midway, Edward Croll – Secretary, Paul Melvin – Arbutus and Eric Morgan – Huntingtown. This year’s award recipient for the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year goes to Jennifer Chafin of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company in Prince George’s County.
(Applause)

Doug Alexander: Congratulations Jennifer, please come forward and receive your plaque.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now have Safety Committee Chair Hoby Howell come forward to present the Smith N. Statthem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award.

(Applause)

Hoby Howell: Good Morning and it is a pleasure to bring forward these individuals who were nominated for the Smith N. Statthem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award. As your name is called please come up on stage, Daniel Gatten – Ridge, Ed Banish – Fallston and Charles “Chuck” Pembleton – Waldorf. At that time, I would like to call the past-year’s recipient Thomas Flint of Landover Hills VFD up to the stage to receive an individual plaque for his permanent possession. We would like to call up to the podium, Mrs. Barbara Statthem, daughter of Smith Statthem for a couple words.

Mrs. Barbara Statthem: This award was established in 1998 by the MSFA Safety Committee and my family in honor of our dad, MSFA Past President Smith N. Statthem, Jr. Past President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and Past Chief of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

Hoby Howell: This year’s winner of the Smith N. Statthem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award is Charles “Chuck” Pembleton of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would now like to call upon Training committee chair JJ Lynott for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award:

JJ Lynott: I would like to ask that if any of the members of the committee are here that they join me on stage and Mrs. Peggy Zembower. If I could have a representative of Bay District, Walkersville Rescue and St. Leonard’s to please come up to the stage. The training committee traveled around the state this year updating the 10 year training plan which you received a cd in your packets. I want to thank the MSFA Presidents, Officers and active committee members for doing what they do to support training throughout the state. I would also like to thank Director Edwards of MFRI and their staff for their hard work and dedication that they give to us and for printing the cd for us. The Zembower Fire Service Training Award was established in 1976 by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale, and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of the MSFA and a long-time member of the Training Committee for many years.
The Zembower Fire Service Training Award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The 2006 recipient was St. Leonard and they will be presented with a plaque for permanent display. We had two entries this year and the first runner-up had an average of 42.88 hours of training per active member and that award goes to the Bay District Bay District Volunteer Fire Department. This year’s winner had an average of 60.18 hours of training per active member and the winner of this year’s Zembower Fire Training Award goes to the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I want to thank the committee and JJ for doing an outstanding job. I will now call on Becky Pfieffer for the Frances L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award.

(Applause)

Becky Pfieffer: The Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award was first established by Professor Francis L. Brannigan in 1977. Professor Brannigan was the first and longtime Professor with the Montgomery College Fire Science Program and a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. This award is presented annually by the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors in recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education in Maryland. This year the award is presented to Allen ______ of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: (tape is very hard to hear and the bussing sound continues) At this time, I would like to call Chairman of the Trustees Steve Hales for the Colburn Trophy Award.

(Applause)

Trustee Steve Hales: It is my great honor and privilege to be here today and let me introduce the other Trustees for the association, MSFA Past Presidents Terry Thompson and Gene Worthington, Jean Means Sr. and C. Danny Carpenter. I want to say that it has been an honor to work with these individuals and a honor to serve you in your time of need. The nominees for the Colburn Trophy award are Michael Cresp - Pleasant Valley, Martin Seeley and Scott Peters – Dunkirk, Steven Kemp and Ted _________ - Aberdeen and John _______ and Mark Bell – Leonardtown. I would like to introduce the sponsors of the Colburn Trophy award, the Officers and members of the Princess Anne Fire Department.
Unknown Speaker from Princess Anne: (the tape goes in and out during his presentation using notes.) At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June, 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn, Jr. The award is to be awarded in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for some outstanding act of heroism or from some act for the good of the Association. Qualifications and awards to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as judges. At the 66th Annual Convention in Ocean City in June 1958, due to the lack of space for more recipient’s names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; That it will be retained by the recipient for keeps.” Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

This year we received a letter Huntington Volunteer Fire Department in regards to an incident on October 31, 2006, he read the letter that was submitted. So at this time I would like to announce the 2007 winners for this year’s award goes to Brian Thrasher and Michael Nasti of the Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: The Scholarship Committee will now present their awards by Chairman Dale M. Fishback.

(Applause)

Dale M. Fishback: Thank you President Balta, first off you can find my complete report in the Convention and Conference Program book. At this time I would like to have our corporate sponsors come on out and the first group I would like to recognize that supports us through the year is Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, they support four students throughout the year and they support us with the amount of $10,000. The next is a member of the committee and Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Bill Olsen, he has supported us for a long time and he supports us with $3,000. Also another group that has supported us for a number of years is Delmarva Power. We are also supported by Mrs. Shimer and also the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary as well as MSFA Past Presidents. Coming on board this year is the MSFA Golf Tournament committee who will be contributing their profits to us this year. Without this support we would not be able to provide these scholarships to the students who will receive them today. I would like to recognize the students who have benefitted from our scholarships and have graduated this year. They could not be with us today, due to they are employed and that is a good thing. They are Carolyn ________; Howard Callahan; Gene Mellon and Brian Travis. I would like to announce the recipients of this year’s scholarship. John Browning will be supported by the Delmarva Power; Cora ____________ she is being supported
by the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors; William Flanigan is being supported by the MSFA and the MSFA Past Presidents, Nicholas Hornberger is also being supported by the MSFA and the MSFA Past Presidents, Joseph Hurry is being supported by the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary and Bill Olsen, Andrew _______ he is supported by Dr. Bragg, Brittany Lowman is being supported by Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, Allan M_____ and he is also being supported by the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, Garrett Snyder is being supported by the Shock Trauma Board of Visitors and Adam St. John he is being supported by Mrs. Shimer and Bill Olsen. These are your Scholarship recipients for 2007-2008. Thank You.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would like to now call up Marcine Goodloe from the Recruitment and Retention committee for the Family Appreciation Program Award.

(Applause)

Marcine Goodloe: Good Morning, the purpose of this award is to recognize families of Volunteer Fire/EMS members whose families must sacrifice time with the member for the good of the community.

John Denver: This year’s winner of Family Appreciation Program Award is presented to Robert “Bobby” Allen, Jr.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: At this time I would like to call to the podium John Denver from Delmarva Power/Pepco.

John Denver: We would just like to congratulate the recipients of the Scholarships and wish the MSFA congratulations on their 115th Annual Convention and Conference. We also are a gold sponsors for the MSFA Golf Tournament and at this time I would like to present a check to MSFA for $12,000.00.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I have a few quick announcements, if you haven’t already picked up your last year’s proceedings book they are now available at the registration table.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: The room assignments for county caucuses are for Southern Maryland – Room 201; Eastern Shore – Room 202; Montgomery County – Room 203; Anne Arundel County – Room 204; Baltimore County – Room 217. (video tape is malfunctioning and unreadable for several minutes while MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta is announcing and the benediction from Chaplain Pete Walbert.)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I now declare this session recessed until 1230 hours.
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Ladies and Gentleman, I would like to reconvene the 2nd session of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. We will know have the Safety Officer give the safety message.

Hoby Howell: Thank you Mr. President. Good Afternoon, we would like each and everyone here to take time to look around and check your exits and make sure you know how to exit from the room. Our committee has out together a safety seminar today in Room 201 at 1430 hours. Have a nice afternoon and thank you.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Thank you Chairman Howell, I have a few quick announcements to make, the Hartford-Cecil VFA will caucus after the session outside on the mezzanine. We will start this session by introducing the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mr. Raymond Adkins 65-66; Edward F. Preston 74-75; C. Oscar Baker 78-79; Robert Dempsey 80-81; Leonard T. King, Sr. 85-86; Clarence Carpenter, Jr. 86-87, Robert Cumberland 87-88; Joseph Robison 89-90; Thomas Mattingly, Sr. 90-91; Bernard Smith 91-92; Philip Hurlock 93-94; Richard Yinger 94-95; George A. “Fred” Cross 95-96; Steven Cox 96-97; Charles “Danny” Davis, Jr. 97-98; Robert Knippenburg 98-99; Carl Edlin, Jr. 99-00; Roger Steger, Sr. 2000-01; Charles “Jenks” Mattingly, III 2001-02; Gene Worthington 2002-2003; Terry Thompson 2003-2004; Robert Jacobs 2004-2005 and Lee Sachs 2005-2006.

Ladies and Gentleman, the Past Presidents of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: And now Ladies and Gentleman I would like to introduce some special quests from out of state, our brothers and sisters for the neighboring states, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and as far away as New York and North Carolina. With us here now is John Black, 2nd Vice President of Virginia Firemen’s Assn; Gary Abrahm, 3rd Vice President of the Virginia Firemen’s Assn; this next guest we are not sure where he is from but he is a good friend, Allen Brennan, representing the Cumberland Valley Firemen’s Assn.
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Good Afternoon everyone please be seated. We will have our first presenter of the afternoon and he is our special presentation Mr. Doug Alexander to discuss the truths about Residential Sprinklers and where we are as a state. Many of you may know Doug and he has done an outstanding job this year carrying forward the message and we have made great progress in the State of Maryland. I would like to give Doug a public thank you for a job well done.

(Applause)

Doug Alexander: Thank you. I bring you greetings from the Residential Sprinkler Committee of the MSFA. The MSFA Residential Sprinkler committee was formed under the Presidency of Lee Sachs and some of the original members are Richard Green, Sr.; MSFA PP Terry Thompson; David McQuay; Richard Smith, State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard; Faron Taylor; John Denver; John Spiker; Ron Graf; Dave Garnice and Oscar Baker. If any of those members are here please come join me on stage. I would like to update you today on where we are since last year and where we are from two years ago. We have had new members join the committee and our committee has been very active. I have asked them to come up on stage so you could see the members who have worked very hard these past two years to carry forward the message and the significant progress we have made. The new members are MSFA PP Lee Sachs, he has stayed with us since he formed this committee, Dennis Getzell has come on board as well as Kristi gable, former MSFA Fire Prevention counties and Tom Blades. Back in the convention of 2005, when this committee was formed there were two counties and four municipalities that had Residential Sprinkler in new one or two family dwellings. Last year at the Convention in 2006 we had increased to three counties and six municipalities. Well today in 2007, I am proud to report that we have five counties and seventeen municipalities, that is a 67% increase in counties and nearly a 200% increase in municipalities and that is the kind of work this committee is doing. For the past two years and this year and in May of this year we had four communities come on board and this just shows you where we are going. Currently, we have three counties and five municipalities that are considering or working on Residential Sprinklers requirements in that area. We will go to the power point program at this time, in July 1990, sprinklers are required in all newly constructed apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels and dormitories and in July 1992, sprinklers are required in all newly constructed townhouses. Residential Sprinkler Ordinances in Maryland single family homes and duplexes took place on April 3, 2007. These local ordinances require the installation of residential sprinklers in all newly constructed single family homes and duplexes. These ordinances took place in City of Laurel (PG County); Prince George’s County; City of Gaithersburg (Montgomery County); City of Rockville (Montgomery County); Montgomery County; Town of Mt. Airy (Carroll/Frederick County); Town of Emmitsburg
(Frederick County); Carroll County; City of Aberdeen (Hartford County); Frederick County; City of Frederick; Town of Charlestown (Cecil County); City of Havre de Grace (Hartford County); Town of La Plata (Charles County); Town of Indianhead (Charles County); Charles County; Town of St. Michaels (Talbot County); Town of Perryville (Cecil County); Town of Denton (Caroline County); Town of Northeast (Cecil County); City of Annapolis (Anne Arundel County); and City of Cambridge (Dorchester County). We have two variations to our Residential Sprinkler code which are in Howard County (Mandatory “option”) this means that any new home built needs to have a Residential Sprinkler option and the Town of Fruitland (Wicomico County) required in all newly constructed duplexes. Residential Sprinkler Program presented to the following communities; St. Mary’s County; Harford County; Cecil County; Chesapeake City; Town of Rising Sun and Queen Anne’s County. A map of the locations of Residential Sprinklers was shown. A little fact for you to take part with you, Prince George’s County has had residential sprinklers the longest and they had 104 fire deaths since 1992 in residential occupancies, over 50,000 sprinklered single family homes, have had over 400 fires in sprinklered single family homes and have had 0 fire deaths in sprinklered single family homes. A 104 in non-sprinklered and 0 in sprinklered, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure that out. NFPA 13D – Installation of Sprinkler systems in one and two family dwellings and manufactured homes. This is a life safety system designed to give the occupants time to escape. Yes we have had fires in townhouses, townhouses that were destroyed but the fact is that the sprinkler worked no one was hurt or injured. Over 95% of fires in residential occupancies are suppressed with one sprinkler. There are 1 in 16 million chances that the sprinkler head will fail. It is a myth that all of the sprinklers will operate if there is a fire, only the sprinkler head that is heated will operate. Current costs for NFPA 13D Sprinkler systems in new construction in Maryland, they average of $1.35 and $1.95 per square foot in new construction as of April 2, 2007. To retrofit existing homes they may cost 2 to 3 times as much. Variations in price of Residential Sprinklers were due to items such as cathedral ceilings, concealed sprinklers, the number of homes to be sprinklered and the size of homes. This does not include the cost of permits or inspections (OSFM charges $75.00 for plan review and inspection). In rural areas a pump and tank will be required and this is where we run into a lot of questions, and this can add an additional cost of about $1500 to $2000. Based on a 2 sprinkler head design flowing about 26 to 28 gpm for 10 minutes would require approximately a 300 gallon water tank. Most rooms in your home have one sprinkler head. Most sprinkler contractors will use CPVC Sprinkler pipe in the finished areas and steel or cooper pipe in unfinished areas such as the basement. Residential Fire Sprinklers save lives of the occupants and the firefighters and that is critical folks. They may help to retain the Volunteer Fire Service and help to keep taxes down and help to overcome lightweight building construction, as well as to help overcome the toxicity of plastics and synthetics used in homes today. In some areas, you can discount your home owners insurance by 8% to 13%. I would like to call to the podium,
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: A special presentation was given to Faron Taylor for getting the word out, as well as Doug Alexander for his outstanding work on this committee. Resolutions were given to all Residential Sprinkler committee members by President Balta.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: At this time I would like to introduce some out of state guest that have just joined us, Sandy Wayright, President of the Fire Association of PA; Steve Ayright, Past President of the Fire Association of PA; Charles Meyers, Past President of the Fire Association of PA and Viviam Myers, Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Association of PA. At this time I would like to accept a motion on the floor to accept the minutes of the 114 Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, do I have a motion, motion from the floor and a second, no discussion, all those in favors say I , those against say Na, I’s have it and motion passed. We now have Rick Hemphill from the Credentials committee to give his report:

Rick Hemphill: Thank you Mr. President. The Maryland State Firemen’s Association consists of 367 member companies. Seventeen associations and three support organizations in good standing. Of those 367 companies, 317 have registered at this convention.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: It is now my pleasure to call for nominations for the office of President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Are there any nominations?

MSFA Executive Committee Member Jim Seavey: President Balta; Vice President Underwood, Members of the Executive Committee, Chaplain Long, Honored Guest; Delegates and Alternates of the 115th Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference. It is an honor and a privilege to stand before you today to make the following nomination. This gentleman actually needs no introduction, however his accomplishments are many and his qualifications for this office are without question. He started in the fire service at the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad on August 1, 1966, now in his fortieth year at that department he still remains a contributing acting member at his home company. A natural born leader, he has held the many positions and titles, but one thing runs true he has completed each task that he has set out to accomplish to the fullest with incredible results. His track record speaks for itself because this man is a proven performer. Fire Rescue Chief of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad for twenty-five years, Chairman of the Montgomery County Fire Board for four years, member of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission for four years, President of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association and the list goes on and on and on. A man who truly has the future of this organization at heart and wishes nothing more than to see a vibrate and healthy association heading forth when his tenure is finished.
This is the calling of your next President. Ladies and Gentleman, it is truly my honor and privilege to put forth the nomination of my friend of twenty-five years and a man I consider my brother, a fellow Chief of Montgomery County, Chief Paul H. Sterling, Jr. for the highest office of this association the position of the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Do I have a second.

Don Mooney: Thank you Mr. President. It gives me great pleasure and honor to second the nomination of Chief Paul H. Sterling, Jr. for office of the President of this great organization. At this time I would like to read the book of other seconds for Paul Sterling. They are MSFA Past Presidents Raymond Adkins, C. Oscar Baker, Clarence Carpenter, Steven Cox, Fred Cross; Robert Cumberland, Danny Davis, Carl Edelin, Robert Dempsey, Robert Jacobs, Phil Hurlock, Leonard King, Robert Knippenburg, Joseph Robison, Thomas Mattingly, Lee Sachs, Ed Preston, Bernard Smith. Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington and Terry Thompson. Attorney Roger Powell, Assistant Secretaries Joseph Cooper, Ron Watkins, Ed Cross and Jackie Olson; Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Assistant Treasurers Bobbie Aaron and Chris Hyzer, Chief Chaplain John Long, Trustees John Means, and Danny Clarence Carpenter, Executive Committee Chair Doyle Cox, Executive Committee members Judy Lau, Wylie Donaldson, John Guntow, William Hildebrand, Steve Kesner, John Dulina, Doug Alexander, Awards Chair Ron Graf; Data Systems Chair Richard Snader and Vice Chair Lew Harvey; EMS Chair Charlie Wills, FF of the Year John Gatten, Fire Prevention Chair Bobby Collins; Fire Prevention Vice Chair Emmons Horner, Fire Prevention members Ed Thurston and Thomas Collins, Planning Chair Craig Moe, Grants Chair Beth Stone, Historical and Archives Chair Hugh Owens, Incentives Chair Joan Robison, 17 State Circle Chuck Austin, Low Interest Loan member Bill Bliss, Safety Chair Hoby Howell, Scholarship Chair Dale Fishack, Standards Chair Bill Huttenloch, Special Activities Chair Margaret Gouty, Fire Laws Chair Mark Bilger, Statistical Chair Calvin Stack, Surplus Chair Harve Woods, Training Chair JJ Lynott, Transportation Chair Tom Flint; Ways and Means Chair Lou Jonske, David Lewis, President - Anne Arundel County, Kathy Beaver, President - Allegany/Garrett, Sue Corones, President - Baltimore County, Richard Green, President – Carroll County, Bob Murphy, President – Worcester, Richard Smith, President – Talbot, Judy White, President – Frederick, Trish Hunter, President – Kent/Queen Anne’s, Robert Small, President – Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Jimmy Collins, President – Prince George’s, Joe Williams, President – Southern Maryland; Ray Stevens, President – Hartford/Cecil; Hall of Fame Vice Chair Bill Lay, Chip Jewell, PP of Frederick County, Bob Seibel, Dan Stevens, Donny Harris, Calvin Walbert, William Cooper, John Denver, Smiley White, Chief Jeff Hurley, Dan Tagler, Rick Blair, Clarence Webber, Rick Hemphill, Rev. Harvey Dixon, John and Janet Fisher, Chief Roger McCurry, Chief Russell Fosten,
Chief Jim Jarboe, Chief George Brown, Chief Hawkins, Chief Larry Glasman, President John Bird and Gaithersburg VFD, Chief Johnny Lipburg, Chief Doug Edwards, Chief Darren Long, Chief Earl Moore, Chief Craig Baker, Chief Buddy Stouden and Chief Matt Kenelworth. If anyone is left in the audiences just come up and second his nomination. Ladies and Gentleman this is the seconds for Paul Sterling, as you can see he has tremendous support.

(Applause)

The Band was asked to play and the parade of supporters took place behind them and marched around the convention hall.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for the Office of President. Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for President? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passed.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I will now accept nominations for the office of 1st Vice President. Are there any nominations for the office of 1st Vice President?

Mr. President, Honored Guest and Delegates and Alternates to the Convention, good afternoon. As President of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, there are many things I could be doing right now but I have chosen not to because that would not allow me the opportunity to nominate the perfect individual for the position of 1st Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. And that individual is Mr. Frank Underwood. As 2nd Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association this past year was a learning experience for Frank and under the direction of President Balta and Vice President Sterling he has spent countless hours traveling thousands of miles across this great state meeting many individuals to listen to their concerns. He also spent many hours in Annapolis working on behalf of this association. But some of the more memorable moments where when he could take his wife Renee and his daughter Jennifer with him to some remote part of the state and be able to spend a couple hours with them and of course he would have to judge some kind of event. But he has never complained, never once, not when he attends the twice a month meeting of the Prince George’s County Fire Commission where he represents the northern half of Prince George’s county, not when he is performing his duties as the Treasurer of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, not when he is running around the county picking up supplies for the someone and not even when he finds some down time to sit
down to talk to his friends at the firehouse. That is because he is dedicated to the mission that he has set his sights on and that is to become the President of this fine organization and to represent all that it stands for the commitment and the devotion to the fire service of Maryland. I can assure you that Frank Underwood is a perfect candidate for the Office of 1st Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. With that said the following MSFA Past Presidents and other individuals that have seconded his nomination. MSFA Past Presidents Raymond Adkins, Edward Preston, C. Oscar Baker, Robert Dempsey, Leonard King, Clarence Carpenter, Robert Cumberland, Joseph Robinson, Thomas Mattingly, Bernard Smith, Philip Hurlock, Richard Yinger, Steven Cox, Fred Cross, Danny Davis, Robert Knippenburg, Joseph Robison , Thomas Mattingly , Lee Sachs, Ed Preston, Bernard Smith, Carl Edelin, Roger Steger, Jenks Mattingly, Gene Worthington, Terry Thompson, Robert Jacobs, Lee Sachs and Bobby Balta. The following County Presidents seconded Frank’s nomination: David Lewis - Anne Arundel County, Sue Coroneous - Baltimore County, Patti Gordy – Caroline County, Judy White – Frederick County, Trisha Hunter – Kent/Queen Anne’s, Marcine Goodloe – Montgomery, Jim Collins – Prince Georges, Joan Williams – Southern Maryland, Richard Smith – Talbot, Lawrence Sedwick, Jr. – Chief of Prince George’s County, Lt. Col. Booby McCoy – Prince Georges County, Robert Small, President of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Thomas Carr, Montgomery County Fire Department, Ron Siarnicki – NFFF Director, Assistant Financial Secretary Susan Schell, Attorney Roger Powell, Chief Chaplain John Long, Chaplain Harry Hetz, Memorial Chair Donald Mooney, Donny Straen – PG County Fire Commission, Executive Committee Chair Doyle Cox, Executive Committee members Jimmy Seavey, Douglas Alexander, John Dulina, Judy Lau, Wylie Donaldson, John Guntow, David Keller, Ben Kurtz , William Hildebrand and Steve Kesner, Assistant Secretaries Joseph Cooper, Ron Watkins, Ed Cross and Jackie Olson; Trustees John Means, and Danny Clarence Carpenter, Chair Beth Stone, 17 State Circle Chuck Austin and all the Officers and members of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and the Officers and Members of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department. Thank You.

(Applause)

Band Master strike up the band and the supporters took place behind them and marched around the convention hall.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President. Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for 1st Vice President? We have a motion do we have a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passed.
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now accept nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President. Are there any nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President?

MSFA Past President Lee Sachs: Mr. President, as MSFA Attorney he has intimately been involved in the business of the association for 35 years and has thus work for 35 Presidents. Imagine that he has worked for 35 different Presidents and has closed out each of those years successfully and has been re-appointed by the incoming President. He has for 35 years reviewed legislation effecting the volunteer fire, rescue and emergency service in Maryland and has advised the Legislative committee and Officers of the association on those matters as well as with the need for legislation on subject not covered. He has been a member of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company for 35 years, was an active provider for a number of them and has continued to assist the company and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s association on an as needed basis. His law practice history includes a involvement in fire service related matters for a large number of individuals and companies in our volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical services. He has been active in the community at-large as well, particularly with the American Diabetes Association and his local community association in Reisterstown for whom he chaired a couple of events year after year. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Maryland Defense Division in the Maryland National Guard. Yes, Ladies and Gentleman, Roger N. Powell is an accomplished family man, attorney and military man and who is extremely well versed in history and operations of the MSFA. His service has been recognized by his peers who elected him to our Hall of Fame in 1999 and in 2003 awarded him the Gladhill Trophy for outstanding contributions to the MSFA. Roger is an independent thinker while also being willing to listen to the suggestions of others. He does not always agree with any of those suggestions but accesses them carefully and makes his decision based on all of the evidence and all of the advocacies. That ability will serve him well in the leadership of the MSFA. He will listen and learn and deliberate and decide and will lead us as his predeicsors have in the past. We have a number of major decisions to make in the coming years and Roger is equipped to participate with Paul and Frank and the Officers and committees in the betterment of the MSFA. It is my privilege to place into nomination for the Office of 2nd Vice President of the MSFA, the name of Roger N. Powell. Sue Coroneous, President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association will announce the seconds to the nomination.

President, Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association: Along with the 35 member companies of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and their over 2000 members the following people would like to second Roger’s nomination. The MSFA Past President are Lee Sachs, Fred Cross, Raymond

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Band Master strike up the band and the supporters took place behind them and marched around the convention hall.

(Appause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President. Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Are there any other nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for 2nd Vice President? We have a motion do we have a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passed.

(Appause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now have nomination for the office of Secretary, Are there any nominations for the office of the Secretary?

MSFA Past President Ed Preston: Good Afternoon. It is an honor and a pleasure for me to be in this position right now to nominate Leonard T. King to the Office of Secretary to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Leonard has done an outstanding and tremendous job in this office over these past years and I wholeheartedly endorsed Leonard T. King for Office of the Secretary.

Darren Long, President of Damascus Volunteer Fire Department: I would like to second the nomination for Leonard T. King, Sr. for Office of the Secretary of MSFA. Also to second the nomination are Joe Cooper, Eddie Cross, Ron Watkins and Jackie Olson.
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary. Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Office of Secretary? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Secretary? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now open the floor for nominations for the office of Financial Secretary, are there any nominations for the office of Financial Secretary.

MSFA Past President Steven Cox: President Balta, Vice President, Officers, Members, it is a great pleasure for me to place into nomination my good friend, George A. “Fred” Cross to the office of the Financial Secretary. As I stated Fred and Pat are good friends with me and my wife, Nancy. I’ve known Fred for a very long time. It is a great privilege to stand before you today and nominate Fred Cross to the office of Financial Secretary. Many, many times I have stood before you and nominated him for this position. It is a great honor that I do this.

MSFA Past President Robert Jacobs: Thank you Mr. President, to the members and delegates of this great association I wish to second the nomination of George A. “Fred” Cross to the office of Financial Secretary. I have known Fred for many years and in addition Fred has served this association as President in 1995 – 1996, He also served as the Assistant Financial Secretary prior to fulfilling the position of Financial Secretary. So please vote for Fred Cross for Financial Secretary of the MSFA.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for the Financial Secretary. Are there any other nominations for the Financial Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the Financial Secretary? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Secretary? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now open the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer, are there any nominations for the office of Treasurer?

PP Robert Jacobs: Mr. President to the Officers and Delegates of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association I would like to bring forth before this body the nomination of Ron J. Siarnicki for the office of Treasurer of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Ron has been serving in this position for some time now and will continue to handle the financial affairs of this association if elected. Since taking
over this office, he has continued to demonstrate an outstanding dedication to the MSFA by serving on numerous committees and still carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the office of Treasurer. Ron has work diligently and has shown great expertise in the financial affairs of this organization and will do everything possible to ensure that we are financially solid and secure for whatever the future brings to this great association. Ron has been involved with the fire service for over 30 years and has demonstrated continued support to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in a variety of ways. He and his family can always be counted on to assist us when needed. In addition to Ron’s full time position with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation as the Director he is an active member of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Company in Stevensville. I would like also to thank Ron for working with the Convention committee and the entire team especially Convention Chair Leonard King to pull it all off together each year. It truly has been my pleasure to work with Ron since he took over the Office of Treasurer and I am completely confident that making this nomination knowing that he will do a great job in that position.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Is there a second to the nomination?

MSFA Past President Fred Cross: Thank you Mr. President. It is a pleasure and an honor to second the nomination of Ron Siarnicki for Treasurer. This year when there was some problems going on he stepped in and solved them. Thanks to Ron’s leadership things are going smoothly and we would like to keep it that way and I am proud to second the nomination.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations or Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for Treasurer? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Treasurer? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now open the floor for Nominations for Chief Chaplain to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Are there any nominations for Chief Chaplain?

Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association President David Lewis: Thank you Mr. President. It is certainly with proud that the member companies of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association along with his home company, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company place the name and nomination of John F. Long, Jr. for the office of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association . John has been an active member, volunteer and EMT since 1975 currently serving the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company where he recently
completed his term as Chief. He also has been President of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association, currently serving as our Chaplain. He has served as your Chaplain for the past two years and we see no reason why he would not continue to serve well in this position along with the Chaplains core. It is certainly my pleasure to offer his name in the nomination for the position of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We have a nomination, do we have a second?

MSFA Past President Joe Robison: I second the nomination of John F. Long, Jr. for the position of Chief Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for Chief Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for Chief Chaplain? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for Chief Chaplain? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I now open the floor for nominations for the Office of Trustee. Are there any nominations for the Office of Trustee?

MSFA Past President Joe Robison: Thank you, Mr. President I just am very proud to nominate MSFA Past President Terry Thompson for the office of Trustee.

(The tape is too low while MSFA PP Past Joe Robison is talking, working off the script.)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We have a nomination, do we have a second?

MSFA Past President Phil Hurlock seconded the nomination.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Are there any other nominations for office of Trustee? Are there any other nominations for office of Trustee? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations for office of Trustee? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I will know entertain a motion for a place of Convention for the year 2012.

MSFA Secretary Leonard King: Mr. President as was done several years ago, the convention has to be established five years in advance and checking the calendar
for 20120, June 16 -22, the same as this year. It is a pleasure for me to nominate Ocean City, Maryland for the year of 2012.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We have a motion on the floor to hold the convention of 2012 at Ocean City, Maryland, do we have a second? I have a second on the floor, are there any other nominations of a place to hold the convention in 2012? Are there any other nominations to hold the convention in 2012? Hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would know like to recognize Ben Kurtz.

Ben Kurtz: Thank you Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for all offices with the exception of his Office and the President to cast a ballot for the office of Secretary.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We have a motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chief Chaplain and Trustee and place of Convention.

Do we have a second, it has been moved and seconded, any discussion, hearing none do I have a motion to close the nominations? We have a motion and a second all those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed nay. Motion passes.

(Applause)

MSFA Past President Roger Steger: Mr. President, I believe we need to make a correction for Chief Chaplain, that position is appointed, just for clarification purposes.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Our election judges are as follows:

Paul Sterling – Marcine Goodloe and Carl Edelin

Frank Underwood – John Hughes and Patty Meadows

Roger Powell – Bernie Smith and Sue Coroneous

Now I would introduce Constitution and By-laws Chairman Dennis Skinner.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair Dennis Skinner – President Balta, MSFA Officers, Past Presidents, Guests and Delegates of the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association the complete text of
my report can be found on page 146 of the Annual Convention and Conference Program Book. There are four question on the ballot this year. Questions 1 and 2 are amendments to the Constitution and Questions 3 and 4 are questions of intent to give to direction to the incoming officers. Question 1 clarifies the relationship between the MSFA and the MSFA Foundation. Question 2 clarifies the disciplinary procedures of the association. Question 3 asks if you are in favor of a dues increase and Question 4 asks if you would support a change in the dues structure of the association. The complete texts of these questions were distributed by the Secretary in accordance with the Constitution they can also be find in the Convention book. A reminder that the balloting will start on Tuesday morning at 8:00am and continue to 10:00am.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: A few quick announcements, the Hartford-Cecil Association caucus will be held outside on the deck after this session. Please remember that we have plenty of educational seminars going on this afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday please take advantage of these classes. The exhibits are open and thank them for their support they are open to 1630 hours this afternoon. The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest is this afternoon at 1545 hours in this main hall. Please try to attend. The Beach Party is tonight at 1930 hours, you can get your tickets downstairs in the front lobby. Basket Bingo at 1930 hours, doors open at 1830 hours in the hall. Don’t forget to take a chance at $10,000, tickets can be purchased downstairs in the front lobby, it only takes a $1.00 to play. Another raffle we have is the Long Rifle that was made especially for MSFA, tickets are still available. At this time we will call Chaplain Harry Hetz to the podium for the benediction.

Chaplain Harry Hetz: Let us stand for the benediction. I would like to remember Amy Allen from Frederick County, please keep her in your prayers. Let us pray, our Lord and our God as we dismiss for this evening we ask your blessings upon the night of rest and refreshment. We would ask that you refresh us and prepare us for the day ahead and the decisions that lie before us. Lord, we lift up those that are suffering and struggling with health we ask that you would touch them and strengthen them and we ask that you would comfort those that grieve and surround them with your mercy and your grace. Lord, we especially lift up Judy Lau who continues to struggle and Amy Allen and Lord we just ask that you would be with them. Lord, we ask that you would be with our Armed Forces that defend our way of life and surround their families as well and give them a measure of comfort and a measure of your strength. For all things we praise you and thank you.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I now declare the 2nd session of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in recess until 0830 hours tomorrow morning.
MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: It is my privilege and honor to call to order the 3rd session of the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. At this time I would like to have Hoby Howell, MSFA Safety Chairman come to the stage and give today’s Safety message.

MSFA Safety Chairman Hoby Howell: Good Morning. Safety is by far each and everyone’s business and it is everyone’s job to make sure that we all know how to exit a room. Please look around at your exits, and please walk do not run in case of an emergency. Be sure to watch both ways when crossing an intersection with your families, making sure everyone has stopped and looked both ways. Please do not be in a rush and be courteous to all and make sure that this is a safe environment for all and have a safe convention. This morning at 1130 hours the Safety Committee will be hosting a seminar with Delmarva Power outside at the power grid and our Safety seminar will be held this afternoon at 1400 hours in Room 201.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Ladies and Gentleman, I have a few quick announcements to make it is with the deepest sadness that I have to announce that one of our Association Officers, Ms. Judy Lau passed away last night after a lengthy battle with cancer. Also, nine firefighters from Charleston, South Carolina, lost their life in a business collapse last night. They had made two successful rescues when they lost their life when the building collapse. Please stand for a moment of silence to honor these individuals. Thank You.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr: We also received word late last night, that in Prince George’s County, two firefighters were injured during a fire, one was electrocuted and the other fell from a ladder. Let us pray. Almighty God, we lift up to you today the families of the nine firefighters in Charleston, South Carolina and our firefighters from Prince George’s County. Father, we ask that you be with them and comfort them. Father we also lift up our family, especially the Lau family, please be with them and with us as we deal with our loss. Father, this morning you brought to me a member in deep distress and I asked that you lift her up and hold her. Father, as we continue this Convention and Conference we asked that you give your blessing to it and its Officers. We pray in your precious name, Amen (Audience Amen).

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now I would like to call up the Fire Prevention Committee Chairman Mr. Bobby Collins to give out the Fire Prevention Awards.
Bobby Collins: Thank you President Balta. Good Morning, I would like for the committee to come out and help give out the awards, on stage is Emmons Horner, Jeff Clements, Ed Thurston, James Jarboe and Allen Ryan. I also wanted to say thank you to everyone that came out and supported the Miss Fire Prevention Program last night. I would like to thank Lori Gallion and Master of Ceremonies Doug Alexander for doing a great job last night. Thank you. We had 8 participants in the Fire Prevention Contest and at this time I would like to introduce MSFA Miss Fire Prevention, Brittany Myers, from Cecil County and MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Runner Up Ashton Nicole Jackson, from Hartford County. Congratulations!

Bobby Collins: My report is on page 60 and 62 of the Convention Book. I would like to introduce the Fire Commissioners of Maryland and ask if they would join me on stage to give out their awards as well. The Committee members on stage are Dan Baker - Vice Chair, Frank Howell and Tim (new on committee).

Bobby Collins: The committee would like to thank Faron Taylor from the Office of the State Fire Marshall for judging our awards, along with his staff, they do a great job. Also, on Wednesday, at 0930 hours in front of the convention center, any Fire Prevention Floats that are entering the parade will be judge at 1000 hours. When you receive your awards today, please remember to pick up your book to take home with you in Room 208. We have two categories of awards; the year round projects and the single projects. For Year Round Class I the winner is Ridge VFD (Applause) they will receive a certificate and plaque and the sponsor of this award is Jeff Cook in Memory of David S. Tewey. Year Round Class 2 the entries were Cobb Island and Bel Alton, the winner is Cobb Island (Applause) and the sponsor of the award is Les Hanson in Memory of Thomas “Bud” Dorsey. Year Round Class 3 entries were Indian Head VFD Rescue Squad, Seventh District VFD, Bryans Road VFD, Potomac Heights VFD and Jefferson VFC, the winner is Potomac Heights VFD (Applause) and the sponsor was Thomas Collins in Memory of William G. Collins. Year Round Class 4 entries were Guardian Hose, and Leonard Town VRS and the winner is Guardian Hose and the sponsor was Jessup VFD in Memory of Chief John H. O’Lexey. Year Round Class 5 entries were Bay District VFD, Mechanicsville VFD and the LaPlata VFD and the winner is Mechanicsville VFD (Applause) and the sponsor was Abeerden VFD. Year Round Class 6 had no entries. Year Round Class 7 winner was the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen’s Association (Applause) and the sponsor was Oscar B. Baker in Memory of Author R. Lowman. Congratulations to all and we look forward to seeing what you all are doing out there next year. For Single Project Class I it was a joint effort by three volunteer fire companies, Bel Alton, Cobb Island and Newburg VFD,(Applause) it was sponsored by Les Hanson in
Memory of Denise Hanson. For Single Project Class 2 there were no entries in that category. Single Project Class 3 the entries were Indian Head VFD and Potomac Heights VFD Rescue Squad, the winner is Indian Head VFD (Applause) and the sponsor was ??????? in Memory of Richard R. Goring. Single Project Class 4 entries were Leonard Town VRS and the sponsor was Jane Pieffer in Memory of James A. Kimbell. Single Project Class 5 entries were Aberdeen VFD and Glenn Dale VFA and the winner is Aberdeen VFD (Applause) and the sponsor was Lansdowne VFA #1. Single Project Class 6 had no entries. Single Project Class 7 entry was Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association (Applause) and the sponsor was ???????? . Congratulations to all the award winners!!! The money breakdown for the awards is as follows: #5 - #10 is $50.00, #4 - #3 is $75.00, #2 is $100.00 and #1 is $200.00, this money is given to each company to help fund their Fire Prevention projects. (Applause) #10 is Ridge VFD; #9 is Aberdeen VFD; #8 is Guardian Hose Company; #7 is Potomac Heights Fire Co #2; #6 is Baltimore Volunteer Firemen’s Association; #5 is Mechanicsville VFD; #4 is Carroll County Firemen’s Association; #3 is Indian Head VFD; #2 is Indian Head VFD and Rescue Squad; and Overall Winner is Potomac Heights VFC. I also wanted to thank all of the sponsors for their donation; it is greatly appreciated and thank you. This concludes our Fire Prevention awards. Now I will introduce Burton Brenner to come out and present the Silver Spring Trophy.

Burton Brenner: Good Morning. Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Firefighters, Emergency Medical across this great State of Maryland the President, Board of Directors, Fire Chief and the members of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department welcome you to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and the 76th Annual Convention of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary. Again I have the honor of addressing this convention recognizing the men and women as firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and auxiliary members who stand tall in our service to the citizens of this great state of Maryland. The Silver Spring Trophy for Fire Prevention Excellence was born from the efforts of those who have come before, those that are still here to guide us and those who have gain before us and we recognize their contributions to Fire Prevention over the years. It recognizes the highest achievement in the field of Fire Prevention as judged by ones peer. The trophy symbolizes Fire Prevention in every community in our state and it also singles out the outstanding individual of a fire department, rescue squad or ladies auxiliary for his/her individual efforts for the year 2006 to 2007 in Fire Prevention Excellence. We recognize these efforts in fresh new innovative ideas which bring respect to the fire service and respect to the fire company and give honor to our State of Maryland. This year the Silver Spring Trophy is awarded to Chief Jeff Williams of the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department. (Applause) Besides winning last year, he is instrumental in pushing legislation through for Residential Sprinkler Initiatives in his county as well as his putting on some very important fire prevention programs. During fire prevention week he put on constant programs all week to include kindergarten, elementary schools,
and senior citizens. It is my pleasure to present to the Association, Chief Jeff Williams. Congratulations Jeff. (Applause) Chief Williams was presented with a plaque for winning last year and his medal and pin for his dress uniform. Thank you all for your kind attention this morning and again Congratulations and there were a lot of great programs out there.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Congratulations Jeff, well deserved, he does a great job in educating everyone about Fire Prevention. Now I would like to introduce the Maryland State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard.

(Applause)

MD State Fire Marshal William Barnard: Good Morning everyone, it is certainly a pleasure to be here this morning however, under mixed circumstances given the tragedy in South Carolina last night. However, I do bring you greetings on behalf of our Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and the new Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, Colonel Terrance Sheridan. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your outgoing Presidents, Paul R. “Bobby” Balta and Patricia Deamond on your terms of office they have been incredibly productive and your service is one the Association can be quite proud of! It is my now my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, which we had a very, very, productive year in 2006 working with the Officers of the Association. Maryland’s Fire Service Partnership with local, State and Federal agencies and organizations along with private industry and our citizens across our great State accomplished a major feat in 2006. Last year, Maryland recorded the lowest Fire Deaths total in the State History. Sixty Marylanders died from fire during 2006, two fewer than the previous low of 62, which was set in 1996, which was set with a coordinated effort and the MSFA played a crucial role in helping make our State safer from fire and continues to do so today. Local initiatives mandating residential fire sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings continue to spread across Maryland. Communities in Southern Maryland, which you just heard and on the Eastern Shore have joined the fold and in each instance the local fire departments has the lead the way for these vital lifesaving devices. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has worked closely this past year with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee, chaired by Doug Alexander from Mt. Airy, the committee continues to delivered workshops and presentations educating our fire service and the public and policy makers in the community on the value of Residential Fire Sprinklers Protection and as more and more jurisdictions adopt these initiatives, we can look forward to even greater success in reducing injury and death from fire across our great state. Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans are also helping our communities reducing the risk of injury and death from fire. Although, fire deaths during the first part of 2007 are trending higher than the
landmark year of 2006, we firmly believe that our successes in reducing deaths or injuries from fire will continue in the long run. The Office of the State Fire Marshal followed the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly very closely along with our Fire Service partners. There were many issues related to the Maryland fire and emergency services. The passage of House Bill 785 – The Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act is one that each of you can be proud of. Working together, Maryland’s fire service can be congratulated on the many hours of support for this vital legislation, this will save many lives, both firefighters and citizens. This past year has seen numerous personnel changes in the Agency. Deputy Chief Joseph C. Flanagan was promoted to Chief Deputy of the OSFM. Other promotions include DCFM Michael Mulligan, DCFM John Wagner, and DCFM Jason Mowbrey to the rank of Deputy Chief Fire Marshal. Due to these promotions, DCFM Allen Gosnell was moved to the Metro Region and DCFM Mark Bilger was reassigned to the Northeast Region. We also have DFM Brian Quick and DFM Michael Selvage complete the academy and become Deputy Fire Marshal’s and also added to our Bomb Squad is DFM Steve Hatchett and K-9 Cecilia. Again, personal changes, our Chief Fire Protection Engineer John F. Bender retired after serving with distinction since 1971, over 35 years. John’s service and professionalism has been recognized Nationally and his vast knowledge and experience will be surly missed. Three new Health Care Inspectors begin employment to the OFSM; they are David Williams – Central Health Care Region, William Routson, III – Southern Health Care Region and Clayton Myers, Jr. – Western Health Care Region. Our new position of Health Care Inspectors has been a great asset to the OSFM and provide a much needed service to our citizens. Two new Fire Safety Inspectors were also added to our office, SADFWM Caryn Moreland – Southern Region and SADFWM William Doblin – Metro Region. Our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at an amazing level. The felony closer rate by DSFM is over fifty percent higher than the nation level and we are extremely proud of that. In code enforcement, the levels of professional certification held by our staff are among the highest in the nation. Staff members continue to serve with distinction on many Technical Committees for the nation. We have also begun to be involved in the International Codes and Standards. During 2006, the Agency was called upon to perform over 1400 fire and explosive investigations, and additionally, over 16,000 fire safety inspections were conducted. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training fire and life safety education assignments. An increase in plan reviews were completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2006, our FPE conducted newly 2,500 of these highly technical plan reviews. It is through an agency wide commitment to fire and life safety that we obligate to you, the Maryland Fire Service, our continued support of your mission. Ladies and Gentleman, I would ask you now to join me in honoring our nominees for the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year 2006. They are DSFM Willard “Sparky” Pusey, DSFM Dereck Ledbetter, DSFM John Nelson, DCFM Jason Mowbrey, DSFM Joe
Sorrello, and DCSM Jack Wagner. These individuals represent their peers with great distinguish and each have gone above and beyond the call of duty, they come to work every day looking forward to the challenge of making our state a safer place to live, work and raise a family. It is important to note that each have risen to this level with strong support from their supervisors, administrative staff and their fellow Deputy Fire Marshals. I know that the job of Deputy State Fire Marshal of the year selection committee had been extremely difficult. The nominees this year exemplified going above and beyond their duties and do much more than what this award provides. I want to personally thank each of you for your dedication and devotion to duty. (Applause) I now have the great pleasure of introducing to you the 2006 Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year. During 2006, he excelled in each aspect of the Fire Marshal profession, in the field of investigation he obtained a closer rate of 74%, As an example of his outstanding investigative work and his diligence in stopping a 911 prank epidemic which exceeded over 1700 calls. As an enforcer of the State Fire Prevention Code, he experience in sound judgment remains a valuable asset to his region. His work throughout 2006 including the development for the implementation of a building access box, better known as Knox boxes in Allegany county, the plan was endorsed by all 28 Allegany and Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue companies. This has lead to an effective and secure access box program for the State. He regularly represents the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a Public Information Officer and has developed a strong relation with media outlets not just in Western Maryland but all over our State. His professional demeanor greatly enhances the Office of the State Fire Marshall. In the words of his supervisor, “he has proven himself as a committed employee as well as a leader, a dedicated worker and an excellent agent for the cause of life safety”. I could not agree more, he has excelled in each discipline with enthusiasm and it is my honor to present to you the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for 2006, Jason Mowbrey. (Applause) Congratulations Jason! Jason was presented with a Governor’s citation and plaque. (Applause) Ladies and Gentleman, thank you for the opportunity to share with you this morning some of our successes as we celebrate the accomplishments of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, but it really goes a lot deeper than that, it is really the accomplishments of the Maryland Fire Service as a partnerships. What was accomplished in Annapolis this year showed the strength that the fire service has when it works together. As successful as 2006 was, I really anticipate even greater success in the months and years ahead because of those partnerships that have been developed over time and the foundations that were formed and foster by the Fire Marshal’s that came before me, like Robby Robertson, Rocky Gabrielle and others that were here on Saturday. Let me assure you that the Office of the State Fire Marshal stands prepared to meet the challenges of the future. We are ready to provide to the citizens of our State of Maryland with the highest level of but again we cannot do it alone it takes all of you to join with us. We look forward to working closely with the Incoming Presidents. Paul Sterling and Rose Pandolfini we wish you great success during your term of office and we do stand
ready to work alongside you. As I close, wish you great success in the rest of your Convention.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Bill, working with the Office of the State Fire Marshal this year has been a pleasure working with you and it has been adventurous for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and we benefitted greatly from the support that we have gotten from our partners to help make our accomplishments a success. Bill, on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the excellent job that you have been doing for our organization. I would like to present you with a mug and our convention bag.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I now have some resolution to give out in recognition of their support during this past year to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The resolutions were given to the following companies who hosted a 2006 Executive Committee Meeting; Oxford Fire Company, Huntington Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Bay District Volunteer Fire Department and Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department and Goodwill-Centerville Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the MSFA Christmas Party.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Next I would like to read a little excerpt from the Convention Book that introduces our Guest speaker, who is here to give an IMT Perspective – Overview of the Nickel Mines Amish School Shooting in October 2006, Volunteer Chief Rick Cain, Union Fire Company, PA. (This is where the sound goes out on video and tapes during his presentation). (Applause) at the end where President Balta comes back to microphone, he is presented with a mug and convention bag and a resolution for his participation in our Convention and Conference.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now, we will be doing the Officer’s Reports, my report is on page 28 of the Convention and Conference Program Book and I would like to highlight some of my report at this time. We and that includes you had a successful year; I certainly appreciate and thank each and every one of you for your support you have given me this year. I really cannot express in words to you the feelings that I have for each and every one of you that I met as I traveled around this State of Maryland. It was a long drive in most cases but when I got to my destination I thoroughly enjoyed myself and enjoyed meeting each of you. I thank you very much and I hope you enjoy the rest of the Convention and Conference. I would like to now call on Vice President Paul Sterling for his report.

First Vice President Paul Sterling: Thank you Mr. President and Good Morning. To President Balta, 2nd Vice President Underwood, Members and Delegates of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen's Association. I would like to pause a moment to remember and express sympathies to the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Department, Prince Georges Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and to our members on the passing of our good friend, Mrs.
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Judy Lau. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the Lau family. I would like to pass on my appreciation to you, as well as all the Associations, all the Fire companies for your hospitality these past years and my report is on page 26 of the Convention and Conference Program Book. I would urge you to take a look at the activities we had this year and the goals for the upcoming year and I look forward to working with you.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now I would like to call forward Second Vice President Frank Underwood.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Recognizes a motion from the floor from David Keller, Frederick County, he has made a motion that the Maryland State Firemen’s Association before hiring or entering into a paid position have that position approved by the body. We have a motion on the floor, do we have a second to that motion, we have a seconded by ________________, Frederick County. Is there any discussion of the motion, any discussion on the motion, any further discussion on the motion, hearing no discussion and he is interrupted by ______ from the floor who has asked for a roll call vote? The Secretaries Office will bring forward a table and chairs so that they may check off delegates from each member company’s credentials of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Secretary Leonard T. King, Sr.: Ladies and Gentleman, this is going to take some time but this is how we are going to do it. I might know you but you need to be one of the ten delegates for your company on the credentials form and you need to show identification. Leonard at this time starts announcing each company and someone from the floor interrupts him and they ask for Patti Gordy, the Parliamentarian. A discussion was held in regards to the motion.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We have just had a discussion with the Parliamentarian and it has been decided that the motion is out of order (Applause) and that it should be brought up on the floor under New Business. So therefore we will carry this forward to New Business.

Second Vice President Frank Underwood: Good Morning Ladies and Gentleman, my report is in Convention and Conference Program Book on page 34. I would just like to take a moment to thank you all for a notable amount of things, first for the confidence that you have in me, secondly as you all know Mrs. Judy Lau passed away and I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers, and I have some decisions to make and gaps to fill. Other than that I hope you all had a good time last night and now I would like to introduce the Secretary, Mr. Leonard King to give his report.

Secretary Leonard T. King, Sr.: Thank you Mr. Vice President and Good Morning. Thank you for your support and cooperation especially my Assistant Secretaries.
for their total commitment and support to this organization. On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for being there as my extended fire department family for me in the passing of my wife, Margaret. My report is on page 36 of the Convention and Conference Program Book. Now, I call upon Financial Secretary George A. “Fred” Cross for his report.

Financial Secretary George A. “Fred” Cross: Good Morning and my report is on page 38 of the Convention and Conference Program Book. I would like to thank my Assistants and the Treasurer for all their support this year and Lee Sachs for his help with the audit.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now, we will have the Chief Chaplain’s report. Someone is talking from the floor and letting President Balta know that you can’t hear in the back of the room.

Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Sr.: Good Morning, my report is on page 44 of the Convention and Conference Program Book but in addition to that, in your convention bags that you received on Sunday it included the Chaplain’s Information disc; please ensure that your company keeps the disc in a central location. It is a very resourceful book that Chaplain Harry Hetz put together to help your company chaplain do their job. Just a reminder that the Prayer Breakfast will be on Wednesday morning at 0730 hours and our Guest Speaker will be Craig Duck, he is the Eastern Divisional Director for the Christian Firefighters. He will be talking about his very successful bike ride from Washington, D.C. to California in honor of those lost on September 11th, 2001. This year, we had our first Sunday worship and it was received and attendance very well, and we look forward to our second annual worship Sunday next year. We thank you for your suggestions and opinions to improve this program. I want to send my special thanks to Chaplain Charles Barnhart for helping put together the worship service on Sunday. Also other special thanks goes out to Jim Brown from MIEMSS for all their assistance with the Memorial Service on Sunday evening.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now have the Attorney’s report.

Attorney Roger Powell: Thank you Mr. President, my report is on page 44 of the Convention and Conference Program Book. Thank you.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now, the report from the Treasurer.

Treasurer Ronald Siarnicki: Good Morning Everybody and I would like to make my report of the Office of the Treasurer. My written report is on page 40 of the Convention and Conference Program Book. A lot of things have transpired this past year in the Office of the Treasurer, the entire accounting system for the Association has been automated and placed into a non-profit internet based program (QuickBooks). This allows many of our leadership representatives to
view our current and past financial conditions when they are available. It has helped with the decision making process of our daily business and with the account reporting and budget actions needed each year. We have been working with the Budget Committee to finalize the MSFA Budget. During this term of office, the Association has seen additional changes to the Low Interest Loan Fund imposed by the State of Maryland and I can assure you that our leadership is working very hard to address these concerns. I would also especially wish to thank my Assistant Secretaries; Robert Jacobs, Chris Hyzer, Bobbi Aaron and Gene Curfman for helping me maintain an even keel as we worked thorough these issues and changes. They have helped make a real difference to a very positive end result and for that I am deeply grateful. In my report there is one line that I truly believe in and that is that the Association must find additional financial streams of sustaining revenue to keep our organizational structure fiscally solvent. I must make it critically known that the Association must find other means of income in order to meet the financial obligations of our organizational structure. We are here to serve and thank President Balta for giving me the chance to serve the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will know have a special presentation by VFIS.

David Newton, VFIS: Good Morning, my name is David Newton and I am with the Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services. On behalf of VFIS, it is my pleasure to co-sponsor along with other brokers of this State to present the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee with a check in the amount of $1,300.00. (Applause) I would like to take a quick moment to recognize the insurance agents and brokers who contributed to this donation. They are Wedyn & Associates in Baltimore County; Gosnell Insurance Incorporated in Baltimore County; Insurance Inc in Caroline County; A.L. Hous Insurance Agency in Carroll County; Barns Bollinger Insurance in Carroll County; Crothers Insurance Agency in Cecil County; B.W. Brown Insurance Agency in Howard County; Dukes Insurance Company in Kent County; Jones and Associates in Prince George’s County; ______ in St. Mary’s County; ______________ in Delaware; Purnans Insurance Company in Queen Anne’s County; and PD & E Insurance in Prince George’s County. In addition to thanking these brokers for their participation, I would like to wish you a very successful and safe convention.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: At this time we will have a special report on the Memorial by Chairman Donald Mooney.

Memorial Chairman Donald Mooney: Good Morning. A quick update on the Memorial, we had a very successful year this year, unfortunately we had to add three names to the memorial and an inquiry about a past LODD. Our next big event is the Gala on September 29th at the Sheridan Hotel in Annapolis. Hope to see a lot of you there. State roads will be erecting a sign on Rowe Boulevard to
show the way to the Memorial and in the future we hope to have signs on Route 50. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Memorial and if you get a chance stop at Annapolis and visit the memorial.

MSFA Second Vice President Frank Underwood: We have a quick announcement, the Worcester County has a command support vehicle outside that needs to be moved. Next, we have the Legislator of the Year Award and I would like to call to the microphone Chairman Danny Davis and Vice Chairman Richard Yinger.

Legislative Chairman Danny Davis: Thank you newly elected First Vice President. Good Morning. We are here today to present the Legislator of the Year award and we would like to ask President Ray Stevens and Hoby Howell of the Hartford-Cecil Volunteer Fireman’s Association to join me on stage, they sponsor this award. This year recipient is a great friend to the fire service, his door is always open and he was very key in getting two fire safety bills passed this year. The Safer Cigarette bill and the Carbon Monoxide Alarm bill, especially with the Safer Cigarette bill if he would not have stepped in and talked to some of the Senators to plead our case. He stepped up to the plate and worked long and hard to insure that this bill was passed. He has a slogan that goes with him that you are never alone with Malone. So this year’s Legislator of the Year goes to Delegate James E. Malone, Jr.

(Applause)

Delegate James E. Malone, Jr.: For those in the audience, my dad was Ned Malone and he got me involved in the firehouse and politics and I would like to dedicate this to my dad.

(Applause)

MSFA Second Vice President Frank Underwood: Now I would like to call up to the microphone, Jim Seavey to give the National Volunteer Fire Council Report.

NVFC Delegate Jim Seavey: Thank you Mr. Vice President. It is with great pride that I present to our organization the first report of the NVFC in over three years. It is with great pride that I present to our organization the first report of the National Volunteer Fire Council in over three years. President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Distinguished Past Presidents and Officers of this great Association, Delegates and Alternates to the 115th Annual Convention; I am honored to stand before you and state for the record, we truly are back in the National Volunteer Fire Council and I can assure you, they are well aware of that fact. The past year has been a very busy one, indeed, as far as the Director and Alternate from Maryland were concerned. Both of us were extremely busy representing the interests of the MSFA and assisting the headquarters of the NVFC on numerous issues of import, many, affecting legislation on Capitol Hill. The appointed Alternate from Maryland to the NVFC Board, your Immediate
Past President, Lee Sachs was a tremendous help during the past year. He was engaged throughout the year with many topics that should be of great concern to this organization. He maintained a constant line of communication with the main office of the NVFC. I attended the Fall Meeting of the NVFC Board in Bend, Oregon. Due to costs involved in cross-country travel, we opted not to send both representatives. Forty-three states were represented at this meeting. The strategic plan for the NVFC was totally overhauled at this meeting, a process requiring two days of work. The final draft of the strategic plan was approved at the Spring Meeting in Arlington, Virginia in March. A resolution was passed at the Bend, Oregon meeting, “Whereas the NVFC recognizes the dangers that novelty lighters have to young children, therefore be it resolved the NVFC strongly encourages the Consumer Products Safety Commission to prohibit the importation, sale and distribution of these lighters in the United States.” It was also reported that the NVFC is currently offering two courses to any state requesting them on an outreach basis. The Heart Healthy Program and the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Program Courses are both available on request. At the Fall Meeting, following the discovery of disturbing news through a survey conducted by the headquarters office, the NVFC voted: As the NVFC values the Health and Safety of America’s volunteer fire and EMS personnel and the well being of their families. Therefore, be it resolved that the NVFC strongly encourage all states to require worker’s compensation for their volunteer fire and EMS personnel. During the winter, the NVFC headquarters office became quite involved in the discussions over federal credentialing of firefighters and the exclusion of volunteers from that program. With assistance from Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties, that prohibition was thwarted.

The NVFC created an on-line resource center for assistance with AFG and SAFER grant applications. A great new Junior Firefighters Partnership has started between the NVFC and the Spartan Motors Corp. A new program to honor the local contributions of firehouses to their communities is being sponsored by Circuit City. The program, Firedog Across America” will provide over $650,000 to firehouses. Director Seavey and Alternate Sachs both attended the Spring Meeting of the NVFC Board, held in Arlington, Virginia the last week of March. At this meeting, Alternate Sachs motioned: That the NVFC prepare a white paper setting out the organization’s position advocating the right to volunteer. This motion was passed unanimously and was referred the Advocacy Committee for immediate action and is to be published as soon as approved by that committee. Of important note, it was revealed by DHS at this meeting that ASSOCIATIONS may now apply for funding through the SAFER Grant for regional recruitment and retention needs. Also at this meeting, Alternate Sachs motioned: As a result of poor performance on behalf of the Department of Justice, the NVFC send a communication to all appropriate houses of the legislature and also to the Department of Justice stating our dismay at the improper handling of the PSOB Hometown Heroes Program. This motion passed unanimously! (It should be noted that the MSFA Executive Committee at their April 2007 meeting, passed a similar motion, but that the
communication be sent to the Attorney General and all members of the U.S. Congress from Maryland, as well as media outlets.) A motion was unanimously passed at the Spring Meeting to have the NVFC develop a white paper reiterating the absolute right for career firefighters to volunteer for their communities on their off duty hours. An entire session of the Spring Meeting was set aside to debate and deliberate the final position of the NVFC as it relates to the integration of EMS into the organization. There was a two-hour period of discussion with many points of view brought to light. Following this well-facilitated discussion, the following motion was passed: That one (1) seat be provided on the Executive Committee for an individual from a National EMS organization and that the EMS Committee will recommend from which organization that individual will be provided. Thus, the NVFC has finally decided to embrace EMS and include that part of our service wholly at the highest level of the organization. Dr. Bill Jenaway spoke offered to provide a Department Safety Officer job description template to any department desiring it upon request. It was reported the Ret. Chief Hugh Owens is now the Fire Corps Advocate for the State of Maryland. Currently, Fire Corps is now in its third year and there are 593 registered programs in 47 states with 8,896 participants. A motion was passed: State dues of $500.00 shall automatically cover the individual membership dues of that State’s Director and Alternate to the NVFC Board. Another motion passed: If a fire/rescue department pays for all of its members to have individual memberships, the department shall automatically be provided a free membership. Director Seavey brought up the need for the establishment of a political action committee (PAC) or research as to the ability to do so, given the tremendous media coverage that was attained by the IAFF on the recent presidential interviews. There was a lengthy debate over the establishment of a PAC and Chairman Stittleburg stated that it would be an action item with a full report at the Fall Meeting. Alternate Timko (PA) stated that we had not the time to wait for Fall and that he felt we should organize interviews or presentations by the presidential candidates at the Fall Meeting. The Chairman authorized Alternate Timko to work with the office to contact the various candidates, while he verifies legalities. The NVFC Headquarters lease is expiring in December of 2007 and Executive Director, Heather Schafer stated that they are looking at moving the office “outside of the Beltway”! Just an observation, this could be a great opportunity to partner in office space between the NVFC and a growing MSFA workforce and need for office space. Food for thought? Finally, with the blessing of incoming President, I shall be switching positions with my colleague, Past President Lee Sachs. I feel that it is in the best interest of serving the President Sterling and the Executive Committee for the next year that I be focused on the task at hand. Lee has graciously accepted my request. It has been an honor representing this great organization as your Director and I look forward to continuing to advocate within the NVFC on your behalf as your Alternate. I would like to thank President Bobby Balta for all of his support during this past year!

(Applause)
MSFA Second Vice President Frank Underwood: Now, we will have Chairman Joseph Robison of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund.

VCAF Chairman Joseph Robison: Thank you Mr. Vice President. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund is proud to announce that this week all the applications have been approved by the MSFA Executive Committee, Board of Public Works and MEMA and all the checks have been sent. I would like to personally thank Past President Lee Sachs for his hard work on settling these grants and his wisdom to merge the former Emergency Trust Fund Board with the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund to create the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. My report is on page 88 of the Convention and Conference Program Book and to date we have given out an estimate of $12 million dollars to volunteer fire companies.

MSFA Second Vice President Frank Underwood: We have a message that the Chairman of committees that have presented awards please give your award information to the Data Systems committee in Room 209. We will now have the report of MFRI by Director Steven T. Edwards.

(Applause)

MFRI Director Steven T. Edwards: Good Morning. It is certainly a pleasure to be here this morning and I want to start by congratulating the MSFA on another successful year and convention. At this time I would like to all up Mr. John Hoglund to join me on stage. We have a special tribute to John Hoglund and we will do it after my brief remarks, so John please come up and join me. I would like to begin by really sincerely thanking our students, the 38,226 that attended the 1,886 MFRI programs last year. It represents a lot of dedication and certainly a lot of work and diligence on their behalf to take these courses, day in and day out, nights and weekends. I also think the numbers that I just mentioned are certainly a tribute to the excellent work of the MFRI staff and field instructors. I would also like to thank President Balta and the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we have a strong partnership and it serves the volunteer fire and rescue service very well and I appreciate that. A couple quick things regarding the Institute for the upcoming year, we are looking at new programs and new curriculum, Fire Officer IV was completed revised and will be coming out in the Fall, Fire Inspector III was also revised and will be coming out for the Fall semester and Hazmat Technician is in the pilot stage at this point in time and ready for the Fall semester and EMS now to bring that course up to where it is supposed to be and hope to have it done in the near future. Then over the next several months, we are looking at Fire Officer I and II and Emergency Vehicle Operator course and Firefighter I and II to improve these courses and bring them up to where they are supposed to be. I would also like to thank Ron in our Institute Development section and a number of field instructors who worked hard to bring this curriculum forth. Firefighter and Firefighter training and safety continues to be an major focus of our institute and certainly with the events in Charleston
last evening and with that fact that in the United States each year, we look at fire fatalities and 15% occurred during firefighter training and I think we should be embarrassed about on a National level. Maryland is better than that, we have better instructors, better training and I think we have a strong focus on safety and we should have but we continue to have issues in the training environment with the safety of the students. MFRI has put together a program that is the program called Conducting Safe Live Fire Training Evolutions, it is a very important program and if you look at how instructors are trained and certified in our State under the Maryland Instructors Certification Review Board and they meet the requirements of 1041 which is the NFPA Instructors Standard. In that standard, it teaches them how to develop curriculum and how to present programs and how to do a lot of good things that you need to know as an instructor. But what it doesn’t do is teach them is how to be a live fire instructor and how to control that environment and how to have proper safety and how to bring the training evolution to a safe solution. This course was developed and I want to thank again Ron and Larry who worked on that but it covers NFPA 1403 which is the standard on fire training and evolutions and most importantly it covers safe behaviors and attitudes. If you look at the training injuries and fatalities, you see that a lot of them was not due to the instructor did not know what not to do or what to do, it was that the instructor did not discharge his/her responsibility adequately in safety when they and the opportunity to do so. As an instructor the students are in your charge and in your care and if you do not discharge your duties properly there can be possible legal consequences and it certainly reviews and emphasizes safety procedures on how to provide safe training evolutions. I would certainly encourage any academy or company in the state that have live fire evolutions to take this course and we are going to make sure that all MFRI instructors that conduct live fire evolutions that they are required to have this training at some point in time as a mandatory requirement. We will continue to improve to have a safe fire environment. Very quickly on the Center for Firefighter Safety and Development that we started over three years ago within the Institute, it is a bunch of institute agencies coming together to looking specifically on how to improve the technology for firefighters inspector training. We produced a report last year on Health and Safety guidelines for Firefighter training and we are working on a heads up display that tells you not what the temperature is that the firefighters is in but what degrees it will be in two minutes. It actually takes the condition that the firefighter is in and predicts it two minutes into the future and it is able to worn the firefighter before they are in a condition that is high heat and that they might want to take some invasive action. A lot of our MFRI faculty and staff are here this week and our booth is on the lower level and if you have a question regarding training programs, certifications and copies of your transcript, if you have any questions please stop by the booth. At this time, I would like to have President Balta come forth for a quick presentation, I knew Bobby was going to be a big advocate of training and safety and has been a very good spokes person for that cause. He was presented with a token of appreciation from Director Edward and MFRI. At this time I
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would like to take a special moment, I would like to have a tribute to an individual who needs no introduction to this audience or the Nation. Mr. John Hoglund has sixty years in the fire and rescue service and John Hoglund has worked for the MFRI Institute for over 43 years and served as Director of the Institute for over 22 years and much of what we benefit from today, he built. We were able to do a very special event on May 9th at MFRI and for the first time ever in the history of the institute, we dedicated a classroom, classroom #5 to John Hoglund, it was a classroom that he help to build, he also taught many seminars and programs in that classroom and we thought it was very appropriate to dedicate it to him. We had a very large attendance at the dedication and we also wanted to also do something here along with MSFA. A video played in tribute of John Hoglund’s service to MFRI. For over 44 years, his vision, leadership and commitment to the education and training of America’s emergency services have established the benchmark that will continue to inspire those who carry on his legacy.

(Applause)

John was presented with many tokens of appreciation from the Maryland Fire State Firemen’s Association, Maryland Fire Chief’s Association, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Military Agency, Emergency Services of Delaware, the MSFA Convention and Conference Program Book was dedicated to John Hoglund and MSFA President Balta read the passage.

John Hoglund: Hi Gang, I am a very lucky boy, a very, very lucky man, we thank the super Chief, the Almighty God, we thank our family and thank each of you in the Emergency Services family from the fair west, Friendsville and all the way down to the Metropolitan area down to the ocean city. A very, very large family and it has been a great fortune to work with you, for you, alongside you and with that to enjoy life along the way with some great faculty and staff around us surrounding us at the University and the extension programs. From the University of Maryland, College of Engineering, University systems and our Government Officials and both state, county and national levels. It has been our great fortune to be one of your team players and one of your leaders and today we thank you one and all for that. I would be remised if I didn’t say it has been a great, great journey and God’s be n good and if I were eighteen, nineteen, twenty or twenty-one I get on the same merry-go-round again and take another trip.

(Applause) We love all of you and we will try to stay the humble gentleman we tried to be, I would like to thank Director Steve Edwards, his fine faculty and staff and I extend a warm invitation to each of you that our in the field of emergency services response group to meet, be with, to enjoy the team that is there. Steve has a symbol of great cadre of personnel and it’s a pleasure to see him in the Chair and his combat fire experience, emergency services wise, his management training, great knowledge and he leads a premiere organization throughout the United States interfacing with provinces of Canada and other countries of the
world and oversees the interface of the University of Maryland system and soon to appear in greater qualities in some part of the global nations. With that John it’s time to sit down and the last time at the big red desk. We thank each of you and God Bless each of you.

(Applause)

MSFA President Bobby Balta: At this time we call Vice Chair Lynn Gilroy to the podium for the MFRETC report.

MFRETC Vice Chair Lynn Gilroy: Good Morning. President Balta, Vice President Sterling and Underwood, Delegates and Delegates, Alternates and Guest, I bring you greetings from the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education & Training Commission. Over the last years, the Commission has held numerous meetings and discussed several topics to improve training to volunteer fire and rescue of this great State of Maryland. This includes a concept for state heavy emergency vehicles drivers training site and also the continuous compliance of NIMS. On May 24th of this year, we held a meeting of fire service partners that included MSFA and the Maryland Fire Chiefs to discuss required use of acquired structures for live structural fire evolutions, this issue was prompted as you know by the death of a recruit firefighter in Baltimore City in February of this year where a required structure was used. We received a considerable amount of written comments and testimony on this issue and it has been assigned to our minimum standards committee for further consideration and recommendations to the full commission in consultation with our partners. We are further in the process of placing our full reports of the commission along with other fire service needs for higher education on the MFRETC website. We will be seeking the appropriate links from the MSFA and the MFRI websites for that page. We wish you a successful convention and we look forward to working with the newly elected officers in the coming year.

MSFA President Bobby Balta: I would like to bring Joseph Weisberger from the Maryland Instructor’s Certification Review Board.

Maryland Instructor’s Certification Review Board Joseph Weisberger: Good Morning. The Instructor’s Review Board report is on page 74 of the Convention and Conference Program Book. The only piece of business that has been completed since the published report, that was written in April is the we now have gotten full clearance on the revision of the so-called Orange Book. It is supposed to be voted on by the Maryland Higher Education Commission in July and then published in the Maryland Registry on September 25th, if no further revisions need to be made. I also like to take this opportunity to thank John Hoglund who I have known for many, many, years who served on the board when he was still working at MFRI. In the 27 years the Board has existed, I think we have accomplished our initial charge at that is to improve the instructions of firefighting in the State of Maryland. At this time, we have 618 Certified Level II Emergency Services
Instructors, not to include the ones that were certified in yesterday’s meeting. Again, I thank the MSFA for allowing me to serve as Chairman of the Board and I hope we can continue to serve the firefighters and keep on improving the instructions.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: I would like to call now to the podium, Michael Robison for the Pro-Board.

Michael Robison: Thank you Mr. President. Good morning Officers and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. On behalf of the Maryland Fire Service Certifications Board, I would like to present to you our annual report for the year 2007. The Maryland Fire Service Certifications Board was founded in 1986, its mission is to voluntarily recognize the accomplishments and fire service training and education among the Maryland Fire Service. I am pleased to report that the Board is alive and well we have now issued 8,200 certifications in the State of Maryland, which is certainly a milestone. This year we have issued 4,000 certifications and if you have not seen our booth along side of MFRI’s, please stop by the booth, we can provide to you on site certifications, transcripts of your training and certifications. I would like to ask now that if any of our members or alternates on in the audience that they come on stage and be recognized. We are a totally voluntary system, we have become the standard for fire service certifications. The bottom line is that it is through the efforts of our representatives throughout the State that we are able to be successful in what do. I would also like to recognize the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute, Director Steven T. Edwards and his staff for making this process work so smooth. On the stage, I would like to thank Larry Preston, MFRI Certifications Manager, Bob Rose, Certification Coordinator and Evelyn Graf who staff our certification office. without their behind the scenes work and commitment we would not be so successful. We have had a number of challenges this year in terms of certifications and a couple of issues we had to address locally and to satisfy the National Professional Certifications Board. I am happy to say we were able to meet those challenges and came out as a much better organization. We recently went through re-accreditation in preparation for the 5 year site visit in July 2007. In closing, I would be remised if I did not thank you all the Maryland Fire service for your continued support of our system and for your professionalism and for leading the Nation in fire service certifications. At this time I would like to call MSFA President Balta out to present him with a copy of his report and his great partnership. I hope everyone has an enjoyable convention and conference. Thank you.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Before you go Michael we have a convention mug and goodie bag for you and I cannot say thank you enough for all of the hard work that you do. Thank you.

(Applause)
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MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will now have Bill Huttenloch, Chair of the Standards Committee.

Standards Chairman Bill Huttenloch: Good Morning, I put out an informational sheet that was included in your packets that were given out on Sunday. Please look them over, one important informational piece was that Ansy approved the Police and Fire Safety Vest it is called the Public Safety Vest, so when going to your vendors ask for the Public Safety Vest. Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact me, my number is on the hand out.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: It is now my pleasure to introduce, Mr. John Droneburg, Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

MEMA Director John Droneburg: Thank you Mr. President, Officers and Members it is a pleasure to be here this morning. My report is brief but I want to discuss with you about several things we have been talking about this past year and some things that are coming up this year. On behalf of Major General Tuxelle, my boss and the ____________ who has been not only been doubly supported of us the Emergency Management Agency but going through some very busy, busy times with the deployments of the National Guard. We have talked to you a couple of times about the coordination and the work that our agency does with local emergency managers and how the fire, rescue and emergency medical services and public health, all those agencies come to us in order to work together in an emergency. But as you know that is not the time to make the decisions and plan, it is before the disaster happens. Thank you for working with your local OEM mangers to come up with contingency plans. I cannot be any prouder of the work that we are accomplishing. (the tape is too low and buzzy to understand)

One other administrative detail, as many of you know one of the responsibilities of MEMA a couple of years ago was that a state agency work with the MSFA on their budget and it has been interesting to say the least. I want to say that a lot of people worked very hard but I would like to recognize Past President Lee Sachs, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki and President Balta for the untiring effort they have put forth helping us sort out through four or five different state agencies about ten years of funding from where it went to how it worked. Your State Association Officers have worked very hard and have been a tremendous help to us and we are nearing the end and the results will be benefit to the Association. I would like to wrap up with two things, please visit our booth on the lower level and if you need anything stop by and ask us. At this time I would like to call President Balta back up with me to present him with a service award from MEMA.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: John thanks again for all that MEMA does for the state and the partnerships means so much. Today I have for you just a small token of esteem and that I have for you is a convention mug and goodie bag.

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MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now, I would like to call upon Chris Robinson from DNR to give his report.

DNR Chris Robinson: Thank you Mr. President, Chairman, Members and Guest of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, I bring you greetings on behalf of Department of Natural Resources State Fire Supervisor Monte Mitchell, he is in attendance at the National Association of Fire Supervisors in West Virginia this week and could not be here but sends his best wishes for a successful Convention and Conference. In 2006 the Forest Service celebrated its centennial anniversary marking 100 years of providing wildfire protection for the citizens, communities, and natural resources of our state of Maryland. In 1906, the first State Forester, Fred Besley commissioned and elite corps of volunteer Forest Wardens that numbered about 650 by 1935 and established a network of forest fire lookout towers that organized forest fire protection in Maryland. These first Forest Wardens coordinated crews to fight and extinguish forest fires, posted fire warning notices, enforced forestry laws, and scheduled observers in the fire towers. Much has changed in the last century, but many of the practices established by the early wardens remain a part of the Wildland Fire Management program today. On October 15, 2006, Maryland Forest Wardens and the Fire Tower network were memorialized with a plaque and dedication ceremony at the Thayerville Forest Fire Lookout Tower on Meadow Mountain in Deep Creek Lake State Park to commemorate the accomplishments and sacrifices of these early forest wardens.

During 2006, wildfire response was above average, the Agency responded to 753 wildfires that burned 6,074 acres. It was a very busy spring fire season with over half of the yearly responses occurring in the month of March. The extremely dry condition prompted the Department to enact a Burning Ban in late March that continued in effect for much of April to reduce the number of fire occurrences. It was a record breaking year it broke the 25 year average, with over 386 fire in March of 2006. The following statistics are a breakdown from the different regions of the state: The western region had 140 wildfires burning over 111 acres; the Southern region had 230 wildfires burning 212 acres; the Central region had 126 wildfires burning a 113 acres and the Eastern region had 257 wildfires totaling just over 5600 acres. The two leading causes again for wildfires during 2006 were debris burning and arson. These account for 55% of the total number of fires. Also, during 2006 the Forest service completed over 21 prescribed burns on 501 acres. Thus far in 2007, fire response has been below average, responding to 273 fires on 4,487 acres to date. In 2006, the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 41 volunteer fire departments in ten counties receiving $87,332 in match grant funding with 100% of awarded grants being completed. The grants allowed departments to complete over $202,166 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection services in their local jurisdictions. The 2007 grant application process is now open, total funds available for the 50/50 match
is $86,600. Each department will be able to submit projects up to $3,000 dollars for a total of $6,000 in matching funds. Funds will be distributed again on a 50/50 reimbursement basis and the deadline is June 28th. Examples of what these funds are available for would be Wildland Fire PPE such as coveralls and brush gear, equipment for brush units, portable pumps, chainsaws and communication equipment such as portables and radios. Applications are available on the Department of Forestry website, download application and notification should be done in August. The Dry Hydrant grant program completed its third & fourth round of grants with 57 additional new dry hydrants being installed in 2005-2006. Grant funding of $68,805 was reimbursed to fire departments for completion of these two rounds of projects. This State Fire Assistance hazard mitigation grant has exceeded its initial project goals and installed 115 dry hydrants statewide since 2003. The final phase of this project is to map all of the dry hydrants and produce a map booklet delineating locations and this will be completed and distributed by the end of 2007. We are finalizing a map book to show where all the dry hydrants are located. During the year, the Forest Service also dispatched 33 single resource personnel and four twenty-person fire crews to provide assistance on wildfires in Arizona, California, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington. As the Forest Service begins its second century of service, it values the partnership with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, its member companies, and officers and extends best wishes for a successful and productive 115th MSFA Annual Convention and beyond!

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: It is now my pleasure to bring forward a friend to the fire service for a tribute, Mr. John Spearman.

Shock Trauma President John Spearman: Good Morning, once again we are here to give a report on our partnership with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. I am going to run through a few slides, Our mission cannot be completed without the people in the field and that is you. Every year at the Gala, we give some examples of the kind of work that we do but what is extremely clear is we cannot do what we do without you. Let me just talk about the number of patients that we have seen over the past year, as you can see we have approximately 300 more patients than what we did in 2006 and we are just slightly behind in our budget and it seems that at least 66 people did not require our services, which is a positive thing. However, you can see that we have a higher number of beds than in 2006, which was 93.54 and 84.53 average beds occupied in 2007. We have done very well in regards to Scene Patient Diversions, Bypass occurrences and bypass hours were O, with capacity alerts at 18 (which is where we are full and cannot talk any in-hospital transfers) and capacity alert hours were 206 hours. I would like to let you know about Fulfilling our educational mission and in 2007 our pre-hospital educational activity was active with quarterly evening educational program. This year we were able to a hundred or so different locations by linking a tele-medicine
system to Cumberland and now MFRI & PRMC, SHS and CCDPS, we can link to every region in the state and provide consistent quality education and information. Our airway course was popular with 12 sessions and attended by 136 EMS providers. Our observation program was offered to pre-hospital providers and quite a number of them take advantage of them with over 300 in the past year. The Gala was held in April 2006, we had two cases, a suburban case that included Anne Arundel County stations 26, 30 and 33 with MSP Trooper 1 it was a MVC with a 17 year old patient. The second case was a rural case that included Cecil County stations – Singerly VFD and Cecil County Des with MSP Trooper 1 with a MCC with a 33 year old patient. Our 2006-2007 Year in Partnership saw another year of saving lives, in the field, in the shock trauma center and in the legislative session. We held our Shock Trauma Gala, was able to give a $10,000 Scholarship Award and another successful year even with a year of changing leadership. This concludes my report but we have another aspect that we would like to present. At the gala this year, Senator John Ashworth was honored for all the work he has done in helping build this wonderful trauma center. A video tribute was played to recognize and honor Senator John Ashworth contributions and accomplishments.

MSFA President Paul. R. “Bobby” Balta: and now it is my dusting pleasure to introduce to you, Senator John Ashworth. Bobby presented Senator Ashworth with a plaque in honor of his work and partnership with the MSFA. He was also presented with a convention bag, hat and mug.

Senator John Ashworth: Thank you all very much.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now I would like to call on a friend and colleague, Dr. Robert Bass to give his report for MIEMSS.

MIEMSS, Dr. Robert Bass: Thank you Mr. President and good morning to you. On behalf of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services System we once again appreciate the opportunity to present our report. President Balta, we thank you for your continued support and leadership this past year and we look forward to working with incoming President Paul Sterling and you’re MSFA Officers. We appreciate the input and guidance that you provide to us on a daily basis. Past President Gene Worthington is a value member of our EMS board. Past President Phil Hurlock holds a key position on our staff serving as ____________ for the fire and EMS community. Past President and long time Board member Richard Yinger continues to be an important contributor to the board and MIEMSS activities. Charlie Wills, Wayne Tome, Lee Sachs, Charlie Simpson, Barbara Knippenburg and Elaine Wedding so many of you that have played key roles in EMS. I like to take a moment to congratulate two long time friends, Mr. John Hoglund, Director Emeritus and Senator John Ashworth, Shock Trauma Center who are important players in the success of the EMS service. I like to note with great sadness the passing of Jack Frazier, former EMS Board member and good friend, he will
be surly be missed. I would like to update the assembly on some MIEMMS activities and progress this past year. First in the area of communications, Region 1 EMRC is up and running in Allegany/Garrett county, Washington county will be next, we will complete the EMRC on the Eastern Shore within the next year and by early 2008 MIEMSS will finish the digital EMS telephone system providing four digit direct calling and conferencing between health departments, hospitals and 911 centers, the MRC, State Police and other public services. The licensing and certification, we added over 3,000 newly certified or licensed providers. We have recertified over 7,800 EMS providers since last convention. Maryland’s total providers force is nearly at a ten year high. In our division of health facilities and programs we have identified 25 hospitals and identified them as stroke centers and in addition the Board has adopted regulations and protocols for free standing emergency centers. MIEMSS continues to monitor and alert activities at hospitals and monitors EMS return to service times. Currently the EMS return to service time is 36 minutes, however in the Baltimore area it is 46 minutes. I want to close by expressing our appreciation for your continued support. Support that was more evident during this past legislative session, as you know a bill was introduced that would have eliminated the EMS Board and would have taken away MIEMSS status as a independent executive agency placing it in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. It would have cut over a dozen key positions at MIEMSS and much of the progress realized since the passage of House Bill 1222 in 1993 would have been nullified. The opposition of the bill within the ranks of our EMS community was demonstrated by the number of emails and letters you sent in support of MIEMSS. A number of you appeared on that day, the bill hearing and some of you waited as long as five hours to testify. Your presence was a large part of the failure of the bill. Again, we thanks to all of you, we stand ready to face the challenge with you that will arise again in the coming years. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Dr. Bass on behalf of the MSFA and everyone thank you for your continued support. Dr. Bass on behalf of myself and Paul and Frank. I would like to give you this Convention Mug and goodie bag.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: Now we will have the report from the election committee, Mr. Rick Hemphill.

Mr. Rick Hemphill: Thank you Mr. President. There were a total of 369 companies in good standing according to the Secretary. The credentials committee reports that 317 of those companies are in good standing and registered at this convention. 249 eligible companies exercised their privilege to vote. There were a total of 21 Past Presidents registered to at this convention and each Past President was eligible to cast one vote. Each registered company is eligible to cast 5 votes’
time’s 249 registered companies for a total of 1245 possible votes. A total of 1245 eligible votes and 21 Past Presidents votes for a total of 1266 were eligible to be cast. A two-thirds majority of the eligible votes per amendment cast, will determined whether a amendment has passed or failed. By Laws proposal #1; 984 in favor and 102 against, proposal passed. By Laws proposal #2; 749 in favor and 338 against, proposal passed. Question #1; 675 in favor and 427 against. Question #2; 443 in favor and 628 against. This concludes the report of the election committee. Thank you Mr. President.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: We will need a motion to destroy the ballots, we have a motion and a second all those please signify and say I, all those against nay. The I’s have it. A few reminders to everybody the All You Can Eat Picnic starts at 1230 hours, downstairs in the back, we hope you will support this event. A big thank you to the Convention committee the food has been great. The educations seminars start at 1400 hours in the main hall and classrooms. The Joint Installation Ceremony is at 1830 hours in the main hall tonight. The Pajama Parade will start tonight at 2200 hours, here in the main hall. I would like to call Chaplain Emeritus Reverend Harvey Dixon for the benediction.

(the tape ends and I took the end of session from the script of that session)

Chaplain Emeritus Harvey Dixon gives the benediction.

MSFA President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta: The third session of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in now recessed to 0900 hours tomorrow morning.
LAMSFA President Patricia Deamond: I call the Ladies Auxiliary Installation of Officers to order.

MSFA President Bobby Balta: We call the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Installation Session to order.

Dave Statter: Good evening. My name is Dave Statter from 9 News Now in Washington D.C. (Audience Applause) That made my night, most of you know me from working at 9 News Now and some of you may remember me from being a volunteer firefighter in Prince George’s County and I saw many of you today. These days technically I am a blogger with Statter 911.com I expect you all to write that down. We have Fire and EMS news and I hope to hear from you all of you, send me your information. I will not hold you up much longer so we can get started with tonight’s event. Welcome to the Joint Installation of the Newly Incoming Officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary. Tonight we celebrate the taking of Office of the men and women who will lead the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary for the next twelve months. These individuals are the ones you have choose to lead this organization in its mission. It is a true commitment to the loyalty of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. You are asked to assist them as they carry out their duties and their responsibilities. Please stand for the Presentation of Colors by the Montgomery County Honor Guard and Montgomery County Fire Department Pipes and Drums.

Dave Statter: Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Posting of Colors.

(The Pipes and Drums play America the Beautiful while exiting the Convention Hall.) (Audience Applause)

Dave Statter: Just a reminder that at 1900 hours we will pause for a moment of silence in honor of the nine Firefighters killed in Charleston this morning.

At this time I would like to introduce the outgoing President of the LAMSFA from Northeast Ladies Auxiliary, Cecil County, Mrs. Patricia Deamond escorted by Northeast Volunteer Fire Company Deputy Chief John Hamilton. (Applause)

Dave Statter: Ladies and Gentleman I now wish to call up for his last time as President of the MSFA Mr. Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, escorted by his wife, Glema.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: I will now introduce the Past President’s of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary, they are: Dolores Monch 1967-68; Alvera
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(Applause)

Dave Statter: We will now introduce the incoming Officers for 2007-2008. We have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Conference Chair Dorothy Rue being escorted by Donald Shoemaker, Carroll County.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member Wylie Donaldson, Jr. of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company representing Anne Arundel County, his escort tonight is wife Donna.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Color Guard Nancy Jones of Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member William Hildebrand of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company representing Queen Anne, Kent and Caroline Counties, he is being escorted by his sister-in-law, Nancy Hildebrand.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member Douglas C. Alexander of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company representing Carroll and Howard Counties. (Doug had to leave for a family emergency)

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearer Vivian Morgan from Capital Heights VFD Ladies Auxiliary, she is being escorted by Ron Boyd. Her page is ______________ and her Past President is Sharon Worthington 1995-96, Sharon is also Co-Chair of the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member Herman “Buddy” Schwears of the Susquehanna Hose Volunteer Fire Company representing the Harford and Cecil Counties. He is being escorted by his wife Lou Ann.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member Steven Kesner of the Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department representing the Allegany and Garrett
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Counties. He is being escorted by his wife Debbie.

(Applause)

Dave Slatter: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Guard Barbara Sue Nelson of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary being escorted by her husband John “Speedy” Nelson and her page is Barbara Fenwick and her Past President is Barbara McWilliams, MSFA LA Past President 2006-2007. (Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member Ralph Thomson of the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company representing Dorchester and Talbot Counties he is being escorted tonight by his wife Stacey.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: Next up is Executive Committee Member Dale Fishack, Jr. of the Smithsburg Volunteer Fire Company representing Frederick and Washington Counties he is being escorted tonight by his wife Paige.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Historian Darby Byrd of the Dentsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary from Charles County she is being escorted tonight by Russ Healy. Her page is Katie Byrd and her Past President is Eloise Healy 1994-1995.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have up Executive Committee Member John Guntow of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company representing Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico Counties.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member John Duluna of the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company representing Baltimore County and his escort tonight is Chris Hyzer.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Vice Chaplain Ann Price-Davis of the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary from Baltimore Maryland she is escorted tonight by her husband, Mike Price and her page is her mom Catherine Price and tonight Ann has as her Past President Leone Gatton 1985-1986.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have Executive Committee Member Doyle Cox of the
Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Company representing Calvert, St. Mary’s and Charles Counties, and is being escorted by his wife Cathy.

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  We now have Executive Committee Vice Chair Judy Lau from the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, representing Prince George’s County. (Judy took ill this evening and had to go back home)

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  We will now pause for a moment of silence to remember the nine firefighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice in Charlestown, South Carolina. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Dave Statter:  Next we have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Betty Alt of the Flintstone Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, her escort is Vernon Wallisler, her page is her niece, Missie and her Past President is Joan Cumberland 1998-1999.

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  We now have Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr. from the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department located in Anne Arundel County.

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  We now have Executive Committee Chair, Mr. James Seavey of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department representing Montgomery County and he is escorted by his wife Mary.

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary Carol Hayden of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary of Montgomery County escorted by Don Phillips, her page is her mom Elsie Hayden and her Past President is Peggy Zembower 1986-87.

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  Now we have Trustee and MSFA Past President Terry Thompson of the Savage Volunteer Fire Company, escorted by his wife Patty.

(Applause)

Dave Statter:  Now we have Financial Secretary and MSFA Past President George A. “Fred” Cross of the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Company from Baltimore, Maryland escorted by his granddaughter, Kari Kent.

(Applause)
Dave Statter: Now we have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Teresa Ann Crisman of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Prince George’s County and she is being escorted by Frankie Nicholson of the Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department and her page is Kitty Garner and her Past President is her mother, Mary Frances Crisman – 1990-1991.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: Next is Treasurer Ron Siarnicki of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. in Queen Anne County, he is being escorted by MSFA LA Past President Mary Frances Crisman.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: Now we have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Recording Secretary Sandi T. Lutz of the Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Company from Prince George’s County and she is escorted by her husband Lee and her page is her daughter Lesa Free and her Past President is Eloise Healy 1994-1995.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: Now we have Secretary and MSFA Past President Leonard King of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department in Montgomery County and also from the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department in Prince George’s County.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We now have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice President Kathy Knipple of the Junior Fire Company #2 Ladies Auxiliary from Frederick County. Her escort tonight is Chip Jewell and her page is Brenda Harrison and her past president is Betty Grabenstein 1999-2000.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: Now we have Second Vice President Roger Powell of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company in Baltimore, Maryland being escorted by his wife Iris.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: We have MSFA Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President Lois Hetz of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary from Prince George’s County. Her escort tonight is her husband Harry Hetz who is a Chaplain for the MSFA and her page tonight is her daughter Deanna and her Past President is her sister Peggy Zembower 1986-1987.

(Applause)

Dave Statter: Now, entering is First Vice President Frank Underwood from the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department from Prince George’s County he is escorted tonight by his wife.
Dave Statter: Ladies and Gentleman may you all rise to our newly elected MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Rose Pandolfini of the Gambrer and Community Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary from Carroll County. She is being escorted by her husband Peter and page is her daughter and her Past President is June Black 1989-90 and she is carrying a hat from Past President Mary Alice Lare 1959-60, please keep her in your prayers.

Dave Statter: And now for the MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. of the Wheaton Rescue Squad, Montgomery County and he is escorted by Barbara Hallmark.

MSFA Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr.: Let us pray. Almighty God we thank you for this evening and we ask that you bless these officers and they take their roles to lead this organization. Give them the knowledge and direction they need to make this organization the best it can be we ask this in your precious name. Amen.

Dave Statter: Ladies and Gentleman you all may have a seat. At this time I would like to call up to the podium MSFA Ladies Auxiliary outgoing President Patricia Deamond for her final remarks. (Applause)

(Tape had a problem during a period of the Joint Installation, going by scripts for rest of Installation.)

Dave Statter: MSFA Outgoing President Bobby Balta gives his final remarks.

Patricia and Bobby take center stage. Ladies and Gentlemen the Presidents from 2005-2006.

Dave Statter: We would like to now introduce State Senator Roy Dyson of Southern Maryland to say a few words and present an Official Citation to Patricia Deamond and Bobby Balta.

Dave Statter: At this time I would like to call on Ladies Auxiliary Past President Barbara McWilliams for the Installation of Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2007 – 2008. Ladies, please rise and raise your right hand and repeat after me. I Barbara McWilliams, I do solemnly promise to fulfill the duties of the office to which I have been elected to my best of ability. I will abide by and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
And I will protect and maintain all of the property, moneys and maintain the files so help me God. Ladies, I am proud to declare you duly elected and installed. Ladies and gentlemen, here are your new Officers for this next year. Thank you.

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MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Good Morning. I would like to call to order the 4th session of the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. At this time I would like to have Hoby Howell, MSFA Safety Chairman come to the stage and give today’s Safety message.

MSFA Safety Chairman Hoby Howell: Thank you Mr. President and Good Morning. I would like to congratulate our newly elected President Paul Sterling and his elected officials. I hope everyone seated here this morning has had a safe week so far. Again this morning, please take time to notice your closest exit in case of an emergency. Now I will turn to the parade, any companies having equipment in the parade this afternoon, please be sure to all individuals read the MSFA parade rules. We want a safe and prosperous parade today. We, the Safety committee wish to thank you for a safe week thus far and the remainder of this week is the same. Have a nice week and thank you..

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr: Thank you Hoby and at this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce our Chaplain Emeritus Reverend Harvey Dixon for the Invocation.

Chaplain Emeritus Reverend Harvey Dixon: Good Morning and could we stand together. I think most of the folks are in from the Prayer Breakfast and I heard about a little girl that was going to say her prayers tonight and she was so long and her mommy asked why did it took so long to pray. She said do you know what the pastor said, when the weakest of us prayed it made the devil tremble and I wanted to give him a good tremble, tonight. God we bow our heads again today to thank you for your blessings of this day, thank you for the friends that we are surrounded with and we pray that you bless each officer and new committee member and the old members as well, it is each one that has a part. God, we pray the you give guidance and direction to this association that we may serve this state in a greater way and with a greater challenge than ever before. We pray that you help us that we may reach out with new strength for the way that you will help us together in this session this morning. We will thank you and we do ask each of these blessing today for our good and to your glory, Amen.

I would like to remind you about the movie tonight, a benefit to the Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial and the popcorn is free.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Reverend Dixon at this time I would ask if there are any communications or announcement to come before this
audience at this time. If there are none at this time, I would like to call on Vice President Roger Powell.

2nd Vice President Roger Powell: Good Morning. I am pleased to be here this morning to give you the Resolution report. The lists of MSFA Resolutions are for the following: Governor O’Malley, Mayor Meehan of Ocean City, Ocean City Police and Ocean City Fire, County Council for the Town of Ocean City, Patricia Deamond and the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary; and for immediate Past President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta. I would ask for a motion from the floor to accept the resolutions without being read. I have a motion from the floor and a second, all those in favor say I, those against say Na, hearing none, motion passed.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Mr. Vice President. At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce James Seavey, MSFA Executive Committee Chair who will introduce our key note speaker this morning.

MSFA Executive Committee Chair James Seavey: Thank you Mr. President. Good Morning, Dennis L. Rueben is the Chief of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Departments for the District of Columbia. He was named as Chief by the Mayor Fenty and was the top choice to head the agency in March 2007. Chief Rubin is now responsible for the management and supervision of more than 2,000 employees with an operating budget of over $170 million dollars. The resident population of Washington, D.C. is approximately 600,000 people however the influx of federal workers and tourists expands the daily population in excess of 1.5 million people. The agency is the nation’s first responder responsible for safe guarding the U.S. Capital, the White House and other precious landmarks schools, businesses, historic landmarks and homes. Prior to his nomination, Chief Rubin headed the Atlanta Fire Department which has 1,150 employees and a operating budget of a $88 million. This city of Atlanta, the heart of the South and also is an international center for trade and commerce as well tourism. Chief Rueben’s experience in the fire service expands over 35 years, he has been a line firefighter, company officer and command level officer in several major fire departments including where he started in Washington, D.C. and Norfolk, Virginia. In 1994 he served as the President of the State Fire Chief’s Association of Virginia. Mr. Rubin was the host Fire Chief for the 1999Southeastern Fire Chiefs Association held in the Dothan, Alabama. He serves on several committees with the International Association of Fire Chiefs to include a two year term as the Health and Safety committee chair. Mr. Rubin was the host for the wing spread four and wing spread five conferences held in 1996 and 2006. Chief Rueben’s educational experience includes a bachelor of science degree in Fire Administration from the University of Maryland and associate of applied science degree in Fire Science from the Northern Virginia College. Mr. Rubin is currently enrolled in the Oklahoma State University graduate school for Fire and Emergency Management Administration program. He is a 1993 graduate of National Fire Academy’s EFO program and is a
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certified Emergency Manager and has obtained the Chief Fire Officer Designation presented by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. His teaching credentials include a Field Instructorship with MFRI, with associate instructorships with Virginia Commonwealth University in Virginia, The Rio Serena College in Mesa, Arizona. He has been an adjunct Instructor for the NFA since 1993 and at the NFA he has instructed as well as developed many courses.

Chief Rueben is also a popular speaker and lecturer at the local, state, National and international level. He is also an author of a full length book entitled “Rube’s Rules for Survival: A Collection of Case Studies” which is available through Penn Well publishing. He is a long standing contributing editor with Fire House magazine writing more than 140 technical articles relating to fire department operations, administration, training and safety. Chief Rubin has a strong commitment to community service and involvement. He is very happy to return to his root and to live where he started his roots in northwest Washington, D.C. Chief Rubin has three children, Dennis the second, Andrea and Ashley and one grandson, Luke. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to present for you this morning, Chief Dennis Rubin of the Washington, D.C. Fire Department.

(Applause)

Fire & EMS Chief Dennis Rubin: Chief Rubin gave his presentation called “DCFD in Action”, it was an overview of the department and what we are doing in the nation’s capital. The DCFD consists of 33 engine companies and a fireboat company, 16 truck companies, 3 heavy duty rescue squads, seven battalions and 40 full-time medical transport units consisting of ALS and BLS. We have a Special Operations Division, full-time HazMat and rapid response Hazmat, Medical Quality Officers, a Fire Prevention Division/Arson Investigations and World Class Apparatus Division. Before the formation of the D.C. Fire Department, the area now known as Washington, D.C. was protected by different volunteer companies in two separate houses, the City of Washington and Georgetown, D.C. (originally Georgetown, Maryland). On September 23, 1871, the department became fully paid and organized under the name: DC Fire Department. Over the years, Washington’s premiere Fire and EMS Department has evolved into an all-hazards response agency, capable of Hazardous materials mitigation, technical rescue, fire suppression and emergency medical services. The Nation’s Capital is home to more than 570,000 people. During business hours, the population swells to more than 1.5 million. The seat of our Federal Government, Washington, D.C. is also home to international dignitaries serving the world community. The city spans 69 square miles, which includes residential, commercial and government properties. There are 18 public and private universities in Washington, D.C., 13 working hospitals and more than 150 public, private and charter schools. The District has a strong, progressive Mayor and City Council System of Government. Washington, D.C. is home to many sports and entertainment venues to cover each season. He is here today to discuss the second alarm that occurred on April 28,
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2007 on 3449 Minnesota Avenue in Southeast Washington, D.C. Five year old A’sia Bradine Sutton died in a house fire after a 911 caller gave the wrong address to dispatchers. As firefighters responded to the given address, Engine 15 drove past the actual location within five minutes of being dispatched. They immediately contacted communications to redirect units and began fire suppression operations. Firefighters risked life and limb to get to the girl, but heavy fire consumed the duplex. The DCFD has worked so hard to turn this tragedy around and has established an aggressive program to install smoke alarms in all households in the city. Free smoke alarms have long been available to District residents and now firefighters will actually be installing them. A working smoke alarm will increase by 50% your ___________ home fires. Our members go out on a regular basis to install smoke alarms in residences. The next fire I would like to discuss is the third alarm fire on April 30, 2007, two days later on 225 7th street, southeast in Eastern Market. Fire Units responded at 12:57 hours for a building fire. Heavy smoke and fire was reported in the rear of the building and through the roof. An exterior attack brought the fire under control in just over two hours. Efficient firefighting saved more than a third of the historic building. A video was played of the actual fire scene, it was electrical and started by the meat counter, and went undetected for awhile. That same day we had another third alarm at Georgetown Public Library located at Wisconsin Avenue and P Street in Northwest. Fire units responded at 1229 hours for building fire – several callers reported fire through the roof. First responders encountered very heavy fire conditions with portions of the roof collapsing. An exterior operation extinguished the blaze within two hours with no injuries. Aggressive firefighting saved priceless artifacts inside the historic building. A video was played of the actual fire scene. In light of this fire, we have set up a Reading Day on Thursday at a nearby fire station, read with a firefighter and Baskin Robbins supplies the treats. We are hoping to set up more of these days at other firehouses. He went on to discuss DC Fire and EMS week in 2007, it is important to DC and he talked about the events that they hold during this week. In a typical year, our department would respond to over 120,000 alarms and we have a chance to directly change someone’s life and I am extremely proud of our firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we would like to thank you for coming to Ocean City, even though I know this is not your first trip and we appreciate you coming and spending the time to share the operations of your department with us. We have a resolution and a convention mug and goodie bag.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: A quick announcement if you need a proceedings books they are available for you at the Registration table. It is a pleasure to introduce the next speaker, he is with the United Hose Company and he is here this morning to talk to us about the Taney Village Complex Fire in
Chief Charles “Chuck” Handley.  

(Applause)

Chief Charles “Chuck” Handley: He gave an overall presentation on the Taney Village Complex Fire. It was an apartment building opened for occupancy in December 1978, total square footage was 91,424 feet and it was made of steel and concrete. It was a six story building with 131 one bedroom apartments with a total of 562 square feet of living space. At approximately 1519 hours on December 26, 2006, a called was dispatch as “Alarm Bells Sounding” at 1421 Taney Avenue. Initially, dispatch only set one engine, when Res/Eng 11 arrived on-scene, they requested Bob 1-1 to be filled for the building fire. Second alarm was requested by Chief 1 with an EMS Task Force. Had problems with communications and radio problems were encountered through the call. Chief 1 executed the evacuation plan, it was a plan that the complex management company facilitated in conjunction with emergency responders, and the evacuation and accountability of senior citizens which were the residents was completed. Upon arrival, there was a fire victim hanging from the window, Truck 41 and 1 crews extends a ladder to the victim and completes the rescue. The Fire Ground Operations were as follows: Incident Command established building sectors and responding units were given assigned positions. Command requested accountability of residents from property management company and EMS sector established in lobby (division 1) and Battalion Chief was at the corner of the building. We continued fire suppression to include searching of fire floor(s) for any additional victims. The EMS Sector was responsible for triage and transport of senior citizens, it was established on division 1 by B/C in the corner of the lobby area. EMS evaluated 50 residents of building, including the fire victim after rescue and the rescued victim was transported/transferred Priority 1 to Shock Trauma via MSP Trooper 3, five other residents were transported to local area hospitals. We requested the American Red Cross and were tasked with interim sheltering at fire ground, meals for residents and responders, residents medications and temporary housing of displaced residents. Frederick County Transit buses were used t shuttle victims to interim shelters for food shelter and medications. The Overview of the Fire Ground is as follows: a fire victim hanging from window was successfully rescued by engine/truck company; fire was held and extinguished in apartment #518 and there was minimum water damage. There were no loss of life and no firefighter’s injuries and residents received proper care, triage and transport to the appropriate medical facilities. The fire loss was estimated at $500,000.00 and the building was closed, residents were relocated to area hotels and family members, 20 area hotel rooms obtained by the American Red Cross for displaced residents and the inspections were conducted and repairs were started. The restoration plan was that on January 1, 2007 and floors 1, 2, and 3 were allowed to return home, January 12, 2007 floor 4 was allowed to return home, February 8, 2007 floor 5 was allowed to return home and on April 16th, apartment #518 was rented (apartment of origin). The Taney Village in conjunction with us conducted Fire Prevention Sessions and a review of
the Fire Safety Plan was gone over with Fire Company officials, and adjustments were made. In conjunction with the volunteer and career staff of Company 1 they formed an integrated team to educate the residents about fire prevention. There were numerous local and county agencies, businesses and citizens that rallied together to offer services and support to the fire victims. These efforts were recognized by the BoCC and the residents. The Board of County Commissioners presented a Certificate of Recognition on February 1, 2007. Independent Hose Company is Frederick County Maryland’s Fire and Rescue Station #1 and it is the oldest volunteer Fire Company in continuous operation having been instituted in 1818. Its current staffing is an integrated team of volunteers and careers providing fire, EMS and rescue services. Today the company is a combination volunteer/career station with an integrated team of approximately 250 members, 75 of these being active volunteers and 15 career personnel. The company responded to over total of 5,000 fire and EMS calls annually. Training is accomplished through MFRI, in-house and out of state courses and the Independent Hose Company is proud of its past, its accomplishments and its membership. Together (Frederick Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association, Independent Hose Co #1 and Frederick County Fire & Rescue) In-Service concept has fostered a true combination fire and rescue service for many years to come, in Frederick County, Maryland.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, we would like to thank you for coming to Ocean City and we appreciate you coming and spending the time to share this experience with us. We have a resolution and a convention mug and goodie bag.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, while we are waiting for the Ladies, I will give my remarks. First Vice President Underwood, Second Vice President Powell, Past President Balta, Clergy, Delegates, Guests and Members of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, it is truly an honor to stand before you today as the newly elected President. I thank you for your confidence in electing me to lead this great organization. I wish to offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to Bobby Balta on an outstanding year, Bobby’s efforts this year ensured that the MSFA had representations of all levels throughout the state and at the interest of our member companies were always monitored and protected. Bobby’s diligence exemplified the highest tradition of the MSFA and those who served before him and it is has been an honor to transverse the State with him these past two years. I would also like to acknowledge the unending energy of our new energizer bunny, Frank Underwood from Prince George’s county and thank Frank for his work this past year. I look forward to working with Frank this coming year for the betterment of our organization and the emergency services throughout our state. I would like to pause for a moment to extend my sympathies to Frank and the Laurel Volunteer
Fire Department and to the Officers and Members of the Prince George’s County Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in the passing of their colleague and our friend Judy Lau. Many of you know Judy Lau as she has served on the Executive Committee and would have moved up to Vice Chair this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and extended fire service family. To Roger Powell I extend my best wishes and congratulations for a successful year as our newly elected Second Vice President. Certainly Roger’s thirty three years as our legal council will be most beneficial to our leadership team and to the MSFA. I look forward to working with Roger and the fresh vision he will bring to the organization. To MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Rose Pandolfini and her officers I also extend my hand as a sincere sign of true willingness to work as a team in moving the MSFA and its ever important arm the Ladies Auxiliary ahead with vision and purpose. On a personal note, I want to thank and recognize the great accomplishments of Rose and her achievements, it never seems to amaze me the sacrifice that the Ladies make on setting their sights on a so distance objective of reaching the President of the Ladies Auxiliary. To Rose, I salute her, and the other Ladies Auxiliary officers for obtaining their position. This year has been a bitter sweet one for the association, we lost long time members who contributed so much to our organization over the years for and look forward to working with them in the upcoming years, these members were sole honored on Sunday night at the Joint Memorial service. Their contributions to their local communities and the MSFA will surely be missed. We must remember Past President T. L. Reynolds who served 1991 – 1992 and Past President William Fleshman who served 1992-1993 they were great leaders whose great efforts strengthened the MSFA. The Line of Duty deaths of Chief Edward Wilburn of Deep Creek VFD and Firefighter Allan Roberts and Firefighter Rachael Wilson both of Baltimore City FD are reminders of the hazards we face daily and how precious life is to us. Many of us continue to mourn the recent and tragic death of Montgomery County Police Officer Sergeant Luke Hoffman of the West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department in Howard County. Also the father and son firefighters, Randy and Jonathan Orf of Crumpton Volunteer Fire Company in Queen Anne’s County. Let us continue to remember them and continue to support their family, their fire department fire and the law enforcement family during this very difficult time. And we also must remember Firefighter Thomas J. Barbieri of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and Firefighter David J. Davis of Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department who both made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting freedom while serving in the United States Army oversees in the War of Iraq. We have many other members who continue to struggle with illness and let the MSFA Family not forget them and join them and keep them in your prayers and support them with telephone calls, visits and well wishes. There is much work ahead in the upcoming year and we are appreciate of those who have stepped up to volunteer for one of our many important committees. It is my sincere desire that the committees will surge forth with a renewed sense of purpose and produce the results that will propel our organization forward. We must not only be willing to accept new
blood into the organization more so we should be actively recruiting new faces into our organization and adopting the renewed attitude with an invigorated sense of purpose and identification that meets the needs of future service. To newly appointed Executive members Dale Fishack, Buddy Sweers and Ralph Thompson, welcome and thank you for accepting the challenge and I look forward to working with them this coming year. To David Keller, Ben Kurtz and Richard Smith thank you for your service to the MSFA. I have many, many mentors and Senior members who I have the utmost respect for and who I call upon every day for council on a daily basis. Certainly the knowledge of our past presidents cannot be discounted but we have to look to the future and that is what this year will be about. I would like to thank Chief S. William Ryan and Chief Allen L. Gibbons, both of my home department as well as the late Chief A. Marvin Gibbons and Chief Les B. Thompson, each of these men were great leaders and had a positive influence on me in my earlier years in the fire service career. To another great leader Past President Joe Robison who had the faith in me and give me a chance in 1989 when he appointed me to the MSFA Executive committee. To Joe, I say thank you. As President, some of the major issues we face this year include the following, maintaining our current level of state financial support for the MSFA and the member companies; review and pursue a possible dues increase; to aggressively address recruitment and especially address retention; volunteer emergency medical services personnel injury and wellness prevention, pursue hiring of a salaried Executive Director, better public awareness of our organization through implementation of a public information section within the organization. While we were successful in obtaining additional funds from Governor Ehrlich last year projections of this year’s budget are gloomy with a $1.5 billion deficient projected. It is extremely critical that we your officers begin working immediately with our State Officials to make sure that we keep the money that we have. As I have in the last two years, I will continue to work to secure this money that we have along with our other officers. Volunteer retention and recruitment continues to be an extremely delicate issues statewide working with the retention and recruitment committee we must find tools not just to recruit new members but to keep them involved after they have been recruited. We need to expand the initiative program of networking recruitment and retention all year in all of our counties to share success stories. As I have traveled this state over the last three years, I have seen many, many firemen’s associations struggling to exist and it is the older members who are barely holding these associations together. It is critical to our future existence to find ways to get newer members involved in our association. The MSFA is very much in need of these associations as permanent partners as we cannot do the work needed for our service alone, your future is our future. On wellness, heart attacks continue to be the leading cause of death among firefighters, we must take steps to bring awareness to our members through a wellness and injury initiative. Tape is interrupted for a short time. The MSFA is one of the few remaining state level fire organizations in the US that does not have a salaried full time staff. Pursuant to recommendations made by the MSFA
during a retreat last July, I have appointed a committee to look into a salaried employee for the MSFA and report their findings to the Executive Committee in September. Through the efforts of Doug Alexander and the MSFA Residential Sprinkler committee and in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal we have been very successful in legislating Residential Sprinklers in all private dwellings. We will continue to travel the state to educate our citizens and county officials on the benefits of having a residential sprinkler in your home. It is our hope to expand this program to the western region where sprinklers would serve as a preamble fight to rural water supply areas thus they would be a tremendous benefit. In closing I would like to extend my gratitude to each of you for your friendship, support and the unbelievable hospitality offered to me during these last three years during my travel throughout this great State. I would also like to publically acknowledge our partners at MIEMSS, Shock Trauma, MSP, MFRI, MEMA and the Office of the State Fire Marshal for their teamwork and excellent work relationship. When we all work together we are one and we have become a force that cannot be beat. I thank each and every one of you for being partners and for being committed to that relationship and I look forward to working with all of you this coming year. To my home company, Wheaton Rescue Squad, the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and the Ladies Auxiliary, to you the member companies, Chief Carr and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue services, I thank all of you for your support and I look forward to working with you this year. A special thanks goes out to Jim Seavey and Marcine Goodloe, their hard work and efforts on my behalf was greatly appreciated. My God Bless You, and May God Bless America and this State. Thank you very much.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, I would like to introduce Past President Thomas Mattingly.

MSFA Past President Tom Mattingly: I would like to present Paul with his medallion that he will wear proudly around the state, represented the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, I would like to introduce the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary President Rose Pandolfina and her officers.

LAMSFA President Rose Pandolfini: We all look forward to helping serve this association and Paul I look forward to working with you. The Officers for 2007-2008 are: Senior Vice President Lois Hetz; Jr. Vice President Kathy Knipple; Recording Secretary Sandi Lutz; Treasurer Teresa Crisman; Financial Secretary Sherry Soper; Corresponding Carol Hayden; Chaplain Betty Alt; Vice Chaplain Ann Price-Davis; Historian Darby Byrd; Guard Barbara Sue Nelson; Color Bearer Vivian Morgan and Color Bearer Nancy Jones. My Conference Chairs are
Dorothy Rue and Joan Cumberland. Bessie Marshall Benefit Co Chairs are Past Presidents Patricia Deamond and Sharon Worthington.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you very much and at this time I could have MSFA LA Past President Patricia Deamond come forward. President Paul Sterling, Jr. presented her with a resolution for her year as President of the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, could we have State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard on stage at this time. MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr. presented Bill was a plague in recognition of his efforts and dedication to the Residential Sprinklers and Safe Cigarette initiatives.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I would like to call First Vice President Frank Underwood to the podium.

First Vice President Frank Underwood: I am going to make this short and sweet. I wanted to say thank you for electing me to this position. It means a lot. I thank you all for the support and to Branchville Thank you very much. To my family, thank you also. Thanks again.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to introduce your newly elected Second Vice President Roger Powell.

Second Vice President Roger Powell: Thank you, President Sterling, Vice President Underwood. Officers and Delegates, I am honored and at the same time humbled to stand before you as Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. As I traveled through the state this year, I was continuous amazed at the amount of support I received and I learned a great deal about the Maryland volunteer emergency services with the end in mind to prepare myself to serve you. It is my pledge to you to continue to learn and to continue to serve, I look forward to working with the team of President Sterling and Vice President Fran Underwood and to assist them in filling their goals while formulating my own goals based upon my ongoing education and what I can best do to carry out the mission statement of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and to serve all of you. Please feel free to call upon me to assist you for whatever I am able to do. I will be visiting your associations throughout the year and look forward to performing my duties and meeting you all. There are many people who helped me along the way and you know who you are and I would like to thank you for what you have done to help me. However, I would like to single out my home company of Pikesville and the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association.
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for their support without which support I would not be standing before you today. Thank you for your support this year and I will be seeing you on the road.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to call our Outgoing President Bobby Balta for his remarks.

MSFA Past President Bobby Balta: Thank you Mr. President. Good Morning MSFA and I guess you want to know why I have a smile on my face it is not their because I am not President it is there because the MSFA has had a great year. A safe cigarette that will save lives and firefighter and we save 30% of fire deaths with this bill, it will save according to last year’s statistics, 17 people will be saved this year. I greatly appreciate the friendship and support you have given me these past three years and I pledge my support to President Sterling, Vice President Underwood and Powell. I will be around to visit your companies and I will continue to support you and the members. I am extremely proud and privilege to have known you and worked with you.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time, I would like to Francis and Phil from Ridge Volunteer Fire Department on the stage. On behalf of the Officers, Board and Members please accept this for another great year serving the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and welcome home.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Paul presented a resolution to Past President Bobby Balta for his successful year as MSFA President.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: And at this time I would like to call on Past President Thomas Mattingly for another presentation.

MSFA Past President Thomas Mattingly: Thank you Mr. President. It is my pleasure on behalf of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Past Presidents to present you with a Past President’s badge and congratulations on a successful year. He also presented Second Vice President Roger Powell with his medallion to wear proudly as he travels through the state this year.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I will call Leonard King to the podium for the report of the Secretary.

MSFA Secretary Leonard King: Thank you Mr. President. Congratulations to you and the other elected Officers. I want to thank the membership of the MSFA
for your confidence and continued pledge that I have to support the efforts and the goals of the MSFA. I want to thank all of my assistants, Joseph Cooper, Jackie Olson, Ron Watkins and Eddie Cross they are the ones that do the work.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I call up now the Treasurer Ron Siarnicki.

Ron Siarnicki: Thank you Mr. President and good morning to all of you. I just want to say thank you for allowing me to serve you for another two years as your Treasurer and we are going to work to finalize the conversion of the accounting system. I would like to thank my assistant treasurers from last year, Bobby Jacobs, Chris Hyzer, Gene Curfman and Bobbie Aaron and I thanks to Bobby Jacobs and Bobby Aaron who are staying on this year to be my assistants. I really appreciate your support and do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer office if you need any assistance.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce our Chief Chaplain John Long.

Chief Chaplain John Long: Good morning, we had a great prayer breakfast this morning and a great speaker and I would like to thank Craig Duck for his assistance. Please keep the Lau family, Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the Prince George’s Volunteer Fire Department in your prayers as well as Charleston, South Carolina Fire Department for the loss of their nine firefighters. Thank you

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to introduce the members of the executive committee for 2007-2008 and there are: Chairman James P. Seavey, Wylie Donaldson, Doug Alexander, Buddy Schweers, Ralph Thompson, Dale Fishack, John Guntow, Bill Hildebrand, Doyle Cox, John Dulina and Steve Kesner. I look forward to working with you this year, congratulations. As you know Judy Lau would be moving up to Vice Chair and she was looking forward to this and she is here with us.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time we will have all of the Assistant Officers come out to be sworn in by our immediate Past President Bobby Balta. There are: Assistant Secretaries Joseph Cooper, Jackie Olson, Ron Watkins, Eddie Cross; Assistant Treasurers Robert W. Jacobs and Bobbie Aaron, Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Hyzer, and Assistant Chaplains Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. (not here); Rabbi Kenneth Block, Reverend Harry Hetz, Reverend George L’Heureux, Reverend David Coblentz (not here); Reverend Marvin
Jackson (not here), Deacon L Calvin P. Walbert and Office of Parliamentarian Chair Andrew White and William J. Wagner. President Balta swore the assistants into office and congratulated them.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: At this time we will re-introduce Past President Thomas Mattingly.

MSFA Past President Thomas Mattingly: Thank you Mr. President, as a tradition for years we present to the outgoing office a painting of the MSFA logo and Bobby was presented with his painting to hang at this home.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: For those of you in the audience, the Executive Committee meeting for tomorrow is printed in the book as 9:00am but it is 9:30am in Room 215 and we would certainly invite you to attend. At this time we will call on Chair of the Convention Committee, Leonard King.

Convention Chair Leonard King: Thank you Mr. President, I would like the Convention Steering committee to come up on stage. Vice Chairman Thomas Mattingly and Vice Chair Ron Siarnicki along with other members. I would like to thank the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Montgomery County and Prince George’s County, MIEMSS, MFRI, MEMA, OSFM and the Governor Office. Thanks to the Convention Center staff they are always there to get you what we needed and we appreciate their help and support. Thanks to Wylie and Lee and the exhibitors, thank you very much.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Thank you, Leonard and I will call on Financial Secretary Fred Cross.

Fred Cross: I would like to thank you again for your support and to my assistants, thanks again and to Ron for helping me get through Quick books. Have a great year.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to introduce Doyle Cox and his wife Cathy.

Doyle Cox: Thank you Mr. President, Good Morning, I stand before you to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Second Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in the year 2008.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: At this time the Chair will call for any
unfinished business, any unfinished business, third time any unfinished business. Hearing none the Chair will call for New Business.

Someone from the floor made a motion (hard to understand) He made a motion not to hire a new paid position until it comes back to this body for approval.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: (repeats the motion) A motion was made that this organization not hire a paid position until it comes back to this body for approval.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Do I have a second, please state your name and company for the record.

Unknown from floor: I would like to call for a quorum vote.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: ok, there has been a call for a quorum vote.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: The chair recognizes the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws committee, Dennis Skinner.

Chairman Dennis Skinner from the floor: (very hard to understand since he is on a microphone from the floor) I think this position is unnecessary due to the fact that hiring a position like that acts on the association’s behalf would require a constitution change and that could not be voted on until the 2008 convention.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Excuse us while we refer to the Parliamentarian for a minute.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Dennis could you please re-state your statement.

Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson Dennis Skinner: he repeats what he said in the above statement (again he is hard to hear from microphone from the floor)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Ok, I have been advised that the Constitution and Bylaws are silent on that and that would not apply to this, so we are back to the request for the quorum call. The Constitution and Bylaws require 100 member companies with a voting delegate hear at this session. Chair rules that there are not a hundred companies in attendance at this session at this time. So that motion at this time is out of order. We will move on to the $10,000 raffle.

Someone from the floor is on the microphone, and says excuse me, Mr. President. How can you say there are not 100 companies here without a roll call.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: There has been no roll call called for and if there is, we will be happy to do that.
Someone from the floor: _____________

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: If there was I am sorry I did not hear it.

Someone from the floor: (hard to hear and understand)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: There was a request for a quorum and that is 100 registered company with a delegate present and our rule from the chair is that there are not a hundred companies here.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: (speaking to gentleman on the floor) If you would like a roll call we can do that, office of the Secretary.

Secretary Leonard King: I would ask that the assistant secretaries come to the stage please. When we get set up and your are a delegate or alternate from a member organization of this association form a line with your picture identification.

From the floor: Mr. President, Doug Simpkins, Arbutus VFC, the ____ that is going on right now, roll call, is this to determine that there are 100 companies.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: That is correct.

Secretary Leonard King: Mr. President the Constitution and Bylaws require 100 active member companies in attendance to conduct business, 154 companies are represented here.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: ok, Ladies and Gentleman, can I have your attention, let me first thank you for your participation in that process and thank you for being here for that. We will now go back to the motion that was on the floor and the motion was that this association not hire a paid position until it is approved by this body next year, am I correct with the maker of the motion.

Unknown from floor: Yes

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Thank you and at this time the chair will accept any discussion on the motion.

David Lewis, Anne Arundel County VFA: He is on the microphone but video tape is hard to hear so this is what could be transcribed. _____________ that the Constitution and bylaws committee was trying to advise that any action taken ___________ that would involve any organization or association would require an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws and what the Constitution and Bylaws committee was trying to do was shorten the _________________ and unfortunately _____________ and where we are at this point is that you are asking this body to take a vote on a motion that _________________ because if any action taken
involving the organization and the operations of this organization would have to come back to it and ______________________ to establish that position and the duties of that position __________________ so I would like to recommend to my __________ that we support the motion and ______________.

(Applause)

Jim Seavey, Cabin Park: There are voices over the tape and I cannot hear his total statement. This is bits and pieces in regards on how this came to be, ______________ I would like to try to explain to the membership that there is an ______________ to study the probability of an assistant to this organization and ______________ I think there might be an issue of communication here _________ and I think you could clear up.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: In regards to Dave Lewis’s comments like to bring the Parliamentarian to the podium.

Andrew White: Good Morning and I would like to comment on the assertion that our bylaws have to be amended in order to hire a individual to conduct the duties of an Executive Secretary or Administrator. I read from the Robert Rules of Order section regarding Executive Secretary and it states “unlike the secretary or clerk the Executive Secretary is paid by the organization to keep records and in some instances to hire, fire and set salaries, unless otherwise stated in the bylaws the Executive Secretary reports to the Board of Directors and is responsible for making sure the Board instructions are carried out. So there is already documentation related to our administration of our organization through Robert Rules to have this. I know this does not answer the question whether we want to have it or not and certainly there are opinions on that today.

MSFA President Paul Sterling, Jr.: Ladies and Gentleman I would like to continue this discussion but I think in fairness to the delegation, I would like the privilege to take the podium to the floor to explain the position on this and then continue with the discussion and I think if I do this it would answer a lot of questions. I would ask the First Vice President to take the Chair.

MSFA First Vice President Frank Underwood: The Chair recognizes Paul Sterling.

Paul Sterling from the floor microphone.(hard to hear his statement) they ask him to come back to podium and he talks louder but it still echoes in the room. Can transcribe some parts but they will not make any sense.

MSFA Past President Lee Sachs: (on microphone, hard to understand but was asked to tell about the committee that was established by the President, he is talking about the Executive Director Committee and the how and why it was formed, the background of how the information was obtained and where it is now.)
MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you Lee and the Chair recognize Jason Baer.

Jason Baer, (from the floor and microphone is not very clear) I just want to state that I am not opposed to this but I do have a couple questions to satisfy my own curiosity. A year ago at a executive committee planning and a suggestion was made to look into a staff person, Leonard King, Secretary expressed very much opposition to this position and are we looking to have one of our Past President’s fill this position?

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Okay a couple things regarding the previous time this came up, I was on the Executive committee and originally when it came up it was passed to proceed with it and it came up again at the next executive committee meeting for reconsideration and a decision to move forward was defeated so the issue was dead. I cannot speak for Leonard and I will call to the microphone.

MSFA Secretary Leonard King: (from the floor and microphone is not clear) The parade will start on time. Yes, it has been talk about it for a long time and at no time since I have been in the Secretaries office and Charlie Burton in this office at no time have we had anyone get one penny for a paid position in the Secretaries office. We have four assistants and if there is something we are not doing please let us know so we can get it done.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I recognize Jim Deskins from the floor.

Jim Deskins: (from the floor and microphone is not clear) Is the meeting tomorrow an open meeting?

MSFA Past President Lee Sachs: The meeting to be held tomorrow next store is not an open meeting, we are not ready to go public. (Lee was in the audience and not on a microphone).

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Thank you, Mr. Deskins and I am sorry but there was another question before Mr. Deskins about the hiring or who we would hire and I do not have that information because as Lee reported his committee has not completed their work. I would recognize a comment from the floor and please state your name and department.

President of the Rockville VFD, Eric Bernard: (from the floor and microphone is not clear) I am here to talk as a proud volunteer and I have been a volunteer since
I was 15 years old. I manage to volunteer over 1500 hours a year and again I am proud to be a volunteer. **Other people talking over the tape, hard to hear what the gentleman is saying.** He is discussing the situation in regards to the recent issues of Montgomery County. Someone calls for a Point of Order and says that he does not think that this is discussion deals with the motion on the floor.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: Okay let’s continue to finish up.(from the floor and microphone is not clear) Eric continues on why this has everything to do with the motion on the floor because the committee that Past President Sachs was working on is doing all the research and meeting with people who have done this before and have been successful and are taking that intervention and bringing it to the President and the executive board to make the most educated decision. He continues on and tape is very difficult to hear.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: The chair recognized your name and company, please.

(Gentleman from the floor and microphone is not clear): John _____ and I would like to ask that we table the motion.

Another Gentleman from the floor seconds the table of the motion.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: okay we have a motion and second to table the motion, all those in favor say I, those opposed say Na, motion is tabled.

(Applause)

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: The Good of the Association Chair recognizes David Kyle.

David Kyle: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentleman at this time I would like to announce that I will be a candidate for the Board of Trustees in 2009 Convention of the MSFA.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: We are now going to do the raffle of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the winner is Kay Angell. At this time I wish to call out the 10,000 Raffle And Lou Jonski.

Lou and Anna Jonski: on a lighter note, President Sterling, Officers and Members of the MSFA the Ways and Means committee report for the 2007 raffle which was conducted June 2006 to June 2007 yielded a return of $46, 800. The expenses for the raffle were $16, 250, which gave the association a profit of $30, 550. The committee worked very hard and we are ready to go for next year. We distributed over 90,000 tickets to the member companies of the MSFA and the MSFA LA and last year and we have received returns from every county, but we still have
that 40% members that have no returns. For the seventh year in a row, Harford county remains the top leader with a return of $17,979 and we would again like to challenge anyone to break that record. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the raffle. We would like to recognize Chuck Austin from Earliegh Heights VFC, Anne Arundel county who sold 2,500 tickets by himself, Upper Montgomery County companies who sold 2,374, and Jarrettsville VFC sold 5,256 that is why Hartford county is the leader. Ms. Betty Pilkerton from Annapolis that young lady sold 1,100 tickets by herself and Chris Cornes from Joppa-Magnolia Ladies Auxiliary sold 900 tickets. We could use more of these special people around the state. The expenses for the 2006/2007 raffle were $12,500 for the prizes, $1,950 for and $50.00 for Worchester license. The tickets were pulled and the following persons have won. The $10,000 Raffle Winner was Matt Andrulewicz; the $1,500 winner was Allen Jenkins; the $500 winner is Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mann; the $100 winners were Bobby Brown; Dorothy Baker; C. Burkhardt; Cresaptown VFD and C. Bruce. Congratulations to all of the winners.

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: At this time I would like to call upon Chaplain John Long for the Benediction. I would also like to thank you for the participation this morning, I think it was good for the association and we look forward to working with you this upcoming year. Stay dry at the parade and have a safe trip home.

Chaplain: I would like to read this about tonight at 1930 hours, in the main ballroom, the premiere showing of “The Eyes of Glory” the video is the documentation of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial in Annapolis and holds the names of 385 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice. Let us pray, I would like a moment of silence for the nine firefighters who lost their life in South Carolina this week. Let us pray, our Lord in God, we thank you Lord for being with us at this 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Lord as we go our separate ways we ask for safety and guidance back to our own homes and fire companies. Lord, we tell you know, bless you and let the hand of faith be upon us and Lord we will give you all the praise for we ask this all in our father’s name. Amen

MSFA President Paul H. Sterling, Jr.: I officially declare the 115th Convention and Conference closed.
Report of the President

Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Other Elected and Appointed Officers, Executive Committee Members, Past Presidents, Members of the Association, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We started this year with the Association Tri Annual Retreat weekend that was held July 28 through 30, 2006 at the Paul Hall School of Seamanship in Piney Point, MD. The attendees got right to work on Friday evening discussing the issues that most affect the operation of the Association. After two hours of debate the following topics were found to be at the top of the list of concerns that the leadership of the Association needed to address:

**Communication** - TRUMPET and Web Site

**Financial Stability** – how or where to increase administrative income

**Recruitment and Retention** – how to attract more and younger members

Three groups were formed and charged to meet on Saturday to discuss these topics and recommend actions for resolution of these concerns. The groups were asked to detail the problems, submit recommended solutions and establish a definitive time line for resolution of the problem. I am pleased to report that most of the suggestions brought out at this retreat were implemented this year. With the introduction of a new and improved TRUMPET and a new Web site format we are able to better inform you of the activities of the MSFA. We are still in our infancy with this revitalization and have experienced a few hiccups but we are moving in a positive direction. For financial stability there have been several additional fund raisers which generated additional income for the Association but we need to continue to looking for additional ways of generating income in order to continue our solvency. For recruitment and retention we have also produced a pamphlet that outlines the benefits associated with being a volunteer first responder and hope this will entice current members to remain and spark interest from potential new members.

In addition there are several initiatives generated at this retreat that will have a beneficial outcome in the future for the MSFA. The Five Year Planning Committee is working hard to formulate new idea’s and fine tune plans that were generated during the Retreat that will benefit the overall good health of the Association. In order for our organization to flourish, we must continue to think of ways to improve on the administrative and operational activities of our members. Ideas and suggestions from the general membership are always welcome.

Legislatively we did very well this year. The three Presidents, the Secretary, and the Chairs of the Legislative Committee met with the Governor to discuss Fire and EMS service issues throughout the State. The Governor was receptive of our
concerns and promised support from his office with actions that would improve the delivery of emergency assistance to the citizens of Maryland. His Chief of Staff and Legislative people were responsive to our queries and supportive of legislation favoring emergency services. Through the efforts of our Legislative Committee and you the members of MSFA we were able to maintain our level of funding for another year and broaden the use of our appropriation and relieve some of the financial burden from our general fund. Through the efforts of many people and especially Fire Marshal Bill Barnard, HB785 the Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act passed. The Fire and EMS service is now legally able to use green flashing lights on command vehicles. Through the passing of HB 401 which requires Carbon Monoxide Alarms in newly constructed homes our citizens will be a little safer in the future. A major setback to the EMS community was averted because of the efforts that the membership put into getting HB 1048, a bill that would have done away with the EMS Board and moved MIEMSS under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, defeated. We were unable to get a dedicated funding source Bill through again this year; however, we will not give up on the idea.

The Audit of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) was completed and the report published. Unfortunately some of the issues that were required by the Auditor are causing problems with our being able to complete loans. The moving of the VCAF from the Maryland State Police to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency has also caused some unforeseen problems that can only be solved through Legislation. We were unable to get the changes introduced into this year’s Legislative Session but will be working hard to have everything smoothed out and ready for January of 2008. Until then we will be working to find a way to support our companies in need. Past President Lee Sachs deserves special thanks from the entire membership for getting us through the Audit and continuing to meet with MEMA and the Board of Public Works to get us to the point where we can distribute funds to the member departments.

The National Fire Heritage Center is being formed to promote the preservation of the historical written documentation of the U.S. Fire service. The emphasis is on finding a location to house and preserve documents and provide a place that can be used for researching the history of the Fire Service in America. The group is in the process of securing a place near Emmitsburg and could be partnered with a Maryland museum. The following are the charter officers and directors of the foundation: Ronny J. Coleman, President, Dr. Harry E. Hickey, Vice President, James C. “Robbie” Robertson, Secretary, R. Wayne Powell, Treasurer, Bobby Balta, Director, Donald N. Briggs, Director / Resident Agent, Clarence “Chip” Jewell, Director, David White, Director, William D. Killen, CFO, Director. Much of the written history of the Fire Service is being lost due to families discarding what they consider junk and at best articles of no real value. This group is organizing to collect and preserve this information which is the beginning of the
standards, training, and history of how we got to where we are today. With the actions of the Emmitsburg Town Commissioners and Mayor, we now have a place to get this worthy project off and running, but it will take some assistance from the MSFA membership.

This has been an exciting year with a lot of activity for the overall benefit of our great Association. I have enjoyed traveling around the state and meeting old friends and making new ones and working with the local association leaders to enhance the image of the fire service. We are entering into a new era where many of the old ways are being challenged and the available time that individuals have to keep up the increasing demands on emergency services is dwindling. The increase in requirements for training and compliance with standards is taking its toll on many of our individual organizations. I am encouraged that through the leadership of our Companies and Departments both Operational and Administrative we are meeting the challenges but the fight to provide the service that is expected is getting tougher. I believe the time is near where we can no longer continue to support frivolous demands from those that abuse the system. We need to start training the public to seek our help only when there is an emergency. EMS is our biggest challenge where the public has gotten used to simply dialing 911 and getting a ride to the hospital. We are noticing a great deal of delays because our Emergency Rooms are full and much of this is because the public believes that if they go to the Hospital via Ambulance they will get treatment quicker. We the members of the First Responder Corp need to start spreading the word among our neighbors and communities that if this continues to escalate at the pace it has been going there will come a time when someone who really needs help will not have it available.

To my Committee Chairpersons I wish to thank you for a great year. We have accomplished much through your efforts. I am proud of the great strides Doug Alexander has made in getting Residential Sprinklers in single family homes in our state. I look at the TRUMPET and feel a sense of accomplishment for the revamped edition. I believe that Amber Reamy, a Freshman Chairperson, deserves a great deal of thanks from all of us for taking on a monumental task and delivering a product that we can be proud of. I have had many compliments on the new Web Site and wish to thank Richard Snader for his involvement in getting it up and running. The Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Danny Davis and Richard Yinger have steered us through one of the most successful Legislative Seasons we have had in a long time. The Ways and Means Committee is continuing to generate funding for the Association and should be recognized for their efforts. The Executive Committee has handled several difficult situations with professionalism and a sense of betterment for the MSFA. The members of the Retreat gave us a lot to work on for the next couple of years and the Five Year Planning Committee is taking up the charge of further defining changes that can be made to improve the MSFA. The success of an organization depends on the
members that are willing to step up and work for the benefit of the whole body and this year the committees have performed well in furthering the enhancement of the MSFA.

I have had the opportunity this past year to work closely with our coalition partners Steve Edwards (MFRI), Bill Barnard (State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS), John Spearman (Shock Trauma), John Droneburg (MEMA), Superintendent Tim Hutchins (MSP), Donald DeVries (EMS Board). Each of these individuals and their Staff provided a great deal of support and knowledge to the MSFA this year and we have proven through our efforts in Annapolis that we can be a force that cannot be ignored. To all of you please accept my personal thanks and the appreciation of the MSFA for your commitment.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association continues to astound us with their talent, dedication, and commitment in serving the citizens of this great State. The State Ladies and their member organizations are truly the backbone of the Fire and EMS service working hard to provide financial and moral support to their departments and the citizens of this great state. I congratulate President Pat Deamond and her officers for a successful year.

A special thank you goes out to the officers and members of the Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department, the Oxford Fire Company, the Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, and the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the MSFA Executive Committee Meetings during my term as President. Our presence was met with courteous, friendly, and helpful Fire and EMS members who went out of their way to make the leadership of the MSFA feel at home. Thank you all for your extra effort in preparing the meals and opening your stations to us for our meetings.

The Officers and Executive Committee members have performed in an outstanding and professional manner this year and I wish to extend my sincerest thanks for your support and dedication to our great organization. To my Vice Presidents Paul and Frank, I extend to you a hardy handshake and wish for your success in steering the MSFA in a positive direction. I pledge to support your efforts to improve the operations of the Maryland Emergency Services System.

There are many individuals that have contributed extraordinary support to me over the past five years. I hesitate to start naming names for fear of leaving someone out but I feel I have to acknowledge the following: My wife Glema, without her support and consent I would not have had a chance to experience this great time in my life. I promise dear, that I will get started on some of the projects that you have suggested I do, however you will have to start fixing dinner again now that I will be home more. Doyle Cox, for organizing and traveling with me throughout the years and guiding me in the right direction; all of the Past
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Presidents for giving me sound advice and a kick in the seat when I needed it; Bobby Jacobs for his training and guidance when I was Second Vice President; Lee Sachs who continues to provide a great service to me and the organization; the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen’s Association, without whose financial support I could not have served; The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary, whose leaders and members have been behind me all the way and have made me proud to be a member of that great Department.

To you the members I thank you for your friendship, fellowship, and food. I pledge to you that I will continue to attend your meetings and fundraisers and not loose touch with what is happening in the fire service. Don’t be surprised if you see a camper in your parking lot or hear a Harley roaring up to your station, it will just be me taking a leisurely tour around the state not a fly-in as I have had to do for the past couple of years.

Recommendations:
Continue to pursue a dedicated source of funding for the Fire, Rescue, and EMS from the state through legislation.

Pursue alternate sources of funding for the Association through independent fundraisers.

Support and enhance the current media for getting information to our members.

Promote the adoption of physicals for our individual members within Departments.

Continue pursuit of residential sprinklers in single family homes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul R. “Bobby” Balta Jr.

Report of the 1st Vice President

President Balta, 2nd Vice President Underwood, Officers, Clergy, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, welcome to Ocean City, Maryland.

This past year has been very challenging and rewarding for the MSFA. Before I summarize this year’s activities, I must pause to remember those many dedicated members who have passed since our last convention. While it is not possible to mention all of our lost colleagues in this report, I want to mention a few. The MSFA lost two loyal and great pioneers in the passing of Chief George Austin
Smith (Oxford VFD) and Captain John L. Perkey, Jr. (Violettsville VFC). The contributions of these two men to their home companies and the volunteer fire service of this state over the last half of a century is invaluable and will be sorely missed. The MSFA family was deeply saddened by the loss of Margaret King (Damascus VFD / Deale VFD / Upper Marlboro VFD), MSFA Past Presidents T.L. Reynolds, 1971–72 (Queen-Anne Hillsboro VFC) and William Fleshman, 1992-93 (Beltsville VFD). Let us also remember longtime MSFA Executive Committee Member Lester Downes (Goodwill VFC). Unfortunately, the Maryland Fire Service suffered a Line of Duty Death when Chief Edward D. Wilsburn (Deep Creek Lake VFC) lost his life on December 9, 2006 while responding to his station on an alarm. The thoughts and prayers of the MSFA remain with not only the families and friends of those mentioned here, but also all of those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year.

The MFSA is grateful to each of you for your contributions in helping us gain accomplishments and successes during this past year. I will report on some of the highlights.

In July 2006, President Balta hosted an MSFA Retreat in Piney Point, Md. The purpose of the retreat was to examine ways of improving the efficiency of the MSFA. Three work groups were established which met, developed and forwarded recommendations to President Balta concerning (1) Membership, (2) Communications and (3) Finance. Based on the recommendations of these work groups, President Balta appointed Past President Lee Sachs to lead the Management Assistant Study Group (MASG) with the purpose of exploring the need for a paid administrative position for the MSFA. At the February 11, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee, the MASG recommended that the MSFA continue to explore this concept.

I support these recommendations and will continue the pursuit of a salaried position for the MSFA. I sincerely feel that a salaried Executive Director is in the best interest of our organization and our future. As this project is a carryover into my term of office, President Balta has authorized me to proceed. This project will be a priority of my administration. I have appointed different members to the MASG study group and renamed the group to Executive Director Work Group. Past President Lee Sachs will continue to serve as Chair. The specific charge of the Work Group is to research, develop and make recommendations to the Officers and Executive Committee about the following items relating to the position of Full Time Salaried - Executive Director of the MSFA:

- Job description
- Salary and benefits package
- Funding sources for the salary and benefits package
- Estimated cost of necessary office equipment and supplies
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- Permanent office space

The Work Group is to have a proposal on these items prior to the September 22, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Another recommendation of the study groups at the July 2006 MSFA Retreat at Piney Point, Md., was a dues increase to our member companies. It is my belief that due to rising costs and other financial factors that an increase is necessary, therefore their recommendations will be pursued. However, before we can propose an increase we need to determine how much of an increase is needed and exactly how that increase should be applied fairly. We will then convey that information to our members. One possible method of application could be a structured increase with the amount possibly based on department size and/or call volume. The Planning Committee and the Constitution and By-laws Committee have drafted language for two questions of intent, which will appear on the June Ballot in Ocean City. This is not a yes or no vote for a dues increase, rather a tool to poll our membership and make them aware of the issue. I have appointed a committee to review the dues structure and make recommendations prior to the September 2007 Executive Committee Meeting. If the Executive Committee approves their recommendations, we will have approximately nine months to travel the state and, by providing detailed information, encourage our membership to vote for an adoption at the June 2008 Convention and Conference.

The MSFA became the subject of a State Legislative Audit late in 2005. Specifically, the State Auditors were examining all aspects of the state funded Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF). That audit was completed in December of 2006 with the MSFA fairing reasonably well. The Auditors recommended some administrative changes in the way in which funds are distributed. The Executive Committee, at their February 2007 meeting, adopted these changes. During the audit, an issue arose regarding the State Law and the authority of the MSFA to hold and distribute state money. This remains an unresolved issue, which we are working very closely with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Board of Public Works to resolve. Thanks go to Lee Sachs, PP, Ron Siarnicki, Treasurer, Fred Cross, Financial Secretary, Susan Shell, Assistant Financial Secretary and Joe Robison, Chair of the VCAF for all of their hard work, time and efforts on this audit.

In August 2006, the MSFA participated in the Summer Conference of the Maryland Association of Counties (MaCo). The MSFA booth placed emphasis in Residential Sprinklers and was well received.

The efforts of the Residential Sprinkler Committee, under the leadership of Doug Alexander (Mt. Airy VFC) have been phenomenal. Since our last Convention and Conference, the Residential Sprinkler Committee has made educational presentations to various municipalities, elected officials and community groups.
Due to the committees excellent outreach, the following jurisdictions have adopted Residential Sprinkler legislation: Frederick County, Frederick City, Charles County, Charlestown, Havre de Grace, LaPlata, Indian Head, Saint Michaels and Perryville with Annapolis, Denton, and North East close to adopting legislation. I also want to recognize the Office of the State Fire Marshal for their partnership with the MSFA in promoting and educating the citizens of Maryland in this effort.

Hospital Emergency Department closures continue to be a serious problem in the State. On September 25, 2006, MIEMSS and the Maryland Hospital Association hosted a summit addressing hospital emergency department overcrowding. The target audience was Hospital Executives and Emergency Department managers. At the invitation of Dr. Bass, MSFA was allocated a few seats at the summit. There were many interesting speakers and the bottom line to the whole problem points to a shortage of beds in the hospitals. This shortage has an effect on, and limits what Emergency departments can do. Although it is unlikely to drastically change anytime soon, it is encouraging to learn that some hospitals have taken what they learned at the summit and instituted changes in their facilities to help alleviate the problem. Thank you to Dr. Bass for affording us the opportunity to attend this summit.

On September 26, 2007, all three MFSA Presidents attended the Annual Life Safety Conference held at the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Once again, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and the committee are commended for another great Conference. Congratulations to Allen Ryan (Perryville VFC) for receiving the Life Safety Educator’s Award. During the same time, Fire Marshal Bill Barnard was awarded the “Person of the Year Award” from the Society of Fire Protection Association. The Maryland Fire Service and the MSFA are fortunate to have Allen and Bill as a part of our team.

In October 2006, the MSFA once again supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with the Memorial Weekend in Frederick and Emmitsburg. Families of fallen firefighters were greeted as they registered and the MFSA Presidents presented each family with a lithograph of the NFF Memorial and a resolution from the MSFA.

During the past two years, legislation was introduced in Annapolis that would regulate Charitable Gaming and require each county to create a Gaming Commission. This piece of legislation would have had a very negative impact on the fundraising efforts of the volunteer fire and rescue companies throughout the State. The MSFA was successful both years in stopping this legislation from moving forward. In anticipation that it would be reintroduced during the 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, we had a meeting with Delegate Sheila Hixon, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee on July 25, 2006. Our
proactive approach was to educate Delegate Hixon about our fundraising efforts and to ensure that the volunteer fire and rescue services would not be included in any future Charitable Gaming legislation. Our efforts proved successful, as this legislation was not re-introduced during the 2007 session.

On October 11, 2006, the MFSA Presidents had a meeting with Governor Ehrlich and his staff. MSFA legislative priorities discussed at this meeting included: additional Senator Ammos Funding, Volunteer Company Assistance Fund monies, Fire Safe Cigarettes and additional funding for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Governor was very receptive to our needs and expressed his utmost appreciation to the MSFA for all that we do for the citizens of Maryland. A follow up meeting was held on October 24, 2006 regarding the funding for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Representatives from the Governor’s Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, as well as the Governor’s Grant’s Office were in attendance. They were very cooperative and agreed to assist the MSFA in writing a grant for $200,000 for Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Unfortunately, the grant did not get submitted. Steps are already in place to ensure that we apply in time for the 2007 fall grants.

The 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly convened on January 11, 2007. This year I participated in a majority of the Friday morning Fire Service Caucus Meetings at the Taylor Avenue Station of the Annapolis Fire Department. The MSFA hosted a very successful Legislative Reception on February 5, 2007. MSFA was successful this year in getting legislation passed that expands the use of our State Appropriation funds. Passage of the Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act was very significant. Passage of this legislation is an example of the fire service personnel and organizations working together.

On March 9, 2007, the MFSA Presidents, along with Secretary King and the Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, Richard Yinger, met with Governor O’Malley. Subjects discussed included our strong opposition to House Bill 1048, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Consolidation and Streamlining Act of 2007, support for House Bill 785 and Senate Bill 361, Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act, and support for House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 1078, Maryland State Firemen’s Association – Use of Appropriations. Governor O’Malley stated that he was unaware of House Bill 1048 but that he would take a look at it and consider our opposition. As it turns out, Governor O’Malley sided with us and his Administration joined us in opposing the bill. Other subjects discussed included our desire to maintain our current level of funding, especially in light of the serious budget deficits projected in the next couple of years. We also took the opportunity to remind the Governor of his pledge to support legislation that would increase the Income Tax Incentive Benefit from $3,500 to $5,000 a year. The meeting was very friendly and the
Governor pledged to continue working with the MSFA. President Balta extended an invitation to the Governor to attend the Annual Convention and Conference in June. Secretary King followed up with a formal letter inviting the Governor to the June 2007 Convention and Conference.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and long hours put forth by Legislative Committee Chairman, Danny Davis and the Co-Chair Richard Yinger. Many of our members throughout the State have no idea how many hours these folks put in on behalf of the MSFA. Another critical component to our success in Annapolis during the Legislative session is the contribution of the Ladies Auxiliary to the MSFA. These ladies staff the office and keep things in order during the 90-day session. A special thanks to Glema Balta, Rose Davis, Candy Mitchell, Bobbi McWilliams, Betty Radisch, Marie Soudar and Peggy Webb. Thank you ladies, we could not function without you.

Retired Chief Jack Frazier (Baltimore City Fire Department) was a tremendous resource to us all during the legislative session and he always put the best interest of the fire service up front. We were deeply saddened by his sudden death on April 6, 2007. Chief Frazier was a dear friend to the MSFA and will be missed by the entire Maryland Fire Service.

During this past year, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with the various allied agencies. I wish to thank John Ashworth, John Spearman and Brenda Fosler-Johnson (Shock Trauma), Bill Barnard (Office of the State Fire Marshal), Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS), Steve Edwards (MFRI), Colonel Thomas P. Hutchins, Majors Jim Hock and AJ McAndrew (MSP) and John Droneburg (MEMA) for all of their assistance and counsel this past year. It was an honor to attend the 2007 Shock Trauma Gala and a Night for Hereos on April 28, 2007. Congratulations to John W. Ashworth, III for his Lifetime Achievement Awards in recognition for all that he has done to make Maryland’s total EMS System one of the best in the world. Defeat of House Bill 1048 (MIEMSS reorganization) is just one example of everyone working together. I look forward to a continued excellent working relationship. It was an honor to attend the 2007 Shock Trauma Gala and a Night for Hereos on April 28, 2007. Congratulations to John W. Ashworth, III for his Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition for all that he has done to make Maryland’s total EMS System one of the best in the world.

The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association (BCVFA) has a long tradition of supporting the MSFA and they are congratulated on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

My appreciation goes to those of you who assisted the MSFA by serving as committee chairs and members this past year. I look forward to serving with you in the future. To Chairman Doyle Cox and members of the Executive Committee,
thank you for your commitment to duty this past year. Without the participation of our membership, we could not exist.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to President Balta and 2nd Vice President Underwood for their friendship and efforts this past year.

In closing, I extend to each of you my sincere thanks for your support and cooperation this past year. The kindness and hospitality shown to me as I travel this state is genuinely appreciated. I would also like to thank the many Past Presidents who have provided me with good direction and counsel throughout the year. To my home company, the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., I thank you for your support. I am deeply grateful to the 19 member companies of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association, as well as my many friends for their tremendous support, both financially and in-kind.

Summarized below are my activities since being installed as the 1st Vice President on June 20, 2006.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008**

1. Resolve the issue surrounding administration of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund (VCAF) monies.
2. Pursue hiring of a salaried Executive Director.
3. Strive to achieve the recommendations of July 2006 MSFA Retreat.
4. Get the MSFA Foundation operational.
5. Continue to reduce firefighter injuries and death through support of the NFFF “Everyone goes home” initiative.

Best wishes for a successful 115th Convention and Conference.

Fraternally,
Chief Paul H. Sterling, Jr.
President Balta, Vice President Sterling, Officers, Past Presidents, Officers of the LAMSFA, Delegates and Guests to the 115th Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

For me to sit down and write a report is tough, most of the time I end up with a mental block. I was worried about what to write about, but that ended last night when my wife and I went to the annual Shock Trauma Gala.

Each year at the Gala they talk about two people whose bodies have been torn apart in accidents. Not just bangs and bruises, but serious brain damage, multiple broken bones, severe internal injuries and much, much more. In each case, the first people on the scene are us, Fire and EMS personnel, and what we do in the first few minutes means the difference between life and death for these victims.

At the Gala, their stories are told from accident to emergency treatment to rehabilitation to life again. Sometimes it takes many months or even years for the people we first treated to get better.

Listening to these stories, it doesn’t take long to figure out how important our job is to this chain of events. We are the first step in someone’s life returning to normal. I thank everyone in that chain for what they do everyday to complete that circle of life that we sometimes control.

I would also like to thank everyone for their great support of my Vice Presidency. In the last 12 months I have traveled many miles, met many people, and have attended many events and meetings. It is a great feeling to know that the MSFA and all of its members are so highly regarded throughout the state. I want everyone to know that our opinion counts.

Everywhere I go, people are hungry for information about the Fire Service in Maryland. There are a lot of newly elected officials at state and local levels that are eager to know what we do and how we do it. I am able to answer those questions because you have given me the opportunity to be in this position. It really makes me feel good to be able to help them and I appreciate the input and advice that many of you have offered.

I would like everyone to help me pray for one of our Executive Committee members. As most of you know, Judy Lau has been diagnosed with cancer. She has been a loyal friend of the fire service family for many years. I chose Judy as my Executive Committee Member because of her loyalty and enthusiasm when it comes to the fire service. She has always been there when we needed her and now it is time to help her and
her family. I was so happy the day that she accepted the offer to follow me up the line as my Executive person. She never hesitated, just the normal hug and kiss. Please get better “Miss Judy,” I look forward to the day when you are well and we can continue together. We all need the excitement and enthusiasm you bring to the fire service.

The big topic for the past three months has been Annapolis. With the budget projections, a new Governor, and many newly elected officials, we didn’t do as well as was hoped. The Safe Cigarette Bill was the one mostly promoted and with a lot of work and many hours it finally passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all who worked so very hard. We did manage to get our state allotments so that we can spread the money around where we need to. No one really knows how many hours the Legislative Committee spends every year but it is a lot of work.

The bad news came a few months ago when one of our favorite colleagues passed away. Jack Frazer was a person who always had something to say. Whether it was good or bad he would just spit it out. He knew everyone in Annapolis from the Governor on down. Some say he had the man’s cell phone number. He will be missed greatly.

Another sad loss was MSFA Past President, Bill Fleshman. Bill was from my county and I grew up watching him and admiring his leadership abilities. I can remember going to meetings with Bill, Pierce, and Roy at the helm. Beltsville has had a lot of great leaders over the years and it has been an honor to have known all of them. I hope, one day, that I will be someone they would have been proud of.

One of the main things on my agenda this past year has been working closely with the Historical and Archives Committee. Since last November my garage has been full of archive stuff from the Firefighters Room at the University of Maryland. The room has been completely redone with new carpets, ceiling, sheetrock walls, and a complete redesign of the glass display cabinets. When the room was redone, before, a lot of the plaques were lost. This time the University has worked closely with the Committee every step of the way. The room will be ready for meetings of the MSFA once all the plaques are re-hung. The upgrade looks new and refreshed with twice the display area. Good job, well done.

I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the pleasure of attending their fall and spring conferences this year. It is always fun to talk to the ladies and get my hugs. I am looking forward to working with Rose and Lois this next year. To the ladies, I love all of you.

All in all, I have attended many meetings and traveled many miles. It has been a great opportunity to meet many friends of the fire service. There are many groups
who look to us for guidance of some sort and it has been a pleasure to serve them during the past twelve months as 2nd Vice President. I am doing my best, and hopefully everyone sees that. If I can help anyone make their stay in the fire service any better, please let me know.

To my wife, Renee, children, Chris and Jennifer, and daughter-in-law Carol, who, despite me being gone a lot of the time, understand my dedication to the fire service, thank you with all of my love.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for giving me the chance to travel around the state, making friends and serving this association. It has been a wonderful year.

Frank J. Underwood
2nd Vice President

Report of the Secretary

President Balta, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Emergency Services Organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served another term as your Secretary. I have attended all meetings of the Executive Committee and many others when it was required or requested during the year. My dedicated assistants have also attended these meetings throughout the year. All correspondence received has been properly handled, and all necessary correspondence and records has been properly taken care of as required by the Association Constitution and By-Laws.

President Balta scheduled Executive Committee Meetings as follows and all of the business was duly recorded, transcribed and properly distributed and acted upon:

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Chairman Doyle Cox has conducted the Executive Committee Meetings in an efficient and very professional manner and I would like to thank him for his cooperation and good working relationship. Many of the Executive Committee Meetings were lengthy and involved in-depth discussions and debates. I would hope that the entire Association, its member organizations and individuals serving
The cooperation that has been received from First Vice President Sterling, Second Vice President Underwood and all of the officers and committee personnel has been outstanding. It is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Legislative Reception was held in Annapolis, and was well attended and many individuals took advantage of the evening to discuss important issues with their legislators.

Our Association membership now consists of 385 member organizations. During the year we accepted into membership the following organizations: The Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association as a regular member, and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association as an Associate Member.

I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Assistant Secretary Joseph Cooper for his superb efforts in the areas of recording, transcribing, distribution and other duties. Special thanks are given to Assistant Secretary Ronald Watkins for his efforts in the areas of distribution, copying, old record updates and other duties. Special thanks are given to Assistant Secretary Jacqueline Olson for her efforts with the Directory, scheduling, coordination, distribution and other duties, all while dealing with her health concerns. Special thanks also goes to Assistant Secretary Eddie Cross for his efforts in the areas of recording, distribution, mailings and other duties. The Secretary’s Office is very fortunate to have these individuals with the willingness and capabilities that each of them has. They are a vital part of the team to serve you the member departments, organizations and individuals of the volunteer emergency services of Maryland. A special thanks goes to the many other individuals who continue to assist the Secretary’s Office with special projects, during the Executive Committee Meetings, during the Convention registration and at other times as needed. These individuals are many and are dedicated to our Association. Thank You!

The Secretary’s Office could not do without the fine cooperation and assistance from Treasurer Ron Siarnicki and his assistants. The Secretary’s Office has a good working relationship, and fine cooperation and assistance with Financial Secretary Fred R. Cross and his assistants. Their continued cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. The relationships that exist between the Secretary’s Office, the Financial Secretary’s Office and the Treasurer’s Office are a vital part of the overall administration of our Association in achieving the goals and service of the Association.

As a personal note, my family and I will forever be grateful to have such friends and the fire service family that have meant so much during this past year while Margaret was ill and continues to be there for me and my family. The Fire Service Family is truly the greatest family in the world. We could not have gotten through
this past year without you. Margaret and I were together for 50 years and married for 46. During this whole time, Margaret was so much a part of the work that we together have been able to do for the fire and rescue service. The honors that were bestowed upon Margaret during last years convention and conference were so much appreciated by her, and will forever be a part of our family memories and treasures of her. The memorial tributes in her memory that have been received by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation have been overwhelming and will serve as an everlasting tribute to her and all she did. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have traveled around 23,000 miles while carrying out the duties of my office representing the State Association at many meetings and other fire service functions. The Assistant Secretaries have also traveled many, many miles while carrying out their duties. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the individuals and departments for the many courtesies to me while representing the Association.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve the volunteer emergency services personnel and the citizens of our Great State of Maryland.

For the service,
Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.

Report of the Financial Secretary

Officers, Delegates, Friends. It is a pleasure for me to once give the report of the MSFA Financial Secretary.

Since July I have collected all funds that have come in to support the ventures of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. These funds were placed in the MSFA account at Mercantile Bank. Records were kept and reports were turned into the treasure and reported to the Executive Committee at their meetings.

This year the MSFA Financial Team was given permission to change the way our financial reports were kept. Treasure Ron Siranki worked many hours in training myself and the other members of the team on the use of Quik Books. This process proved to be very beneficial to the team as it is now possible for the Financial Secretary and the Treasure to work together to verify deposit’s.

The MSFA Financial team went through a Maryland State Audit. This proved to be a very time consuming as well as tedious since the state auditors did not understand the way the Volunteer Fire Service in Maryland operates. We owe P.P. Lee Sachs a great big thank you for being the go to person to help to make the auditors understand our process. Many hours were put in by the team and it looks
like there will still be many more hours of work before the situation is resolved. Once again I would like to thank Assistance Financial Secretary Susan Schell for her help this year. Susan took charge of the Low Interest Loan account and was a great help in keeping their records. Susan was very instrumental in getting information to the auditors.

I would also like to thank Jim Riegel, Sr. for his assistance.

Yours in Fire Services
George A. “Fred” Cross, Jr.

Report of the Treasurer

The Office of the Treasurer for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association would like to extend to all in attendance at the 115th Annual Convention sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable experience in Ocean City. And as we gather again this year to conduct the business of the Association, let us not forget the long hours and many miles our officers have expended all year long in an effort to support the mission and purpose of our great organization. Our appreciation for their efforts to lead the Association is most generous.

Over the past year the Office of the Treasurer for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association has been diligently working to meet the ever challenging financial issues of the MSFA. We continue to see a need to find additional financial streams of sustaining revenue to keep our organizational structure fiscally solvent. It is challenging at times to manage all of the outlays when so much of our very existence is dependent upon the current dues structure of the organization which comes into play near the end of our fiscal year. It is believed by this office and others that this entire system should be deeply examined to determine better ways to meet the financial obligations of our organizational structure.

Since taking over this office, the entire accounting system for the Association has been automated and placed into a non-profit internet based program. This allows many of our leadership representatives to view our current and past financial conditions when they are available. It has helped with the decision making process of our daily business and with the account reporting and budget actions needed each year. All of the multiple checking and savings accounts operated by the Association in the past have been consolidated into a more functional format. Our annual review by the Accounting Firm has been completed and the organizational 990 has been field with the Internal Revenue Service.

During this term of office, the Association has seen additional changes to the Low Interest Loan Fund imposed by the State of Maryland and I can assure you that our leadership is working very hard to address these concerns. In addition, two
special meetings of the MSFA Financial Team were held in between our regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meetings. Both meetings were to address funding concerns and fiscal matters relative to the general cash flow of the organization and the Low Interest Loan Fund.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Balta, Vice President’s Sterling and Underwood and all of the officers of the MSFA, especially the Secretary, Leonard King and the Financial Secretary Fred Cross for working so diligently with me though my tenure in office. I would also especially wish to thank my Assistant Secretaries; Robert Jacobs, Chris Hyzer, Bobbi Aaron and Gene Curfman for helping me maintain an even keel as we worked thorough these issues and changes. They have helped make a real difference to a very positive end result and for that I am deeply grateful.

Thanks to all of you for what you have done to assist the Office of the Treasurer while carrying out our duties and responsibilities. I look forward to another year of hard work to ensure that the best fiscal decisions are again made in support of the mission and purpose of this great organization. Thanks again and remember to “Be Safe” in all you do.

Ronald Siarnicki

Report of the Chaplain

Greetings from the Chaplains’ Corps of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, it is our prayer that the wisdom and grace of our heavenly Father be witnessed throughout our association. That he would guide and direct all the leaders and actions of this association.

As I write this report I am reminded of all the happenings going on all around us, and I wonder why we as humans don’t learn from history.

There have been many events this past year in and out of the fire service that could have been avoided, had we been better students of our history. It is said, “When History is ignored, history will repeat itself.”

No better place to see the truth in that statement than in the Bible. Over and over again and again you can find the history of God’s people as they prosper and then turn away from God. When all is lost and they are desperate they call on God to rescue them from their misery. Then God saves them and they are blessed, and turn away again.

Our country started out with a strong faith in God and our forefathers were reverent to God and our country became prosperous and received many blessings. Not all
was perfect, and God never said that we would have a perfect world. Our country was given many blessing that we as a nation could help save the world.

But today, where do we put God in our lives? Many people will tell you that they worked for everything they have, “they earned it.” How true the statement. But isn’t it God who has given you the ability to earn what you have?

This past year as I conducted and attended many funerals for our fallen brothers and sisters of the fire service I am amazed at the years of dedication these individual put into their companies. The hours spent helping people they knew and did not know. The hours of raising money to be able to buy the equipment they needed. Many of these individuals never took credit or sought recognition for their accomplishments. These individuals realized that God had blessed them with skills and abilities and they knew that God had selected them to use those to help others.

So I ask you, where have you put God in your life? Is he your source of strength, and knowledge? Do you praise him for what he has given you? Do you seek out his guidance and wisdom daily? Do you ask God to watch over you and protect you from harm’s way? If you do, God bless you, if you don’t start. First ask God for forgiveness for not seeking Him. Then lift up your concerns to him, and listen for a response.

The fire and rescue service could be so much stronger if we would (1) thank God for his blessing, (2) acknowledge that it is he who gives us the skills and abilities to be able to do what we do, (3) treat everyone who God sends to our organizations with respect and love, acknowledging that they are God sent and God has given them the direction to join your organization with skills, knowledge, and abilities to work for the good of your organization.

As stated in the beginning, history will repeat itself. Hopefully, the days of Godly men and women seeking God’s direction will again lead our organizations and everyone would seek and pray to God. As it is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

In closing I pray that you would find it in your heart to seek God on a daily basis. Surrendering your life to Him. Acknowledging Him as the giver of all knowledge and abilities. I pray that God will keep you safe and protect you from harm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Long
Report of the Board of Trustees

I wish to recognize Trustees Vice Chair, John Means, Secretary Gene Worthington, P.P., Danny Carpenter, Terry Thompson, P.P. for their dedicated and caring assistance. Thru their efforts, we successfully re-wrote the entire Trustees Manual, provided assistance the member Companies within hours of need, and delivered Benefit Checks in person to Surviving Spouses. The Trustee has established a record of service and timely personal assistance to the Officers within hours of the loss of a Department member.

Your trustees have reviewed and increased member Benefits (see minutes from Huntington’s meeting), and continue to seek additional funding for our members/benefactors.

Please take time to review our Manual @ www.msfa.org, or to contact any Trustee member for assistance.
I wish also like to personal thank our President, and Vice presidents for their support this past year. We work as a team on your behalf. Above all speaking of Teams, I need to recognize the Executive Committee, who assist this and all Committees on a regional basis...you all are part of this continuing effort.

Above all THANK YOU for the opportunity to SERVE.

Respectfully,
Stephen V. Hales, Chair

Report of the Executive Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates and Guest of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate President Balta on an outstanding year and to thank him for providing the members of this Committee the opportunity to serve this great Association.

Vice President Sterling and Vice President Underwood are to be thanked for their input, advice and support throughout the year.

The members of the Executive Committee are to be commended for their interest and willingness to serve. A considerable number of issues were brought before the committee this year, which some had decisions that were difficult to make, but all decisions were made with the best of interest of the Association and the member companies in mind.
A Special thanks goes to Secretary King for his assistance and advice and his assistants for the professional manner in which they have handled the business of the Secretary’s Office.

To the Committee Chairs, you are also to be congratulated on your contribution to the operation of the Association. Many of you are going the extra step in providing up to date reports on a timely manner and working outside of the box to find ways to improve the operations of the Association. I encourage each of the Committee Chairs to continue providing your reports electronically and on a timely manner.

The Executive Committee held six regular meeting this past year. The first starting in Ocean City on Thursday, June 22, 2006. From there were at Bedford Road VFC on August 19 and 20, 2006. Our next meeting was at Oxford VFC on November 4 and 5, 2006. As winter approached us, the next meeting was held at Huntingtown on February 10 and 11, 2007. The next meeting was held at Bay District on April 21 and 22, 2007. We will have completed our last regular meeting in Ocean City, on Sunday, June 17, 2007. A special thanks goes to each and every member of the four department for going out of their way to assist in providing the best of hospitality that was available.

The committee and I would also like to thank President Balta for his commitment to the committee and for the opportunity to serve the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Attorney

To President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Executive Committee Chairman Cox, Executive Committee, Committee Chairman and Delegates

It has again this year been my privilege to serve as the attorney for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Last year, I participated in the audit of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. That audit remained unfinished and has continued on into President Balta’s administration wherein I continued to participate in various meetings with auditors, officers and government officials which has been ongoing through the present time. There have been ongoing issues with the state governments implementation of the fund through MEMA which has effected settlements and required meetings to determine and review the status of monies intended for loans, how those monies will be disbursed and how they will be repaid. This process has additionally required my involvement in attempting to seek a legislative solution which is likewise ongoing.
I have continued to meet with the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee. While there have been applications approved, the issues have effect the number of settlements I have conducted during this past year. As a result of the current status, there remain several loans approved for which funds have not yet been received by the State Association to enable loans to be funded.

Chaplain Hetz has written a manual for Fire Service Chaplains which he requested I review. My review demonstrated the manual to be a comprehensive and extremely well written work which will be a great benefit for Fire Service Chaplains.

I have been working with the Trustees to review and revise the Trustee’s Manual, the process has taken most of the year but is almost complete.

At the request of the Presidents, I have submitted recommended policies for the uniform billing procedures and for crisis intervention teams for consideration or implementation by the Executive Committee and By-Law amendments for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to submit to the Executive Committee to be placed on this years ballot in addition to attending the Constitution and By-Laws Committee meetings.

I have additionally worked with Chairman Bilger in reviewing legislation to have the 2006 Fire Law of Maryland Book published which has now been distributed in CD ROM format. I have consulted with the Presidents on pending legislation.

I have continued to administer the MSFA Affinity Credit Card Program which is now being operated by Bank Of America which acquired MBNA this past fall and has produced almost $3,000 in income for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association during this year. I have aided the Treasurer in collections and other matters.

I continue to prosecute the lawsuit on behalf of the Trustees against Melynda Sue Wilcom to recover monies she received by failing to report her remarriage. The current trial date will be Friday, June 22, 2007 assuming that we are successful in having the suit papers served on her.

I have reviewed and recommended the new contract for the new website host and for a proposal for a partnership with Freestate Mortgage Services.

I have aided the Presidents in providing services to County Associations to aid them in resolving issues effecting the Volunteer Emergency Services in their counties which services were provided in fulfillment of the MSFA Mission Statement.

- I have offered articles for the Volunteer Trumpet.
• I have attended all Executive Committee meetings.

• I have attended a meeting of the Directors of the MSFA Foundation.

• I have participated in securing a new long term lease for 17 State Circle.

I have throughout this year benefitted from the aid of my assistant Michael Farlow, Esq.

The office of the attorney continues to provide necessary services for the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services and the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as and when necessary. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve during this past year. I look forward to the continued opportunity to serve the Maryland State Firemen’s Association as the attorney or in any capacity to which I might be elected/appointed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger N. Powell, Attorney

Report of the Awards Committee

President Paul R. ‘Bobby” Balta, Jr. elected and appointed officers, delegates and alternates, members and guest of the Maryland state firemen’s Association. Greetings on the occasion of our association’s 115th annual convention.

The awards committee congratulates you on a very successful year as president, and wishes you the best of luck in the years to come.

The committee discussed a recommendation to send out all rules and dead-lines under one mailing Etc. This project was completed thanks to Doyle Cox and his computer work.

In the middle of January a copy was distributed to every fire company in the state, With the hope they would put good these to good use. We will know at the awards ceremony on Monday of this year’s convention. We wish to thank the president for his support and the opportunity to serve the association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald B. Graf

Report of the Budget and Revenue Committee

President Balta, Vice President’s Sterling and Underwood, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. It has been a pleasure
to serve as the Chair of this committee during this past year and to be a part of this great organization known as the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The Budget and Revenue Committee has worked closely with the Treasurer’s Office and the Financial Secretary to ensure that the income and expenditures of the association are managed according to the approved budget and in the best interest of the Association. Together we have implemented many changes to the financial accounting practices which will make our operations stronger and more responsive to those we serve.

On July 1, 2006, the MSFA made a bold move to terminate all of the previous accounting systems and practices and implemented a completely new, modern, and innovative accounting system. This system is used not only by the Treasurers Office and Financial Secretaries Office, but also by the Budget and Revenue Committee. The new system allows the “financial team” to work together in the same system instead of separate sets of books and provides the sharing of real time data. The Budget and Revenue Committee provided recommendations this past year which would ease the restrictions on the use of the State of Maryland Appropriations. These recommendations were endorsed by the Executive Committee and introduced into the Legislature. Thanks to the Legislative Committee for following these recommendations and seeing that they were passed.

The Budget and Revenue Committee has actively maintained a watch over the income and expenditures of this Association and are pleased to report that we are operating within our level of funding for the current year. This is not an easy accomplishment and all officers and committees are to be commended for the great job they are doing and their willingness to operate within their approved budget limits.

As the level of requested expenditures of this Association continues to rise faster than our income, it becomes increasingly problematic and requires cooperation, creativity and prudent spending from all officers and committees. We thank the officers and committee chairpersons for their assistance during the past year and we look forward to assisting them and this Association in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven J. Kesner, Chairman

Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The Constitution and By-laws Committee held its annual meeting at Fallston Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with the Planning Committee. As a result of this meeting the following two (2) questions will appear on the ballot at the June 2007 Convention and Conference:
Question One submitted by the Association clarifies the relationship between the Association and the MSFA Foundation.

Question Two submitted by the Association clarifies and defines disciplinary actions of the Association.

In addition, there are two questions of intent on the ballot:

Question of Intent Number One: Would you consider a dues increase in the future for MSFA Member Companies?

Question of Intent Number Two: Would you support an effort to structure a dues increase based on factors such as department size and call load?

The Committee would like to make our annual request that based upon time restraints defined in the Constitution and Bylaws regarding amendments that any member company of the Association submitting an amendment do so no later than the first week in January of the year that the amendment will appear on the ballot at the June Convention and Conference.

The Committee stands ready to assist the Association or any member company regarding amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Committee wishes to thank the Officers and the Executive Committee for their assistance during the past year and stands ready to assist the incoming officers and committees during the coming year.

Dennis Skinner, Chairman
William Wagner, III Vice Chairman
Roger Powell, Association Attorney
William Hardee
Frank Kaleyias
John R. Keyser, Sr.
William Press III
Steven J. Scheinin, Esq.
Barbara Steiner

Report of the Convention Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Members of the Emergency Services Organizations that make up the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

With the efforts of many dedicated individuals the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the M.S.F.A. is being provided for the enjoyment and information gathering of the entire Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services and their families.
This past year has found these dedicated individuals putting in many hours planning and developing the week-long events and activities. The Steering Committee, the various working groups such as: Exhibits, Program, Program Book, Parade, Social Activities, Logistics, Security, Safety, etc. feel confident that you will enjoy, learn, and take something back to your communities from this year’s convention and conference.

The most up-to-date informational programs will be featured on the main convention floor to allow you to build on your skills, knowledge, and contacts for the betterment of the emergency services personnel of our State. Thank you to all members of the Program Committee for your efforts.

Joseph Cooper and the staff that put in many hours taking care of the registration and voting are to be thanked for their efforts.

The Education and Training Seminars will stimulate new thought processes and tone up some skills to better enable you to serve your departments and citizens in a most professional manner. New this year, are some hands-on training seminars. Thanks to the members of the Program Committee and to Director Steven Edwards and J. Pinoake Browning at MFRI for their devotion and assistance.

Each year the display of the latest in apparatus, equipment and services becomes larger and larger. With this expanded display you will be able to visit more suppliers during the week than you could contact throughout the year. You will meet the technical personnel, sharpen your purchasing power, and obtain answers to important questions. We owe a “thank you” to all of the exhibitors for supporting our convention and conference. Thanks to Exhibits Chairs Wylie Donaldson and Lee Sachs and their staff for another year of service and dedication.

The Opening Ceremonies on Monday morning will be more spectacular than ever with the presentation of the colors by representatives from each county, the musical, and other presentations. Thanks to Ron Siarnicki and Tom Mattingly, and others for their work in this area.

The “Joint Memorial Service” proves to be another moving and most important part of the overall convention and conference. The Chaplain’s Office and others are to be commended for their efforts for this very moving program.

Each year the Joint Officers Banquet is a very well planned and enjoyed event. This year is another fine example. Thanks to Rose Clark and her group for the dedicated hard work with this event and all events that require food coordination. Thanks to Jackie Olson for coordinating the guests. This event has again been held on Saturday evening to allow more individuals additional time during other events of the convention and conference.
The ladies that sell event tickets, offer bus passes and handle the mad rush in the lower foyers are to be thanked for their dedication, long hours and hard work. Thanks you ladies for stepping up to the plate when Margaret could not be there.

The many social events, including: The All You Can Eat Picnic, Country Bash Party, Prayer Breakfast, Pajama Parade and Contest, Exhibitors Reception, Joint Officers Installation, Installation Reception, Golf Tournament, etc., require a lot of coordination, planning, logistics and hard work. Thanks to all of the individuals for their dedicated work in producing these various events.

The parade requires many hours of preparation and work. Thanks to Roger Steger, Bill Hilderbrand, Eddie Cross, and your staffs for this tremendous effort. A special thanks to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, the Transportation Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for there long hours and hard work in producing the parade.

Ken Bush and the Program Committee work hard behind the scenes to coordinate and bring you the best possible programs. Carlos Alfaro and the entire audio-visual group put in many hours of work before, during, and after the convention and conference making sure that all events move smoothly. Ed Joiner, thanks for your efforts with the security concerns of this week long event. Eddie Cross, Bill Hawkins, and Bill Hildebrand are to be thanked for their countless hours of coordination and work in the control center and logistics areas for all events during the week.

The Convention Committee extends a special thank you to the Mayor of Ocean City for all of his cooperation and assistance throughout the year in assisting to make everything happen for a successful convention and conference. Thanks also to the Ocean City Council, City Manager, Ocean City Police Department, Ocean City Department of Public Works, Ocean City Department of Transportation, and to the Ocean City Convention and Conference Center staff for all of the assistance, cooperation and dedication. We could not put on this convention and conference without the splendid year round cooperation of the officers and entire membership of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company.

Thanks to the officers of this Great Association and the Ladies Auxiliary for your cooperation and assistance to the Convention Committee throughout the year.

The Convention Committee would like to thank the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, M.F.R.I., M.I.E.M.S.S., State Fire Marshal’s Office, and the Governor’s Office for all of the assistance, cooperation, and work in planning and producing our convention and conference.

YOUR Convention Committee hopes that you and your families will enjoy your
stay in Ocean City. We also hope that you will learn from the many events and displays during the convention and conference and take that knowledge back to your communities to improve the safety and well being of every citizen of our Great State.

“Sea You In Ocean City”

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Report From the MD DNR Forest Service:

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

In 2006 the Forest Service celebrated its centennial anniversary marking 100 years of providing wildfire protection for the citizens, communities, and natural resources of our state. In 1906, the first State Forester, Fred Besley commissioned and elite corps of volunteer Forest Wardens that numbered about 650 by 1935 and established a network of forest fire lookout towers that organized forest fire protection in Maryland. These first Forest Wardens coordinated crews to fight and extinguish forest fires, posted fire warning notices, enforced forestry laws, and scheduled observers in the fire towers. Much has changed in the last century, but many of the practices established by the early wardens remain a part of the Wildland Fire Management program today. On October 15, 2006, Maryland Forest Wardens and the Fire Tower network were memorialized with a plaque and dedication ceremony at the Thayerville Forest Fire Lookout Tower on Meadow Mountain in Deep Creek Lake State Park to commemorate the accomplishments and sacrifices of these early forest wardens.

During 2006 the Agency responded to 753 wildfires that burned 6,074 acres. In was a very busy spring fire season with over half of the yearly responses occurring in the month of March. The extremely dry condition prompted the Department
to enact a Burning Ban in late March that continued in effect for much of April to reduce the number of fire occurrences. During the year, the Forest Service also dispatched 32 single resource personnel and four twenty-person fire crews to provide assistance on wildfires in Arizona, California, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants were distributed to 41 volunteer fire departments in ten counties receiving $87,332 in match grant funding with 100% of awarded grants being completed. The grants allowed departments to complete over $202,166 in projects with the 50/50 match funds to enhance wildfire protection services in their local jurisdictions.

The Dry Hydrant grant program completed its third & fourth round of grants with 57 additional new dry hydrants being installed in 2005-2006. Grant funding of $68,805 was reimbursed to fire departments for completion of these two rounds of projects. This State Fire Assistance hazard mitigation grant has exceeded its initial project goals and installed 115 dry hydrants statewide since 2003. The final phase of this project is to map all of the dry hydrants and produce a map booklet delineating locations and this will be completed and distributed by the end of 2007.

As the Forest Service begins its second century of service, it values the partnership with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, its member companies, and officers and extends best wishes for a successful and productive 115th MSFA Annual Convention and beyond!

Respectfully Submitted,
Monte R. Mitchell
State Fire Supervisor

Report of the Emergency Apparatus License and Red Light Committee

Good Morning, President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling, Underwood, Officers and members thank you for allowing our committee the privilege of serving the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

We feel our work with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has provided our membership with another option of operating Class A or B emergency vehicles without having to take the unit out of its first due response area or to Maryland Vehicle Administration.

There are three (3) ways to operate a Class A or B emergency vehicle within the regulations of the State of Maryland:
1 – Possess a Commercial Class A or B license,

2 – Possess a non-Commercial Class A or B license,

3 – Meet the requirements of Transportation Article 12-104(b) and 16-102, Annotated Code of Maryland.

We have been asked regarding DOT physicals, so I emailed Administrator Hugel for his opinion.

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration staff response:

“Simply put, the fire, rescue and EMS services are exempt from the medical requirements with a non-CDL license.”

“Maryland adopted the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 (49CFR) through the Transportation Article section 25-111 and has followed the guidelines established for medical certification in those regulations.”

“Subchapter B of 49 CFR covers Parts 390 – 399, of which, enforcement is trained in, and takes action with, Sections 390 – 399. Section 390.3(f) (5) specifically exempts specific people from the regulations in this Subchapter, i.e. firemen and rescue workers. The “operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations” are exempt from medical requirements which are found in Part 391.”

“This information was verified with MDOT and Maryland State Police.”

The above information was copied as received from the MVA.

Our committee has been working with up-dating the “Red Light Authorization Form”, which will be complete in “DRAFT” for review of the Presidents and Executive before sending to all companies/departments.

We feel that the current legislation authorization the use of red lights on private vehicles should remain as is and we should monitor the operations for compliance.

We worked with Delegate Conway and the fire caucus for the passage of House Bill 1367 “Emergency Vehicles – Green Flashing Lights”, which reads:

“A STATIONARY EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERVING AS A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH OR DISPLAY A FLASHING, BLINKING OR OSCILLATING GREEN LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE TO DESIGNATE THE VEHICLE AS THE COMMAND POST”.

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**House Bill 1416** “Fire and Emergency Vehicles – Single Registration Plate” didn’t make it in time to be heard in committee, so we will proceed with this bill again next year.

Again I would like to thank my committee for their dedication and support in serving the members of the Maryland Fire, Rescue and EMS services.

Please contact our committee for any assistance we can provide.

Thank you,

Chair Roger A. Steger, Sr., PP
Vice Chair Daniel J. Stevens
Leonard T. King, Sr., PP,
Daniel Davis, PP,
Richard L. Yinger, PP
William Huttenloch
Eddie Bilger

**Report of the Emergency Medical Services Committee**

President Paul R. “Bobby” Balta, Jr., Elected and Appointed Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) – Greetings on the occasion of our Association’s 115th Annual Convention. This past year has been fast paced and has witnessed the unprecedented growth of our State’s Emergency Medical Services. During this year the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee and its three subcommittees: Advanced Life Support (ALS); Basic Life Support (BLS); and the Hospital Delay Study (HDS) have met five times and have worked diligently on behalf of our great Association. It has been my honor and pleasure to lead this competent and hard working committee.

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**Goings – On at MIEMSS**

In my report to the 114th Annual Convention, I reported that the BLS Committee of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (SEMSAC) was in the process of developing updated Skills Sheets for our EMS Instructors and Providers to be known as the “New Maryland Way”. The goal of this program is
to ensure accuracy and promote consistency in skills application. The program focuses on one set of skills annually. The focus for this the first year has been spinal immobilization. A photo shoot was conducted in January ‘06 from which a series of spinal immobilization skills sheets and a DVD were made for use as references. To unveil the 2006 Skill Sheets a series of instructor workshops were offered throughout the State late this winter. In addition, these sheets will be made available to instructors and students via the MIEMSS website.

At the August, 2006 committee meeting, Dr. Richard Alcorta, M.D., the State EMS Medical Director, distributed copies of Version 5.1 of the “Nursing Home Assessment and Triage Guidelines”. This new version had been updated to address concerns of various State officers and Committee members. The new version contained an Executive Summary that set the tone for the document and offered constructive direction toward using commercial services over public safety. At the August meeting it was decided to allow six months to review the document and to assess the impact of the guidelines with feedback from the MSFA EMS Committee, amongst others. At a meeting held January 7, 2007 at MIEMSS, Dr. Alcorta asked for additional comments on the document. I responded that as presented, the document was no more than a license to steal – for the nursing homes. I noted that in my County, there were principally two types of nursing homes.

• Sanctioned Nursing Homes without accessible, responsible transportation services for their patients – most of the time;
• Unlicensed, understaffed and therefore unregulated private homes with five or less - sometimes critical patients.

The sanctioned nursing homes have requirements for proper staffing which should denote an on-site decision maker. The unlicensed facilities have no-one. The consensus was that without an educational package developed by someone - namely MIEMSS and the Maryland Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the new document was worthless. I informed Dr. Alcorta that without the educational package that MSFA would oppose the use of the document in its present form.

The 2007 Protocol Rollout was held at MIEMSS on August 16, 2006. These new protocols were to be completely implemented by January 1, 2007. The new 2007 Protocols were further clarified in a document distributed by MIEMSS and dated February 14, 2007. There are two parts of the document that are of particular interest to both BLS and ALS providers:

1. Oxygen administration to Stroke Patients – Oxygen administration on page 27 (GPC) when compared to page 117 (Stroke; Neurological Emergencies). (The lower Nasal Cannula oxygen delivery dose is intentional for Stroke patients.)
• General Patient Care Section states: Administer oxygen at 12-15 lpm NRB to all priority 1 patients (including COPD) and to all priority 2 patients (including COPD) experiencing cardiovascular, respiratory, or neurological compromise.
• Stroke: Neurological Emergencies. Administer oxygen at 2–6 liters via nasal cannula (unless hypoxic or in respiratory distress).
• The reason Stroke patients have a lower oxygen concentration administration is that there is concern there will be increased oxygen free radical formation which can cause damage to ischemic or injured brain cells. **Use 2-6 liters via NC for suspected Stroke patients.**

2. AED Total Number of Shocks before Medical Consultation, Pages 76,138 and 182
• The most important question is when do you make the decision whether to stay at the scene and shock the patient while waiting for ALS or to transport the patient (either for ALS rendezvous or to the hospital emergency department).
• The key is time determined by whether you are using an old AED device or a new AED device. The “old” AED protocol states three stacked shocks, then one minute of CPR; then an additional three stacked shocks and one minute of CPR; then another three stacked shocks if indicated, resulting in a total of 9 shocks, then the required medical consultation. These actions take between 7 and 10 minutes, usually enough time for ALS to arrive and begin the transition of patient care. But in certain areas of the state where ALS response could be more than 10 minutes, it may be better to transport the patient to an ALS rendezvous point or to the hospital ED. The new AHA guidelines call for single shock sequences that vary, depending on whether the arrest was witnessed or not witnessed (for example, with unwitnessed arrest, you start with 5 cycles of CPR (about 2 minutes) and then start single shocks. Around the third or forth shock with this “new” AHA sequence, you should be making the decision whether it is better to stay at the scene and shock the patient while waiting for ALS or to transport the patient to an ALS rendezvous point or to the hospital ED.

**Legislative Report:**
As usual most of us thought this year was going to be a ho-hum Legislative Session. However, this year **did and really did** have its moments. One of the bills, HB – 1048 would have moved MIEMSS back under the DHHS as a third tier level of service. When the bill was heard, the fire service came out against the bill. About 40 representatives of the fire and EMS service waited approximately 6 hours for a chance to speak against the bill and as usual we were heard. The bill was soundly defeated in Committee and died in the same Committee. Once again – Thanks to the crew of the Legislative Committee for your usual great job.
Good by and Farewell:
During the meeting of the EMS Committee held at Liberty Road in October, 2006, Pinoake Browning - longtime representative to the Committee from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute announced his retirement from MFRI. Mr. Browning has represented MFRI for several years and his wisdom will be missed by the Committee.

At the conclusion of the March 10, 2007 Committee meeting held in Kensington, Committee Senior Vice Chair Wayne Tome announced that he would not seek reappointment in the coming year. Chair Wills thanked Wayne for his many years of service to the EMS community and to the Committee, including two years as its Chair. Chair Wills reminded all present that Wayne was indeed “BC” that is “Before Charlie”. He also noted that his understanding and wisdom will be missed.

On behalf as Committee Chair I wish Wayne and Penaoke both good luck and farewell, for you both will be missed, especially by me.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Wills, Chair

Report of the Federal Legislative Oversight Committee

President Balta, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, and Guest to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
A tribute to Congressman Curt Weldon who lost his Congressional district in Pennsylvania was a major event at the 19th Annual Nation Fire & Emergency Services Dinner on March 29. Curt was the founder of the Fire Services Caucus. He was recognized as the number one Congressional fire service leader in Congress and had been very favorable to the Volunteer Fire & EMS Services.

In talking to many volunteer members at the dinner on what’s going in their state we can be very proud of what we the MSFA has done for the volunteers in the State of Maryland. We have $10 million from the Senator Amoss Fund; each qualifying volunteer receives a $3,500 deduction on their state income tax, just passed the Safe Cigarette bill, the low interest loan program, the injured and benefits fund operated by the Trustees and others programs that make Maryland one of the top states in the United State on Fire Safety.

A Volunteer Job Protection Act of 2007 (H.R. 1643) was introduced by Congress Rob Andrews (D-N.J.) and co-sponsored by Michael Castle (R.-Del.). The bill would provide up to 14 days of job protection per calendar year. Under the Bill employers would not be required to compensate employees for time missed. The Bill only applies to emergency responders acting in official capacity.
The Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Grants and Training accepted applications for the FY 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grants until May 4. The Fire Grants will be distributed in phases throughout FY 2007 for approximately $492.3 million. Maryland has done very well in the past years and we are looking forward to do better this year.

The Public Safety Officers Benefit Act was revised in 2003 to include death benefit to firefighters who die on duty from stroke or heart attack within twenty-four hours or work or training. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 34 claims have been denied, 0 have been approved and about 200 are pending review. The advice to those who have been denied is to APPEAL. Appeal each one immediately.

President George Bush has nominated Chief Gregory B. Cade as Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration at the Department of Homeland Security. He has been already been interviewed by U.S. Senate Committees. Greg is a Maryland product. Greg graduated from the University of Maryland and retired from the Prince George’s County Fire & EMS Department.

Remember that if you want to contract your Congressmen in their Washington office use their Web site or E-mail them. All mail going to them most clear through a special process and it takes quite a long time.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Danny Davis, Vice Chairman

Report of the Fire Fighter of the Year Committee

President Balta, Officers, Members, and Delegates to the 115th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association:

It has been a pleasure for this committee to continue to serve you and this great Association.

This year we had a different procedure that we tried. We sent out all of the various awards contest rules in one mailing. This packet was sent to every Member Company of the MSFA in January so that everyone would have plenty of time to review and submit nominations. As of the writing of this report, we have had a very poor response for nominations for the Fire Fighter of the Year Award. We continue to promote this and all of the other awards programs as our Officers and Committee Members travel this State. Many of the Member Companies have a Fire Fighter of the Year person(s) recognized at their annual banquet. Why not submit their name for the honor of being the MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year! The
nomination is for the previous year only so it is not held over until the next year.

All nominees will be recognized from the Convention floor and presented with a certificate of nomination.

The winner of the Fire Fighter of the Year Award will receive a large plaque, a patch, and a jacket with MSFA Fire Fighter of the Year, their name, and the year, embroidered on it. Their name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Maryland Volunteer Fire Fighters Room at the University of Maryland.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the Committee Members for their continued support. It has been my pleasure to work with them. I would also like to extend thanks to President Balta for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Fire Fighter of the Year Committee during his term as President.

The remainder of our report will be given during the presentation of the 2006 Fire Fighter of the Year Award on the Convention floor.

Enjoy your convention and PLEASE NOMINATE for this and all awards contests next year.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Gatton, Sr., Chairman

Report of the Fire Laws of Maryland Book and Technology Committee

President Balta, Past Presidents, Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Members and Guest to the 115th Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference in Ocean City, Maryland.

I would like to start my report by thanking President Balta for the opportunity to serve this great association and I would also like to thank all the officers for their support.

The committee has worked hard this past year monitoring legislation in Annapolis and publishing a new edition of the Fire Laws of Maryland. The 2006th edition published in two different formats. The first was the standard red book that you are all familiar with and the second format used was a CD Rom.

The committee continues to monitor legislation that is passed in Annapolis to insure that the Fire Laws of Maryland contains the most accurate and up-to-date information on the laws that affect the Emergency Services in Maryland.
Finally, all this fine work could not be possible without the help and support of the committee members. I would like to offer my personal thanks to each member for all their hard work and dedication.

The committee invites all inquiries and comments.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark A. Bilger, Chairman

Report from the State Fire Marshal

I bring you greetings from Governor Martin O’Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, and Colonel Thomas E. “Tim” Hutchins, Secretary of the Department of State Police. On behalf of the entire staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, I want to congratulate your outgoing Presidents, Paul R. Balta and Patricia Deamond. Your terms of office have been incredibly productive and your service is one the Association can be quite proud of! It is my distinct privilege to present to you the report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Maryland’s fire service in partnership with local, state, and federal agencies and organizations along with private industry and citizens across our great state accomplished an amazing feat during 2006. Last year, Maryland recorded the lowest fire death total in State history. Sixty Marylanders died from fire during 2006 – two fewer than the previous low of sixty-two recorded during 1996. This achievement was reached through a concentrated and coordinated effort. As always, the MSFA and your member departments continue to play a critical role making our state a safer place to live work and raise a family.

Local initiatives mandating residential fire sprinkler installation in newly constructed one and two family dwellings continue to spread across Maryland. Communities in Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore have joined the fold and in each instance, local fire departments have led the way urging elected officials to require these vital lifesaving devices. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has worked closely with the MSFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Committee. Chaired by Doug Alexander from Mt. Airy, the committee continues to deliver workshops and presentations, educating communities and policy makers concerning the value of residential fire sprinkler protection. As more and more communities adopt similar requirements, we can look forward to even greater success in reducing injury and death from fire across our great state.

Statewide initiatives advocating the installation, maintenance, and testing of smoke alarms coupled with developing and practicing home fire escape plans are also helping communities reduce the risk of injury and death from fire. Although fire deaths during the early part of 2007 are trending higher than the landmark
year of 2006, we firmly believe our successes in reducing death and injury from fire will continue.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal followed the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly closely along with the many issues related to the Maryland fire and emergency services. The passage of House Bill 785/ Senate Bill 361 entitled “Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act” is one in which each of you can be most proud. Working together, the Maryland fire service is to be congratulated for everything that was done in support of this vital legislation. We truly believe this legislation, once implemented, will undoubtedly save many lives, both citizens and firefighters!

This past year has seen numerous personnel changes in the Agency. Deputy Chief Joseph C. Flanagan was promoted to Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal and commands Field Operations. Other changes to the Command Staff of the OSFM include the promotion of DSFM’s Michael J. Mulligan, John E. Wagner, and Jason M. Mowbray to the rank of Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal.

Deputy State Fire Marshals Brian C. Quick and Michael G. Selvage completed the police academy course of instruction and have assumed regional duties. DSFM Quick is assigned to the Upper Eastern Region and DSFM Selvage is assigned to the Northeast Region. Additionally, DSFM Stephen Hatchett and K-9 Cecilia graduated from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Accelerant Canine Program. They are now in active service throughout the State of Maryland.

Chief Fire Protection Engineer John F. Bender, who served the OSFM with distinction since 1971, announced his retirement late last year. John’s service and professionalism has been recognized nationally and his vast experience will be sorely missed. Fortunately, our cadre of Fire Protection Engineers possesses the same degree of dedication and FPE John D. Gentzel has assumed the duties of Acting Chief Fire Protection Engineer, until a promotion can be made.

Three health care inspectors began employment as Special Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals this past year. They have been assigned to cover health care inspections across the entire state. Mr. David Williams is assigned to the Central Healthcare Region and operates out of the Northeast Regional Office in Bel Air. Mr. William Rouston, III is assigned to the Southern Healthcare Region and has office space in the Upper Eastern Regional Office in Easton and Mr. Clayton Myers is assigned to the Western Healthcare Region.

Two Fire Safety Inspectors, Special Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Ms. Karyn Moreland and Mr. William Dobbin, Jr. have begun employment and are assigned to the Southern Regional Office and the METRO Regional Office respectively.
Our staff of highly trained and professionally certified field and administrative personnel continues to perform at an amazing level. The felony closure rate for arson by DSFM’s is about 50% higher than the national average. In code enforcement, the levels of professional certification held by our staff are among the highest in the nation. Staff members continue to serve with distinction on many Technical Committees for Codes and Standards for the National Fire Protection Association.

The updated State Fire Prevention Code became effective on January 1, 2007. Last fall, nearly four hundred code officials were trained in the updated State Fire Prevention Code in partnership with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the National Fire Protection Association. The updated State Fire Prevention Code will help protect our citizens and firefighters from the ravages of fire.

During 2006, the Agency was called upon to perform over 1400 initial fire and explosive investigations. Additionally, over 16,000 fire safety inspections were conducted. This level of performance is outstanding in light of increased training and fire and life safety education assignments. An increase in plan reviews were completed by our staff of dedicated Fire Protection Engineers. During 2006, FPE’s conducted nearly 2,500 of these highly technical plan reviews. It is through an Agency-wide commitment to fire and life safety that we obligate to you, the Maryland Fire Service, our continued support of your mission.

As successful as 2006 was, I anticipate even greater achievements in the months and years ahead. We look forward to working closely with incoming Presidents Paul Sterling, Jr. and Rose Pandolfini. We wish you great success during your terms of office!

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Barnard, CFPS
State Fire Marshal

Report of the Fire Prevention Committee

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Officers, Past Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee, Delegates, Members and Guests to the 115th Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention.

Our committee supports two annual statewide conferences for fire and life safety: Mid Atlantic Fire and Burn Safety Conference, and Life Safety Educator’s Seminar.

We continue with our educational placemat project to target audience about fire and life safety issues. Placemats are distributed to senior citizens, churches,
family and fast food restaurants throughout the state upon request. Thanks to John Spiker and Jane Huffman for their hard work on this project.

Our committee continues to use billboards for life safety messages for “Drive-by” educational opportunities. We target the areas that have high death or injury due to fires. We have displayed billboards with fire safety messages at Ocean City, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, and Western Maryland. Tom Collins does an outstanding job for the billboard project.

Members of our committee continue to support visual smoke alarms for deaf and hard of hearing. Emmons Horner and Alan Ryan continue doing an outstanding job providing smoke alarms on the Eastern Shore, and Cecil County to the people upon their request.

Risk Watch Program continues to expand throughout schools in Maryland due to the efforts of Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Marie Warner-Crosson, Ed and Audrey Thurston. They continue to put a lot of hard work into this project.

Miss Fire Prevention, Erin Drum Heller, and First Runner-up, Brandy LaPole has had an outstanding year promoting fire prevention activities.

Lori Packard and her sub-committee do an outstanding job on the Miss Fire Prevention Contest in Ocean City.

Our committee looks at various methods to promote fire prevention messages throughout the state. We continue to work very close with the Fire Marshall’s Office for information on the number one cause of fire deaths, number one cause of home fires, and what county has most occurrences. We then target these areas with fire prevention/safety messages.

We support the Residential Sprinkler Imitative Committee promoting residential sprinklers on billboards and placemats to counties that has not adopted this program.

Special thanks to Bill Barnard and Faron Taylor of the Maryland State Fire Marshall’s Office for all your support to the Fire Prevention Committee.

Also thanks to all of the M.S.F.A. Fire Prevention Committee members for your support and hard work for an outstanding year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert E. Collins, Sr., Chair
Report of Miss Fire Prevention

Erin Drumheller-Miss Fire Prevention

Over the course of the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with so many great people as I have traveled around the state with Brandy helping the MSFA and the LAMSFA to spread fire prevention knowledge. This has been a wonderful year to remember. Way back in 2002 when I earned my first title as Junior Miss Manchester, I had no idea what I was actually getting myself into. I soon learned that there was so much to know about fire prevention and the fire service. This is a closely knit community and it has been an honor to work with all of you in this wonderful journey. I have traveled approximately 5000 miles around the state attending meetings, banquets, open houses, demonstrations, and various other events promoting fire safety and prevention. I’ve been fortunate to hand out cases of fire prevention literature and information in my travels. It is hard to believe that my year as Miss Fire Prevention is about to end; however, I plan to continue to promote fire safety and prevention throughout my course of schooling and work and I would also like to remain active in the fire prevention committee. I am very excited to pass on the title to the next queens; I know that they will do a wonderful job. Knowing that we have done a good thing throughout this past year has been great, but the people that we’ve gotten to work with make it so much greater. The MSFA and the LAMSFA have been dreams come true to work with. Even if I didn’t know someone, they were willing to lend a hand in any way that they could. I really want to thank the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association for everything that they have done to support me and I could not have done it without the help and support of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department. These guys have been there for me since the beginning and I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with. This organization has become a second family to me. It has been a year I know I’ll never forget. Thank you for such a phenomenal experience!

Brandy Lapole-1st runner up

My year as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention First Runner Up has been one of the most amazing lifetime journeys anyone could ever have. When I first decided to become a Miss Fire Prevention in my county I only knew the basics of fire prevention. Having this title has expanded not only my knowledge of fire prevention, but my knowledge on the MSFA as a whole. Since receiving my title in June, I have traveled over 3300 miles across the state so far. I have attended many banquets, open houses, meetings, safety days, parties, and even events that Erin and I organized. The MSFA has been the greatest organization anyone could ask for. They do so many things to help out the people not only in the organization, but the citizens of the state. Every moment and event that I have represented the MSFA has truly been an amazing experience. I know that we have touched many lives and it makes me feel even better to know that my words have made a difference. I can’t believe it is almost time to give up my title, but I plan on staying active
on the fire prevention committee. I hope to pass all my experiences onto the next queen. I know she will do as much as she can to get the word out to the citizens of our beautiful state. In closing, I would like to thank the MSFA and everyone from Frederick County for everything they have done for me. I couldn’t have done it without them. There were so many people who extended their hand out to help. You all have truly been angels to me and I could never thank you enough. I am grateful that I had the opportunity for this experience and I hope that any young lady that has the slightest interest will travel down the same path. I will treasure every moment that I spent as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention First Runner Up. Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime!

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates and Guest of the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. As I prepare the report for the Committee this year, I look back on the report I presented to the Executive Committee at Bay District, where I reported that the nominations for the Hall of Fame were down from last year. Fortunately the attendance was good at that meeting and a large number of nominations were submitted for the Hall of Fame as well as for the Marbury F. Gates Service Award.

A complete set of the rules for the Hall of Fame and the Marbury F. Gates Service Award were mail or delivered to each member company as well as being placed on the Maryland State Firemen’s Association web page, in the Annual Proceedings Book. A complete list of previous inductees and winners are also on the web page and in the Annual Proceedings Book.

The committee is recommending that each department, company or squad review their membership rolls or records for members that have been with a department/company for Fifth Year. These individuals should be nominated for the Marburg F. Gates Service Award in recognition of their years of service. There are many members in the departments/companies that have reached this stage of their life. They need to be recognized for their service to the department/company, community, county and the state. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame or be selected to receive the Marbury F. Gates Service Award are among the highest awards presented by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Remember that nominations are not held over from year to year. If your nominee does not get selected, please submit the individuals name again the following year. The remainder of the Hall of Fame Committee report will be given during the presentation of awards on Monday, June 18, 2007, during the awards ceremonies.

As chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, I would like to thank Vice Chairman
William Lay for his assistance, support and advice. Thanks also goes to each member of the committee for their commitment, support and hard work they put into selecting the individuals for these two awards.

The committee and I would also like to thank President Balta for his commitment to the committee and for the opportunity to serve the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle E. Cox, Chairman

Report of the Historical & Archives Committee

The Historical & Archives Committee has had a very productive year. Taking up where the committee left off last year, we were able to begin the inventory of the thousands of pieces of history that is in the MSFA’s possession. To date we have inventoried over five hundred pieces of history, dating back to 1854 and as current as 1994. We are estimating that we have inventoried approximately one third of the items in our possession. As you can see, we have many more to go, and this will be an ongoing project for the committee.

The Volunteer Firefighter’s Room has finally been renovated. Thanks to Frank Underwood and Bob Seibel of Cape St. Claire VFC for coordinating this effort with the Marriott Corporation. The Committee met at the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room to assure the renovated cases were ready to display our history. Approximately sixty items were inventoried at that time and numerous other items from the Maryland fire service were set up for exhibit.

A plan for an MSFA Fire Museum has been an undertaking of committee member, Chip Jewell of Libertytown VFD. He has been very active working with the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners and its Mayor on the Heritage Hall project; that is acquiring space in the old Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company building for museum purposes. On April 16th, 2007, the Board voted unanimously to retain the building for this use and so it looks like we may be finding a home for the history of the MSFA as well as the fire service nationwide. Thank you to Chip for this undertaking. Your persistence has paid off. Also, many thanks to Charlie Cadle of Rescue Hose Co. #1 Annapolis City for his efforts in coordinating with the Mayor of Annapolis City in an attempt to acquire property for our use there as well.

Thank You to John Spiker of Lake Shore VFC for transporting the tables and chairs, as well as truckloads of history back and forth to the meeting places; and to the Orchard Beach VFD for the use of their hall for many of our meetings.

A special thank you to my committee members who have dedicated themselves
to this project, who have attended the meetings regularly, and who have taken an active role on the committee. We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go.

Thank you to Bobbie and Gene Aaron for the use of their personal laptops this year which were used to help with the inventory.

If anyone has any items documented, videoed, or written on the 100th Anniversary re-enactment of the MSFA at Frederick, please contact me so that we can acquire a copy if possible. Our ultimate long-range goal is to produce a documentary on the history of the Maryland Fire Service.

In closing, I would like to thank President Balta for the appointment as chairperson of the Historical and Archives committee. Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Owens Jr., Chairperson

Report of the Honor Guard Committee

Mr. President and members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. In November 2006, the Honor Guard Committee discussed the 2006 Honor Guard Competition at the Annual Convention in June and the lack of participation of Honor Guards. It was noted, that several Honor Guards were unable to participate for various reasons, but hope to participate in 2007.

At the 2006 Honor Guard Competition, only two Honor Guards were able to participate, they were, Howard County and Montgomery County. Howard County won First Place and Montgomery County, Second Place. Captain John Butler, of the Howard County Honor Guard, won the Commander’s Award.

The committee was made aware that there had been discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting, as to not having the competition in 2007, due to the lack of participation from the Honor Guards and the small audience in 2006. The small audiences are due to Sunday being a transition day and many people have not arrived in Ocean City by 12:00 hours. Many that have, are attending seminars, or other events.

We felt that 2006 was an off year for the participating Honor Guards and have heard from at least 5 Honor Guards, that hope to participate in 2007. If the Association / Convention and Conference Committee were to cut the competition, we were concerned that some of the Honor Guards would not be able to attend, because their coming to the Convention is based on their participating in the
competition. Should this happen, it could effect how we would be able to provide for the “Presentation of the Colors” for the Memorial Service and the Opening Ceremonies, with limited personnel.

The Honor Guard Committee will again assist with personnel for the Joint Memorial Service on Sunday evening. We are asking any of the Honor Guards that will not be competing to assist with escort duties. Last year, members from the Southern Maryland Honor Guard and Harford County Honor Guard provided the escorts. Vice Chairman Dennis Beard, will oversee the line up of the uniformed personnel to enter together as a “Sea of Blue” for the Memorial Service.

All Honor Guards will be requested to provide personnel on Monday morning for the Opening Ceremony, to Post the County flags. In the past, the winner of the Honor Guard Competition on Sunday, did the Presentation of the Colors for the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning. Should there not be an Honor Guard Competition, the Honor Guard Committee will select a team to handle this for the 2007 Convention.

Vice Chairman DeHaven handed out CD’s of the Chaplain’s Manual and asked that everyone go over the Funeral Section, especially the parts concerning Honor Guard participation. We would then send our suggestions, or changes to the Chaplain’s Office to be incorporated into their manual.

NOTE: The day after the Honor Guard Committee meeting, the Chairman was informed that the Chaplain’s Manual had been approved and was going to print. Chairman Hawley advised Vice Chairman DeHaven and Committee Member Tom Miller of this. At this point it is too late to make any corrections or additions to this manual.

At our committee meeting in January 2007, we discussed the 2007 Honor Guard Competition and how best to present our options to the Convention and Conference Committee for their approval.

Our guest at this meeting, Captain Tyrone DeMent, with the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services Honor Guard, suggested that instead of holding the competition this year, that the Honor Guard Committee consider having the Honor Guards perform for evaluators and hold a critique during the Tuesday seminar. Each Honor Guard that participates would receive a participation plaque in place of awards for first, second and third place, etc., which may get more participation from other Honor Guards. On Tuesday, a critique would be part of a learning symposium and members of the MSFA Honor Guard Committee would serve as mentors to assist newer Honor Guards with areas they wish to work on, based on their evaluation.
Each Honor Guard participating would not be required to participate in all four events. Teams could choose to participate in any, or all events.

Vice Chairman DeHaven said he had heard from several teams that had expressed an interest in participating. Everyone felt that the suggestion from Captain DeMent would be the best way to go this year.

Due to Chairman Hawley being out of state, Vice Chairman DeHaven attended a meeting of the Convention Program Committee on 26 January to give a presentation on the committee’s proposed changes.

Vice Chairman DeHaven stated that he would send out e-mail and make phone calls to try to obtain commitments for this event.

Another of Captain DeMent’s ideas was to form a combined Honor Guard for the MSFA. This team would be made up of members from the various Honor Guards throughout the state. Each team would send one, or two members to train with this MSFA team. The team would train once per month in items such as, Color presentation, casket watch, funeral detail and flag folding. This combined team would be available to be called out to assist with funerals, as well as provide a Colors Team to present the Colors at the Combined Memorial Service and Opening Ceremonies each year at the annual Convention. Each member would wear the uniform from their respective Honor Guard unit.

At the February Executive Committee Meeting, Chairman Hawley after giving his report, was advised that the Convention and Conference Committee had accepted the proposal to change from an Honor Guard Competition, to an exhibition and evaluation. Chairman Hawley advised Vice Chairman DeHaven of the approval and gave him the go ahead to proceed with the mailing and notification of his contacts, that this year would be a exhibition and evaluation.

A flier has been sent out announcing the changes and the topic for the Tuesday afternoon seminar.

The changes will be reviewed by the Honor Guard Committee after the 2007 Convention and Conference.

Chairman Hawley was also advised, that the combined Honor Guard would fall under the Honor Guard Committee and the committee could proceed with their plan.

The Honor Guard Committee does not have a meeting scheduled prior to the Convention in June, 2007.
The members of the Honor Guard Committee, wish to thank President Balta for our appointments and re-appointments to the committee, to allow us to continue to serve the Maryland State Firemen’s Association during the 2006 – 2007 term.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Franklin Hawley, Chairman
Gregory J. DeHaven, Vice Chairman
Dennis Beard, Vice Chairman

Report of the Incentive Programs Committee

President Balta, Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests to the 115th Annual Convention

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)
The Incentives Programs Committee continues to monitor the counties for any changes in their respective programs. The following changes have been received. Baltimore County recipients now receive $250 a month. Another enhancement to their program was the addition of a $5000 Burial Benefit. Their next project is to obtain Survivor Benefits. Prince George’s County lowered the age to 55 and increased the burial benefit to $5,000. St. Mary’s County has increased benefits for members age 60 to $200 a month plus $8 additional per month for each year over 20 years of service. At age 55, the benefits were increased to $150 plus $8. Charles County’s payments change each year. Their payments are based on CPI, but cannot be increased or decrease by more than four percent in any year. This year their basic payment is $221 per month with an additional $8.84 added for each full year of certified service over 25 years. Caroline County’s payments increased to $125 a month paid quarterly.

Washington County has had a program in place since 1998, but payments did not begin until January 1, 2007. Eligible member are now receiving monthly checks of $200 plus $15 for each full year of certified service over 25 years.

As given in other reports, there are still five counties without LOSAP: Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico. Garrett County is working towards a program with hopes one will be in place shortly. The County Commissioners appointed a committee to formulate a LOSAP plan for the County. Terry Spear has been appointed as their Emergency Service Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management. Joe and I met with the committee November 30th at Wisp Resort and are continuing to assist as requested. The Commissioners have allotted nearly $200,000 to start the program. An interesting point on theirs is in the crediting of points with the placement of more emphasis on operational members.
Allegany County is also in the planning stages of formulating a LOSAP. They are working with VFIS and their County Commissioners have committed to allocating money into the program. Information has been sent to Steve Kesner, Emergency Medical Services Chief, and Cheri Llewellyn, Allegany County Emergency Services and Communications.

The LOSAP Information Manual is being furnished as requested. Please continue to keep this committee informed of any changes so the Manual may be kept current. A copy of the latest LOSAP Summary is on page 69.

**TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)**

Since this convention report is due prior to the date the reports are received by the county coordinators, a total number of qualifying volunteers for Tax Year 2006 is unavailable. A total of 12,504 qualified in Tax Year 2005, an increase of 78 over 2004.

Some counties changed County Coordinators this year. I have talked with each of them and furnished all of the Legislation (6 Bills), the history of the legislation, a copy of each of the three (3) MSFA-P.2. forms, and the “Most Frequently Asked Questions with Answers.” All requests for information were furnished.

We are still working with Jim Hertzler who is the Legislative Administrator for Pennsylvania State Senator Michael A. O’Pake. Pennsylvania is working to implement a program for the volunteers similar to Maryland’s. Senate Bill 982 increasing the subtraction to $4,500 did not get out of committee. The last increase of $500 was received in 2000.

**SUMMARY**

As chair of the Incentive Programs Committee, I wish to express my thanks to the committee members, the county coordinators, and the company tax incentive coordinators for their hard work, assistance, and support in this year’s Tax Incentive Program.

The committee would like to thank President Bobby Balta for our appointments and for his support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve the MSFA another year. We wish President Balta a very successful convention and the incoming president, Paul Sterling, and officers a successful and productive year.

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Respectfully Submitted
Joan Robison

Report of the Legislative Committee

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Officers, Past Presidents, members of the Executive Committee, delegates, and guests.

The 2007 Legislative session started on January 10 and concluded at midnight on April 9. During these ninety days, the legislators submitted 1,443 House Bills, 6 House Joint Resolutions, 1036 Senate Bills, and 1 Senate Joint Resolutions, for 2486 Bills. Of these, 67 Bills were closely monitored for their potential impact on the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services. The break down of these bills was:

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The number of opposed bills may seem low, but several bills were originally opposed however were later amended to support the Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services. Overall, of the 67 bills being watched by the Association 33 passed and 34 failed. A listing of all the bills watched by the Legislative Committee and their outcome can be found on the MSFA Web page (www.msfa.org) under legislation.

HB50 – Budget – Maintain the current funding levels for the MSFA. Bill passed.

HB1078 and SB701 – Public Safety – Maryland State Firemen’s Association
Uses of Appropriations – This legislation eases restrictions placed on the Appropriations granted to the MSFA. Both Bills passed.


HB785 – Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act – Legislation would require that cigarettes sold in Maryland must pass a performance standard. In order words the cigarette would self extinguish if not actively smoked, thus reducing the possibility of fires started by a disregarded cigarettes. Bill passed.

HB671 and SB517 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act – Both bills received unfavorable reports out of committees.

HB401 – Public Safety – Carbon Monoxide Alarms - Bill passed.


HB1233 – Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers – Property Tax Credit - Failed in House Rules Committee

HB17 – Public School Construction – Funding – Video Terminals – Legislation place 5% of “slots” proceeds to the Senator Amoss fund. Bill failed in the House Ways and Means Committee.

I would like to thank all those members that took the time to phone, fax, or e-mail members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. Through your actions we were able to defeat HB1048 and pass HB785. For the hearing on HB1048 we had over forty people testifying in opposition of HB1048. For both the House and Senate hearings for HB785 there were over thirty people testifying in favor of HB785.

We were saddened by the untimely passing of Bureau Chief John “Jack” Frazier, Jr. (ret) of the Baltimore City Fire Department. Jack suffered a massive heart attack on April 4 and passed away on April 6. Jack was a true friend of Maryland’s Fire Service, both of the career and volunteers. He was very knowledgeable of the workings of Annapolis and knew where to find the answers. I was honored that he considered me as a friend and I will greatly miss him.
To the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, your support was immeasurable. The Committee sincerely appreciates the many hours of volunteer service you provide and your excellent support. The committee would like to pay a special thanks to Peggy Webb, chairperson of the LA-MSFA Legislative Committee. Peggy, you and the other ladies did a tremendous job. We are proud to have the following ladies as a part of the team; Peggy Webb, Barbara McWilliams, Betty Radish, Candy Mitchell, Marie Soutar, Peggy Webb, and Rose Davis. Long time committee member Betty Reamy was unable to work in Annapolis this year due to a serious illness. We greatly missed her. Heartfelt thanks to President Patricia Deamond for her assistance and support during the year.

I would like to thank Richard Snader and Lew Harvey, Data Systems Committee, for keeping the computers up and running. In addition, a very special thanks to Chuck Austin, Chairman 17 State Circle Committee, for his hard work. Both of these committees were only a phone call away if a problem was encountered.

Finally to the members of the MSFA Legislative Committee and all the members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association a tremendous thank you for your continued support and efforts in contacting your Senators and Delegates seeking their support or opposition on various Bills submitted during this session.

C. Daniel Davis Jr., Chairman
Richard L. Yinger, Vice Chairman

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Report of the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board

I would like to start by reporting that the Maryland Instructor Certification Review Board is about to complete its 27th year of operation. During those 27 years, the Board has had excellent attendance and participation not only from the member organizations, but also from the sponsoring agencies that nurture and support the state emergency services instructors through the certification process. They have all acted in a positive and professional manner. The Board would also like to recognize the University System of Maryland; and especially Director Steven T. Edwards and the staff at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, whose strong support is an invaluable asset to the Board. In April of 2007, the MICRB held its 131st meeting. As of that meeting, there were 618 Certified Level II Emergency Services Instructors, 226 Evaluators, and 21 Instructor Trainers. I have reviewed the actions of the Board during this past year, and list below some of the highlights of our activities:

1. The Board spent a significant portion of the past year reviewing the Certification Standards for Emergency Services Instructors to determine if any revisions are necessary. Input was solicited from instructors, sponsoring agencies, and others. The revised Standards were approved by the Maryland
Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission, and have been forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the final approval process.

2. Work continues on refinement of the MICRB web site. One may access a current list of certified Level II Instructors, Evaluators, and Instructor Trainers, as well as upcoming meeting information, Board membership, a copy of the Standards, and a list of currently approved professional development opportunities. This list is updated as new programs are approved. The Board considers its web site a valuable resource for both Instructors and Sponsors.

3. Considerable energy has been focused on educating the instructors and their sponsoring agencies on the continuing education requirement as outlined in the Standards. The Board continues to address the development of a policy which will clearly outline the criteria for professional development programs. A draft Criteria for Continuing Education Programs was developed and is currently being reviewed by the Board. Once finalized, the document will be disseminated to both instructors and their sponsoring agencies. A significant effort has been made by all jurisdictions to provide ample professional development opportunities for instructors, and throughout the year several new PDI opportunities have been approved. MFRI’s on-line PDI program continues to provide instructors with an alternative to traditional classroom and lecture-based PDI.

The Board is always available to assist instructors and their sponsoring agencies in clarifying any issues they may have with the certification process.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Weisgerber, Chairman

Report of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Report

2006 Memorial Weekend
The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will take place on October 6-7 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year, 89 fallen firefighters will be honored and their names added to the plaques surrounding the National Fallen Firefighters Monument. This includes: 86 firefighters, 81 male and 5 female, who died in the line of duty in 2006. Three who died in previous years will be honored. Thirty-three states experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2006. Fallen firefighters ranged in age from 19 to 78. Deaths resulted from many causes including vehicular accidents while en route to or returning from emergency calls, heart attacks, training incidents, building collapses, being struck by objects at the incident scene, falls, helicopter crashes, drowning and burns.

In 2006, five multiple fatality incidents accounted for 15 deaths. Two multiple
Fatality incidents occurred at structural fires while the other three occurred during air operations or while fighting wild fires. Of the firefighters who died in the line-of-duty in 2006, 47 were volunteer firefighters, 36 were career firefighters, and 3 were contract firefighters. Wildland fires, controlled burns and aircraft training/certification for wildland protection accounted for 20 fatalities. New York suffered the nation’s greatest number of line-of-duty firefighter deaths in 2006, with 12. California and North Carolina each had eight firefighters die in the line of duty, and New Jersey had five.

**Firefighter Fatality Facts**
Since 1981, New York State has suffered the highest number of line-of-duty fire deaths. New York has lost 658 firefighters, including those who died in the World Trade Center. Pennsylvania has had 236 deaths, the second largest number nationwide. California, Texas, and Illinois are third, fourth and fifth in order of states with the highest number of firefighter deaths. A total of 3,147 firefighters have died in the line of duty from 1981-2006. On average in 2006, one firefighter died in the line of duty every 101 hours.

**National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park**
Work is continuing on the first permanent Memorial Park honoring all fallen firefighters. It features a brick “Walk of Honor” connecting the National Fallen Firefighters Monument and the historic National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel. The Walk now contains more than 5,000 bricks. The Foundation worked with the Sisters of Charity to place a bronze plaque marking the original location of the White House—the first home of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton—in the Walk.

**National Monument**
Constructed in 1981, the 7-foot stone monument features a sculptured Maltese Cross, the traditional symbol of the fire service. Designated by Congress in 1990 as the official national monument to all fallen firefighters, it is the only national memorial honoring all fallen firefighters—career, volunteer, and contract—at all levels—local, state, and federal. At the base of the Monument, an eternal flame symbolizes the spirit of all firefighters—past, present and future. A wrought iron railing was added to the original stone wall, and a new “Wall of Honor” stone wall encircling the monument was constructed in 2004. This allows space for placement of plaques in future years. The new stone wall is capped with marble that matches that used to make the original altars in the Chapel. A donated bell was placed on one side of the entrance and a trumpet was placed on the other side. Plaques encircling the monument now list the names of the 3,147 men and women of the fire service who have died in service to their communities from 1981-2005. All 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam have fallen firefighters honored at the National Monument. A separate plaque lists the 347 firefighters who died in the World Trade Center.
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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel
During the early 1800s, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born canonized saint, established the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg. She planned the Chapel as part of one of the country’s earliest Catholic women’s colleges. In 1997, the site was designated as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and in 1998 it was dedicated in memory of Chief Marvin A. Gibbons, PP, Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

A new roof was placed on the Chapel. Renovations to the Chapel’s interior, including bringing it up to fire code, installation of an elevator, renovation of the main sanctuary and choir loft, and installation of a sprinkler system were completed in 2006. The renovations also included restoration of the frescoes on the Chapel ceiling and replacement of broken stained glass in the windows. Office space on both sides of the altar was renovated for staff, and the offices of the Foundation were relocated to the Chapel.

Walk of Honor
A walkway of bricks with inscriptions that remember loved ones or say “thank you” connects the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and the National Monument. Special sections in the Walk honor fire departments, fire service organizations, and Foundation sponsors. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; St. Louis, Missouri; Worcester, Massachusetts, and Prince George’s County, Maryland have dedicated sections honoring their fallen firefighters. The IAFC and Fireman’s Association of Pennsylvania have each purchased one of the four brick nodes available in the Walk. CFSI has purchased a section on the Walk and their bricks will honor their co-chairs and legislators of the year. Progress is being made on a Fire Department of New York section honoring all FDNY line-of-duty death firefighters from 1865 to the present. A special section honoring FDNY firefighters who died in the World Trade Center will also be added in the future

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
Created by Congress in 1992 to support efforts to honor fallen firefighters and provide programs to assist their survivors, the Foundation was chartered in 1993 as a non-profit organization in the State of Maryland. The Foundation offers peer support and grief resources for families; networks for families and departments of fallen firefighter, and training and resources for senior fire service officers for line-of-duty deaths. The 2006 Taking Care of Our Own training classes reached 470 senior fire service officers, chaplains and honor guard members. The Chief-to-Chief Network was expanded. A project to establish Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) began with development of a manual and training for team leaders from 10 states. The LAST teams will assist departments and family members when a line-of-duty death occurs. In particular, assistance will be provided in filing of PSOB claims.
In 2004, in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration, the Foundation launched a national initiative to reduce line-of-duty firefighter deaths. A Firefighter Life Safety Summit attended by more than 200 fire service personnel produced 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. In 2006, two mini-summits on Emergency Vehicles and Roadway Safety and Health, Wellness, and Fitness were held. A Firefighter Life Safety Kit was developed and mailed to 30,000 fire departments nationwide. The Courage To Be Safe program was presented in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Dakota, California, Oregon and Michigan. A new course that merged Taking Care of Our Own with the Courage to Be Safe firefighter safety program was developed.

In addition, the Foundation provides scholarships for spouses, children, and stepchildren of fallen firefighters and continues to provide long-term emotional support for the families of firefighters who died in the World Trade Center. In 2006, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 84 spouses, children, and stepchildren from 28 states. Partnerships with Motorola Foundation, NASFM, MasterGuard and ICMA provided $219,680 in scholarships. A financial management program for spouses of FDNY 9-11 firefighters continued, and a program for young people called Investing Pays Off was introduced.

The first annual Fire Service Survivors Conference was held in Washington, DC. Attendees participated in workshops on the Fire Service Survivors Network, parenting the grieving child, public speaking, financial management, and stress management. Survivors took advantage of the opportunity to visit with their legislators on Capitol Hill and attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner.

The Foundation expanded its Web site with more features and information. Foundation staff and survivors provided information at 10 major fire service conferences. www.firehero.org.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and our Chairman Hal Bruno, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the support and assistance the Maryland State Firemen’s Association has provided to the Foundation and the families of fallen firefighters. We greatly value your support and feel that it contributes greatly to the success of our programs. Thank you for all that you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Jon Siarnicki
Executive Director
Report of the Maryland Director to the National Volunteer Fire Council

It is with great pride that I present to our organization the first report of the National Volunteer Fire Council in over three years. President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Distinguished Past Presidents and Officers of this great Association, Delegates and Alternates to the 115th Annual Convention; I am honored to stand before you and state for the record, we are back in the National Volunteer Fire Council and I can assure you, they are well aware of it!

The past year has been a very busy one, indeed, as far as the Director and Alternate from Maryland were concerned. Both gentlemen were extremely busy representing the interests of the MSFA and assisting the headquarters of the NVFC on numerous issues of import, many, affecting legislation on Capitol Hill.

The appointed Alternate from Maryland to the NVFC Board, our Immediate Past President, Lee Sachs was a tremendous help during the past year. He was engaged throughout the year with many topics that should be of great concern to the MSFA. He maintained a constant line of communication with the main office of the NVFC.

Director Seavey attended the Fall Meeting of the NVFC Board in Bend, Oregon. Due to costs involved in cross-country travel, we opted not to send both representatives. Forty-three states were represented at this meeting.

The strategic plan for the NVFC was totally overhauled at this meeting, a process requiring two days of work. The final draft of the strategic plan was approved at the Spring Meeting in Arlington, Virginia in March.

A resolution was passed at the Bend meeting, “Whereas the NVFC recognizes the dangers that novelty lighters have to young children, therefore be it resolved the NVFC strongly encourages the Consumer Products Safety Commission to prohibit the importation, sale and distribution of these lighters in the United States.”

It was reported that the NVFC is currently offering two courses to any state requesting them on an outreach basis. The Heart Healthy Program and the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Program Courses are both available on request.

In Bend, there was a contentious bid between the Idaho Fire Chiefs and the Idaho Volunteer Firefighters Association over representing the volunteers at the NVFC. The Idaho Chiefs had been the reps. for the past five years, since first joining. Following presentations by both organizations and lengthy debate, the Board voted to accept the application of the Idaho Volunteer Firefighters Association as the exclusive representative organization for the volunteer firefighters in Idaho to the NVFC.
At the Fall Meeting, following the discovery of disturbing news through a survey conducted by the headquarters office, the NVFC voted: *As the NVFC values the Health and Safety of America’s volunteer fire and EMS personnel and the well being of their families. Therefore, be it resolved that the NVFC strongly encourage all states to require worker’s compensation for their volunteer fire and EMS personnel.*

The NVFC voted at the Fall Meeting to change the title of the Firefighter of the Year Award to that of “Lifetime Achievement Award”!

During the winter, the NVFC headquarters office became quite involved in the discussions over federal credentialing of firefighters and the exclusion of volunteers from that program. With assistance from Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties, that prohibition was thwarted.

The NVFC created an on-line resource center for assistance with AFG and SAFER grant applications. Department representatives can go to the following link for information: [www.nvfc.org/news/2007-afg-safer.html](http://www.nvfc.org/news/2007-afg-safer.html). A great new Junior Firefighters Partnership has started between the NVFC and Spartan Motors Corp. Those departments interested in support from this program should visit either: [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org) or [www.spartanmotors.com](http://www.spartanmotors.com) for further information.

A new program to honor the local contributions of firehouses to their communities is being sponsored by Circuit City. The program, *Firedog Across America*” will provide over $650,000 to firehouses. Departments seeking more information should visit: [www.firedog.com](http://www.firedog.com).

Director Seavey and Alternate Sachs attended the Spring Meeting of the NVFC Board, held in Arlington, Virginia the last week of March.

At this meeting, Alternate Sachs motioned: *That the NVFC prepare a white paper setting out the organization’s position advocating the right to volunteer.* This motion was passed unanimously and was referred the Advocacy Committee for immediate action and is to be published as soon as approved by that committee.

Of important note, it was revealed by DHS at this meeting that ASSOCIATIONS may now apply for funding through the SAFER Grant for regional recruitment and retention needs.

Also at this meeting, Alternate Sachs motioned: *As a result of poor performance on behalf of the Department of Justice, the NVFC send a communication to all appropriate houses of the legislature and also to the Department of Justice stating our dismay at the improper handling of the PSOB Hometown Heroes Program.* This motion passed unanimously! (It should be noted that the MSFA Executive
A motion was unanimously passed at the Spring Meeting to have the NVFC develop a white paper reiterating the absolute right for career firefighters to volunteer for their communities on their off-duty hours.

An entire session of the Spring Meeting was set aside to debate and deliberate the final position of the NVFC as it relates to the integration of EMS into the organization. There was a two-hour period of discussion with many points of view brought to light.

Following this well-facilitated discussion, the following motion was passed: That one (1) seat be provided on the Executive Committee for an individual from a National EMS organization and that the EMS Committee will recommend from which organization that individual will be provided. Thus, the NVFC has finally decided to embrace EMS and include that part of our service wholly at the highest level of the organization.

Dr. Bill Jenaway offered to provide a Department Safety Officer job description template to any department desiring it upon request. Department’s with a need may contact him directly at wjenaway@vfis.com or at 717-741-7902.

It was reported the Ret. Chief Hugh Owens is now the FireCorps Advocate for the State of Maryland. Currently, FireCorps is now in its third year and there are 593 registered programs in 47 states with 8,896 participants.

A motion was passed: State dues of $500.00 shall automatically cover the individual membership dues of that State’s Director and Alternate to the NVFC Board.

Another motion passed: If a fire/rescue department pays for all of its members to have individual memberships, the department shall automatically be provided a free membership.

Director Seavey brought up the need for the establishment of a political action committee (PAC) or research as to the ability to do so, given the tremendous media coverage that was attained by the IAFF on the recent presidential interviews. There was a lengthy debate over the establishment of a PAC and Chairman Stittleburg stated that it would be an action item with a full report at the Fall Meeting.

Alternate Timko (PA) stated that we had not the time to wait for Fall and
that he felt we should organize interviews or presentations by the presidential candidates at the Fall Meeting. The Chairman authorized Alternate Timko to work with the office to contact the various candidates, while he verifies legalities.

The NVFC Headquarters lease is expiring in December of 2007 and Executive Director, Heather Schafer stated that they are looking at moving the office “outside of the Beltway”! *Just an observation, this could be a great opportunity to partner in office space between the NVFC and a growing MSFA workforce and need for office space. Food for thought?*

Finally, with the blessing of incoming President, I shall be switching positions with my colleague, Past President Lee Sachs. I feel that it is in the best interest of serving the Executive Committee for the next year that I be focused on the task at hand. Lee has graciously accepted my request.

It has been an honor representing this great organization as your Director and I look forward to continuing to advocate within the NVFC on our behalf as your Alternate. I would like to thank President Bobby Balta for all of his support during this past year!

Respectfully submitted,
Chief James P. Seavey, Sr.

*Report of the Planning Committee*

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates and Guests to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The Maryland State Firemen’s Association Planning Committee met five (5) times throughout this past year. The Committee also met once in joint session with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. All members of the Committee were very active in the Committee process and most made all scheduled meetings.

The Committee first reviewed and updated the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Operational Plan, which was last updated in 2006. This action took several meetings to complete. The Committee then reviewed all information from the President’s Retreat and then added this to the operational plan.

The Committee discussed the finances and possible ways to increase funding to the MSFA. After much discussion, the following motion was made by the Committee:
Motion by Clarence Webb, second by P.P. Joe Robison to support the following two advisory questions on this year’s ballot. (This motion/action was reported to the Executive Committee)

**Question A:** Due to the financial status of the Association, a dues increase should be considered. Would you support a dues increase at the 2008 Convention and Conference?

**Question B:** Are you in favor of a structured dues system based upon several factors instead of the current dues system?

Members of the Planning Committee felt that the sooner the advisory questions are on the ballot, the sooner the MSFA Officers will be able to plan for the future. They also felt that getting the facts out to the MSFA membership, so that they understand where the MSFA is financially, the better the dues increase idea will pass.

The Committee would like to thank President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood for attending the meetings and for all of their help and support during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig A. Moe, Chair

**Committee Membership**
Jeff Dickey, Vice Chair
Lew Harvey, IV
J. Donald Mooney
James Snyder, Jr.
Joseph R. Robison, P.P.
Dennis Skinner
James Deskins
Clarence Webber

**Report of the Public Relations and Bulletin Committee**

What a year! I cannot believe its convention time already. In the past year, we have had three successful editions of the Volunteer Trumpet including the Convention issue. We have also changed several aspects about the Trumpet, especially the design and content. My committee and I have taken huge steps in getting the Trumpet back on track this year. We have improved the quality of the publication and reduced the cost for the publication for the Association. I could have not done this alone. I want to thank several people for making this year a great success for the Trumpet. First, Bobby! Mr. President I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you and make your ideas for the Trumpet
happen. Paul and Frank, I look forward to working with you in the years to come. Ron Watkins, thank you for your guidance and wisdom from your years in my position. The thoughts and ideas have helped tremendously and the pictures too. Marcia Garnice…thank you for being willing to help when no one else would. Jen Underwood…your pictures are fabulous I hope that you will continue to work with me and make the Trumpet picture perfect. Richard Smith and Doyle Cox…I can’t say it enough, thank you! You have supported me the entire year and I could not have made it through this year with out your support! Last and certainly not least our printing company Heritage Printing and Graphics in Leonardtown. Steve Gass and Jerry Bohle have been wonderful to work with on several levels including the new design and making our publication cost effective for us.

There is one person that I need to thank individually. Mr. Emmons Horner! Emmons if it weren’t for you; we wouldn’t have a Volunteer Trumpet. Anytime I needed a story, Emmons was there to submit something. He has been a great supporter of the Volunteer Trumpet and I can’t thank him enough. Emmons, I hope you continue to support the Volunteer Trumpet as much as you have this year. I thank you for your hard work and dedication; you exhibit what being a Volunteer is all about.

I’m looking forward to next year making the Trumpet bigger and better. Please remember it is a publication for and by the Volunteers of this great state. Take pride in it and if you have anything to submit please do so. My goal this year is to get at least one article published about every county in the state. My committee and I cannot do that alone; we need your help and submissions. Communication is the key! Please communicate with me or my committee and let us know when you have events occurring in your county or station so we can attend and cover the event and write an article. Submit anything that you have to trumpet@msfa.org or contact me directly at areamy@msfa.org. Please help us make the Volunteer Trumpet bigger and better for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber L. Reamy, Chairman

Report of the Residential Sprinkler Committee

The Residential Sprinkler Committee has completed a second very busy year of educating the fire service and citizens of Maryland on residential fire sprinklers. We have assisted many communities and are continuing to assist communities in their quests for obtaining requirements for residential sprinklers in new one and two family dwellings. Our committee has remained very active and enthusiastic throughout the year, meeting bi-monthly in addition to over 50 events involving residential sprinkler education, or the presentations at public hearings or other governmental meetings. We have been invited to educate fire service
or governmental personnel in 17 counties and over 20 municipalities across the state. We participated in the Maryland Association of Counties Convention last August. Since the last MSFA Convention, where we did a floor program and a seminar, the number of counties with residential sprinkler requirements has grown to 5, and the number of municipalities to 13. Many other municipalities have been included when counties adopted the requirements, so in actuality close to 75 municipalities now are covered by residential sprinkler requirements. Prince Georges, Montgomery, Carroll, Frederick, and Charles counties are covered by residential sprinkler requirements. Laurel, Gaithersburg, Rockville, Mt, Airy, Emmitsburg, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Charlestown, Frederick, LaPlata, Indian Head, St. Michaels, and Perryville have taken the initiative to adopt requirements of their own. The Town of Fruitland has a requirement for duplex homes. Several other counties, Anne Arundel, Queen Anne’s, Talbot and St. Mary’s are currently considering requirements for residential sprinklers. The cities of Annapolis, Cambridge, Denton, North East, and Chesapeake City all have requirements for residential sprinklers on the table for consideration. (Some may have adopted by time of publication)

We wish to extend a hearty THANK YOU to State Fire Marshal Bill Barnard and his staff for their steadfast support. In particular, I wish to THANK Faron Taylor for his passion and dedication to this effort. We also wish to THANK our partners in this effort, the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association, Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland, The Fire Prevention Committee of the MSFA, Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, and all the individuals that have assisted us this year.

Please get out and learn about residential sprinklers. Let your community leaders know about them and how important they are in saving lives!
Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

Annual Report of the Rural Water Supply Committee

The Rural Water Supply Committee again had a very successful year in assisting with training on rural water supply delivery for fire emergencies. The committee assisted the Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department with their tenth annual rural water supply seminar. A two day event was held and very well attended by personnel from five states in attendance. This practical evolution based training was centered on each of the individual components of rural water supply delivery. Fill site set up, dump site set up, and methods of making them efficient were the topics for the first day. A simulated ISO two hour drill was the exercise for the second day. In the ISO drill, over 1750 gallons per minute were averaged for the two hours.
The MSFA Rural Water Supply Committee sponsored the spring drill which was hosted by the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Company. This two day event featured a classroom day where many theories were discussed, myths dispelled, and practices and procedures clarified or explained. The second day consisted of a simulated two hour ISO drill which encompassed several different types of fill sites and a dynamic dump site. Again, much practical experience was gained by the participants.

The committee responded to a few inquiries and offered clarification on the rural water supply bill that was passed in last years Legislative Session of the State. This bill took effect on October 1, 2006 and allows fire fighters access to any water source for use in an emergency fire or hazardous materials situation without fear of trespass.

We wish to thank all the fire companies that participated in our training this year. We also wish to offer our assistance to any member company in rural water supply delivery, creation of water sources, dry hydrant permitting, tanker design and of course training.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Alexander, Chair

Report of the Safety Committee

President Balta, Officers and Members of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Your Safety Committee congratulates you on a very successful year as MSFA President; we wish you the utmost luck in the up coming years, where ever it leads you.

I want to take this time to thank the Members of our Safety Committee for their dedication and individual commitment, in traveling every third Sunday of the month to attend our regularly scheduled meetings through out Maryland. These individuals take countless hours out to attend, and support your Safety Committee. This type of support is why our committee is so prestigious with the State Association. A thanks also goes out to the Committee Liaisons who support the Safety Committee on a regular bases, Dan Stevens, Training, Hugh Owens, Maryland Fire Chiefs.

The Safety Committee held regular scheduled meetings every third Sunday of the month through out our Great State of Maryland at various members fire companies. Our concerns lye at Accident incidents with Scene Safety. How can we make our personnel more visible, and less likely to become a statistic. We the Safety Committee are pushing the use of type 4 and 5 safety high visible vest for all riding positions on your apparatus. Type 4 has a zipper down the front, and type 5 is totally Velcro.
Your Safety Committee is preparing for another busy role again at this year’s Convention and Conference. We will be seen in our bright red shirts, assisting the Convention Committee in many areas; Sunday equipment staging and set-up, assisting with safety issues during our convention; supporting all other activities such as picnic, beach party, pajama parade, and ensuring safety and welfare of all at Wednesday’s President’s parade.

Visit with your Safety Committee at our display booth at the Convention next door to Conference and receive a free pocket mask for your safety if or when performing CPR. Please be sure to stop and see the electrical demo that Delmarva power will be having in front of Convention center to fry a hot dog on the electric wires. We will also host three seminars beginning on Sunday at 12:30PM Incident Safety on our Interstates, Monday: Firefighter Safety while operating on the Highway, Tuesday: Command structure, all seminars will be instructed by Allan Baldwin, Safety Supervisor and coordinator for the Pennsylvanina Turnpike Administration. Watch for exact room numbers and times due to changes in scheduling. We hope that you will come to our seminars, and pack the house for these worth wild, educational seminars. Mr. Allan Baldwin is a Rescue Captain with the Gettysburg VFC., and is an Instructor for the Cumberland Valley Volunteers Firemen’s Association, which many of us on the Safety Committee belong. We hope that everyone who attends this years MSFA Convention will think safety at all times for themselves, their families, friends, neighbors, and you and me.

Respectfully Submitted
Hobart “Hoby” B. Howell Jr., Chairman

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The Maryland State Firemen’s Association Scholarship Committee continued to improve this year on the revisions that were put in place nearly four years ago. They included new funding streams for our applicants and the continued lobbying for support of the Maryland State Higher Educations tuition reimbursement for all who serve as active members of a State of Maryland fire and rescue department regardless of their resident status.

The committee continued this year with the standard of meeting four times a year with our final meeting of the year scheduled for May 2, 2007 at which time the 16 applications received for scholarships for the ’07-’08 school year will be reviewed and selected for awards. The committee continued to use the conference call format this year as they have in the past as this has allowed for greater participation from the members of the committee and provided the committee an avenue to accomplish more of its objectives.

Scholarships were awarded to 10 students this past year bringing the total, to
date, 152 students who are members of the Maryland Fire Service. This is an outstanding accomplishment for both this association and the scholarship committee members.

Funding for the awarded scholarships this past year came from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Nextel, Delmarva Power, Shock Trauma Board of Visitors, Maryland State Firemen’s Association Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Josephine Heimer, and several in the names of the Past Presidents of the association.

As Chair, I would like to recognize the outstanding efforts that have been put forth this past year. Since the time I began serving on the Scholarship Committee each and every member has show exceptional dedication to the stewardship of the funds they distribute.

Finally, I wish to thank President Balta, 1st Vice President Sterling, and 2nd Vice President Underwood for having the confidence in me to serve as Chairman. I hope that I have led the committee as they have wished and it has met their expectation. My dedication has always been to support our students in whatever capacity needed. I hope I have demonstrated my dedication and commitment to this committee both as a member and chairman.

Respectfully submitted:
G. Dale Fishack Jr., Chairman

Report of the Standards/NFPA Committee

The committee has been working with the Red Light Committee this year. Hopefully the present law will be understood and followed by all of the companies in the state. We did not have any new companies or inspections this past year. We have been monitoring the changes being presented by the National Fire Protection Association Standards Committee that may have some affect on the fire companies of Maryland. We would like to remind everyone about following through with the present standards that have been approved by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Each standard has been approved for the protection of each firemen. Remember, each Chief is the one who has the responsibilities of the safety of the fire department on and off of the fire scene.

We, the committee, are always available to reinspect your fire department at any time you would like to reevaluate your equipment. We are here to serve you, the members of this Association.

We would like to thank President Balta for our appointment and we are looking forward to serving the Association in the future. My thanks to all of the members who have been available to serve when needed throughout the year.
Respectfully submitted,
Bill Huttenloch, Chairman

Report of the Transportation Committee

The committee’s focus this year was to complete the task of updating the data base from the information received from the 2003 recertification process. This undertaking involved many hours of administrative work as well as data entry. However, with the help of committee members we are making progress.

One formal meeting was held in September and another scheduled for February and March. These meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather. There have been several working sessions held during the year as well.

In order to process the tag fee income in a timely manner, County Coordinators were asked to remit the fees collected by them to the committee by the 10th of each month instead of waiting until all certs have been sold. This has worked well this year.

Items of interest discussed during the year were:

- Ideas on how to handle the 2008 recertification process
- Problems with certification forms
- Time-consuming corrections to the data base

Resolutions have been discussed for all three with ideas for the 2008 recertification process still pending.

Information on the E-Z pass issue for Fire and EMS member companies was obtained by contact with Rose Chalk, E-Z Pass Account Manager. She relayed to us that nothing has changed for marked fire or police vehicles. These vehicles will still be granted the same courtesy crossing a toll bridge or road without paying a fee. The Transportation Authority only wishes to identify these units so that a proper accounting of gratis fees can be obtained by her agency. The devise used to do this is called a transponder and can be obtained thru her at a cost of $5.00. If a member company needs to purchase one, they need to contact her directly at 410-537-1338.

The tag book updates are being placed on the MSFA website quarterly or when the data base is revised.

The numbers of new tags issued this year were 605 according to the fees received for the year. There are 235 MSFA motorcycle tags issued throughout the State of Maryland.
The committee was saddened by the untimely death of Montgomery County Coordinator, Stanley Duvall. Stanley did a great job and solicited fire companies to purchase MSFA tags. He will be missed. Glenn Butts was appointed as County Coordinator for Montgomery County in June 2006.

Dorothy Schultz, Financial Secretary for the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association continues to distribute certs and MVA forms to County Coordinators in her area. This expedites delivery of the forms in that region.

The committee continues to utilize the MSFA website and the Volunteer Trumpet to share information with member departments and committee members.

I would like to thank all committee members and County Coordinators for their support and efforts this year. Special thanks to William Frazier, Judy Frazier, Rose Pandolfini, Dorothy Schultz and the LAMSFA Liaison, Carol Flint for the work done this year and the MVA Representative, Larue Sauer. It is a collective effort from all that makes a successful committee.

I wish to extend my thanks to President Balta for his support and the opportunity to serve the MSFA by chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Flint II, Chair

Report of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board

President Balta, Past Presidents, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guest to the 115th Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved loans and grants to assist five member companies this year for a total of $1,435,221. The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board has approved 46 loans and 7 grants since being formed in 2000 for a total of $12,038,824.40.

The former Emergency Trust Fund Board was merged with the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund to create the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. The former Emergency Trust Fund Board since inception approved loans of $3,323,473.46; Grants of $6,685,277.11; for a Total of $10,019,250.57. Therefore the Total Amount of Loans & Grants administrated by the MSFA is $22,058,074.97.

The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1668 last year, State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund and Volunteer Company Assistance Fund - Moving Violations - Surcharges. The House and Senate passed the bill but the original charge of $50 was reduced to $7.50 of which half, $3.75 will go to the MSFA Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and the other half will to the Maryland State
Police Helicopter Replacement Fund. The MSFA fund is capped at $20 million and after that, all funds go to the MSP Helicopter Replacement Fund. The bill was effective on October 1, 2006. So far we have failed to found out how much money is the VCAF Account. Next fiscal year, FY 2008, Fiscal note is $3,178,600 of which the MSFA should receive $1,589,300.

Past President Sacks has concluded the audit of all funds of the MSFA received from the State of Maryland with the Office of Legislative Audits. The Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Financial Secretary Fred Cross. Attorney Roger Powell and I have also been working with the auditors.

As of April 12, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki advises our balance in the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account was $2,327,118.40 of which $737,646 is for loans approved but not completed. This leaves a balance of $1,589,472.40 for loans. We have five loans pending for approximately $2.4 million.

The Committee is still accepting loan and grant applications from all companies. All 12 copies of your loan & or grant applications must go through your county representative and be in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee 30 days before the pending meeting of the Committee. Note that the state law changes requires each company must apply to their local county government for a loan or grant before being submitted to the VCAF Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Robison, Chairman
Patricia A. Bowser, Secretary

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Report of the Watercraft Committee

President Balta, Vice Presidents Sterling and Underwood, Chairman Cox, Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 115th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The Watercraft Committee continues with the work of developing a plan for major flooding incidents in Maryland. Flooding is the number one weather related killer and cause of property damage, and fourteen out of the last sixteen Federally declared disasters in Maryland have been for flooding incidents. All of Maryland is susceptible to flooding, and it is a matter of when, not if, your department will be called out to a flooding/water rescue emergency.

Unfortunately rescuers are at great risk when responding to flood or water rescue calls. Statistically we are four times more likely to die attempting a water rescue than fighting a structural fire. The deficiencies that lead to this include lack of training, lack of proper equipment, lack of understanding of the power of water, and lack...
of planning. Remember that our only job is to go home after the call. It is the responsibility of each officer and responder to evaluate what role they will play when called out to a water rescue.

To address this issue there has been much work done at the national level to help agencies and responders plan and prepare for water rescues. The leading guidance for the fire service comes in the form of NFPA 1670 and 1006. In NFPA 1670 each AHJ is called upon to determine what level of response they can/will provide. Laid out in similar fashion to the familiar Haz-Mat designations of Awareness, Operations, and Technician they provide the framework each MSFA member company should follow in planning response to water rescues.

The FEMA Resource Typing provides additional, concurrent guidance on equipment and training for a water rescue resource that plans to function at an operational level. Mandated by the National Incident Management System this process is both voluntary and extensive in equipment and training. It is however the gold standard in identification of appropriate resources from fire boats to helicopters to swiftwater/flood rescue teams. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency has begun adaptation of this resource typing in the population of all resources listed for statewide response in WebEOC. Again it is voluntary that an agency meets this level, but if you are going to do the job you may as well do it within an accepted framework.

Finally the National Emergency Responder Credentialing System is hitting the streets. This document can be viewed at www.fema.gov/emergency/nims. It provides “documentation that can authenticate and verify the certification and identity of designated incident managers and responders.” This document specifically spells out what is meant by terms such as “boat operator” or “swiftwater/flood rescue technician” in both the NFPA and FEMA documents. Again participation in this system will be voluntary but should be viewed as strong guidance in doing the job correctly.

The Watercraft Committee will continue working with MEMA and other agencies to develop a response plan that takes into consideration all of the above guidance. We realize that many agencies may have trouble meeting some of the requirements, yet want to continue providing water rescue services. As part of the process we have working groups exploring training and funding needs and resources to address those needs. The committee will provide information on such funding and training as the resources are identified and developed.

Prior to this taking place I would personally urge each department providing water rescue services to pursue Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications where applicable) certifications for their members in the following areas as applicable to the type of service you provide: Surface Water Rescue Technician, Fire/Rescue Boat Crew Mate
I, II, and Motor Vessel Operator. By having these in place you will be on your way to demonstrating required competencies in the field of water rescue. Information on both programs is available thru MFRI.

I would also encourage departments with any questions related to water rescue contact a member of the Watercraft Committee. We are here to serve the member companies and can most likely use the expertise of the committee members in addressing any concerns. We are frequently consulted by departments for information on equipment and training and welcome such contacts.

The Committee would like to thank President Balta and the other Association officers for their support over the past year. MEMA staff members Terry Thompson (PP) and Beth Stone have been an invaluable resource in our work this past year again, our heartfelt thanks goes out to both. And MEMA Director Droneburg and Deputy Director Strickland have once again provided the support needed to move forward on such a large endeavor. The Committee looks forward to continuing its’ work with each of you and others in the coming year.

Submitted for the Service by:
Todd “Scuba” Johnson, Chair

Report of the Ways & Means Committee $10,000 Raffle

President Balta, officers and members of the MSFA and MSFALA. The 2006 raffle, which was conducted from June 2005 through June 2006, yielded a total of $54,701.35. The expenses totaled $16,050.00, which left a profit of $38,651.35.

- Counter sales at the 2006 convention produced $6,300.00 and the remaining $48,401.35 was realized by the special events that the committee attended and by the sales returned by the member companies. Harford County was again the leader in ticket sales with $16,341.00. This is the fifth year in a row that Harford has led in sales, and the challenge is still open for anyone to take the lead.

Although every county returned money, 40% of the MSFA member companies did not!

The committee would like to thank the county coordinators, member companies, ladies auxiliaries, and special individuals who have worked very hard to make the raffle a success.

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Maryland State Firemen’s Association 115th Annual Convention and Conference

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Calvert $ 780.00
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Charles $ 1,502.00
Dorchester $ 946.00
Frederick $ 2,213.00
Garrett $ 725.00
Harford $16,341.00
Montgomery $ 3,535.00
Prince Georges $ 2,724.35
Queen Anne’s $ 897.00
Somerset $ 545.00
St Marys $ 2,163.00
Talbot $ 345.00
Washington $ 880.00
Wicomico $ 639.00
Worcester $ 512.00

**Expenses for 2005-2006 Raffle**

- $ 12,500.00 Prizes
- $ 1,500.00 Printing
- $ 2,000.00 OC Sunfest & Springfest fees
- $ 50.00 Raffle license (Worcester Co)
- $ 16,050.00 Total Expenses
- $ 54,701.35 Total Sales
- $ 16,050.00 Total Expenses
- $ 38,651.35 Total Profit

**Prize Winners for 2005-2006 Raffle**

1st $10,000 Pam Wolford - Cumberland, MD
2nd $1,500 Calvin Crawford - Ashly, WV
3rd $500 Will Reinecke - Fallston, MD
4th $100 Michael Robinson
5th $100 West Side VFC – Nanticoke, MD
6th $100 Hereford EMS – Baltimore Co
7th $100 Jackie Kiehl
8th $100 Jessie Waldrup – Aberdeen, MD

The committee would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank them for their support. Also, many thanks are in order to the MSFA & LAMSFA officers and members who helped with the raffle. Without you, we could not have had such a successful year.

The committee requested and received approval from the Executive Committee to change the price of the 2006-2007 raffle tickets from 6 tickets for $5.00 to 10 tickets for $5.00. Our hope was to get a $5.00 sale vs. a $1.00 sale, and it seems to have worked. We have distributed over 90,000 tickets to the member companies of the MSFA & MSFALA.

The committee has had a very busy year with attendance at the Chesapeake City Canal Days, the Mason-Dixon Fair, the Harford County Farm Fair, the Maryland
Bar-B-Q Bash, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ocean City Sunfest. We are planning to attend Ocean City Springfest in May. If the weather cooperates, this event will add $5,000 to our total.

The committee would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, informative, and safe convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Jonske, Chairman
Anna Jonske, MSFALA Co-Chairman
Mitch Vocke, Co-Chairman
The Convention Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 20th starting promptly at 1300 hours, rain or shine. To be judged for prizes, apparatus must have been placed in service for emergency response in its home jurisdiction before coming to Ocean City, and must be equipped. Apparatus will be judged on appearance, cleanliness, neatness, and uniformity of the personnel. No sirens or horns at any time. Absolutely no drinking of any alcoholic beverage. No discharging of water or other agents. No unbecoming behavior. No drilling or performing at the judges reviewing stand that does not maintain forward progress at all times. All awards are for units in the line of parade. Actual numbers and types of trophies in certain categories may change due to number and types of entrants at day of parade. There will be two judges reviewing stands. Violations of any of the rules and regulations will result in disqualification and possible removal of the unit from the line of parade. The following is a list of parade trophies and awards that will be awarded after the parade at the Convention Hall. Also attached are the parade rules. There will be Parade Monitors that will be monitoring the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

ATTENTION PARADE PARTICIPANTS!!

Parade Line-Up Will Be First Come First In Line Unless Your Jurisdiction Comes In As A Group After Forming Together Before The Route 50 Bridge. Parade prizes and awards will be presented at 1730 hours, (or as close to this time as possible) in the rear of the Convention Center. The Convention Committee will provide free hot dogs, soda, and other light food for all parade participants starting at 1700 hours in the rear of the Convention Center in appreciation for your participation, and to ensure a safe trip home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION FROM YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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To ALL Participants in the Maryland State Firemen's Association’s
Convention Parade. Parade Monitors will be monitoring the entire parade route. They are authorized to remove any company or unit that is not behaving in a proper manner. Listed below are examples of some of the conduct that WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

Public drinking
Pulling of hose or other equipment from apparatus or vehicles
Blowing of sirens or air horns
Backing of apparatus or vehicles
Throwing of any type material from apparatus or vehicle
Discharging of water or other agents from apparatus or containers
Drilling in front of the reviewing stands that does not maintain forward progress at all times
Stopping or not maintaining forward progress in line of parade other than for safety purposes
Majorette groups stopping to perform during the parade route
Personnel on apparatus in an unsafe position or over crowded positions
Excessive non uniform personnel on apparatus
Individuals reviewing the parade, jumping into the line of parade march of a unit or interfering with bands, queens, majorette groups, etc.
Operation of any vehicle in a unsafe or reckless manner
If seatbelts or other safety devices are provided they must be worn in their proper manner
All “Jake Breaks” or like equipment will be turned off during the entire parade route.

Let’s ALL try to cooperate by abiding by the above rules so that we may ALL have a good time, and make a positive impression on the public we serve, and have a parade we can ALL BE PROUD OF - NOT one to be ashamed of because of the actions of a few! The same good behavior is expected during and after the awards presentations. All parade participants are invited to attend the trophy presentation in the rear of the Convention Center after the parade has ended. Sodas and other light food will be provided. FREE to all parade participants.

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Official Sample MSFA Voting Ballot

To all Active Member Organizations and Past Presidents the following is a sample copy of the Official voting ballot notification and clarification. Voting for 2007 at the 115th Annual Convention and Conference will take place starting at 0800 hours on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in the Main Ballroom of the Convention Center. Voting will remain open for two (2) hours.
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Each active member organization is entitled to, up to five (5) votes and each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote. All candidates are running un-apposed, and there are four (4) Constitution and By-Laws Proposals. (Should a second ballot be necessary, it will be announced from the podium giving complete details and times.)

The attached sample ballot is what will appear on the actual official paper ballot. The actual official paper ballot will be the same as in the past, utilizing the scan-tron paper form which allows for processing and automatic counting of all ballots.

2007 - BALLOT - 2007
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION - 2007
115th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE BALLOT - 2007
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

NOTE: Each Department is entitled to up to five (5) votes.
Each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote.

NOTE: [Bracketed wording] indicates deleted wording.
Underlined wording indicates added wording.

INSTRUCTIONS - Using the pencil provided fill in the space between the brackets for each vote you wish to cast, FOR or AGAINST, for each proposal or candidate. Each paper ballot will count as one (1) vote. You Maryland State Firemen’s Association 115th Annual Convention and Conference are reminded that each department is entitled to up to five (5) votes and each Past President is entitled to one (1) vote.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE
PRESIDENT PAUL H. STERLING, JR.
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FRANK J. UNDERWOOD
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ROGER N. POWELL
SECRETARY LEONARD T. KING, SR., P.P
FINANCIAL SECRETARY GEORGE A. “FRED” CROSS
TREASURER RONALD J. SIARNICKI
CHIEF CHAPLAIN REV. JOHN F. LONG, JR.
TRUSTEE TERRY E. THOMPSON, P.P.

Proposal #1 Affects: Constitution and By-Laws Article IX – Corrects the wording and clarifies the relation between the MSFA and the MSFA Foundation.

Article IX, Section 1 – The MSFA Foundation is a {subsidiary} corporate entity {of} related to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The Foundation {Board
of Directors shall consist of (9) Directors recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee, who shall operate the MSFA Foundation in accordance with its charter and bylaws.} raises funds which provide benefits to the Association. {The initial appointment shall be three (3) directors for a one (1) year term, three (3) directors for a two (2) year term and three (3) directors for a three year term. After the initial appointment, all subsequent appointments of three (3) directors shall be for a three (3) year term.} The Foundation report on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Association.

FOR [ ] AGAINST [ ]

Proposal #2 Affects: Constitution and By-Laws Article 1, Section 2 and Section 12 – Defines disciplinary actions that may be taken by the Association Article I, Section 12 – Delete the following paragraph: {Member Companies and Members of the MSFA shall conduct themselves in an ethical manner and fashion, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or Member, which by its conduct demeans the MSFA, will, upon review by the Executive Committee, be subject to sanctions, including suspension, if appropriate.} Article I, Section 12 – Insert the following section: Member companies of the MSFA and members of those companies shall conduct themselves in a manner, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or members of those companies who are accused of misconduct as defined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the MSFA or otherwise violating the Constitution and By-Laws shall be subject to a hearing by the Executive Committee. Misconduct shall be defined as acting in such a manner and fashion so as to expose the MSFA or the Maryland Volunteer Emergency Services to negative publicity and ridicule by failing to act to remedy an event of misconduct by a member (s) of its company.

The Executive Committee shall conduct a formal hearing on the misconduct and/or Constitution and By-Laws violations. The accused shall be accorded due process during the hearing and shall have the right to be heard. After the formal hearing the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, suspend membership privileges, fine or expel the member. The local association shall be invited to participate in the formal hearing, when appropriate.

FOR [ ] AGAINST [ ]

Question Of Intent #1 – Would you consider a dues increase in the future for the MSFA Member Organizations?

FOR [ ] AGAINST [ ]

Question Of Intent #2 – Due to the financial condition and needs of the MSFA, would you support an effort to structure a dues increase based on factors such as department size, call load, and other structured factors.

FOR [ ] AGAINST [ ]
ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS LIST OF
2006 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
ACTIVE MEMBERS - - -

ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 118, 21 North Rogers Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001; Harford County. Telephone (410) 272-2211 Fax (410) 272-2887; Organized: 1889; Chartered: 1901; Joined MSFA: 1901; President: Edward Budnick; Vice President: John Landbeck Jr; Secretary: Judith S. Hinch; Treasurer: Richard Kosko; Chief: Steven C. Hinch. Delegates: Fred Morlok Jr, L. Keith Ford, Keith Budnick, Eldon Budnick, Daniel Smith Sr. Alternates: Curtis Diereing, Craig Walker, Dale Budnick Sr, Steven Hinch, Nick Webber.

ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 665, 3306 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009; Harford County. Telephone (410) 638-3955 Fax (410) 638-3964 Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1932; President: Steven Strawbridge Sr; Vice President: Jarrett Anderson Sr; Secretary: Rachel Lorenzo; Treasurer: Lewis Espey; Chaplain: Janet Brewer; Chief: Albert Bair. Delegates: Lewis Espey, William Dousa, Linda Dousa, Donna Laird, Joseph Tolliver. Alternates: Gordon Sennett, Barb Thomas, Chris Breslin.

ACCIDENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 50, 209 S. South Street, Accident, MD 21520; Garrett County. Telephone (301) 746-8800 e-mail AVFD50@Qcol.net; Organized: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1947; President: Jesse Deniker; Vice President: Adam Bach; Secretary: Shaina Custer; Treasurer: Alva Rexrode; Chaplain: Alva Rexrode; Chief: Richard Carlson. Delegates: Allen Bach, Hob Bowser, Mike Simmons, Alva Rexrode, Donald Ringer. Alternates: Paul Custer, Dean Georg, Paul Hook, Paul Miller, Richard Carlson.

ACCOKEEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 226, 16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20607; Prince George’s County. Telephone (301) 283-2730 Fax (301) 283-3024 President: Glenn Sherman; Vice President: Eddie Pickeral; Secretary: Julie Hill; Treasurer: Darlene Grimsley; Chief: Christopher Maggi. Chaplain: Judy Deskins. Delegates: James Deskins. Alternates: Steve Hainey.

ALLEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 128, Allen, MD 21810; Wicomico County. Telephone (410) 546-3515 FAX (410) 546-5053; President: Kyle Kinnamon; Vice President: Matt Radcliff; Secretary: Cindy Costa; Treasurer: Jacob Malone Jr; Chief: Edward Moore, Delegate: Fred Moore, Jr., Edward Moore.

ALLENTOWN ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 8709 Allentown Road, and 10900 Fort Washington Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744; Prince George’s County. Telephone (301) 248-6519 Fax (301) 265-1164 – Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1950; President: Joe Walzel; Vice President: Larry Settle; Secretary: Lynn Crile; Treasurer: Heather Walzel; Chief: Jerry Johnson. Delegates: Nick Finamore, Darrell Francis, Joe Walzel, Rich Scott, Lori Rouser. Alternates: Larry Settle, David Cammarroste, John Donnelly, Annette Childress, Heather Walzel.
ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 113 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County. Telephone (301)733-3334 (301)733-9385 Website: www.antietamfirecompany.org; Organized:1808; Chartered: 1818; President: Jeffrey L. Snyder; Vice President: Charles Cunningham; Secretary: Harold Semler; Treasurer: Robert Daveler; Chaplain: Robert McGhee; Captain: James Sprecher, Jr. Delegates: Jeffrey G. Snyder, Jeffrey L. Snyder, James Sprecher, Jr., Craig Sheppard, Toby Higgins. Alternates: Donald Boward, Travis Barkdoll, James Forberger, Harold Semler, James Sprecher III.

ARBUTUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY - 5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County. Telephone (410)242-6601 Fax (410)242-6962; E-mail: 350@bcvfa.org; Organized:1938; Chartered:1938; Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Brian Simpkins Sr; Vice President: Joe Grusch; Secretary: Susan Lynott; Treasurer: Joseph T. O’Melia; Chaplain: Steve Owens; Captain: John McDowell. Delegates: Brian Simpkins Sr, Ed Preston, Joseph Antoszewski, Richard Snader, Douglas Simpkins Jr. Alternates: Lew Harvey, Gerald Lynott.

ARCADIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 7, 5415 Arcadia Avenue, Upperco, MD 21155; Balatimore County. Telephone (410)887-1576 Fax (410)374-6238; Organized: 1910; chartered:1950; President: Roland Davidson; Vice President: Joseph Hess; Secretary: William Zumbrun; Treasurer: Geoff Rice; Chaplain: Mike Adams; Chief: Scott Boose. Delegates: Scott Boose, Mike Dennis, Kevin Snyder, Roland Davidson, Gerald Krause. Alternates: Rosalyn Snyder, Joseph Hess, Tammy Boone, William Zumbrun, Gary Snyder.

*ARMIGER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 304 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County. Telephone (410)360-3991 Fax (410)437-2429 President: Concetta; Vice President: Marvin Weibe; Secretary: Rob Reed; Treasurer: William Rogers; Chief: William Rogers. Delegates: Robert Reed, Jeffrey Simmons, Robert Galante, Patrick Reilly, Aaron Karvar.

ARNOLD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 1505 Ritchie Highway; Arnold, MD 21012; Anne Arundel County. Telephone (410)751-2686 FAX (410)757-5942; Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; President: H. Kevin Knussman; Vice President: Kurt Snydrer, Secretary: Heather Green; Treasurer: Matt Schro; Chief: Charles Kennedy. Delegates: William Schreifer, Kurt Snyder, Heather Green, H. Kevin Knussman, Bill DuSold.

ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.- 2380 Davidsonville Road, Gambrills, MD 21054; Anne Arundel County. Telephone (301)261-0060 Fax (410)798-2848 e-mail arundelvfd@ccconline.net Website: www.arundelfire.com Organized:1954; Chartered:1954; Joined MSFA:1955; President: Todd Gagnon, Vice President: Julie Peterson; Secretary: Stephanie Jamieson; Treasurer: Joanie Seegar; Chaplain: Laura Woods; Chief: J. David Ayers. Delegates: Harve Woods, Laura Woods, Julie Peterson, Todd Gagnon, Carene Housefluck. Alternates: Matt Briggs, David Ayres, Jean Brown.

AVALON SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO BOX 528, 6270 Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD 20764; Anne Arundel County;
Telephone (410)867-3141 Fax (410)867-6862 Organized:1943; Chartered:1944; Joined MSFA: 1944; President: Thomas Ladd; Vice President: Kenneth Harrison; Secretary: Dennis Skinner; Treasurer: Dennis Skinner; Delegates: Dennis Skinner, Keith Harrison, Thomas W. Ladd, Marvin Ladd Sr. Alternates: None listed

BADEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)888-1888 Fax (301)888-1526 Organized:1955; Chartered:1955; Joined MSFA:1956; President: Robert Boswell; Vice President: Tony Hall; Secretary: Mary Summers; Treasurer: Cora Goldsmith; Chaplain: Nancy Mandragos; Chief: J. Robert Breen. Delegates: Bobby Breen, Mike Cross, Paul Harris, Ray Pierce, John Summers Jr. Alternate: Jennifer Cross, Mary Summers, Robert Boswell, Shirley Boswell.

BALTIMORE PIKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 15010 Baltimore Pike, NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)724-4170; E-mail: co4@allconet.org; Organized:1947; Chartered:1947; President: Matthew Hierstetter; Vice President: Mike Middleton; Secretary: Michele Meredith; Treasurer: Steve Hout; Chaplain: Troy Hillebrecht; Chief: Dan. Meredith; Delegates: Rick Ware, Wayne Evans, Beth Evans, John Harr, Jenny Holtzman. Alternates: None listed.

BARTON HOSE CO. NO.1, INC. – PO Box 277, Barton, MD 21521; Allegany County; Telephone (301)463-6305 Organized:1919; Chartered:1947; President: Stanley Broadwater, Vice President: Joseph Langham; Secretary: John Shuhart; Treasurer: Keith Martin; Chief: Wayne Rounds. Delegates: John Shuhart, Wayne Rounds, Bill Lamberson, Courtney Frenzel Jr, Stanley Broadwater. Alternates: David Miller, Gene Foutz, Marilyn Rounds, Joe Kyle, Paul Miller.

BAY DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1440, 21768 South Coral Drive, California, MD 205619; St. Mary’s County; Telephone (301)737-0654 Fax (301) 737-0353 e-mail bdvfd@bdvfd.org. Website: www.bdvd.org. Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; Joined MSFA: 1944; President: R. Keith Fairfax; Vice President: Robert Braddock / Tod Jackson; Secretary: Joseph A. Cooper; Treasurer: Bruce Theden; Chief: Wayne Johnson. Delegates: Keith Fairfax, Wayne Johnson, Joseph A. Cooper, Douglas Medley, Jason Adams. Alternates: Joseph Zienda, Robert Braddock, Les Hansen, Ray Hanbury, Emory Taylor.

BEDFORD ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 13200 Bedford Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)724-3670 Fax (301)724-1588; E-mail: co3@allcomet.org; Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; Joined MSFA:1944; President: Richard C. Schade; Vice President: Justin Bean; Secretary: Diane M. Schade; Treasurer: Debbie Helmstetter; Chief: Tim Growden. Delegates: Tim Growden, Bill Martin, Debbie Helmstetter, Mike Helmstetter, Geena Kile. Alternates: Seth Miller, Geena Kile.

BEL AIR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, Inc. – 109 South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air MD 21014; Harford County; Telephone (410)638-4400 FAX (410)638-4430; President: Anthonyk Coliano; Vice President: Joseph Price; Secretary: Timothy Coale; Treasurer: Paul Chizmar; Chaplain: Rabbi Kenneth
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – PO Box 37, 9765 Bel Alton-Newtown Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611; Charles County; Telephone (301)932-0894 Fax (301)932-1115 Organized:1962; Chartered:1962; Joined MSFA: 1962; President: James H. Thompson, Jr.; Vice President: Larry Graves; Secretary: Thomas J. Hutchinson; Treasurer: Phillip S. Frere; Chaplain: Julian Hayden; Chief: Larry Nyers. Delegates: J. Hoover Thompson, Thomas Hutchinson, Larry Nyers, Jr., Larry Graves, Tommy Albrittain. Alternates: Alex Frye, John Hackley, Cory Frye, Billy Robertson, Cheryl Rasmussen.

Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – PO Box 831, 4911 Prince George’s Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)937-3160 Fax (301)937-1859 e-mail: bvfd2718@aol.com. Organized:1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1952. President: Kenneth Reising; Vice President: Michael Butler; Secretary: Margaret Dickey; Treasurer: John Coleman; Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Alfred Schwartz; Delegates: Lucy McDonald. Alternates: None listed.

Benedict Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc. – PO Box 303, 18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, MD 20612; Charles County; Telephone (301)274-3890 FAX (301)705-7089; Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950. President: Harry Brown Jr; Vice President: DallasDemarr; Secretary: Charlene Martin; Treasurer: Colleen Hill; Chaplain: Katie Vansyke; Chief: Rue Hill. Delegates: Harry Brown, Robert Buck, William Henderson, Rue Hill, Dallas Demarr Alternates: Charlene Martin, Colleen Hill, Janice Henderson, Glenn Therres, Billy Stephens.

Berlin Fire Company, Inc. - 214 North Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone (410)641-1977 Fax (410)641-2494 Organized:1910; Chartered:1910; President: David Bloxom; Vice President: Gary Purnell; Secretary: David Lewis; Treasurer: Frederick Carozza; Chaplain: Dwayne Phillips; Chief: William Tilghman. Delegates: Daviod Bloxom, David Fitzgerald, Joe Pylypczuk, Joe Sise, Ron Eckman. Alternates: Gary Purnell, David Williams, Bill Scott, Bryon Trimble, Phillip Simpson.

Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. - 8811 60th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)474-5587; Fax (301)220-2476 Organized:1924; Chartered:1924; President: James V. Ward; Vice President: David M. Foust; Secretary: Lucinda Frend; Treasurer: Paul Martein; Chaplain: John Hess; Chief: Charles Fusco. Delegates: James J. Kiernan, Paul Martein, Pete Isaacson, Charles Fusco, David Foust. Alternates: James Ward, Edward Rice, Brant Woodhouse, Ryan Wagner, Dustin Merryman.

Bethesda Fire Department, Inc. – PO Box 30384, 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)652-5602 Fax (301)656-3550; E-mail: gcpt@aol.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered:1926; President: Grant Davies; Vice President: Nat Finkelstein; Secretary: Sanford Block; Chief: Russell Eyre. Delegates: Russel Eyre, Joe Price, Gary Kadolph, Timothy Coale, Steve Cox.. Alternates: Tom Stachowski.
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**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)652-0077 Fax (301)656-6523; E-mail: ken.holden@bccrs.org Website www.bccrs.org; Organized:1937; Chartered:1945; President: David Chaconas; Vice President: Kenneth Rehbeh; Secretary: Kenneth Holden; Treasurer: Tim Kiefer; Chaplain: Monsignor O’Donnell; Chief: Edward Sherburne. Delegates: Kenneth Holden, John Roth, Edward Sherburne, David Chaconas, Jack Hartley. Alternates: None listed.

**BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 235, 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610; Kent County; Telephone (410)348-5678 Fax (410)348-5300 Organized:1938; President: John Luike Jr; Vice President: Christopher Leager; Secretary: Amanda Collins; Treasurer: Susanne Matthews; Chaplain: Yvonnek Paxton; Chief: James L. Price, Sr. Delegates: James Price Sr, Deborah Price, James Price Jr; Alternates: Elmer Price Sr, William Campbell Jr.

**BISHOPVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 350, 10709 Bishopville Rd. Bishopville, MD 21813; Worcester County; Telephone (410)352-5757 Fax (410) 352-5482 Organized:1939; Chartered:1939; Joined MSFA:1939; President: Jeanne Hooper; Vice President: Kyle Hayes; Secretary: Jessica Collins; Treasurer: Jim Goslee; Chaplain: William Cooper; Chief: Knease Harrington. Delegates: David Collins, John Richards, Wayne Benson, James Latchum, KC Harrington. Alternates: Kyle Hayes, Jim Goslee, Marlo Purnell.

**BITTINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 27, 176 Brenneman Road, Bittinger, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone (301)245-4414 Organized:1973; Chartered:1973; Joined MSFA:1982; President: William Emory; Vice President: Willis Beitzel; Secretary: Robert H. Legeer; Treasurer: Greta Beitzel; Chaplain Leon Beitzel; Chief: Joseph “Pete” Buckel. Delegates: Joseph Buckel, Bob Legeer, Don Sealing, Darrin Yoder, Paul Yoder. Alternates: Bill Emory, Rich Brenneman, Bill Buckel, Leon Beitzel, Jeff Beitzel.

**BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** - 4213 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710-0001; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)864-4415 Fax (301)277-9366. President: Davidk Sumner; Vice President: Robert Pickel; Secretary: Brad Mumaw; Treasurer: Matthew Fowler; Chaplain: Roger Rinehart; Chief: Randy Kuenzli. Delegates: Katherine Rinehart, Donald Wells, David Sumner, Randy Kuenzli, Robert Pickel. Alternates: Brad Mumaw, Pete Lusby, John Branock, Scott Glazer.

**BLOOMINGTON FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 12 (77 North Branch Avenue) Bloomington, MD 21523; Garrett County; Telephone (301)359-3729 FAX (301)359-9799; Organized:1938; Chartered:1938; President: Daniel Bever; Vice President: Don Harvey; Secretary: Devon Sweztzer; Treasurer: Jonathan Dowden; Chaplain: Paul Wilson; Chief: Leon Dellinger. Delegates: Danny Bever, Kathy Bever, Krissy Bever, Shari Rhodes, Matthew Fritz. Alternates: Richard Dellinger.
*BOONSBORO AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC. – PO Box 7, 7619 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone (301)432-6979 FAX (301)432-2265; Organized: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1997; President: M.J. Blickenstaff; Vice President: Jean Burns; Secretary: Robyn Ford; Treasurer: Fred Smith; Cap-lain: Tom Fralin Jr; Chief: Tina Jones; Delegates: Cliff Davis, Rick Beall, Jeff Hewett, Todd Smith, Otho Kretzer. Alternates: Tina Jones, M.J. Blickenstaff.

*BORING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 15, 14711 Old Hanover Road, Boring, MD 21020; Baltimore County: Telephone (410)429-5200 E-Mail ca0420@bcvco.org; President: Walter DeVilbiss Jr; Vice President: Bill Cowan; Secretary: Valerie Green; Treasurer: Sam Wesley; Chaplain: Rev. Brenda Somerville; Chief: Ed Green. Delegates: William Cowan, Walter DeVilbiss Jr, Ed Green, Gary Snyder, Chris Hoffman. Alternates: Dot Burke, Kathy Wesley, Logan Woodard, Ed Crooks, James Bosley.

*BOULEVARD HEIGHTSVOLUNTEERFIRE&RESCUEDEPARTMENT, INC. – 4101 Alton Street, Capitol Heights, 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)568-8112 Fax (301)568-0581 Organized:1920; Chartered:1923; Joined MSFA: 1925; President: Leslie Garrett; Vice President: Lloyd Brooks; Secretary: Sharetta Mosley; Treasurer: Vanessa Butler; Chief: Thomas Forrester. Delegates: Leslie Garrett, Mike Colbert, Thomas Forrester, Trevoir Forrester, Patrick Smith. Alternates: Vanessa Butler, Antwan Jordan, Wade Irby, Lloyd Brooks, Michael White.

BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 270, 3262 Superior Lane and 15454 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)809-0122 Fax (301)809-0123 e-mail: info@bowievfd.org Website: bowievfd.org Organized: 1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929; President: Jonathan Bigony; Vice President: Francis Gormley, Dave Levy, George Meadows; Secretary: Ed Obias; Treasurer: Shirley Meadows; Chief: Ralph Coleman. Delegates: Owen Tucker, Jason Bloom, Dave Levy, Fred Sheckles. Alternates: None listed.

BOWLING GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 12420 McMullen Highway, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)729-1522 E-mail bowlinggreen@hereintown.net Website bowling-green-vfd.org; Organized:1947; Chartered:1947; Joined MSFA:1947; President: Ray Bradley; Vice President: Phil Walker; Secretary: Lance Adams; Treasurer: Rick Ross; Chaplain: Joanne Bradley; Chief: Shannon Adams. Delegates: John Wolford. Alternates: None listed.

BOWMAN’S ADDITION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 868 (11710 Boardwalk Avenue) Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)759-3272 Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; Joined MSFA:1943; President: Justin Blacker; Vice President: Maria Harper; Secretary: Carole O’Baker; Treasurer: Sue Blacker; Chaplain: Carole O’Baker; Chief: Jeremy Jack. Delegates: Dennis Bonner, Missy Blacker, Justin Blacker, Aaron Blacker, Jeremy Jack. Alternates: Mark Blacker, Sue Blacker, Danny Sweitzer.
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BRADDOCK HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 320, 6715 Jefferson Boulevard, Braddock Heights, MD 21714; Frederick County; Telephone (301)371-6820 Fax (301) 371-6234 Organized:1910; Chartered: 1947; Joined MSFA: 1942. President: Michael Murphy; Vice President: Tim Walker; Secretary: Steve Carter II; Treasurer: April Horn-Ausherman; Chief: Pat McTighe Sr; Delegates: Sam Lenhart, Pat McTighe Jr, Vernon M. Cassell, Matt Powell, Oliver Coblentz. Alternates: Jim Wiegand, Jim Lenhart, Dale Harlow, Doug Abrecht, Tom Smith.

BRANCHVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. - 4905 Branchville Road, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)883-7711 Fax (301)345-8994 Organized: 1924; President: John Hughes; Vice President: Kyle Scully; Secretary: Margaret McKenney; Treasurer: Frank J. Underwood; Chief: Michael Berrier. Delegates: Frank J. Underwood, Andrew McKenney, John Hughes, Lani Lindsey, Ronald Leizear Jr. Alternates: Patricia Meadows.

BRANDYWINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – PO Box 238 (14201 Brandywine Road) Brandywine Md. 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)372-8507; President: Ronald Wilkerson; Vice President: Kenneth Rose Sr; Secretary: Teresa Lewis-Keenan; Treasurer: Ken Rose Jr.; Chaplain: Kenneth Rose Sr.; Chief: Donald Prather. Delegates: Ken Rose Sr, Eddie Cross, Don Prather, Chad Lallier, Ange Prather. Alternates: James Bowen, Ken Rose Jr, Larry Wilkinson, Heath Bowman, Dale Montgomery.

BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)927-0615 Fax (301)927-5713 Organized: 1922; Chartered: 1923; Joined MSFA: 1922. Website: www.brentwood4.com; President: Richard Melito; Vice President: William Tavel; Secretary: Anne Chestnut; Treasurer: Cinde Reichard; Chief: Steve Hampton. Delegates: Richard Melito, Steve Goldman, William Tavel, Anne Chestnut, William Kuhar. Alternates: Steve Hampton, Jennifer Tavel, Barbara Mangum, Cinde Reichard, Tinesha Halmon.

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 19781 (5100 Ritchie Highway) Brooklyn, MD 21225; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)789-5658; E-mail: Cdoegen@msn.com; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA:1938; President: Albert Anderson; Vice President: Charles Doegen; Secretary: Norman Ray; Treasurer: Robert Welck; Chief: Charles Doegen. Delegates: Albert Anderson, Charles Doegen, John Anderson, Lester Helfrich, William Ray. Alternates: Norman Ray, James Chavis, Robert Welck, Joseph Laumann, Phil Laumann.

BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 156, 223-225 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone 301)834-7296; Fax (301)834-8081 Website: www.bvfd.net; Organized:1893; Chartered:1894; Date joined MSFA: 1910; President: George Clary Jr; Vice President: Carroll Webber; Secretary: Lyndi D’Amico; Treasurer: Marilyn McKenzie; Chief: Roy Lipscomb. Delegates: Roy Lipscomb, Kenneth...

**BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 156 (200 West Potomac Street) Brunswick, MD 21716; Frederick County; Telephone (301)834-5223 Fax (301)834-9684 e-mail: bvfd@computercrafters.com Website: bvfd.net Organized:1958; Chartered:1958; Joined MSFA:1961; President: Clair Ebersole Jr; Vice President: Geri Reynolds; Secretary: Jody Bruchey; Treasurer: Dennis Tomlinson Chaplain: John R. Gallagher Sr; Chief: Richard Lambdin. Delegates: Geri Reynolds, Susie Nicol.

**BRYANS ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 111, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road, MD 20616; Charles County; Telephone (301)283-0239 Fax (301)375-6130 Organized:1962; Chartered:1963; President: J. Charles Allison; Vice President: Elvan Hedges; Secretary: Debbie Bailey; Treasurer: Dennis Tomlinson Chaplain: John R. Gallagher Sr; Chief: Richard Lambdin. Delegates: Elvan Hedges, John Gallagher Sr, Paul Tackish, Robert Eastburn, Gary Crampton. Alternates: J. Charles Allison, Ronnie Willett, Richard Lambdin, Ronnie Burns.

**BURTONSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 215, 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20866; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)384-8058 Fax (301)879-1487; E-mail: bvfd@wans.net Website: burtonsvillevfd.com Organized:1947; Chartered: 1947. President: Glenn Fitzpatrick; Vice President: Tamera Bulla; Secretary: Geneva Jamsa; Treasurer: Leonard Newman; Chaplain: Harry Hetz; Chief: Kerr. Delegates: Harry Hetz.

**BUTLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 75, 15019 Falls Road, Butler, MD 21023; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)887-7913 Fax (410)771-4103 E-mail cao490@bcvfd.org Website: butlervfd.com; Organized:1953; Chartered:1954; President: Wayne Hackley; Vice President: Stu Mann; Secretary: Milton Curtis; Treasurer: Douglas Womer; Captain: Jack Kamps. Delegates: Wayne Hackley, Dennis Waganer, Dave Hundertmark, Douglas Womer, Jack Kamps. Alternates: None listed.

**CABIN JOHN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 41, 8001 River Road, Cabin John, MD 20818; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)365-2255 Fax (301)365-2563 e-mail firefighter@cjpvfd.org Website: cjpvfd.org; Organized:1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1931. President: Michael Harting; Vice President: David Cohen; Secretary: Kathleen Donahoe; Treasurer: Mark Livinstone; Chaplain: Dr. Terry Reister; Chief: James P. Seavey, Sr. Delegates: James Seavey Sr, Holly Miller, Mark Livingstone, Sean Febrey, James Seavey Jr. Alternates: Michael Harting, Kathleen Donohoe, Michael Smith, Stephen Miller, David Cohen.

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 1411 Cape St. Claire Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)757-3434 Fax (410)349-0959 e-mail: webmaster@cscvfc.org Website: cscvfc.org; Organized:1955; Chartered:1955; Joined MSFA:1957; President: Joan Sorrell; Vice President: Drew Mutch; Secretary: RoxAnn Thompson; Treasurer:

CAPITOL HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. - 6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)336-2111 FAX (301)499-2295; E-Mail jmcclell@fm.umd.edu; Website chvfd.org; Organized:1913; Chartered:1914; President: Robert McClelland Sr; Vice President: Mary Russell; Secretary: Robert Russell; Treasurer: Charles E. Miller; Chief: James E. McClelland, Sr. Delegates: James E. McClelland, Sr, Robert Russell, Kimberly Lee, John Weaver, David Breeden. Alternates: Charles Miller, Robert McClelland Sr, Robert McClelland Jr, Jennifer McClelland, Albert Adams.

CAROLINE COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 117, 11077 Garland Road, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone (410)479-0488; Email: afroghollow@hotmail.com; Organized: 1988; Chartered:1988; Joined MSFA: 1990. President: Bryan Ebling; Vice President: Claudia Thomas; Secretary: Patti Gordy; Treasurer: Cathy Toomey. Delegates: Patti Gordy, Bryan Ebling, Claudia Thomas. Alternates: None listed.

CARROLL MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 7, 2795 Adams Street, Adamstown, MD 21710; Frederick County; Telephone (301)874-5111 Fax (301)874-5101; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1954; President: Andrew Arnold Sr; Vice President: Christopher Benfield; Secretary: Linda A. Johnson; Treasurer: Ida E. Young; Chaplain: Doris Simpson; Chief: Edward Johnson. Delegates: A. Edward Arnold Sr, Ed Johnson, Wesley Graham, Steven Shook, Christopher Benfield. Alternates: Carolyn Arnold, Linda Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Dan Mason, Max Keyser.

CECILTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 565, 110 East Main Street, Cecilton, MD 21913; Cecil County; Telephone (410)275-8686 Fax (410) 275-8686 Organized:1935; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA:1938; President: Michael Cooper; Vice President: Michael Scheeler; Secretary: Leta O’Neal; Treasurer: Christy Biggs; Chaplain: Rev. Joseph Burris; Chief: Michael Frey. Delegates: William Bailey, T. Jay Bolton, Tom O’Neal, Michael Frey, Heather Miller. Alternates: Pamela Hartsky, Rod Mahaffey, Jason Reamy, Brian Corbett, Donald Bolton.

CHAPEL OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 31309, (5544 Sheriff Road) Capitol Heights, MD 20731-0309 Prince George’s County; Telephone: 301-925-4438, FAX: 301-925-4950; E-Mail: volchief38, Website chapel oaks fire.com; Organized 1946; Chartered 1950; President: Cathy Walker; Vice President: Gerald Ford; Secretary: Robyn Williams; Treasurer: Deneen Lewis; Chaplain: William Gressen; Chief: Johnathan Bolden. Delegates: Johnathan Bolden, Cathy Walker, Hilmer Porter, Jonathan Johnson, James Felder. Alternates: Brenda Smith, Gary Hazlip, Stefan Gansert, Ronald Gill, Hubert Walker.

CHARLES COUNTY MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, INC. – PO Box 366 (10700 Billingsley Road) White Plains, MD 20695; Charles County;
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CHARLES COUNTY DIVE RESCUE INC. P.O. Box 13, Pomfert Md. President: Sue Phonitts; Vice President: Lisa Myers; Secretary: Chris Keating; Treasurer: Donna Porter; Chief: William Porter; Delegates: Chris Garrett, Chris Keating.

CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 40, 2 Calvert Street, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone (301)934-4434 Fax (301)934-4108 Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1984; President: Bobby Simpson; Vice President: Christy Clark; Secretary: Phyllis Viars; Treasurer: R.J. Earnshaw III; Chaplain: Allen Hayden; Chief: Susie Spalding. Delegates: Susie Spalding, Susan Grote, Butch Gregory, Allen Hayden, Billy Swann. Alternates: Brent Huber, Christy Clark, Bobby Simpson, David Murphy, B.R.Winkler III.

CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 111, 307 Market Street, Charlestown, MD 21914; Cecil County; Telephone (410)287-6451 Fax (410)287-2843 E-Mail: cfc5@iximd.com; Organized:1948; Joined MSFA: 1949; President: Bill Doss; Vice President: Mike Varady; Secretary: Chris Keating; Chief: Ronnie Daniels. Delegates: Ronnie Daniels, Mike Starling, Gary Bott, George Stanko, Jeff Froheiser. Alternates: Jim DeCourcey, Mike Doss, Mike Varady, Kenny Shockley, Tom Bicking.

CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 296, 211 Maple Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone (410)778-3434 Fax (410)810-0348 Website: angelfire.com/md2/chestertownvfd. President: William Blackiston; Vice President: Claude Joyner; Secretary: Jeremy Rothwell; Treasurer: Henrietta Maloney; Chaplain: Gonzalee Matthews; Chief: Jeff Thompson. Delegates: Jeff Thompson, Bruce Neal, Bill Hildebrand, John Darling. Alternates: Bill Coleman, Donald Hodges, Charles Boyles.

CHESTNUT RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 12020 Greenspring Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)262-9734 Fax (410)252-6111 E-mail crvf@home.com Web Site crvfc.com Organized:1954; Chartered: 1957; Joined MSFA:1961; President: Richard N. Yaffy; Vice President: Fred Cross; Treasurer: Harry R. Kakel, Jr; Captain: Dan Uddeme; Delegates: Fred Cross, Frank Corasaniti, Dan Coroneos, Rick Yaffe, Bonnie Hand. Alternates: Dan Uddeme, Stacey Uddeme, Larry Getlan, Albert McCausland, Aaron Sereboff.

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 8001 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)652-0707 Fax (301)652-1532 Organized: 1927; Chartered:1930; President: John Bird; Vice President: Daniel Fox; Secretary: Sandra Snyder; Treasurer: Patricia Hammar. Delegates: John Bird, Daniel Fox.
CHILLUM-ADELPHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 7459, 7833 Riggs Road, Langley Park, MD 20787; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)434-3435; Fax (301)434-7463 Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; Joined MSFA: 1952; President: Robert Jacobs; Vice President: Charles Larkin; Secretary: James Poole; Treasurer: Donald Van Leuven; Chief: Charles Aldridge. Delegates: Robert Jacobs, William Radisch, Calvin Colwell, Charles Aldridge, Donald Van Leuven. Alternates: Jack Spencer, Scott Fickes, John Gurton, James Poole, Alan Hornyak.

CHURCH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 16, 1902 Church Creek Road, Church Creek, MD 21622; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)228-4156 Fax Same; E-mail: bsteiner@fastol.com President: Barbara Steiner; Vice President: Stephen Tolley; Secretary: Sonya Blackwell; Treasurer: Barbara Steiner; Chief: Stephen Tolley. Delegates: Steve Tolley, Wayne Sides, Wsonya Blackwell, Kenny Abbott, Jesa Lewis. Alternates: Barbara Steiner, Michael McWilliams, Carey Mills.

CHURCH HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 66, 316 Main Street, Church Hill, MD 21623; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone (410)758-6552 Fax (410)556-6244 Organized:1895; Chartered: 1943 Joined MSFA:1938; President: Francis Jester; Vice President: John P. Griffin; Secretary: Edie Mansfield; Treasurer: Sandra Reed; Chaplain: Rev Tina Blake; Chief: Stephen Hurlock. Delegates: Phillip Hurlock, Francis Jester, Charles Jester, Stephen Hurlock, John Griffin. Alternates: Chris Coursey, Brian Trossbach, Andy Collins, Edie Mansfield.

CITIZENS TRUCK COMPANY #4, INC. – PO Box 3855, 9 South Court Street, Frederick, MD 21705; Frederick County; Telephone (301)694-1713 Fax (301)694-1734 Organized:1926; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA:1927; President: David Keller; Vice President: H. Thomas Lawson; Secretary: David Marron; Treasurer: Robert W. Jacobs; Chaplain: Charles Beekley; Chief: Kenneth Fox. Delegates: David Keller III, Bion Winpigler, S.J. Wisner, William Nichols, Clarence Ringhart. Alternates: Clarence White.

CLARYSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 16304 Clarysville Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone (301)689-3828, E-mail: co14@alcomt.org; Organized: 1942; Chartered: 1942. President: Eric Clark Sr; Vice President: Pete Lyons; Secretary: Jesse Ritchey; Treasurer: Mark Deckers; Chaplain: Carl J. Blank, Sr.; Chief: Steve Michaels Jr. Delegates: Carl J. Blank Jr, Carl D. Blank Sr, Eric Clark Sr, Mark Switzer, Steve Michaels. Alternates: Jesse Ritchey, Chris McKnight, Mark Deckers, Beth McKenzie, Wayne Conklin.

CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE CLUB, INC. – PO Box 61, 233 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone (301)582-2711 Fax (301)842-3073 Organized: 1954; Chartered:1954; President: Eric Ramacciotti; Vice President: Sharon Shupp; Secretary: Stephanie Stellard; Treasurer: Brenda Keefer; Chief: James M. Miller. Delegates: Walter Dave Irvin, Sr., Walter Irvin Jr, Lori Irvin, Grace Irvin, Eric Ramacciotti. Alternates: James Miller, Brenda Keefer, Doug Moore, Lynn Hunsberger, Cindy Ramacciotti.
CLEAR SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 400, 30 Mulberry Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722; Washington County; Telephone (301)842-3775 Fax (301)842-3794; Email fireco4@safe.quik.com Website clearspringfire.org; Organized:1935; Chartered:1935; Joined MSFA: 1938. President: Ronald Poole; Vice President: Tim Keeney; Secretary: James Miller; Treasurer: Angie Wolfe; Chaplain: Teddie Hovemare; Chief: Charles Mundey. Delegates: Skip Menzies, Rick Blair. Alternates: None.

CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 9025 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)868-1313/1333 Fax: (301)868-0330; Organized: 1936; Chartered:1937; Joined MSFA:1937; President: Scott Kaiser; Vice President: David Rucker; Secretary: Sally Brown; Treasurer: Skip Ward; Chief: Robert N. Small, Jr. Delegates: Scott Kaiser, Robert Small, Bob McGhee, Sally Brown, Richard Small. Alternates: T.J. Roth, Mark Clagg, Linda Clagg, Kristina Towns, Kara Small.

COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS, INC. – PO Box 156, Cobb Island, MD 20625; Charles County; Telephone (301)259-4258 FAX (301)259-0527; Organized:1949; President: William Lawman; Vice President: Sam Bowling; Secretary: Kathy Kilinski; Treasurer: Mike Burnham; Chief: Chris Mattingly. Delegates: Billy Mattingly, William Lawman, Kathy Kilinski, Chuck Shaw, Eddie Godwin. Alternates: Jim Gerodakis, Joey Lawman, T.J. Hayden.

COCKEYSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 344 (11210 York Road) Cockeysville, MD 21030; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)527-1634 Fax (410)527-1634 Email ctracey@cvfc.org Website cvfc.org; Organized:1896; Chartered:1896; President: Michael Holland; Vice President: Ken Cole; Secretary: C. Jean Roberts; Treasurer: John Dixon; Chaplain: Helen Banister; Chief: John Gribble. Delegates: Clarence Tracey, Jack Roberts, , John Gribble, Morgan Lambert, Marvin Roberts. Alternates: Raymond Sheeler, Jean Roberts, Elwood Banister.

COLLEGE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 8115 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)901-9112 Fax (301)901-9115; E-mail: webmaster@cpvfd.org; Website: cpvfd.org. Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1927; Joined MSFA: 1926; President: Peter Piringer; Chairman: Frederick Brower; Secretary: Matthew Chibbaro; Treasurer: Bob Chraniger; Chief: Frederick H. Welsh. Delegates: Peter Piringer, Frederick Brower, Fred Welsh. Alternates: Brandon Frieder.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 248, 309 S. Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)859-0244 Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1928. President: David Reese; Secretary: Jason Pippen; Treasurer: Joseph Delisle; Chief: John Odenwald. Delegates: David Reese, Jason Pippen, Joseph Delisle, John Odenwald. Alternates: J. G. Delisle, David E. Reese, III, Buddy Dietz, Jr, Russell Downs.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF PERRYVILLE, MD INC. – PO Box 776, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD 21903; Cecil County; Telephone (410)996-6066 Fax (410)642-0266 Website: crgsites.com/md/prfd;
Organized: 1923; Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1929; President John Jones; Vice President: Edward Ryan II; Secretary: Kimberly Jones; Treasurer: Dale DeWeese; Chaplain: Susan Hornbarger; Chief: James Hall. Delegates: Larry Perry, Al Ryan, Dale Brown, Samual Anderson. Alternates: John Jones, Charles Gardner, John Reinhart, Richard Gilbert Jr, James Hall.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF RISING SUN, INC. – PO Box 148, 300 Biggs Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)658-5115 Fax: (410)658-9899 President: Loren Anderson; Vice President: Coz Curry; Secretary: Amy Davis; Treasurer: Suzanne Wehry.; Chaplain: Wayne Ingerson; Chief: Bill Ewing. Delegates: Howard Goodie, Karl Reichenbach, Ken Morris, Jim Kyte, Coz Curry. Alternates: Bill Ewing, Doug McGee, Mary Kyte, Anita Linton, Patrick Eures.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF MILLINGTON, INC. – PO Box 255, Hurtt Avenue, Millington, MD 21651; Kent County; Telephone (410)928-3171 Fax (410)928-3945; Organized:1921; Chartered:1923; President: LeRoy Davis; Vice President: Sally Carpenter; Secretary: Edie Morales; Treasurer: Paige Hickman; Chaplain: Mark Farnell; Chief: Jesse Downey Sr. Delegates: CJ Morales, Sally Carpenter, Richard McIntyre, Charles Willis, Pam Teat. Alternates: None listed.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BOWLEY’S QUARTERS AND VICINITY, INC. - PO Box 4910 (900 Bowley’s Quarters Road) Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)335-8820 Fax: (410)335-9277; Organized:1944; Email 210@bcvfa.org, Website bowleysquartersvfd.org; Chartered:1945; Joined MSFA:1945; President: Frederick Fischer III; Vice President: Joseph Walters; Secretary: Bernie Eckert III; Treasurer: Paul G. Cusic Jr; Chaplain: Rev. Walter Emala; Captain: Max King. Delegates: William Stockum, Jerome Cusic, Lawrence Grannas, Paul Cusic, Max King. Alternates: Frederick Fischer III, Bernie Eckert III, Paul J. Cusic, John Leuschel, Joseph Walters Jr.
CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 102, 11864 Kitty Corner Rd, Cordova, MD 21625; Talbot County; Telephone (410)364-5400 FAX (410)364-5119; Organized:1926; Chartered:1926; President: Tom Diem; Vice President: Tim Burns; Secretary: William Dulin; Treasurer: James Morris, Jr.; Chaplain: Robert Cheezum, Sr.; Chief: Robert Messix. Delegates: Thomas Diem, Tim Burns, Vernon Dulin, Jim Morris Jr. Alternates: None listed.

CORRIGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 187, Corriganville, MD 21524; Allegany County; Telephone (301)722-7418; Organized: 1939; President: Michael Porter; Vice President: Mike McGee; Secretary: Craig Michaels; Treasurer: Mike McGee; Chaplain: Delos Murphy and Jamer Deremer; Chief: Mike Porter. Delegates: None listed. Alternates: None listed.

COTTAGE CITY-COLMAR MANOR FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3716 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)985-5400 Email: pres2ccfc@aol.com Website: www.cc2fd.org; Organized:1921; Chartered:1922; President: Steve Schmidt; Vice President: Steve Parker; Secretary: Diane Schmidt; Treasurer: Fred Hull; Chaplain: Ed Mutchler; Chief: Howard Ewing. Delegates: Steve Schmidt, Bill Crawford, Jimmy Pilkerton Jr, Ed Mutchler, Diane Schmidt. Alternates: Jimmy Pilkerton Jr, Nancy Pilkerton, Steve Parker, Kristen Loo.

WHITE MARSH (COWENTON) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 309, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, MD 21162; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)335-5112 Fax: (410)335-1842 E-Mail: cao200@bcvfa.org; Organized:1943; Chartered:1945; Joined MSFA:1945; President: Ken Bielecki Sr; Vice President: Albert Vaughn; Secretary: Sabina Muend; Treasurer: Donald Chilcoat Jr; Chaplain: Rev Jack Bussard; Captain: William Lutostanski Jr. Delegates: Richard Breach Sr, Al Vaughn, Jack Amrhein, Don Wilder, William Lutostanski Jr. Alternates: Donald Chilcoat Sr, Heather Goulden, Charles Polesne Sr, Ken Bielecki Sr, Fred Koch.

CRESAPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 5129 (13110 Warrior Drive) Cresaptown, MD 21505; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)729-1111 Fax: (301)729-1820 Email: co9@allconet.org Website: cresaptownvfd.org; Organized:1932; Chartered:1933; President: Steven J. Kesner; Vice Calvin “Pete” Walbert; Secretary: Deborah E. Kesner; Treasurer: Susan Cecil; Chaplain: Calvin “Pete” Walbert; Chief: Daniel W. Winter. Delegates: Steven J. Kesner, John Pratt, Calvin Walbert, Deborah Kesner, Jeremy Athey. Alternates: Robert Rotruck.

CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 591, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone (410)968-1262 Fax: (410)968-9536; Organized:1874; Chartered:1921; Joined MSFA: 1939; President: Louis H. Hickman; Vice President: Dean Goldsborough; Secretary: Steve Marshall; Treasurer: Andy Haynie; Chaplain: Russell Ward; Chief: Scott Ward. Delegates: Russell Ward, Louis Hickman, Eugene Mills, William Danny Tyler, Ronnie Hinman. Alternates: Gary Nelson, Doug Lewis, Carl Tyler, Maurice Davis, Frankie Morgan.
CRUMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - PO Box 68, 301 Third Street, Crumpton, MD 21628; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone (410)778-6100 Fax (410)778-0979; Organized:1961; Chartered:1961; Joined MSFA:1963; President: Trica Hunter; Vice President: George Hopkins Sr; Secretary: Linda Hamann; Treasurer: Norman Husfelt; Chief: James Hurlock. Delegates: Norman Husfelt, James Hurlock, Trica Hunter, William Smith, William Elborn. Alternates: Linda Morris, Linda Hamann, Mary Husfelt, Hunter, James Hurlock.

CUMBERLAND HOSE #1, INC. – PO Box 1340, Dorn Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone (301)777-7114, Fax (301)777-8196; President: Richard DeVore; Vice President: Don Malaney; Secretary: Kenneth May; Chief: Richard DeVore; Delegates: Tim Dayton, Harris LeFew, Ed George, Allen Gosnell, Linda Rase. Alternates: Henry Maier.

DAMASCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 13, 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)253-3988 Fax:(301)253-2323; E-mail dvfdprez@erols.com Organized:1944; Chartered: 1944; Joined MSFA:1946; President: Thomas Gartner Sr; Vice President: Ronnie German; Secretary: Teresa Gartner-Surette; Treasurer: Michael E. Burch; Chaplain: Rev. Robert Braden; Chief: S. Darron Long. Delegates: Leonard King, Gary Hilton, Bruce Surette, Rodney Duvall, Brian Rhodes. Alternates: Michael Ziegler, Ron German, Matthew Wiles, Ronald Watkins.

DARLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 178 (2600 Castleton Road) Darlington, MD 21034; Harford County; Telephone: (410)638-3760 Fax: (410)638-3756; Organized:1949; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1955; President: Edna Reeves; Vice President: Robert Nelson; Secretary: Betty Borden; Treasurer: Betty Borden; Chief: Donald Hutchens; Chief: Samuel Sauers. Delegates: Alan Thompson, Samual Sauers, Willard Evans, Donald Cassett, Dennis Cox. Alternates: None listed.

*DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 128, 10090 Deal Island Road, Deal Island, MD 21821; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)784-2612; Organized:1954; Chartered:1954; Joined MSFA:1956; President: Bruce Whitelock; Vice President: Jimmy Corbett; Secretary: Sam Lenox; Treasurer: Sam Lenox; Chief: Clyde Walters Jr. Delegates: Ray Ford, Donald Ford, Jim Muir, Danny Webster, Cindy Abbott. Alternates: None listed.

DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 114; 6007 Drum Point Road, Deale, MD 20751; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)867-1350; Fax: (410)867-9374; Organized:1946; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1948; President: Gayle Moreland; Vice President: Terry Whittington; Secretary: Sharon Elliott; Treasurer: Ed Moren; Chaplain: Robert Wilkerson; Chief: Dale Browning. Delegates: Gayle Moreland, Dale Browning, Bernard Phipps, Russ Lancaster, Sharon Elliott. Alternates: Terry Whittington, Karen George, Martha Sawyers, Ray Mudd.

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(1906 Deep Creek Drive) McHenry, MD 21541; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)387-5252; FAX: (301)334-2803; Organized:1965; Chartered:1966; President: Ed Wilburn; Vice President: Bob Browning; Secretary: Russell Sims; Treasurer: Larry Lewis; Chaplain: William Dawson; Chief: Jamie Rodenheaver. Delegates: Jamie Rodeheaver, Michael S. Phillipi, Harry Stone. Alternates: None listed.

DEER PARK COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 3152, 5353 Maryland Highway, Deer Park, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone (301)334-4120 Organized:1950; Chartered:1950; Joined MSFA:1950; President: Kenneth Michaels; Vice President: Jeffrey Simpson; Secretary: Ron Perando; Treasurer: Barbara Collins; Chaplain: Ron Perando; Chief Kenneth Collins. Delegates: Andy Anderson, Terry King.

DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 143, Grove & Bi-State Boulevard, Delmar, MD 21875; Wicomico County; Telephone (302)846-2530 Fax (302)846-2505 Organized:1928; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1929; President: James Bare III; Vice President: Glen Payne; Secretary: Jack Morris Jr; Treasurer: Marty Karson; Chaplain: Harry Naugle/Robert Webster; Chief: Jeff Kowalski. Delegates: Jack Morris, Sr., Robert F. Jones, Pete Lecates, Gomer Adkins, Robert Webster. Alternates: B.J. Hughes, Joe Morris Sr, Harry Naugle, Glen Payne, James Bare.

DELTA-CARDIFF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 15, 500 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314; Harford County; Telephone (717)456-7133 Fax (717)456-7958 Organized: 1898; Chartered:1910; Joined MSFA:1942; President: William Griffith; Vice President: Richard Fantom; Secretary: Sarah Kern; Treasurer: Dalynn Griffith; Chaplain: Gale Parthree; Chief: Jeffrey Griffith. Delegates: John R. Williams, Laura Taylor, Rick Farrington, James R. Williams, Mike Smith. Alternates: J. Ryan Williams, Gale Parthree.

DENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 262, 400 South 5th Avenue, Denton, MD 21629; Caroline County; Telephone (410)479-2121 Fax: (410)479-5377; Organized: 1892; Chartered: 1922; Joined MSFA:1927; President: Dan Franklin; Vice President: Guy Geisel; Secretary: Arthur Milligan; Treasurer: Bryon North; Chief: Wayne Fretterd Jr. Delegates: Wayne F. Fretterd, Sr., Bill Hardee, Arthur Milligan, Shelly Darling. Alternates: Donna M. Fretterd, Stephanie Milligan.

DISTRICT 16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 12100 North Branch Road SE, Cumberland, MD 21520; Allegany County; Telephone (301)722-4444; E-mail: co7@allconet.org; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; President: Jim Shafer; Vice President: Chris Collins; Secretary: Katrina Wilson; Treasurer: Charlotte Shoemaker; Chaplain: Charlotte Shoemaker; Chief: Gregory Boyd. Delegates: Ronald Grabenstein, Sr, Jim Decker, Bruce Shafer. Alternates: None Listed.

DISTRICT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 6208 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20747; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)735-3399 FAX (301)516-3343; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; President:
James Boyd; Vice President: Harold Fletcher; Secretary: Charles A. Norris and Joan Fletcher. Treasurer: Charles A. Norris; Chief: Thomas C. Stommel. Delegates: James Boyd, Charles A. Norris, Thomas C. Stommel, Harold Fletcher, Kirk Ingram. Alternates: Jamaal Brooks, Ronnie Bobo.

*DORCHESTER EMS – PO Box 738, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

DUNKIRK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 86, 10250 Southern Maryland Blvd, Dunkirk, MD 20754; Calvert County; Telephone (301)855-8895 FAX (410)286-2890; Email mwells@dunkirk5.com Website dunkirk.com: Organized:1974; President: Richard Meador; Vice President: John Mowatt; Secretary: Erin Stinnett; Treasurer: Thomas Miller; Chief: Merrill Wells. Delegates: Richard Meador, Mike McLaughlin, John Gott Sr, Chris McNally, Charles Lisko. Alternates: John Mowatt, Chris Meador, Merrill Wells, Fred Wilhelme.

EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 547, 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)647-1990 Fax: (410)647-9463; E-mail: ehvfc12@hotmail.com; Website: www.ehvfc.org; Organized:1918; Chartered:1918; Joined MSFA: 1923; President: Charles H. Austin; Vice President: Charles Disney; Secretary: Edward Fox; Treasurer: Robert J. Caha; Chaplain: Norman D. Winstead; Chief: Paul Demasky. Delegates: Charles Austin, William C. Smith, Edward Fox, Paul Demasky, William Burton Jr. Alternates: Michael Tewey Jr, Michael Sohn, William Weitzell, Milton Price.

EASTERN GARRETT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.- 401 Finzel Road, Frostburg, MD 21532; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)689-8388 Fax: (301)689-0554; Organized:1967; Chartered:1967; Joined MSFA: 1967; President: James Raley; Vice President: Stephen Baer; Secretary: Matthew Briskey; Treasurer: Dwayne Kitis; Chaplain: David Kitis; Chief: Randy Baker. Delegates: Jim Raley, David Wiland, Nick Wiland, Brian Gaumer, Joe Raley. Alternates: Matt Briskey, Chris McKenzie, Steve Baer, Tim Clark, Jason Preston.

EAST NEW MARKET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 280, 101 Main Street, East New Market, MD 21631; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-3663; Fax: (410)943-0900; Organized:1938; Chartered:1939; Joined MSFA: 1942; President: Stephen Trissell; Vice President: Calvin Secrist; Secretary: Rick Price; Treasurer: Shirley Satterfield; Chaplain: Phil McKelvey. Chief: David Thomas III. Delegates: Stephen Trissell, Donald Cheesman Jr, James B. Heck, David L. Thomas, III, Eric Blake. Alternates: Donald Cheesman Sr, Brian Burton, Kenneth Stewart Jr.

EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 851 (315 Aurora Park Drive) Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone (410)822-4848 Fax (410)822-1970; E-mail: eastonvfd@goeaston.net; Website: eastonvfd.org; Organized:1808; Chartered:1917; Joined MSFA:1914; President: Mike Newman; Vice President: Russell Miles; Secretary: Larry Fike Jr; Treasurer: Kenneth Bush;

EASTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 3332, 914 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)263-6133 Fax: (410)798-9018; Organized:1886; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA:1930; President: Betty Lou Pilkerton; Secretary: Richard Hurlock; Treasurer: Daniel Monch. Chaplain: Joseph Galloway. Delegates: Daniel Monch, David Hollidayoke, Thomas Newquist, Richard Hurlock. Alternates: None listed.

ELDORADO-BROOKVIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 5752 Rhodesdale-Eldorado Road, Rhodesdale, MD 21659; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-4004; Fax: (410)943-1311; Email: ebvfd@dmv.com; Organized:1947; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1948; President: Debbie Wheedleton; Vice President: Jack Breuil; Secretary: Barbara Warrell; Treasurer: Rose Murphy; Chaplain: Jason Barnes; Chief: Robert Murphy. Delegates: Ed Colquhoun, Justin Murphy, Bob Murphy, Debbie Wheedleton, Rose Murphy. Alternates: Shirley Breul, Barbara Warrell, Jack Breuil, Brad Murphy.

ELK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 6275 Old Washington Road, Elkridge, MD 21075; Howard County; Telephone (410)313-4901 Fax (410)313-4904; Website: www.elkridgevfd.org; Organized:1942; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1942; President: Julianna Casey; Vice President: Vince Glorioso; Secretary: John Christoffel; Treasurer: Gene Poligardo; Chaplain: John Mackall; Chief: Don Watson. Delegates: Julianna Casey, Don Watson, Vince Glorioso, Keith Summers, Tim Cugle. Alternates: Dan Casey, Tami Scvotich.


ELLERSLIE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 237, 12000 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie, MD 21529; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)777-0959; Organized:1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA:1946; President: Frank B. Clark; Vice President: Edward Williams; Secretary: Denoma Stallings; Treasurer: Robert D. Johnson, III; Chaplain: Jennifer Christner; Chief: Richard L. Devore Jr. Delegates: Frank B. Clark, Richard L. Devore, Daniel Williams, Scott Williams, Robert Johnson. Alternates: David Christner, Denoma Stallings, David Snyder, David Shriner, Sarah Johnson.

ELLICOTT CITY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 296, 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21041; Howard County; Telephone: (410)313-2600 Fax: (410)313-2671; Organized:1888; Chartered:1927; Joined MSFA:1924; President: C. Merritt Pumphrey; Vice President: Edward P.
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Benich; Secretary: H. Gregory Tornatore; Treasurer: Roy F. Neary; Chaplain: Kathleen Ralston; Chief: John J. Klein, Sr. Delegates: Richard Thomas, Carolyn Klein, John Klein, Katie Annelli, Lars Leaf. Alternates: Craig Proffen, Kathleen Ralston, Steven Stone, Craig Ralston.

ELLIOTT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2317 Elliott Island Road, Elliott Island, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)376-3026; Fax: (410)376-3026; Organized:1973; Joined MSFA:1989; President: Chester D. Martinek; Vice President: Ross Stumme; Secretary: Ann Foley; Treasurer: Pamela Abbott; Chief: Wiley Abbott Jr. Delegates: Chester D. Martinek, Melissa Martinek, Benjamin Elliott, Linda Elliott, Paul O’Scheske. Alternates: Wiley Abbott Jr.

EMMITSBURG VOL. AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1101, 300 South South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)447-6626 FAX: (301)447-3887; Email emmitsburg26@aol.com; Website: emmitsburgems.org; Organized:1944; President: Joseph Pelkey; Vice President: Jamie Eyler; Secretary: Mary Lou Little; Treasurer: Tom Humerrick; Chief: Rick Shover. Delegates: Loretta B. Sprankle.

ENGLISH CONSUL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC. 2827 Michigan Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)887-0972; Fax (410)636-3540; Organized:1944; Chartered:1945; President: Louis Keene; Vice President: Richard Twandowicz; Secretary: Dawn Smith; Treasurer: Wallace Scheckels; Chaplain: Robert Berg. Chief: Chris Lancaster. Delegates: Louis Keene, Christopher Lancaster, Gerald Mathison, Charles McDevitt. Alternates: Ron Sheldon Sr, Wallace Sheckells, Savoy Miller, James Adams, Richard Wentworth Sr.

*EWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 44, 3994 Smith Island Road, Ewell, MD 21824; Somerset County; Telephone (410)425-5521 Organized:1957; Chartered: 1957; President: Richard Evans; Vice President: Matt Smith; Secretary: Mark Kitching; Treasurer: Eddie Evans, Jr.; Chaplain: Eddie Evans Sr & Elmer Evans; Chief: Otis R. Tyler. Delegates: Otis Tyler, Isaac Dize, Dale Tyler, Eddie Evans, Dale Tyler. Alternates: Mark Kitching, John C. Tyler, Lisa Evans, Larry Marsh, Glenn Evans.

FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY –P.O. Box 395 (27407 Fairmount Road) Westover Maryland, Somerset County; Telephone: (410)651-2888 FAX: (410)651-1018; Organized 1999, Chartered 1999, Joined MSFA 1999. President: Wayne Bozman; Vice President: Earnest Tilghman; Secretary: Linda Wirt; Treasurer: Franklin Lusk; Chaplain: Paul Holland; Chief: Jim Koons; Delegates: Jim Koons, Bob Nevins, Nicole Thomas. Alternates: Debbie Taylor, Linda Wirt

FALLSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE & AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 141 (2201 Carrs Mill Road) Fallston, MD 21047; Harford County; Telephone (410)638-4890 FAX (410)638-4889; Email sscheinin@fvfac.org; Website: fvfac.org; President: Steven Scheinin; Vice President: Chris Gibbons; Secretary: Jennifer Chenworth-Price; Treasurer: Kim Weber; Chaplain: Richard Gatto;
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**FEDERALSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 99 (208 N. University Avenue) Federalsburg, MD 21632; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)754-7400; Organized:1900; Chartered:1926; Joined MSFA: 1920; President: Norman Browning Jr; Vice President: Susan Tiffany and John Ruark Sr; Secretary: Susan Frazier; Treasurer: Matthew Morean; Chief: Steve Cox. Delegates: Thomas Blades, Janet Blades, Douglas Ramey Jr, Susan Tiffany, Dawn Ramey. Alternates: None listed.

**FERNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** - 4 S. Broadview Boulevard, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)766-2131; FAX: (410)768-0487; Organized:1942; Chartered:1943; President: William Fidler; Vice President: Del Haley; Secretary: Richard Meise; Treasurer: Craig A. Bidinger; Chief: Jay Olson; Delegates: Delmar Haley, Jay Olson, Jack Hulet, William Fidler, Gerald Varner. Alternates: Stacie Fidler, Stephanie Megee, Dickie Meiss, Lori Orye, Emory Webb.

**FIFTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 601, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029; Howard County; Telephone (410)313-7215 Fax (410)313-7219; E-mail: clarksvillevfd@erols.com Website www.erols.com/ clarksvillevfd Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; President: Miji Kim; Vice President: Carol Stevens; Secretary: Edgar Zepp IV; Treasurer: Roy Ferguson; Chaplain: Rev Bob Tousey; Chief: Patrick J. Marlatt. Delegates: Furman Hipp, Wendy Norwitz, Rick DeBow.

**FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY, INC.** – 33 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-3339 Fax: (301)733-3154; Email: engineone.org; Website: engineone.org; President: John Miller, Vice President: David Stevens and Greg Baker; Secretary: Ray Lushbaugh; Treasurer: Gerald Saum; Chaplain: Greg Baker; Captain: Tony Lida. Delegates: Blaine Snyder, Stan Bryan, Brian Stallings, Tony Lida, Warren Royce. Alternates: Robert Hade, Richard Stallings, Charles Reger, Andrew Smith, David Stevens.

**FIRST HOSE COMPANY OF BOONSBORO, INC.** - 5 St. Paul Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-2438; Fax: (301)432-2438; Organized:1832; President: Don Shumaker; Vice President: Tim Smith; Secretary: Elizabeth Brandenburg; Treasurer: Jay Brandenburg; Chaplain: Rev. Jim Jones; Chief: Oley Griffith. Delegates: Oley Griffith, Jay Brandenburg, Keith Albrecht, Tim Smith, Vernon Brown. Alternates: Dennis Reese, Robert Zeigler, Pat Warner, Mary Dorsey, Don Shumaker.

**FLINTSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 105, 21701 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone, MD 21530; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)478-2311; FAX: (301)478-3324; Organized:1943; Chartered:1944; Joined MSFA:1944; President: Steve Moyer; Vice President: Kermit Humbertson; Secretary: Ian Reikie; Treasurer: Eloise Sible; Chaplain: David Kyle; Chief: Steve Bowman. Delegates: David L. Kyle, Steve Bowman, Pam Kyle, Paul Porta, Anna
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May Porta; Alternates: Kevin Humbertson, Allen Ruby, Kermit Humbertson, Allen Ruby Sr, Ian Reikie.

FORESTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, Inc. - 8321 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)736-7170; Fax: (301)736-5796; Email Forestville-vfd@erols.com; Organized:1931; Chartered:1931; Joined MSFA: 1932; President: Mark Worth, Vice President: William Huttenloch; Secretary: Ed Thurston; Treasurer: Paul Thorne, Jr.; Chaplain: Adrian Swicegood; Chief: Robert Wilhite. Delegates: Bill Huttenloch, Ed Thurston, Robert Wilhite, Mark Worth, Wes Pheobus. Alternates: Jeff Thorne, Anne Shepherd, Keith O’Daniel, Helen Kulle, Paul Thorne Jr.

FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 186, 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD 21531; Garrett County; Telephone (301)746-5577 Fax (301)746-5195; Website: fire110.com; Chartered:1909; President: Keith Fisher, Vice President: Edward Kelley; Secretary: Joy Fisher; Treasurer: Randy Humberson; Chaplain: Richard Sisler; Chief: Terry Spear. Delegates: Keith Fisher, Terry Spear, Randy Humberson. Alternates: None listed.

FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE – PO Box 75 Frostburg Md. 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: 301-689-3356/57; FAX: 301-689-1679; 86 West Main Street, Frostburg Md. 21532; E-mail: co53@allconet.org; Web: frostburgambulance53.bravehost.com; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2005; President: Wayne Lewis; Vice President: Dorothy Turner; Secretary: Ann Coleman; Treasurer: Shelley Drees; Chaplain: Valerie Vrieze; Chief: Jeff Brewer; Delegates: Jennifer Ritchie, Shelley Dreeses.

FROSTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC. – PO Box 461 (22 South Water Street) Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone (301)689-8444 Fax (301)689-2938 e-mail ffdfire1@hereintown.net; Organized:1878; Chartered:1878; Joined MSFA:1893; President: Joe Brummage; Vice President: Harry Wolfond; Secretary: Jay Dudley; Treasurer; James Kucharczyk; Chaplain: Harry Foor; Chief: Don Sweitzer. Delegates: Joe Brummage, Bryan Cosner, Jim Kucharczyk, James Satterfield, Dayne Lancaster.

FRUITLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 70, Fruitland, MD 21826; Wicomico County; Telephone (410)749-9421; Organized & Chartered: 1909; President: Ed Otter; Vice President: Ernie Pope; Secretary: Gregory Twigg; Treasurer: Dave Twilley; Chaplain: Mike White; Chief: Robin Townsend; Delegates: Edward Otter. Alternates: None listed.

FUNKSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 670, 2 South West Side Avenue, Funkstown, MD 21734; Washington County; Telephone: (301)790-0090 Fax: (301)739-5244; E-mail; fyfd10hose@aol.com Organized:1930; Chartered: 1931; President: Larry Iseminger, Jr.; Vice President: Steven Metzner; Secretary: Judy Schminkey; Treasurer: Dale Hill; Chief: Paul Hottinger. Delegates: Paul Hottinger, Glenn Fuscsick, Kyd Dieterich, Larry Iseminger, Steve Metzner. Alternates: Dave Fraley, Dale Hill, Jonathon Gift, Steve Schultz, Dave Johnston.
GAITHERSBURG - WASHINGTON GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 801 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)948-0660 Fax (301)948-6836 E-mail: cuzgwg@juno.com; Website: gwgvfd.com; Organized:1900; Chartered:1927; Joined MSFA: 1927; President: Frank Jacob; Vice President: Nancy Copeland; Secretary: Robert B. Harding; Treasurer: Garry Walker; Chaplain: Eugene Cummins; Chief: James Magruder. Delegates: James Magruder, Sr., Ann Hughes, Mary Prater, Freddie Pedreira, Brenda Szczesny. Alternates: Frank Jacob, Nancy Copeland, Bob Colross, Bob Harding, Margaret Eggleston.

GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 189, 90 East Cross Street, Galena, MD 21635; Kent County; Telephone: (410)648-5050; Fax: (410)648-5906; Email: galenavfc@……net; Organized:1942; Chartered:1942; Joined MSFA:1942; President: Jack DuHamell; Vice President: Doug Uhl; Secretary: George Bartholomew; Treasurer: Ethel Duhamell; Chaplain: Larry Jameson; Chief: Christopher Powell. Delegates: Chris Powell, Gregg Bird, Richard Powell, Scott Rodney, Tracy Rodney. Alternates: Allison Bird, Robin Powell, Lisa Shaw, Dave Shaw, Jack DiHamell.

*GALESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 174, 956 Galesville Road, Galesville, MD 20765; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)867-1521 President: Nathaniel Scotten, IV; Vice President: Ray Hardesty; Secretary: Gladys Sears; Treasurer: Albert Bembe; Delegates: Nathaniel Scotten IV, Gladys Sears, Matt Zang, Carol Sherbert. Alternates: Mike Woodward, Albert Bembe, Bernie Parks, Ronnie Wood, Ray Hardesty.

GAMBER & COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 3838 Niner Road, Finksburg, MD 21048; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)795-3456 Fax: (410)795-0208 Email info@gambervfd.org; Website gambervfd.org; Organized:1964; Chartered:1964; Joined MSFA:1964; President: Calvin Brothers; Vice President: Robert Klinefelter; Secretary: Jeannie Green; Treasurer: Clay Myers; Chaplain: Rose Pandolfini; Chief: Dennis Brothers. Delegates: Robert Klinefelter, Dennis Brothers, C. Daniel Green, Sr., Calvin Brothers, Dale Bollinger. Alternates: William Leppart, Kevin Lentzner.

GEORGE’S CREEK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. – PO Box 155, 19 Union Street, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone (301)463-6122 FAX (301)463-6172; Organized:1977; Chartered: 1977; President: Dennis Youngblood; Vice President: Harold Nicol; Secretary: Betty M. Dawson; Treasurer: James W. Dawson, Sr.; Chaplain: Mary Guthrie; Captain: James Dawson Sr. Delegates: Barbara Knippenburg, James W. Dawson, Sr., Dennis Youngblood. Alternates: None.

GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1163, 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20874; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)253-0061 Fax (301)515-8764; E-mail president@gvfd29.org; Website: www.gvfd29.org; Organized: 1989; Chartered:1989; Joined MSFA: 1989; President: Michael Dmuchowski; Vice President: David Alger; Secretary: Martha Alger; Treasurer: Joy Pilpel; Chief: Matthew Kenworthy. Delegates:

GIRDLETREE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 25, 2739 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-2128; Fax: (410)632-5664; E-mail:info@girdletree.org; Website www.dmvweb.com/gvfc Organized: 1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1953; President: John Merritt; Vice President: Virgil Dukes; Secretary / Treasurer: Jeff McMahon; Chaplain: Ralph Carman; Chief: Joe Truitt. Delegates: Virgil Dukes, Kenny Dukes, Daniel Age. Alternates: None listed.

GLEN BURNIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1268, 15 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)766-5153 Fax: (410)766-5243; Organized: 1922; Chartered:1922; Joined MSFA:1937; President: Thomas Nevin, Jr.; Vice President: Paul W. McGinnis; Secretary: Michele Davis; Treasurer: Paul G. Cogswell; Chaplain: Earl Lowe; Chief: Michael Morgan. Delegates: Thomas Nevin, Jr., Paul McGinnis, John Davies, Richard Wengert, Earl Lowe. Alternates: Thomas Nevin III, Paul Cogswell, Gallen Floyd, Ellwood Klump, Michael Morgan.

GLEN ECHO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)229-9766 Fax: (301)229-9767; Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1933; President: Jeff Hearle; Vice President: Richard Bertaut; Secretary: Chris White; Treasurer: Marc Hersi; Chief: Joseph Chornock. Delegates: Mitch Dinowitz, Janice Manion, Jennifer Dorfman, Diane Pitts, Katie Glaudemans. Alternates: John Hardison, Joseph Chornock, Michael Bowman.

GLENN DALE FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 249, 11900 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn dale, MD 20769; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)805-2400 Fax: (301)805-2438; Website: www.gdvfd18.com; Organized:1928; Chartered:1929; Joined MSFA:1929; President: Laura Woods; Vice President: John Benjamin; Secretary: Mary Owens; Treasurer: Dinah Sosebee; Chief: Tony McGillin. Delegates: Laura Woods, Earl G. Lutz, Sr., Tony McGillin, Lee A. Lutz, H. Edward Woods, Sr. Alternates: John Benjamin, Sandi Lutz, Daniel Stallings, Ardy Peters, Larry Hudson.

GLYNDON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 3671, 4812 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)833-1262 Fax (410)833-7362 Website GVFD40.org; Organized: 1904; Chartered:1904; President: Douglas Wolfenden; Vice President: Paul Wilhelm, Secretary: Kathy Wolfenden; Treasurer: Richard Stem, Sr.; Chaplain: Norman Obenshain; Chief: Scott Warner. Delegates: Richard Stem, Sr, Richard Merriken Sr, Mary Merriken. Alternates: Scott Warner, Kathy Reitz, Randy Brown.

GOLDSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 35 (700 Old Line Road) Goldsboro, MD 21636; Caroline County; Telephone (410)482-6196 FAX (410)482-8358; Email goldsborofirecompany@yahoo; Organized:1948; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA: 1948; President: Jack Reed; Vice President: Joel McGinnes; Secretary: Edna Talley; Treasurer: Vincent Ebling; Chief: J.T. Bartz.
Delegates: David Wothers, Paul Gray, Shelly Gray, Darrin Vick. Alternates: Justin Parenteau, Jacqueline Stone, Rebecca Bartz.

GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 212 Broadway Street, Centreville, MD 21617; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: (410)758-1422 Fax: (410)758-3528; Organized 1889, Chartered 1889; President: Lester A. Downes, III; Vice President: Eddie Burton; Secretary: Michael McHugh; Treasurer: Donald Dawkins and Lester Downes Jr; Chaplain: Rev. Wayne Greir; Chief: Frank Callahan. Delegates: Lester A. Downes, Jr., Dan Tabler, West Thompson Jr, Donald Dawkins, Butch Kaufman. Alternates: Marie McHugh, Mike McHugh, Mike Carroll, Frank Callahan, Dino Pignataro.

GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1, INC. – PO Box 280, 6 Douglas Avenue, Lonaconing, MD 21539; Allegany County; Telephone (301)463-2275; Organized:1882; Chartered:1882; Joined MSFA:1893; President: John Shockley Sr; Vice President: Gary Hadley; Secretary: James McKenzie; Treasurer: Gerald Cook; Chaplain: Thomas Morgan; Chief: Robert Ritchie; Delegates: James Ternent, Clarence Broadwater, John Shockley Sr, John Smith, Robert Ritchie. Alternates: William Smith, Alex McAlpine, Bob Ritchie, Brian Moses, Gerald Cook.

GORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 270 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)334-1600 Fax: (301)334-1392; E-mail hneel01@earthlink.net; President: Isadore Skeweris; Vice President: Raymond O’Haver; Secretary/ Treasurer: Helen Neel; Chaplain: Stuart Harvey; Chief: Mike Steyer. Delegates: None listed.

GRACEHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 181, 14026 Graceham Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone (301)271-2000 President: Brian Boller; Vice President: Vicky Martin; Secretary: Crystal Forrest; Treasurer: Sterling Seiss; Chief: Wayne Wachter Jr. Delegates: Brian Boller, Vicky Martin, Wayne Wachter Jr, Lowe Powell, Bob Morgan. Alternates: Missy Morgan, Pam Forrest, Eddie Woods Sr, Beth Wachter, Carol Boller.

GRANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 248 (107 Miller Street) Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)895-5200; Organized:1928; Chartered:1936; Joined MSFA:1930; President: Charles Yommer; Vice President: David Stein; Secretary: Menno Yoder; Treasurer: Herman Yoder; Chaplain: Raymond Yoder; Chief: Duane Stein; Delegates: Todd Dyche, John Vought, Anthony Bittinger, Scott Durst, Keith Durst. Alternates: Jeff Yommer, Shawn Broadwater, Bill Kelly, Bryan Palmer, Steve Miller.

*GRASONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 457, Grasonville, MD 21638; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone (410)827-8100 - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 35 (125 Crescent Road) Grenbelt, MD 20768; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)345-7000 Fax (301)345-0530; E-mail gvfdrs@aol.com Website: engine35.com; Organized:1955; Chartered:1955; President: Chris
Fleshman; Vice President: Jay Remenick; Secretary: Wayne L. Lewis; Treasurer: Peggy Dutton; Delegates: Chris Fleshman, Wayne Lewis, George Moore, Jay Remenick, Henry Wynkoop. Alternates: Jeremiah Voigt, Greg Giglotti, Sean Leahy, Jason Morgal, Chris Ransom.

GREENSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 307, Main & Stonesifer, Greensboro, MD 21639; Caroline County; Telephone (410)482-8420; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; President: Curtis L. Harvey; Vice President: Ed Stoner; Secretary: Richard Faust; Treasurer: Karen Harvey; Chief: Louis House. Delegates: Alvin Simpson, David Brown, Shawn Starkey, Fletch Gowen, Chris Cox. Alternates: Wade Harvey, Louis House, Rickey Townsend, Rick Faust, Greg Speiring.

GUARDIAN HOSE COMPANY, INC. – 21 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-3413 Fax: (301)271-4990; E-mail: guardianhose@net2vu.com Website: guardianhose.org; Organized: 1887; Chartered: 1934; President: Wayne Stackhouse; Vice President: Robert Willhide; Secretary: Robert Oxendale; Treasurer: Russell Schantz; Chief: Christopher Kinnaird. Delegates: Clarence White, Judith White. Alternates: None listed.

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James Waybright; Vice President: Charlie Blocher; Secretary: Richard Yingling; Treasurer: Leonard Bowers; Chaplain: George Clingan; Chief: Donald Yingling, Sr. Delegates: Gene Curfman. Alternates: None listed.

*HARWOOD-LOTHIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 5165 Solomons Island Road, Lothian, MD 20711; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)867-7755 - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

HAVRE DE GRACE AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. – PO Box 465, 1601 Level Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone (410)939-6658 Fax (410)939-6665. Organized: 1984; Chartered: 1984; Joined MSFA: 1984; President: Mark Hemler; Vice President: Christina Kane; Secretary: Susan Angellucci; Treasurer: Deborah Way; Chaplain: Martin Walsh; Chief: James Fayer. Delegates: Luanne Schweers, Susan Streb, Susan Price, Sherry Moore. Alternates: None Listed.

HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 300, 300 South Main Street, Hebron, MD 21830; Wicomico County; Telephone (410)749-3037 Fax (410)749-0511 Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1937; President: Donald Beach; Vice President: Dean Beach; Secretary: Ginger Wilson; Treasurer: Darley T. Travers; Chaplain: Charles Smith III. Chief: David Beach. Delegates: David Beach, Donald Beach, Bert Owens, Donald Phippin, Donnie Phippin. Alternates: Dean Beach, Kirby Travers, Robin Travers, Robin Goslee, Ginger Wilson.

HERALD HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, Inc. – PO Box 777, 401 Hall Road, Crownsville, MD 21032; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)923-3990 Organized:1926; Chartered:1926; President: Bob Jones; Vice President: Joyhn Storm; Secretary: Rose Conrad; Treasurer: Dale Kemper; Chaplain: Billie Armstrong; Chief: Martin Orndorff. Delegates: John Storm, Lynn Storm, Ruth Orndorff, Marty Orndorff. Alternates: None listed.

HEREFORD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO Box 262, 901 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1935 Fax: (410)343-2021; E-mail:mfo@herefordemrescue.org; Website: heredordemrescue.org; Organized:1952; Chartered:1953; President: Matt Christopher; Vice President: Gery Simms; Secretary: Cindy Ellwood; Treasurer: Stephen Wilcoxan; Chaplain: David Dell; Chief: Darrell Kolscher. Delegates: Hope Bilger, Darrell Kolscher, Paul Demme, Steve Wilcoxon, Matt Christopher. Alternates: Anne Anderson, Ken Welsh, Mark DeMario.

HEREFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 510 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1934 Fax: (410)357-4443; Website: herefordfire.org; Organized:1924; Chartered:1924; Joined MSFA:1926 President: Wayne Smith; Vice President: Ronald Campion; Secretary: Charles Fredrick; Treasurer: Donald Gerhardt; Chaplain: Deborah L. Bollinger; Chief: Kenneth Bollinger III. Delegates: Richard G. Bilger, Thomas Simpson, Wayne Smith, Ronald Campion, Kenneth Bollinger III. Alternates: Chris Klapsaka.
HILLANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 10617 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)434-2400 Fax: (301)434-8152; E-mail: hvfdmail@yahoo.com; Website: hvfd.org; Organized:1941; Chartered:1941; Joined MSFA: 1941; President: Russell Hartung; Vice President: Stephen Dubik; Secretary: Maura Ardike; Treasurer: Joseph Weisgerber; Chief: Frank Gaegler. Delegates: Joseph Weisgerber, Russell Hartung, Joseph Pignataro, Brad Mertens, Tralia Stevens. Alternates: Kim Boswell, Nicholas Belback.

HILLSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1234 Larchmont Avenue, Hillside, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)420-2705 President: Michael Keys; Vice President: Butch Jones; Chief: Dale Sellers. Delegates: Michael Keys, Robin Johnson, LaVon McMullen, Dave McGill, Samuel Manages.

HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 7 (24801 Three Notch Road) Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)373-2900 FAX: (301)373-8772; Website: hvfd7.com; Organized:1956; Chartered:1957; President: William C. Mattingly Jr; Vice President: Charles Mattingly III; Secretary: Tammy Sweeney; Treasurer: Glenn Yannayon; Chaplain: Charles P. Miedzinski; Chief: Dennis Brady. Delegates: John Gartton Sr, Bill Mattingly, John O. Gatton Jr, Tammy Sweeney, Charles Mattingly III. Alternates: Danny Davis, Steve Facini, Dale Pilkerton Sr, Barry Mattingly, James Lloyd.

HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 79, 43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636; St. Mary’s County; Telephone (301)373-3131; Fax (301)373-2033; Organized: 1975; Chartered:1975; Joined MSFA:1986  President: Kimberly Sillivan; Vice President: Diana Gunther; Secretary: Natalie Himes; Treasurer: John Miedzinski; Chaplain: Olivia Lenahan; Chief: William Ridgell. Delegates: Joan Williams, Kimberly Sullivan, Stanley Williams Jr, William Ridgell, Charlie Russell. Alternates: Hattie Norris, Diana Gunther, Mike Sullivan, Kelley Rhodes, Natalie Himes.

HOOPERS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 125, 2756 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)397-3311 Fax (410)397-3024 Email hvfc@safe.quik.com; Organized:1953; Chartered:1953; President: Steve Lewis; Vice President: Mark Flowers; Secretary: Teresa Flowers; Treasurer: Rosemary Dean; Chief: Chuck Davis. Delegates: Richard Yinger, Steve Lewis, Mark Flowers, Steve Cox. Alternates: Rosemary Dean, Kathy Blake.

HUGHESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 15245 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637; Charles County; Telephone (301)274-4488 Fax (301)274-9729 e-mail rosej@nswc.navy.mil Website; www.dsport.com/nickh/hvfd/hvfd.htm Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; Joined MSFA: 1946 President: Jimmy Rose; Vice President: Mike Bagley; Secretary: Donna McPherson; Treasurer: Patricia Therres and Jennifer Roberts; Chief: Duane Svites. Delegates: John Jarboe, Jimmy Herbert, Beverly Jarboe, Jimmy Rose, Duane Svites. Alternates: None listed.
HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 482 (4030 Old Town Road) Huntingtown, MD 20639; Calvert County; Telephone (410)535-3111 Fax(410)535-4438; E-mail huntingtownvfd@chesapeake.net; Website: www.hvfd6.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered:1972; President: William Schrom III; Vice President: Paul Robison; Secretary: Jessie Nutwell; Treasurer: Ron Nahas; Chief: Ozzie Osborne. Delegates: William Schrom III, Paul Robison, Robert Osborne, Jonathan Riffe, Carol Spriggs. Alternates: Mike Wells, Bo McKenny, Scott Bowen, Ricky Hayes.

HURLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 178, (300 Charles Street), Hurlock, MD 21643; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)943-3110 FAX (410)943-4355; Organized:1924; Chartered: 1936; Joined MSFA:1925; President: Steve Mills; Vice President: Brian Tolley; Secretary: Heather Coulbourne; Treasurer: Ward Higgins, II; Chief: Tim Coulbourne. Delegates: Gene Aaron, Bobbie Aaron, David Carrier II, Jerry Rhue. Alternates: Adam Corkran, Joyhn Stitchberry.

HYATTSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.- 25801 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)831-8248 Fax: (301)831-8901 E-mail: hyattstownfire@yahoo.com; Website: hyattstownvfd.org; Organized:1929; President: Scotty Testerman Sr; Vice President: Douglas Bennett; Secretary: Peggy A. Webb; Treasurer: Kenneth Day; Chaplain: Terry Reister; Chief: Douglas W. Edwards. Delegates: Scotty Testerman Sr, Cecil Webb, LaRue Moxley, Jeffrey Gross, Douglas Edwards. Alternates: Peggy Webb, Ann Edwards, Terry Reister, Bonnie Horvath.

HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 5275, 6200 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)927-5770 Fax: (301)699-8947; E-mail: hvfed@yahoo.com; Website: www.hyfd.com Organized: 1888; President: Matt Davy; Vice President: Tommy Falcone; Secretary: Lori Hook; Treasurer: Chris Herbert; Chief: Donald Moltrup. Delegates: Matt Davy, Tommy Falcone, Jimmy Hook, Lori Hook, David Hang. Alternates: Chris Herbert, Dave Pfeil, Theresa Pfeil.

INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY #2, INC. – PO Box 1884 (620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis) MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)295-5226; Organized:1838; Chartered: 1838; Joined MSFA:1896 President: Reginald Chambers III; Vice President: Lewis Jackson; Secretary: Anthony P. Capezio; Treasurer/Chief: George D. Clark, III; Chaplain: George Clark Jr; Chief: George Clark III; Delegates: Robert Grollman, George D. Clark Jr, Anthony P. Capezio, Lewis Jackson. Alternates: George Clark III, Robert Rawls, Keith Frederick, James Powell.

INDEPENDENT HOSE CO. #1, INC. - 310 Baughmans Lane, Frederick, MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone (301)663-9612 Fax (301)620-9534 Organized: 1818; Chartered: 1839; Joined MSFA:1893; President: Timothy Ganley; Vice President: Bill Horine and Walt Cramer; Secretary: Sherry Soper; Treasurer: Richard Deater; Chaplain: Tim May. Chief: Charles R. Handly. Delegates: Ronald Wachter, Sharon Soper, Timothy Ganley, Walter Cramer,

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR FIRE ENGINE CO. #3, INC. – PO Box 2185
(100 Eastern Boulevard North) Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County;
Telephone: (301)733-3335 Fax: (301)733-3335; Organized:1871; Chartered:1871;
President: Charles Elgin; Vice President: Woodrow Morris; Secretary: Jane E. Bond;
Treasurer: Greg Breeden; Chaplain: Jane Bond. Chief: Ryan Evans. Delegates:
Alternates: Jane Bond, Henry Ingram, Ryan Evans, Brian Elgin.

INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. - 4095 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County;
Telephone: (301)753-9400 Fax: (301)753-6130; E-mail ihvfd@aol.com
Organized:1948; Chartered:1975; President: Don Chappell; Vice President: Rick
Bowie; Secretary: Cindy Collins; Treasurer: Larry Johnson; Chaplain: Mike
O’Neil; Chief: Jeff Williams. Delegates: Don Chappell, Bill Deer, Jeff Williams,
Wayne Higdon. Alternates: None listed

IRONSIDES VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 158, 6120 Port
Tobacco Road, Ironsides, MD 20643; Charles County; Telephone: (301)246-9090
FAX: (301)246-4228; Organized:1964; Chartered:1964; President: David
Summers Sr; Vice President: Tom Feddon; Secretary: Becky Jenkins; Treasurer:
Roberta Spalding; Chaplain: George Ryce; Chief: Roberta Spalding. Delegates:

JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - PO Box 471,
3700 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131; Baltimore County; Telephone:
(410)887-7780 Fax: (410)666-3745; E-mail: CA0470@bcvfa.org Website: www.
jvfc.com; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1953. President:
Steve Watkey; Vice President: Alistair Paget; Secretary: Barbara White; Treasurer:
Howard F. Wiedey, Jr; Chaplain: Joan Paget; Chief: Joe Tamberino. Delegates:
Howard Wiedey, Chris Wiedey, Claud Gamble, Dean Wiggins. Alternates: Oscar
Schapiro, Steve Watkeys, Chris Rossi, Steve Stelmack.

JARRETTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 7,
3825 Federal Hill Rd. Jarrettsville, MD 21084; Harford County; Telephone:
(410) 692-7890 Fax: (410) 692-7896; Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1929; Joined
MSFA: 1930; President: George Denbow; Vice President: Bill Grove; Secretary:
Steve Saneman; Treasurer: Laura Barwick; Chaplain: Terry Murphy; Chief: Steve
Townsend. Delegates: Ben Kurtz, Steve Townsend, Mitch Vocke, Jim Bair, Bill

JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 578, 4603A
Lander Road, Jefferson, MD 21755; Frederick County; Telephone (301)473-5160;
Fax: (301)473-9789; E-mail: jufc20@aol1phia.net; Organized: 1955; Chartered:
1960; Joined MSFA: 1960 President: Ben Ahalt; Vice President: Ronald Ahalt Sr;
Secretary: Thomas W. Arnold; Treasurer: Susan Corun; Chaplain: Leo Harvey;
Chief: James Lakin. Delegates: Jim Lakin, Ed LaPole, Jeff Hainline, Rodney
Linton, Ronald Ahalt. Alternates: Mike Ambrose, Mike Bunn, Ashley Corun,
Steve Rosenko, Donna Gosbee.
JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 146, 7891 Max Blob’s Park Road, Jessup, MD 20794; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)799-1314 Organized: 1932; Chartered:1938; Joined MSFA:1932 President: William A. Hawkins; Vice President: Edwin Shipley; Secretary: Alvera Miller; Treasurer: Joseph Miller; Chief: John W. Gouty. Delegates: William Hawkins, Ann Hawkins, , John W. Gouty, Margaret Gouty, Alvera Miller. Alternates: None listed.

JOPPA MAGNOLIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 1403 Old Mountain Road South, Joppa, MD 21085; Harford County; Telephone: (410)679-1055 Fax: (410)679-3420; Organized:1951; Chartered:1951; President: Edward Wimmer; Vice President: James Lyons III; Secretary: Tom Harrington; Treasurer: Gary Skillman; Chaplain: Margaret Bullock; Chief: Vince Hagley. Delegates: Bill Lay, Louis Jonske, John Brynes, Mel Werhman, Jim Younger. Alternates: Ted Anderson.

JUNIOR FIRE COMPANY NO.2, INC. - 535 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone (301)663-4870; Organized:1838; Chartered:1840; Organized MSFA: 1893 President: Mark Pecor; Vice President: Charles Abrecht; Secretary: Penny Besemer; Treasurer: James Gauer; Chaplain: Rev. Harold “Chip” Wright; Chief: Ronald Eury. Delegates: Charles Abrecht, Grayson Abrecht, John Suetes, Ron Eury, Keith Brown. Alternates: Todd Johnson, Penny Besemer, Deb Perkins, Tim Moore, Art Besemer.

KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 98, Kennedyville, MD 21645; Kent County; Telephone (410)348-5340 Fax: (410)348-5150. Email kvfc@dmv.com; Organized: 1955; Chartered: 1955 President: Peter Lott; Vice President: Daniel Quinn; Secretary: Norma Dempsey; Treasurer: Albert Clayton; Chaplain: Vonnie Paxton; Chief: Mark Dixon. Delegates: Daniel Quinn, Robert N. Dempsey, Norma Dempsey, Thomas Russum, Phillip Lott. Alternates: Pete Lott, John Krastel, Andy Krastel, Dewitt Lott, Jimmie Reese.

KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 222, 10620 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)929-8000 Fax (301)929-8008; E-mail amkelley@kvfd.org; Website: kvfd.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered:1925; President: Andrew B. White; Vice President: Robert Spence; Secretary: Lynn M. Tantardini and Murray Hunt; Treasurer: James Stanton; Chaplain: F. Tom Claxton; Chief: Arthur Hawkins. Delegates: Andrew B. White, Robert Spence, Marcine Goodloe, Frank Kaleyias, Arthur Hawkins. Alternates: Michael Kelley, Jean Ward, Don Phillips, John Connell, Chris St. John.

KENT ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 27, 605 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: (410)643-5454, FAX: (410)643-5457; Website: kivfd.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; President: Francis Roudiez; Vice-President: Don Lewis; Secretary: Annie Gardiner; Treasurer: Grace Gardner; Chaplain: Paul Jennings; Chief: Tracy Schulz; Delegates: Tracy Schulz, Buddy Thomas, Paul Schlotterbeck,
Don Lewis, Jeff Reiss. Alternates: Mike Jarboe, Jimmy Tiernan, Jeff Cresanto, Jeff Reiss, Link George.

**KENT-QUEEN ANNE’S RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 126, 140 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620; Kent County; Telephone (410)778-4495 FAX (410)810-0346; E-Mail: kqars@verizon.net; Organized:1961; Chartered:1961; Secretary: Theresa Waldspurger; Treasurer: Jim Johnson; Chaplain: Kevin Kerr; Chief: Allan Schauber. Delegates: Allan Schauber, William Lobley, Larry Hastings, Kevin Kerr, Kathy Hastings. Alternates: Eric Jackson, Travis Nelson, JoAnne Donovan, Robert Coleman, Lauren Jones.

**KENTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** - 7701 Landover Road, Kentland, MD 20785; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)773-6032 Fax: (301)773-2410; E-Mail: mmattison@kentland33.com; Website: www.kentland33.com; Organized: 1950; Chartered:1950; Joined MSFA:1951; President: Sheila Mann; Vice President: Mark Mollohan; Secretary: LaVatrice Nora-Meullion; Treasurer: Bret Bestpitch; Chaplain: Jim Neal; Chief: Michael Mattison. Delegates: Jim Neal, Harry Davis, William Smith, Loretta Shaw, Sheila Mann. Alternates: Roger Steger Jr, Michael Mattison, Tony Kelleher.

**KINGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 65 (11601 Bellvue Avenue) Kingsville, MD 21087; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-5773 FAX: (410)592-8557; Organized:1954; Chartered:1954 President: Dennis Eyre; Vice President: Stephen Belkoff; Secretary: Rita Sayler; Treasurer: Gary Weer; Chaplain: Ronald Cassett Sr; Chief: Edward Griffiths Jr. Delegates: Dennis Eyre, Jeffrey Weer, Bruce King, Gary Weer, Rita Sayler. Alternates: Edward Griffiths Jr, Scott Taylor, Ronald Hale, Frank Ninos, Ronald Cassett Sr.

**KITZMILLER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 438 (249 East Main Street) Kitzmiller, MD 21538; Garrett County; Telephone (301)453-3323 Organized: 1932; Joined MSFA: 1932 President: Martin Smith; Vice President: Jim Browning Jr; Secretary: Sharon Paugh; Treasurer: David K. Burrell, Sr.; Chaplain: Shirley Coleman; Chief: Shawn Nesselrodt. Delegates: Jim Browning Jr, Tom Davis, Sharon Paugh, Shawn Nesselrodt, Missi Nesselrodt. Alternates: Shirley Coleman, Davis Burrell Sr.

**LAKE SHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 1057, 4498 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)255-2401; EW-mail: jflongjr@yahoo.com; Website: www.lsvfc.org; Organized:1940; Chartered:1941 President: John Thursby III; Vice President: Jerry White; Secretary: Timothy Leatherwood; Treasurer: Ellen V. Thursby; Chaplain: Howard R. Belford; Chief: John Long Jr. Delegates: John Long Jr, Bernard Brown, John Spiker Sr. Alternates: None listed.

*LAKES & STRAITS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 2103 Farm Creek Road, Wingate, MD 21675; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)397-8154; Organized:1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA:1953 President: Suzanne Short; Vice President: Virginia Todd; Secretary: Lesli Hurley; Treasurer: Angie Jones; Chaplain: Tom Armistead. Chief: Jack Short. Delegates: Susanne Short, Jack Short, Lesli Hurley, Angie Jones, Virginia Todd. Alternates: Dwane Paul, Cindy
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**LANDOVER HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 2357, 6801 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)773-2509 Fax (301)583-1912 Email: JR Roberts@co.pg.md.us; Website: Lhvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1946 President: Thomas L. Flint; Vice President: Dawn Rowe; Secretary: Nancy Roberts; Treasurer: Carol Flint; Chief: John R. Roberts. Delegates: Thomas Flint, John Roberts, Nancy Roberts. Alternates: Carol Flint, Dawn Rowe, George Linnell.

**LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION #1, INC.** – PO Box 7374 (140 Laverne Avenue) Lansdowne, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)242-1093; Fax (410)887-1472; Email cao360abcvfa.org; Website www.lansdownevfd.com Organized: 1902 President: Rick Spinks; Vice President: Raymond Gill; Secretary: Judy Airey; Treasurer: Eloise Lannam; Chief: John Lewis Jr. Delegates: Donald Mooney, John Lewis Jr, Bernard Smith, Doug Brinkley, Richard Spanks. Alternates: June Lewis, Robin Spinks, Krystal Fabin.

**LA PLATA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 728, 911 Washington Ave, LaPlata, MD 20646; Charles County; Telephone: (301)934-9201 Fax: (301)934-4217 E-mail: treasurer@laplatafiredepartment.com; Organized:1929; Chartered:1929; Joined MSFA:1930 President: Ron Talley; Vice President Luther Della Jr; Secretary: Mary Winkler; Treasurer: Lynn D. Gilroy; Chaplain: Allen Jackson; Chief: Stephen C. Shaham. Delegates: Lynn D. Gilroy, Stephen Shaham, Robert Hutchins, Mike Gilroy, Matthew Gilroy. Alternates: Jason Moore, Paul Garner, John Shymansky, William Frazier, Chris Thompson.

**LAUREL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.** – PO Box 699, 7411 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD. 20725; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)776-3600 Fax:(301)725-2026 Website: www.laurelvfd.org Organized:1902; Chartered:1902 President: Timothy Thaxton; Vice President: Robert Grant; Secretary: Judy Lau; Treasurer: William Stone; Chaplain: Warren Litchfield; Chief: Thomas Stanton. Delegates: Joseph R. Robison, James Collins, Judy Lau, Craig Moe, Tom Stanton. Alternates: Victor Whipple, Brian Moe, Kevin Frost, Tom Scaggs, Barry Sacks.

**LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**– POBox 1278, 14910 Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20725; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)604-5055 Fax (301)725-0654 E-mail: barry.Johnson@laurelrescue.org; Website: laurelrescue.org; Organized: 1952; Chartered: 1952 President: Dave Morgan; Vice President: Richard Sien; Secretary: Kyrsia Meson; Treasurer: Pam Docarmo; Chaplain: Jean McCollum; Chief: David Morgan. Delegates: Barry Johnson, Ben Elliott, Anna Sierra, Irene Wagner, John Nickolson Jr. Alternates: David Morgan, Eric Globerman, Clyde Williams, Cathy Williams, Diane Miller.

**LA VALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 421 National Highway, La Vale, MD 21502; Allegany County; (301)777-0871; Organized: 1933 President: Jim Swauger; Vice President: Chris Pryor; Secretary: Gary

**LA VALE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 3343, 977 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)729-4458 Fax: (301)729-8191; Email: co52@allconet.org; Organized: 1969; Chartered:1969 President: Kenneth L. May; Vice President: Dianne Shoemaker; Secretary: Rikki Kamauf; Treasurer: Lind Moore; Chaplain: Dale Evans; Capt: Gary Kamauf. Delegates: Earl Pryor Jr, Walter May, Earl Pryor III, Diane May, Robert May. Alternates: None listed.

**LAYTONSVILLE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 5219, 21400 Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882; Montgomery County; Telephone (301)948-1677 Fax (301)948-8227; e-mail: marianivj@earthlink.net; Website: ldvfd.org; Organized:1952; Chartered:1952 President: Clark Beall; Vice President: Ryan Gaskell; Secretary: Dawn Russ; Treasurer: Barry Smith; Chaplain: Tom Musgrove Sr; Chief: Stanley Sutton. Delegates: Clark Beall, James Snyder, Tom Musgrove, Murphy Richards, Veronica Mariani. Alternates: Steve Lamphier, Harry Faith, Ryan Gaskell, Barry Smith, Robert Balser.

**LEITERSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 21431 Leiter Street, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-9155; Fax: (301)733-9352; Website leitersburgfire.com; Organized: 1956; Chartered:1956; President: Clinton Stouffer; Vice President: Kent Niedzielski; Secretary: Teylla Grove; Treasurer: Walter Kipe; Chaplain: Roberet Blair; Chief: Kirk Morgan. Delegates: Dan Grove, Sr., Clinton Stouffer, Dan Grove, Jr., Kirk Morgan, Milton Bloom III. Alternates: Robert Darby, Kent Miedzielski, Walter Kipe, Kent Niedziekski, Tyylla Grove, Lloyd Emswiller.

**LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 50 (22733 Lawrence Avenue) Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)475-8996 Fax: (301)475-5850; Website lvfd1.com; Organized:1928; Chartered:1930; Joined MSFA: 1929 President: George Kalnas Jr.; Vice President: Gary Bell; Secretary: Kevin Mattingly; Treasurer: John H. B. Gough; Chief: Gerald Gardiner Jr; Delegates: Kenneth J. Scully, Thomas Trossbach Jr, Carl Scully, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., Clinton B. Duke.

**LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 299 (22855 Lawrence Avenue) Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)475-8509 Fax: (301)475-1825; E-mail: president@lvrs.org Website: Ivrs.org; Organized: 1975; Chartered: 1975 President: Mary Trossbach; Vice President: Robert Miedzinski; Secretary: Robert McCartney; Treasurer: Jean Wathen; Chaplain: David Cooley; Chief: Dean Gass. Delegates: Mary D. Trossbach, Shirley Copado, Dean Gass, Donna Whites. Alternates: None listed.

**LEVEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 3633 Level Village Road, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: (410)734-6880. Fax:
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(410)734-7207. E-mail: kelopes@comcast.net; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1953; Joined MSFA: 1954; President: Dale Burkins; Vice President: Michael Deckard; Secretary: Karen E. Lopes; Treasurer: Sharon Worthington; Chaplain: Ronald Stunkard; Chief: Jason Gallion. Delegates: Gene Worthington, Alan Caudill, Russell Gallion Sr, Lori Gallion, Karen Lopes. Alternates: Dale Burkins.

LEWISTOWN DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.–11101 Hessong Bridge Road, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone (301)898-9988; Organized:1970; President: Donald Stull Sr; Vice President: Charles Jenkins; Secretary: Lisa Smith; Treasurer: Beverly Nunemaker; Chief: Donald Stull, Jr. Delegates: Donald Easterday, Charles Jenkins, Donald Stull Jr, Wilton Smith III, Lisa Smith. Alternates: Mike Stull, Trish May, Donald Stull Sr, Steve Stull, Scott Stonessfiier.

LEXINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 339, 21633 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)862-3331 Email: president@lpvrs.org Website: lpvrs.org; Organized: 1953; Chartered:1953; Joined MSFA:1986 President: Kenneth Hicks; Vice President: Mike Holder; Secretary: Bill Rhodes; Treasurer: John Olsen; Chaplain: Anthony Sweeney III; Chief: Eva Snyder. Delegates: Kenneth Hicks, Shannon Hicks, Donald Durbin, Donna Voorhaar, Eva Snyder. Alternates: Tim Snyder, Kimberley Gisel.

LIBERTY ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 10010 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-0651 Fax: (410)922-1223; Website: lrvfc.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered:1947; President: Jerry Wayne; Vice President: Steve Wolf; Secretary: Melody Wayne; Treasurer: Lauren Kemp; Chief: Robert Kemp. Delegates: Walter Boyd, Sr., Jerry Wayne, Melody Wayne, Lehman Stern, Steve Miller. Alternates: Rose Jordan, Robert Kemp, Jeremy Scherr.

LIBERTYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 33, 12027 South Street, Libertytown, MD 21762; Frederick County; Telephone (301)898-9193; Fax: (301)898-0150; E-mail: djohnson@frecko-md.net; Organized:1964; Chartered:1964 President: Larrie Welsh; Vice President: Richard Hemp; Secretary: Michelle Yonke; Treasurer: Marlene Wilt; Chaplain: Stewart Cashour; Chief: Darrell Johnson; Delegates: Chip Jewell, Jr., J. Pinoake Browning, Larrie D. Welsh, Doug Welsh, Courtney Nash. Alternates: Marty Fuller, George Novis, Darrell Johnson.

LINEBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 240, 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21088; Carroll County; Telephone (410)374-2197 Fax (410)374-9254; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1919; Joined MSFA: 1915; President: Jack Stone; Vice President: Charles Myers; Secretary: Susan Tawes; Treasurer: Harry Fourhman; Chaplain: Earl Warehime; Chief: Robert S. Utz. Delegates: Marianne Warehime, Suzannah Warehime, Susan Tawes, William Caudill, Sheri Pries. Alternates: Chuck Myers, Jack Stone, John Tawes, Mike Kelly, Janet Kelly.

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66, 3905 Ocean Gateway, Linkwood, MD 21835; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)221-0169 Organized: 1957; Chartered:1958; Joined MSFA:1960 President: Keith Adkins; Vice President: Mike Henry; Secretary: Catherine D. Mooney; Treasurer: Tracy D. Whitby-Fairall; Chief: Jerry Willey Jr; Delegates: Calvin Stack, Jerry Willey, Mike Henry, Keith Adkins, Lee Fairall. Alternates: Danny Cox, Randy Lewis, Tink Collins, Brad Dickinson, Sonny Wiley.

LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 40, 1330 Woodbine Road, Lisbon, MD 21765; Howard County; Telephone: (410)489-4646 Fax: (410)489-7632; Website: lisbonvfc.org; Organized:1944; Chartered:1946; Joined MSFA:1945 President: Albert Musgrove; Vice President: Norm Snyder; Secretary: Lisa Lawler; Treasurer: Simone Rockstroh; Chaplain: Lisa Sparks; Chief: Gerald Bennett. Delegates: Norm Snyder, Tom Esworthy, Marshall Fleming, Albert Musgrove, Eric McIntosh. Alternates: Carey McIntosh, Brian Haugh, Tom Zinchiak, Lisa Lawler, Jody McIntosh.

*LLOYDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1289, 1616 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)228-6235 e-mail Rodman@shorenet.net Organized: 1958; Chartered:1958; Joined MSFA:1960 President: George Gray; Vice President: Michael O’Connor; Secretary: Lori O’Connor; Treasurer: George Gray; Chief: Michael O’Connor. Delegates: Bobby Booze, Charles Lewis, Brady Condon.

LONG GREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 4506 Long Green Road, Long Green, MD 21092; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)592-8337 FAX: (410)592-5776; Website: lgvfc.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; President: Skip Hayes; Vice President: Ronald Harrison; Secretary: Lurie Maas; Treasurer: Donna Jones; Chief: Greg Stolins. Delegates: Rick Eyre, Ron Harrison, Joel McCrea, Greg Stolins, Eric McIntosh. Alternates: Tracy Stolins, Josh Frank, Jake Frank, Bill Delcher, John Barnhart.

*LONGMEADOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. - 19307 Longmeadow Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; Washington County; Telephone: (301)797-5504 Fax: (301)797-7585; Organized: 1971; Chartered:1971; Joined MSFA:1972 President: Robert Flint; Vice President: Samuel Murray; Secretary: John Latimer III; Treasurer: Jeffrey Byard; Chaplain: Alan Kipe; Chief: John Latimer IV; Delegates: Jason Eckstine, G. William Haines, Adam Hopkins. Alternates: None listed.

LOWER SOMERSET COUNTY AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 406, 26344 Mill Lane, Crisfield, MD 21817; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)968-2000 FAX: (410)968-9588; Organized:1970; Chartered:1980; Joined MSFA:1980; President: Fern Griffith; Vice President: Dean Goldsborough; Secretary: George Nelson; Treasurer: Scott Ward; Chaplain: Jerry McCready; Chief: Charles Cavanaugh. Delegates: Charles Cavanaugh, Larry Rettig, Curtis Tyler, Jr., Scott Ward, George Nelson. Alternates: None listed.

LUKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 26 (510 Grant Street) Luke, MD 21540; Allegany County; Telephone (301)359-3311 x3311, FAX: (301)359-2096; Email; amm15@meadwestvaco.com Organized: 1922;
Chartered: 1926; Joined MSFA: 1926  President: Kathryn Bever; Vice President: Dan Beaver; Secretary: Jim Mertz; Treasurer: Adam Miller; Chaplain: Philip Whetstone; Chief: Wayne Rounds. Delegates: Wayne Rounds, Brian Holdbrook, Diane May, Phil Whetstone, Dan Beaver. Alternates: Tim Jackson, Dave Green, Jim Mertz, Adam Miller, Kathy Bever.

LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 232 (1609 Bellona Avenue) Lutherville, MD 21094; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)252-3134 Fax: (410)252-3134; Website: Burnkev@us.hilti.com; Website: lvfc.com; Organized: 1909; Chartered: 1909; President: Kevin Burns; Vice President: Andrew Seabolt and James Cahn; Secretary: Janet O’Rourke; Treasurer: Joshua Kakel; Chief: Michael Heiler. Delegates: James Cann, James Doran, Frank Barranco, Lewis Smith. Alternates: Robert Schott, Michael Harvey, Kevin Burns.

MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 23 (1154 Taylor’s Island Road) Madison, MD 21648; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-8703 Fax: (410)228-0657; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1952 President: Samuel M. Horseman; Vice President: Ronnie Reynolds; Secretary: Donald Knauer; Treasurer: Peggy Horseman; Chief: Kevin Cook Sr. Delegates: Donald Knauer, Kevin B. Cook, Sr, Dave Horseman, Samuel Horseman, William Stevens Sr. Alternates: None listed.

MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 416, 3209 Main Street, Manchester, MD 21102; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)239-2286 Fax: (410)374-2596 Organized: 1885; Chartered: 1885; Joined MSFA: 1885; President: Richard Dell; Vice President: David Marshall; Secretary: Anna Marshall; Treasurer: Ralph Dull; Chaplain: Thomas Barnes; Chief: Donald Nott Jr. Delegates: Richard Bell, Ralph Dull, Malcom Helwig, Donald Nott Jr. Alternates: Terri Lankford, Gary Eppley, Clyde Kreitzer, Danny Bloskey Sr, Ed Bilger.

MARDELA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 299, Station Street, Mardela, MD 21837; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)749-5997 Fax: (410)749-2239; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; Joined MFA: 1927; President: Wallace Catlin; Vice President: David Whitelock; Secretary: John Flaig; Treasurer: Wallace Bennett; Chaplain: Bud Hooper; Chief: Stanford Robinson. Delegates: George Freeman, Wallace Bennett, Phil Donohoe, David Whitelock, Kenny Robinson. Alternates: Walt Cohee, Isac White, Eric Johnson, Wallace Catlin, Ronnie Whitelock.

*MARION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 143 (28390 Crisfield Marion Road) Marion Station, MD; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)623-3791 Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1937; President: Robert Gunter Jr; Vice President: Toby Swift; Secretary: Gary Powell; Treasurer: Robert Purnell Jr; Chaplain: Dave Parke; Chief: Alan Butler. Delegates: Donald L. Howard.

MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 195, 14815 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)952-0938 Fax: (301)952-8942 E-mail: mvfdc20@aol.com
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Website: marlborofire.com; Organized:1925; Chartered:1928; Joined MSFA:1931; President: Leonard T. King; Vice President: David Brady; Secretary: Donna Clark; Treasurer: Kevin Hodges; Chaplain: Roberta Strine; Chief: Donald Strine. Delegates: Donald L. Strine, Leonard King, David Brady, Donna Clark, Tim Clark. Alternates: Craig Pennoyer, Sharon Atchison, Kevin Hodges, James Atchison, Jay Tucker.

MARYDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 400, 110 Fire House Lane, Marydel, MD 20773; Caroline County; Telephone: (302)492-3394 Fax (302)492-0677 Organized: 1940; Chartered:1940; Joined MSFA:1940; President: Ralph Rossi; Vice President: Albert Lane; Secretary: Linda Bernat; Treasurer: Denise Madden; Chief: Gary Madden. Delegates: Al Lane, Gary Madden, William Lepore, Todd Simonson. Alternates: Ralph Rossi, Denise Madden.

MARYLAND CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC. - 3498 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD 20724; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (301)498-6161 Organized: 1969; Chartered:1970; President: Jacqueline Vontz; Vice President: Richard Marshall; Secretary: Mary L. Snidow; Treasurer: Linda Henry; Chief: Rayburn Smallwood. Delegates: Jacqueline Vontz, Rayburn Smallwood, Mary Louise Snidow. Alternates: Josepsh Larsen, Don Street, Richard Marshall.

MARYLAND LINE FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC. – PO box 70, 21631 York Road, Maryland Line, MD 21105; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1932 Fax: (410)343-0906; Website: angelfire.com/md/mlvfc Organized: 1943; Chartered:1943; President: Charles Fogle Jr; Vice President: Jeff Rosier; Secretary: Carolyn Rosier; Treasurer: Michael Simms; Chaplain: Tina Jones-Rosier; Chief: Bradley Wright. Delegates: Eugene M. Jones, Darlene Jones, Brett Jones, Charles Fogle Jr, Amanda Jones. Alternates: Bradley Wright, Michael Simms, Richard Gribble, Charles Fogle III, Matthew Underwood.

MAUGANSVILLE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 716, 13730 Maugansville Road, Maugansville, MD 21767; Washington County; Telephone: (301)739-8515 FAX: (301)739-8516; E-mail: mgvfc@myactv.net Website: mgvfc.com; President: Edward Shindle; Vice President: Brian Pile; Secretary: Heather Ridenour; Treasurer: Charles Shindle; Chaplain: Wayne Myers; Chief: Phil Ridenour. Delegates: Charles Shindle Sr, Leonard Horst, L. Jason Baer, Phil Ridenour, Steven Eby. Alternates: Frank Ridenour, Ed Shindle, Bill Garrett, Dave Baer, Christopher Gelwicks.

MC COOLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC. - 24931 Crooks Avenue, McCoole, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)786-4311 Fax: (301)786-7890; E-mailadmin@mfrd23.org; Organized:1938; President: Cody Pearce; Vice President: Clint Davis; Secretary: Justin Lambka; Treasurer: David Wilson; Chaplain: Joseph Braithwaite; Chief: Chuck Pearce Jr. Delegates: Chuck Pearce, Jr., Chuck Smith, Cody Pearce, David Wilson, Joseph Braithwaite. Alternates: Debbie Smith, Lisa Pearce.

MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box
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37, (28165 – Hills Club Road), Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary’s County; Telephone (301)884-4709 FAX (301)884-4139. E-mail president@mvfd.com Website www.mvfd.com; Organized: 1934; Chartered: 1937; President: William Wilkerson; Vice President: John Montgomery; Secretary: Darenne Kleinsorgen; Treasurer: Ferdinand Reetz III; Chief: Robert Johnson. Delegates: William Wilkerson, William H. Simpson, Sr., Robert Johnson, Paul Colonna, John Montgomery. Alternates: Larry Greenwell, James M. Adams Jr, David Sampson, John Raley, Harold Anderson.

MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 15 (28120 Old Flora Corner Road) Mechanicsville, MD 20659; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)884-2900; Organized: 1959; Chartered: 1959; Joined MSFA: 1990; President: John W. Roache, M.D.; Vice President: John Breitmaier; Secretary: David Harrigan; Treasurer: Joyce G. Downs; Chief: J. Melissa Raley. Delegates: Melissa Raley, David Harrigan. Alternates: None listed.

MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 5021, 2000 Leland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)687-5328; FAX (410)687-6350; Website mrvar.com; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; President: A. Joseph Davis; Vice President: Neil Miller; Secretary: Christine Sebo; Treasurer: Walt Ambrose; Chief: Mark Falkhung; Delegates: Fred Causey, Chris Johnson. Alternates: None listed.

MIDDLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 18001, 1100 Wilson Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)889-0326 FAX: (410)687-4507; E-mail: cao220@bcvfa.org Website: mrvc.org; Organized:1943; Chartered:1943; President: Keith Hardesty Sr; Vice President: Jim Akehurst Sr; Secretary: Mike Roach; Treasurer: James Sollenberger; Captain: John Dulina. Delegates: John Dulina, Chris Hyzer, Beth Stone, Warren Moucheron. Alternates: Keith Hardesty Sr, James Akehurst Sr.

MIDDLEBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 16634 (1913 Middleborough Road) Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone (410)686-0214 Fax (410)686-0214 E-mail: cao230@bcvfo326a.org Website: orgsites.com/md/middleborough/mc; Organized: 1943; Chartered: 1943; President: Jan Holtz; Vice President: Craig Alemi; Secretary: Paul Sparaco Jr; Treasurer: Joe Funk, Jr; Captain: Scott Taylor. Delegates: Jan Holtz, Jerry Filipiak, Debbie Peyton, Rick Holtz, Scott Taylor. Alternates: Craig Alemi, Mark Dranbauer Jr, Paul Sparaco Jr, Paul Moucheron, Joe Fund Jr.

MIDDLETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – PO Box 322, 13 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)371-6907, FAX: (301)371-8986; E-mail: president@middletownvfd.org Website: middletownvfd.org; Organized: 1895; Chartered:1935; President: Paul E. Find; Vice President: David Bouilue; Secretary: Deborah L. Loveless; Treasurer: Kent Faulkner; Chaplain: David Coblentz; Chief: Steven W. Leatherman. Delegates: Stefan T. Nalborczyk, Jr., Janie Nalborczk, Ellie Summers, David Coblentz, Josh Loveless. Alternates: Mark Flook.

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MIDLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 53, 14809 Railroad Street, Midland, MD 21542; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)463-6631 Fax: (301)463-6631; Organized: 1900; President: Eugene Thrasher; Vice President: James Dick; Secretary: Maggie Mills; Treasurer: Craig Alexander; Chaplain: Robert Blair; Chief: Ray Cutler. Delegates: Robert E. Knippenburg, Andy Cesnick, Barbara Knippenburg, Candi Rayner, Eugene Thrasher. Alternates: Robert Blair, Cory Catlan, Pat Speir, J.R. Monahan, Margaret Mills.

MORNINGSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)736-4342 Fax: (301)967-7152; E-mail: mvfd27@digizen.net Website: morningsidevfd.com; President: Dave Fuller; Vice President: Charles Phillips; Secretary: Heather Burley; Treasurer: Tommy Warren; Chaplain: Les Hedrick; Chief: Mark Hendley. Delegates: Charles Phillips, Mark Hendley, Donald Belfield, Les Hedrick, Sid Girven. Alternates: Mike Williams, Paul Burley, Mike White, Danny List, Ken Reeves.

*MOUNT AETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 10305 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)797-5555; Fax: (301)797-0078; E-mail: DALEM33@aol.com; Organized: 1967; Chartered: 1969; President: Dale Martin; Vice President: Brian Lewis; Secretary: Deb Hockenberry; Treasurer: Terry Stouffer; Chaplain: Randy Young; Chief: Terry Stouffer. Delegates: Dale Martin, Eric Banfe, Randy Young, Sharon Stouffer, Tony Veney. Alternates: Terry Stouffer, Brian Lewis.

MOUNT AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 44, 702 North Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 21771; Carroll County; Telephone: (301)829-0100 Fax: (301)829-2353; Website: www.mavfc.org E-Mail mavfc@adelphia.net; President: Matt Heard; Vice President: Greg Gue; Secretary: Carrie Brister; Treasurer: James Linton Jr; Chaplain: Rev. Dennis Yocum; Chief: Dale Lowman. Delegates: Doug Alexander, Matt Heard, Gary Hubble, Ricky Baker, Jeff Lowman. Alternates: Dale Lowman, Kenny Stull, Kris Nieberlein, Carrie Brister, Sue Hubble.

MOUNT SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO.1, INC. – PO Box 533 (15701 – Iron Rail Street) Mount Savage, MD 21545; Allegany County; Telephone (301)264-3311 Fax (301)264-3145; E-mail: corrado@hereintown.net; Organized: 1896; Chartered: 1896; Joined MSFA: 1925; President: Edward Monahan; Vice President: Earl Pope; Secretary: Kay E. Tharp; Treasurer: James A. Hott; Chaplain: Lloyd E. Wade; Chief: Richard Robison; Delegates: Gerard J. McGann, Kay Wade, Lloyd E. Wade, Gunter Corrado, Jill Corrado. Alternates: None Listed.

MOUNT VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 27440 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)651-2100; Organized:1982; Chartered: 1982; Joined MSFA:1982; President: Bill Bozman; Vice President: Andy Price; Secretary: Carol Purnell; Treasurer: Denise Barnette; Chaplain: Michael Lokey; Chief: Kevin Jones. Delegates: Emmons Horner, Stacy Barnette, John Barnette, Jim McIntyre, John Murray. Alternates: Andrew Price.
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MYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. PO Box 95, (301 – Main Street), Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone (301)293-9817 Fax (301)293-9828; Email raymon115@aol.com Website: myersvillevfc.com; Organized:1925; Chartered:1925; President: Raymond F. Hinkle; Vice President: Lewis Crutchley; Secretary: Linda Frushour; Treasurer: Mark F. Hinkle; Chief: Wayne Neal. Delegates: None listed.

NANJEMOY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 4, 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662; Charles County; Telephone (301)743-2115 Fax (301)743-2151 Organized:1947; Chartered:1949; Joined MSFA:1950; President: James C. Rye; Vice President: Thomas Jenkins; Secretary: Michael Kisamore; Treasurer: John Robey; Chaplain: Rufus Washington; Chief: Dan McClarren. Delegates: James C. Rye, Thomas Jenkins, Doug Campbell, John Robey, Sarah Knight. Alternates: Harry Knight, Brad Arbogast, Jason Palmer, Richard Zagrodniched.

NECK DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 954 Cooks Point Road, Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)228-2434 Organized:1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA:1953; President: Reva Winkler; Vice President: Carol Clark; Secretary: Shirley Kramer; Treasurer: Sandy Russum; Chief: Danny Hurley. Delegates: Robert Kramer, Brian Holliday, Dennis Russum. Alternates: None listed.

NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC – PO Box 82, Newark, MD. Worcester County; Telephone (410)632-3980, FAX (410)632-3980; President: Kathryn Westbrook; Vice President: Donald Westbrook; Secretary: Ronald Hamm; Treasurer: Christopher Seymour; Chaplain: Shirley Evans; Chief: James Barbely; Delegates: Jim Scott, Ronald Hamm, Jack McCready, Donald Westbrook. Alternates: None listed.

NEW MARKET DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 113, (76 – W. Main St) New Market, MD 21774; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)865-5700 Fax: (301)865-8148; Email: fpdep1@xecu.net; Organized: 1954; Chartered: 1955; President: Shirley King; Vice President: Mike Managan; Secretary: Joyce Vincent; Treasurer: Richard Stem; Chief: John Kraft. Delegates: Joyce Vincent, Jay Betts, John Kraft, Linda Kraft. Alternates: None listed.

NEW MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 67, (12019 Woodsboro Pike), New Midway, MD 21775; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-0543 Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926; President: Jackie Matthews, Vice President: Matt Moser; Secretary: Jason Plumer; Treasurer: Joe Lenhart; Chaplain: Monroe Main; Chief: Jody Lambert. Delegates: Jackie Matthews, Matt Moser, Joe Lenhart, Mark Plumer. Alternates: Mary Lenhart, Carroll Crum, Jody Lambert, Helen Eyler, Monroe Main.

NEW WINDSOR FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY #1, INC. – PO Box 247, (209 High Street), New Windsor, MD 21776; Carroll County; Telephone (410)635-6373 Fax (410)848-6711; Email info@nwfcl0.org Website: nwfcl0.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1948; President: Daniel Wolfe; Vice President: Dale Lowman;

*NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 82, Newark, MD 21841; Worcester County; Telephone (410)632-3980 Organized:1929; President: J. C. Barbely; Vice President: Clint Timmons; Secretary: Chris Seymour; Treasurer: Dean Lewis; Chaplain: Rev. D. Beall; Chief: Ted Bradford. Delegates: David Wheaton, Ralph Mason, Tom Henman. Alternates: James W. Henman, William G. Serman, Harry W. Pearsa.

*NEWBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 9, 12265 – Rock Point Road, Newburg, MD 20664; Charles County; Telephone (301)259-0029 Fax (301)934-4778; Organized:1988; Chartered: 1989; Joined MSFA:1994; President: George Hayden; Vice President: Stephan Johnson; Secretary: Lisa Yates; Treasurer: Charles Thomas ; Chaplain: John Thomas; Chief: Jim Ruce/ Catherine Murphy. Delegates: John H. Thomas, George Hayden. Alternates: Francis Warring, Cathy Murphy.

NORRISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2134 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132; Harford County; Telephone: (410)638-3644 Fax: (410)638-3647 E-mail: gskinner@us.net; Organized: 1994; Chartered:1994; Joined MSFA:1994; President: Richard Brooks III; Vice President: Andrew Rohnbaugh and Gary Allen; Secretary: Sally Over; Treasurer: Kris Miller; Chaplain: Rev. Melissa McDade; Chief: Stan Gustaitis. Delegates: David C. Leftwich, Richard Brooks III, Bryan Isaacs, Andy Rohnbaugh, Kathy Brooks. Alternates: Dan Green, Stan Custatis, Tammy Custatis.

NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 86, (8536 – Bayside Road) North Beach, MD 20714; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)257-6564 Fax: (301)855-2271 Organized: 1926; Chartered:1947; President: Robert Doqwell Jr; Vice President: Will Jenkins; Secretary: Jeff Idol; Treasurer: Wayne Gordy; Chief: William Freesland III. Delegates: Herbert Dowell, William Jenkins, Gary Jenkins, Robert Haynes, Matt Weber. Alternates: William Freesland, Jeff Idol, Wayne Gordy, Ricky Cress, Eric Peterson.

NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 770, (210 South Mauldin Avenue), North East, MD 21901; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)287-2112 Fax: (410)287-6913; Email admin@nefc4.com Website: nefc4.com; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1922; President: Otis Isaacs Jr; Vice President: Howard Flower; Secretary: John McCann; Treasurer: Dollie Isaacs; Chief: Steven Piatelli. Delegates: Howard Flower, Charles Stewart, Leroy Hamilton, John Hamilton IV, Charlene Dotson. Alternates: Jeffrey Isaacs, Drew Caudill.

NORTH POINT EDDERMERE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 7500 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-7554; Fax: (410)477-0944; Organized: 1936 Chartered:1936; President: David Johnston; Vice President: C.O. Staigerwald; Secretary: Staceyk McElwee; Treasurer: Lester Kottraba; Chaplain: Fr. Joseph Lizer; Chief: Todd Aupperly. Delegates: Jim Riegel, Sr., Lester Kottraba, David Johnston, Todd Aupperly,
Ronald McElwee. Alternates: None listed.

NORTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 293, Ravine Street, Grantsville, MD 21536; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)895-5520 Fax: (301)895-4618. Website: ngers.org; Organized: 1972; Chartered: 1972; President: Patricia Bowser; Vice President: Terry Spear; Secretary: Nancy Savage; Treasurer: Kathy Kabell; Chaplain: Mary Friend; Chief: Barry Beal. Delegates: Rodney Bowser, Pat Bowser, Mike Simmons, Vicki Schlosnagle, Katie Garlitz. Alternates: None listed.

OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 43, (31 South Third Street), Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County; Telephone: (301)334-3535 Fax: (301)334-2347; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1894; President: Bryan F. Callis; Vice President: Donald Sincell; Secretary: Michael Saunders; Treasurer: Birgitta Jonson; Chaplain: Manning Smith; Chief: John Feather. Delegates: Bryon Callis.

OCEAN CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 27 (1409 Philadelphia Avenue) Ocean City; MD 21843; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)289-4346 Fax: (410)289-8421; E-mail: reteger@ocvfc.com Website: www. ocvfc.com; Organized:1905; Chartered:1926; President: James Jester; Vice President: H. Stephen Price; Secretary: Scot Wells; Treasurer: Michael Ellingsworth; Chaplain: Mayor James Mathias Jr; Chief: Roger Steger Sr. Delegates: Roger Steger Sr, Frank Christopher, Reginald Bell, Charles Bunting, James Jester. Alternates: Richard Bayles, Larry Lewis, Michael LeCompte, J. Paul Adkins, John Guntow Jr.

OCEAN PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)641-8272 Fax: (410)641-6964 President: Jackie Carey; Vice President: Ron Thorwart; Secretary: Jack Panuska; Treasurer: Mark Renick; Chief: Tom Meadows. Delegates: Jackie Carey, Tom Meadows, Jamie Englishmen. Alternates: None listed.

ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)674-4444 FAX: (410)672-0758; Email joinovfc@verizon.net Website ovfc28.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; Joined MSFA: 1934; President: Robert Rose; Vice President: Wylie Donaldson; Secretary: Jeffrey Wade; Treasurer: Patricia Rose; Chief: Charles Rogers; Delegates: John Rose, Wylie Donaldson, Harry Wagner, David Lewis, Charles Rogers. Alternates: Robert Rose, Jeffrey Wade, Patricia A. Rose, William Rose, Troy Odendhal.

OLDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 83, 18712 Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, MD 21555; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)478-5151; Fax: (301)478-5400; E-mail: co13@allconet.org Website: www. fire-ems.net/firedept/view/ oldtownmd President: Robert Piper; Vice President: Al Blakey; Secretary: Cindy Crabtree; Treasurer: Dennis Mallery; Chaplain: Rodger Long; Chief: Ken Wolford Jr. Delegates: Angela Crabtree, Dennis Mallery, Ken Wolford Jr, Rodger Long, Kevin Bender. Alternates: Cindy Crabtree, Russell
Crabtree, Royce Crabtree, Tammy Bender, Mark Crabtree.

**ORCHARD BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 654 (7549 Solley Road) Glen Burnie, MD 21123; Anne Arundel County; Telephone (410)255-1505 Fax (410)437-2948 E-Mail: orchardbeach11@yahoo; Website orchidbeachvfd.com; Organized: 1930; Chartered: 1930; Joined MSFA: 1932; President: William Rambo Sr; Vice President: Autumn Snyder; Secretary: Donna Bush hong; Treasurer: John Richter; Chief: Walt Snyder. Delegates: Walt Snyder, Jessica Watts, B. Jackski, Tom Fenwick, Bill Milliken. Alternates: Matt Ernest, Rick Cummings, Wayne Snyder, Autumn Snyder, Bryan Meek.

**ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – 12210 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)478-2229 Fax: (301)478-3699; E-mail: ovfd43@tje1.com; President: Janet Elbin; Vice President: Robert Littleton; Secretary: Jennifer Fisher; Treasurer: Judith Sowers; Chaplain: Janet Elbin; Chief: David Yonker. Delegates: Janet Elbin, Robert Littleton, John Clingerman, Randy Pyles. Alternates: Danny Pyles.

**OWINGS MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 10401 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)363-1933 Fax: (410)887-1577; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921; President: Harry Wallett; Vice President: Wayne Trump, Scott Kraus, Bill Claggett; Secretary: Jenny Nilsen; Treasurer: Phil Herbert; Chief: Mike Fold. Delegates: Mike Fold, Susan Coroneos, Craig Nelson Jr, Scott Kraus, Alan Barnes. Alternates: Justin Hadel.

**OXFORD FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 421, (300 Oxford Road), Oxford, MD 21654; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)226-5110 Fax: (410)226-5206; E-mail: fgoodwin@oxfordfireco.org; Website: www.oxfordfireco.org; Chartered: 1926; President: Richard Schmitt; Vice President: Rachel Bane; Secretary: Betsy Roe; Treasurer: Darrin Clem; Chaplain: Rod Brown; Chief: Adam Mayock. Delegates: Philemon Greenhawk, Austin Smith, Adam Mayock, Richard Smith, Rton Anderson. Alternates: Meg Stein.

**OXON HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 84, 6300 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)567-6333 Organized: 1929; Chartered: 1930; President: Ed Morgan; Vice President: Mark Park; Secretary: K. Burke; Treasurer: Jason Hancock; Chaplain: K. Burke; Chief: Vince Washington. Delegates: Arthur Cox, James Sheriff. Alternates:

**PARSONSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 208 (32960 Old Ocean City Road) Parsonsburg, MD 21849; Wicomico County; Telephone (410)742-2408, FAX (443)260-0725 President: Vance Webster Sr; Vice President: Julie Banks; Secretary: Dean Wilkinson; Treasurer: Burt Bunting; Chief: Steve White. Delegates: Steve White, Chris Massey, Eric Tyler, Leigh Tyler, Jared Cooper. Alternates: Charles Massey Jr, Vance Webster Jr, Jimmy Gooding, Billy Malone, Juan Foreman.

**PIKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – 40 East Sudbrook Lane, Baltimore, MD 21208; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)486-9834, FAX:
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(410)602-8583; E-mail: cao320@bcvfa.org; Website: pvfc32.org; Organized: 1897; President: Thomas Barrett; Vice Presidents: Lee Sachs; Secretary: Allen Roody; Treasurer: Philip Goldsmith; Chaplain: Kathleen Resnick & Murray Rodman; Captain: Glenn Resnick; Delegates: Lee N. Sachs, Stuart C. Carter, Glenn Resnick, Kathleen Resnick, John Pelton. Alternates: Aaron Robison, Roger Powell, John Berryman Sr.

*PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 2799, (21-West Franklin Street) Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-3338 FAX: (301)733-3368; President: Steve Mitchell; Vice President: Terry Gearhart; Secretary: Julie Easterday; Treasurer: Geri Kline, Chaplain: Jack Emery; Delegates: Terry Gearhart, Greg Easterday, Jack Emery, Steve Mitchell. Alternates: None.

PITTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 387, (7442 Gumboro Road), Pittsville, MD 21850; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)835-2323 Fax: (410)835-2424; E-mail wknapp2@aol.com Website pvfd.4t.com; Organized:1929; Chartered:1929; President: Wayne Knapp; Vice President: William Wilkins; Secretary: Cathy Hall; Treasurer: Shiloh Harris; Chaplain: William Hastings; Chief: Mark Bratten; Delegates: Essel Farlow Jr, Essel Farlow III, Wayne Knapp, Mark Bratten, William Wilkins. Alternates: George Whited III, Michael Farlow, George Whited Jr, Shiloh Harris.

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)848-1977 FAX: (410)848-6008; E-mail: dckrgs@msn.com Website: pleasantvalleyfire.org; Organized: 1931; Chartered: 1931; President: Michael Swartzbaugh; Vice President: Steve Wantz; Secretary: Nancy Wagner; Treasurer: John E. Wagner; Chaplain: Donna Geiman; Chief: Michael Gist. Delegates: John Wagner, Michael Swartzbaugh, Ronald Blizzard Jr, Paul Cohen, Gregory Stewart. Alternates: Jeffrey Geiman, John Means Sr, Susan Mott, Michael Gist, Nancy Wagner.

*POCOMOKE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 116, Pocomoke City, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone (410)957-2310 Organized: 1888; President: Daniel Miles; Vice President: Bobby Cowger; Secretary: Merrill Lockfaw; Treasurer: Choppy Layton; Chaplain: Raymond Spence; Chief: Jimmy Landon. Delegates: Ron Taylor, Marion Butler Sr, Joe Byrd, Wade Taylor, George Young Jr. Alternates: Daniel Miles, Dwight Hoffman, William Sparrow, Matt Esham, Stan Finch.

POCOMOKE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 36, (137 Eighth Street), Pocomoke, MD 21851; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)957-3600 Fax: (410)957-2221; Website: pocomokeems.org; Organized: 1997; Chartered: 1997; Joined MSFA: 1998; President: Laurie Kamps; Vice President: Dawn Sparrow; Secretary: Ginger Moses; Treasurer: Ginger Moses; Chaplain: Mike Dean; Chief: Earl Webster. Delegates: Chris Larmore, April Webster, George Ritchey, Earl Webster, Laurie Kamps. Alternates: Mike Thornton, Mike Dean, Theo Moses, Mark Carey, Ginger Moses.
POTOMAC HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 73 Glymont Road, Indian Head, MD 20640; Charles County; Telephone (301)743-7700 Fax (301)743-3787 Organized: 1950; Chartered: 1950; Joined MSFA: 1952; President: Robert E. Collins, Sr.; Vice President: C. Dan Carpenter III; Secretary: Shaunda Morgan; Treasurer: Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr.; Chaplain: Gary Willett; Chief: Scott Creelman. Delegates: Robert E. Collins, Sr., C. Dan Carpenter, III, Charles W. Wills, Clarence D. Carpenter, Jr, Jeff Clements. Alternates: Barbara Kile, Wayne Rogers, Ronnie Lucas, Craig Kavlick, Maria Johnson.

POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2202 Dargan School Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-2130 Fax: (301)432-7792; E-mail: firecoll1@safe.quik.com; Organized:1966; Chartered:1967; President: Caroline Martin; Vice President: Vickie Wetzel; Secretary: Jeanne Gray; Treasurer: Terry Rohrer; Chaplain: Everett Omgram; Chief: Ronnie Gray. Delegates: Clarence Webber, Arnold Martin, Eric Gray, Ralph Kneessi, Sandy Ingram. Alternates: Ronnie Gray, Caroline Martin, Jeanne Gray, Terry Rohrer, Vicki Wetzel.

POTOMAC FIRE COMPANY #2, INC. – PO Box 326, (61 Main Street), Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)359-3701 Fax: (301)359-3377; Email: co22@allconet.org; Chartered: 1912; President: Judy Hamilton; Vice President: Lonzy Clark; Secretary: Steven Householder; Treasurer: Josh Clark; Chaplain: Phil Whetstone; Chief: William Kight Jr. Delegates: Tim Dayton, Judy Hamilton, Mark Karalewitz, Bill Kight, Darrell Wildesen. Alternates: Dennis Steiding, Phil Whetstone, Schelotta Kight.

POWELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 4, 5085 Powellville Road, Powellville, MD 21852; Wicomico County; Telephone (410)835-8181 Organized:1962; Chartered:1962; President: Jerry Mitchell; Vice President: Walt Bratten; Secretary: Kevin White; Treasurer: Steve Mitchell; Chief: Willis Disharoon. Delegates: Walter Bratten, Richard Adkins, Willis Disharoon, Kevin White. Alternates: None listed.

PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 44, Preston, MD 21655; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)673-7874 FAX: (410)673-1961; Organized: 1927; President: Andy Garey; Vice President: Troy Brooks; Secretary: Keith Bennett; Treasurer: Ken Doyle; Chaplain: Robert Wahl; Chief: Jimmy Chezzum. Delegates: Russell Dukes, Jacob Garvey, Bob Wahl. Alternates: Chris Ruark, Brent Marine, David Stanley.

PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 976, (450 Solomons Island Road), Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone (410)535-2207 Fax (410)414-3655 Email pfvfdjwo@verizon.net Website pfvfd.org; Organized:1940; President: Dwight Armiger; Vice President: Mark Carrico; Secretary: Doyle Cox; Treasurer: Robert L. Hall, Sr.; Chaplain: Michael Bowen; Chief: Brian Ficke; Delegates: Dwight Armiger, Doyle Cox, Michael Bowen, Alan Billings, Gene Thomas. Alternates: Joseph Reamy, Mike Carrico, Jack Boswell, Timothy Delehanty, Thomas Scott III.
PRINCE FREDERICK VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 346, 755 N. Solomon’s Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD. 20678; Calvert County; Telephone (410)535-9836 Fax (410)535-5750; Email jwelpf@hotmail.com Website pfvrs.com; Organized: 1966; Chartered: 1968; Joined MSFA: 1968; President: Clarke Rawlings; Vice President: Ronnie Estogue; Secretary: Bethany Lankford; Treasurer: Jenny Esotogue; Chaplain: Rev Davis; Chief: Chad Lankford. Delegates: Clarke Rawlings, Tommy Tettimer, Cora Stockhawsen, Jenny Estogue, Ronald Estogue. Alternates: None listed.

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY VOLUNTEER UNDERWATER RESCUE & RECOVERY TEAM, Inc. – 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)888-1803 President: Janet Demeritt; Vice President: John Morris; Secretary: Steve Budda; Treasurer: Raymond Watson; Chief: Jimmy Edelend. Delegates: Janet Demeritt, Joe Gray, John Momis, Robert Adams. Alternates: None listed.

PRINCESS ANNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 11794 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853; Somerset County; Telephone: (410)651-2144; Fax: (410)651-2159; E-mail: pavfc@verison.com; Organized:1914; President: Kenny Walston Vice President: Keith Widdowson; Secretary: Ronnie Haymaker; Treasurer: Jack King; Chaplain: Carol Lloyd; Chief: Bob Murphy. Delegates: Bobby Wells, Kenny Walston, George Walston Jr, Jenny Cottmon, Lee Kelly. Alternates: Danny Presley, J.R. Mister, John Arulo, Lenny McGuee, Doug McGuee.

PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 9702, 1416 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-5774; Fax: (410)828-0860; E-mail: cao290@bcvfa.org; Website: pvfc290.org; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1948; Joined MSFA: 1950; President: Matthew Herweck; Vice President: John McClean; Secretary: Jennifer Kernan; Treasurer: Garrett Zour; Captain: David Smith. Delegates: Matthew Herweck, Garrett Zour, John McClean, David Kernan, David Smith. Alternates: Jennifer Kernan, Scott Ebbert, Geoffrey Donahue, Robert Rice.

QUEEN ANNE-HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 226, 13520 First Street, Queen Anne MD 21657; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: (410)364-5612 FAX: (410)364-9888 Website qahvfvc.com; Organized:1945; Chartered:1945; President: Danny McNeal; Vice President: Darla Coultao; Secretary: Stephanie McNeal; Treasurer: Beverly McNeal; Chaplain: Howard Embert; Chief: Craig McNeal. Delegates: William Cooper Sr, Dawn Lange, Lynn Humphly, Tom DiFatta, Cathy Cooper. Alternates: William Cooper Jr, Craig McNeal, Greg Whitby, Steve Palmatary, Heather Whiwell.

*QUEENSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 118, 7110 Main Street, Queenstown, MD 21658; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone (410)827-8377 Fax (410)827-8926 Organized: 1934;Chartered:1934; President: John C. Lewis; Vice President: Bryon Callahan; Secretary: Suzanne Lane; Treasurer: Charles F. Russum; Chaplain: Charles Osberger; Chief: Lonnie L. Anthony. Delegates: John C. Lewis, Bryon Callahan, Charles F. Russum, Lonnie...

RAWLINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 229 (18900 Volunteer Drive) Rawlings, MD 21557; Allegany County; Telephone (301)729-8229 Email co47@allconet.org; Organized:1985; Chartered:1985; Joined MSFA:1986; President: Carol McKenzie; Vice President: Wes Foor; Secretary: Vicky Hartsock; Treasurer: Anita Fairley; Chaplain: Randy O’Brien and Ken Hout; Chief: Kenneth McKenzie. Delegates: Carol McKenzie, Ken McKenzie, Wes Foor, Mike McKenzie. Alternates: None listed.

REESE & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. - 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)848-7172 Fax: (401)848-2396; E-mail: reeseco9@ccpl.carr.org; Website: reesevfc.org; Organized:1948; Chartered:1948; Joined MSFA:1949; President: Joseph Spangler Sr; Vice President: David Davidson and Joseph Spangler Jr; Secretary: Barbara McComas; Treasurer: Matt Stansbury; Chaplain: Hilbert Ritzel; Chief: Donald Love. Delegates: Joseph Spangler Sr, Robert Alexander, Randy Panos, Rick Schinzel. Alternates: None listed.

REISTERSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 108 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Baltimore County; Telephone (301)833-1370 FAX (410)833-0258; Website rvfc.org; Organized: 1881; Chartered: 1882; President: Juanita Weber, Vice President: Calvin Stack; Secretary: Linda Horsman; Treasurer: Dawn Cook; Chaplain: Rev. Doug Ridley; Chief: Jeff Hurley Sr. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Frank Horsman, William C. Press III. Alternates: Don Kinnamon, Robert Windsor.

RESCUE FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 776, (307 Gay Street), Cambridge, MD 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-1670; Organized: 1881; Chartered: 1882; President: Juanita Weber, Vice President: Calvin Stack; Secretary: Linda Horsman; Treasurer: Dawn Cook; Chaplain: Rev. Doug Ridley; Chief: Jeff Hurley Sr. Delegates: Calvin Stack, Frank Horsman, William C. Press III. Alternates: Don Kinnamon, Robert Windsor.

RESCUE HOSE COMPANY #1, INC. – PO Box 3253, (620 Taylor Avenue), Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)263-1116; Organized: 1879; Chartered: 1910; Joined MSFA: 1893; President: Charles W. Cadle, Jr.; Vice President: Timothy Clough and Alfred W. Britton, Jr.; Timothy Clough; Secretary: Denna Britton; Treasurer: Denna Britton; Chief: Charles Cadle, Jr. Delegates: Charles W. Cadle, Jr., Timothy L. Clough, Alfred W. Britton, Jr., William Clark, Denna Britton. Alternates: James A. Ridout, Jr.

RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 520, (13820 Point Lookout Road), Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)872-5571 Fax: (301)872-0632; E-mail: secretary@ridgevfd.org; Website: ridgevfd.org; Organized: 1948; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950; President: Philip Ridgell; Vice President: Paul R. Balta; Secretary: Philip R. Cooper, Jr.; Treasurer: John Wathen Jr; Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Karl A. Chimia; Chief: Francis

RIDGE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 465, 16515 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680; St. Mary’s County; Telephone (301)872-5970 Fax (301)872-5971 President: Jessica Titus; Vice President: Frances Cullison; Secretary: Christy Ridgell; Treasurer: Christy Bright; Chaplain: Jack Cullison; Chief: George Gatton. Delegates: George Gatton, Jessica Titus, Joe Titus, Jannet Keister, Christy Ridgell. Alternates: Amy Carter, Scot Best.

RIDGELY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 425, 8 West First Street, Ridgely, MD 21660; Caroline County; Telephone: (410)634-2424; Fax: (410)634-2659; E-mail; bwicrashcrew@comcast.net; Organized: 1905; Chartered: 1928; President: John Hurley; Vice President: Dave McGinnis; Secretary: Tim Gunderson; Treasurer: Bryan Ebling; Chief: Lou Hayes. Delegates: John Hurley, Mike Moore, Bryan Ebling. Alternates: None listed.

RITCHIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1415 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)336-3731 Fax (301)499-5916; E-mail: info@ritchie37.com Website: ritchie37.com; Organized: 1964; Chartered: 1966; Joined MSFA: 1970; President: Lawrence Lee; Vice President: Jason Humphreys; Secretary: Mike Humphreys; Treasurer: Joseph F. Humphreys; Chief: William Cunningham Sr. Delegates: William Cunningham Sr, Larry Lee, Joseph Humphreys.

RIVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. PO Box 602 (3123 Riva Road) Riva, MD 21140; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)956-2910 Fax: (410)956-2910; Organized: 1940; Chartered: 1940; President: Richard A. Jones; Vice President: John Fluharty; Secretary: David E. Carr; Treasurer: Maurice E. Carr. Delegates: Maurice E. Carr, John Fluharty, David Carr, Joel Greenwell. Alternates: Richard Jones.

*RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)927-0356 FAX: (301)699-3204; E-mail:whiting@jonez.com Web Site: www.riverdalevfd.org; President: David Sutton; Vice President: David Whiting; Secretary: Stephen Lamphier; Treasurer: David Whiting; Chief: Vincent Harrison; Delegates: David Sutton, David Whiting, Vince Harrison, Brian Carpio, James Johns III. Alternates: Gerald Dixon, Stephen David, Christine Adams, Thomas Naples, Robert McDermott.

RIVERDALE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 6101 Roanoke Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)985-4680 Fax (301)699-0477; Email info@rhvfd.org Website: rhvfd.org; Organized: 1925; Chartered: 1925; President: Kenneth Gilroy; Secretary: Sharon Shoemaker; Treasurer: Janet Wood; Chaplain: David Duffany; Chief: Jeff Wood, Sr. Delegates: Kenneth Gilroy, John J. Wood Sr, Jeff Wood, Sharon Showmaker, Todd Kerry. Alternates: William Park, John J. Wood Jr, Janet Wood, David Yarborough, Nathan Belle.
RIVIERA BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 301, (8506 Fort Smallwood Road), Pasadena, MD 21122; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)255-1314 Fax: (410)255-2036 Organized: 1932; Chartered: 1932; President: Kelly McCol; Vice President: Jason Bigham; Secretary: Jason Sebald; Treasurer: Sherry Fobare; Chaplain: Bill Zamostny; Chief: Kenneth Hyde, Sr. Delegates: Jason Sebald, Kenneth Hyde, William Watts, Fred Hyde, Jason Bigham. Alternates: Mike Watts, Gary Smoot, Jay Shipley, David Rictor, Bill Toft.

ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 577, (21500 Rock Hall Avenue), Rock Hall, MD 21661; Kent County; Telephone: (410)639-7888 FAX: (410)639-2736; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; President: Brian Jones; Vice President: Ronald Hickman; Secretary: Patricia Jacob; Treasurer: Bill Hynson; Chaplain: Linda Mariner; Chief: Ken Smith. Delegates: Brian Jones, Kenneth Smith, Bill Fithian, Steven O’Melia, Lester Dagenais. Alternates: Louanne Usilton.

ROCKAWAY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 34034, (621 Seneca Rd) Essex, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-0328 Fax: (410)780-1759; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1947; President: Deborah Ledley; Vice President: Tammy Medinger; Secretary: Leroy E. Ogle; Treasurer: Frank Spangler; Chief: Fred Riedel. Delegates: Deborah Ledley, Leroy Ogle, Frank Spangler, Fred Riedel, Tammy Medinger. Alternates: John Medinger Sr, Fred Kerby, Rick Kahler, Howard French, Michael Stewart Jr..

ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 1547, (380 Hungerford Drive), Rockville, MD 20850; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)424-0310 Fax: (301)294-4721; E-mail: president@rvfd.org; Website: www.rvfd.org; Organized: 1921; Chartered: 1921; President: Eric N. Bernard; Vice President: John Bosco; Secretary: Lisa Hinde; Treasurer: Talianna Carlson; Chaplain: Valentine Kevney and Chesky Tenenbaum; Chief: Russell Dawson. Delegates: Eric Bernard III, Peggy Miller, John T. Ferguson III, Len Marco, Tim Jones. Alternates: Chris Hinde, Tom Kavanaugh, Pat Young, Russell Dawson.

ROCKY RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 117 (13527 Motters Station Road) Rocky Ridge, MD 21778; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-4991; FAX: (301)271-4991; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA:1952; President: Robert Mumma; Vice President: Dale Kline Sr; Secretary: Paulette Mathias; Treasurer: Bernard Wivell; Chaplain: Rev. James Russell; Chief: Steve Whetzel. Delegates: Robert Mumma, Betty Mumma, Larry Humercick, Connie Humercick, Colt Black. Alternates: None

ROSEDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. – P.O. Box 9661 (8037 Philadelphia Road) Baltimore, MD 21237; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)866-4042 FAX: (410)866-2598; Email jmazza@us.ibm.com; Website: rosedalevfd.com; Organized: 1930; President: Steven Stachowski; Vice President: Chris Mahoney; Secretary: Lauren Glorioso; Treasurer: Chuck McJilton; Chief: Chuck Leiss. Delegates: Scot Dorer, Eric Endryas, Steve Stachowski, Scot Small, Steve Barry. Alternates: Bill Pearson, Chris Mahoney, Patty McGreevy, Chuck
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ST. LEONARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO. 7, INC. – PO Box 101, (200 Calvert Beach Road), St. Leonard, MD 20685; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)586-1713 Fax: (410)586-3031; E-mail: president@slvfd.com Website: slvfd.com; Organized: 1982; Chartered: 1982; President: Richard Weems; Vice President: Dave Jacobs; Secretary: Vernia Weasenforth; Treasurer: Charles Ficke; Chaplain: Rev. John Howanstine; Chief: Monty Parks. Delegates: Richard Weems, Monty Parks, Charles Ficke, William Landford, Richard Weems II. Alternates: Dave Jacobs, Daniel Baker Jr, Kevin McConnell, George Anderson, Michelle Parks.

ST. MARY’S COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT, INC. – PO Box 653 (41550 Doctors Crossing Way), Leonardtown, MD 20650; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)475-3474 Fax: (301)475-4930 Organized: 1983; Chartered: 1983; Joined MSFA: 1994; President: Elizabeth Carroll; Vice President: Peter Woodburn; Secretary: Hattie Norris; Treasurer: Debbie Kenney; Chaplain: George L’Heureux; Chief: Mike Barnett. Delegates: Elizabeth Carroll, Michael Barnett, Dennis Gordge, Joe Held, Scott Cooley. Alternates: None listed.

ST. MICHAELS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1001 South Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)745-9393 Fax: (410)745-9947; Website: stmichaelsfd.com; Organized: 1926; Chartered: 1926; President: Doug Haddaway; Vice President: Sean Guschke; Secretary: Holley Guschke; Treasurer: John Swann; Chaplain: Daniel Higgins Jr; Chief: John Watts. Delegates: Jim Ferguson, Jessica Boyd, Holley Tyler-Guschke. Alternates: None listed.

SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – Headquarters Company, 143 Market Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone (410)548-3120 Fax (410)548-3121 Organized: 1872; President: Chris Sterling; Vice President: Kenny Gaskins; Secretary: Joel McCray; Treasurer: Walter Townsend III Chaplain: Roger Kondrup; Chief: David See. Delegates: Sheldon White, Tim Murrell, Chris Sterling, Joel McCray. Alternates: John Byrd, Jeremy Gordy, Howard Jackson.

SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC. 1100 - Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)548-3127; E-mail: sta#lezy.net Website www.salisburyfire.org Organized: 1986; Chartered: 1986; Joined MSFA: 1986; President: Gerald Beauchamp; Vice President: Lee Smith; Secretary: Laraine Buck; Treasurer: Andrew Grunden; Asst Chief: David Walston; Delegates: David Walston, Robert McCrorey, Gerald Beauchamp, Bill Shockley, David Elliott. Alternates: None listed.

SALISBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2, INC. – PO Box 3381, 801 Brown Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; Wicomico County; Telephone (410)548-3125; Organized: 1930; President: Dale Albert; Vice President: William Ward; Secretary: Luanne Hampshire; Treasurer: Rob Strobel; Chief: William Nutter Sr. Delegates: William Nutter, Bill Higgins, Dale Albert, John Dimere, William Nutter Jr. Alternates: None listed.

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295, (17921 Brooke Road), Sandy Spring, MD 20860; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)774-7400 Fax: (301)774-4821; E-mail: info@ssvfd.com; Website: www.ssvfd.com; Organized: 1924; Chartered: 1925; President: Michael Weiner; Vice President: Stephen C. Lamphier; Secretary: Michael A. Valente; Treasurer: Ilona Aberl; Chaplain: Roger Carlson; Chief: George W. Brown Jr. Delegates: George Brown, Michael McGtighe, Joseph Aceto, Bruce Newcomer, Michael Valente. Alternates: Catherine Hobbs, Victoria Aceto, Joanna Anthony, Joan Kramer, Constance Brown.

SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 905, 8925 Lincoln Street, Savage, MD 20763; Howard County; Telephone: (410)498-5061 Fax: (301)776-0024; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; President: Ronald Hunley; Vice President: Derek Bezy; Secretary: Thomas Parmer Treasurer: Alan Conway; Chaplain: Mary McNamee; Chief: Francis Mowbray. Delegates: Ronald Hunley, Terry Thompson, David Hunley, Alan Conway, Francis Mowbray. Alternates: Theresa Thompson, Norman Wines, Kevin Larkins Sr, Jeff Hatton, Michael Hitt.

*SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. 6305 - Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD. 20743; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)336-2331; E-mail: eng8sqd@aol.com; Website: www.seatpleasantfire.com; Organized: 1915; Chartered: 1915; President: Jedffrey Mehaffey; Vice President: Steve Price; Secretary: Monica McGill; Treasurer: Colin Murchie; Chaplin: Bill Lambert; Chief: Dave McGill; Delegates: Jeff Mehaffey, Dave McGill, Kevin Brenner, Joe Johnson, Pat Russell. Alternates Thomas Mullins, Bill Lambert, Jerell Thomas, Colin Murchie, Steve Price.

SECRETARY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 56, (115 Myrtle Street), Secretary, MD 21664; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)943-3545 Fax: (410)943-0330; E-mail: secretaryfiredept@comcast.net; WebSite: www. fireems.net/view/firedept/secretary/md; Organized: 1937; Chartered: 1937; Joined MSFA: 1938; President: Samuel Yockey; Vice President: David Cox; Secretary: Julie Sellers; Treasurer: Alex Hardy; Chaplain: Fr Anthony Greco; Chief: Bill Gullion III. Delegates: Samuel Yockey, Michael Larrimore, William Gullion III, Amanda Gullion, David Cox. Alternates Brian Kimmey, Greg Collins, Alex Hardy, Patrick Wielgosz, Verlon Dukes.

SECOND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 1 (45245 Drayden Road) Valley Lee, MD 20692; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)994-0751 Fax: (301)994-2994; Website: sdfvdrs.org; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1972; President: Robert Springer; Vice President: Thomas Spalding; Secretary: Susanne Sebring and Jennifer Scrivener; Treasurer: Theresa Cullison; Chaplain: George L’Heureux; Chief: Thomas Crowder Jr. Delegates: Harry Koehler, Robert E. Russell, Michael Roberts, James Gardiner, Greg Adams. Alternates: Robert Bean, Joe Scrivener, Judy Bagwell, Michael Scrivener.

SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 206, (21660 Colton Point Road), Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary’s County;
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Telephone: (301)769-3600 Fax: (301)769-3602; E-mail sdvfd5@msn.com Website: sdvfd5.com; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1951; President: John D. Nelson.; Vice President: Donald Morgan; Secretary: Anthony Hammett; Treasurer: David Williams; Chaplain: John Nelson Jr; Chief: Michael Huseman. Delegates: Michael Huseman, John D. Nelson, George McWilliams, III, Anthony Hammett, John H. Nelson. Alternates: Donald Morgan, John A. Nelson, James Woodburn.

SEVENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 7, (21530 Colton Point Road), Avenue, MD 20609; St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)769-2287; Organized: 1960; Chartered: 1960; Joined MSFA: 1988; President: Ronald Mattingly; Vice President: George Kennett; Secretary: Melissa Bailey; Treasurer: Robert S. Lawrence; Chaplain: George H. L’Heureux; Chief: Mathew Colliflower. Delegates: Ronald Mattingly, George Kennett, Joan Raley, Melissa Bailey. Alternates: Gilbert Murphy, Matthew Colliflower, Michael Quade, Allie Raley, Tanya Colliflower.

SHAFT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 105, (19303 Shaft Road SW), Frostburg, MD 21532; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)689-1535; FAX: (301)687-0121; Email: co17@allconet.org; Organized: 1938; Chartered: 1938; Joined MSFA: 1941; President: Ryan Chapman; Vice President: Aaron Winters; Secretary: Carrie Hughes; Treasurer: Patty McGowan; Chaplain: Aaron Winters; Chief: Scott Yates. Delegates: Aaron Winters, Scott Yates, Hugh Speir. Alternates: None listed.

SHARPSBURG AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. PO Box 307, 110 ½ West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone (301)432-5348; Fax (301)432-6456 E-mail: roaddoc@erols.com; Website: sharpsburgens.com; Organized:1968; Chartered: 1968; President: William Myers; Vice President: David Rice; Treasurer: Walter Kipe; Chief: Harry Hawbaker. Delegates: Sherry Smith.

SHARPSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 297, 110 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782; Washington County; Telephone: (301)432-6321 Fax: (301)432-5167; E-mail: heather.gossard@myactv.net; Website: sharpsburgfire.com; Organized:1943; Chartered: 1944; President: James Kalbflesh; Vice President: Harry Gossard; Secretary: Erin Stevens; Treasurer: Shawn McCoy; Chaplain: Harry Gossard; Chief: Matthew Ryan. Delegates: Harry Gossard, W. Allen James, Roger Otzelberger Jr, Darryl Benner, Matthew Ryan. Alternates: Chris Mullendore, Matt Stevens, John Routzahn, Mathew Barhart, James Kablflesh.

SHARPTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 307 (Main & Fourth Street) Sharptown, MD 21861; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)883-3131 Fax: (410)883-3043; Organized: 1926; President: George White; Vice President: Howard Bowden; Secretary: Brenda Marvil; Treasurer: Linda Lambrose; Chief: William R. White. Delegates: Tom Bowden, Ted Fletcher, Darryl English. Alternates: William White, Howard Bowden.

SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 16,
11620 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD 21862; Worcester County; Telephone (410)641-2380; Website: showellvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945; President: Warren Sinclair; Vice President: Mike David; Secretary: Nicholas Busby; Treasurer: Mark Widgeon; Chaplain: Michael Davis; Chief: David Pruitt. Delegates: J.B. Webb, David Pruitt, Warren Sinclair, Mark Widgeon, Gary Michael. Alternates: Mike Davis, Orlando Bishop, Donald Patey.

SILVER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – 3900 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)423-7293 Fax (301)423-3280 E-mail silverhillvfd@comcast.net; Website: silverhillvfd.com; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1948; President: Charles Diana; Vice President: Michael Alfieri; Acting Secretary: Linda Talton; Treasurer: Linda Talton; Chaplain: Robert Butler; Chief: William King. Delegates: Charles Diana, Michael Alfieri, Linda Talton, William King, Ronnie Talton. Alternates: Ralph Price, Jeffrey Kramer, Michael Stevens, Stephen Stampher, William Campbell.

SILVER SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)587-3400 Fax: (301)588-3548; Email ssfd@dstarpower.net; Organized:1915; Chartered:1918; President: Kenneth L. Heltzel; Vice President: George Peet; Secretary: Susan Myatt; Treasurer: Peter S. Von Streeruwitz; Chief: Roger McGary. Delegates: Kenneth L. Heltzel, Burton Brenner, Susan Myatt, Barry Contee, Hunter Heltzel. Alternates: George Peet, James Foster Sr, Adam Friedman, Stephen Lamphier.

*SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY – P.O. Box 444 (300 Newark Avenue) Elkton MD. 21922; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)398-7300 FAX: (410)620-0797; Organized: 1892; Chartered: 1892; Joined MSFA: 1896; President: Donald Hicks; Vice President: Michael Steele; Secretary: Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha; Chief: Frank Lewis; Delegates: William Caldwell, David Caldwell, John Denver, Donald Miller.

SMITHBURG EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 411 (8 Maple Avenue) Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: (301)824-3314 Fax: (301)824-3670; E-mail: sems@erols.com Organized: 1981; Chartered: 1981; Joined MSFA: 1986; President: Wayne Williams; Vice President: Dr. Vincent Cantone; Secretary: Bonnie Winders; Treasurer: Valen Meadows; Chaplain: Melvin Smith; Chief: Rob Snider. Delegates: Wayne Williams. Alternates: None listed.

SMITHBURG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 32, 22 North Main Street, Smithsburg, MD 21783; Washington County; Telephone: (301)824-2889 Fax: (301)824-3880 Organized: 1932; Web Site: www.smithburgvfc.org Chartered: 1933; President: Phil Rohrer; Vice President: Randy Smith; Secretary: Kenny Lapele; Treasurer: Malcom Hutto; Chaplain: Julie Brigham; Chief: Steve Lewis and Dan Garnand. Delegates: Glenn Fishack, Steve Lewis, Wayne Williams, Phil Rohrer, Buddy Blade. Alternates: Barb Keister, Joe Ralls, Ronnie Jeter, Dale Fishack, Patrick Baker.
SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 83, (4718 Snow Hill Road), Snow Hill, MD 21863; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-2110 Fax: (410)632-3911; Organized: 1897; Chartered: 1897; President: Richard Mills Sr; Vice President: Jim Phillips; Secretary: John King; Treasurer: Frank Brown; Chaplain: Chris Tyler; Chief: John Coleman. Delegates: Richard Mills Jr, Bob Davis, Jay Bare, Eric Mullins, Randall Mullins. Alternates: Alfred Larson, Ray Wooten, John Coleman, Bill Heiser Jr, Brian Riley.

SOLOMONS VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 189, Solomons, MD 20658; Calvert County; Telephone (410)326-6657 FAX (410)586-2019 Organized:1954; Chartered:1954; President: William Jones; Vice President: Wayne Sheranbko; Secretary: Ursuls Pumphrey; Treasurer: Don Sweeten; Chaplain Rev Sue Stereling; Chief: Joey Leonnarda & Ricky Smith. Delegates: Ray Lankford, William Jones, Ursula Pumphrey, Shelly Miller. Alternates: None listed.

SOUTH HAGERSTOWN FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 409 West First Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone (301)733-3337 Fax (301)733-3498 Organized:1932; Chartered:1932; President: Cecil Bittinger; Vice President: Marvin Niswander; Secretary: Todd Cochrane; Treasurer: Thomas Cochrane; Chief: Wayne Mottle. Delegates: Diane Mottle, Wayne Mottle, Bill Dietrich, Dick Trovinger, Marvin Niswander. Alternates: None listed.

SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD, INC - PO Box 378, Oakland, MD 21550; Garrett County, Telephone (301)334-3000, FAX (301)334-3000; Organized: 1973; Chartered: 1973; Joined MSFA: 2000; President: David Moon; Vice President: Melissa Harvey; Secretary: Beth Rodeheaver; Treasurer: Naomi Swartzentruber; Chaplain: Samuel Moon; Chief: Rick Harding. Delegates: None listed.

STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 1501 Snow Hill Road, Stockton, MD 21864; Worcester County; Telephone: (410)632-3030 Fax: (410)632-3075; E-mail svfd200@ezy.net Organized:1924; President: Thomas C. Beauchamp; Vice President: Dean Brittingham; Secretary: George E. Ward, Jr.; Treasurer: Bruce W. Lambertson; Chaplain: David C. Selby; Chief: Neil A. Payne; Delegates: Thomas C. Beauchamp, Dean Brittingham, George Ward Jr, Bruce Lambertson, Neil Payne. Alternates: David Selby, Cathy Baker, Kim Thornes, Brad Chambers.

SUDLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 61, (North Church Street), Sudlersville, MD 21668; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: (410)438-3155 FAX: (410)438-2946 President: William H. Faust III; Vice President: Ira Russem; Secretary: Dan Garett; Treasurer: Pamela Wise; Chief: Malcom Faust. Delegates: Robert Nicholson III, Robert Nicholson Jr, Bennie Shelton, Amanda Neehaus.

SUSQUEHANNA HOSE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 58, Havre De Grace, MD 21078; Harford County; Telephone: (410)939-4070 FAX: (410)939-5648; Organized: 1902; President: Ken Beyer; Vice President: Stephen Gamatoria; Secretary: Gail Reeder; Treasurer: Michael Todd; Chaplain: Robin Axtell; Chief:
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SYKESVILLE - FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 275, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County; Telephone (410)795-9311 Fax (410)549-8759 E-mail: sfdfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us Website www.sykesvillefire.org; Organized: 1933; Chartered: 1933; Joined MSFA:1935; President: Robert P. Althoff, Jr.; Vice President: Joseph McCauley; Secretary: Christine Hull; Treasurer: Susan Tarrant; Chaplain: Rev Eugene Alexander; Chief: Glenn Ruch Sr. Delegates: Dennis Beard, William Wagner, Lynn Gabeler, Gary McGinnis.

TAKOMA PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; Montgomery County Telephone: (301)270-8209 Fax: (301)270-0546: E-mail: elmerhamm@msn.com Website: takomaparkfire.org; Organized: 1894; Chartered: 1922; President: Elmer Hamm; Vice President: Richard Willey; Secretary: Stephen Novik; Treasurer: Bruce Allen; Chaplain: David Hooker; Chief: James E. Jarboe. Delegates: James E. Jarboe, Robert Jarboe, Elmer Hamm, Stephen Novik, Richard Willey. Alternates: Leslie DeLeon, Sheryl Novik, Edwin Baker, Bruce Allen, Wade Medlin.

TALBOT COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. – PO Box 514, Easton, MD 21601; Talbot County; Telephone (410)820-8311 - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

TANEYTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)756-6253 Fax: (410)751-0510; President: Mike Clapsaddle; Vice President: Fern Haines; Secretary: James Haines; Treasurer: James Parker; Chaplain: Charles Barnhart; Chief: Bret Six. Delegates: Wayne Staley, Brett Six, Mike Clapsaddle, Donald Shoemaker, Jeff Powell. Alternates: Earl Lookingbill, Fern Haines, Keith Phillips, Tom Van DeBussche, James Parker.

TAYLOR’S ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 277, 501 Taylors Island Road, Taylor’s Island, MD 21669; Dorchester County; Telephone (410)397-3524; President: Bill Weild; Vice President: John Battista; Secretary: Joanie Kirkpatrick; Treasurer: Paul Mace; Chief: J.B. Tieder; Delegates: J.B. Tieder.

TENTH DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 522 (7035 Poorhouse Road) Marbury, MD 20658; Charles County; Telephone: (301)753-8215 Fax: (301)743-6096; Website: tdvfd8.com; Organized: 1951; Chartered: 1951; Joined MSFA: 1951; President: Bernard Dalcanton; Vice President: Thomas Yowell; Vice President: Ezino Tamini; Secretary: Kelly Tafer; Treasurer: Ida Jones; Chaplain: George Shell; Chief: Wallace Danielson, Jr.. Delegates: Thomas Yowell, Dan Hudson, Wallace Danielson, Taylor, Mike Gordon. Alternates: Richard Wash, Delani Wathen.

THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE, INC. – 27 North Church Street, Thurmont, MD 21788; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)271-7550 Fax:
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(301)271-0167: Organized:1953; Joined MSFA:1985; President: Jason West; Vice President: Joseph Wehage; Secretary: Bobbie Gift; Treasurer: Judith White; Chaplain: Ruth Ward; Chief: Brian Shriner. Delegates: Judith White, Kevin Albough.

TILGHMAN ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 297, (5979 Tilghman Island Road), Tilghman, MD 21671; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)886-2101 FAX: (410)886-2677 E-mail tivfc@goeaston.net; Organized: 1925 Chartered: 1938; President: Levin Harrison IV; Vice President: David McQuay; Secretary: Debby Haddaway; Treasurer: Tim Anderson Sr; Chaplain: Pastor Fred Bahr; Chief: Billy Lednum; Delegates: David McQuay.

TRAPPE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 86, (4001 Powell Avenue), Trappe, MD 21673; Talbot County; Telephone: (410)476-3535 FAX: (410)476-3859 Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935; President: Lou Diefenderfer; Vice President: Shirley Quidas; Secretary: Angela Asmussen; Treasurer: Don English; Chaplain: Rev. Robert Hawkins; Chief: Ben Diefenderfer; Delegates: George McCracken, Floyd McCracken.

TRI-TOWNS AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICE, INC. - PO Box 144 (59 Main Street) Westernport, MD 21562; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)359-3067 Fax: (301)359-0479; E-mail: co50@allconet.org Website: ttems.org; Organized: 1974; Chartered: 1974; Joined MSFA:1999 President: Samuel Metz; Vice President: James Mayhew; Secretary: April Clark; Treasurer: Crystal Clark; Chaplain: Claude Swim; Chief: Chris Green. Delegates: Crystal Clark, Tim Conner, Dennis Steiding, April Clark, Josh Clark. Alternates: Eric Mowbray, Bill Smith, Justin Bean, April Wittison, Judy Hamilton.

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 1050 (8 West Locust Street) Union Bridge, MD 21791; Carroll County; Television: (410)775-7422 Fax: (410)857-8775; Website: www.ubfc8.org; Organized:1887; Chartered:1889; Joined MSFA:1893; President: Thomas M. Garber; Vice President: Edgar C. Wentz; Secretary: Linda Bostian; Treasurer: S. Michael Kreimer; Chaplain: Rev. Richard L. Michael; Chief: Chad P. Green. Delegates: Thomas M. Garber, Jerry L. Harris, C. Douglas Bostian, Chad Green, Brenda Burdette. Alternates: Edgar Wentz, David Nelson, David Buffington, James Hooper, Michael Cartwright.

UNITED COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 939, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Queen Anne’s County; Telephone: (410)643-1162; Fax: (410)643-1163; E-mail: rsiarnicki@aol.com Website: www.ucvfd.org; Organized:1972; Chartered: 1972; President: Lori Parks; Vice President: John Roberts; Secretary: Sue Haas; Treasurer: Buck Ferrin; Chaplain: Art Lohman; Chief: Victor Size; Delegates: Ron Siarnicki, Tom Clark, Rose Clark, Victor Size. Alternates: None listed.

UNITED STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO.3, INC. – 79 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)694-1711 Fax: (301)694-1709; Organized: 1845; Chartered:1905; Joined MSFA:1893; President: Erick O’Brien; Vice President: James Morgan; Secretary: Angela Hummer; Treasurer: James Morgan; Chaplain: Timothy May; Chief: Jerry Dorsey.

**UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 8, (19801 Beallsville Road), Beallsville, MD 20839; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)972-8888 FAX: (301)407-0453; E-mail: umcvfd@hotmail.com; Website: umcvfd.org; Organized: 1946; Chartered: 1946; President: Dennis Minor; Vice President: George T. Hillard; Secretary: Ross Meem; Treasurer: Marie Allnutt; Chaplain: Fr. George Reid; Chief: Earl Moore. Delegates: Earl Moore, George Hillard, Bill Bliss, Mike White, Bobby Bliss. Alternates: Janet Bliss, Ann Bauer.

**URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – 3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704; Frederick County; Telephone (301)831-1155 Fax (301)662-7935 Organized:1973; Chartered:1973; Joined MSFA: 1974; President: Ronald Wilt; Vice President: Doug Smith; Secretary: Martha Norwood; Chaplain: Earle Nicholson; Chief: Thomas Hipkins. Delegates: Doug Smith, Alice Hipkins, Chris Beford, Carolyn Broudhurst, Pat Young. Alternates: Terri Stillwell, Scott Gordon, Chris Smith, Blane Smith.

**VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.** – PO Box 5, (301 Old Ocean Gateway), Vienna, MD 21869; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)376-3319; Organized: 1935; Chartered: 1935; President: Robert Horsman Sr; Vice President: Kathy Sellers; Secretary: Pamela Travers; Treasurer: Debbie Horsman; Chaplain: Rev. Mary Ann Farnell; Chief: Reginald Sellers, Jr. Delegates: Robert Horsman Sr, Pamela Travers, Alfred Travers, Jr., Kathy Sellers, Keiford Jackson Alternates: Moody Gray, William Outlen, Joe Kukta, Reggie Sellers, Debbie Horsman.

**VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY, INC.** PO Box 171 (25 West Main Street) Emmitsburg, MD 21727; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)447-2728 Fax: (301)447-1724 E-mail: HN181@acl.com; Website: www.vigilanthose.org; Organized: 1884; President: Art Damuth; Vice President: John Damskey; Secretary: Steve Valentine; Treasurer: Steve Hollinger; Chaplain: Bill Warehime; Chief: Robert Rosensteel Jr. Delegates: John Hollinger, Jim Click, Frank Davis, Austin Umbel, Wayne Powell. Alternates: Gabe Baker, Jason Powell, Chad Umbel, Carl White.

**VIOLETVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – PO Box 7359, 4000 Benson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21227; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-1470; Fax: (410)242-2907; E-mail: ahoffman@bs.co.md.us; Website: violetvillefd34.8m.com; Organized:1906; Chartered:1945; President: Robert Rausch Jr; Vice President: James Henderson Jr; Secretary: Sheila Rausch; Treasurer: Larry Purkey; Chief: Steve Pearsail. Delegates: Charles Weber Jr, John Purkey Jr, John Purkey III, Dorothy Purkey, Ro bert Rausch Jr. Alternates: None listed.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BRANDYWINE, INC.** – 14201Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613; Prince George’s County; Telephone (301)372-8507 President: Ronney Wilkerson; Vice President: Robbie Moore; Treasurer: Ken Rose, Jr.; Chief: Bub Frazier. Delegates: Cecil Peyton,
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Glen Johnson, Woodie Townsend, Ronnie Wilkerson, Troy Hutchinson.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1 OF CHESAPEAKE CITY, INC. – 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)885-5951 Fax (410)885-3353 Organized:1911; Chartered:1911; Joined MSFA:1925; President: Jeffrey Ritter; Vice President: Alan Myers; Secretary: Robert Loller; Treasurer: Donald L. Briscoe; Chaplain: Joyhn Melvin; Chief: Thomas Morris. Delegates: Alan Myers, Donald L. Briscoe, Jeffrey Ritter, Robert Loller, Rich Lytle. Alternates: Frank Stubbs, John Loveless Sr, Bill Staker, Ed Long, Thomas Morris.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF HALFWAY, MD, INC. – 11114 Lincoln Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)582-2223 Fax: (301)582-1075; Website: vfchalfway.org; Organized: 1949; Chartered: 1949; Joined MSFA: 1950; President: James Kimble; Vice President: Steve Heefner; Secretary: Deanna Wold; Treasurer: Fred Fahrney; Chief: Jeff Ringer. Delegates: Steve Heefner, James Kimble, Jeffrey Ringer, Nick Dattilio, Ed Ernst. Alternates: Jamie Drawbaugh

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF HYDE PARK, INC. – P.O. Box 16786 (1449 Sussex Road), Baltimore, MD 21221; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)887-0329 FAX: (410)391-4718; Organized: 1945; Chartered: 1946; President: Jeff Terry; Vice President: Anthony Schield; Secretary: Ryan Knapik; Treasurer: William Stump; Chaplain: Antonio Dileonardi; Chief: John Alban, Jr. Delegates: Anthony Schield, John J. Alban Jr, Robert Oerman, John Alban III, Chris Kempisty. Alternates: None listed.

BUNKER HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO, INC – PO Box 264, (3716 Rhode Island Ave), Mount Rainier, MD 20712; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)985-5400 Fax: (301)985-5411; E-mail info@bhvfc.com; Website: www.bhvfc.com; Org: 1911; Chartered: 1913; President: John Hines; Vice President: John Muchler; Secretary: Lawrence Trainum; Treasurer: Barry E. Miller; Chaplain: PGCVF&RA Chaplain; Chief: Jason Fisher. Delegates: John Muchler, Richard A. Barnard, Jason Fisher, John Hines, Richard Clemens Jr. Alternates: Lawrence Trainum, Opal Benoit, Barry Miller, Terry White, Darrell Walker.

*VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD OF WEST LANHAM HILLS, MD, INC. - PO Box 1348, 7609 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784; Prince George’s County; (301)577-0777 Fax (301)731-5163 Website www.wlhvfd.com Organized: 1945; Chartered:1945; President: Kedward J. Stoner, III; Vice President: Melvin Stanbrough; Secretary: Brendan T Burke; Treasurer: Deborah Pardue; Chaplain: Fr. Eliot Nitz; Chief: John R. Alter. Delegates: Edward J. Stoner, III, John R. Alter, Melvin Stanbro;ugh, Jeffrey P. Larkin, Brendan T. Burke. Alternates: Deborah Pardue, James Boucher, Larry Balducci, Jennifer Nieman, Jeff Dickey.

WALDORF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 3245 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20602; Charles County; Telephone: 645-3000 Fax: (301)870-0136; Email dstevens@waldorfvfd.com Website waldorfvfd.com;

WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 425 (79 West Frederick Street) Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-9397 Fax: (301)898-4032; Website: www.walkersvillevfc.com; Organized: 1939; Chartered: 1940; President: John Zimmerman Jr; Vice President: Greg Stull; Secretary: Jennifer Boley; Treasurer: James Graham; Chaplain: Shirley Zimmerman; Chief: Jeremy Peterson. Delegates: David Kline, Les Wachter.

WALKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 202, (73 Frederick Street), Walkersville, MD 21793; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)845-8875 Fax: (301)845-6058; Website www.wrc24.com; Organized: 1977; Chartered: 1977; Joined MSFA: 1978; President: Marcia Roberson; Vice President: Sandra Maxey; Secretary: Teri Henderson; Treasurer: Stan Mount; Chaplain: Patricia Collins; Chief: William Cramer. Delegates: Steve Burrier, William Cramer, John Lyons, Michael Marchesani, Jeremy Hefflin. Alternates: Jenny Hoffman, Mike McDonald, Jim Graham, Chuck Hanftman, David Lal.

WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 324, (15 North Main Street), Port Deposit, MD 21904; Cecil County; Telephone: (410)378-4223 Fax: (410)378-9343; E-mail: waterwitchco@verizon.net; Website: fire.ems.net/firedept/view/portdeposit/md.com; Organized: 1844; President: Michael Lipka Sr; Vice President: Sam Abrams; Secretary: Edward Rachinskas; Treasurer: Fred Mott; Chaplain: George Hipkins; Chief: Wayne Tome Sr. Delegates: Mike Lipka, Sr., Walter Abrams, Wayne Tome, Sr, Donald Poist Jr, Frederick Mott Sr. Alternates: Karen Mott, Edward Rachinskas, Steve Kenton, Rich Hull.

WEST ANNAPOLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INC. – 121 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)266-8066; Organized: 1911; President: Douglas M. Beall; Vice President: Deborah Perry; Secretary: Andrew Clemenko; Treasurer: Kenneth Blackwell; Chaplain: James Caufield III; Chief: Robert E. Vice, Jr. Delegates: Douglas Beall, Robert Vice Jr, Deborah Perry, Russell Sears, James Caufield III. Alternates: Kenneth Blackwell, Andrew Clemenko, Lindy Burkhart, Tanya Pfaltzgraff, Kevin Heinz.

WEST FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 12460 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794; Howard County; Telephone: (410)313-5403 FAX: (410)442-1664; Organized: 1944; Chartered: 1944; President: John Coll; Vice President: Jim Piersall; Secretary: Teresa Beck; Treasurer: Steven Fleming; Chaplain: Jeff Sturgess; Chief: Howard Day. Delegates: John Coll, Diana Coll, Mickey Day, Jim Piersall, Edmund Saunders. Alternates: Nicole Saunders, Will Spicer, Norma Spicer.

WEST LANHAM HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC – P.O. Box 1348, (7609 Annapolis Road) West Lanham Maryland
20706, Prince Georges County; Telephone (301)577-0777; FAX: (301)731-5163; Organized: 1945; Joined MSFA: 1945; President: William Smith Jr; Vice President: Mark Welch; Secretary: Melody Wilson; Treasurer: Jeff Larkin; Chaplain: Hugh Harris; Chief: John Alter; Delegates: William Smith Jr, John Alter, Jeff Larkin, Mark Welch, Brenden Burke. Alternates: Ted Vasquez, John Ray, Jeff Miller, Pat Eubanks, Melody Wilson.

WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY #4, INC. – 526 Washington Square, Hagerstown, MD 21740; Washington County; Telephone: (301)733-8615 Fax:(301)739-9124;E-mail:wefc@erols.comOrganized:1872;President:James D. Schaffer, Vice President: Kelly Swain; Secretary: Dennis Martin; Treasurer: Davis Swain; Chief: Robert Pereschuk. Delegates: James D. Schaffer, Clyde Tressler.

*WESTSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. PO Box 85, Bivalve, MD 21814; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)873-2140; Organized:1938; Chartered:1938; President: Donald Messick; Vice President: Jerry Nelson; Secretary: Chris Hopkins; Treasurer: Paul Dennis; Chaplain: Willard Pussey; Chief: Joseph Dickerson. Delegates: Joe Dickerson, Bob Gordon. Alternates: Pat Tobat, Don Messick.

WESTMINSTER FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY NO. 1, INC. – PO Box 357, (28 John Street), Westminster, MD 21158; Carroll County; Telephone: (410)848-1800 Fax: (410)848-3407; E-mail: westfd@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us; Website: westminstervfd.org; Organized:1823; President: Robert Cumberland; Vice President: Chris Cull; Secretary: Richard Koons; Treasurer: Warren Campbell; Chaplain: Rev. Fred P. Echardt; Chief: Jeff Alexander. Delegates: Fred Plunkert, Rich Raver, Bob Cumberland, Jeff Alexander, Chris Cull. Alternates: Milton Zepp, Richard Stem, Bill Brehm, Richard Koons.

WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC. – PO Box 1577, (11435 Grandview Avenue), Wheaton, MD 20915; Montgomery County; Telephone: (301)949-9673 FAX: (301)942-0740; E-mail: webmaster@wvrs.org; Website: wvrs.org; Organized: 1955; Chartered:1955; President: Thomas Brown; Vice President: Wm. A. Bell Jr and Don Giampetroni; Secretary: Eboni Robinson; Treasurer: Nick Hraback; Chief: Allan Platky. Delegates: Robert Lawson, Paul Sterling, Rhonda Cohen, Burton Mull, Thomas Brown. Alternates: Alan Jenkins, William Bell, Paul Friedlander, Eboni Robinson, Gamunu Wijetunge.

WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 222, 1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford, MD 21160; Harford County: Telephone: (410)452-8875; FAX: (410)638-3630; E-mail: co@netzero.com; Website: whitefordfire.com; President: Larry Holbrook; Vice President: Ted Wooden; Secretary: carol Mumpower; Treasurer: Christine Guerin; Chief: Matthew Barben; Delegates: Larry Holbrook, Janet Holbrook, Matthew Mumpower, Carol Mumpower, Todd Dousa. Alternates: John Williams, James Williams.

**WILLARDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 38, (Main Street), Willards, MD 21874; Wicomico County; Telephone: (410)835-8678 FAX: (410)835-2466; Organized: 1927; Chartered: 1927; President: William Frisch; Vice President: Ruth Twilley; Secretary: Albert DeMoss; Treasurer:
Joan Calloway; Chaplain: Ronnie Patey; Chief: Keith Twilley; Delegates: Keith Twilley, Dale White, Chester Twilley, William Frisch, Greg Wiltbank. Alternates: None listed.

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOOK & LADDER COMPANY NO.1 OF ELKTON CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC. – PO Box 444, 300 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21922; Cecil County; Telephone (410)398-7300 Fax (410)620-0797 Organized:1892; Joined MSFA:1896; President: Donald S. Hicks; Vice President: John Denver; Secretary: E. Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha III; Chief: Franklyn Lewis. Delegates: William Caldwell, John Denver, David Caldwell, Donald Miller. Alternates: Shawn Anderson, Chris Loller

WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. PO Box 102, (30 West Salisbury Street), Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: (301)223-8532 Fax: (301)223-6945 E-mail: info@wvas.com; Organized: 1947; Chartered: 1947; President: Donald S. Hicks; Vice President: John Denver; Secretary: E. Rosemary Culley; Treasurer: Norman Marquess; Chaplain: Rev Hubert Jicha III; Chief: Franklyn Lewis. Delegates: William Caldwell, John Denver, David Caldwell, Donald Miller. Alternates: Shawn Anderson, Chris Loller

*WILLIAMSPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 422, (2 Brandy Drive), Williamsport, MD 21795; Washington County; Telephone: (301)223-9500 Fax: (301)223-6122; E-mail: cmd@wcvfr.org; Website: www.williamsportfire.org; Organized:1929; Chartered: 1929; President: Jay Grimes; Vice President Craig Osborne; Secretary: Carrie Amons; Treasurer: Tonya Giffin; Chief: Tom Anderson. Delegates: Brian Lowman, Russ Healy, Karen Lowman, Ronald Davis, Morris Gossard. Alternates: Tom Anderson, Dennis Llewelyn, Scott Brown, Ernest Thivierge, Jeff Patterson, Brian Miller.

WINFIELD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – 1320 West Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784; Carroll County: Telephone: (410)795-1333 Fax: (410)795-1375; Website: www.winfieldvfd.org; President: Norman Zepp Sr; Vice President: Robert Farver; Secretary: Kim Legore; Treasurer: Jeanne Legore; Chief: Greg Dods. Delegates: Kevin Warner, Zach Warner.

WISE AVENUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 9172, 214 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)288-0710 Fax: (410)288-6095; E-mail: co270@bcvfa.org; Website: www.wavfc.org; Organized:1942; Chartered:1972; President: Dale Copeland; Vice President: Timothy Ullrich; Secretary: Susan Bruzdzinski; Treasurer: Sherry Brooks; Chief: John Schaefer Jr. Delegates: William Kalwa, Tim Ullrich, Jack Basford, John Schaeffer Jr, Tracy Geho. Alternates: John Schaefer Sr, Dale Copeland, Thomas Schaefer.

WOLFSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 12464 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)293-1453 FAX: (301)293-1343; E-mail: dafddf21@aol.com; Organized:1968; Chartered: 1968; President: David Doyle; Vice President: Wayne
Lewis; Secretary: Sherri Fleishell; Treasurer: Gerald Lewis; Chief: David A. Fox. Delegates: David A. Fox, Debora D. Fox, Larry Harne, David Doyle, Jim Fleishell. Alternates: None listed.

WOODLAND BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – PO Box 236, (529 Londontown Road), Edgewater, MD 21037; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)956-3100 Fax: (410)956-0180; E-mail: vloemt448@comcast.net; Website: woodlandbeachvfd.net; Organized: 1944; President: Candyce Hilgenberg; Vice President: James Clark; Secretary: Shelly Clark; Treasurer: Paul Mills & Bill Keyes; Chaplain: Joseph MacConnell Sr; Chief: Bobby Howlin. Delegates: Paul Mills, Mac Connell Sr, Candyce Hilgenberg, James Clark, Shelly Clark. Alternates: John Sweeney, Mac Connell Jr, Roy Fandree, Kathy Gies, Bobby Howlin.

WOODLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – 2033 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; Baltimore County; Telephone: (410)265-8666; Website: woodlawnvfc.org; Organized: 1941; President: Everett Marner; Vice President: Trey Gaffney; Secretary: Tanya Williams; Treasurer: Frank Seicke; Chaplain: Sean Fields; Delegates: William Letourneau, Donna Kern, Tom Richarts, Tom Skinner, Al Seicke. Alternates: None listed.

WOODSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – P.O. Box 153, (2 South Third Street), Woodsboro, MD 21798; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)898-5100 Fax: (301)898-5368; E-mail: wvfd16@starpower.net; Organized: 1953; Chartered: 1956; Joined MSFA: 1956; President: Robert Lind; Vice President: Harwood Cornell Jr; Secretary: Karin Lind; Treasurer: Donald Trimmer; Chief: Micky Fyock; Delegates: Mickey Fyock, Diane Fyock, David Eaves. Alternates: None listed.

DENTSVILLE VOLUNTEER EMS & AUXILIARY INC – P.O. Box 109, (12135 Charles Street), LaPlata, Md. 20646; Charles County; Telephone: (301)392-0500 Fax: (301)392-5754; President: Mark Kaufmann; Vice President: Gay Anderson; Secretary: Sandy Sherman; Treasurer: Darby Byrd; Chaplain: Jerry Butkiewicz; Chief: Charles Arcadipane; Delegates: Guelda Farrall, Darby Byrd. Alternates: None listed.

FROSTBURG AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE – P.O. Box 75, (86 West Main Street), Frostburg, Md. 21582, Allegany County. Telephone: (301)689-3356 Fax: (301)689-1679; E-mail: co53@allconet.org; Organized & Chartered: 1975; Joined MSFA: 2003; President: Wayne Lewis; Vice President: Dottie Turner; Secretary: Ann Coleman; Treasurer: Shelley Drees; Chaplain: Valerie Vrieze. Chief: Jeff Brewer; Delegates: Jennifer Ritchie, Shelley Drees. Alternates: None listed.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - - -

ANNE ARUNDEL ALARMERS ASSOCIATION, INC. – 115 Glenmont Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; Anne Arundel County; Telephone: (410)766-4221 Organized: 1958; President: Bertha Saghy; Vice President: Raymond Neall Jr; Secretary Marissa Riegel; Treasurer: Brian Turley. Chaplain:

*BLACKWATER FIRE MANAGEMENT – 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Md. 21613; Dorchester County; Telephone: (410)228-2692 FAX (410)228-3261; Fire Management Officer: Joe Krish; Fire Control Officer: Bill Giese. Delegates: Steve Stack, Bill Giese, Joe Krish.

*BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. – PO Box 205, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 Telephone (717)794-2323 NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.


*BOX 234 REHABILITATION UNIT, INC. – 23 W. Mayer Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048 - NO CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED.

**CALVERT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, INC.** – PO Box 1909, (1030C Theatre Drive), Prince Frederick, MD 20678; Calvert County; Telephone: (410)535-0411. FAX: (410)535-0499; E-mail: medicunit@yahoo.com; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2001; Charter: 1989; President: John Hassler; Vice President: Faye Vandevender; Secretary: Stanis Onsloe; Chaplain: Rev Patton; Delegates: Eileen Jenkins, Brandi Elliott, Kelly Zimmer. Alternates: None listed.

*CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT –All paid Department; Chief: Michal Lonergan.

**CITY OF CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.** – P.O. Box 1702 (20 Bedford Street) Cumberland, Maryland 21502; Allegany County; Telephone: (301)759-6480 FAX: (301)759-6494; E-mail wherbaugh@ci.cumberland.md.us Website: www.ci.cumberland.md.us; Organized & Chartered: 1906; Joined MSFA: 1999; Chief: William Herbaugh; Secretary: Julie Davis Delegates: None listed.

*DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS – P.O. Box 653 (23090 Leonard Hall Drive) Leonardtown, Md. 20650 St. Mary’s County; Telephone: (301)475-8016, FAX (301)475-4512; E-Mail: **@co.saint-marys.md.us Website saint-marys.md.us; Comm Manager: Shirley Wood; Administrative Coordinator: Mary Langley. Delegates: Shirley Wood.

*HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 400, Columbia, MD 21046 Howard County; Telephone (410)313-6000 Fax (410)313-6027; Email rfaith@co.ho.md.us Website ho.co.md.us; Chief Deputy: W. Raymond Faith; Delegates: None.

*MIDLAND JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – PO Box 53, Midland, MD 21542 Telephone: (301)463-6631 FAX: (301)463-6631 Organized: 1974; Joined MSFA: 1999; President: Elizabeth Halbritter; Vice President: Peggy Moats; Secretary:Candice Raynor; Treasurer:Justin Kenner; Chief:Candice Rayner; Delegates: Candice Raynor, Jason Thrasher, Elizabeth Halbritter, Lance Spataro.
*MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE* 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Md. 20850; Telephone: (240)777-2400 Fax (240)777-2443; Delegates: Gordon Aoyaci, Thomas Carr, Fred Welsh.

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT** – 9201 Basil Court, Suite 452, Largo, MD 20785; Prince George’s County; Telephone: (301)883-5204; Fax: (301)883-5212; E-mail: sltaylor@co.pg.md.us; Website: pgfd.org; President: Robert McCoy; Vice President: Doug Bartholemew; Secretary: Susan Taylor; Treasurer: Theresa Lloyd; Chaplain: Theresa Crisman; Chief: Lawrence Sedgewick Jr. Delegates: Lawrence Sedgewick Jr, Robert McCoy, Doug Bartholemew, Susan Taylor, Kevin Riely. Alternates: Steve Williams, Theresa Lloyd, Kevin Roberts, Dennis Wood.

**TYLERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.** – PO Box 655; 21140 Tuff Street, Tylerton, MD 21866; Somerset County; Telephone (410)425-2420 Fax (410)425-2420 Organized:1985; Chartered:1985; President: Sally Tyler; Vice President: Ronnie Corbin; Secretary: Missy Evans; Treasurer: Lindsay Bradshaw; Chief: Lindsey Bradshaw. Delegates: Lindsey Bradshaw, Billy Clayton, Ronnie Corbin, Sally Tyler, Missy Evans. Alternates: Louise Clayton, Kevin Marshall, Danny Tyler, Bobby Smith, Ed Smith.

*FIS* – P.O. Box 2726; Telephone: 1-800-233-1957; FAX: (717)747-7020; E-mail: dthomas@VFIS.com; Web Site: VFIS.com.

**FREDERICK COUNTY DEPT. OF FIRE/RESCUE** – 340 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702; Frederick County; Telephone: (301)846-2282, FAX: (301)631-3466; E-mail: ckwn@starpower.net; Website: www.co.Frederick.md.us/govt/esd/dfrs; Organized: 1989; Joined MSFA: 2000; President: James May; Vice President: Timothy Ganley and Judy White; Secretary: Kiona Black, Treasurer: Mark Vassallo; Chaplain: Dave Coblentz. Delegates: None listed.


**ST. MARY’S COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY** – P.O. Box 653 (23090 Leonard Hall Drive) Leonardtown, Maryland, St. Mary’s County. Telephone: (301)475-8016 Fax: (301)475-4370; Website: www.co.saint-marys.md.us. Director: Patrick Walsh. Dep.Director: Stanley Williams. Com Manager: Shirley Copado. Delegates: Shirley Copado, Stanley Williams.

**SUSTAINING MEMBERS** - - -

**PROVIDENT AGENCY** P.O. Box 11588, 272 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh Pa. 15238; Telephone: (800)-447-0360 FAX 412-963-0415; Email cbens@providentbenefits.com Website providentbenefits.com.

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“The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is to Serve, Promote, Advocate, and Represent the interest of the Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services of Maryland”
An Act to Incorporate the Maryland State Firemen's Association

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that J. Roger McSherry, Charles T. Holloway, Edward Israel, Edward S. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin H. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCaldell, E. M. Mobley, G. A. Einwachter, William M. Crimmons, Hiram R. Heck, O. D. Golbert and their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "The Maryland State Firemen's Association", and by that name shall have perpetual succession and be capable in law to hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law and equity; to have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and by-laws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs provided the same shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or the United States; to elect officers and directors and generally to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this act, or to promote the objects and designs of the said corporation.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the object and purpose of this corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel who have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to insure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/or emergency ambulance services, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the finds and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the volunteer fire and ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland, comprising the members of this corporation, shall annually in June, elect a President, Fires and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years) and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number as the Executive Committee; who together with the other officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the said corporation hereby formed shall have full power to receive subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of money,
or real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, and to purchase or otherwise
acquire, and hold such property, to be applied by it to the objects of its incorporation.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That J. Roger McSherry, Charles T.
Holloway, Edward Israel, Edward E. Eichelberger, Edward Koontz, Benjamin
R. Blackison, Frank Spates, Thomas E. McCardell, E. M. Mobley, G. A.
Einwachter, O. D. Gilbert, William M. Crimmins and Hiram R. Heck shall be
officers and managers of said corporation until the second Thursday in June,
eighteen hundred and ninetyfour, and shall serve as such until their successors
are elected.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of
its passage.

Approved March 8, 1894.

STATE OF MARYLAND
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION
301 WEST PRESTON STREET
BALTIMORE 21201

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the within instrument is a true copy of the
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
OF
THE MARYLAND STATE FIREFEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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RICHARD H. KELLER

CHARTER SPECIALIST, II

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO THE CHARTER OF
THE MARYLAND STATE FIREFEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FIRST: That the General Convention of the members of the
Corporation, called by its governing body, and duly convened pursuant to the
Constitution of the Corporation on June 17, 1975, upon recommendation of the
Officers and Directors of the Corporation, the membership has voted to amend
the Charter as follows:

SECOND: The Resident Agent of the corporation shall be: JAMES C.
ROBERTSON, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.
THIRD: The principal of the Corporation shall be located at the Fire Service Extension Building, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

FOURTH: The Charter is amended by striking out Section 2 and section 3 of the Charter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 2. And be it enacted, that the object and purpose of this Corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the Volunteer Firemen and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of the State of Maryland, to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen and volunteer ambulance and rescue personnel have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to ensure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the Volunteer Firemen and volunteer Ambulance and Rescue personnel of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of Volunteer Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires and other emergencies requiring rescue and/or emergency ambulance service, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the aforementioned purposes and to report on the findings and make recommendations to the Association from time to time.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance and Rescue companies of the state of Maryland composing the members of this Corporation shall annually, in June elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, one Trustee (to serve for five years), and a Chaplain; and that the President shall annually appoint such number of persons as may be provided by the Constitution of the Corporation to act as the Executive Committee; who, together with the other Officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation, as respectively set forth in the Constitution of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Maryland State Firemen's Association has caused these presents to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and its Secretary, and to affix its Corporation seal hereunto this 17th day of June, 1975.

ATTEST:
CHARLES B. BURTON, Secretary

THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
by C. EDWIN TURNER, SR.,
President
(SEAL) (SEAL)
STATE OF MARYLAND, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of June, 1975, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared C. EDWIN TURNER, SR., President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and
pursuant to the authorization of its membership, acknowledged the foregoing Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the said Corporation; and at the same time personally appeared CHARLES B. BURTON who made oath in due form of law that he was the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association at the time of the general convention wherein the foregoing Amendments were enacted and that the said Amendments were adopted and that the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing Amendments of Amendment are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and notorial seal the day and year last above written.

(SEAL) Notary Public

Articles of Amendment To The Charter Of
The Maryland State Firemen’s Association

The Maryland State Firemen's Association having had notice of proposed Charter Amendments in accordance with the Constitution of the Maryland State Firemen's Association as recommended by the Officers and Directors, and having had notice having attended the annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and a quorum of the Maryland State Firemen's Association having been present, and the ballots having been distributed, and the question of the Amendment having been passed as certified by the election judges of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, this Amendment to the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen's Association,

Witnesseth:

FIRST: That the Resident Agent of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association shall be until his successor is duly appointed, Leonard T. King, 6047 Melbourne Avenue, Deale, Maryland, 120751.
SECOND: The principal office of the corporation shall be 6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740.
THIRD: Section 3 of the Charter of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is amended to add to the designated elected officers, the office of Financial Secretary.
FOURTH: With the incorporation of the amendments to its Charter hereinbefore made, the Maryland State Firemen's Association does reaffirm and republish its Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maryland State Firemen's Association has caused these presentes to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and attested to by its Secretary, this 26 dayh of August, 1996.
TEST: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Leonard T. King, Secretary By: Stephan D. Cox, President

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STATE OF MARYLAND: COUNTY OF Baltimore: TO WIT: 1996, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the Maryland State Firemen's Association, a Maryland Corporation, and in the name and on behalf of the said corporation and pursuant to the authorization of its membership, and acknowledged the aforegoing Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the said corporation; and at the same time personally appeared LEONARD T. KING, who made oath in due form of law that he was the Secretary of the Maryland State Firemen's Association at the time of the general convention when on June 18, 1996, the aforegoing Amendments were enacted and that following proper notice to its membership, that said Amendments were voted on a adopted, and that the matters set forth in the aforegoing Articles of Amendment are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and seal this 26 day of August, 1996.

Judith Lapide
SEAL       Notary Public

PREAMBLE
To The
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the delegates of the Volunteer Fire, Volunteer Ambulance, and Volunteer Rescue Companies in the State of Maryland in convention assembled, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony, insure prosperity and success, provide pecuniary benefits, obtain and compile statistics concerning the practical working of the various systems and the merits of the various apparatus, cultivate fraternal fellowships among the companies and promote the best interests of the Volunteer Firemen and Ambulance and Rescue Personnel of Maryland, do hereby adopt the following Constitution.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Mission of the Maryland State Firemen's Association is to Serve, Promote, Advocate, and Represent the Interest of the Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services of Maryland."
**Constitution**

**Article I – Name and Membership**

**Section 1-** The name of the Association shall be “The Maryland State Firemen’s Association”. “MSFA” shall be considered to represent the name of the Association when used, subsequent to this Section, in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 2- Regular Membership** Regular members shall be the Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies whose stations are located in the State of Maryland, having equipment, personnel and facilities which comply with the provisions of this Constitution, and who have paid the initiation fee, yearly dues, and have elected delegates and alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. Nothing in this Article shall be constructed as affecting the membership status of any volunteer fire company or department, which was a member of the Association on July 1, 1975. The words “Member Companies” as used in following articles...
of the Constitution and By-Laws shall include “Volunteer Fire Companies or Departments, and Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Companies”, except in those instances where it is necessary to differentiate.

Each company desiring to hold membership in this Association shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars ($5.00). Each active company shall pay to the Financial Secretary on or before the first of April in each year the sum of One hundred twenty five dollars ($125.00) as annual dues or in the case of new members, a pro rata amount for the current year (payable with the initiation fee), said sum constituting dues for the current fiscal year. Twenty dollars ($20.00) of the annual dues shall be deposited in a Special Account by the Treasurer, this account to be known as the Scholarship Account and to be used for payment of necessary committee expense to be approved by the Executive Committee, and a scholarship as provided in Article K of the By-Laws.

Member Companies and Members of the MSFA shall conduct themselves in an ethical manner and fashion, which will be a credit to the MSFA. Any Member Company or Member, which by its conduct demeans the MSFA, will, upon review by the Executive Committee, be subject to sanctions, including suspension, if appropriate.

Section 3- The MSFA is authorized to suspend a membership, so issued, at any time it determines that the Member Company is proven to be in violation of or no longer meets the qualifications as prescribed under this Article.

Section 4- Associate Membership- Any fire, rescue or ambulance company which does not otherwise meet the standards for membership in the MSFA; and any organization which provides direct services either in supporting any volunteer fire company, rescue company, or ambulance service, by the provision of collateral services which aid the volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue companies of the State of Maryland in providing their services, shall be entitled to apply and upon approval to become Associate Members of the MSFA. Such application would require review and approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Associate Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference. In order to qualify as Associate Member, the applicant organization must provide services, which directly benefit career or volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies of the State of Maryland, such as providing for services at the scene of an emergency, fund raising for such organizations or other similar purposes. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose of the organization applying for Associate Membership, and that it is effectively a non-profit organization; that it is an organization which does not exist for the profit of any individual member thereof, but for humanitarian purposes.

The annual dues for Associate Membership would be fifty dollars ($50.00). The first year’s dues plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee must accompany the application. Twenty dollars ($20.00) of the annual dues shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the existing Special Account known as the
Scholarship Account.

Associate Members once approved as such, are entitled to attend activities of the MSFA. However, Associate Members shall not be entitled to a vote with regard to the business of the MSFA.

**Section 5- Sustaining Membership**—Any organization which desires to provide pecuniary support or otherwise collaterally support any program or purpose of the MSFA, and the existence of which as an entity does not otherwise contain any conflict with respect to the purposes of the MSFA, may apply to the MSFA as a Sustaining Member. The application for such membership would be required to be submitted to the Executive Committee of the MSFA for review and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for election to Sustaining Membership. Action of the Executive Committee is subject to reversal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the next Annual Convention and Conference.

The application shall identify the applicant with regard to the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, the primary business of the applicant, the nature of activities in which the applicant is involved; other than its primary business, the reason for the application, the type of pecuniary or collateral support the applicant proposes to provide to the MSFA, and the nature and constituency of its directors or membership or any other persons having a directorial or managerial interest in the applicant organization. The application will be accompanied by the first year’s annual dues of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), plus a five-dollar ($5.00) initiation fee. Two hundred dollars ($200.00) of the annual dues shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the existing Special Account known as the Scholarship Account.

The applicant, upon approval as a Sustaining Member, would be entitled to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the MSFA and, by invitation, selected meetings of the Executive Committee of the MSFA, but would have neither a right to a seat in the Annual Convention and Conference nor a right to vote with respect to the affairs of the MSFA. The Sustaining Member shall receive the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Trumpet magazine, window decal, and an appropriate recognition award as approved by the Executive Committee.

**Section 6**—The President shall designate a Special Committee to study and report on the application of any person, firm or corporation for either Associate or Sustaining Membership and to, thereafter, report to the Executive Committee its recommendations with respect to the applicant. Such Special Committee would consist of no less than two (2) members of the Executive Committee, two (2) past presidents of the MSFA, the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee. In addition, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, up to three (3) additional members-at-large may be appointed to the Special Committee to study and make a recommendation with respect to the application for Associate or Sustaining Membership. This committee shall not exist beyond the recommendation for any subject application.
Section 7- The Executive Committee shall report on the approval of all Associate or Sustaining Memberships at the Annual Convention and Conference. Such report shall be made prior to the preparation and distribution of ballots, thereby providing the right of the delegates registered and voting to call for reversal of action by the Executive Committee with regard to such approval or disapproval of Associate or Sustaining Memberships. This reversal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership registered and voting at the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 8- Individual Membership- An Individual Membership will entitle an individual to participate in MSFA functions, participate in all benefit programs offered by the MSFA, that have been approved for Individual Membership by the Executive Committee. Individual members of the MSFA would not be eligible to vote at the Annual Convention and Conference. To qualify for Individual Membership in the MSFA, each individual would have to be a member of a Regular Member Organization, as outlined in Article I, Section 2 or, of an Alarmers or Canteen organization. Each individual member would be required to pay annual dues, as set forth by the Executive Committee. Application for an Individual Membership will be made through the Office of the Secretary, who will maintain a listing of all Individual Members. Each Individual Member will be assigned a membership number, which will be issued only one (1) time.

Section 9- Silver Lifetime Membership- An individual may purchase a Silver Lifetime Membership. A Silver Lifetime Member will be entitled to the same benefits as the Individual Membership and shall not be eligible to vote. However, a Silver Lifetime Membership would require a onetime payment, as set forth by the Executive Committee. Members who purchase a Silver Lifetime Membership will not be authorized a return of their funds, for any reason.

Section 10- Gold Lifetime Membership- Any Individual Member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary and outstanding manner as to promote and advance the MSFA, who is nominated by an Individual or Regular Member, and is approved as such by the Executive Committee; and every individual who has served as the President of the MSFA shall be awarded a Gold Lifetime Membership. Gold Lifetime Members will be entitled to the same benefits as the Individual Membership, except as otherwise addressed in the Constitution and By-Laws of the MSFA. Gold Lifetime Members shall not be assessed dues.

Section 11- The Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association is a member of the MSFA, without voting privileges and without obligation to pay dues.

ARTICLE II- ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- The Annual Convention and Conference shall be held annually in June. Business sessions shall be at the call of the President. The President shall develop an Order of Business for the Annual Convention and Conference, to be
approved by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee Meeting in the new calendar year. The Order of Business shall enumerate the business session planned and provide, at a minimum, for Reports of Officers; Reports of Committees; Nomination of Officers; Voting for Officers and Constitution and By-Laws changes; Unfinished Business; New Business; Good of the Association; and any other Business to come before the Annual Convention and Conference in the Business Sessions. The location of the Annual Convention and Conference shall be chosen by a majority of the votes of the Delegates, Alternates, or others qualified, present and voting on the official ballot, at least three (3) years in advance. Each Member Company shall be entitled to cast five (5) votes and the Past Presidents one (1) vote each.

Section 2- Should there, for any cause, be a need to change the place and/or time for the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the Executive Committee shall have the power to select the place and the Secretary shall notify the Member Companies of the place chosen, three (3) months prior to the time of the meeting. In case the Annual Convention and Conference is not held for any cause at the time fixed in Section 1, then it shall be held at a subsequent date during the year. The date to be determined by the Executive Committee and notice thereof to be given to the Member Companies by the Secretary.

Section 3- After the holding of the Annual Convention and Conference, the President shall call the delegates to attend Special Conventions and Conferences at times and places named by him, whenever the Executive Committee shall deem Special Conventions and Conferences necessary. Counting from the Centennial, the Association shall schedule a Special Convention and Conference, to be held thereafter, on each 25th year anniversary.

Section 4- All Past Presidents shall be entitled to seats in and participate in the proceedings of the Annual Convention and Conference. (See Article B of these By-Laws).

Section 5- Parliamentary Procedure- Rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the MSFA in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws and any special rules that the MSFA may adopt.

ARTICLE III- REPRESENTATION AND RULES

Section 1- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to the benefits of the Association in full.

Section 2- Each active Member Company shall be entitled to elect annually five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates to attend the Annual Convention and Conference, who shall be the representatives of their respective organizations for one (1) year and entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences during the year for which the dues of their Member Company has been paid in accordance with Article I, Section 2. No delegate may represent more than one (1) Member Company and no delegate’s name shall appear on more than one (1) Credential List.
Section 3- Each Member Company electing delegates and alternates to the Annual Convention and Conference shall furnish said delegates and alternates with proper credentials certifying to their election, and signed by the President or Secretary of the organization, which shall be forwarded to the Recording Secretary of the Association on or before the third day of June in each year.

Section 4- Any Member Company, who is delinquent in paying their dues by April 1st, shall automatically be suspended. The Financial Secretary shall notify the Member Company that it has been suspended for failure to pay dues. If the Member Company does not pay dues, after the notice, within sixty (60) days, the Member Company will not be permitted to register at the Annual Convention and Conference. If the Member Company does not pay dues before the close of the Annual Convention and Conference, the suspended company’s membership will be terminated. The terminated company may reapply for membership, pursuant to Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution, and shall pay all dues, in arrears, with the application.

Section 5- Membership and Voting- Member shall be defined and qualified as recited in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution. Qualified new members shall have the right to participate in the business of the MSFA at Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences as provided in Article III, Sections 2 and 3.

Delegates or Alternates otherwise qualified pursuant to terms of this Constitution shall have the right to vote on all matters properly submitted during Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences.

Past Presidents shall have the right to participate as voting Delegates during the Annual Convention and Conference as provided by Article II, Section 4.

Section 6- Fiscal Year- The Fiscal Year of the MSFA shall be July 1st through June 30th. Following the close of the Fiscal Year, the books of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the Financial Review Committee and a report of their status made to the Executive Committee, and to the Association at the next Annual Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1- All elected officers of this Association shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Chaplain, and a Board of five (5) Trustees.

The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Chief Chaplain shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. One (1) Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the expiration of the term of one (1) of the Trustees.

The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer and the
Financial Secretary shall be elected in alternate years, so that their terms of office do not end in the same year. This initial transition to alternating years will result in the Treasurer being elected for a two (2) year term and the Financial Secretary being elected to a one (1) year term at the June 2007 Convention and Conference. The Financial Secretary will then be elected for a full two (2) year term at the June 2008 Convention and Conference.

**Section 2-** A majority of the votes of those qualified present and voting shall be required to elect. Each Member Company shall be entitled to five (5) votes. Voting shall be by printed ballot or voting machine.

For any office or place of next Annual Convention and Conference where there is only one (1) nominee, the nominee shall be declared elected or chosen and the office and place shall not be listed on the ballot.

**Section 3-** Whenever there are more than two (2) candidates, after each ballot when there shall be a failure to elect, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped until two (2) remain.

**Section 4-** The President shall preside at all conventions and conferences, appoint all committees and in collaboration with the Chief Chaplain, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and the Recording Secretary appoint Chaplains, Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Financial and Recording Secretaries, if required. The President shall sign orders on the Treasurer for payment of money, and countersign all orders issued by the Board of Trustees for the payment of benefits. In making committee appointments, the President shall be guided by the concept of regionalization as provided for in the Constitution, Article VIII (Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board).

The President shall visit or cause to be visited by the First and/or Second Vice-Presidents as many Active Member Companies and respective bodies of Active Member Companies as possible, the delinquent Member Companies, and the companies or departments that do not belong to this Association.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall make an annual report to the Association and shall perform all other duties as may be required of him by the Association.

The President, after conferring with the Executive Committee, shall annually meet with the Governor with regard to the State Budget to provide for funding requests for the funds to be administered by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

The actual expense incurred by the President and/or Vice-Presidents in making the visits specified above, after they have been properly itemized and approved by the Executive Committee, shall be paid by the Association in the following amounts not to exceed: the President- Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($ 2,500.00) and the First/Second Vice-President- One Thousand Dollars ($ 1,000.00) each.

It shall be the duty of the President to invite through the Secretary, the Governor of the State of Maryland to attend the Annual Convention and Conference of the Association. The invitation shall go forward to the Governor at least thirty
(30) days prior to the opening of the Annual Convention and Conference, and the President shall provide a period of time on the program to suit the Governor’s pleasure.

**Section 5-** It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President in the case of the death, resignation or inability to act of the President to assume the duties of the President. In the event of the death of both the President and the First Vice-President, or if either be unable to attend the duties of the President, the Second Vice-President shall assume these duties, if necessary.

**Section 6-** In the absence of the President, the First and Second Vice-Presidents from any convention and conference, one of the delegates shall be called to the chair by a vote of the convention and conference.

**Section 7-** The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book provided for that purpose a complete record of all Annual and Special Conventions and Conferences and all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall publish each year the proceedings book of each Annual Convention and Conference. The Recording Secretary shall receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association and keep a record thereof. The Recording Secretary shall make an annual report to the Association and also such reports from time to time as the President and Executive Committee may require. The Recording Secretary shall, provide to the meeting of each Annual Convention and Conference, a roll of Member Companies entitled to representation therein, by reason of having complied with the provision of Section 1, Article III, and another roll of Past Presidents, delegates and alternates entitled to a seat in the convention and conference and deliver the rolls together with credentials of the delegates and alternates-elect to the committee on credentials appointed by the convention and conference. The Recording Secretary shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the President. The Recording Secretary shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses, not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars ($ 2,000.00).

**Section 8-** The Financial Secretary shall receive all monies and turn them over to the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary shall keep in a book, provided for that purpose, a complete record of all the monies received by the MSFA. The Financial Secretary shall give bond, to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the President. The Financial Secretary shall mail bills to each Member Company in January of each year. Said bills to contain a notice, prominently displayed, that dues are payable in advance and will be considered in arrears after April 1st. The Financial Secretary shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($ 500.00).

**Section 9-** The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary and safely keep all monies belonging to the MSFA. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for the payment of bills of the MSFA, along with the President, the Financial Secretary, or Committee Chairman on whose budgeted funds the check is being drawn, after the expense has been submitted to the Budget and Revenue
Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at the first session of each Annual Convention and Conference, giving an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, accompanied by the vouchers thereof. The Treasurer shall give bond to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall fix the amount thereof, and it shall be held by the Financial Secretary. The Treasurer shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed Eight Hundred Dollars ($ 800.00).

Section 10- The Board of Trustees shall have control and management of the money annually appropriated to the MSFA by the State of Maryland, and shall not order the expenditure of any of it for any other purpose than paying of the benefits provided for in Article VI.

The Board shall meet after the adjournment of each Annual Convention and Conference and organize by the election of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary from among its number, who shall hold their offices for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Board shall also meet prior to the first session of each Annual Convention and Conference and at such other times and places as it may be called together by its Chairman. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall receive and mark, tie and keep a record of all claims for benefits and perform all other duties as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall receive the sum not to exceed One Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars ($ 165.00) for general expenses of his office, such as investigations, etc. The Board of Trustees shall make a report, in writing, to the MSFA at each Annual Convention and Conference. The Trustees shall each receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed One Hundred Dollars ($ 100.00).

Section 11- The Chief Chaplain shall have had formal training of the Word of God, shall have served as a Priest, Rabbi, or Minister; and shall be recognized as a clergyman by the religious group of which he is a member; and shall be elected from any of the Member Companies of this Association, and his duties shall be those that the President shall call for him to perform. If because of Ministerial duties or other reasons he requires assistants, he shall submit his request to the President, together with names. The President may appoint a Chaplain or Chaplains, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference. The Chaplains shall have the responsibilities of conducting the Memorial Service at the Annual Convention and Conference, including the compilation of a list of deceased members. The Chief Chaplain shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Dollars ($ 350.00). Each Chaplain shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed One Hundred Dollars ($ 100.00).

Section 12- No Officer, Committee Chairman, or Member shall at any time or in any way, by writing or otherwise, take into their hands any matter being handled by an Officer or Committee, without first consulting said Officer or Committee Chairman in charge.

Section 13- Failure of an Officer to perform his duties shall be deemed just and sufficient cause for suspension from office in the MSFA by the Executive
Section 14- Travel reimbursement for officers, if any, not covered elsewhere in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be based on mileage traveled one way. The Executive Committee shall set the rate so that travel costs can be included in budgets to be presented to the Executive Committee at its budget meeting. The Executive Committee shall set the amount allowed for overnight stay, if any. Any reimbursement authorized shall be for Officers attending Executive Committee meetings.

Section 15- The appointed officers of the MSFA shall be from the active membership of their Active Member Companies, in good standing, and shall consist of the Executive Committee Members, Office of the Parliamentarian, and Office of the Attorney. The appointed officers shall hold their office for one (1) year or until their successors are appointed by the President of the MSFA.

Section 16- The immediate Past President, who shall be an ex-officio member and twelve (12) appointed members shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Members shall be appointed with the provision that no more than one (1) appointed member shall be from any one (1) region represented in the Association. The Executive Committee shall hold at least three (3) meetings during each year, one (1) within thirty (30) days after their appointments, one (1) at least twenty (20) days before each Convention and Conference, and others at the discretion of the President at such times and places as shall be designated by the President. Other meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by a majority of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall fix the amount of and approve the bonds of the Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, if applicable; make all contracts for work to be done or supplies to be provided by this Constitution; and approve Committee Chairman out of pocket expenses incurred by them incident to the performance of their duties. The Executive Committee shall approve the budget as submitted by the Budget and Revenue Committee, with the right to alter the budget as submitted, within its discretion, as in the best interest of the MSFA.

Any vacancy occurring in an elective office shall be filled by an individual recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The officer so selected shall serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference; if the term, for which the vacancy occurred does not expire at that Annual Convention and Conference, the term of the successor elected there shall be for the balance of the vacant term.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to call Special Conventions and Conferences through the President. The Executive Committee shall make an annual report to the MSFA and shall look after its interest generally. At all of its meetings a majority shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those present shall decide all questions. (The Executive Committee shall only receive or make payment of money or contracts during its period of office.)
The Executive Committee shall take an annual inventory of all equipment, supplies, etc., owned by the Association, listing name of article, value of same and in whose custody said article is maintained. This inventory shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book. No property belonging to the Association shall be disposed of without the consent of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee and the Elected Officers shall manage the affairs of, and the Executive Committee shall transact all business of the MSFA requiring action between the Annual Conventions and Conferences.

The Executive Committee shall review and approve, or disapprove with recommendations all recommendations for grants, loans, or low interest loans made by the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board. The Executive Committee shall confer with the President of the MSFA, with respect to requests for funding to be made for the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board, to be presented to the Governor by the President of the MSFA.

The Executive Committee Chairman shall receive a sum of reimbursed expenses not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($ 500.00).

Section 17- The Office of the Parliamentarian shall be consultant to and advise the President or other Officers and Committee Chairman on any questions that may arise in interpreting the Constitution and By-Laws. The Parliamentarian shall be present at all meetings during the Annual Convention and Conference to assist the presiding officer on questions of parliamentary inquiry and to call attention of the presiding officer to any error in the proceedings that may affect the substantive rights of any member or may otherwise do harm. The Parliamentarian shall speak when requested by the presiding officer.

Section 18- The Office of the Attorney shall render advice and assistance to the officers and committees on all legal matters involving the MSFA, as requested.

Section 19- All elected and appointed officers and committee members shall turn over to the Executive Committee, all records, equipment, monies and any other property of the Association, upon completion of their term of office or service on a committee.

Section 20- Any officer who requires an assistant, may request, of the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to appoint one (1) or more assistants. An assistant officer shall serve until the next Annual Convention and Conference, unless removed earlier by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The duties of each assistant officer shall be within the scope of the duties of, and as determined by, the elected Officer to whom that assistant assists. Each Assistant Recording Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall receive a sum for reimbursed expenses not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars ($ 200.00).

ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES

Section 1- The Standing Committees of the MSFA shall be:

Emergency Medical Services Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.
Financial Review Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.
Convention and Conference Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.
Constitution and By-Laws Committee- At least five (5) members, all to be appointed annually.
Fire Prevention Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.
Training Committee- At least nine (9) members, three (3) to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.
Historical, Archives & Volunteer Firefighter’s Room Committee- At least seven (7) members, all to be appointed annually.
Legislative Committee- Chairman and one (1) member from each county represented in the MSFA, all to be appointed annually.
Safety Committee- At least five (5) members, terms of two (2) years with three (3) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and two (2) members to be appointed in even-numbered years.
Scholarship Committee- At least seven (7) members, three (3) to be appointed every even year for a two (2) year term and four (4) to be appointed in odd years for a two (2) year term.
Standards Committee- At least seven (7) members, terms of two (2) years, with four (4) members to be appointed in odd-numbered years and three (3) members to be appointed in even-numbered years.
Firefighter Of The Year Committee- At least nine (9) members, appointed annually.
Statistical Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.
Transportation Committee- At least five (5) members, terms to be for two (2) years, with two (2) members appointed in even years and three (3) members appointed in odd years.
Budget & Revenue Committee- Six (6) members, plus the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall constitute the Budget & Revenue Committee. Two (2) members to be named each year for terms of three (3) years.
Surplus Property Acquisition Committee- At least four (4) members, all to be appointed annually.
Special Activities Committee- At least nine (9) members, all to be appointed annually.
17 State Circle Committee- At least three (3) members, all to be appointed annually.
Hall Of Fame Committee- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
Data Systems Committee- At least six (6) members, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
Ways & Means Committee- At least six (6) members, all to be appointed annually.
Awards Committee- To be appointed annually, and to include as members the Chairman of all awards committees and a Chairman, not a member of any such committee.

Incentive Programs Committee- A Chairman and at least nine (9) members, but not more than twenty-three (23) members, who shall cover the various areas of the State.

Section 2- The Standing Committees shall be appointed annually by the President, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association.

A subcommittee for a specific purpose may be appointed under any Standing Committee. Such subcommittee shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the subcommittee shall be a member of the Standing Committee. Reports from the subcommittee shall be presented through the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Section 3- Committee members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

The Committee Chairman shall report the activities of the committee, as directed by the President, to the Executive Committee and to members of the MSFA in convention and conference assembled. The failure of a committee member to perform prescribed duties shall be reported to the President, in writing, by the Committee Chairman. The President may remove and replace the offending committee member, who will be notified, in writing, by the MSFA Secretary. Said offending committee member may request, in writing, a hearing by the Executive Committee at its next scheduled meeting. In that event, the Executive Committee will either support or reverse the President’s action.

Any appointee to a Standing or Special Committee of the MSFA, or to any Government, Regular or Special board, Commission, study group or administrative agency of this State; or any appointee to any committee or commission of another State or political subdivision; or any appointee to any organization shall report on his or her committee’s or commission’s activities to the Executive Committee and to the Member Companies of the MSFA in convention and conference assembled. A list shall be appended to the By-Laws, naming such personnel and the non-MSFA bodies on which they are serving; listing terms of appointment, including date each person’s term ends; describing briefly the purpose of each group; and showing a minimum schedule of reports to the MSFA, the schedule to be set by the Executive Committee. Such list shall be updated continuously (without need for the Amendment process) as information becomes available or as Executive Committee reporting requirements change.

Section 4- Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the President shall fill any unexpired term vacancy in any committee. In newly established committees with staggered terms, lots shall be drawn to determine length of terms of those initially appointed.

Section 5- Travel reimbursement, if any, shall be based on mileage
traveled one way. The Executive Committee shall set the rate so that travel costs can be included in budgets to be presented to the Executive Committee at its budget meeting. The amount allowed for overnight stay, if any, shall be set by the Executive Committee. Any reimbursement authorized shall be for: 1) personnel attending meetings of MSFA Committees of which they are members and 2) Chairmen of MSFA Committees attending meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI- BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES

Section 1-(Death)- For the purpose of requiring that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association pay a certain amount of death benefits to certain persons if a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad dies under certain circumstances, regardless of the district in which the decedent died or whether the decedent died while acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire company or rescue squad; authorizing under certain circumstances a designated relative of the decedent to collect death benefits; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to death benefits and volunteer firefighters and individuals serving on volunteer rescue squads.

(A) In this section, “Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

(B) (1) The Board shall pay death benefits under this section if a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad dies:

(I) As a direct result of actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or from a fire;

(II) While performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;

(III) While actively participating in the ambulance advanced life support, or rescue work of a volunteer fire, ambulance, or rescue company or volunteer advanced life support unit in the State; or

(IV) While providing emergency or rescue assistance, whether acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire, ambulance, or rescue company or advanced life support unit.

(2) The Benefits shall be paid from the treasury of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in an amount the Board determines, but not less than Two thousand dollars ($2,000.00), regardless of:

(I) The district in which the decedent died; or

(II) Whether the decedent died in:

1. This State

2. One of the following adjacent states- Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Virginia; or

3. The District of Columbia

(3) The benefits shall be paid to:

(I) The surviving spouse, or dependent child or children;

(II) If no one is eligible under item (I) of this paragraph then dependent
(III) If no one is eligible under item (I) or item (II) of this paragraph, the surviving child or children of the decedent in equal shares;

(IV) If no one is eligible under item (I), (II), or (III) of this paragraph, the surviving parent or parents; or

(V) If no one is eligible under item (I), (II), (III) or (IV) of this paragraph a surviving sister, brother, or grandparent of the decedent in equal shares.

(C) If there is a surviving spouse or a dependent child or children, the case shall be laid before the Board, and if the facts are established as provided in the Annotated Code Article 38, Section 42, the surviving spouse and child, or children as the case may be, shall be placed on the “Disabled Firemen’s and Rescue Squadmen’s List”, and the surviving spouse, while remaining unmarried, shall be entitled to receive a benefit from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in an amount determined by the Board, to be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amount as the Board may decide, until remarriage.

(D) Each of the children of the deceased firefighters or individuals serving on a rescue squad shall receive a benefit from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in an amount determined by the Board and be paid out of its treasury at whatever times, in whatever installments and in whatever amount the Board may decide, until the children each attain the age of eighteen (18) years.

(E) Any child or children of a deceased volunteer firefighter, rescue squadsmen or ambulance personnel whose death has been caused by an accident resulting from active participation in the performance of his/her duties or while going to or from the scene of any emergency or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the company, after having graduated from an accredited high school, shall have the right and privilege of attending schools of higher education at the expense of the MSFA, which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the said MSFA.

(F) This by-law shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect volunteer firefighters and individuals serving on volunteer rescue squads who have died, on or after July 1, 1996, while fighting a fire or performing any official task under circumstances that would cause the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association to pay death benefits under this by-law.

Section 2-(Disablement)- For the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association pay a certain benefit to a person who is a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad who is disabled under certain circumstances, regardless of the district in which the person was disabled while acting alone at the direction of or with a fire company or rescue squad in this State or certain neighboring states; and generally relating to benefits for volunteer firefighters and individuals who serve on volunteer rescue squads.

(A) In this section, “Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State
Firemen’s Association.

(B) A person who is a volunteer firefighter or individual serving on a volunteer rescue squad is eligible to receive a benefit from the Board if:

1. The person is temporarily or permanently disabled:
   (I) As a direct result of actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or while going to or from a fire;
   (II) While performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;
   (III) While actively participating in the ambulance advanced life support, or rescue work of a volunteer fire, ambulance, or rescue company or volunteer advanced life support unit in the State; or
   (IV) While providing emergency or rescue assistance, whether acting alone or at the direction of or with a fire, ambulance or rescue company or advanced life support unit.

2. The person is supported by the recommendation of the fire company or volunteer rescue squad of which the person is a member.

(C) Benefits under this section shall be paid from the treasury of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association in an amount and in a manner that the Board determines for as long as the beneficiary is disabled.

(D) Benefits under this section shall be paid to a beneficiary regardless of

1. The district in which the beneficiary was disabled; or
2. Whether the beneficiary was disabled in
   (I) This State
   (II) One of the following adjacent states- Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Virginia; or
   (III) The District of Columbia

(E) The secretary of the Board shall place and keep the name of each beneficiary under this section on a “Disabled Firemen’s and Rescue Squadmen’s List”.

(F) Any child or children of permanently disabled volunteer fireman, rescue squads man, or ambulance personnel whose disability has been caused by an accident resulting from active participation in the performance of his/her duties or while going to or from the scene of any emergency or performing any other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the company, after having graduated from an accredited high school, shall have the right and privilege of attending schools of higher education at the expense of the MSFA, which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the said MSFA.

**Section 3-** Claims for benefits paid by the Association shall be made in accordance with the following “Rules of Procedures for Obtaining Benefits” as adopted by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Executive Committee. The term widow as used in the article shall include widower.

The following rules of procedures shall be in effect in the administration of the provisions of Section 42, 42A, and 42B of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. These rules shall be in lieu of all rules heretofore adopted provided that the Trustees of the MSFA may amend or abrogate any rules
in order to further the proper administration of the law.

**RULE NO. I POSTING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES**

A copy of these Rules, together with any other notices prepared and sent out by the Trustees for the purpose of giving instructions or conveying information to persons interested in or entitled to benefits under the provisions of the law, shall be kept conspicuously posted in or about the station of every Volunteer Fire Company, Volunteer Ambulance or Rescue Squad in the State of Maryland.

The Trustees shall, annually, provide notification and information on benefits and scholarships available to the recipients of benefits from the Board of Trustees.

**RULE NO. II PROCEDURE IN CASE OF DISABILITY OF A QUALIFIED MEMBER**

**A. DUTY OF INJURED MEMBER**

Each qualified member must, within ten (10) days after the beginning of his disability, file or cause to be filed with the Chief or Secretary of his Company (or a member acting in either capacity) a properly filled-in signed and notarized copy of the form entitled “CLAIM FOR DISABILITY OR DEATH BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (1/99). (Injured/Deceased Members Report-Section)

**B. DUTY OF THE COMPANY**

The Chief or Secretary of the Company (or a member of the Company acting in either capacity) must take the following action:

1. Within ten (10) days after the beginning of the disability of a member of the Company, fill in, execute and place in the mails or otherwise cause to be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, “CLAIM FOR DISABILITY OR DEATH BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (1/99) section (Fire Company’s Report).

2. Within ten (10) days after the beginning of the disability have the physician attending the disabled member complete the “CLAIM FOR DISABILITY OR DEATH BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (1/99) section (Physician’s Report) and sign and forward same to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

3. Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the completed form “CLAIM FOR DISABILITY OR DEATH BENEFITS” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (1/99) as soon as possible after receipt from disabled member.

4. Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the “COMPANY RESOLUTION” (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/99) completed at a regular or special meeting of the company approving the claim. (No payment will be made prior to receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of a copy of the resolution).

5. If a disability lasts longer than ten (10) days, including Sundays and Holidays, submit such other information as may be required by the Board of Trustees.

**RULE NO. III PROCEDURE IN CASE OF DEATH OF A QUALIFIED MEMBER**

**A. DUTY OF THE COMPANY**
The Chief or Secretary of the Company (or a member acting in either capacity) must take the following action:

(1) If there is a surviving spouse or children, secure from the spouse or the person responsible for the child or children, a filled-in, signed and notarized copy of the form entitled “CLAIM FOR BENEFITS BY SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED” (MSFA-BT FORM 4 (1/99) and forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

(2) Fill in, execute and place in the mails or otherwise cause to be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees a copy of the “CLAIM FOR DISABILITY OR DEATH BENEFIT” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (1/99) and “COMPANY RESOLUTION” (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/99). This must be filed for every death, even if deceased members leave no spouse or children. (No benefits will be paid by the Board of Trustees prior to receipt.)

(3) Have the physician attending the deceased member complete the “CLAIM FOR DISABILITY OR DEATH BENEFIT” (MSFA-BT FORM 2 (1/99) section (Physician’s Report) and signed and forward same to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

(4) Forward to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees the “COMPANY RESOLUTION” (MSFA-BT FORM 1 (1/99) completed at a regular or special meeting of the company approving the claim. (No payment will be made prior to receipt by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of a copy of the resolution.)

RULE NO. IV  PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF LOSS OF LIMB

A. Following procedures as stated in Rule No. II and

B. Each qualified member must, within ten (10) days after the beginning of his disability, file or cause to be filed with the Chief or Secretary of his Company (or a member acting in either capacity) a properly filled-in signed and notarized copy of the form entitled “SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM FOR LOSS OF LIMB” (MSFA-BT FORM 3 (1/99).

Section 4- If at anytime there is not a sufficient amount in the hands of the Treasurer to pay a death benefit of Two thousand ($ 2,000.00) dollars to a spouse or minor child or children, the Treasurer shall apply to the appropriate State Government Authority for sufficient additional funds to provide the said sum of Two thousand ($ 2,000.00) dollars.

Section 5- The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to investigate any claim made for benefits under the provisions of the Article and should a majority of the Board of Trustees determine that the claim is not a just one, in spirit as well as in letter, it shall not be paid.

Section 6- The surplus of the Relief Fund, left each year in the hands of the Trustees shall be invested by the Board of Trustees. All moneys not invested shall be deposited in a bank under National or State supervision.

Section 7- Any company or officers of a company endorsing a false claim or mis-stating the true facts of the accident shall be SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AT THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), ARTICLE 27, SECTION
Section 8- The Board of Trustees shall maintain information on procedures for applying for benefits under the Federal Public Safety Officer’s Death Benefits Program and under similar Maryland programs and shall provide such information to member companies.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

Section 1- This Constitution may be amended or revised at any Annual Convention and Conference by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendments, provided the proposed amendment or revision shall have been submitted, in writing, by the Executive Committee or a member company of this Association and forwarded to the Executive Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference. The proposed amendment or revision to be in the hands of the Secretary, at least sixty (60) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 2- Upon receipt of the amendment by the Executive Committee, in accordance with section 1, the Recording Secretary shall mail at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first session of the Annual Convention and Conference, copies of the proposed amendments to all member companies in order that the amendments may be acted upon by the said member companies before the Annual Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE VIII- VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD

Section 1- There is herewith established pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 8, Sections 202-209, a Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

Section 2- The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board (“Board”) shall be comprised of twelve (12) persons, who shall be appointed by the President as prescribed in this section, from twelve (12) regional districts, which have been determined by virtue of the number of fire companies located in each district and other geographic consideration, and which are constituted as follows:

Allegany, Garrett Counties 1 Member
Washington, Frederick Counties 1 Member
Carroll, Howard Counties 1 Member
Harford, Cecil Counties 1 Member
Baltimore County 1 Member
Anne Arundel County 1 Member
Prince George’s County 1 Member
Montgomery County 1 Member
Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s Counties 1 Member
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s Counties 1 Member
Talbot, Dorchester Counties 1 Member
Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester Counties 1 Member
Board members shall be appointed annually by the President for the stated terms, within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and Conference, with members of Active Member Companies of the Association. A Board member should not be appointed to serve concurrently as an Executive Committee Member. The following credentials should be considered for selection of members to the Board:

* Ten (10) or more years of fire organization experience
* Operational fire service experience
* Administrative fire service experience
* Financial Background

Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years with four (4) members appointed each year. Of the initial twelve (12) appointments, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. A Chairman shall be appointed annually by the President.

Section 3- Board members shall meet and transact business, meeting as and when scheduled by the Chairman.

A) The Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is unable to fulfill the term of appointment. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Board, maintain all records of the Board and initiate and receive correspondence on behalf of the Board.

B) Initially, the Board shall meet and consider, adopt and publish such rules of procedure as is necessary to carry out the functions of the Board as mandated by the aforesaid statute and shall thereafter enact or amend such other rules and regulations as it might be necessary to carry out its purpose. The Board, shall in addition to the foregoing, provide for applications for a low interest loan or grant and provide for distribution of such applications. The rules and regulations enacted by the Board shall include but not be limited to, the following provisions:

1) That any volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance company of the State of Maryland be entitled to apply for assistance pursuant to the provisions of the statute, to the Board, irrespective of affiliation of the applicant;
2) Develop loan and grant criteria;
3) Develop loan and grant terms;
4) Develop criteria for the loan and grant application process;
5) Develop criteria for prioritization of loan and grant requests;
6) That the business of the Board be conducted in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.

C) The Board shall meet as and when necessary to consider or otherwise act upon applications that are pending or as is otherwise necessary to transact the business of the Board. The Board Secretary shall make notification of the meetings to all appropriate parties.

D) The applications submitted to the Board shall be complete and shall
have attached thereto the following:

1) Applicants audited financial statements for the most recent two (2) years. For applicants that do not have audited financial statements, each application must have attached thereto financial statements in the form requested by the Board for the applicants most recent two (2) year period along with IRS Form 990 for each year presented on the financial statements.

2) A completed Non-Discrimination Certificate.

E) The Chairman of the Board shall regularly report on the business of the Board to the Executive Committee of the MSFA. No action with respect to any applicant or application recommended by the Board shall be valid unless the Executive Committee of the MSFA approves the same. Initially, all rules and regulations proposed by the Board in reference to its operation, including application forms, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the MSFA; and thereafter, any amendments to the rules or regulations or changes in any application forms are subject to the herein approval of the Executive Committee of the MSFA.

F) The provision of an application form to an applicant, or the approval by the Board and Executive Committee of the MFSA, shall nevertheless be subject to approval of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland and available funding, in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

G) The Board shall recommend annually to the Executive Committee of the MFSA the rate of interest charged on the loans.

H) The Board shall not be limited nor otherwise bound with regard to its consideration of an application by any previous action it has taken with respect to any other applicant or application.

I) The Board shall receive and disburse funds in accordance with statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

J) The Board shall in any event be subject in all of its activities to the provisions of the, herein before, statute as currently constituted or as hereafter amended.

K) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Association, which shall be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management and to the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland by August 30 of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX- SUBSIDIARIES, BOARDS, AND AGENCIES

Section 1- The MSFA Foundation is a subsidiary of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. The foundation Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Directors recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee, who shall operate the MSFA Foundation in accordance with its charter and by-laws. The initial appointment shall be three (3) directors for a one (1) year term, three (3) directors for a two (2) year term and three (3) directors for a three (3) year term. After the initial appointment, all subsequent appointments of three (3) directors shall be for a three (3) year term.

Section 2- The President shall appoint representatives to all government
boards and commissions established by Government agencies, wherein the MSFA is requested to send the name of one (1) or more individuals to the appropriate Appointment Secretary, for the Government body making the request.

Section 3- Where a board or commission has been created, wherein one (1) or more members of the voluntary emergency services would be appropriate to serve as members and where no specific request has been made of the MSFA, the following action shall be taken. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee shall direct the Secretary to send to the Chief Executive of the Governmental body creating or establishing the board or commission, one (1) or more names of persons to be considered for appointment as appropriate to represent the interest of the Maryland voluntary emergency services.

***BY-LAWS***

ARTICLE A- STATUS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1- By-Laws shall not be enacted contrary to the form and substance of the MSFA Constitution.

Section 2- Any of the By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote and present and voting on the amendment at any Annual or Special Convention and Conference.

ARTICLE B- CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

Section 1- All those entitled to seats in the Annual Convention and Conference shall be entitled to vote upon every question; but no member shall vote on any question in which they have a direct pecuniary interest. The presiding officer of a convention and conference shall not vote unless there is a tie. (Note: See Articles II and III of the Constitution).

Section 2- If any ten (10) member companies require it; the yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the records of the MSFA.

Section 3- Any ten (10) member companies may call for the “previous question” and if it is ordered all debate shall cease and the pending question shall be at once put to the convention and conference.

Section 4- The President of the Convention and Conference shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Convention and Conference. In case of an appeal the point of order may be debated.

Section 5- Any person called to order shall immediately take his seat until the point of order is decided, when he shall be again entitled to the floor and while speaking shall confine himself to the question and shall not use any personalities or indecorous language.

Section 6- At least one (1) delegate or one (1) alternate from one hundred (100) different Member Companies, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any convention and conference.

Section 7- No Member Company, Association of Member Companies, Auxiliary, individual or any other person, shall be allowed to conduct any raffle,
benefit, or solicit alms, in any way, on the floor of the MSFA Convention and Conference.

**Section 8-** The order of business at the Annual Convention and Conference will be developed in accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the MSFA Constitution.

**ARTICLE C- ASSOCIATE/SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1-** Associate/Sustaining Members are entitled to the rights and subject to the limitations specified in Article I of the MSFA Constitution.

**Section 2-** Associate/Sustaining Members shall not use the logo of the MSFA without special permission of the Executive Committee.

**Section 3-** Associate/Sustaining Members shall not display FD tags on vehicles owned by them unless they are otherwise qualified, pursuant to the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 13-615.

**ARTICLE D- STANDARDS, FIRE COMPANIES/DEPARTMENTS**

**Section 1-** THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OR DEPARTMENTS ARE:

a) Active company membership consisting of at least twenty (20) members including at least three (3) active line officers.

b) At least three (3) trained active operators to be appointed to drive and operate the pumper. These operators shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the pumper and will be under the guidance of the Chief Officer.

c) A minimum of ten (10) active members in the company shall have successfully completed at least the Firefighter I training, as conducted by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course.

d) The company shall maintain records in which the following information shall be recorded:

1) Date of Fire
2) Time Out
3) Time In
4) Attendance
5) Whether Extinguished by Booster, Chemical or Pumper
6) Size and Amount of Hose Used
7) Lives Lost
8) Firemen Injured

It is recommended that the Maryland Fire Information Reporting forms be used.

e) That a heated Fire Station of adequate size and construction be provided for the housing of apparatus and equipment.

f) The Company must have a suitable means of receiving an alarm of fire and alerting Company membership.

g) Continuing active membership of other than Ambulance Companies shall be contingent upon the passage of an inspection made from time to time by Standards
h) All Companies or Departments, other than Ambulance Companies, shall be required to pass an inspection made by the Standards Committee prior to acceptance.

i) If personnel are being carried on rear step, no less than two (2) persons are to be so located when apparatus is responding to or returning from an emergency.

**Section 2- PUMPER MINIMUM STANDARDS:**

a) A motor pumper of at least 750 GPM capacity (500 GPM if ordered prior to July 1, 1984) listed by ISO or its successors. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer’s G.W.V. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. This pumper shall be qualified for acceptance by means of an acceptance test, if new, and a service test, if used. If canopy cab is present, there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance: i.e., door, gate, bar, chain, etc. The pumper shall be in good operational condition, not loaded beyond the maximum allowable gross weight. It shall be equipped as follows:

1) Twenty (20) feet of hard suction and strainer to comply with N.F.P.A. recommendations in existence at the time the apparatus was built. Where adequate water supply exists, twenty (20) feet of soft suction, sized to pump capacity of the pump, with 4 ½” female coupling on one end and pump barrel size on the other end. (MSFA recommends all pumpers carry at least twenty (20) feet of soft suction.)

2) Booster tank to be full and have a minimum capacity of three hundred (300) gallons for companies with approved water supply and five hundred (500) gallons capacity for companies without approved water supply. Apparatus purchased after July 1991, must have a minimum five hundred (500) gallon booster tank.

3) One thousand (1000) feet 2 ½” or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) hose for companies with approved water supply, five hundred (500) feet 2 ½” or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) for companies without approved water supply. Apparatus purchased after July 1991 will carry One thousand two hundred (1200) feet 2 ½” or larger fire hose.

4) Two hundred fifty (250) feet 1 ½” to 2” hose (NST coupling). Apparatus purchased after July 1991 will carry four hundred (400) feet 1 ½” to 2” (NST coupling) fire hose.

5) One hundred fifty (150) feet ¾” or larger hose, preconnected to apparatus and equipped with combination fog and straight stream nozzle. Thread for any chemical booster hose shall be NST, if
apparatus is equipped with booster line. (Items 3, 4, and 5 to be tested annually to manufacturer’s specifications and carried on pumper at all times).

6) One (1) 14 foot minimum roof ladder with folding hooks.

7) One (1) 24 foot minimum extension ladder (fire service approved) and one (1) 10 foot folding ladder with bracket.

8) Two (2) pike poles, 6 foot and 8 foot minimum.

9) One (1) forcible entry bar, 30 inch minimum.

10) One (1) pick head axe and one (1) flat head axe (fire department type).

11) Two (2) 2 ½” or equivalent nozzles, shut off type with fog tip or combination, 200 GPM and one (1) play pipe with 1”, 1 1/8”, and 1 ¼” tips.

12) Two (2) 1 ½” nozzles, shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, 95 GPM.

13) Two (2) 2 ½” double female couplings.

14) Two (2) 2 ½” double male couplings.

15) One (1) 2 ½” wye reducer with two 1 ½” shut-off discharges.

16) One (1) reducer, 2 ½” female to 1 ½” male.

17) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2 ½” NST, with swivel.

18) Four (4) 2 ½” spanner wrenches.

19) Two (2) adjustable hydrant wrenches with bracket.

20) Two (2) salvage covers, 12 feet X 14 feet minimum.

21) Four (4) ladder straps or rope or chain hose tools.

22) One hundred twenty-five (125) feet 9,000 lb. Tensile strength life line kernmantle. All other utility ropes at the discretion of the department.

23) One (1) broom.

24) One (1) mop.

25) One (1) shovel.

26) One (1) First Aid Kit per NFPA Pamphlet 1901 or revised editions.

27) Two (2) portable electric hand lanterns with mounting brackets.

28) Two (2) portable extinguishers, one (1) 80 BC rating powder type, one (1) 10 BC rating CO2 type.

29) Four (4) self-contained breathing apparatus (meeting NFPA 1981 requirements), certified for thirty (30) minutes or more of operation, with alarms or timers and spare cylinders for each.

30) Warning signals (Light, bell, siren, whistle) to be in good working condition.

31) Apparatus shall have a means of communications from rear step to driver (buzzer, bell or intercom).

32) A minimum of twelve (12) sets of turn out clothing (coats with liners, boots, gloves, and helmets). Boots to have puncture-resistant
insoles. Coats, gloves, and helmets to be heat resistant, as approved for fire service. This equipment need not be kept on pumper.
33) Audible back-up alarm on all new apparatus.
34) All equipment to be maintained ready for service at all times.
35) One (1) 2 ½” Underwriters relay fitting with shut off gate and 2 ½” swivel, female threads NST, preconnected to pump.
36) Eight (8) thirty minute safety flares.
37) All apparatus shall meet Maryland State Department of Transportation standards; lighting, axle loads, tire size, frame capacities, height, length, width, etc.
38) One (1) set emergency road triangles (3).
39) One (1) each per crew member: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.
40) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: four (4) surgical masks, four (4) eye protection devices, four (4) protective gowns, two (2) red bio-waste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water-soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol scrub.

b) Annual testing of all Class “A” pumpers and fire hose to meet NFPA 1901 or revised edition. Annual compliance to be handled by County Fire Authorities and results submitted to Standards Committee on forms as provided by MSFA.

Section 3- PUMPER-TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS:

a) A motor pumper of at least 1,000 GPM pump capacity. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or its successors, as a registered emergency vehicle. All apparatus shall be in the Preventive Maintenance Inspection Program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. If canopy cab is present there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance, i.e. door gate, bar, chain, etc. The safety devices shall be in working order. Standards for pumps are primarily based on NFPA 1901, Standards for Pumper. These pumps are required to have slow closing valves on larger intake and discharge valves, and intake relief system, interlocks to prevent the accidental movement of the apparatus during pumping operations. Gauges should be NFPA approved.

b) The water tank size will be One thousand five hundred (1,500) usable gallons minimum. Other requirements added for the water tank include: sumps with cleanouts, piping vents and overflows to behind the rear axle, and provisions for quick filing and dumping of any tank over one thousand five hundred five hundred (1,500) gallon capacity. It shall be equipped as follows:
1) Two (2) 10 feet hard suction hose with a strainer, a double female swivel connection on one end of the suction hose and on the other end should be local large hydrant thread, to comply with NFPA standards in existence at the time the apparatus was built. Twenty (20) feet of soft suction, sized to pump capacity of the pump, with the local hydrant outlet connection on one end and the pump intake connection on the other end.

2) Booster tank to be full and have a minimum capacity of one thousand five hundred (1,500) usable gallons. Venting of the tank to capable of handling gallons discharged.

Eight hundred (800) feet 2 ½” or larger (NST or twist lock coupling) hose.

3) Four hundred (400) feet of 1 ½” to 2” fire hose. All hose is to be tested annually to manufacturer’s specifications and is to be carried on pumper at all times.

4) One (1) 14 foot minimum roof ladder with folding hooks.

5) One (1) 24 foot minimum extension ladder (fire service approved) and one (1) 10 foot folding ladder, which either shall be mounted or compartmentalized.

6) Two (2) pike poles, one (1) 6 foot and one (1) 8 foot minimum.

7) One (1) 30” minimum forcible entry bar, which must be mounted.

8) Two (2) axes, one (1) pick head and one (1) flat head (fire department type), which shall be mounted.

9) Two (2) 2 ½” or equivalent nozzles shut off type with fog tip or combination, 200 GPM.

One (1) play pipe 1 ½” with 1”, 1 1/8”, and 1 ¼” tips.

10) Two (2) 1 ½” nozzles shut off type, with combination fog and straight stream, variable flow.

11) Two (2) 2 ½” double female couplings.

12) Two (2) 2 ½” double male couplings.

13) One (1) hose clamp.

14) One (1) 2 ½” wye reducer with 1 ½” shut-off discharges.

15) One (1) reducer, 2 ½” female to 1 ½” male.

16) One (1) reducer, double female from suction hose size to 2 ½” NST, with swivel.

17) One (1) rubber mallet, suitable for use on suction hose connections.

18) Four (4) combination spanner wrenches with brackets, to be mounted.

19) Two (2) adjustable hydrant wrenches with brackets, to be mounted.

20) Two (2) salvage covers, 12 feet X 14 feet minimum, water repellent.

21) Four (4) ladder straps or rope or chain hose tools.

22) One hundred twenty-five (125) feet 9,000 lb tensile strength lifeline
All other utility ropes at the discretion of the fire department.

23) One (1) long handle broom.
24) One (1) long handle mop.
25) One (1) long handle shovel.
26) One (1) pair, insulated bolt cutters with 7/16” throat opening minimum cut, non-electric.
27) One (1) toolbox with hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, and other assorted tools.
28) One (1) First Aid Kit per NFPA pamphlet 1901 or revised edition.
29) Two (2) portable electric hand lanterns, with mounting brackets, to be mounted.
30) Two (2) portable extinguishers, one (1) 80BC rating powder type, one (1) 10BC rating CO2 type with brackets, to be mounted.
31) Four (4) self-contained breathing apparatus (meeting NFPA 1981 standards) certified for thirty (30) minutes or more of operation, with an alarm and a PASS device and spare cylinders for each breathing apparatus.
32) Two (2) wheel chocks mounted in readily accessible location.
33) Apparatus shall have a means of communication from rear step to driver (buzzer, bell, or intercom).
34) One (1) 2 ½” underwriters relay fitting with shut-off gate and 2 ½” swivel, female threads, NST, preconnected to pump.
35) Eight (8) thirty (30) minute safety flares.
36) One (1) set of three (3) emergency road triangles.
37) One (1) 2 ½” quarter turn valve, relay valve.
38) One (1) siamese (2 ½” female X 2 ½” female X 2 ½” male, clappered).
39) One (1) two-way radio to meet county standard with outside speaker and microphone or headset at the pump panel for convenience of the pump operator.
40) All equipment to be maintained ready for service at all times.
41) At the rear of the tank, 4 ½” or greater size gated discharge gravity or jet dump NST. (Optional)

1) One (1) portable tank with capacity of holding the water of the pumper tanker. (Optional)

Section 3A- TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS-TANKER WITH PUMP

a) The vehicle shall consist of a motorized piece of apparatus of minimum capacity to carry the equipment listed below without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer’s G.V.W.
The vehicle shall be equipped with an audible back-up alarm and necessary warning devices. It must be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. If canopy cab is present, there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance: i.e., door, gate, bar, chain, etc., in working order. The tanker should be in good operating condition. The vehicle must meet MSFA standards, which are primarily based on NFPA 1903. It shall be equipped as follows:

1) Tank capacity: one thousand five hundred (1500) useable gallons, or larger.

2) Pump, five hundred (500) GPM with relief valve and one (1) 1 ½ inch gated inlet, and two (2) 2 ½ inch dischargers, or P.T.O. pump used with jet dump capable of dumping at least five hundred (500) GPM. All threads to be NST. Apparatus purchased after July 1991, will have a seven hundred fifty (750) GPM pump.

3) Piping tank to pump, five hundred (500) GPM flow.

4) Tank refill, five hundred (500) GPM flow.

5) Venting of tank to be capable of handling gallons discharged.

6) Fill tower, top of tank, to be a minimum of 5” with quick release lid.

7) Two hundred (200) feet 1 ½” or larger fire hose and nozzle.

8) Two hundred (200) feet 2 ½” fire hose.

9) Two (2) wheel chocks mounted in readily accessible locations.

10) Two (2) hydrant wrenches.

11) Two (2) spanner wrenches.

12) Two (2) hand lights.

13) One (1) rubber mallet.

14) Two (2) 2 ½” double females.

15) Two (2) 2 ½” double males.

16) One (1) 2 ½” female X 1 ½” male.

17) Assorted hose gaskets.

18) One (1) fire extinguisher, 80BC rated, powder type, and vehicle bracket.

19) One (1) shovel.

20) Eight (8) road safety flares.

21) One (1) first aid kit per pamphlet 1903.

22) One (1) two way radio to meet county standards with
outside speaker and microphone.

23) One (1) set emergency road triangles (3 each).

24) One (1) each per crew member: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.

25) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of four (4) each surgical masks, four (4) each eye protection devices, four (4) each protective gowns, two (2) red bio-waste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water-soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

Section 3B- TANKER MINIMUM STANDARDS- TANKER WITHOUT PUMP

a) The vehicle shall consist of a motorized piece of apparatus of minimum capacity to carry the equipment listed below without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer’s G.V.W. rating. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. If a canopy cab is present, there shall be safety devices at canopy entrance: i.e., door, gate, bar, chain, etc. It shall be equipped as follows:

1) Tank capacity: One thousand five hundred (1,500) usable gallons or larger.
2) Discharge at five hundred (500) GPM flow with capacity of connecting suction hose from pumper.
3) Venting of tank to be capable of handling gallons discharging and filling.
4) Fill tower at top of tank to be a minimum of 5” width, with quick release.
5) One hundred (100) feet 2 ½” fire hose for refilling.
6) One (1) wheel chock.
7) Two (2) hydrant wrenches.
8) Two (2) spanner wrenches.
9) Two (2) hand lights.
10) One (1) rubber mallet.
11) Two (2) 2 ½” double females.
12) Two (2) 2 ½” double males.
13) One (1) extinguisher, BC rated, powder type, with vehicle bracket.
14) Eight (8) safety flares.
15) One (1) first aid kit per NFPA 1903.
16) One (1) set emergency road triangles (3 each).
17) One (1) each per crew member: respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.
18) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: four (4) each surgical masks, four (4) eye protection devices, four (4) protective gowns, two (2) red bio-waste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water-soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

Section 3C- TANKER EQUIPMENT-SUGGESTED-NOT MANDATORY
1) Folding tank
2) Hard suction hose.
3) Soft suction hose.
4) Shallow drafting strainer.
5) Two (2) self-contained breathing units.
6) One (1) 2½” nozzle.
7) One (1) tool box and necessary tools.
8) Two (2) axes, one (1) flathead and one (1) pick head.
9) One (1) forcible entry bar.
10) One (1) ten foot pike pole.
11) One (1) ladder.
12) One (1) salvage cover, 12 foot X 14 foot.
13) Rear of tank, a minimum 4½” gated discharge, gravity or jet dump, NST.
14) One (1) 2½” quarter turn valve.

Section 4- LADDER TRUCK MINIMUM STANDARDS
The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed manufacturer’s G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including audible back-up alarm, and safety devices. If canopy cab is present the entrance must be equipped with a safety device, i.e.; door, gate, bar, chain, etc. The vehicle must meet MSFA Standards, which are primarily based on NFPA 1904, Standards for Aerial Apparatus.

The ladder truck may consist of a hydraulic aerial ladder or a hydraulic platform with a minimum of sixty-five (65) feet above ground level.

Testing of aerial and ground ladders and safety belts is to be done by
authorized personnel and records are to be maintained.

The following equipment shall be maintained on the truck:

1) One hundred fifteen (115) feet of ground ladders (MSFA recommends one hundred sixty-three (163) feet).
2) Six (6) pike poles: two (2) 6 feet, two (2) 8 feet, and two (2) 12 feet.
3) Five (5) Axes: three (3) pick head and two (2) flat head.
4) Four (4) Electric Hand Lights
5) Four (4) Shovels: two (2) scoop and two (2) dirt
6) Two (2) Brooms, two (2) Mops, and two (2) Squeegees.
7) One (1) Heavy Duty Staple Gun.
8) Two (2) Prybars, 50” minimum.
9) Forcible entry tools.
10) Two (2) Life Lines, One hundred fifty (150) feet 5/8” and One hundred fifty (150) feet ½”, plus two (2) One hundred fifty (150) feet Utility Lines (Three thousand {3000} lb. tensile strength Kernmantle).
11) Two (2) rolls eight (8) mil. (.008) Plastic- Minimum fifteen lb. roll.
12) One (1) Bucket and mop wringer.
13) One (1) can (at least three (3) lbs.) assorted nails.
14) Six (6) Sprinkler stops, with wrench.
15) Four (4) Spanner wrenches, assorted sizes.
16) One (1) insulated, heavy duty Wire Cutter, #6 wire.
17) One (1) Carpenter’s Hand Saw or Power Saw.
18) One (1) Hacksaw with three (3) blades.
19) One (1) Power Saw with carbide blade.
20) Assorted wood plugs.
21) One (1) “K” Tool Door Opener.
22) Four (4) Life Belts, assorted sizes.
23) Two (2) pitch forks, four (4) prongs.
24) One (1) First Aid Kit, to meet First Responder requirements.
25) Two (2) Sledge Hammers, minimum eight (8) lb.
26) Three (3) pairs Safety Goggles.
27) One (1) Generator (AC), minimum five thousand (5,000) watts.
28) Three (3) five hundred (500) watt Floodlights.
29) Five hundred (500) feet Electrical Cable, minimum 12-3.
30) Two (2) five thousand (5,000) CFM 16” or one (1) eleven thousand (11,000) CFM 24” Smoke Ejectors, explosion proof motors.
31) Two (2) 2 ½” double female Hose Adapters.
32) Two (2) 2 ½” double male Hose Adapters.
33) Six (6) thirty (30) minute Road Flares.
34) One (1) Chimney chain with Chimney Brush.
35) Two (2) Metal Buckets, minimum twelve (12) quart.
36) One (1) Chimney Shovel.
37) Four (4) Masks, self-contained, with audible alarm and four (4) spare bottles (NFPA 1981 Approved). (One {1} self-contained Breathing Apparatus complying with NFPA 1981, open circuit self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighters, for each seating position {see section 2-1} but not less than four {4}).

38) Three (3) Portable Fire Extinguishers, in mounting brackets, one (1) twenty (20) lb. ABC, one (1) fifteen (15) lb. CO2, and one (1) 2 ½ gallon water.

39) Eight (8) Rope hose tools or ladder straps.

40) One (1) detachable or permanently mounted Ladder Pipe on end of ladder, with stack tips and fog nozzle, five hundred (500) GPM or more.

41) One (1) Hammerhead Wall Pick.

42) One (1) Bolt Cutter, minimum 36”.

43) One (1) Two-way Siamese, with shut off valve, 2 ½” or larger.

44) One hundred (100) feet three 3” fire hose for ladder pipe or have built-in piping.

45) Two-way communication from ground to tip of fly of ladder or basket.

46) Communication from rear step to cab.

47) Two-way radio with local county frequencies.

48) One (1) Tool box containing the following small tools for fireground operation (NFPA 1904): One (1) Hacksaw, with blades; One (1) Keyhole Saw, One (1) 12 inch (305mm) Pipe Wrench; One (1) 24 inch (610mm) Pipe Wrench; One (1) Ball Peen Hammer; One (1) pair Tin Snips; One (1) pair Slip Joint Pliers; One (1) pair Lineman’s Pliers; Assorted types and sizes of screwdrivers (flat blade and phillips); Assorted sizes of Adjustable Wrenches; and Assorted sizes of Combination Wrenches.

49) One (1) Hose Roller.

50) One (1) set Emergency Road Triangles (3).

51) One (1) each per crewmember: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.

52) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: Four (4) each surgical masks, Four (4) each eye protection devices and Four (4) protective gowns, Two (2) red Bio-waste bags, Two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, Ten (10) plastic trash bags, Twenty-four (24) paper towels, Twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, Two (2) water-soluble bags, and Two (2) cans of foam alcohol hand scrub.

ARTICLE E- MINIMUM STANDARDS AMBULANCE COMPANIES MIEMSS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Section 1- The minimum standards herein have been jointly developed by the
MSFA and MIEMSS and thus also constitute the standard for the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program. Upon successful completion of a voluntary inspection conducted by MIEMSS personnel, Certificate of Excellence decals for the ambulance and a Certificate of Excellence wall plaque for the station will be issued by MIEMSS. Minimum standards for MSFA member fire and rescue companies operating Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be Line Officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section “e” of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of the apparatus and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each ambulance shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC Rules and Regulations. Where communications equipment, provided by the State EMS Communications System, is operated, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time to MIEMSS or State EMS Communications System contracted maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS Communications System guidelines.

e) After July 1, 1995, it shall be the standard of every ambulance belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on a mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations level course. One (1) of these attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland EMT-A certification (or higher-level certification) issued through MIEMSS. The EMT-A (or higher-level attendant) must care for the patient and ride in the patient compartment during transport. The second attendant, or another person who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver. The driver shall be trained as an emergency vehicle operator.

f) Each ambulance shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or by reciprocity with a bordering state. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm and safety devices.

g) Each company which submits an application for membership in the MSFA and which operates a BLS ambulance shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee, or its designees, prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if the company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall
be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended.

h) Member companies which have not previously operated an ambulance and undertake to do so shall, pass an inspection by the MSFA EMS Committee, or its designees, prior to initiating such a service.

i) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

j) Each ambulance shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland guidelines and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and shall be appropriately marked. All reusable items, especially those that are most often left with the patient at a hospital (boards, MAST, etc.), must be clearly marked. Due to the fact that patients are most often transported to trauma centers outside the immediate response area, the following minimum information is required: Ambulance Number (A31, M7, etc.), Company Name (not just initials), County and State Name, and Permanent Accessible Phone Number Including Area Code.

k) The equipment in each ambulance and all records relating to its maintenance and operation as such shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA. Every ambulance shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

**GENERAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT**

1) Twenty-four (24) each Sterile gauze pads (4” X4” minimum)
2) Two (2) rolls 2” adhesive tape (some hypo-allergenic must be available)
3) Two (2) rolls 1” adhesive tape (some hypo-allergenic must be available)
4) Twelve (12) each Cravats (Triangular Bandages)
5) Twelve (12) rolls 4” self-adhering gauze bandages
6) Four (4) each Cold packs
7) One (1) box Assorted plastic bandage strips
8) Six (6) each Sterile sanitary napkins (or highly absorbent dressings)
9) Five (5) each Sterile Trauma Dressings (5”X9” minimum)
10) One (1) each Poison Kit
11) Three (3) each glucose supplements
12) One (1) each Penlight (narrow beam flashlight is acceptable)
13) One (1) each Adult BP cuff, regular and obese (sphygmomanometer)
14) One (1) each Pediatric BP cuff (sphygmomanometer)
15) One (1) piece Non-adherent material for occlusive dressing (18”X25”minimum-metal foil is not acceptable)
16) One (1) each Adult PASG with passive relief valves
17) Two (2) liters Sterile saline or sterile water
18) Two (2) each Sterile or clean sheets for burns (individually wrapped)
19) One (1) box Exam gloves (assorted sizes-OSHA standards will be followed)
20) Two (2) each Emesis basins
21) One (1) each Urinal
22) One (1) each Stethoscope
23) One (1) pair Bandage Scissors
24) One (1) each Container of disinfecting solution for ambulance (OSHA standards will be followed)
25) One (1) box Facial tissue
26) One (1) each Maryland Triage tag kit
27) One (1) each Sterile obstetrical (OB) kit containing: One (1) large towel or receiving blanket, Four (4) pairs sterile gloves (assorted sizes), Twelve (12) each sterile 4X4 gauze pads, Four (4) each umbilical clamps or ties, Two (2) sanitary napkins (or comparable absorbent dressings), One (1) bulb syringe for suctioning, and One (1) pair blunt scissors. (A commercially available OB kit may be substituted for these items)
28) One (1) each Rescue shears
29) Four (4) each Surgical masks
30) Four (4) each Gowns through which blood and/or body fluids cannot penetrate
31) Four (4) each Eye/face shields (NOTE: May be combined with surgical masks) NOTE: Items 29-31 may be combined into a bio-hazard kit carried on the ambulance.
32) Five (5) each Plastic, seal able bags with bio-hazard stickers
33) One (1) each bedpan
34) Two (2) each IV solution hangers
35) One (1) trash can

PORTABLE FIRST AID KIT
1) Twenty-four (24) each Sterile gauze pads (4”X4” minimum)
2) One (1) roll 2” adhesive tape (hypo-allergenic)
3) One (1) each Rescue shears
4) Eight (8) each Cravats (triangular bandages)
5) One (1) set Oropharyngeal airways (assorted sizes, 0-5)
6) One (1) each Ring cutter
7) One (1) each Stethoscope
8) One (1) each BP cuff (adult sphygmomanometer)
9) One (1) each Bandage scissors
10) One (1) each Penlight (narrow beam flashlight is acceptable)
11) Six (6) rolls 4” self-adhering gauze bandages
12) Two (2) rolls 6” self-adhering gauze bandages
13) Four (4) each Sterile trauma dressing (5”X9” minimum)
14) One (1) each Patient Marking pen
15) One (1) each Kit large enough to carry above equipment (dust and water resistant)
16) Two (2) pairs Exam gloves
17) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal Airways (assorted sizes)

AIRWAY MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
1) One (1) each Portable oxygen resuscitator of at least 300 L capacity. Two (2) size “D” or one (1) size “E” extra medical oxygen (green for steel cylinders, unpainted brushed metal for aluminum or stainless steel cylinders), shall be free of grease and oil and shall bear a current hydrostatic test date. Unit shall be equipped with an appropriate thread or pin indexed yoke, a reducing valve limiting line pressure to 50 PSI, and a cylinder pressure gauge to indicate the amount of oxygen remaining. Additionally, a variable flow valve (not gravity dependent) and a flow meter capable of delivering at least 15 LPM shall be attached.

2) One (1) each on board installed piped oxygen resuscitator of at least 3,000 L capacity shall be available. Cylinder shall be properly color coded for medical oxygen, shall be free of grease and oil, shall be accessible for replacement, preferably from outside the patient compartment, and shall have a hydrostatic test date of less than five (5) years old. Unit shall be equipped with an appropriate thread or pin indexed yoke, a reducing valve limiting line pressure to 50 PSI, and a cylinder pressure gauge to indicate the amount of oxygen remaining. Additionally, at least one (1) oxygen wall outlet with plug-in variable flow valve, and a flow meter capable of delivering at least 15 LPM shall be installed.

3) Two (2) each Adult oxygen masks and cannulas, transparent, single use: Non-rebreather and Nasal Cannula.
4) Two (2) each Pediatric oxygen masks and cannulas, transparent, single use: Partial rebreather (Simple Face Mask) and Nasal Cannula.
5) Two (2) each Oxygen connecting tubing.
6) One (1) each Hand operated adult bag resuscitation unit with oxygen inlet, reservoir tube, clean adult and pediatric masks, without pop-off valve or with selective pop-off valve (clear recommended).
7) One (1) Hand operated infant bag resuscitation unit with oxygen inlet, reservoir tube, clean infant mask, and pop-off valve (clear recommended).
8) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal Airways (assorted French sizes).
9) One (1) set Oropharyngeal Airways (assorted sizes, 0 to 5).
10) One (1) Portable suction unit, battery powered with a minimum twenty (20) minute continuous operation. Assorted catheters and rigid suction tips. Must be able to develop 11.81 inches of water vacuum (300 mmhg) within four (4) seconds of clamping.
11) One (1) On-board, piped suction unit capable of providing a free air flow of at least twenty (20) LPM at the end of the delivery tube and a vacuum of 11.81 inches of water (300 mmhg) within four (4) seconds of clamping. The suction force shall be adjusted for use in children and intubated patients. The suction force must be reliable, such as from engine manifold and/or a permanent election suction pump powered by the vehicles’ alternator/batteries.

LINEN SUPPLIES
1) One (1) each Pillow (Non-absorbent or disposable).
2) One (1) each Pillowcase.
3) Two (2) each Sheets.
4) Two (2) each Towels.
5) Two (2) each Blankets (cotton or other non-conductive material).

CARRYING DEVICES
1) One (1) each Cot with mattress, four (4) wheels and adjustable head position.
2) Two (2) safety straps, minimum. (OSHA standards should be followed).
3) One (1) each Auxiliary Litter.
4) One (1) each Stair Chair (Items 3 and 4 may be combined.)

IMMOBILIZATION EQUIPMENT
1) Two (2) full spinal immobilization devices that meet OSHA standards.
2) One (1) half spinal immobilization device that meets OSHA standards.
3) One (1) orthopedic stretcher.
4) Six (6) 9 inch straps (speed clips, etc. or an equivalent for immobilizing two (2) patients on two (2) long boards).
5) One (1) adult leg traction splint with ankle hitch.
6) One (1) pediatric leg traction splint with ankle hitch.
7) Two (2) padded board splints (54”X3”).
8) Two (2) padded board splints (36”X3”).
9) Two (2) padded board splints (15”X3”).
10) Two (2) sets of head immobilization devices (head blocks, blanket roll).
11) Two (2) sets extrication collars (Five (5) sizes per set. Note: Soft cervical collars do not provide adequate immobilization for undiagnosed potential injuries).
12) One (1) Child safety seat that meets federal specification
SAFETY ITEMS
1) One (1) fire extinguisher (5 lb. multipurpose dry chemical).
2) Two (2) hand lights.
3) One (1) each NO SMOKING sign in the patient compartment.
4) Three (3) each Reflective triangles that meet D.O.T. standards.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (SPASH PROTECTION)

It is recommended that each riding member have their own protective gear (meeting NFPA standards). Should this not be available, the company will supply gear for members responding on that call.

1) One (1) each per crewmember present Protective coats.
2) One (1) each per crewmember present Helmet.
3) One (1) each per crewmember present Turnout pants and boots.
4) One (1) pair per crewmember present Safety Goggles.
5) One (1) pair per crewmember present Firefighter gloves.

EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT

Unless an emergency vehicle capable of providing extrication support is within a ten (10) minute response and is routinely dispatched with the ambulance from its or another station on every call that would reasonably require such support, then certain access and extrication equipment should be carried on the ambulance. The following is the minimum extrication equipment that should be available at all times:

1) One (1) each Wrench, 12” open ended.
2) One (1) each Screwdriver 12” standard slot blade.
3) One (1) each Screwdriver 12” Phillips type.
4) One (1) each Hacksaw.
5) Six (6) each Hacksaw blades (Carbide type).
6) One (1) each Pliers, Channel-lock, adjustable.
7) One (1) each Pliers, 10” Vise grip.
8) One (1) each Hammer, 2-5lb., 15” handle.
9) One (1) each Fire axe, butt, 24” handle.
10) One (1) each 24” Wrecking bar.
11) One (1) each Spring-loaded punch.

The following equipment is recommended but not required:
12) One (1) each Crowbar 51” with pinch point.
13) One (1) each Bolt Cutter with 1 ¼” jaw opening.
14) One (1) each Portable power jack and spreader tool.
15) One (1) each Shovel 49” with pointed blade.
16) Two (2) each Rescue rope, each 50 feet long, ½” diameter.

AMBULANCE VEHICLE

Refer to COMAR Section 11.14.02- Department of Transportation Standards
1) Functional climate control system (heating and cooling).
2) Functional emergency warning lights.
3) Functional emergency audible warning devices (horn excluded).
SANITATION STANDARDS

1) Freshly laundered linen or disposable sheets and pillowcases or their equivalent will be used in transporting patients and changed after each use. At least one (1) complete change will be carried in the ambulance at all times. Moisture-proof protective covers shall be provided for the mattress and for any reusable pillows.

2) First aid supplies shall be stored in a clean container, free from dust, moisture, insects, and rodents.

3) The ambulance interior shall be cleaned after use. When patients with known infectious diseases have been transported, the patient compartment should be disinfected in compliance with organizations Infection Control Plan that meets OSHA bloodborne pathogen standards (CFR29.1910.30).

4) Suitable containers shall be provided for trash and soiled supplies.

5) An approved container to safely dispose of sharps (glass, needles, etc.) shall be provided on the ambulance.

6) Implements intended for use in a patient’s nose or mouth shall be separately wrapped and properly stored and handled. Should such implements be contaminated through use, it should be disposed of, if disposable, and disinfected, if reusable. Of particular concern are suction tubing and catheters, diaphragms, oxygen delivery devices, resuscitator bags and face masks. These items should be checked after each use and on a regular basis for debris and contamination.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT (RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED)

1) One (1) each respirator for each crewmember as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

2) One (1) each Body Substance Isolation Kit. A second kit consisting of four (4) surgical masks, four (4) eye protection devices, and four (4) protective gowns for each crewmember.

3) One (1) each AED.

4) One (1) each Pulse Oximeter.

**ARTICLE F- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS (MICU)**

**Section 1-** Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies, performing ALS with a mobile intensive care unit (MICU). A MICU is an ambulance equipped to render ALS and transport the patient to a medical facility. Minimum standards for MSFA member ALS companies operating at the MICU level are:

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ambulance service. For purposes of membership in the MSFA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section.
(e) of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the apparatus and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command and control. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications systems, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, it shall be the standards of every MICU belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least two (2) attendants certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials Operations Level course. One (1) of those attendants shall possess current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher-level certification issued through MIEMSS. The attendant with the higher-level certification shall ride in the patient compartment and shall be responsible for patient care during transport. The second attendant or other person, who is not certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, may be the driver.

f) Each MICU shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the MVA, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.

g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates a MICU shall pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. This inspection may be in addition to other requirements, if a company also operates fire and rescue apparatus. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections and all regulations adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each MICU shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Said equipment shall be in good condition and appropriately marked. The equipment on each MICU and all records to its
operation and maintenance shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative or designee of the MSFA.

j) Each MICU shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

1) All the items required on a basic life support ambulance as set forth in Article “E” of the MSFA By-laws.
2) The following specialized ALS supplies and equipment (Note: The following items and kits may be carried in combination with other items or kits and shall be carried in appropriate containers free from dust, moisture, insects and rodents.):

   ADDITIONAL ALS EQUIPMENT

   1) One (1) each Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator with quick look capability (adult and pediatric) (Note 1 & 2).
   2) Two (2) each Adult defibrillator pads (Note 3).
   3) Two (2) each Pediatric defibrillator pads (Note 3).
   4) Two (2) sets Monitoring cables.
   5) Six (6) sets Monitoring electrodes.
   6) Two (2) sets Adult pacing pads (Optional Note 4).
   7) One (1) set Pediatric pacing pads (Optional Note 4).
   8) One (1) set Spare monitor/defib batteries.
   9) One (1) each Spare EKG paper.
  10) One (1) each Tube electrode paste or jell pads (Note 4).
  11) One (1) each PDR or equivalent index (Optional).
  12) One (1) each Copy of Maryland Medical Protocols.
  13) One (1) each Gastric tubing (8, 10, 12, 14fr).
  14) Two (2) each Appropriate size lavage syringes.
  15) One (1) each Pneumothorax Kit.
  16) One (1) each Glucometer Kit (Optional).

   MEDICATIONS & DELIVERY DEVICES (NOTE 5)

   1) Five (5) each Adenosine- 6 mg each.
   2) Four (4) each Albuterol- 2.5 mg each.
   3) Two (2) each Nebulizers.
   4) Eight (8) each Atropine Sulfate- 1 mg each.
   5) Two (2) each Calcium Chloride- 1 g each.
   6) Two (2) each Dextrose 50%- 25 g each.
   7) Two (2) each Diazepam (Valium)- 10 mg each.
   8) Two (2) each Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)- 50 mg each.
   9) Two (2) each Dopamine- 800 mg each.
  10) Six (6) each Epinephrine 1:10,000- 1 mg each.
  11) Two (2) each Epinephrine 1:1,000- Multi dose (or 5 amp set).
  12) Two (2) each Furosemide (Lasix)- 100 mg each.
  13) Two (2) each Glucagon- 1 mg each.
  14) Four (4) each Lidocaine 2%- 100 mg each.
  15) Two (2) each Morphine Sulfate- 10 mg each.
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16) Two (2) each Naloxone (Narcan)- 2 mg each.
17) Two (2) each Nitroglycerin- Spray/Tab (Note 6).
18) Two (2) each Sodium Bicarbonate- 50 mg each.
19) Two (2) each Terbutaline
20) One (1) each Controlled access system.
21) Four (4) each 1cc syringes with 25 g needles.
22) Eight (8) each 3-5 cc syringes.
23) Four (4) each 18 or 19 g needles.
24) Four (4) each 1 ½ in. 21 g needles.

INTERVENOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
1) Six (6) each IV catheters gauges (14,16,18,20,22,24).
2) Three (3) each Red Top tubes.
3) Three (3) each Purple Top or any tube w/anticoagulant.
4) Two (2) each Vacutainers.
5) Two (2) each IO needles.
6) Two (2) each Saline lock (Optional).
7) Two (2) each 20 cc of normal saline (for Saline Lock) (Optional).
8) Eight (8) sets IV Administration Sets (4 capable 10-15 drops per minute).
9) Six (6) each 1000 cc bags Ringers Lactate.
10) Site Preparation Materials.
11) One (1) each Portable Sharps container.

INTUBATION KIT
1) One (1) set Miller blades (0,1,2,3,4).
2) One (1) set McIntosh blades (1,2,3,4).
3) One (1) each Adult laryngoscope handle.
4) One (1) each Pediatric laryngoscope handle.
5) Two (2) each ET tubes (6,7,8,9) cuffed.
6) Two (2) each ET tubes (2.5,3,3.5,4,5) uncuffed.
7) ET Tube holders (Optional).
8) Two (2) each Adult stylette.
9) Two (2) each Pediatric stylette.
10) Two (2) rolls 1” adhesive tape.
11) Four (4) each 10 cc syringes.
12) One (1) each Adult Magil forceps.
13) One (1) each Pediatric Magil forceps.
14) One (1) each Surgical lubricant (tube or packets).
15) One (1) each Lidocaine 10% or Benzocaine spray 20%.
16) One (1) each Lidocaine 2%- Jelly.
17) Spare laryngoscope bulbs and batteries (Optional).

Notes:
1) Cardiac monitor shall have capability of synchronized cardio version, and pacing capability where EMTPs respond on the unit.
2) Units with Defib Pads that offer “quick look” are acceptable in lieu of...
quick look paddles.

3) Required when unit not equipped with paddles.

4) Not required when unit not equipped with paddles.

5) Packaging of medications may vary but quantities must be met.

6) One (1) bottle of tablets or one (1) multidose spray.

ARTICLE G- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES ALS
(CHASE VEHICLES)

Section 1- Minimum standards for Advanced Life Support (ALS) companies performing ALS with a chase vehicle (ALS Unit). An ALS Unit is a vehicle equipped to render ALS, transport the ALS provider and equipment to the scene to provide patient care, and accompany the patient to the appropriate medical facility on an ambulance.

Note: This section does not apply to companies operating a chase unit to upgrade an ALS equipped ambulance from basic life support staffed to ALS staffed.

a) Active membership consisting of at least ten (10) members with EMS training, two (2) of whom must be line officers with responsibility for the ALS service. For purposes of membership in the MFSA, these ten (10) members must be trained in accordance with sub-section “e” of this section.

b) A heated station of adequate size and construction for the housing of the ALS unit and equipment.

c) A suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company membership.

d) Each unit shall have reliable two-way radios for communication with dispatch and medical command. Said equipment shall be operated in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations. Where communications equipment is operated that is provided by the State EMS communications system or that interfaces with the State EMS communications system, said equipment shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time, to MIEMSS or State EMS communications contractual maintenance personnel. Said equipment shall also be operated and maintained in accordance with State EMS communications systems guidelines.

e) From and after July 1, 1994, each ALS unit belonging to a member company of the MSFA, when operated on an ALS mission in or from the State of Maryland, to be staffed by at least one (1) attendant certified in training recognized by the Good Samaritan Act of Maryland, and the Hazardous Materials- Operations Level Course. That attendant shall possess a current and valid Maryland Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) or higher certification issued through MIEMSS. The CRT or higher-level certification shall be responsible for patient care. A second attendant, or other person, not certified to the level of CRT (or higher) may be the driver.

f) Each ALS Unit shall be registered as an emergency vehicle with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or by reciprocity with a bordering state.
g) Each company submitting an application for membership in the MSFA who operates as an ALS unit shall be required to pass an inspection by the EMS Committee or its designees prior to acceptance. If the required medical supplies and equipment fail to meet the requirements, the company shall be notified, in writing, and have thirty (30) days to rectify the discrepancies. If the discrepancies have not been rectified, the MSFA membership of the company concerned may be suspended by the MSFA. Notification of suspension for non-compliance shall be made, in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the member company.

h) It shall be the duty of a member company and its officers to comply with the provisions of these sections adopted under the authority of these sections.

i) Each ALS unit shall be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to care for patients in the pre-hospital phase as dictated by applicable Maryland protocols and training. Equipment shall be in good condition and shall be appropriately marked. The equipment on each ALS unit and all records relating to its operation and maintenance, shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time to a duly authorized representative of the MSFA. Each ALS unit shall be equipped with medical supplies and equipment as follows:

Notice: This section does not apply to companies operating chase vehicles to upgrade an ALS equipped ambulance for BLS staffed to ALS staffed, unless the ALS equipment is carried on the chase vehicle.

Note: The following items and kits may be carried in combination with other items or kits and must be carried in appropriate containers free from dust, moisture, insects and rodents.

**ADDITIONAL ALS EQUIPMENT**

1) One (1) each ALS radio to communicate with on-line medical control.
2) One (1) each Cardiac monitor with quick look capability (adult and pediatric) (Note 1 and 2).
3) Two (2) each Adult defibrillator pads (Note 3).
4) Two (2) each Pediatric defibrillator pads (Note 3).
5) One (1) set Monitoring cables.
6) Six (6) sets Monitoring electrodes.
7) Two (2) sets Adult Pacing pads (Optional) (Note 4).
8) One (1) set Pediatric Pacing pad (Optional) (Note 4).
9) One (1) set Spare monitor/defibrillator batteries.
10) One (1) each Spare EKG paper.
11) One (1) each Tube electrode paste or jell pads (Note 4).
12) PDR or equivalent index (Optional).
13) One (1) each copy of Maryland Medical Protocols.
14) One (1) each Gastric tubing (8,10,12,14fr).
15) Two (2) each Appropriate size lavage syringes.
16) One (1) each Pneumothorax Kit
17) Glucometer Kit (Optional).
18) Pulse Oximeter (Optional).

MEDICATIONS AND DELIVERY DEVICES (NOTE 5)
1) Five (5) each Adenosine- 6 mg each.
2) Four (4) each Albuterol- 2.5 mg each.
3) Two (2) each Nebulizers.
4) Eight (8) each Atropine Sulfate- 1 mg each.
5) Two (2) each Calcium Chloride- 1g each.
6) Two (2) each Dextrose 50%- 25 g each.
7) Two (2) each Diazepam (Valium)- 10 mg each.
8) Two (2) each Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)- 50 mg each.
9) Two (2) each Dopamine- 800 mg each.
10) Six (6) each Epinephrine 1:10,000- 1 mg each.
11) Two (2) each Epinephrine 1:1,000- Multi-dose (or 5 amp set).
12) Two (2) each Furosemide (Lasix)- 100 mg each.
13) Two (2) each Glucagon- 1 mg each.
14) Four (4) each Lidocaine 2%- 100 mg each.
15) Two (2) each Morphine Sulfate- 10 mg each.
16) Two (2) each Naloxone (Narcan)- 2 mg each.
17) Two (2) each Nitroglycerin- Spray/Tab (Note 6).
18) Two (2) each Sodium Bicarbonate- 50 mg each.
19) Two (2) each Terbutaline.
20) Controlled access system.
21) Four (4) each 1 cc syringes with 25 g needles.
22) Eight (8) each 3-5 cc syringes.
23) Four (4) each 18 or 19 g needles.
24) Four (4) each 1 ½” 21 g needles.

INTRA VENOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
1) Six (6) each IV catheters gauges (14,16,20,22,24).
2) Three (3) each Red top tubes.
3) Three (3) each Purple top or any tube w/anticoagulant.
4) Two (2) each Vacutainers.
5) Two (2) each IO needles.
6) Two (2) each Saline lock (Optional).
7) Two (2) each 20 cc of normal saline (for Saline lock) (Optional).
8) Eight (8) sets IV Administration Kits (Four capable 10-15 drops per minute).
9) Six (6) each 1000 cc bags Ringers Lactate.
10) Site preparation material.
11) One (1) each Portable Sharps.
12) Litter mounted pole (Optional).

INTUBATION KIT
1) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal airways (sizes 22-34).
2) One (1) set Miller Blades (0,1,2,3,4).
3) One (1) set McIntosh Blades (1,2,3,4).
4) One (1) each Adult laryngoscope handle.
5) One (1) each Pediatric laryngoscope handle.
6) Two (2) each ET Tubes (6, 7, 8, 9) cuffed.
7) Two (2) each ET Tubes (2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5) uncuffed.
8) ET tube holders (Optional).
9) Two (2) each Adult stylette.
10) Two (2) each Pediatric stylette.
11) Two (2) rolls 1” adhesive tape.
12) Four (4) each 10 cc syringes.
13) One (1) each Adult Magil forceps.
14) One (1) each Pediatric Magil forceps.
15) One (1) each Surgical lubricant (tube or packets).
16) One (1) each Lidocaine 10% or Benzocaine spray 20%.
17) One (1) each Lidocaine 2% - Jelly.
18) Spare laryngoscope bulbs and batteries (Optional).

OTHER
1) One (1) each Portable First Aid/Trauma Kit (Note 7 and 9).
2) One (1) each BP Cuffs (Adult & Pediatric).
3) One (1) each Stethoscope.
4) One (1) each Portable Oxygen Kit.
5) One (1) each Portable Suction.
6) One (1) each Body Substance Isolation Kit (Note 8).
7) Long Backboards and straps (Optional).
8) Short Backboards and straps (Optional).
9) Head Immobilization equipment (Optional).
10) Two (2) each Blankets.
11) Gloves (Note 9).

SAFETY ITEMS
1) One (1) each fire extinguisher (5lb multipurpose dry chemical).
2) Six (6) each 30 minute red road flares or three (3) D.O.T. reflective triangles.
3) Two (2) each Hand lights.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
1) One (1) each per crewmember protective coats (turnout or comparable).
2) One (1) each per crewmember safety helmets.
3) One (1) pair per crewmember boots (3/4 or 1/4 length with turnout pants).
4) One (1) pair per crewmember gloves.
5) One (1) pair per crewmember safety goggles.

ALS VEHICLE
1) Functional climate control system (both heating and cooling).
2) Functional emergency warning lights.
3) Functional emergency audible warning devices (not horn).
Notes:
1) Cardiac monitor shall have capability of synchronized cardiac version and pacing capability where EMTPs run on the unit.
2) Units with Defib pads that offer “quick look” are acceptable in lieu of quick look paddles.
3) Required when unit not equipped with paddles.
4) Not required when unit not equipped with paddles.
5) Packaging of medications may vary but quantities must be met.
6) One (1) bottle of tablets or One (1) multidose spray.
7) Kit should be able to provide patient care per Maryland protocols at the patient side.
8) Sufficient number for EMS crew manning unit.
9) Per Seal of Excellence- BLS criteria.

ARTICLE H- MINIMUM STANDARDS, RESCUE COMPANIES

Section 1- The minimum standards for volunteer rescue companies are:

a) The following rescue equipment shall be carried on a motorized piece of apparatus with a minimum 1/2-ton capacity to carry same without being overloaded. The vehicle shall meet D.O.T. specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer’s G.V.W. The vehicle shall be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors. All apparatus shall be in the preventive maintenance inspection program. Records of inspection under this regulation shall be kept at the location where the vehicle is garaged, assigned, or maintained. The vehicle shall be equipped with NFPA Standards for emergency warning lights and emergency audible devices, including back-up alarm, and safety devices. All personnel staffing this unit shall have protective clothing available.

b) Active company membership consisting of at least ten (10) trained members including two (2) officers; a heated station of adequate size and construction for housing of apparatus and equipment; and a suitable means of receiving an alarm and alerting company members.

c) Member companies operating a rescue squad shall maintain on their roster a minimum of ten (10) members who have successfully completed the forty (40) hour basic course in rescue procedures, the intermediate course of Rescue Instruction, or the Rescue Technician course as offered by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or equivalent, and the Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Course.

d) Minimum equipment to be carried and the standards are:
   1) Axes- One (1) pick head, one (1) flat head, and one (1) pry.
   2) Bars- One (1) 12” Halligan and one (1) 30” Halligan.
   3) Blankets- Six (6) cotton and wool.
   4) Breathing- Two (2) positive pressure one-half hour (future purchases to be one-hour) self-contained breathing apparatus with two (2) spare bottles and one (1) positive pressure O2 resuscitator with
demand valve and aspirator.
5) Chain- Two (2) 10’ 20 ton capacity and two (2) 10’ 10 ton capacity.
6) Chisels- One (1) air chisel with 100’ section of line.
7) Cutting tools- Bolt cutters; one (1) large pair and one (1) small pair.
8) Electrical- One (1) 5 KW stationary or portable generator with a five (5) gallon safety can and one (1) quart of oil. 200 feet electrical line with twist-lock connectors, one (1) 3-way electrical junction box and assorted pigtail/adapter. Four (4) 500-watt portable lights with twist-lock connectors.
9) Fans- One (1) explosion-proof 16” smoke ejector.
10) Emergency Care- One (1) first aid kit; one (1) long back board; one (1) short back board or extraction immobilization device; one (1) stokes basket and fifty (50) triage tags.
11) Fire Extinguishers- One (1) 20 lb dry chemical; one (1) 20 lb Halon or CO2.
12) Lifting- One (1) 1/2 ton come-along; one(1) 20 ton porta-power; two (2) 10 ton jacks (manual or hydraulic).
13) Ladders- One (1) 10’-16’ two (2) section fire service rated ladder; one (1) attic ladder.
14) Picks- One (1) point and chisel type; one (1) tunneling.
15) Poles- Two (2) 6’ pike poles with hooked end.
16) Rope- One (1) each 150 ft 9,000 lb tensile strength life line (Kernmantle). All other utility ropes at the discretion of the department.
17) Salvage Covers- Two (2) salvage covers 12’X12’.
18) Saws- One (1) rescue type circular saw with assorted tips/blades; one (1) chain saw; one (1) skill saw; one (1) hacksaw; one (1) hand saw.
19) Shovels- Two (2) long handled pointed shovels; two (2) scoop shovels.
20) Sledges- One (1) sledge hammer, 10 lb; and one (1) non-sparking, 8 lb.
21) Small Tools- One (1) tool kit containing: one (1) 2lb hammer; one (1) 3lb hammer; two (2) hatchets; one (1) claw hammer; one (1) hacksaw with at least six (6) extra blades; one (1) 8” crescent wrench; one (1) 10” crescent wrench; one (1) 12” crescent wrench; one (1) pair tin snips; one (1) 8” or 10” pipe wrench; one (1) sheet metal cutting tool or crash axe; one (1) pair of regular pliers; one (1) pair 6” diagonal pliers; one (1) pair of long needle-nose pliers; one (1) 3/4” cold chisel; one (1) broad blade brick chisel; one (1) 1” star drill; one (1) set Allen wrenches; and one (1) spring loaded center punch.
22) Miscellaneous- Two (2) street brooms; two (2) mops; one (1) mop
wringer with bucket; two (2) squeegees; two (2) battery powered hand-lights; cribbing (amount to be determined by the department); one (1) gas tank; one (1) radiological detection apparatus; and one (1) box of road flares.

23) One (1) each per crewmember: Respirator and gloves as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, for airborne pathogens.

24) One (1) Bio-Hazard Kit, consisting of: Four (4) each surgical masks, four (4) each eye protection devices and four (4) protective gowns, two (2) red bio-waste bags, two (2) yellow bio-waste bags, ten (10) plastic trash bags, twenty-four (24) paper towels, twenty-four (24) clean towelettes, two (2) water soluble bags, and two (2) cans of foam alcohol scrub.

ARTICLE I- MINIMUM STANDARD BLS FIRST RESPONDER UNITS

Section 1- The following items in the quantities indicated shall be carried on the BLS First Responder Units:

1) One (1) each Stethoscope.
2) One (1) each Pediatric BP Cuff.
3) One (1) each Adult BP Cuff, regular and obsess (sphygmomanometer).
4) One (1) each Penlight.
5) One (1) each Bandage Scissors.
6) One (1) each Suction unit (hand powered or equivalent).
7) One (1) each Patient Marking Pen.
8) Twenty (20) each Sterile Gauze Pads (4”X4”).
9) One (1) roll 2” Adhesive Tape.
10) Six (6) each Cravats.
11) Four (4) each Sterile Trauma Dressing (5”X9”).
12) Four (4) rolls 2” Self-adhering gauze bandage.
13) Four (4) rolls 4” Self-adhering gauze bandage.
14) One (1) set Oropharyngeal airways (assorted sizes 0-5).
15) One (1) set Nasopharyngeal airways (assorted sizes 22-34).
16) One (1) Nasal Cannula (Adult Size).
17) One (1) each Non-rebreathing Face Mask- Child and Adult sizes.
18) Four (4) sets Examination Gloves (Latex Safe Gloves are preferred) and BSI Protection.
19) One (1) each Bag Valve Mask- child and adult with appropriate mask (including sizes 0&00).
20) One (1) each Kit large enough to carry the above equipment.
21) One (1) each Bottle (500cc) sterile water normal saline.
22) Two (2) each Cold Pack.
23) Two (2) each OB Kit.
24) One (1) each Thermal Blanket.
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25) One (1) each Oxygen cylinder, tubing and regulator.
26) Two (2) each HEPA Masks.
27) Two (2) each Gowns through which blood and/or body fluids cannot penetrate.
28) Two (2) each Eye/face shields (Note: May be combined with HEPA masks).
29) One (1) AED (Recommended But Not Mandatory Until 7/1/2006).
30) One (1) Adult Epinephrine Auto Injector.
31) One (1) Pediatric Epinephrine Auto Injector.

ARTICLE J- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MARINE UNITS
PFD’s Must Be Used On All Marine Units When On The Water

Section 1- Inland Water Marine Utility Units

a) Inland water marine utility units shall consist of a powerboat with carrying capacity of not less than six hundred (600) and draft not to exceed twelve (12) inches. Total power shall not exceed the BIA rated capacity for the boat.

b) They shall conform to all appropriate regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland Marine Police for boats of the above class, including fire extinguishers, floatation devices, signaling devices and safety gear.

c) Inland water marine units shall be equipped with the following items, which may be carried on the following vehicles:

1) One (1) standard first aid kit/bag mask.
2) Marker buoys with fifty (50) feet throwing line.
3) One (1) anchor with line.
4) One (1) grappling or drag bar with line.
5) One (1) emergency motor tool kit with spark plugs.
6) One (1) bailing device.
7) One (1) waterproof hand light.
8) One (1) line throwing gun (optional).
9) One (1) full backboard (optional).
10) Two (2) twenty-five foot (25’) mooring lines.
11) One (1) Fire Department Portable Radio.

Section 2- Open Water Rescue Units

a) Open water marine fire/rescue units shall consist of a power boat not exceeding BIA capacity and the following specifications:

1) Sixteen (16) up to twenty-five (25) feet in length.
2) Seventy-four (74) inch minimum beam.
3) One thousand four hundred (1,400) pound minimum carrying capacity.
4) Eighteen (18) inch maximum draft.

b) Safety equipment- They shall conform to all appropriate regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland Marine Police for boats of their class, including fire extinguishers, floatation devices, signal devices and the following safety gear:
1) Minimum of one (1) 15 lb ABC fire extinguisher and/or minimum one hundred fifty (150) GPM water pump.
2) One (1) bailing device.
3) Binoculars (7X50).
4) Marine compass.
5) Fathometer (Optional).
6) Global Positioning System (Optional).
c) Radio equipment:
1) One (1) marine VHF radio; twelve (12) channels and to include channels sixteen (16) and twenty-two (22).
2) One (1) Fire Department Portable Radio.
d) Open water marine rescue units shall be equipped with the following additional equipment, which may be carried on the tow vehicle:
1) One (1) trauma kit.
2) Two (2) marker buoys with line and anchors.
3) Four (4) mooring/utility lines thirty feet (30’) by three/eights inch (3/8”) nylon.
4) One (1) anchor with line one hundred twenty-five feet (125’) by one/half inch (1/2”) nylon.
5) One (1) rescue throwing bag with seventy-five feet (75’) nylon line.
6) One (1) grappling hook or drag bar.
7) One (1) emergency tool kit.
8) One (1) ring buoy or rescue tube with line.
9) One (1) waterproof hand light.
10) One (1) spot/search light.
11) One (1) boat hook or eight (8) foot pike pole.
12) One (1) pair of oars or paddles.
13) One (1) full backboard or rescue sled.
14) One (1) bag mask resuscitator or oxygen kit.
15) One (1) portable pump (150 GPM minimum with one hundred feet (100’) of one and one/half inch (1 ½”) fire hose and combination nozzle (Optional).

**Section 3- Open Water Marine Fire/Rescue Units**
a) Open water marine fire/rescue units shall consist of a power boat with the following specifications:
1) Twenty-five feet (25’) minimum length (may be larger).
2) Eight feet (8’) minimum beam.
3) Twenty inch (20”) maximum draft.
4) Seventy (70) gallon minimum fuel capacity.
5) Two thousand two hundred (2200) pounds minimum load capacity.
   Load capacity shall be in excess of motor and fire pump weights.

b) Power- Total power shall not exceed the BIA rated capacity for the boat.
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c) Safety Equipment- The hull shall be manufactured with floatation and shall comply with all regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Maryland Marine Police for boats of the above class.

d) The following additional equipment shall be carried:

1) One (1) fifteen (15) lb ABC fire extinguisher.
2) Dual bilge pumps.
3) Binoculars (7X50).

e) Fire Equipment:

1) Pump capacity five hundred (500) GPM minimum (to meet pump test rating from draft).
2) Hard suction with strainer or thru-hull draft of appropriate size for capacity of pump.
3) One (1) hose one and three/fourths inch (1 ¾”) by one hundred fifty feet (150’) with sixty (60) GPM nozzle.
4) Two (2) lengths of hose one and one/half inch (1 ½”) by fifty feet (50’) with sixty (60) GPM nozzle.
5) One (1) length of hose three inch (3”) by fifty feet (50’) supply line.
6) Pre-piped monitor with fog nozzle.
7) Dual gated two and one/half inch (2 ½”) manifold with gauges.
8) One (1) one inch (1”) Navy nozzle with applicator and adapter.
9) Foam educator with five (5) gallons of AFFF three percent (3%) foam.

f) Optional Fire Fighting Equipment:

1) Two (2) fire rated breathing apparatus.
2) Two (2) Nomex marine firefighting suits.
3) One (1) pickhead axe.
4) One (1) pry bar.
5) One (1) pike pole ten feet (10’) long.
6) One (1) twenty (20) pound CO2 fire extinguisher.

f) Rescue Equipment:

1) One (1) full backboard or rescue sled.
2) One (1) bag mask resuscitator or oxygen kit.
3) One (1) trauma bag.
4) One (1) swim platform or boarding ladder.
5) One (1) flare kit.
6) One (1) emergency sea anchor.

h) Additional Required Equipment:

1) One (1) Danforth type anchor with five/eights inch (5/8”) by one hundred fifty feet (150’).
2) Ground tackle for anchor.
3) Four (4) mooring/utility lines one/half inch (1/2”) by twenty feet (20’).
4) One (1) boat hook eight (8) feet long.
5) One (1) ring buoy or rescue tube with line.
6) One (1) emergency tool kit.
7) Four (4) fenders eight (8) inches by twenty (20) inches.
8) Four (4) Type II adult Personal Floatation Devices.
9) One (1) Type II child Personal Floatation Device.
10) Four (4) Type III commercial grade Personal Floatation Devices for crew members.
11) One (1) marine compass.
12) Two (2) windshield wipers.
13) Two (2) floodlights.
14) One (1) spot/search light.
15) One (1) red and amber emergency light.
16) One (1) marine VHF radio (all channel capability).
17) One (1) portable Fire Department Radio.
18) One (1) electric whistle.
19) One (1) six (6) foot paddle.
20) One (1) color display depth meter.
21) Four (4) marker buoys with anchor and line.
22) One (1) rescue line bag.
23) One (1) grappling hook or drag bar or drag line system.
24) One (1) power hailer (Ten (10) watt minimum).
25) Two (2) waterproof hand lights.

i) Optional Equipment:
1) One (1) Global Positioning System.

ARTICLE K- COMMITTEE DUTIES

NOTE: For duties of the Executive Committee, refer to MSFA Constitution, Article IV, Section 16.

Section 1- The Emergency Medical Services Committee shall represent the Ambulance and Rescue Services in the member companies in formulating standards to comply with regulations as deemed necessary under the Emergency Medical Service of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The committee shall provide information to and cooperate with the Firemen’s Training Committee in the development of a Ten (10) Year Training Plan, including such training relating to the provision of Emergency Medical Services.

Section 2- The Financial Review Committee shall examine and audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Trustees, and all Officers of the Association, Committees or individuals receiving operating appropriations from the Executive Committee, and report, in writing, the results of its examinations during the second session of each Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 3- The Convention and Conference Committee shall make arrangements for the Annual Convention and Conference and, as needed, shall coordinate activities with local organizations.
Section 4- The Constitution and By-laws Committee shall formulate and present proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to the Executive Committee, providing the proposals have been submitted, in writing, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, entitled “Amendments”.

Section 5- The Fire Prevention Committee shall develop and promote a statewide year-round fire prevention program. The program shall be planned and promoted to inform the people of Maryland of all age groups. The program shall be developed and carried forward in cooperation with the Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the State Fire Marshall, who will serve as technical advisors to the Committee. The Committee may enlist the aid of any interested organization, group or individuals at the discretion of the Fire Prevention Committee or at the direction of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall furnish a written report at each meeting of the Executive Committee, and it shall present a complete report of Committee activities during the year to the delegates assembled at the Annual Convention and Conference. The Committee shall maintain liaison between the Governor’s Fire Prevention Conference and the MSFA.

Section 6- The Training Committee shall promote programs responsive to the needs of the fire service located within the State of Maryland and shall continue the development of a ten (10) year training program which reflects the future needs of the Maryland Fire Service; in addition, the Training Committee shall be the official voice of the MSFA in fire service training matters with the University of Maryland and other vocational or educational organizations of this State. The Committee shall advise and collaborate with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in the conduct of courses of instruction for the Maryland Fire Service; and shall encourage and assist in developing regional schools and local and other specialized courses in the State. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee enabling legislation, which will maintain and advance the necessary fire service training plans or programs. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee and a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

Section 7- The Historical, Archives, and Volunteer Firefighter’s Room Committee shall compile historical data relative to fire, emergency medical services and rescue activities in Maryland. This committee shall represent the MSFA in all matters relating to the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room and shall coordinate appropriate MSFA activities including, but not limited to, furnishing and decorating with those activities of the University College, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland. The Committee shall endeavor to locate and acquire items for exhibit in a permanent museum and perform such other duties as may be required by the MSFA.

Section 8- The Legislative Committee shall formulate and monitor the passage of such legislation as may be to the interest and benefit of the MSFA. The Chairman of the Committee shall register as the legislative agent for the MSFA and shall direct others that assist him in this endeavor to also register. The
Chairman shall keep records and file reports as required by the laws of Maryland and shall assure that any person registered in behalf of the Association also keeps and files records required by law. The Chairman shall report regularly and seek advice from the Officers and Executive Committee on positions of the MSFA, but shall have the authority to act by lone judgment when time is of the essence, being ever mindful of the goals and aims of the MSFA.

**Section 9-** The **Public Relations Committee** shall compile information of interest to fire, emergency medical services, rescue companies and the public, making this information generally known throughout the State, by whatever method that can be used to the best interest of the MSFA. The Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Association and shall submit a written report of its activities to the Annual Convention and Conference.

**Section 10-** The **Safety Committee** shall promote a statewide safety program among member companies. The program will be planned so as to provide companies with material and literature on safety on the scene of any emergency and driving of equipment to emergencies, drills and parades. The Committee will cooperate with the Firemen’s Training Committee, the Emergency Medical Services Committee, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute or its successor, and any such agency that promotes safety. The Committee will have published in the bulletin of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, its successor, or other such publications, information on accidents as well as precautions to be taken for the best interest and welfare of personnel. The Committee will make a report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and will present a complete report for the year to the delegates at the Annual Convention and Conference.

**Section 11-** The **Scholarship Committee** shall by June 1st in cooperation with scholarship committees of appropriate universities, colleges, academies, or other institutions of higher learning within Maryland determine to provide or deny grants or loans to new applicants or continuing students. The Committee shall in proper cases award, to the extent funds are available, such grant or loan to an eligible applicant or student participating in a course related to fire or health services including, but not limited to, fire sciences or emergency medical services.

The Committee may use funds provided through resources of the MSFA or from other sources. The Committee is authorized to solicit funds for grants or loans from any source it deems proper. The Committee shall from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations relating to its duties, eligibility of applicants or recipients, acceptable sources of funds to be solicited or regulations dealing with liability of a given recipient to repay part or all of any grant or loan.

**Section 12-** The **Standards Committee** shall study and keep abreast with fire fighting, emergency medical services and rescue requirements and make recommendations for any changes that would improve the standards of this Association, and to make inspections or perform such other duties as may be required by the Association.

**Section 13-** The **Firefighter Of The Year Committee** will be responsible
for receipt of the nominations and selection of the recipient of the annual MSFA award. The Committee will solicit nominations for the National Volunteer Fire Council’s award and submit appropriate names to that group.

**Section 14-** The **Statistical Committee** shall assist and cooperate in the formation and operation of a uniform statistical reporting system by the State. The Committee shall encourage the use of the uniform statistical reporting system by all member companies of the MSFA and shall obtain and compile other statistical information as may be required by the MSFA.

**Section 15-** The **Transportation Committee** shall provide to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successor, as required, proof by MSFA that applicants for special “FD” license plates are eligible members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services company, or auxiliary thereof. The applicable fees and time periods shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee on its own motion or on the request of the Transportation Committee. It shall be responsible for notifying companies and auxiliaries of current procedures for obtaining such plates or validation stickers for them. The Committee should maintain a close working relationship with the M.V.A. concerning any matters that may affect the emergency services organizations or their members. The Committee shall also maintain liaison with the Maryland Toll Facilities Administration to continue the special privileges provided for authorized emergency vehicles.

**Section 16-** The **Budget And Revenue Committee** shall establish and maintain procedures to implement the budget, with approval of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall supervise the compilation of the MSFA annual budget and submit same, with recommendations, to the Executive Committee for final approval.

**Section 17-** The **Surplus Property Acquisition Committee** shall locate and acquire surplus property from any source and shall arrange for distribution (with appropriate records) to member companies or as designated by the Executive Committee.

**Section 18-** The **Special Activities Committee** shall devise and manage fund-raising activities, primarily to assist with financing the Annual Convention and Conferences.

**Section 19-** The **17 State Circle Committee** shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the building at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, for so long as it is leased to the MSFA, including such duties as formulation of a budget based on maintenance and operating expenses, recommending alterations in conformity with guidelines of the Maryland Historical Society, preservation of the building as a show place for the MSFA, and establishing exhibits of selected MSFA memorabilia.

**Section 20-** The **Hall Of Fame Committee** shall be responsible for naming persons to the MSFA Hall of Fame, Marbury F. Gates Service Cup Award, and the Roll of Honor, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Fire/EMS/Rescue Service.
Section 21- The Data Systems Committee shall establish a mechanism for collecting and recording information on the type and value of each kind of financial support provided or available by counties and municipalities to fire/emergency medical services/rescue companies in each jurisdiction. All appropriate information on equipment, buildings (including federally and/or state owned structures), membership, alarms, etc., is to be included in the database. Gathering and use of the information is to be coordinated with the Statistical Committee and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Board.

Section 22- The Ways And Means Committee shall operate the MSFA’s annual raffle and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

Section 23- The Awards Committee shall coordinate functions of the MSFA Committees responsible for the selection and making of awards.

Section 24- The Incentive Programs Committee will be responsible for monitoring incentive programs, coordinate the collection of information for programs such as LOSAP, Income-Tax Modification and other programs that might come about, to provide for volunteer firefighters, rescue, and emergency medical personnel.

ARTICLE L- NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1- This organization prohibits discrimination in membership or other activities on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap.

These Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association have been revised and updated with the amendments approved at the 114th Annual Convention and Conference held at Ocean City, Maryland, June 17-23, 2006.

Dennis Skinner, Chair Constitution & By-laws Committee

Approved By Ballot on June 20, 2006
Office of the Secretary: Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary
Joseph A. Cooper, Assistant Secretary
Ronald E. Watkins, Assistant Secretary
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J. Edward Cross, Assistant Secretary
## MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION
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Check your Awards Manual or msfa.org (Awards Manual) for details and specifics for each award.
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

PAST PRESIDENT
C. OSCAR BAKER
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of the Outstanding Rookie Firefighter/EMS Provider

Award Sponsor: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company or Carroll County

Award Administered By: Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and the elected officers of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Background: The Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award was established by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 2002. The award was established to honor Chief C. Oscar Baker for his sixty (60) years of active service to the citizens of Mount Airy and the surrounding communities, Carroll County and the State of Maryland. Chief Baker has served as President of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, President of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (1978-79). Chief Baker retired as Fire Chief of the National Bureau of Standards and then served as the Volunteer Coordinator for Carroll County for several years. He was a field instructor for the Fire Service Extension and later the Maryland Fire/Rescue Institute for several decades. Chief Baker has served as Chair of several committees of the MSFA, including: the Training Committee, Hall of Fame and the Centennial Committee. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company saw it fitting to honor someone who is beginning their emergency service career with an award to encourage them to reach the high level of service and dedication to the citizens we all serve that Chief C. Oscar Baker exemplifies. The award is to be presented annual during the annual convention and conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

Award Rules:
1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Any active member of a member department of the MSFA may submit the name of a nominee for the award.
3. Members of Junior/Cadet Fire Departments/Companies are not eligible for this award.
4. Nominee must have less than 24 months of membership to the sponsoring department.
5. Nominee that transfers from one department to another is not eligible,
unless their total time of service is less than 24 months.

6. Nominations in the form of a resume must be submitted on an individual basis only and on official letterhead or department stationary.

7. Nominations must be submitted to the MSFA Secretary no later than May 1st of each year. Late entries will not be considered.

8. The elected officers of the MSFA will judge nominees.

9. The mailing address for entries is: Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary 6047 Melbourne Avenue Deale, Maryland 20751-9719

10. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the President of Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the personal trophy and the recording of the individual’s name on the master trophy.

11. The master trophy will have the award date name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA annual convention and conference, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual’s fire company. The personal trophy also suitably endorsed will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever. The selected winner will also receive the C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the MSFA Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue/red and the gold medal is inscribed as Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year, with the year and the MSFA Seal in the center.

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FRANCIS L. BRANNIGAN
INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education

Award Sponsor: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors, and the Maryland Chapter of the International Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

Award Administered By: Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors

Background: The Francis L. Brannigan Instructor of the Year Award was first established by Professor Francis L. Brannigan in 1977. Professor Brannigan was the first and longtime Professor with the Montgomery College Fire Science Program and a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. This award is presented annually by the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors in recognition of an individual or group contribution to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education in Maryland.

Award Rules:

1. In order to be considered for the award, the following should be addressed in the nomination:
   A. The contribution during the previous calendar year with any specific information related to fire, rescue, and EMS training and education.
   B. The contribution made to fire, rescue, or EMS training and education during the years prior to the previous calendar year.
2. Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland fire and rescue service or the Chesapeake Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors to be considered.
3. Nominations should be sponsored by a chapter member and submitted in a narrative format with as much specific information as possible to:
   Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
   Upper Eastern Shore Regional Office
   Wayne C. Colburn
   601 Safety Drive
   Centreville, MD 21617
4. All nominations must be received no later than May 31st of each year.
5. The award is presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
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Maryland State Firemen’s Association 115th Annual Convention and Conference
MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

COLBURN TROPHY AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Act of Heroism

Award Sponsor: Princess Ann Volunteer Fire Company

Award Administered By: Board of Trustees

Background: At the 40th Annual Convention in Frostburg in June, 1932, the Colburn Silver Cup was presented to the Association by retiring President George W. Colburn, Jr. The award is to be awarded in line of succession from year to year to a firefighter in our organization for some outstanding act of heroism or from some act for the good of the Association. Qualifications and awards to be made by the Board of Trustees who shall act as judges. This cup is to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association with appropriated ceremonies.

At the 66th Annual Convention in Ocean City in June 1958, due to the lack of space for more recipients names, the original Colburn Silver Cup was retired and presented to the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in their fire station in honor of Dr. Colburn. Since the retirement of the original cup, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company has agreed to supply a replacement for the Colburn Cup each year with this difference; That it will be retained by the recipient for keeps.” Your department surely must have a member who would be eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Board of Trustees to be considered for this high award.

The recipient will receive the Colburn Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is solid red and the gold medal, with red, white and blue enamel paint is inscribed as the “Medal of Heroism”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules: Nomination submitted for consideration must follow the following requirements:

1. Must be on fire, rescue, or ambulance department stationary giving detailed summary of his/her outstanding actions or reason to be considered.

2. Must be received by the Board of Trustees prior to May 1st of each year.

3. Must be mailed or delivered to: Gene Worthington, P.P.
   MSFA Board of Trustees Secretary
   3663 Old Level Road
   Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078
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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Citizenship and Exemplary Job Achievement

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Firefighter of the Year Committee

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) established the Firefighter of the Year Award in 1978, to be presented at the Annual Convention and Conference each year from nominations received from the member department or individuals. Qualified nominations will be judged by the Firefighter of the Year Committee appointed by the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

The committee solicits your support in this fine program and asks that you select someone in your department or from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for the award.

Award Rules: The rules and guidelines for the Firefighter of the Year Program are as follows:

1. Nominee must be from a member department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

2. Any active member of a department of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association may submit the name of a nominee for the award.

3. Nominations must be submitted on an individual basis only on official letterhead or department stationary with the official MSFA Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached. Form must be signed with title of person submitting the nomination. A photograph of the nominee shall be submitted with the form.

4. Nomination must be submitted to the Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee no later than May 1st of each year. Any late entries will not be considered. The mailing address for the entries is:
   John O. Gatton, Sr.
   Chairman, MSFA Firefighter of the Year Committee
   24429 Mervell Dean Road
   Hollywood, MD 20636

5. Guidelines for selection of nominee:
   A. Outstanding citizenship, i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/her department and community at large, etc.
   B. Exemplary job achievement, i.e., lecturing at school on fire
safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising, etc.

C. This award will be for calendar year only.

NOTE: This award will not be judged on acts of heroism. All heroism nominations should be directed to the Colburn Trophy Award.

6. Awarding of the Firefighter of the Year Plaque and Certificates:
   A. Award to be made at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference.
   B. Winner to receive large plaque annually.
   C. Winner receives the Firefighter of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red and white and the gold medal is inscribed as Firefighter of the Year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.
   D. Awarding of plaque and medal to be made by the President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
   E. Certificates will be presented or mailed to all nominees.
   F. Recipients name will be placed on a large plaque in the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park. Plaque donated by the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department of Montgomery County in memory of Chief Spencer J. H. Brown, Sr., Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

MARBERY F. GATES SERVICE CUP AWARD

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

**Award Sponsor:** Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

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

**Background:** This award was established by the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1981 to honor over sixty (60) years of active service performed by charter member, Mr. Marbery F. Gates of Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. The initial and first award was presented to Mr. Marbery F. Gates on June 15, 1981, at the 86th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association. Mr. Gates served on the MSFA Board of Trustees from 1969 through 1989.

**Award Rules:**

1. The Marbery F. Gates Service Cup is to be awarded to an individual selected by the MSFA as deserving of this honor; such individual to have at least, but not less than 50 years of continuous and faithful service to organizations within the Association.

2. The Master Cup will have the award date, name and fire company of the recipient carved thereon and will, for one year from date of presentation until the next MSFA Annual Convention, remain in the responsible custody of the honored individual’s fire company. The Personal Cup also suitably endorsed, will be presented to the individual to covet and keep forever.

3. The individual selected by the Committee will receive the Marbery F. Gates Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee is 2002. The ribbon is gold with four stripes of purple and the gold medal is inscribed as Marbery F. Gates Award.

4. Each individual nominated will receive a plaque recognizing them for their Continuous and Faithful Service. Each individual will also receive a Governors Citation.

5. The MSFA will solicit nominations annually during the month of March to be presented by May 1st, and to; notify the President of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department no later than May 20th of said selection, to allow preparation of the individual trophy and the recording of the
individual’s name on the Master Cup.

6. Nominations in the form of a resume shall be submitted **No Later Than May 1st of Each Year** to:

   C. Oscar Baker, P.P.
   Chairman
   MSFA Hall of Fame Committee
   615 Calliope Way
   Mt. Airy, MD 21771

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Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company in Convention Parade

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated – Montgomery County, Maryland

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention Committee

Background: In memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a man whose impact on the fire service was felt nationwide, the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County, Maryland) with the foreknowledge and endorsement of the MSFA Executive Committee and the Gibbons family, shall sponsor the annual A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award for the best appearing company in the MSFA Convention Parade.

Starting with the 1992 MSFA Convention, a trophy will be awarded by the parade judges at the regular award ceremony following the parade and will be presented to the best appearing company for their edification and personal safekeeping until the following MSFA Annual Convention. At that time, during the opening ceremony, the trophy will be formally surrendered to the Convention Chairman, who will then present a permanent award to the surrendering company. The trophy will then remain on display until it is re-awarded.

The perpetual trophy and permanent award will be provided by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Montgomery County) in memory of our brother, Chief A. Marvin Gibbons, who served with profound distinction for the forty-two years in many capacities, including President and Fire Chief.

Because Marvin was the driving force behind the annual MSFA Convention Parade and because he personally choreographed the opening ceremony of our convention it was universally felt that this award, having an impact upon both the annual parade and opening ceremony, would be a fitting tribute and memorial to this great man.

The award shall be presented to the company which, in the sole opinion of the parade judges, presents the best overall appearance considering such factors as: number of and composition of units, number of personnel in uniform, decorum, demeanor, and esprit de corps.

SECTION 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT - The following announcement was submitted to the MSFA for inclusion in the Awards Information Manual:

Name of Award: Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award.
Purpose of Award: Best Appearing Company/Department in Line of Parade, Annual MSFA Convention Parade.

Award Sponsor: Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., (Montgomery County).

Award Judged By: MSFA Annual Convention Parade Judges.

SECTION 2 – CHIEF A. MARVIN GIBBONS

Arthur Marvin Gibbons was born on April 14, 1927 in Washington, D.C. For over forty-two years, Chief Gibbons made significant and lasting contributions to the fire service of his community, Montgomery County, the State, and the Nation.

In his community, Marvin joined the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 and served as Fire Chief for sixteen years and as President for four terms. In 1961, he was named Montgomery County “Fireman of the Year”.

At the county level, Marvin worked enthusiastically for “Bill 1” which established a seven member Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Fire Board. This committee developed policy for the fire and rescue services of Montgomery County. Chief Gibbons served as chairman or vice-chairman of the Fire Board for fourteen years. During his tenure, he spearheaded the movement of establish the county’s Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This program was the first of its type to recognize the service of volunteer fire and rescue personnel and has spread throughout our nation.

Also while Chairman of the Fire Board, Marvin helped to established the Heart Mobil which was the forerunner to the current Paramedic Program. In addition, he was personally involved with the building of the Public Safety Training Academy. Chief Gibbons hired the first Training Officer, the late Warren Isman and hired the first Director of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Chief David B. Gratz. Both of these individuals went on to become known internationally in the fire service community.

When Chief Gibbons recognized that Montgomery County lacked adequate mutual aid agreements, he attacked the problem. He used his common sense and uncommon persuasive abilities to forge the mutual aid agreements that now exist among all metropolitan area jurisdictions.

Upon retiring from the Fire Board, Chief Gibbons was elected Chairman Emeritus. Chief Gibbons also served as President of the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Association.

At the state level, Chief Gibbons, for many years, worked tirelessly for the MSFA Convention, organizing the parade, choreographing the opening ceremonies, and serving as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Convention Committee. In 1977 Marvin was elected President of the MSFA. Following his tenure as President, Chief Gibbons continued his work with the Association on numerous committee. In 1981, Chief Gibbons was elected to the “Hall of Fame.”

His efforts just prior to his death were more national in scope. Chief
Gibbons was instrumental in establishing a National Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial erected at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This memorial, and the annual ceremony which recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their fellow citizens, was truly one of Marvin’s proudest achievements. In 1990, Chief Gibbons was honored with an award for outstanding service from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his work in overseeing the design and construction of the Memorial.

Chief Gibbons held honorary memberships in the following organizations: Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George’s County; Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Worcester County; Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Upper Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County; Wheaton Volunteer rescue Squad, Montgomery County.

Chief Gibbons was a life member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a charter member of Heroes, Inc.

On May 16, 1993, the Fire and Rescue Service Wing of the Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy was dedicated in memory of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

Marvin Gibbons was raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Anacostia High School. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado for 23 months in the Pacific during World War II. Chief Gibbons married May Ann Campbell. They raised two sons, Michael C. and A. Marvin III. Marvin’s grandchildren include: Lauren A., Michael C. II, Kelly L., and Marvin IV.

Chief A. Marvin Gibbons passed away on December 13, 1990 at his home in Lighthouse Point, Florida.

Marvin was admired for his accomplishments, love for his wit, and respected for his decency. He saw the good in every person. A friend of both the mighty and the meek. Marvin nonetheless possessed uncommon humility.

Those of us who knew Marvin personally will never forget his happy demeanor, caring personality, and high values. Those who did not have that special privilege will still have his remarkable legacy of good works.

Marvin Gibbons will always be a beacon of honor and genuine hero to the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 3 – THE MEMORIAL AWARD

1.1 INTRODUCTION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award consists of four major components: the pedestal, the felt field, the granite base, and the speaking trumpet. In addition, the award also includes a support for the trumpet and a dust cover. Each of the major components represents a specific aspect of the life of A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.2 PEDESTAL - The pedestal forms the foundation of the A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award. Just as Marvin Gibbons was in life, this pedestal is robust, solid, and distinguished looking. The pedestal. Made of solid mahogany,
is octagonal in shape and measures forty inches high and approximately twenty-five inches across. The pedestal rests on a one inch base plate. In the top surface of the pedestal is a circular felt field. This felt field is red, Marvin’s favorite color. The felt field measures approximately eighteen inches in diameter. Upon this surface rests the granite base.

1.3 GRANITE BASE - The base of the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award is made from Elberton dark blue-gray granite. The stone measures twelve and five-eights inches long, eight inches wide, and two inches high, has a smooth bottom, polished top, and rough sides with rounded corners. This granite resembles the gravestone of Chief A. Marvin Gibbons.

1.4 SPEAKING TRUMPET - The Speaking Trumpet is an exact duplicate of the antique speaking trumpet presented to Chief Gibbons by the Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department upon his election to President of the MSFA. The Speaking Trumpet was cast in bronze from a mold made from the original trumpet. The bronze trumpet was then polished and chrome plated. Chief Gibbons instituted the use of chrome to accent equipment and apparatus in order to build pride within the Department. The red, white and blue braid and tassels are a ceremonial halyard representing the patriotism of Chief Gibbons.

SECTION 4 - ADMINISTRATION

1.1 SET-UP AND RELOCATION - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award should be displayed in a dry, level location. Care should be taken to protect the pedestal base molding from damage. After an appropriate location has been decided, determine where the front of the Award will face. Place the pedestal in position and rotate until the “pointed” portion of the dust cover groove is facing away from the front. Place the granite base in the center of the felt field with the name plate toward the front. Align the rear side of the base with the “pointed” portion of the dust cover groove. Place the plastic trumpet holder (plastic rod) in such a fashion that the ends point toward the front. Place the Trumpet on the plastic holder so as to tilt the trumpet toward the back. The Trumpet should rest on the holder. Adjust the location (front to back) to space the Trumpet evenly over the granite base. Lift the dust cover over the Trumpet and place in groove with “seam” of dust cover at the “pointed” portion of the groove. Check the alignment of the Trumpet by standing at the front; the dust cover seam should be invisible behind and in line with the Trumpet.

1.2 MAINTENANCE AND CARE - The Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award has been designed with minimum care required. The pedestal requires only occasional dusting. Prior to returning the Award to the next MSFA Convention, the pedestal should be waxed with a good grade furniture wax. The dust cover should maintain the granite base and Speaking Trumpet relatively dust free. Prior to returning the Award to the next convention, simply dust the trumpet with a soft cloth. The granite base
may be wiped with a damp cloth. The dust cover should be cleaned with the plastic cleaner provided.

1.3 INSURANCE - The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department initially carried insurance on the Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Award. The insurance is now provided under the MSFA insurance coverage. In the event of damage or theft, please contact Secretary and Convention Chairman Leonard T. King, P.P. immediately (1-800-KIN-MSFA access 13)

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department gratefully acknowledges the cooperation and support of the following individuals and organizations during the design and production of this award: Abe Lincoln Flags, Banners & Gifts, Vienna, Virginia; Acme Plating Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Clements Industries, Inc., Ashton, Maryland; Continental, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; Day Memorials, Beltsville, Maryland; John J. Habert, Ellicott City, Maryland; New Arts Foundry, Baltimore, Maryland; Precision Plastics, Beltsville, Maryland; William Thrift, III, Bowie, Maryland; Wood Creations, Dunkirk, Maryland.

The A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Committee, Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Richard P. Clime, Chief Bruce A. Emmel, C. Townesend Jones, Maureen G. Saval, Joseph A. Weisgerber, George W. Willie.

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GLADHILL – THOMPSON TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Outstanding contribution to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association

Award Sponsor: Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill, and the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Elected Officers

Background: This award was originally established by Mr. Bernard D. “Buck” Gladhill and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1974. Mr. Gladhill saw the need to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of the MSFA and would be known as the Gladhill Trophy. The award will be considered the highest Maryland State Firemen’s Association award that can be conferred on an individual. It will be awarded on a highly selective basis to an individual who, in the opinion of the judges, has made an outstanding contribution to the future welfare of members of the MSFA or who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the MSFA or the Fire Service of the United States. In 1984, the award was changed to the Gladhill-Thompson Trophy in recognition of both Mr. Gladhill and Chief Thompson.

Award Rules:

1. Eligibility - - -
   A. The following are eligible:
      1. Members of the “Official Family” (i.e., members of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, Special Committees, etc.).
      2. Bona fide members of member fire companies or;
      3. Members of part-paid or paid fire departments, within the state, or;
      4. Former members of an organized Fire Department within the state.
   B. The following are not eligible:
      1. The judges
      2. Any candidate that received compensation for the performance of the act or acts considered for the award

2. Criteria - - -
   A. The Candidate accomplished assigned (or assumed) duties in
such a manner as have been clearly exceptional among all who have performed like or similar duties in a superior manner and/or;

B. The candidate developed and improved methods and procedures, or produced an innovation or invention which accomplished extraordinary results for the MSFA or the U.S. Fire Service; or

C. The candidate may have exhibited great courage and voluntary risk of personal safety or personal possessions in the face of danger, over and beyond the call of duty, in performing an act or acts which resulted in direct benefit to the MSFA and/or its members (which this award is given for a “heroic” act it shall be given to the candidate if no other award (cash or otherwise) has been granted previously in connection with the same act); or

D. The candidate may have rendered outstanding service related to his/her activities for the Maryland State Firemen’s Association comparable with the above and relating to the following:
   1. Activities which improved the image of the Association or which gained favorable benefits or meritorious recognition for the Association or its members, or;
   2. Contributed to/or developed a valuable program for the benefit of the future of the Association and its members.

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

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

5. Submission of Nominations - - -
   A. The name or names of prospective recipients shall be submitted to:

   Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P., Secretary
   6047 Melbourne Avenue
   Deale, Maryland 20751-9719

   before May 1st of each year or at least 30 days before the Annual Convention
   B. If no candidates are submitted to the judges, the judges shall select a qualified candidate.

6. The Judges - - -
   A. The judges shall be the elected officers of the MSFA.
   B. A simple majority of the judges present and voting shall be necessary for a decision.

7. The Award will be presented to the recipient annually at the Annual Convention and Conference and to be inscribed with his/her name. He/
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she will be presented with a miniature trophy for his/her possession at the following Annual Convention and Conference. After the trophy has been filled with the names of the recipients, the award will be retired to the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

8. The recipient will also receive the Gladhill-Thompson Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Gladhill-Thompson Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Distinguished Service to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association or an Individual Department or County Fire or Rescue Service

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association

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

Background: The Hall of Fame Award was established by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee in 1979 as a result of a recommendation from Past President Eugene J. C. Raney to recognize the distinguished service of individuals. The first emphasis to be service to the MSFA and then service to the individuals department and local jurisdiction. Through the year 1985 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the MSFA is the primary consideration, with service to the member’s company and county to be considered also.

Award Rules:

1. During the year 1981 thru 1985, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.

2. Beginning in the year 1986, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue or EMS company, either living or deceased, and up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS company, either living or deceased.

3. Names of individuals for nomination to the Hall of Fame may be submitted by:
   a. The nominee’s home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
   b. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
   c. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, or
   d. An individual member (s) of the Hall of Fame Committee
4. Nominees must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service to be eligible for consideration.

5. Nominations will not be limited to members of individual fire, rescue, or EMS departments/companies of the MSFA.

6. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon distinguished service to the MSFA. Distinguished service to the nominees individual department/company or county may be considered.

7. All nominations must be received, in writing, by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, by May 1st of each year to be considered. Until selected, a letter of nomination for an individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year.

8. Selection of nominees to the MSFA Hall of Fame will be made annual by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

9. All individuals selected to the MSFA Hall of Fame will receive two (2) certificates, (one for the individual and one for their station,) a pocket card, a lapel pin, shoulder patch, decal and a hat. Each inductee will also receive the Hall of Fame Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is red/white/blue and the gold medal is inscribed as “Hall of Fame” and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center. Induction and presentations will take place at the Annual Convention and Conference.

10. The names of individuals selected to the Hall of Fame shall be published in the Annual Proceedings Book of the MSFA along with the year the selection was made.

11. A permanent plaque may be installed in the Volunteer Firefighter’s Room, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MSFA offices at 17 State Circle, Annapolis, and the MFRI Regional Training Center. These plaques will list the individuals that have been inducted, along with the year the selection was made. The plaques at the Regional Training Centers will list only inductees from the geographical area.

12. Submission of nominations shall be mailed to:

C. Oscar Baker, P.P.
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 115th Annual Convention and Conference
Chairman
615 Calliope Way
Mt. Airy, MD 21771
301-829-0383

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

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

**Purpose of Award:** Recognition of the Outstanding EMS individual of the year

**Award Sponsor:** Maryland State Firemen’s Association

**Award Administered By:** Maryland State Firemen’s Association Emergency Medical Services Committee and the Convention and Conference Committee

**Background:** The Josiah A. Hunt, M.D., (EMS Person of the Year) Award was established in 1991 and accepted by the Executive Committee. Doctor Hunt was a local physician in Harford County who was very instrumental in the establishment of ambulance service in that area. He often would leave his practice to ride on the local ambulance providing quality emergency medical service to the communities of Harford County. The original award was donated by the Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company of Harford County to honor Dr. Josiah A. Hunt.

The award was established to recognize outstanding individual accomplishments by an EMT/A, or above. The award is considered to be the highest award conferred upon an individual within the Maryland Emergency Medical Services community.

**Award Rules:**

1. The nominee must be from a member company of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. The nominee must be submitted by an active member company of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA).
3. The nominee must be submitted on an individual basis only and the nomination must be on official letterhead or company 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 May 1st**.
6. The nominee must be a Maryland certified EMT/A or above.
7. The nominee must have a minimum of fire (5) years service to the Maryland Emergency Medical Service Community.
8. Recipient of the award will receive the EMS Person of the Year Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is blue and white and the gold medal is inscribed
as “Josiah Hunt EMS Person of the Year”, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

9. Submit nominations to:  
   Charles W. Wills  
   Chairman, MSFA EMS Committee  
   32 Elder Place  
   Indian Head, MD 20640

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

MISS M.S.F.A. FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST

Purpose of Award: To select a spokesperson for Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention

Award Sponsor: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee with Out-of-State Judges

Background: The Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) sponsors an annual Miss Fire Prevention Contest at the Annual Convention and Conference. The individual selected will represent the MSFA at fire prevention, public education, and other activities throughout the State of Maryland, acting as a spokesperson for the fire prevention and fire safety activities.

Award Rules:
1. Must be single, never married, and have no children or be pregnant.
2. Must be between sixteen (16) and twenty-four (24) years of age. Contestants under the age of 18 years must have a parental/guardian consent form signed and must be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.
3. If seeking college or advanced education, contestant must attend a school in the State of Maryland.
4. One contestant per county and Maryland Fire Chief’s Association Miss Fire Prevention. If your county does not have a Miss Fire Prevention Contest, a decision will be endorsed at your county level as to who will represent your county. A letter of endorsement from the county association must accompany your application.
5. A panel of judges in the preliminaries will interview contestants. These judges will officiate the stage portion of the contest.
6. Judges are not associated with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, Ladies Auxiliary, or members of Maryland companies or departments.
7. Preliminary judging will be held on Monday morning. The stage portion of the contest be held on Monday afternoon at 1530 hours during the Annual Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention and Conference.
8. Preliminary judging will be calculated in the same point system as stage judging, with a total of 100 points. Contestant’s preliminary judging consists of the following:
   A. Fire prevention questions selected from list included in packet.
B. Presentation on a fire prevention related subject (5 minutes.)
C. Interview questions by judges.

9. Stage judging will be calculated in a point system, with a total of 100 points.
   A. Fire prevention knowledge 0 – 50 points
   B. Speaking ability and poise 0 – 40 points
   C. General appearance 0 – 10 points

10. Application deadline is **May 1st**. If your county contest occurs after this deadline, then your current Miss Fire Prevention is eligible.

11. This is not a talent or beauty contest.

12. The contestants selected as MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up are required to attend the following activities:
    - Convention activities on days and times designated (a tentative schedule included)
    - Awards ceremonies; various events and times
    - Selecting winner of the $10,000 Raffle.

13. The newly elected MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner-up must vacate any previously held state or county titles, unless the term of the title will be completed within two months of her reign. In the event her county is unable to obtain a representative, the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention may continue her county role for a two month period.

14. Miss MSFA Fire Prevention and the First Runner-up will take an oath of office immediately after they are crowned.

15. If MSFA Miss Fire Prevention is unable to attend any functions, it is her responsibility to contact the MSFA First Runner-up to fulfill her commitment.

16. A monthly activities report must be submitted (by mail) by the last day of each month to the Miss Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, who will distribute to the MSFA President, MSFA 1st Vice President, and MSFA 2nd Vice President. Forms will be provided to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up.

17. A quarterly written report (summary of events and input) must be submitted by the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson at the quarterly fire prevention meeting. The Chairperson will distribute the report to the MSFA President, MSFA 1st Vice President, MSFA 2nd Vice President and the Executive Committee Chairperson at the Executive Committee meeting. Forms will be provided to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and her First Runner-up. Reports will be submitted from both Miss Fire Prevention representatives.

18. The annual written report (summary of year’s events) must be submitted by May 1st for printing for the MSFA Convention and Conference book. The report must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Committee Chairperson, the Miss Fire Prevention Chairperson.

19. A packet of information will be given to the MSFA Miss Fire Prevention
Maryland State Firemen’s Association 115th Annual Convention and Conference

and her First Runner-up:

- Name, address, and phone list of the following:
  1. MSFA President
  2. MSFA 1st Vice President
  3. MSFA 2nd Vice President
  4. LAMSFA President
  5. Executive Committee Chairperson
  6. Fire Prevention Committee’s and Chairpersons
  7. Transportation (ADC Books) will be passed down each year

- Itinerary of mid Atlantic Fire Prevention Conference, parades, banquets, carnivals, etc.
- Upcoming seminars: subjects and expenses
- Proceeding book

MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Application

Name _______________________________ Date of Birth _________________

Address _______________________________

Phone (_____ ) _______________ Email ________________________________

County ______________________________

Escort _______________________________

Parents ______________________________

Present School/College/Job ______________________________

Hobbies or activities you participate in ______________________________

Date chosen as Miss Fire Prevention ______________________________

The winner of the contest MUST attend the convention events as outlined in the contest rules and as listed in the agenda which will be given to all contestants. You must also give full support to the MSFA and LAMSFA during your reign by attending State and County functions when requested, to the best of your ability. If you win and you hold another State or County title and the term of those titles exceeds two months, you agree to give up those titles upon becoming MSFA Miss Fire Prevention.
If chosen, I agree to all of the above. Signature

All applications must be returned by **May 1st** unless your county president has made previous arrangements.

Mail applications to: Kristi Gable
MSFA Miss Fire Prevention Contest
65 Pleasanton Road
C33
Westminster, Maryland 2157

### Parental/Guardian Consent Form

**MSFA Miss Fire Prevention**

The MSFA Miss Fire Prevention will give her full support to all State, County and local functions by attending and participating to the best of her ability as the representative of the MSFA. She will be chaperoned to all events by a representative of her county association or fire company.

I agree to all of the above.

Signature ____________________________________________

Date of Birth ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date _______

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

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SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

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

Award Sponsor: Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Legislative Committee

Background: The Senator William H. Amoss Memorial Legislative Award was created to honor an individual who served over 20 years actively representing the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services, throughout the State, in a legislative capacity both in the House of Delegates and the State Senate. In 1998, the Maryland General Assembly recognized Senator Amoss’ dedication to the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services by renaming Senate Bill 508, the “Senator William H. Amoss Fund.” Introduced in 1985 by Senator Amoss, the 508 Bill was created to financially assist the Maryland fire, rescue and emergency medical services department on an annual basis. This award was presented by the Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen’s Association and accepted by the Executive Committee in 1999.

Award Qualifications: In order for a candidate to be considered for this award, he/she must meet at least (1) one of the following criteria:

1. Be a duly elected legislative official representing a Maryland municipality, a Maryland county, the State of Maryland or the Federal Government.
2. Be a member of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Legislative Committee
3. Be a member of a county emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
4. Be a member of a regional emergency services association’s legislative committee that is recognized by the MSFA.
5. Be a state citizen who is not a member of a fire/EMS/rescue department or company.

Award Rules:

1. All nominations must be submitted by a representative of an active member company or department, in good standing, of the MSFA.
2. All nominations must be in written form, on an individual basis, and submitted on company or department letterhead or 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, Maryland 21401-1904

Previous Recipients:

1999  Senator William H. Amoss – Harford County
2000  Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2000  Charles W. Riley, P.P.
2001  Senator Thomas M. Middleton – Charles County
2002  Delegate John F. Wood – St. Mary’s County
2003  Bernard J. Smith, P.P.
2004  Delegate Richard B. Weldon, Jr. – Frederick County
2005  C. Daniel Davis, Jr., P.P.
       Pat Gainer – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
       James Brown – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System
2006  Delegate Norman Conway – Wicomico County
2007  Delegate James Malone – Baltimore County
Robert H. Shimer
Administrative of the Year Award

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

Award Sponsor: Shimer Family

Award Administered By: Robert H. Shimer Administrative Person of the Year Award Committee

Background: The Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year award was established by the Shimer family and accepted by the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Executive Committee on February 22, 2004. The award was established to honor Robert H. Shimer, for the years of dedicated service he gave the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and EMS Service as a President and a Trustee of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association, President of the Allegan-Garrett Counties Fire and Rescue Association, President of the Allegany County Fire-Rescue Board and President of the Potomac Fire Company. Mr. Shimer was also an active member of the State Fire Prevention Commission, Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission, the Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Council and the Emergency Numbers Service Board. This award has been established in honor of Mr. Shimer for his many years of dedicated service to the community of Westernport, Allegany County and the State of Maryland.

Award Rules:
1. The nominee must be a volunteer from a member company that is in good standing with the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.
2. Names of individuals for nomination for the Robert H. Shimer Administrator of the Year Award may be submitted by:
   A. The nominee’s home fire, rescue, or EMS department/company on official letterhead, or
   B. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue, or EMS department/company, or
   C. A member company in good standing with the MSFA, on official letterhead, or
   D. An individual member of this committee or a Past President of the MSFA.
3. The nominee must have not less than ten (10) years of service with his/her department or company.
4. The nomination must be submitted for an individual’s effort only and, therefore, submission of the nomination is to recognize the one individual
and not a group, department or company.

5. The nomination must be submitted in the form of a resume/bio. Including information on his/her department or company activities, administrative positions held within the company or department, county, regional or state association. Information should also be included on job achievement, establishment of programs, fund raising, community activities, and the reason the nominee should be selected.

6. Time Period - Although it is realized that to be fully effective, an award should be timely, it is not necessary that the service or performance be rendered within the year of the award, however an accumulation of the previous five years of accomplishments may be added.

7. The nomination must be mailed and received by the Shimer Award Committee no later than May 1st at the following address:

Robert W. Jacobs
Chairman
Shimer Award Committee
410 East Ninth Street
Frederick, MD 21701

8. The Award will be presented at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. Upon selection of the winner of the award, the Shimer family shall be notified no later than May 20th of said selection. This will allow preparation of the award that will be given.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

SILVER SPRING TROPHY

Purpose of Award: Recognition of fire prevention efforts by an individual

Award Sponsor: Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Award Administered By: Maryland State Firemen’s Association Fire Prevention Committee and Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

Background: The Silver Spring Trophy was established in 1981 by the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department and accepted by the Executive Committee. This award is presented each year at the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most in fire prevention for his/her community. The award is for an individual effort and, therefore, submission on the entry must be for one individual rather than a group or department effort. The intent of the award is to recognize fire prevention activities which the individual performs within his/her community. The trophy is held by the individual for one year and then passed on. The winner will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The individual will also receive the Silver Spring Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is silver/blue and the silver medal is inscribed as Silver Spring Fire Prevention and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The recipient must be a volunteer firefighter
2. The individual must be nominated by their fire department.
3. The fire prevention work shall have been done by the firefighter acting in the capacity of a volunteer.
4. The nomination must be in the form of a resume indicating complete detailed information on the work done by the nominee. Photographs and newspaper clippings must be dated and the sources noted.
5. The nomination and related information must be in the hand of the State fire Marshal’s Office on later than April 30th.
6. Nominees are subject to investigation by the judges.
7. Dates of the fire prevention activities should cover the previous calendar year (January – December).
8. Judges shall be appointed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office in accordance with the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee’s procedures.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Nominations must include the nominees name, title, fire department name, and other pertinent information.

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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 Sponsor: The family of Smith N. Stathem, Jr. “Smitty” as he was affectionately known was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA), Past President of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, and Past Chief of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

Award Administered By: MSFA Safety Committee

Background: The Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Memorial Safety Award was established in 1998 by the MSFA Safety Committee and the family of Past President Stathem. The award was accepted by the Executive Committee in 1997. This award is to be presented each year at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference to an individual who does the most to promote firefighter/EMS safety within his/her department/company and or the State. The award is for an individual effort. The intent of the award is to promote safety within the member department and to encourage the safety officer program. The trophy is held for one year and relinquished at the following MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. At that time, the past-year recipient will receive an individual plaque for permanent possession. The winner of this award will also receive the Smith N. Stathem, Jr. Safety Award Medal and Ribbon Bar, which was approved by the Executive Committee in 2002. The ribbon is green/white/green and the gold medal is inscribed as Smith N. Stathem, Jr., Safety Award and the year, with the MSFA Seal in the center.

Award Rules:

1. The nominee must be a member of an organization that is a member of the MSFA.
2. The submission must be on the official MSFA Nomination Form and include the name and contact information on the person recommending the nominee in the space provided. The Company Chief or President must sign the “endorsed by” line of the form.
3. The nomination must include complete detailed information on the efforts performed by the individual during the previous calendar year. Supporting exhibits and documentation must be submitted in detail.
4. The nomination package must be submitted to the MSFA Safety
Committee on later than April 1st.

5. Judges appointed by the Safety Committee, shall be comprised of non-affiliated representatives from the safety industry.

6. All nominations are subject to investigation by the Safety Committee and Judges.

7. A Safety Committee member can nominate any member of MSFA.

8. MSFA Safety Committee members are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

9. Submit your nominations to Chairperson of the MSFA Safety Committee.

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**ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD**

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

**Award Sponsor:** Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zembower in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cromwell Zembower

**Award Administered By:** Maryland State Firemen’s Association Training Committee

**Background:** The Zembower Fire Service Training Award was established in 1976 by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Zembower in memory of his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell Zembower of LaVale and accepted by the Executive Committee. Cromwell Zembower was a Past President of the Maryland State Firemen’s Association (MSFA) and a member of the Training Committee for many years. The Zembower Fire Service Training Award is based on the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The original award was based solely on the formal training offered by MFRI, however, in 1995 the award will be based on formal training offered by other recognized agencies.

The award consists of a trophy which is presented to the winning department at the MSFA Annual Convention and Conference. The department is permitted to display the trophy until the next convention. The trophy is then returned for presentation to the next recipient. The department surrendering the trophy is then presented with a plaque for permanent display. First and second runner-up awards are also presented. The first runner-up award is sponsored by the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in honor of former Treasurer Bob Stevens. The second runner-up award is sponsored by the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in honor of former Chief Herman Dill.

**Award Rules:**

1. This award is to the department which has the highest average number of formal training hours per active member. Formal training include:
   - All courses and seminars sponsored by MFRI
   - Formalized courses sponsored by local training academies which are members of the Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies
   - Courses seminars sponsored by MIEMSS
   - Courses sponsored by the National Fire Academy, and
   - Refresher training classes in the following areas:
In order for the training to be considered, it must be validated by a pocket card or certificate and verifiable by the organization providing the training. The training year will be from July 1st through June 30th of the year prior to presentation of the award.

2. The number of active members in your department as reported on the Statistical Report provided to the MSFA Statistical Committee for the most recent fiscal year will be used to compute the average number of training hours per active member. The Statistical Report submitted by each member company should reflect the actual number of members responding to calls and taking training. Accurate and up to date training records can prove to be an asset in legal decisions and ISO rating. If you did not submit a report to the Statistical Committee, this information cannot be verified and your application will not be considered.

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

APPLICATION FOR ZEMBOWER FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AWARD
IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. CROMWELL ZEMBOWER
TRAINING YEAR JULY 1, _______THROUGH JUNE 30, _______

Department Name: ____________________________________________

Mailing Address: City ____________________________________________

County __________________________ Zip Code ______________

On an attached sheet, list all 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 Formula for Computing Points

1. Multiply number of hours for each course or seminar by the number of students successfully completing that course or seminar to determine
the number of student hours for that course or seminar. The training information will be based on information provided by the sponsoring organization.

2. Total the student hours for all courses and seminars.
3. Divide the total number of student hours (in #2 above) by the number of active members in the department from current Statistical Report.
4. The result is your training hours per active member.
5. Enter training hours per active member:

Layout for Course List to Quality for the Zembower Fire Service Training Award – Enter all information in columns using the following format:
- Full Name of Student;
- Social Security Number;
- Location/Host Co.;
- Ending Date;
- Class Title;
- Course Hours; and
- Total Student Hours ________
- Total Number of Active Members from MSFA Statistical Report ________
- Number of course hours for MFRI courses ____. The hours should be similar for courses sponsored by local academies.

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The following list of National Fire Academy courses in not an exhaustive list, but are those that are routinely offered and are 12 hours each: IRHMIBC, IRHMICI, MCTO: Decision Making, MCTO: Preparation, MCTO: Tactics, Incident Safety Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, and Basic Life Support-Hazardous Materials.

**Previous Recipients:**

1976  Huntingtown VFD  Calvert  
1977  Huntingtown VFD  Calvert  
1978  Prince Frederick VFD  Calvert  
1979  Deer Park VFD  Garrett  
1980  Bay District VFD  St. Mary’s  
1981  Bay District VFD  St. Mary’s  
1982  Potomac Heights VFD  Charles  
1983  Leonardtown VFD  St. Mary’s  
1984  Community Fire Company of Millington  Kent  
1985  Bay District VFD  St. Mary’s  
1986  Bedford Road VFD  Allegany  
1987  Church Hill VFC  Queen Anne’s  
1988  Bay District VFD  St. Mary’s  
1989  Glen Burnie VFD  Anne Arundel  
1990  St. Leonard VFD  Calvert  
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1993  Church Hill VFC  Queen Anne’s  
1994  Lineboro VFD  Carroll  
1995  Blue Ridge Summit VFD  Pennsylvania  
1996  Lineboro VFD  Carroll  
1997  Savage VFC  Howard  
1998  Fifth District – Clarksville VFD  Howard  
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2000  St. Leonard VFD  Calvert  
2001  Bay District VFD  St. Mary’s  
2002  Rockville VFD  Montgomery
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115th Annual Convention and Conference Parade
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- - TROPHIES AND AWARDS - -

Maryland Company Making The Best Appearance –
Chief A. Marvin Gibbons Memorial Award
Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Maryland Company Making The Second Best Appearance
Galena Volunteer Fire Company

President’s Award
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company

Company Coming The Longest Distance
Eastern Garrett Fire & Rescue

Company Coming The Second Longest Distance
East Brunswick, New Jersey

Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company

Second Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

Third Best Appearing Fire Department Marching Unit (10 or more personnel)
Galena Volunteer Fire Department

Company With Most Uniformed Emergency Services Personnel
Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Best Senior Band
Westminster Municipal Band

Second Best Senior Band
Kent County Community Band
Best Junior or Middle School Band
Sudlersville Middle School Band
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Best Drum and Bugle Corps
Montgomery County Pipe & Drums

Best Musical Group Leading Majorettes
High Voltage

Majorettes Making The Best Appearance
Boonsboro Silver Starlettes

Majorettes Making The Second Best Appearance
High Voltage

Majorettes Making The Third Best Appearance
Williamsport Williamettes

Majorettes Making The Fourth Best Appearance
Sandy’s Starlites

Best Appearing Pom Pom Squad
Laurel Boys and Girls Club

Best Comic Entry
Galena Volunteer Fire Company MSFA Convention Rehab Unit

Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform
Easton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Second Best Appearing Maryland Ladies Auxiliary In Uniform
Galena Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Auxiliary In Uniform Coming The Longest Distance
North East Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Best Fire Prevention Entry
Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Second Best Fire Prevention Entry
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company

Third Best Fire Prevention Entry
Galena Volunteer Fire Company
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Fourth Best Fire Prevention Entry
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department

Best Appearing Miss Fire Prevention
Laureen James – Trappe Volunteer Fire Department

Second Best Appearing Miss Fire Prevention
Kendra Ferrari – Community Fire Company – Rising Sun

Third Best Appearing Miss Fire Prevention
Miss Goldsboro – Caroline County

Fourth Best Appearing Miss Fire Prevention
Amanda Chalupe – Queen-Anne’s-Hillsboro

Honorable Mention Miss Fire Prevention
Jen Gross – Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention Miss Fire Prevention
Melissa Dulin – Cordova VFA

Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Megan Short – Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company

Second Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Kelsey Watts – Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company

Third Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Amber Urian – Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department

Fourth Best Appearing Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Deanna Cheyney – Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention - Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Kimberly Melito – Prince George’s County Fire Department

Honorable Mention Junior Miss Fire Prevention
Brook Mitchell – Sussex County

Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief
Wade Long – Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department
Second Best Appearing Junior Fire Chief
John Loveless, Jr. – Chesapeake City

Honorable Mention Junior Fire Chief
Jamie Short – Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention Junior Fire Chief
Christian Pardee – Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company

Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company

Second Best Appearing Junior or Cadet Company
Elkridge Junior Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Engines - 1500 GPM And Over Making The Best Appearance
Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company

Third Place
Shippensburg, PA Volunteer Fire Department

Honorable Mention
Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company
Delmar Volunteer Fire Company
Cambridge Fire Department
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
Water Witch Fire Company
Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Engines - 1250 GPM And Over Making The Best Appearance
Silver Hill Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Cordova Volunteer Fire Association

Third Place
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department

Honorable Mention
Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company
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Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department
Galena Volunteer Fire Company
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department
Church Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Marion Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Engines - 1000 GPM And Over Making The Best Appearance
Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company

Second Place
North East Fire Company

Third Place
Fairmount Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention
Berkley Springs, West Virginia
Violetville Volunteer Fire Department
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company

Fire Engines - 750 GPM And Under Making The Best Appearance
Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Galena Volunteer Fire Department Company

Third Place
Girdle Tree Volunteer Fire Company
Best Appearing Pumper-Tanker
Hancock Fire Company

Second Place
Bay District Volunteer Fire Department

Third Place
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department

Best Appearing Rescue Pumper
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company

Second Place
Galena Volunteer Fire Company

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Third Place
Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company

Tanker Making The Best Appearance (1500 gallon capacity tank and over)
Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Maugansville-Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company

Third Place
Oxford Fire Company

Brush Truck Making The Best Appearance
Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company

Third Place
Galena Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention
Powellville Volunteer Fire Company
William F. Singerly Volunteer Fire Department

Aerial Truck Or Elevated Platform Making The Best Appearance
West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company

Third Place
Glydon Volunteer Fire Department

Squad Truck Making The Best Appearance
Easton Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Thurmont Volunteer Fire Company

Third Place
Morningside Volunteer Fire Department
Ambulance Making The Best Appearance
Galena Volunteer Fire Company

Second Place
Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company

Third Place
Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention
Ridge Volunteer Fire Company
Crumpston Volunteer Fire Department
Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company
Easton Volunteer Fire Department
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

Best Appearing Emergency Services Special Unit
(Canteen, Forestry, Haz. Mat., Etc.)
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department Canteen Unit

Second Place
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Third Place
Allen Volunteer Fire Company

Honorable Mention
English Council Volunteer Fire Department

Best Appearing Company From Delaware
Delmar Volunteer Fire Department

Second Place
Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Company

Best Appearing Company From Pennsylvania
Shippensburg Volunteer Fire Department

Best Appearing Company From Virginia
Greenbackville Volunteer Fire Department

Best Appearing Antique Emergency Apparatus (25 years or older)
Violetville Volunteer Fire Department – Model T
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Second Place
Berlin Fire Company - Mack

Third Place
North East Fire Company – ALF 1921

Honorable Mention
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department – 1932 Brockway
Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Department – 1930 Brockway

Best Appearing Antique Automobile (25 years or older)
Fruitland Volunteer Fire Department - 1959 Ford Station Wagon

Best Appearing Emergency Apparatus Over Twenty Years Old (in service)
Greenbackville Volunteer Fire Department - Virginia

Second Place
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department

Third Place
Galena Volunteer Fire Department

Honorable Mention
Easton Volunteer Fire Department
Berkley Springs Volunteer Fire Department – West Virginia

Fire Service Color Guard Making The Best Appearance
Montgomery County

Second Place
Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Third Place
Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department

Honorable Mention
Easton Volunteer Fire Department